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Summer of '83 has now become another yesterday and families once more are organized and back to the old grind of daily routines, working and helping the children with their homework and lessons. Autumn brings its own aura of majesty which makes the exchange of seasons a little more effortless. I hope your summer was a great one, inspite of the high temperatures and draught.

My plans to visit fellow tribe members in Derry had to be cancelled due to the serious illness and death of a very dear friend in Dublin. I did manage however to visit beautiful County Donegal and to spend two evenings with my cousin and his wife and family. Meeting new cousins and seeing my own ancestral homestead was the highlife of my entire holiday. I also had a great opportunity to meet with some people from Derry. Because of the "hot-box" situation in that area at that time, they advised us not to visit their city. This was a diappointment indeed as I had been looking forward to see Eileen Doherty and her son Tony.

Although Madame Fate had her own way of poking her nose into my holiday plans, I did manage to find a pleásant respite when "soft rains" suggested the we remain indoors. The following information was taken from a book entitled: "Romantic Stories and Legends of Donegal." It is certainly not my intent to plagiarize the writing of another, but rather to share a legend which belongs to us.

HOW SIR CAHIR O DOHERTY DIED

... it is said that one Sandy Ramsey was a Scotsman planter who settled on land near Kilmacrennan given to him by Rory O Donnell, the Queen's O Donnell. His enclosure was attacked by Sir Cahir O Doherty. During the battle Sandy's wife and children were slain. Sandy knew that a reward of five hundred marks were the reward to be paid by the Lord Deputy for the head of Sir Cahir. After a patient vigilance, Sandy shot Sir Caher in the head. He died instantly. The Scotsman soon severed the head from the body and wrapped it in his plaid with hopes of getting the reward money. He sought refuge in the cabin of one Terence Gallagher, where he used the wrapped head as his pillow. Terence was up at the break of day. He saw blood oozing from the tartain. Gently slitting the wool, he saw the hair and the head of a man well-known to everyone in Tirconnel. Without scruple, he removed the pillow of Sandy and set off for Dublin to claim the reward. He was well across Tyrone by the time Sandy Ramsey awoke.

- Very Rev. T. Molloy, D.PH., in "The Donegal Journal"

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Thought for the day:

Definition of the word music.

"... it's just love, waiting for words...."

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The space below is not large enough for a small article, but it does have enough space to say:

"HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?"

Many scribes and scholars are content to trace Gaelic/Irish ancestry back to what is called the "Milesian" era. Some have said we are descendents of the "Twelve Tribes of Israel and perhaps these few facts will shed a better light on the subject.

(1) The PARTHALONIANS

Date/Circa

2200 B.C. The first colonists mentioned were Parthalan and his followers, who was descended from Japhet. They came from Macedonia via Iberia. After a span of 300 years the entire tribe was swept away by famine and pestilence.

(2) The NEMEDIANS

2000 B.C. Followers of Nemedius, from Greece or the Balkans. After a couple centuries thousands perished in a bloody encounter with the Formorians.

(3) The FORMORIANS

1800 B.C. A sea roving race of pirates under the chieftain whose name was Conaing. They came from Africa and held stronghold on Tory Island. It is said they plundered the land rather than settle in it. According to legend, this group was descendent of Ham, the son of Noah.

(4) The FIRBOLGS

1700 B.C. A dark intelligent race of people under the leadership of Deala, who came from the Eastern Mediterranean. The Ard Ree (supreme king) resided in Tara. His bodyguards and warriors were called "the pillars of Tara."

(5) The TUATHA DE DANAANS

1600 B.C. A people of skilled workers believed to have come from the region of the Elbe in Germany. They erected many of the Megalithic monuments. The famous Grianan of Aileach (stone house of the sun) in Donegal was erected during the reign of Eochu Ollathair (better known as the Dagda). It was from a de Danaan Queen named Erin that Ireland derived one of its names. This tribe is associated with the worship of the goddess Danu.

