

It was such an honor to represent you and your Association in Ireland. Everywhere we traveled our name was met with respect. All three of us were asked to speak on several occasions. We felt very humble and most certainly were aware of the tremendous responsibility we had in presenting the wishes of the Association to the various groups we met with.

Probably the two most thrilling moments for me, personally, took place at the Derry Council Dedications Ceremony and the Bunrana, Donegal, Proclamation Presentation. We three representatives of your Association spoke at the Derry Council Meeting and witnessed the passage of funds, by the Council, for the rebuilding of Fort O Dochartaigh. We then walked inside the Old Inner City Wall to the Fort's site. When the Mayor (William O'Connell) and I turned the Cornerstone over, for the laying ceremony, I was astounded to find that my name - "Patrick Dougherty of Michigan U.S.A." was inscribed, along with that of their new Mayor. It was a moment that I will never forget. At the city of Bunrana, Donegal, we met with the City Council at the White Sands Motor Inn, for what was to have been a dinner-meeting. When we arrived at the White Sands, how surprised and pleased we were to find the Stars and Stripes flying overhead. We were greeted by all of the members of the Council and local tribesmen and women and presented with a lovely Proclamation inscribed to the members of our Association. While this was being presented to us, in front of the White Sands, the School Marching band, paraded into the parking lot, carrying the O Doherty crest on a banner. They entertained us for about a half hour, during which time we planted a tree at that site. We were then further honored with a bountifull Bunrana Banquet.

Following is a list of the Irish Doherty's which our North American Committee met with, planned with, and for whom we gained a sincere respect and love for. We should familiarize ourselves with these people and their cities, as they are very much involved in the O Dochartaigh Association. They have accomplished much toward the success of our 1985 Reunion.

Paddy and Eileen Doherty of Derry - Paddy and Eileen are dedicated to the Youth of Derry, and to the Inner-City, itself. They were our traveling companions on several occasions. Paddy and Eileen journeyed to the United States to be with us for our first International Reunion, last summer and were guest speakers at that event. They are the force behind the rebuilding of the Fort O Dochartaigh. Paddy is Director of the Derry Inner City Youth Projects. He and the former Mayor of Derry, Joseph Fegin came to Philadelphia, this past April for the "Derry Ball." Eileen is compiling data for the Genealogical Department and has done a tremendous job. They and their family were our hosts on several occasions during our stay in Derry.

Paddy Joe Doherty of Derry - Paddy Joe is a teacher of Gaelic Language in Derry and as the Committee Chairman of the 1985 Reunion and served as Chairman of the meeting held in Derry at the Centre. He also presided over the short meeting at the Dinner Dance held for us in Moville at the Strand Hotel. His love and knowledge of the Irish Culture is extensive.

Pascual O'Dogherty of Madrid, Spain - Pascual traveled to Ireland to be with us on our first evening in Ireland. He is descended from the O'Dogherty's who left Innishowen in the "Flight of the Earls," 1608. His lineage has been recorded through each generation. Pascual, an Admiral in the Spanish Navy, has a deep love for his heritage. After corresponding with him for some time, it was a great honor to meet him.

Neil and Helen Doherty of Buncrana, Donegal - They are organizers of the meetings in the Buncrana area. They will coordinate their City's Doherty Pageant for the '85 Reunion. Neil was the first Doherty I met, years ago, on my first trip to Ireland. He has the softest, sweetest, tenor voice we were privileged to hear during our stay, and we heard many.....

John and Moira Doherty of Carndonagh, Donegal - They are active members of the Reunion Committee. Moira acted as our chauffeur and guide on many trips, also providing the music for our spontaneous sing-a-longs, by playing the piano at many gatherings. John is an excellent entertainer for an Auctioneer!

Mena Doherty of Ballyliffin area - Mena is one of many delightful Doherty women we met. She is a double Doherty and an active Committee member who assisted in entertaining us and acted as tour guide on occasion.

Daniel and Rosemary Doherty of Moville, Donegal - Both are active members of the Reunion Committee and were involved in many of the social occasions when the tribe gathered together. Dan is the owner of the Doherty Baking Co. in the Innishowen. We snapped some pictures of one of his trucks in our travels.'

Rosaleen Doherty Hegarty of Buncrana, Donegal - Rosaleen is an active member who was involved in most of our ten days activities. She served as tour guide for us, and hosted a luncheon for us. All of this was accomplished in addition to maintaining a knitting business and her duties as principal of the school.

