



Has 'The Wind of Change' Reached Ireland?

1995: OUR FIRST "PEACE TIME" CLAN REUNION

(JULY 18th - AUGUST 5th)

EDITORIAL

As we go to press reports from organising committees and individuals are being slotted into an extensive programme of events for the 1995 Gathering of the O'Dochartaighs and allied families. Additional events will be added later, but already preparations in most areas are well-advanced. (See P.2.)

Again, as in 1990, we will be honoured to extend a warm and fraternal welcome to our Clan Chieftain, Dr Ramon Salvador O'Dogherty, of Cadiz, Spain, and his younger brother, Pascual, a Rear-Admiral of the Royal Spanish Navy, and their immediate families. Ramon is the recognised Hereditary Chief of Inis Eoghain. Tracing backwards, he is the 11th in a line that takes us through the mists of history to none other than Sir Cahir Rua O'Dogherty, who, at the age of 21-years-old, was killed while leading a protracted guerrilla campaign against the English Crown Forces, on July 18, 1608.

One year after the Flight of the Earls - the secret departure of the O'Neill and O'Donnell ruling families for Europe - Cahir had taken up the fight in a vain attempt to restore the ways of the Gael. Although he had formerly cooperated with the English ruling-class, which involved a high degree of compromise, this youthful chieftain was soon to learn, at high cost, the harsh reality of the phrase, Perfidious Albion.

Yet Again, we are being told, after a quarter of a century of conflict (1968-94), that peace has 'broken out'. There is certainly a 'wind of change' blowing throughout the land. It is therefore highly significant that we will gather at a time when cease-fires have been declared, and most certainly we will take full advantage of this welcome, and long-awaited political development. This will be our first-ever 'peace-time'

International Gathering. Visitors will be on 'the old sod' during what is expected to be a crucial watershed in the emergence of an agreed Ireland. Therefore, your visit to your roots in 1995 will be during the 'Year of Hope', as relief and optimism are in the very air we breathe here !!!

The eyes of the world are upon Ireland in these truly historic times. We all have a proud history to look back on and it seems therefore equally appropriate that, one of our major events will commemorate the death of the last ruling Gaelic chieftain, Cahir Rua. His patriotic dream has passed through the nightmare of reality, and our contemporary watershed owes much to those in the distant, and recent past, who shared such age-old aspirations. We invite all our readers to make an effort to be in Ireland this summer. Your solidarity would be most welcome as together we witness unfolding events, which somehow suggest that the nation's past, present and future will converge, with striking clarity, on our collective consciousness.

1995 in Ireland will indeed be an historic year to remember !

Dirge for Sir Cahir O'Dogherty By the late Most Rev. Dr. O'Doherty, Bishop of Derry Author of a fine volume of Essays and Verses entitled 'Derriana', published by Gill & Son in 1902:

'Weep, weep, the lost Chieftain, the noble and brave, Who in youth's early mourn has gone down to the grave, Weep, weep, the young warrior whose prowess has thrown A glory unfading o'er old Inishowen: In the battle the bravest, the first in the fight, His foes trembling fled from his sword flashing bright, And his tall, waving plume was a terror to all, From the borders of Dublin to dark Donegal.



FLASHBACK - 1990 REUNION: Dr. Ramon Salvador O'Dogherty holds aloft the battle-sword of Sir Cahir Rua (1587-1608) which is now on display at Derry's O'Doherty Tower Museum. Pictured with him are members of his family after the chieftain's Inauguration. The resurrected ceremony was performed for the first time in 400 years, at the original 'Crowning Stone', now located in the grounds of Belmont House School. From left to right are daughters Cristina, Begofia, his wife Catalina and son Ramon, jr.

One 'L' of a Photographer?

After fifty event-packed years *The Derry Journal*, and the whole north-west, has lost a hell of a photographer, when the youthful-looking 'Big L', Larry Doherty, decided to take retirement. His decision marks the end of an era, and the beginning of another, as *The Derry Journal*, in the same month, bought out *The Donegal Democrat* and *The Donegal People's Press*. Both papers will keep their own historic and unique identity.

'Big Larry' joined the *Journal* late in 1945, on what was supposed to be a six month contract, but had stayed with the paper for half a century, earning a reputation as one of the country's leading newspaper photographers. His school days' hobby had become his life-time's profession. In years to come researchers will re-live what was before his lens, especially the horrors, and moments of joy, over this past quarter of a century of war. Such can never be recalled without



Larry Doherty,
Courtesy of *The Derry Journal*

reference to this man who has truly left his mark. Larry Doherty captured it all for his contemporaries, and indeed also for future generations.

While Larry is retiring, the clan connection with the *Journal* is continuing, as his son, Lorcan, is also a member of the paper's photographic staff. We wish Larry well in his retirement, which will be far from dull, as his many hobbies include having a keen interest in several sports, singing as a member of the Christian Brothers' Past Pupils Choir which is due to hit the USA as part of a tour in March, and messing about on the river or sailing off our coast. It is unlikely that he will forsake his favourite hobby, and the strap of the camera will go over his head, before putting on his real Irish tweed cap. The staff at world H.Q., and the editor of *Ar nDuthchas*, wishes Larry every happiness, and a long, healthy and interesting retirement.

New Bishop Extends Greetings

The following message was received by our editor on 9 February:

St. Eugene's Cathedral,
Derry City.

The O'Dochartaigh Clan is one of Ireland's best known clans and nowhere has this clan been so well known as in Derry and its hinterland. Happily, this is still the position today. It is therefore appropriate that the 'aonach' or gathering of the O'Dochartaighs should again be held in this region in 1995.

Clearly, the 1990 gathering was a great success which attracted not just local but also national and international attention. Pilleadh ar an duchas, returning to ones roots, gains one a sense of identity and a sense of belonging. My hope is that the return visit of the O'Dochartaigh Clan in 1995 will strengthen and

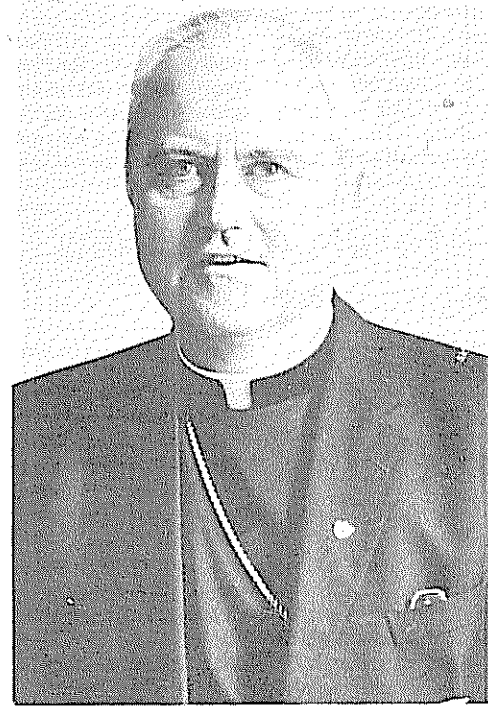
consolidate the identity and the sense of belonging of all who will participate. For those who are attending for the first time may your visit be the first of many.

Like myself, a relative newcomer to Derry, I hope that all of you who will attend will enjoy Derry at its best as it begins to benefit from the peace and tranquility which is so appropriate in the city of the Dove of the Church - Colm na Cille.

I hope to have the opportunity of sharing your celebrations with you in 1995.

Beir gach beannacht,

+ Seamus Hegarty,
Bishop of Derry



Bishop Seamus Hegarty,
Courtesy of *The Derry Journal*.

CÉAD MÍLE FAILTE

Carndonagh Celebrates

The O'Dochartaigh Gathering of 1995

It is Festival Time in the village of Carndonagh. It is also O'Doherty Time to 'Celebrate'. The Family has been invited to return again to the 'Cross at the Rock'. This allows us to fulfil our promise of 10 years ago. The O'Dohertys of the 'Carn' area are preparing the activities. The excitement and the welcome to all their 'Kin' who

will gather at the Diamond to reaffirm old ties, old blood lines and old friendships. The days set aside for the Carndonagh Time are: 17th, 18th, and 19th, of July (Mon-Tues - & Wed.) Shows, discos, lectures, tours, festivals and markets will be on exhibit for the incoming visitors and for the locals to partake in.

Beautiful Buncrana Beckons

The World-Wide O'Dochartaighs JULY 24, 25, 26, & 27, 1995 are dates to remember. The O'Dochartaighs are sincerely invited to partake in the Grand 1995 Festival in their honour. Activities: meetings, music, golf, talent shows, children's entertainment, queen competition, treasure hunts, yacht races, discos, traditional events, garden fetes and tours.

You will also meet his immediate family including Rear-Admiral Pascal O'Dogherty (a younger brother from Spain).

This evening programme will highlight: This year's Gathering; Our proud history; Our Genealogy; the Year 2000; Our future and O'Dochartaigh talent. Refreshments will be served at a small fee.

REMEMBER!!!

Each of these four days will be packed with activities. As in other areas, i.e. Clonmany, Carn/ Malin, and Greencastle, at least one evening in Buncrana is being set aside especially for the returning O'Dochartaighs. Here, you will meet the many people who work to hold this clann together. Our editor, a published author, free-lance journalist and historian, has been invited to attend and speak at several functions. He is only one of several prominent O'Dochartaighs who will contribute to many memorable events. Buncrana's special evening will be held on the 26th of July at the O'Doherty's 'Lake of Shadows'. Our Hereditary Chieftain, Dr. Ramon O'Dogherty, of Cadiz, Spain, will be presented to you, his

Activities will take you to the beautiful shore front, to the modern leisure centre, to a vintage Auto Museum, to tours away from town and to the Crana (Doherty) Knitting Factory.

Make Buncrana (the Town at the foot of the Crana River), your stop for the week. It's in the Inishowen peninsula, about 14 miles N.W. of Derry City and it's a 'Brimful of Beauty, Hospitality, Tradition and O'Dohertys'.

Other special events, running several days: Every Saturday will find us heading south into the Finn river Valley, the place of our origin. An eventful day is planned. Mark it on your calendar. Much more of this, later.

Moville Attractions (Last Day)

1. The Maritime Museum - History of Inishowen - Coast Guards (Formerly Northburg Castle)
2. Clann Links - The Green-castle Fort - Its past & future.
3. Shrove - Regatta with boat racing demos and entertainment (Just north of Green-castle - 3.00 P.M.)

Final Night Ceremony

O'Dochartaigh Clann Agenda begins at 7 P.M. at the famous Fort Inn, Greencastle, which is 3 miles North of Moville. A full evening of Clan Talks, and Entertainment with refreshments. A door charge to cover expenses.

A reminder to all visitors and to all locals: Open Days at Inch H.Q. is open to you all. Pick up your membership card, newsletter and Pedigree Print-Outs before de-camping. We extend a warm welcome to

all Gaelic Clanns to our programme activities. If in doubt about times or venues, ring Inch H.Q., where our staff will be only too willing to assist. The above programme and details have been supplied to the Editor, by the O'Dochartaigh Association's Inch Island Group, and is re-published here by the financial help of Jack Dougherty. Louisville, Kentucky, who is of Malin ancestry.

1995 RE-UNION PROGRAMME

Our Opening Ceremonies will be held on the 18th of July, 1995. As part of this year's events, our first public commemoration of Cahir Rua O'Dogherty will be held. Details on arrival arriving.