(6) The MILESIAANS

1500 B.C. The last of the early invasions marked by the coming of this colony of people from Spain, led by their chieftain called Gollam Mileah, or more commonly called Milesius. Upon landing at Drogheda they set fire to their ships in order to cut off all thoughts of retreat. Their expedition began with 60 ships, but many were lost during a hurricane at sea. This valiant group defeated the Tuatha De Danaans and took over the government of the country, where they became the dominant race. No other major invasions are recorded for many centuries until the historic Dutch invasions beginning 795 A.D. and the eventual coming of the Anglo-Normans in 1022 A.D.

The progress of civilization from the "Old Stone Age" to the last period of medieval independence (1014-1170 A.D.) brings an astonishing legacy to us. In fact, relics of the Middle Stone Age (5000-2000 B.C.) can still be found in parts of Northern Ireland.

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On behalf of the members of our Association I extend our sympathies to our President Patrick and all the members of the family whose sweet mother Mary was recently called to her eternal reward. Requiesat conem Pace!

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Cousin Mike
O'Malley

FROM OUR SECRETARY - Our sincere thanks to all of you for your kind expressions of sympathy. Losing one's mother is never easy, but your prayers and kindness really did help. Thank you!

BARNESVILLE REUNION was a great success. We thank all of you for participating. It was a great thrill to meet many of our members at this gathering. Certainly the Barnesville group were most hospitable and congenial. Their past-president, Betty Hartley and secretary, Ed Dougherty, have always been most helpful and supportive of the association. WE owe much to them for the success and growth of this association. It was great being with the Hartley family in Barnesville - renewing friendships. We were able to stay for five days this trip, so we had plenty of opportunity to exchange thoughts and to plan for the future.

Probably one of the greatest benefits of the Barnesville reunion is the many new members we have received since that time. We appreciate the excellent recruiting job done by our members. We hope that you all will continue to help spread the good news of the association and the 1985 Derry/Donegal Reunion. If each one of us could bring in another five members we would have something we really could be proud of.

ST. THOMAS REUNION was another great reunion. We were sorry that not all of the Ontario group could make it this year. We missed seeing many of them and hope they will all be back there at Pinamore Park next year. As always, the Daugharty tribe were entertaining and great to be with.

New membership cards will be enclosed in the next newsletter - Jan. of next year. There are still quite a few that have not paid this years membership, which expired on your birthday. Dues are still a bargain at \$6.00, with no penalty for paying early. I apologize for the delay in sending out membership packets to the new members. This was a tough summer and I did get behind in my work. Hope that I can stay on track now and you may expect to hear within 3 days of writing again.

For your convenience, we have made up an order sheet (on the next page.) Just circle items you desire and indicate how many. We do sell the items for less at the reunions, as we are saving the cost of mailing, so many of you were able to take advantage of that and we are pleased with the support you gave us at the reunions. We were able to purchase a P.A. System and this new electronic typewriter.

It is not too early to be thinking of Christmas gifts. Some of the items we have would make useful and inexpensive gifts, so keep the association in mind, when thinking of those gifts.

Enclosed you will find your Thanksgiving raffle tickets. We are hopeful that it will not present a burden on anyone. It will help to fill up the cookie-jar again, and enable us to get some needed materials.

Please reserve _____ O'Dochartaigh Reunion Books @ \$10.00.

Please send the following items:

The Origin of the O'Doherty's	(\$8.00 each)
" " " " O'Donoghues	" "
" " " " Mc Cann's	" "
" " " " McKenna's	" "
" " " " O'Rourke's	(\$5.00 each)
" " " " O'Flaherty's	" "
" " " " O'Neil's	" "
" " " " O'Kelly's	" "
" " " " O'Reilly's	" "
" " " " Mc Guinness	" "

O'Dochartaigh Shirts, adult medium, large, and extra large - \$12.00

Derry/Donegal Reunion Patch Shirts - Adult medium size only \$10.00
(just a few of these left)

Derry/Donegal Reunion Patches \$2.00

Assorted Irish Post Cards 6/\$2.00

Irish Pewter Mugs \$30.00 each plain or with Doherty Crest

Wooden Coat of Arms - Doherty - Handmade and painted by Doherty's
in H.M. Prisons.....\$8.00

Association cassettes (contain poetry, history of the tribe,
O'Dochartaigh, Irish music, etc..... \$7.00

We are awaiting our shipment of pewter from Ireland. These items
will be offered in our January Newsletter.