Mary Doherty of Buncrana, Donegal & daughter, Madeline McDermott of Moville - Two lovely ladies who helped make us feel welcome, on many occasions during our visit. They will be working hard on the '85 Reunion plans, also. Mary's son was the guitarist in the band at our dinner-dance in Moville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Doherty of Derry - Our hosts at a lovely dinner held at their home. We were most graciously received by them, their son and daughters, and sister. Irish hospitality at its' finest! Doherty's in Ireland have nick-names to identify their sept. James is in the meat business and is known as the "sausage" Doherty. Think up a nick-name for your family as a means of identifying it at Reunion time.

Albert Doherty of Carndonagh - Teacher and Corresponding Sec'y for the Reunion Committee. He accompanied us to Belfast and Andersonstown and as all Doherty's has much love of his heritage and homeland.

Carmel O Doherty of Derry - Librarian and genealogist who serves on the Reunion Committee, and attended most of the functions including the Friday night meeting at the Northwest Centre.

Richard Doherty of Derry - Public relations officer for the Committee. Active member of the Reunion Committee who has done a tremendous job of publicizing it.

Larry Doherty of Derry - Derry Journal Photographer who was on hand for all of the festivities and did an excellent job. Pictures will be in '83 Yearbook.

Colm Cavanagh of Derry - Colm has helped us tremendously by keeping us informed of all activities relating to the rebuilding of Fort O Dochartaigh, as well as all meetings, planning sessions, projects etc. in the Derry area. We are most grateful and appreciative of his participation and keeping us informed.

Fear Feasa (man of knowledge) Letterkenny - Columnist for the Derry Journal has done much to ensure that the word is getting out about our Reunion. He has written many glowing reports of both our Assn. efforts here in the U.S. and the Irish Committee's activities. Sorry that we were not able to make contact with him while we were in Derry and Letterkenny.

Every waking moment, we found Ireland to be enchantingly beautiful, and its' people, with such a depth of compassion and understanding. The food and accommodations were excellent. Join with us in 1985 for what could well be the most fulfilling occasions of your lifetime.

*Cousin Pat*

### DIARY OF IRISH TRIP

Sunday - Arrival in Dublin. Met by Tony Dempsey of the Bord Failte' (Irish Tourist Board, who secured an automobile for our use and accompanied us to Buswells Hotel, where we were joined by Paddy and Eileen, who journeyed down from Derry to welcome us. We then motored to Derry and had a lovely dinner, prepared by Paddy and Eileens children. We then were settled into our most comfortable rooms at the "Clarence House." After freshening up, we left for a gala reception at McNamara's hotel in Moville. We spent several pleasant hours with our Irish cousins and our Spanish "Paddy," Pascual O'Dogherty. Moira played the piano for us and we sang our hearts out. Larry Doherty was on hand to take lovely photographs of the occasion. He is on the staff of the Derry Journal and showed up at all events and saw that we received great press coverage.

Monday - The three of us toured Derry and Donegal, as well as the Innishowen Penninsula. Patrick planted several trees on this day and in the days following some 300 in all. We visited the O Doherty Keep in Bunrana and met the caretaker, a charming McLaughlin. In Donegal it seems everyone is either a McLaughlin or Doherty, and very often both! In the evening we had dinner at the Lough Swilley Hotel and met another lovely and lively cousin, Ms. Doherty. The food and service was great, which was to be our experience for the whole trip. We attended a lecture arranged for by the Bunrana Reunion Committee. Conal Byrne was a delight to hear. He has vast knowledge of Irish history and spoke, at length, on our tribe. There was a question and answer period for guests, following his talk and we gained much useful information. Tea and sandwiches were served following the lecture. Patrick, John and I were invited to speak about the Association, and were grateful for the opportunity to explain how our Association came into being and what our projects and future plans are.