EVENT LOCATION DAY/DATE/TIME

INFORMAL OPEN-DAY INCH ISLAND SUNDAY, JULY 16 @ 3 P.M. Tea & Sandwiches Clann Entertainment

LOCAL FESTIVAL CARNDONAGH MON/WED, 17 - 19 JULY

MALIN 17th 8 P.M. Clan Honours Local Hotel: nominal fee

CAHIR RUA (Location to be announced to all arrivals)

COMMEMORATION DONEGAL JULY 18 @ 3 P.M.

OPENING-DAY DERRY THURSDAY 20 JULY

(Remarkable new hi-tec Genealogical Centre will be open to visitors, and they will be guided through history by a Celtic chieftain via video screens. Also a visit to the award-winning Tower Museum is a must, or a stroll around the Craft Village or Railway Museum on the banks of the Foyle river, are but a few of the historic city's modern attractions).

REUNION-DAY DERRY FRIDAY 21 Evening; Clann Honours (Full Derry programme has yet to be arranged)

THE O'DOHERTY TRAIL RIVER FINN SATURDAY 22 (This tour returns us to the exact location of our origin) (Inishowen to Lifford to Kiltveeoge - outdoor snacks) OPEN-DAY INCH H.Q. SUNDAY 23 Tea & Sandwiches Clann Entertainment

LOCAL FESTIVAL BUNCRANA MON. - THURS. 24-27 (Lake of Shadows, Gala Evening, Wednesday, 26th. at 8 P.M.)

CITY DAY DERRY FRIDAY, 28th, July (Tower Museum, & new Genealogy Centre, inside ancient walls)

THE O'DOHERTY TRAIL INISHOWEN FRI. & SAT. 28-29 (Repeat of previous Saturday's Finn Valley Tour) (Guided historic tours - Booking details from Inch: 077-60488)

OPEN-DAY INCH H.Q. SUNDAY, 30, JULY. (Clann talks & Entertainment. Light Refreshments)

GOLFING/BOATING DAY DONEGAL/DERRY MONDAY, 31, JULY (Again, call Pat 'Inch' Dougherty - 077-60488)

SIGHT-SEEING DAY DONEGAL/DERRY TUES/WED. 1 2, AUGUST (Possible tour to Inishtrahull island, Malin)

FESTIVAL DAYS CLONMANY WED. & THURS. 2-3 AUG (Informal Get-Together at 1 P.M., McFeelys Inn, Mark Sq. and evening honours for the Clonmany Parish, at 8 P.M. also on August 3rd at The Strand, Ballyliffen. Chieftain residence !)

WALK ABOUT DAY MOVILLE FRIDAY, AUGUST 4. (Many ancient relics to view, and other attractions. Call first at the Moville Tourist Office for advice. In the evening there will be a Traditional Irish Music session, and other Clan Activities at the very popular Rawdon's Pub,

SATURDAY IS THE FINAL DAY, AUGUST 5th.

CLOSING CEREMONIES GREENCASTLE (3 miles north of Moville)

N.B. OPEN-DAYS WILL BE HELD EVERY SUNDAY A CLAN H.Q. ON INCH. Light refreshments will be served.

WRITE :

FLIGHT FINDERS INTERNATIONAL LTD, 13 LOWER BAGGOT STREET, DUBLIN 2, IRELAND.

We are working together with this reunion and with people coming over for Genealogical purposes also. They are co-operating with the CLANS OF IRELAND OFFICE. Write early, get prices so you can compare. By flying into Knock or 'Belfast', you are much closer. If you

can stand the cost, take a branch flight into Derry (Eglinton).

REUNION DATES: JULY 18 TO AUGUST 5. There are repeated activities, so by missing parts, you may not miss any activities. There will be additional programme details supplied on arrival.

Interested in accommodation?

Please write to: Inishowen Tourism, Bridge Street, Carndonagh, Inishowen, Co. Donegal, Ireland.

Indicate probable dates of stay, number of people, dates of arrival, area you wish to

stay at ?

Choice of Areas: Inch Island, Fahan, Buncrana, Clonmany, Malin Town, Malin Head, Moville, Gleneeley, Culdaff. Keep as many evenings free as you can for Clan programs in these towns and villages.

We repeat, our dates are

July 18 to August 5. Many events will be repeated, so come early or late, you may not miss anything. Keep in Mind !!! There will be tours to the Finn River Valley. This is the land of origin for O'Dochartaigh. Keep Sundays open, as H.Q. staff will play host to all clann and visitors.

Note the flight information Try them out for a price! Give yourself plenty of time with the accommodation and flight plan. You may be asked to send a percentage fee for holding the B & B or Hot room. If you can't keep the date, ring them, as otherwise it will not be refunded.

COME WITH THE CLANN O'DOCHARTAIGH INTO THE YEAR 2000

CLAN MEMBERSHIP FORM

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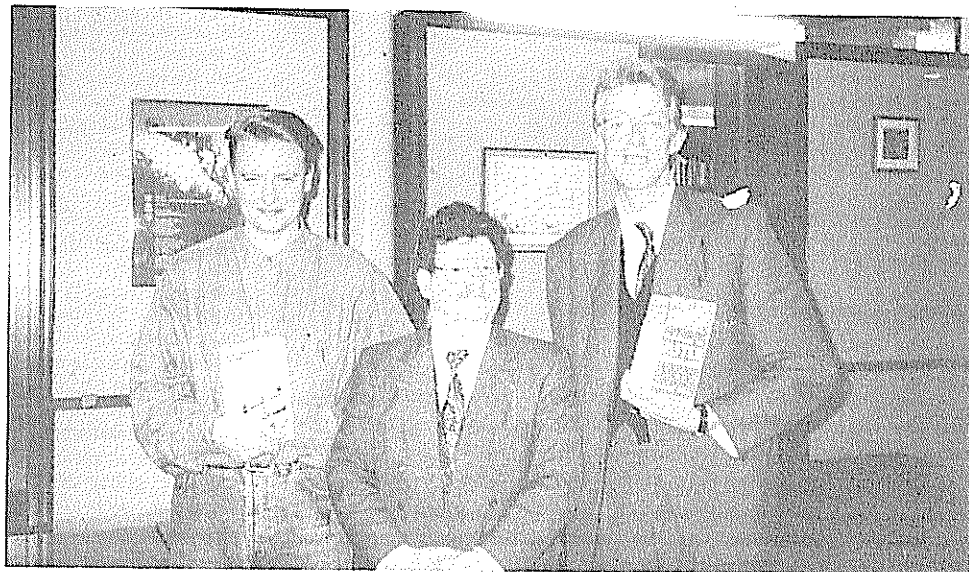
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Annual fees: 5 pounds or 10 dollars. For database purposes please indicate if you are a new member. If an existing member write on the form the year you joined. New members will be notified of their FAMILY GROUP NUMBER by return.

DON'T DELAY - MAIL A.S.A.P. TO: 'Ar nDuthchas', O'Doherty World H.Q., Inch House, Inch Island, Co. Donegal, IRELAND.



Three authors, (R-L) Robert Bell, 'The Book of Ulster Surnames', our editor, 'Ulster's White Negroes - From Civil rights to Insurrection', and David Miller of Edinburgh, 'Don't Mention the War', pictured at a literary gathering at Belfast's historic Linen Hall Street Library. The event was widely covered by the media as Miller's book, which deals with the breaking of US laws by the London government, received much attention from journalists as its central theme covered 'Propaganda and the Media' over the 25 years of the 'Troubles'. David Miller is married to a Friel from Donegal, and with his wife and young son are regular visitors to the North-West. Our editor and his mother, Mary Ellen, were taken to dinner that evening with Donegal Fries and the host was the tireless human rights lawyer, Donal Murphy, a leading figure within the Committee on the Administration of Justice. Our editor reviewed the other authors' books in a number of publications, and Bell's work gets similar treatment herein.

OTHER COUNTIES OF IRELAND & RESEARCHING THE CLANN !!!

CO. CORK, records date back to the Battle of Kinsale in 1601
CO. TIPPERARY, the distinct lines are beginning to appear
CO. MAYO, again many are appearing after recent visits.
CO. DERRY, most popular surname, and data is immense.
CO. LEITRIM, putting many families in touch with each other.
CO. DOWN, a weekend trip has started the ball rolling.
CO. ANTRIM, r clann herald has roots here, data incoming.
CO. DUBLIN, many Dohertys beginning to respond.
CO. CAVAN, survivors of Cahir's family came here after 1608
CO. ROSCOMMON, hundreds of Dohertys have made contact
CO. WEXFORD, clann small in number but many visitors to Inch.
CO. TYRONE, Clann Seanachie from here, so much help & ideas.
COS. LOUTH/MEATH, some records have been processed, need more.

OTHER COUNTIES

The above is but a summary, as we rush to press, the details have been narrowed down. Keep in touch. You are not the forgotten members !!!

When you contact us at H.Q. please use a number from your records to assist speed things along. 1st. choice is the individual one found after a name on your pedigree print-out. 2nd. Choice is your Family Group Number. Why ? We are getting so large that it can save us much time. If you have neither, tell us.

FAMINE FOREBEARS CONFERENCE

BELFAST, ONAGH & DERRY. 5-11 September 1995. Lectures, Tours & Workshops organised by the Ulster Historical Foundation, 12 College Square East, Belfast BT 1 6 DD. Tel: (01232 332288. Fax: 01232 239885. Programme now available. Early booking advised !!!

We very much need your adverts, photos and some good news for a change to cheer us all up, now and again. Your articles and letters also invited as too much is left to the 'home crew.' Let's hear from you all, scattered across the continent: and the great oceans and seas. This is Ireland calling!!! Ireland calling!!! Mayday, mayday, short of cash and news, peace has come, they tell us, so fly or sail here for the 1995 Clann Re-union. No more excuses. Ireland extends a welcome to all Gaels and particularly those who bear the illustrious surname of O'Dochartaigh, in any one of its variations.

An Appeal to all Readers

Your news and views are always welcome. This is your newspaper, and your input does decide its final content matter. Pass it to other interested parties. Help us to grow by inserting adverts. The cost of printing and postage is quite high, so the more adverts the better. Our rates are low, so why not enquire from the Editor or Clann Herald about rates.

Needless to say your donations keep us afloat, and we need that support to keep at our present level of progress. Every little helps they say, and each donation will be acknowledged in our future pages.

If you change address let us know. If you don't wish to have copies in the future phone, fax drop us a line, as taking your name off our database can be a donation in itself. Hope to see you all in Ireland this summer.



THE CARNDONAGH GROUND RENTS

The neat little town of Carndonagh, Away up in North Inishowen, The land of the Clan O'Doherty In days that are long since by-gone, Is now the scene of a struggle, In which the tenants are making a stand, Against paying to absentee landlords, The ground rent of their own native land.

So God bless the Carndonagh tenants And never may the memory fade, Of the dignified stand they are making Against the modern 'crowbar brigade', And the Lord be with wee Dinny Diver, Who urged our forefathers to fight On Knocklaughrim as in Green Hills, In the battle for Tenant rights.

In these days of world-wide upheaval, With new and newer weapons of war I'm surprised that they still in Carndonagh Should seek rents with sledge and crowbar. In the Six counties we're fighting for freedom, From the chains with which we are bound; In Carndonagh tenants are fighting For freedom from rent on their ground.

But our fight and that of Carndonagh Are the same that through weal and woe Our forefathers gallantly waged 'Gainst the same implacable foe. So onward to victory Carndonagh, You'll at the 'Peace Conference' be found, When the smoke of the battle has lifted, And you will have won the last round.