Dr. Edward Doherty, 27 James Rd., Reading, MA 01867 has pewter
belt-buckles with coat of arms, plain for \$14.00, black back-
ground, \$15.00. You may order directly from Dr. Doherty.

Gary Daugherty, 5800 Hansel Ave., Orlando, FL 32809 has crests
to sew on blazers or jackets for \$5.00 each. Order directly
from Gary.

Enclosed brochure describes sweaters which Andrea Doherty is
offering at \$30.00 each. (see brochure for details.)

We are indebted to Margaret Dougherty, who has purchased a
computer, at her own expense, in order to make up our member-
ship lists and labels, as well as for storing association in-
formation. Thank you Margaret for all of your efforts.....

Anita M. Pobocik, 12376 Hillcrest Dr., Grand Blanc, MI 48439
is waiting to hear from those who plan to attend Derry/Donegal
Reunion. If you have not yet contacted her, please drop her
a post card. If you don't have post cards, send us your order.



PRESIDENT PATRICK - An Irishman's dream: A full month in Ireland! Your President spent July in Donegal and Derry, this summer.

A busy schedule, yet time to enjoy the peace and beauty of these two counties of northwest Ireland.

My headquarters while in the Derry area, was Paddy and Eileen Doherty's residence on Westland St - (Bogside.) While up in Inishowen, I stayed at John and Moira Doherty's home on New Park Place, Carndonagh, Donegal. These Doherty's set me up with a room, sent me off of a morning full and ready for a days travel. They would accept no reward for such inconvenience and what a help it was to the progress we were all to make.

Each day found me back and forth across the border, meeting with committee's of the Doherty tribe.

Over the four week period, I met with the following area groups and many of them, several times:

Buncrana	Moville	Derry
Letterkenny	Carndonagh	Raphoe
Kilmacrenan	Ballyliffen	Dunfonagh
Shantallow	Inch Island	Donegal Town

I met with so many enthused Doherty's that I left with the feeling that my time was well spent in organizing the 1985 Big Event.

Buncrana, Moville, Derry, Letterkenny and Carndonagh are sponsoring attractions for '85. These committee's are well functioning and their tentative Programs look excellent. '85 Reunions will also include a trip, leaving Derry in the a.m. encompassing all the O'Dochartaigh Castles and Forts in Donegal. We will travel the O'Dochartaigh Trail through Inishowen, re-visiting areas our ancestors walked upon.

Beauty Contest??? Sure now, we must have a Doherty Queen! We have been challenged to bring forth a fair maiden to compete with Irish beauties. It will be different, but I'm sure we are up to it.

We will also have a golf tournament, as there are several courses in the area. An Irish committee is setting up these plans already.

Fort Doherty, in Derry, is now under way and upon completion this will be a central meeting place for some of our activities.

In order to get all of our planned activities accomplished and have sufficient free time, we are planning on the event to take place over a two-week period, in July. This will be repeated, so that you will have your choice of the first, or last two weeks of July.

I was honored to meet with the two Bishops of Derry. Both Bishop Mehaffy and Bishop Daly were pleased to offer their services to sanctify this illustrious gathering, with an opening and closing ceremony. They will also assist with appropriate services on the Sundays, we are present.

I spent some glorious days on the beaches of the Inishowen. So beautiful and breathtaking - white sand on some, and golden sands on others.

While around Carndonagh, I was asked to assist in judging at their annual festival. I was envolved in Talent and other such judging and was very honored to participate. John "Sadler" Doherty, my host in Carndonagh, kept me busy, well fed and happily entertained. Such gracious people -----

I made a trip down to Dungannon, to the Tyrone Crystal factory looking for reunion memorabilia for "85." I continued south to Drogheda to pick up a few hundred more "Origins of the O'Doherty's." I was entertained by Mary Mathews family of four energetic young rascals. Anthony Mathews was the author of the "Origin of the O'Doherty's."

The Irish O'Doherty's are preparing for this tribal gathering. Hopefully we will arrive, by the thousands, to make this the largest reunion ever.