Tuesday - John and Patrick went off to plant more trees in Derry. They toured the Northwest Centre for Learning and Development in Derry, while I was left to shop in Derry, on my own. I loved it! The people were most gracious, with only the bank and postal employees being a little stiff and formal, much the same as they are here. I found the clerks in the stores most obliging and was pleased that the prices were much in line with our own. On this trip I purchased porcelin, china and clothing. A stop at a beauty shop was a pleasant surprise. The prices are less than ours, the service fast, with all of the same equipment used. I salvaged 2 pounds from my spending spree, to ensure that I could have lunch and what a great lunch it was, and for much less than that. I had a lovely sausage served on a hot, crunchy roll (one of James Doherty's sausages, I am sure) salad, two fruit tarts and tea. I had on my O Dochartaigh shirt which created alot of interest and questions. Two ladies asked to join me at my table and said they had seen our pictures in the paper that morning, and knew that we would be meeting with the newly elected mayor that afternoon. I really felt like a celebrity. The Irish have a way of making one feel that way, and its wonderful! Went back to Clarence House and was joined by Patrick and John for a trip to the Council Chambers, where we had a social hour before attending their meeting. Met the new Mayor, William O'Connell who succeeded Joseph Fegin, who according to their law, could not succeed himself. Mr. Fegin was on hand to greet us also. Derry is fortunate to have both of these men working for them.

Tuesday - continued: Tony Dempsey of the Bord Failte' was on hand for this meeting at the Mayors office, also. It was our sincere pleasure to meet, also, Eddie Freil, of the New York Office of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board. We have been in correspondence with him for some time, as we have with Tony Dempsey. We were aware that we might see him sometime during our trip, but had no idea he would be on hand for this occasion. The meeting was certainly not like alot of our city council meetings - a waste of time. The Irish council members, in Derry are well prepared to get things done. The architects were on hand for this meeting to show drawings of the fort, assuring all that it would be as authentic as possible, and yet functional. The council members brought up many interesting questions and we were most impressed. (One explained to me afterward that his mother-in-law is a Doherty and if the Fort is not what it should be, he will have to answer to her.) We were invited to offer our suggestions and opinions, and made (hopefully) appropriate comments. Patrick presented the new Mayor with a copy of our Yearbook and congratulations from the Association. I presented Mayor O Connell with an appointment book and words of thanks and encouragement. We retired to the Mayors office where libations were served, sometimes by Joseph Fegin, who can always get a job as a bartender, if he decides to give up political life. We then went to the site of the Fort, where Patrick and Mayor O Connell layed the cornerstone. (That is the only time the whole trip that I wished, for a moment, that I was a man. To see my brothers name inscribed on the cornerstone was a thrill!) In the evening we went to Moville where approximately 200 O Dochartaigh's joined together for a dinner-dance. Entertainment was great. The band played danceable music and two of their members were Doherty's - the drummer and the guitarist. Four persons sang Irish songs for us. The McLaughlin dancers, who are world champions, performed many of the traditional dances for our enjoyment. All of the entertainment was first-rate. The meal was superb. I stayed overnight with John and Moira Doherty of Carndonagh. We sat up and talked until almost 5 a.m. It was a great day, as all of them were. (When the sun doesn't go down until after 11 at night, it really lengthens your waking hours.)

Wednesday - Toured Donegal with Moira Doherty of Carndonagh, who took us to a lovely hotel for luncheon. We shopped at many little shops along the way, arriving back in Derry about midnight. Then Moira had to drive back to Carndonagh, insisting she did not mind. She was most gracious to us and so willing to ensure that we did not miss anything. On this tour we went to Killybegs, ( a fishing village ) its name means little churches, Glencolumkill and everywhere else in the south and west of Donegal. We had dinner at a lovely hotel in the evening. A most enjoyable day.

Thursday - Visited with McAuleys in Shatalow. We live near 3 of their daughters and a son, here in Michigan, and know them well. It was our pleasure to meet their wonderful parents and spend some time chatting with them. They served a lovely lunch of sandwiches, deserts and tea. A daughter that lives near them came in and entertained us with some Irish songs. We felt, as we did with everyone we met, an immediate kinship and understanding with these charming people. In the evening we were honored at a gathering of the tribe at James "sausage" Doherty's home. The food was beautifully prepared (fresh salmon was the entree) and James daughters did a wonderful job of waiting on us. All who were present were reluctant to leave, as it was yet another most enjoyable evening.

Friday: Tour of Buncrana area, for John and Pat, with Rosaleen Hegarty and Mena Doherty. Lunch at the Hegarty's home, with dancers (all Doherty's) entertaining us under the able direction of Dinny McLaughlin, who wrote a poem for us, that will be in our 1983 Yearbook. While John and Pat toured, I visited with delightful women from the area, one of whom has a daughter that lives about 50 miles from us. In the late afternoon we attended the City Council reception at the White Sands Motor Inn, where we were presented with a Proclamation and Patrick planted yet, another tree. We had a lovely dinner at the Inn.