AN DOCHARTACH

● Discovered on page 6, April 9, 1945 issue of The Derry Journal.

LOCAL AIRPORTS

CITY OF DERRY presently operates daily British Airways Express services to Manchester and Glasgow. Commencing on March 27th 1995 the airport will operate three new services with MACAIR. Twice daily services to London Stansted, Edinburgh and a daily service to Birmingham. For further information on British

Airways Express services contact City of Derry Airport reservations: Tel. 0504 810784 / Fax. 0504 811426. Car hire also available.

MACAIR reservations: 01920 486323. DONEGAL AIRPORT, Tel. 010 353 75 48204 / 48232. Fax. 48483. NEAREST MAJOR AIRPORTS are Belfast & Knock

A Brief History of Clann O'Dochartaigh



There are many spellings of the surname DOHERTY. Regardless of which one you use, there are at least a dozen versions apart from with or without the 'O'. All of these, however, have their roots in the Finn River Valley, in Inishowen, in the beautiful county of Donegal. It is believed to be one of the oldest hereditary surnames, and translated from the Irish Gaelic it is commonly accepted to mean obstructive. There are some who claim that it means 'The People of the Oak Houses', but this is a rather recent development, and rejected by most Gaelic scholars with whom our editor has consulted. It is the most common name in Derry City and Co. Donegal. Ranking fifteen in the list of 100 most common Irish surnames. The motto on our coat of arms is Ar nDuthchas (for my inheritance). There is much evidence at hand to show that this coat of arms can also be linked to the Mac Devitt, McDaid/Dades and the Bradleys, to name but a few.

According to the O'Doherty pedigree of 5 November 1770 in the Genealogical Office in Dublin, we are descended from one of the eight sons of Niall of the Nine Hostages, the legendary High King who was killed jousting in France in AD 405. Others write of his conquests of Britain with the aid of the Celtic Picts of what is now Scotland, and of his conflicts with the mighty Roman Empire, whose forces he attempted to cut off and ambush during their retreat from Britain. This central figure forms part of the indept research which was necessary during the writing of IRISH CHRONICLES - Folklore, History & Genealogy, written by our editor, and referred to elsewhere in our columns. Four of Niall's sons settled in Meath, the eldest, Laogarius, was Ireland's first Christian monarch, surely the very King who saw Patrick light his Pascal fire on the Hill of Slane?

Niall's four younger sons went north to Ulster and were known as the Hy Nialls. They reigned there for over 600 years until 1002, when Brian Boru assumed the high kingship.

The names of the descendants of Niall are renowned in Irish history. There are the O'Neills who were princes and earls of Tir Eogan (modern day Tyrone), the O'Donnells, princes and earls of Tirconnell, and the O'Melaghlin, kings and prices of Meath. The O'Dohertys who descend from Niall owned the Inishowen Peninsula until, to quote their genealogical document, 'the accession of King James I to the throne of England and Ireland in 1603, at which period six counties of Ulster were escheated to the Crown and granted to Scotch Planters'.

From the eight to the seventeen centuries there was a constant power struggle between the clans and in the twelfth century, against the

English invaders - few Normans penetrated as far as Ulster. For a while the O'Dohertys maintained good relations with the English. Cunningly London used them to play O'Neill against O'Donnell. Many times they preserved their land, or their lives, by pretending allegiance to Henry VIII, or Elizabeth I. Thus, our forefathers acquired their knighthoods.

FAMOUS DOHERTYS

SHANE Mor O'DOHERTY was knighted in 1541. His son, SHANE Og, who was knighted in 1565, was the father of Cahir, the most famous, and tragic, of our many O'Doherty rebels.

CAHIR O'DOHERTY (1587-1608) was only 14 when his father died and there were many family quarrels before Cahir was finally acknowledged as Lord of Inishowen. He has been described as extremely tall and handsome and very brave in battle. Still only in his teens, he was knighted by Mountjoy for military bravery and, in 1603, was invited to visit the Court in London. On his return to Ireland he was made an admiral of the new city of Derry, through which flows Europe's second fastest flowing river, after the Volga, the Foyle, which has a long naval history. Intrigues enmeshed him and he was accused of treason (to England), which provoked him, catastrophically, into an attack on the Derry garrison and settlement, which were set to the torch. Retribution came swiftly; a strong Crown force was dispatched and he was killed in action. His body was quartered at Culmore, and his head taken by the Crown forces to be spiked, as a warning to native leaders, on the gates of Dublin Castle. Cahir Rua earned himself the title 'that audacious traitor', and the contemporary Donegal historian, Brian Bonner, used that title for his definitive history of our clan (see 'Publications'). Cahir's campaign opened the floodgates for the plantation of Ulster and few are unaware of

the tragedy such created, which continues right down to the present day.

Cahir's was the end of the O'Doherty lordship of Inishowen. The year before his death, the northern earls (O'Neill & O'Donnell) secretly sailed away from Lough Swilly to spread their battered wings all around Europe. Cahir's brother SEAN O'DOHERTY soon followed, and his descendant, DR. RAMON SALVADOR O'DOHERTY, who lives in Cadiz in Spain, is the 11th in the direct line from the Lords of Inishowen. In July 1990, he was ceremonially inaugurated as 37th O'Doherty chieftain.

The O'Dohertys had many castles and forts e.g. The Keep, is all that remains of the fine castle built by the O'Dohertys in 1403, which still stands at Buncrana, in a ruggedly charming area of Donegal between Lough Swilly and Lough Foyle. A glance at the telephone directory puts the lie to the claims made by the English that we had been totally removed, either in battle or by transportation. London, for this past few centuries, is in little doubt that we continue to thrive and prosper upon our ancient lands. Across the sea in Scotland, to where we fled to escape the prosecution following the Plantation, there are many still who bear a variety of our surname in that Celtic land.

Following Cahir's abortive uprising many Dohertys went still further afield. JOHN DOHERTY (also sometimes DOUGHERTY) (1688/1755), settled in Worcester in England, where he had a school for over fifty years. Mathematics was his speciality and his many published works include 'A Way of Finding Mean Times of the Moon's Phases and Eclipses'. A man of some distinction, he is buried in the cloisters of Worcester Cathedral.

THOMAS DOHERTY (d. 1805) was a lowly countryman who went to England and found work clerking in a legal office. During his sixteen years there he studied law,



Eva O'Doherty. c.25 years (Poems by 'Eva of the Nation', 1909)

and made an important collection of precedents and notes on legal cases which were so remarkable he was made a member of Gray's Inn, London's prestigious legal institution. He devoted himself so obsessively to his vocation, and to editing a series of books on the duties of the Crown Court Assistant, that he utterly neglected his family - a nineteenth-century example of a man who died from overwork.

JOHN DOHERTY (1783-1850) graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, and in the course of time reached eminence of Chief Justice of Ireland. His reputation as a judge was surpassed by his performance in the House of Commons in London, where his impressive appearance and sharp Irish wit were much appreciated. So also was his connection, on the maternal side, with a former Prime Minister, George Canning. Although John Doherty and Daniel O'Connell were in accord as regards the granting of Catholic emancipation, politically they frequently differed bitterly. When the House of Lords was almost within his grasp, overoptimistic investment in the railway industry lost him his fortune and closed his career.

KEVIN IZOD O'DOHERTY (1823-1905), while studying medicine in Dublin, wrote articles for 'THE NATION', which was the mouthpiece of the radical Young Irelanders the protagonists of Home Rule. He was but one of many Dohertys, who down to the current Vice-President of Provisional Sinn Fein, PAT DOHERTY, were to play a significant role in the struggles for Irish independence, or re-unification since partition in 1920. At least three Dohertys are associated with the civil rights movement's history of the 1960s'. Another, HUGH DOHERTY, was to become Mayor of Derry in the 1970s', after 'One-Man-One Vote' and Proportional Representation was introduced after major electoral reform. Before and since many Dohertys have appeared before courts as a result of the 'Troubles'. Kevin

Izod was also to face a British judge, as he was tried for treason and deported to Van Dieman's Land (Tasmania). He was defending the principle of freedom of the press, one that was unheard of in those days in Ireland. He married the Irish nationalist poetess, 'Eva of the Nation', who also wrote for his newspaper. Their love story, as part of a dramatic life of political dissent, was published by University of Queensland Press, in 1989, entitled 'EXILES UNDAUNTED - The Irish Rebels Kevin and Eva O'Doherty'. It was written by another medical couple, Ross and Heather Patrick who travelled the world to write this worthy and gripping tribute. Kevin Izod was eventually pardoned and he returned to Dublin where he completed his medical studies. In 1862 he returned voluntarily to Brisbane, Australia, where he practised successfully for 23 years and was also a member of the Queensland legislative assembly. On a subsequent visit to Ireland he was so well received that he was elected Member of Parliament for North Meath, and was closely associated with the radical leader Charles S. Parnell. But when he returned to Brisbane three years later he found his medical practice had disappeared. He died a poor man because of his dedication to Ireland's cause.

WILLIAM JAMES O'DOHERTY (1835-68) was a Dublin-born O'Doherty who made a name as a sculptor in London. He had a good fortune to begin his studies in the Royal Dublin Society, with its government-sponsored school of art. He soon abandoned painting for sculpture and progressed so rapidly that by 1857 he was exhibiting in London's Royal Academy. He transformed his name to Dogherty, altering the spelling several times. His works were commissioned by the nobility and various institutions. He went to Rome to execute an important commission and to study but, alas, while on a visit to Berlin his promising career was cut short by an early death at the age of 33.

We Dohertys were certainly varied in our pursuits. At the beginning of this century REGGIE and LAURIE DOHERTY were stylist tennis champions who graced the centre court of Wimbledon and wrote about the game.

The Dohertys also appear in Canadian records. CHARLES JOSEPH DOHERTY (1855-1931) of Montreal, lawyer and Minister of Justice, represented Canada at the League of Nations in 1920. In recent years SEAN DOHERTY T.D., once an Irish policeman on the beat, became a Minister of Justice in Ireland. KEN DOHERTY is a world class snooker-player, while TOMMY DOCHERTY is manager of England's national soccer team (to name but a few).

Among the many American Dohertys was HENRY LATHAM DOHERTY (1870-1939), whose family emigrated to Columbus, Ohio, from Ireland. A public utility engineer, from his Philadelphia office he provided not only the engineering services but also the finance which ran the gas and electricity companies of thirty American cities. This engineer, who was said 'to translate complex new techniques into goods and services by high pressure engineering methods', had his enterprise severely curbed by Roosevelt's New Deal.

Europe has no shortage of Dohertys. In the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris there are numerous O'Doherty papers. The Genealogical Office in Dublin describes the O'Dohertys at various periods: between 800, (1333-1608 at Lords of Inishowen), right up to 1845, whose records are worthy of deeper analysis.

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O'Doherty. c.25 years (Monica Carroll, Dublin)

Crowning Stone

Near Derry City boundary limits is the large residence of Belmont, in the gardens of which is located 'The Crowning Stone' of the O'Dohertys. Some records refer to it as St. Columb's Stone, though this name is a misnomer, and may well have been used incorrectly to distort, or obscure, its traditional and historic significance. Its symbolism and 'magic' could well have been feared by those who seized the lands of the O'Dohertys by force and stealth, at a time when the Penal Laws robbed the native Irish of their rights in regard to land, language, religion, the professions, public representation and even educational opportunity.

The stone is a great block of gneiss, about six foot square at the top, marked with the sculptured prints of two feet - left and right - each about ten inches long. It is almost absolutely certain that it was taken from its original location at the ancient Grianan of Aileach after that royal palace was destroyed, but has since been re-built. Its removal was indeed a major

task, for the stone weights some seven tons. It was the 'Crowning Stone' of the Kinel-Owen (Tribe of Owen), and upon it once stood the famous chieftains of the great O'Neill clan, while being inaugurated. They reigned in Aileach for many centuries.

CHIEFTAIN'S CORONATION

At his installation, as supreme head of his Clan, the newly chosen Chief was placed upon this stone, his bare feet in the foot-marks; a peeled willow wand was put into his hand, as an emblem of the pure and gentle sway he should exercise over his tribe; an oath was administered to him by the chief ecclesiastic in the neighbourhood, that he should preserve inviolable the ancient customs of his country and, deliver the succession peacefully to his tanist (successor); after which, descending from the stone, he turned himself thrice backwards and thrice forwards, to signify that he was ready to meet all foes, from whatever quarter they

might come; and was then, with wild acclamations, hailed as their chief by the assembled clan.

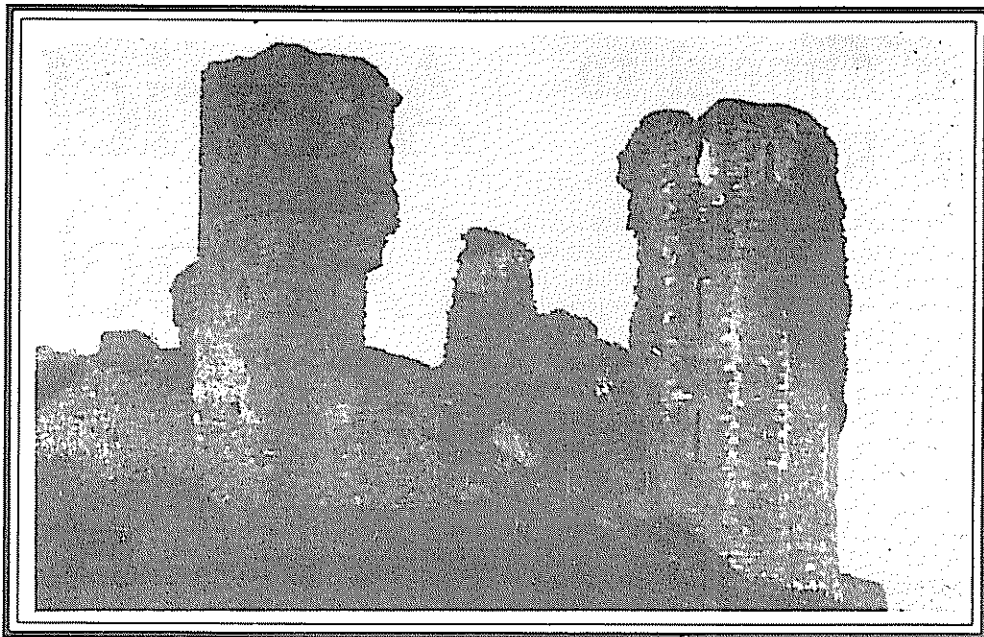
At the time of Ireland's conversion to Christianity by St. Patrick, that holy man visited the Grianan (about AD 433), where 'the Crowning Stone' had been used for centuries before; Owen was then King; he was converted from 'Paganism' to the new faith and baptised by Patrick. At the same time this crowning stone of the Kinel-Owen was blessed. The ancient fort was destroyed by the O'Briens in 1101 as part of their conflict with the local clans. The long line of the O'Neill tanistry was terminated by the flight of Hugh, Earl of Tyrone, to Rome in 1607, after much mixed fortunes on the battlefield in a bid to halt English colonial expansion.

LORDSHIPS' RENTS

The first mention in the annals of the Four Masters of an O'Dochartaigh as Lord or

Chieftain of Inishowen is found under the date 1413, where we read: 'Connor O'Doherty, Chief of Ardmioldhair and Lord of Inis Eoghain, a man full of generosity and general hospitality to the poor and needy, died'. Connor O'Doherty was doubtless a Tributary Lord, and henceforth the O'Dohertys held Inishowen holding this status, sometimes under the O'Neills, but usually under O'Donnell chiefs, 'till the lands were confiscated in the year 608, the lands were confiscated in the year 1608.

It is recorded in one original manuscript that the annual rent for Inishowen extracted by the O'Neill was 60 milch cows every May Day. In the time of Red Hugh O'Donnell the chief rent for Inishowen was increased to 60 beeves three times a year, or 180 annually. The O'Dohertys were also bound to send 60 horsemen and 120 foot soldiers to the field and entertain O'Donnell's bonnaughts, or hired auxiliaries, however numerous, for the space of nine nights.



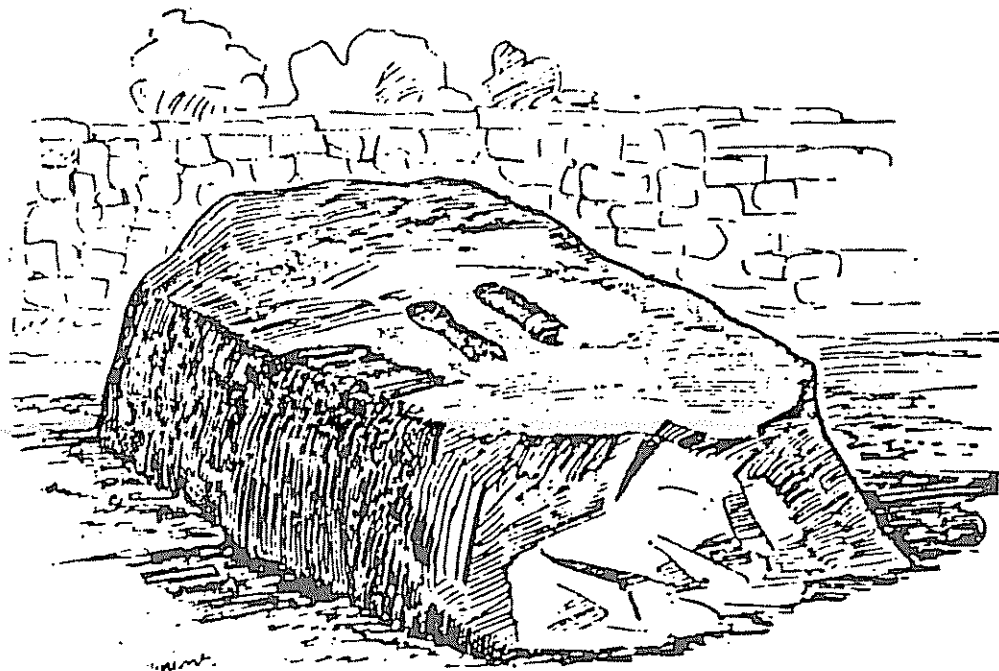
GREENCASTLE

Description of O'Doherty Castles

Near our World H.Q. stands the castle of Inch, now in a ruined condition. It was but one of the castles of the O'Dohertys, chiefs of Inis Eoghain. It is believed to have been built in or about the year 1440, at the same time as Buncrana, Burt and Aileach Castles, which it resembles in architecture and design. The builder employed by the House of O'Doherty was Neachtan O'Donnell. All four, of these latter O'Doherty Castles, were designed with a common objective, which obviously was the defence of the peninsula of Inishowen.

It appears that each of these four castles consisted of a lofty square keep, with semi-circular towers projecting from two of its angles, and strengthened by an outward ballium. There were numerous embrasures for cannon and musketry. The walls were, as a rule, almost four foot thick. No wood was used in any part.

Burt Castle, less than a couple of miles distant as the flow flies, was, the chief fortress and H.Q. of the Clann O'Dochartaigh, but Aileach, nearer Derry, must also have been very important. Besides these four, the O'Dohertys possessed other castles. There was one at Castlequarter, Fahan, which the late W.J. Doherty refers to as 'Fahan Abbey Castle', which may be presumed to be of much greater antiquity. Yet, it has long since disappeared and, the site is given over to agriculture.



St. Columb's Stone (Chieftain's Installation Stone)

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DEATH OF THE LAST RULING CHIEFTAIN

CATHAOIR RUA (styled Sir Cahir by the English)(1588-1608), who, at the flight of the Earls of Tyrone and Tirconnell in 1607, became the last ruling Gaelic chieftain in the north, and the entire of Ireland. He was married in 1606 to Lady Catherine Mary Preston (1588-1642), daughter of Lord Gormanstown and Lady Catherine FitzGerald. They had no male descent. At his death, all his possessions and those of his followers were

confiscated by the English Crown and transferred to foreign planters. While his head was exhibited over Newgate Prison in Dublin, his other quartered remains were put on public display in Derry in a bid to create a deterrent - effect amongst the native Irish and their other patriotic leaders. However, Cahir has become a popular Irish hero, as shown by the following poem, one of many that were to keep his memory ever-green:-

SIR CAHIR O'DOHERTY

By Mary Eva Kelly

By the Spanish plumed hat and costly attire,
And the dark eyes that's blended of midnight and fire
And the bearing and stature so princely and tall,
Sir Cahir you'll know in the midst of them all.

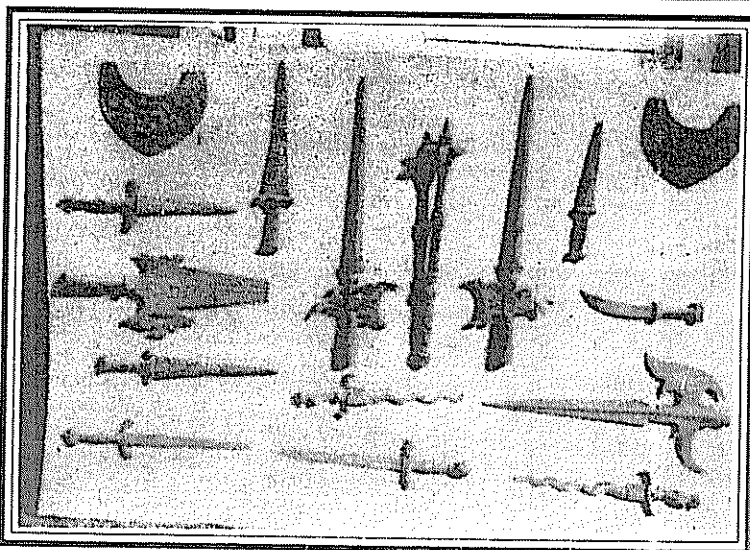
Like an oak on the land, like a ship on the sea,
Like an eagle above, strong and haughty is he,
In the greenness of youth - yet he's crowned as his due,
With the fear of the false and the love of the true.

Cahir O'Doherty

Sir Cahir O'Doherty's Signature



WISHING ALL OUR READERS AND FRIENDS A VERY HAPPY EASTER



Weapons of Sir Cahir O'Doherty, discovered underneath Buncrana Castle.

Our Contemporary Clan Chieftian

Ramon, born in San Fernando, Spain, on 30th April, 1919, is a Doctor of Biopathology. He graduated as a medical doctor in Cadiz, in 1942. The following year he studied for a Doctorate in the Faculty of Medicine at Madrid University. He holds a Diploma in infectious illnesses, awarded at the Hospital del Rey, Madrid. In 1966 he became a recognised specialist in Clinical Analyses, and in the same year obtained a Diploma in Laboratory Techniques at the Escuela Nacional de Medicina del Trabajo.