About 9:30 p.m. we motored back to Derry for the Reunion Committee meeting. Much was accomplished toward the planning of the Reunion, at this meeting. We presented committee members with gifts as remembrance of their kindness to us. It would be the last time we would see many of these wonderful people for awhile, and we were saddened by the parting from them, with whom we had shared so much and so many happy times.

Saturday - We had an unofficial visit with Alfie and Margaret Doherty of Andersonstown, outside of Belfast. Paddy, Eileen and Albert traveled by car, with us to Andersonstown. We met Alfie at a Club and sat in a booth, over which hung his son, Kierans picture. You will recall that Kieran was buried during the week that our first annual Reunion was held in 1981. He died in his 73rd day of hunger strike. We were most impressed with his parents, finding them to be thoughtful, intelligent and caring people. Not wishing to exploit their grief, there was no publicity about this meeting. We came away with a deeper understanding of the agonies our people continue to suffer because of British occupation. We went to Alfie and Margarets home, read the notes their son had smuggled out to them, all of which were filled with love and concern for his family as well as showing the great courage this fellow tribesman of ours had. At their invitation, we were honored to accompany them to the grave of their son. Hallowed ground that has a beautiful memorial to the native Irish that have fought against tyranny. The only thing wrong was that the memorial had all of the wrong names on it - they were all IRISH! Such a testimony to the cruelty and inhumanity of a nation that will never dominate the Irish. We said a prayer and placed flowers on Kierans grave, hugged and kissed Alfie and Margaret, and fled to the car, to let the tears fall. It was a most solemn and somber occasion.

In Andersonstown, Derry, Shantallow, Strabane and Monaghan (county) the committment of our native Irish cousins to the cause of freedom is very strong. The situation is changing, we feel, for the better. British troops, in armored tanks are in evidence, though hardly given a passing glance by anyone. We sincerely feel and hope that they will be gone, soon. The troops themselves, don't want to be there, the Irish don't want them there, it is just their English politicians that persist in this no-win situation. One day England will decide it is too costly, not just monetarily, to be there - then they will leave. Too late for Kieran, but perhaps soon enough to save his younger brother.

Saturday evening Patrick caught up on his correspondence while John and I traveled the length of the beautiful River Foyle going into Derry. We had an excellent dinner at the White Horse Inn, arriving back at Clarence House around midnight.

Sunday - We attended Mass at St. Edwards in Derry, noticing after being seated that we were sitting under a stained-glass window donated by Rev. Dr. Doherty. Felt very much at home and the liturgy was beautiful. It is a very large church and well attended. Saw Eileen at Mass and spoke with her afterward. We dined with she and Paddy at their home and traveled to Kilmacrenan with them and an Episcopal Minister, Rev. Smithly, at whose home we had lovely desert and tea, served by his gracious wife. In Kilmacrenan we were joined by yet another Doherty (Neil) who toured to the Doon Well, beautiful Adair Castle and gardens, Columkill's grave and the little church where his baptismal font is still in service. We returned to Neils home and were served the best homemade bread, preserves and tea, while being entertained with local musicians and dancers. Neils brother, Dominic came in to meet us. I had written to him about six months ago, when I had seen his picture in an Irish newspaper. It was about midnight when we headed back for Derry. Another wonderful day. When I got ready for bed, I took one long, last look out at Derry, which is beautifully situated on the hill, its lights brightly shining, reminding me for all the world of Albuquerque, NM, or Denver and Golden, CO at night. I bid this wonderful city, a city filled with such

wonderful spirit, a fond and private farewell, before I fell into bed.

Monday - Toured the Northwest Center, purchased poster for the Association raffle. Departed for Dublin, visiting the "Round Tower" near Drogheda en route. Stopped at Mary Mathews home and purchased postcards. She is the widow of Anthony Mathews the Author and Publisher of the "Origin of the O'Doherty's." Checked into our rooms at the Skylon Hotel, which were provided for us by the Bord Failte, as was our breakfast. Received a call from Mr. Dougherty (Sean) the Minister of Justice, setting up an appointment, for Tuesday, before we departed for America. Patrick and I relaxed for awhile while John went out to dinner with friends. Patrick and I had a late dinner, joined for coffee by Tony Dempsey of the Bord Failte' to summarize our trip and plan for the 1985 Reunion.