In addition, he is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of San Romualdo of Letters, Arts and Sciences, and a Corresponding Member of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Palma de Mallorca. In recognition of his work for Clann O'Dochartaigh, and establishing links between various educational agencies in Spain, America and Ireland, our chieftain proposed the editor of this newspaper unto the list of Corresponding Fellows of the first-named Royal Academy. The honour was duly granted in early 1991.

Ramon's current duties include, Deputy General Visitor of the Supreme Council of the Royal Institute of Knights Hospitaller of St. John the Baptist.

Our Clan Chieftain married Catalina O'Dogherty (nee Febra), Dame Hospitaller of St. John the Baptist, and their three children are Ramon Jr., Cristina and Begofia. He is the XXXVII hereditary Chief of Inis Eoghain, being the lineal descendant of the first line of descent of this illustrious name, as shown in family documents issued at Dublin Castle in 1790 and 1793. Records of the O'Dogherty Family date back to 1522 at the Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland.

The Doherty-Spanish link go back some time also. Among Ramon's direct

ancestors was Sean O'Dogherty (c.1588-1638) who was a brother of the last ruling chieftain, who had no male heirs. Sean had escaped to Co. Cavan where he settled with his family. His father had been jailed for assisting the safe return of survivors of the Great Expedition, known by English historians as 'The Spanish Armada' (1588).

Another relevant member of the family line was John O'Dogherty (1777-1847), the fifth grandson to the above Sean O'Dogherty and the seventh grandson of Sean Mor O'Dogherty. John went to Spain in 1790, in order to join the Royal Spanish Navy, where he had a distinguished military career. He participated with his two brothers, Henry and Clinton-Dillon, in many sea battles.

He achieved great fame for his stand in the Battle of Puente Sampaayo (1809), in the Napoleonic war, where he commanded the Spanish forces and defended Vigo

from the French.

On the Centenary of that famous battle, a special decoration was established for the descendants of the officers who participated in that great occasion. John married in Spain, setting up a family line that continued through his eldest son Juan (1813/1845). He was also an officer, but in the Spanish Army and died at the young age of 32. His grandson, Ramon Salvador O'Dogherty (1835-1902), who was distinguished with several decorations for bravery at war and his great-grandson Pascual (1886-1964), carried on the line. The latter, Superintendent of a School of Mathematics which achieved such great prestige, that on his death, a street was dedicated to his memory in his home town of San Fernando.

Our contemporary Clan Chieftain is the eldest son of Pascual, and he is the author of several specialist scientific works, published exclusively in Spanish.



REAR-ADMIRAL PASCUAL O'DOGHERTY, Azalea, 42, El Soto de la Moraleja (Alcobendas) 28109, Madrid, Espana, Spain. Tel: 34-1-6505899

Our Own Rear-Admiral

PASCUAL O'DOGHERTY is a Rear Admiral and Naval Architect in the Spanish Navy. Born in San Fernando on 20th April 1920, he is the younger brother of our Clann Chieftain, Ramon. He is a member of MENSA.

His education included studies at the Spanish Naval Academy, graduating as a Sub-lieutenant in 1943. His numerous academic awards include: Specialty of Hydrography (1944); Degree in Hydrographic Engineering (1948); Diploma in Pure Science (1952); a B.Sc. in Applied Science (Naval Architecture), First Class Honours, (University of Durham, England, 1956); & B. Sc. in Marine Engineering (1957).

His career included several years at sea, as a Naval Officer. He began lecturing at the Naval Academy in 1946. From 1957-1964 he was a Hull and Machinery Surveyor at Ferrol Naval Yard. In 1974 he was promoted to the lofty crow's nest of his profession, obtaining the commission of Rear-Admiral, through

grades. He served in the Spanish Towing Tank (1964-1987), being appointed Managing Director in 1970 where he served up until his retirement in 1987.

His special achievements form an impressive list; Head of Spanish Tidal Services (1948-50); Spanish representative at many technical meetings, related to ship-building, ship stability and safety, ship hydrodynamics, etc.; Member of the Spanish Technical Committee of Bureau Veritas (1977-); Chairperson of that Committee (1977-87);

Chairman of Organising Committee of International Symposium on Ship Hydrodynamics and Energy Saving (1983); Member of Programme Committee of International Conference on Ship Stability (1986); Chairman of sessions in various International Towing Tank Conferences (ITTC) and International Symposium on Ship Vibration (1984); President of 'Asamblea Amistosa Literaria' (1985-). Author of more than forty papers in this field; Member

of the Royal Academy of San Romualdo, and one of the proposers of our editor to the appointment of Corresponding Academic Fellow to this illustrious body in 1990-91.

Knight Hospitaller of St. John the Baptist; Author of 'THE GENEALOGY OF THE O'DOGHERTYS, CHIEFTAINS OF INNISH-OWEN'. The re-publication rights of this work were transferred to the Clann in May 1990.

Pascual O'Dogherty has been awarded many decorations, including, amongst others, the following: Cross of Military Merit; Cross of Naval Merit; Great Cross of Naval Merit; Great Cross of San Hermenegildo; Cross of Naval Merit of Brazil; Medal of Merit of the Bulgarian Ship Hydrodynamic Centre; Gold Insignia of the Town of Novelda, as well as two Gold Medals of the Spanish College of Naval Architects (1974 & 1979).

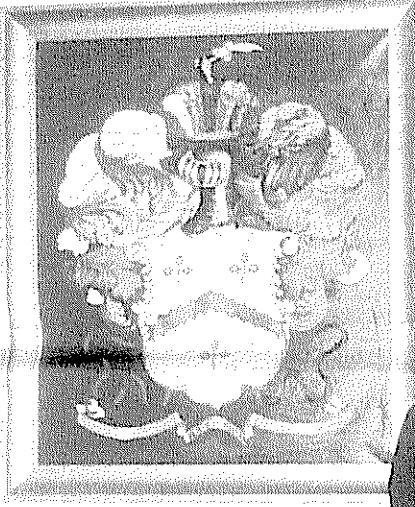
His professional and association memberships currently include: Fellow of the Royal Institute of Naval Architects (U.K.); Asociacion de Ingenieros

Navales de Espana. Association Technique, Maritime et Aeronautique (France); Society of Naval Architects & Marine Engineers (U.S.A.); International Towing Tank Conference (1970-), a member of its Executive Committee (1981/87); and Senior Member (1987-).

Our editorial biographical references are several: Who's Who in the World (Editions of 1981 to 1988); Men of Achievement: International Who's Who of Intellectuals, 5,000 personalities of the world (1985), from the Editor's personal library.

Pascual O'Dogherty married Elvira O'Dogherty (nee Caramé) and they have nine children, Elvira, Carmen, Pascual, Manuel, John, Miguel, Ana, Ignacio and Pilar.

He and other members of his family will be in Ireland prior to, and during our 1995 Clann Re-Union. We extend to them, and all Doherty's worldwide a hearty 'CEAD MILE FAILTE' i.e. a hundred thousand welcomes.



DR. RAMON SALVADOR O'DOGHERTY, General Varela, 163, San Fernando, Cadiz, Spain.

'White Negroes' Nominated

Since the June '94 publication of our editor's first-ever full-length book, entitled: 'Ulster's White Negroes - From Civil Rights to Insurrection', it has been nominated for a number of literary awards. These include The Irish Times Literary Prizes; the Royal Historical Society's Whitfield Prize; The Yorkshire Post Best First Work Award; The Arts Council of Great Britain's Raymond Williams Community Publishing Prize; the GPA Group Book Award, and The Isaac & Tamara Deutscher Memorial Prize.

Its publishers A.K. Press, have supplied the following contact addresses:

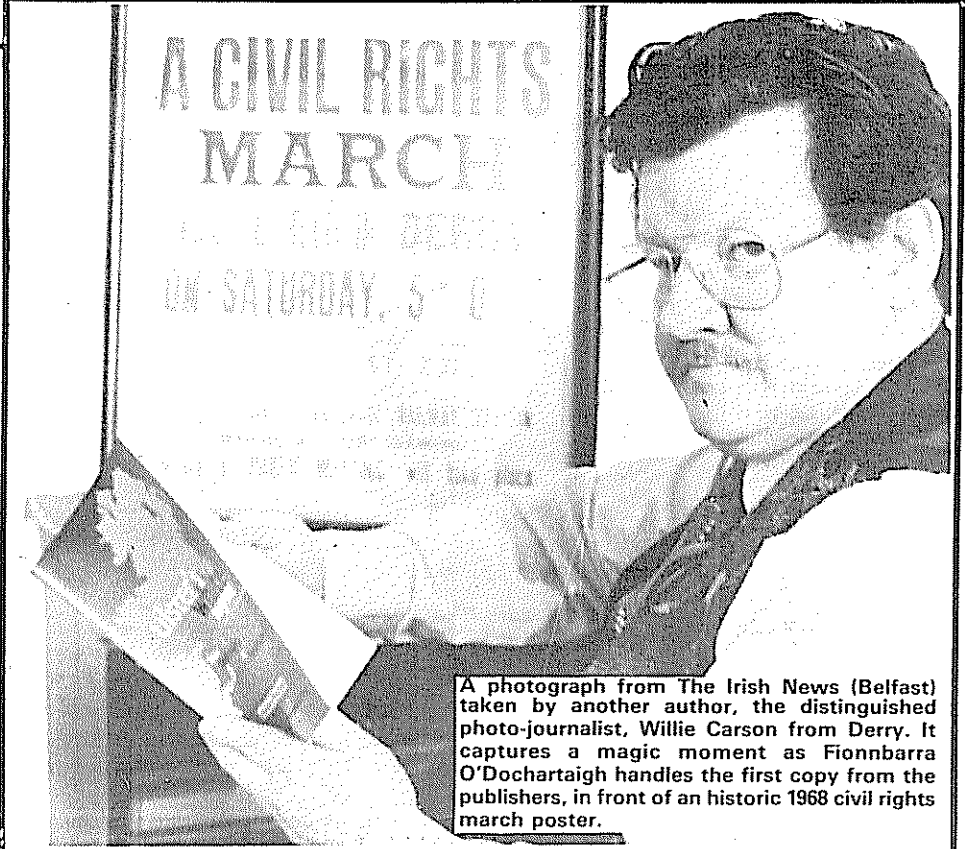
Head Office, 22 Luton Place, Edinburgh, Scotland EH8 9PE (Ph./Fax: 031 667 1507) & P.O. Box 40682, San Francisco, CA., U.S.A. 94140-0682.

Copies can be obtained POST FREE from either A.K. PRESS office, at six pounds sterling and ten US dollars respectively. If not in your local book-shop, then copies can also be obtained from our Clann Shop, at Inch House, Inch Island, Co. Donegal. Phone: 77-60488/ Fax: 77-60457 (International code must now be used if your phone from north of the border. It is 010-353. Note also these are NEW NUMBERS at our H.Q.

The author has completed another book, IRISH CHRONICLES Folklore, History and Genealogy; which should appear after our Reunion. At Christmas he obtained his B.A. Honours degree, and in late February took on a 3-day job training placement with a local newspaper, and will attend college to study journalism two days a week. Members and readers will be pleased to hear that he has indicated that his voluntary work as editor of this paper, and other work for Clann O'Dochartaigh, will continue.

At the time of going to press, Canadian Literary Associates, of Edmonton, Alberta, have agreed to act as international agents for IRISH CHRONICLES. This work will be of much interest to our own, and

other Gaelic clans, and its chapters include: Folklore and Early Celtic Culture; St. Colmcille - His Life and Our Heritage; The Spanish Armada and the Irish Connection; Erin's Gaelic Twilight; The Last Chieftain; Dirge for Sir Cahir O'Dogherty; Genealogist's Prayer; What's In A Name?; A List of Clan Associations; Exploring A Princely Past; The Irish Rover; Tracing Your Irish Ancestors; Popular Surnames In Each County and Local genealogists; The Irish Genealogical Project; Irish Family History Research Centres; Kilts, Badges and Heraldry; Publications, and Irish Tourist Boards Offices (worldwide).



A photograph from The Irish News (Belfast) taken by another author, the distinguished photo-journalist, Willie Carson from Derry. It captures a magic moment as Fionnbarra O'Dochartaigh handles the first copy from the publishers, in front of an historic 1968 civil rights march poster.

What's In A Name?

MOST OF US, at one time or another, are puzzled as to how our surname originated, what historical significance is attached to it, and how best to go about finding out more about our particular clan or sept. In recent times it has become much easier to satisfy that desire for reliable information, as several highly informative volumes have been produced to provide many answers to that nagging question, 'What's in a name?'

The following three books come highly recommended, and separate reviews can be had from the editor, on request.

IRISH FAMILY HISTORIES Author: Ida Grehan (1993); Roberts Rinehard Publishers, (Colorado, USA & Cork); H/bk: 24.95 U.S. H/bk: 18.99 Stg.

(Illustrated throughout, with castles, coats of arms, famous

sought-after history of each name, its original form, where it came from - Ireland, Scotland, England, Wales or France - and why it changed to what it is today.

THE SURNAMES OF DERRY Author: Brian Mitchell (1992). Genealogy Centre, 41 Bishop Street, Derry City BT 48. P/bk. 7.50 Stg.

ancestors, maps etc, relating to some 80 Gaelic clans. The O'Dohertys/ Dorrity/ Dougharty/ & McDevitts are included).

THE BOOK OF ULSTER SURNAMES Author: Robert Bell (1994); Blackstaff Press, Belfast; P/bk. 9.99 Stg. PPs. 265.

Bell's latest book contains over five hundred entries of the most common family names found throughout historic Ulster. It offers that

Brian Mitchell's name is associated with many major works. Those of prime interest include: Irish Passenger Lists 1847-1871; Irish Emigration Lists 1833-1839; A Guide to Irish Parish Registers, and his research centre's best-seller, A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland. His name also occupies the cover of a host of pamphlets dealing with local history.

These titles are of interest to millions of people far beyond Derry and the North-West, and for that reason such painstaking research could hardly be considered either parochial or insular.

FLYLEAF REVIEWS

A work for active researchers also arrived on our editor's desk in late October. The Publication's details are: **IRISH CHURCH RECORDS** - their history, availability & use in family and local history research. ISBN 0 908466 4 3: Hardback (240x170 mm), 207 pages. Fully illustrated and indexed. Editor James G. Ryan. Ir 24 pounds or 46 US Dollars (inc. Airmail to USA). Covers the records of eight major Irish denominations.

FLYLEAF PRESS, 4 Spencer Villas, Glenageary, Co. Dublin, Ireland. Tel. (353-1) 2806228. Other works include: **LONGFORD AND ITS PEOPLE** by David Leahy, 228 pages & fold-out map, ISBN 0 9508466 2 7, 18.50 Stg./ 35 US Dollars, is another Flyleaf book, which the Irish Genealogist magazine described as '...a stupendous achievement...'

IRISH RECORDS, by James G. Ryan, 09164489 22 1, H/bk, 613 pp., 24.50 Stg. was recommended by the New York Genealogical & Biographic Record thus... 'Should be read by everyone planning to initiate searches into Irish records'. Again, from Flyleaf.

The last two are **TRACING YOUR DUBLIN (OR KERRY) ANCESTORS**, the first being 5.95 Stg./ 15 US Dollars (inc. Airmail) and 6.50 Stg./ 17 US Dollars (inc. Airmail). These are by James G. Ryan and Michael H. O'Connor respectively. Both are soft-cover, the first is ISBN 0 9508466 1 9, 96 pages, and the one on Kerry is ISBN 0 9508466 3 5, also 96 pages. This company's book list includes details of Family Research Courses in Dublin, which are arranged through Irish Ancestry Research, Stratford House, Barnhill Road, Dalkey, Co. Dublin: Phone 353 1 2857731 Fax 353 1 2830670

NOTE TO PUBLISHING HOUSES & EDITORS:

The editor wishes to thank all those publishers who forwarded some of the above books on a complimentary basis, and details on others. From reading our newspaper you will see that we are keen on folklore, local history, genealogy etc., and if you wish to have any new works covered by our reviewers, then ring or fax our editor, on Derry 0504 263941 to complete postal and general review arrangements. Book Reviews Free.

ORGANIZING

ANOTHER VOLUNTEER

'Kitty Daugherty came, she saw, she conquered', so writes the *Clan Herald*, of yet another Clan Volunteer. She had earlier graced us at our 1990 Reunion. She had met a Merville man, and later married him. Kitty has long been an active supporter of our clan activities, and gives about fifteen hours a week on a voluntary basis, which is a great asset towards our collective efforts.

DONATIONS: Three pages of this edition have been paid for by our Clann Herald; & Betty Moriarty, Long Beach, California, whose ancestors come from North Derry. The third was sponsored by Jack Dougherty, Louisville, Kentucky, who has Malin forefathers. As usual our editor has also spent countless days working voluntary on this special issue, on top of advising our new publishers etc.

The O'Donnells will be using the old County Court House in Lifford, Co. Donegal, as a H.Q. to collect genealogical research. The McBrides are using our base as their H.Q., but will be opening one soon in N.W. Donegal. The McGinleys will be doing the same any day now.

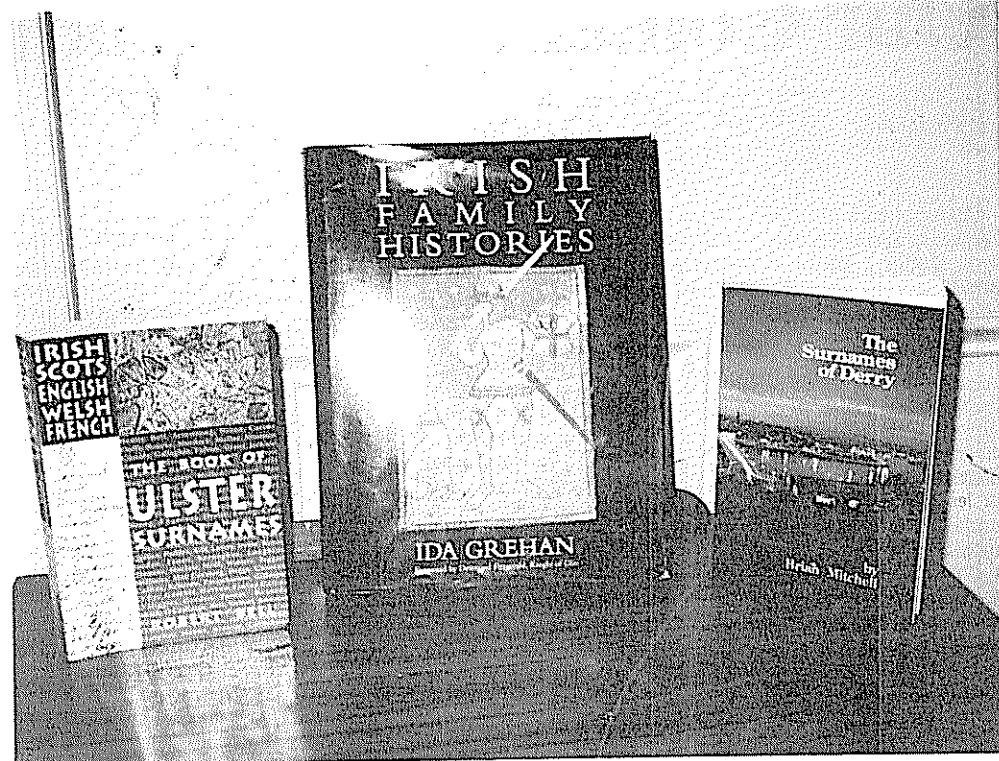
THREE LOVELY LASSIES FROM BELFAST



Clare O'Doherty (centre) celebrates getting A Grades in the 11-Plus Exams, with her sister Fionnula (4) and Emma (6) on the right. They were caught by the camera at their granny O'Doherty's house in Derry City.

MORE IMPROVEMENTS!

Two Missouri Daughertys spent many days at H.Q., during the early Summer of '94. Myron hails from Salem, MO. He brought his daughter Sherry and they both pitched into many useful tasks. Thanks to their efforts we now have security lights in many areas, bathroom doors, electrical hook up in parts where such were greatly needed. Sherry hails from Colorado and works with the police department, but her assumed duties included picking up supplies and acting as chauffeur. They both enjoyed the social aspects of the Inishowen. Myron will be back to assist before, during and after the Reunion in '95.



THE O'DOHERTY HISTORIC TRAIL

This 34-page illustrated pamphlet has been re-published and will soon be in stock at our Clan Shop on Inch Island. Its author is Murray Dougherty and its many illustrations of castles, maps and battles were executed by Kevin Breslin. It basically is a pocket-book designed as a tourist guide to some six significant sites along the historic O'Doherty trail. The pamphlet is best read before setting out and referred to when stopping at each place of interest. Its authors recommend that you shouldn't try to do it all in one day, as the booklet falls into two

sections, each long enough to fill a day-trip around Inishowen and north west Donegal.

Its cover price is one pound and fifty pence, approx. two US dollars, and is an excellent introduction to our clan's history. Several other noteworthy pamphlets are available from the same publishers: Contact details; Paul Hipsley, GUILDHALL PRESS, 41, Great James Street, Derry City, BT48 - Tel: 0504 364413. These community publishers have, in the last five years, produced 23 titles which have sold more than 38,000 copies worldwide.

These inexpensive pamphlets provide an excellent resource insofar as collectively these enhance popular knowledge of our own culture, literature and the arts.

THAT AUDACIOUS TRAILTOR, by Brian Bonner, 'the definitive history of the O'Dochartaigh Clan', is a hardback, at the remarkably low price of six pounds and fifty pence from our Clan Shop. Add extra to cover postage. It would be an excellent follow-up to the GUILDHALL PRESS pamphlet, and runs to 300 pages, with photographs, sketches of castles and maps. The work

also explains the Spanish connection and includes many contemporary details on our clan. This fine work should be in every Doherty household at home and abroad.

EXILES UNDAUNTED - The Irish Rebels Kevin and Eva O'Doherty, by Ross and Heather Patrick, paperback, 300 pages. Approx. eight pounds or 15 U.S. dollars from Clan Shop, Inch House, Inch Island, Co. Donegal. Add extra for postage. An excellent tribute to two Doherty patriots. Well illustrated. Highly illuminating and readable.