Tuesday - We were picked up at the Hotel about 8:30 a.m. by the Minister of Justice driver. A most amiable person, who has driven many visiting dignitaries around Dublin - President John F. Kennedy, for one. (I can tell you that the Irish all had high regard for that Irish President of ours, but feel that President Reagan is perhaps a little ashamed of being Irish.) The driver did not say this, but it was what we heard many places we traveled. The Irish are very knowledgeable about U.S. Politics. We had a most enjoyable, and informal meeting with both the Minister of Justice and Eamonn Doherty, who is head of the Garde', which is like the State Police. I was then driven back to the airport, while John and Patrick stopped at the Hotel to pick up the car and bring our luggage to the airport. It was with much regret that we departed from this enchanting country of our ancestors...

I wish to mention here that the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, through the efforts of their New York representative, Eddie Friel, obtained for us our tickets on Aer Lingus to and from New York/Dublin and provided us with our comfortable rooms and excellent breakfasts at Clarence House in Derry. We were most appreciative of this. Bord Failte, through their representative Tony Dempsey, took care of our last night's lodging in Dublin, our auto expense (rental) and both Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Friel co-operated fully on our trip. They are working for the success of our reunion in 1985, and doing all to ensure that it will be the grand gathering we know it can be. It looks as though the cost of the reunion tour will be between \$1,500 and \$2,000 per person, from the U.S. and Canada. This will include air-fare, accommodations, probably some meals (most breakfasts) and bus transportation to all places for the two week stay. The time for the reunion will be the last two weeks in June, with additional groups touring the four weeks (2 week tours) in July, if we have sufficient numbers. We are relying on our membership to help promote this. We have plenty of time to plan and save for this. Encourage all members of your family to attend. Send those postcards to Anita Pobocik, 12376 Hillcrest, Grand Blanc, Michigan 48439. She tells me she hasn't heard from many of you, though I receive letters telling me you are coming. Please drop her a postcard and let her know that you plan to attend, and how many of you there are. She needs this information.

Ancestrily yours,

*Jeanne*

*P.S. It took me a week to recover  
from this trip !!!*

Ireland, THE LAND OF A THOUSAND WELCOMES. Food, merriment, musicians, marching bands, cabaret, and folk dancing were the order of the day. An exciting, fulfilling, and uplifting ten days.

The beginning of a new wave. This is how I see Derry today. A city coming to life and exuding vitality for its citizenry to take hold. The Grand Ramrod of this new wave is Paddy (Bogside) Doherty, - builder, raconteur, and renaissance man. Because of his effort (and many others), the youth of Derry have a door opened to a future with unlimited possibilities.

Through this door, the youth of Derry become totally involved in the INNER CITY PROJECTS. Vocational, agricultural, industrial crafts, genealogy, communications, graphics, and business administration, thus enabling the person to explore their ability or vocation. You can feel a vitality in every project with a visual culmination in the restored buildings.

Each student must spend a six-week session in each discipline with constant supervision of a professional tutor. The overall results appear to be excellent, with the students regaining some sense of well-being and a personal value of one's self. There is a monetary incentive as well, to encourage the youth to persevere for completion of the vocational and educational activities in which he or she must participate. It offers each person an opportunity to discover what talents they may have, or at least, an awareness that one should proceed to some advanced technical or academic institution.

After less than a year, approximately 300 young people are the beginning of a riser that will develop into the new wave for Ireland's future. Fortunately, someone had the vision to open the door for a new beginning.

It is a pleasure to see a little money go a long way. In Derry, a dollar spent has a rippling effect, with many phases of life benefiting from the expenditure - the people, the city, and the future.

This project is not one of self gratification, for the promoters and movers of Derry, but a genuine belief that time was passing them by and an avenue to the future had to be opened. I believe that a city is judged by its ability to rebound from adversity and struggle for a new way. It is with these thoughts that I leave Derry - with an uplifting sensation, that a new wave is beginning for Ireland and this vitality will stimulate and lend support to the youth of Ireland. In such a way we enter the 20th century, with a firm belief that Ireland has a future in the advanced world, plus the ability to retain what's good of the past and integrate this into the wave of the future.

There is a fisherman's 'saying' in Donegal, that " a riser is coming", meaning - a large wave. Derry is a riser in the sea of cities of Ireland. Enthusiasm of this kind is catchy and when Derry expurges its past labels, it will rise like Phoenix from its ashes!

Ireland is truly the land of a thousand welcomes. There is no doubt in my mind today!

Beir bua agus beannacht,