THE LAST GAELIC RULING HOUSE

In April 1608, grievous dissensions arose between the Governor of Derry, namely Sir George Pawlett and the House of O'Dogherty, headed by Sir Cahir Rua, the son of John Oge; it was not only that a foreign-born Governor abused him in language, with scorn and contempt, upon the very land of his forefathers, but also inflicted on him a personal castigation, so that he preferred death to life, rather than endure the insult and dishonour he received... so that what he did was, to advise with his faithful friends how he should be avenged for the insult he had received. The unanimous resolution they came to in the first place was, on the 3rd May, that he should invite Captain Hart, who was in Culmore, a place which lay on the banks of Lough Foyle..., and he kept him prisoner until he obtained the fort for his release. He then immediately proceeded, at the dawn of day, to Derry, and fiercely attacked the planer garrison by surprise; the Governor was killed by Eochy, son of Niall, son of Gerald O'Dogherty... and many others were slain besides; Captain Henry Vaughan and the wife of the Bishop of the town were taken prisoners; they afterwards burned the town, and carried off much booty from it. O'Dogherty ravaged the

settlements of the English occupation forces in various parts of Derry, Donegal and Tyrone, and defeated them in various engagements. The English Lord Deputy of Ireland, Sir Arthur Chichester, offered a reward of 5,000 marks for Cahir's head, sending a strong army of 4,000 men, under Marshall Wingfield and Sir Oliver Lambert, against the uprising. Wingfield then advanced against Burt Castle, the main residence of O'Dogherty, near Lough Swilly, whose garrison surrendered on condition to save lives, but Wingfield put most to the sword.

O'Dogherty had various encounters with the English forces and, maintained his ground for about three months in Donegal. On the 18th July, Cahir's forces were encamped at a place called Doon Rock, in close vicinity to a place called Doon Well, near Kilmacrennan, long associated with the inaugurations of the chiefs of Tir Chonaill. Cahir was shot dead with a musket ball, by an English soldier, who took deliberate aim at him, recognising the audacious chief amidst his men, from his waving plume and lofty stature. His body was quartered between Derry and Culmore, and his head was

sent to Dublin to be publicly exhibited: many of the Gaelic nobles and chiefs of the province, too numerous to be mentioned, were put to death in an effort to complete the English conquest and widen their land confiscation policy. The last remnants of Cahir's forces were seized by the English, in September, on Tory Island, off the coast of Donegal. The extensive estates of O'Dogherty were confiscated, and transferred to Sir Arthur Chichester. Chichester, counseled by Davies and Caulfield, seized the able-bodied peasantry, who were deemed to be sympathetic to the Gaelic order, and sent them off in their thousands to perish in Livonia and Russia, under the banners of Gustavus Adolphus, then fighting the battle of Protestantism against the Catholic House of Austria. In this way they cleared Inishowen of six thousand of its inhabitants, who were inhumanely compelled to shed their blood in a cause their consciences could not have approved.

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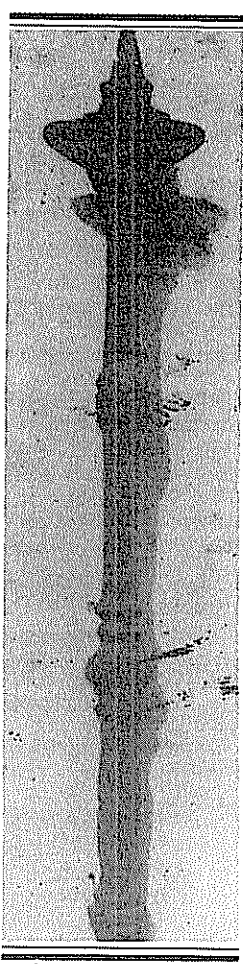
OUR BISHOPS' COATS OF ARMS.

ON LEFT IS CHURCH OF IRELAND CREST



The Missing Mace

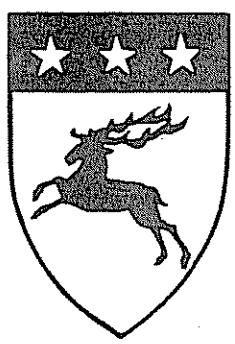
The search for the missing mace of Sir Cahir Rua O'Dogherty, which should today be resting alongside his battle-sword in Derry's Tower Museum, located at the O'Doherty Fort, is now entering its sixth year. Recent developments include the preparation and presentation of a 14-page report on the investigations to date, spearheaded by our editor, the Derry historian and writer, Mr. Fionnbarra O'Dochartaigh. The lengthy report was delivered to Derry City Councillor, Pat Devine, the leader of the S.D.L.P. Group on the City Council. When interviewed by local journalists Cllr. Devine recalled one item, an ancient cannon which had been mysteriously removed from Brooke Park in recent years, and was relocated on a British army base in England. It was duly returned after public pressure. Another artefact, a ship made, from skillfully carved bones left over after dinner, by French P.O.Ws. of the Napoleonic war period, was re-discovered at the home of a Unionist former mayor, whom the councillor refused to name. He is confident that the council's track record is good, but our clan will continue its independent search. Our editor has written to Scofield's Quest, an Independent Television programme, which has expressed a keen interest in



taking up this story in the autumn. Our thanks to The Derry Journal and The Irish News, for highlighting the facts relating to this civic treasure, which was willed to Derry City Council, along with Sir Cahir's sword, by the late Harry P. Swann, a well known manufacturer, historian, charity worker and author of many fine works. The trail for the missing mace began after reading one of these, THE BOOK OF INISHOWEN, published in 1938, by William Doherty, printers, Buncrana. Our editor now wishes to trace the immediate family of Harry P. Swann, who emigrated to either Australia or New Zealand, as he feels that they too would be interested in expressing their desire to see their father's will fully implemented. Our Australian or New Zealand readers are kindly requested to forward any information or advice on how best this family can be located. In the meantime, the actual will of H.P. Swann has been requested from the relevant public office in Dublin, which should prove to make very interesting reading as other historic artifacts may have also been left to Derry City Council, that they were are unaware of. Such will also be passed onto Cllr. Pat Devine and Derry City Council, as well as the Clann O'Dochartaigh lawyers.

THE BIZARRE METAMORPHOSIS OF AN IRISH NAME — by the Clan Herald.

From 890 AD to 1550: O'Docartaig
 Later Irish: O'Dochartaigh Anglicized, (1st.)
 O'Dougherty O'Dogherty, as used by Cahir Rua (1600)
 Scotcized: O'Docherty / Dockerty



Introduced into foreign lands as:

Dougherty, Majority landed in the USA after 1800.
Daugherty, Went to N. America before 1800.
Daugheettee, Out of W. Virginia Mountains.
Darity, Into the Southern Seaboard, USA.
Dority, Same name further west.
Daughtry, Used in deep south & south west.

Daughtrey, Derivation of the above, and is especially popular in Texas.
Doherty, Modern Anglicization, popular since 1800.
Doherty, Found in N-Central USA.
Dorrity, Found in Derry, Cork, and in a few ares of the USA.

Our Clan Research Unit have discovered that there are over 140 ways of spelling this old Gaelic/Irish surname (which moved out of the Finn River Valley in the late 1200s'. Why is there not usage of the 'O' with many Irish names ???

The dropping of the 'O', signifying 'Grandson Of' was forced out of Irish culture during the Penal Days, rooted in the victories of William III in 1690, and these endured until the late 1820s'. Some would date this repression as far back as the reign of Elizabeth I (Queen of England from 1558-1603).

Both the 'O' and the 'Mac' and 'Mc' were not allowed to be used by those living in Ireland, and the ancient Gaelic language itself also came under attack. There was a period in excess of 150 years whereby the ruling power disallowed such Irishness. This was just one of the legal codes aimed at the

regimentation of the natives during the dark Penal Days.

As examples: a name like McCutcheon became Hutchison or Hutchinson; the name McAnders, could become Anderson or Henderson, the name McGabhann/McGowan became Smith and O'Dochartaigh or O'Doherty, became Doherty or one of its many variations.

What about the name 'Mc Devitt' ???

In the Mid-1100s', one Devitt (David) O'Dochartaigh was born in the Finn River Valley, but died in battle in 1208. AD. He was of such high renown as a fighter and a leader, (and the O'Dochartaighs were becoming so populous in that area of Donegal) that his children became known as the children of Devitt (or Mac Devitts).

Research at Clann Headquarters is progressing on finding the given names of these children of Devitt. Thus, we can follow the many

branches of the 'McDevitts' and gather the genealogy of this proud family. New data from Dublin indicates that the Bradleys have McDevitt connections. (Contact editor for details).

In the late 1500s' many of this prolific family had their name anglicized to McDavid or McDade. Entering the USA, feeling a sense of greater liberty, many changed McDavid back to McDevitt.

Many of the McDevitt/McDavid sept (family) were involved in the 1608 Rebellion against the English garrison. Many were hanged on Lifford Green, some sold into slavery, while others managed to escape to other parts of Ireland. Some that went into Tyrone changed their name to 'McKevitt' in a bid to escape further repression. This was done as a gesture of protection hoping not to be rounded up by the British Crown Forces. This name is found in many areas of the north, but especially in Co. Down. Attempts are being

made to gather their genealogy. This isbut one of the clans being chronicled by our editor in a highly popular and on-going series of articles, which has been running in The Derry Journal in recent months, and is entitled 'ROOTS'.

'FAIMHAIN'

Born at the turn of the 800s', Fiamhain had but one name. Surnames were not yet in use. He was the son of 'Cennfaeladh' (pronounced 'Cean Fala'). The latter was the Prince of Tyrconnell when the year 800 dawned. Fiamhain in turn had several children, one being Maongal, who in turn had a child called Donal. This grandson of Fiamhain, though born with the given name Donal, earned the title 'Dochartaig', due to his exploits on the battlefield. It is believed the meaning of that name is 'The Destroyer', which is hotly debated. Some experts argue it means obstructive, which again could

be related to the battlefield.

Following the direct line down from Fiamhain through Dochartaig, records indicate Dochartaig's son to have been Maongal. In Brehon Law, it is understood that the first to use a surname (Dochartaigh in this case) used the Grandfather's name as its 'Clann Name' (which was Fiamhain !). So, we refer to Clann Fiamhain, which includes other associated clan names, indicated elsewhere. This clann research is far from complete !!!

The first Dochartaigh's grandfather being Fiamhain, caused the annals of Tyrconnell (Co. Donegal) to record this family as the main branch of the 'Great Clann Fiamhain'. But, keep in mind that the first 'O'Dochartaigh' did not appear 'till the next generation from Maongal. This was Donoch, he being the grandson of O'Dochartaig, took the 'O' to his surname and became the first 'O'Dochartaigh'.

RECOLLECTIONS OF MARIE MATLOCK HARRIS

My Dougherty men were men-long hunters, explorers, Indian fighters, brawlers, singers, dancers, and good providers. They didn't run scared and could build you a log cabin or mansion depending on how much time you gave them.

They bred strong women who knew what they expected out of life. They would fight, work and manage to the finish line for what they wanted out of this life. It was hard to get one of them to admit defeat. All her man had to do was remember one thing - she wasn't any second-class citizen; she would make it with or without him. Ask any son they raised. They don't have to take a back seat to anyone !

Some of the Doughertys were in-laws, others outlaws or judges, doctors and wheelwrights and they all loved good horses, stout mules, and pretty women. They moved to the iron banks and put up a mill to make iron ore for plows, guns, pots, or whatever you needed. They brought the knowledge of how to salt meat in sealed barrels and feed America's fighting men, wherever they were. They brought the knowledge of making pottery from the red clay and the grey sandstone, whittling spoons to stir the beans, paddles to stir the apple-butter, carved the mantle piece and the frames that held the picture of Grandpa and Grandma. Sitting with their families at night in front of their hearth, the history of the family was passed on - history that settled and cultivated the New World.

Ireland. Wherever they went, and wherever they settled they left names and places reminiscent of Donegal, Derry and Antrim. When we gather for our worldwide reunions, we recognise our origins, and need for solidarity. That is why we came home, like the trout and the salmon, to those familiar roots. We never forgot our heritage, carved from the stones and from the mountains, and more importantly alive in the hearts and consciousness of our most cultured bards. Such could never be crushed by the robber-baron, who by might of arms, dared suggest that our very body and soul depended on their hand, signature, or seal upon the hot wax, drawn-up by foreign kings and princes, after our own were cruelly deposed, and dispossessed, of their rightful lands.
 Such a history has made us

a clannish bunch. They gather their families together like a mother hen and her chickens and try to protect them from outsiders. They laid down community rules that governed the clan and you had best abide by them. The young ones - the 'now' generation - have no idea of such a lifestyle or such a family life - what a pity ! This is what I think the Doughertys are and now add your own ideas; that's OK by me so long as you allow me to remember mine in my own generational time zone. Don't you forget, in my time, we were sure if we cracked the atom, the chain reaction that followed would destroy the world. But, we also believed in the Deity of our God. We never thought we created this planet Earth; we thought we had only been appointed stewards, answerable for its welfare. By Marie Matlock Harris, Pima, Arizona.

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We were a proud tribe from Inishowen, Co. Donegal,

ORANGE DEATH-SQUAD KILLING DELAYS OUR PAPER

Apologies are due to our thousands of readers across the globe for the delay in publishing this edition. Shortly before the declarations of ceasefires in September and October last year, members of a loyalist death-squad burst into the printing shop of Ronan Press in Lurgan and opened fire, indiscriminately, on the printers. This firm printed our publication since our editor changed our format from being a bulky magazine, into a proper newspaper. Messages of shock and sympathy were immediately faxed to Lurgan or conveyed by phone, and we wished those wounded or suffering from the ordeal psychologically, a speedy recovery.

A death-squad spokesman later tried to justify murder, grievous bodily harm and the blatant, vicious and outright intimidation of workers earning their daily bread, by claiming that the firm printed 'Republican papers', which to loyalists means anything

which deals with native Irish culture. The Republican News and other radical editors condemned the barbarous attack, pointing out that their newspapers were not printed by Ronan Press and that the attack was purely motivated by blind sectarian hatred. The firm's owner and manager appeared on television to explain that he did publish all types of publications, for all sections of the community, adding 'That's what every publisher does, isn't it ? We are only trying to earn a crust here...'. breaking down in tears before TV viewers. These publications included our own paper, the Gaelic language daily paper 'LA', and a community-based weekly, Andersontown News. Ronan Press did not believe in self-censorship, as we've had too much of that already under Section 31 in the 26 Counties and various similar restrictions on journalists imposed by London.

As a result of this sectarian

attack, unknown to our editor, the firm's owner decided to close up shop, so as to protect the lives of his other workers. The premises, situated at an old courthouse, near the railway tracks, was daily open to the public and the print shop at the side was likewise. Once we learned that Ronan Press had closed, we immediately began looking for another printer. None could be found in the Derry area, but after speaking to a director, and staff at The Derry Journal, that paper agreed to publish this issue. However, their computer system is quite old and not IBM compatible, and would only take discs for the Amstrad PCW8256. Our editor could not find a computer firm in the whole North-West that could transfer from one software package, WordPerfect, to another, LocoScript, and do so from one size of disc to another. The firm of ALLDATA, run by an English gentleman of Irish descent told us that there would be no

problem. The discs returned, and Steven King, a wizz kid computer engineer, made them ready for The Derry Journal's own in-house system. Then 'Flu hit 'The Derry Journal' compositors, which meant another delay of a week or so. Some pages were lost in the disc transfer, and had to be inputted, in-house, by our own editor, who is now on a one-year job experience and training contract with this regional paper, and contributes regularly to its columns.

Our apologies again, especially as this is Re-Union year. We felt that quite a lengthy explanation was due to you all because of these sad, and difficult experiences. Our thanks however to the many people who have made this issue possible, especially ALLDATA, our editor, Clann Herald, and the directors, staff and print workers of The Derry Journal, and others who who have made it all possible. We dedicate this

page to the Ronan Press worker whose young life was taken by men whose eyes, hearts and minds are consumed by the cancer of bigotry.

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GENEALOGICAL PROGRESS

With part-time assistants, from volunteer help and with your Clann Herald plugging away, we are steadily progressing with our historical records. As we continue over the years, we are finding more sources of information on the Clann Faimhain. It is most gratifying that more research is coming in from overseas. You must all be spreading the word far and wide!! This adds to the work-load but, most importantly, it adds to our lore.

As we receive this information, the variety of surnames (Allied branches) increases. As these acculate we find ourselves as the main reservoir for many other Irish names. We especially are amassing the Clann Fiamhain and Inishowen surnames. so Clann, pass the word to the McBrides, O'Gallaghers, McCallions, McCaffertys, McLaughlins, Mc Cools, McPauls, O'Kelly (Northern Branch) and O'Farrens etc. Pass our paper around also.

We are also happy to include news herein of progress being made by some of these other clans (See Clann Notes).

SOURCES

Where, oh where do all our findings come from ???

As the years accumulate the sources of information also multiply. We get into many dark corners of musty old buildings, finding records that will eventually be processed and computerized. The biggest factor in all our research, from the very earliest, is that we have delved into any and all forms of our Surname. We also are becoming a central location for clan and others, from all over the world, to send any material found on local surnames. As an example, years ago, somebody forwarded the records of hundreds of wills of Clann from the Parish of Clonmany. These dated back to the early 600s'. Rosaleen White, a Doherty from Belfast, has been forwarding for years. People from all over Ireland send material or bring it to us. Stories are told, recorded and finally computerized. We still have 100,000 names and notes to scan before inputting. Philip Doherty, Doagh Island, Clonmany, died two years ago. What a source of information he was to our archives. In a sense, he did not die. His grand mind and recollections are forever captured within our records. We salute this grand fellow and pay our thanks and respects to him often. He is buried in the Parish

Graveyard of Clonmany.

We are mentioning but a few instances of aid that we have received over the past 25 years. The daily postal stop by Eugene Doherty, is grand to behold. This week we have received info. on the following names: Harry M. Daugherty, Fayette, Co., Ohio, born in 1860. He became U.S. Attorney General in 1924. His ancestor, thus far was, John Harry Daugherty, born in 1835 (Family from Virginia?). His researcher is Shirley Lewis, Greenwood, IN. She has forwarded well documented, concise and clear data. We did much work on Dr. John Dougherty, Mountaintop, PA., a cousin, Paul doherty, Schereville, In, and Mr. Cunningham, Dublin, Ireland. We found they were all related, that their ancestors all hailed from Doagh, but through the area of Killybegs. We used Philip Doherty as our initial source of info. on these families. Then, we processed into local history and stories, then into research with the Public Record Offices, Belfast and Dublin. The Heritage Library in Derry City proved invaluable to our continual study. Eamonn Doherty, who works under Brian Mitchell, has been most helpful at the Library.

DOHERTY BEING PUNISHED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT

Our Editor Speaks Out!

THE BRITISH government is hell-bent on punishing political prisoner Joe Doherty, our editor reports with regret. His father spoke to journalists on Friday, March 3, and explained the latest court decision not to allow the New Lodge Road, Belfast man to set nine years spent in jail in New York against his life sentence in the Six Counties.

"I didn't really expect anything else," he said, "the only avenue left open for him now is the European Court of Human Rights. Joe was a big thorn in their side when he was in America because of the publicity his case generated. The British haven't really forgiven him for that".

Mr Doherty said that politicians and clergy in the Six Counties have failed to stand up for his son. "He got plenty of support in the US. In New York they actually named a street after him before he was extradited. But here there hasn't been a squeak from politicians or the clergy. He is fighting a lone

battle."

Joe Doherty was imprisoned for the shooting of a member of the notorious SAS regiment in 1981, the year of the Long Kesh hunger-strikes when 10 POWs died struggling for five basic reforms. Joe escaped from Crumlin Road jail the same year. He fled through 'the network' after a marathon legal battle. Relatives had hoped the nine years he had served on remand would have been set against his sentence, enabling him to apply for home leave later this year. However, the Belfast High Court ruled not to take into account the time he served in the US, rejecting a judicial review by Joe

Doherty of an earlier decision by the British secretary of state for British-Occupied Ireland, Patrick Mayhew.

The Doherty knock-back comes amidst growing complaints by justice groups about the British government's treatment of political prisoners. Due to the public call by Joe Doherty senior a copy of this newspaper will be mailed by our editor to leading politicians and clergy to highlight his plight, and our concern, and inviting their comments for this newspaper.

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A 'WELCOME MESSAGE' FROM THE CHURCH OF IRELAND

The See House,
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Derry, BT48 8JF.

I am delighted that the Clann O'Dochartaigh International Gathering is taking place this year and I extend a warm welcome to all who make the journey to Derry and Donegal. For many it will be a return to their cultural and historic roots and coming here will be in the nature of a pilgrimage.

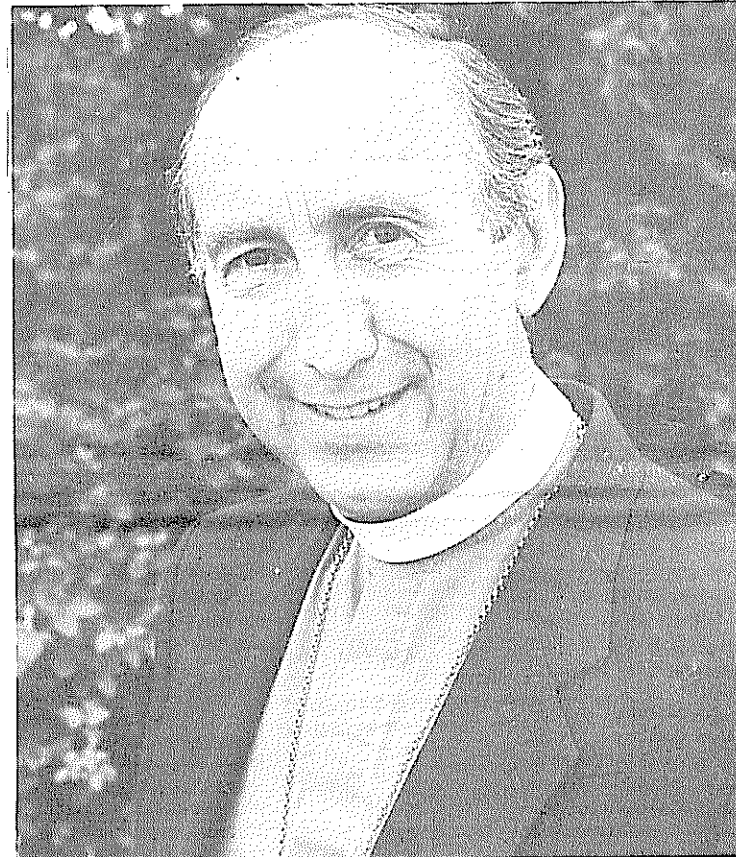
Wherever we live and whatever the social context, it is so important to have a sense of where we come from. A proper understanding and appreciation of the past will be

an important factor in helping us to face the challenges of the present and of the future.

I hope that your visit to this region will be a happy and memorable one and that you will find a city at peace with itself and where so many new and exciting developments are taking place.

May you experience warm friendship here and go away with renewed hope and faith.

Yours Sincerely,
+ James Mehaffey



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