WE were all born elsewhere, through no fault of ours. Shall we return and reclaim our inheritance for just a while in 1985???

1608 was a terrible year for the O'Dochartaigh's. It was our loss, Irelands loss, a Chieftan lost, and the valiant 800 shipped out forever!

I was very humbled to visit Maize prison in Northern Ireland. I was able to meet Tony Doherty, a former IRA member and at present a political prisoner. This interview would fill an entire newsletter alone. His mother Eileen Doherty is also a very courageous person. Tony is the one making the coat-of-arms listed on the commercial page.

My only comment on the political situation in northeast Ireland is to make a reference to how many families are being torn asunder, and many, many, of them are Doherty's.

At Thanksgiving time I will be meeting with East Coast members, for the purpose of finalizing the agenda for the Derry/Donegal reunion brochures. We will also be planning for the 1984 Reunion to be held in the East. More information will be forthcoming in the January Newsletter.

Enclosed are copies of the Doherty Reunion newspaper. The Derry/Donegal Reunion Committee has been selling these to help defray expenses. They have asked for our generous participation. It is hoped that you will circulate them among your family and other Doherty's (all spellings) and that you will be able to send a donation of \$3.00, for those you find enclosed. It is permissable for you to sell these, if you wish.

A SALUTE TO THE IRISH - We do hereby dedicate this newsletter to a Donegal Lady and a Derry Man.

Helen Doherty, Desertegney

Paddy Doherty, Bogside

These two persons were selected as delegates of our Derry/ Donegal Reunion Committee to attend the Barnesville Reunion. Their participation ensured the success of the Barnesville, Ohio Gathering.

The young lady, Helen, is a remarkably gifted Irish dancer - a World Champion, and most certainly a champion of the people of Donegal, whom she proudly and so ably represented.

The dashing gentleman, Paddy, whose love for Derry is so very evident. His concern for his countrymen and women, uppermost in his life, as he seeks to be a part of the solution, hoping to help bring an end to centuries of turmoil in his beloved city, Derry.

Separately, these two persons would be a real "class act." Together, they were indeed awesome.

Helen entertained us with gaelic dancing and also treated us to some gaelic language greetings and closed the Reunion in her native Irish language.

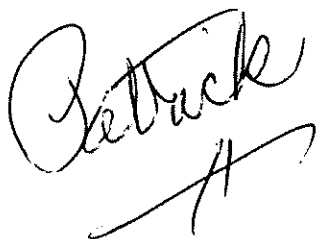
Paddy dazzled us, once again, with his noble eloquence. The fervor with which he speaks to us of the problems, hopes and aspirations of the Irish in Derry, touches each one of us deeply.

Barnesville, Ohio, long a meeting place of the decendants of Patrick and Daniel O'Dochartaigh, became the rallying point of all of the O'Dochartaigh's of the North American Continent.

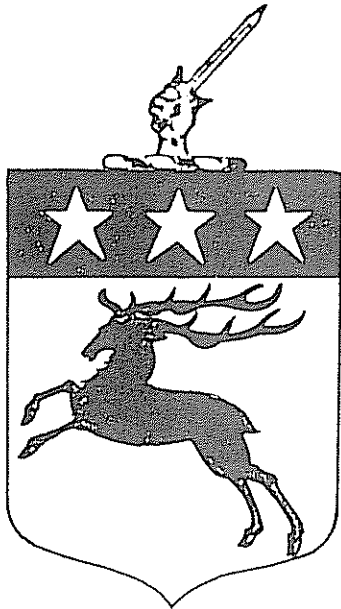
These two Ambassadors of our native cousins, were very responsive to the many questions from our group, pertaining to the present situation in Ireland, as well as giving us a good idea of what to expect in 1985. Like the voices of our ancestors, out of the past, they bid us return to our hearthside - Derry and Donegal, in '85. They assured us that they are planning for us, praying for us and relying on us, to come back to Derry and Donegal, "our inheritance."

Thank you, Helen and Paddy, for coming. Thank you for giving us the time, from your busy schedules. Thank you for igniting a fire in our hearts, souls. We, who were at Barnesville, will never forget your contribution to its' success. We hope for the next two years to pass quickly so that we may be with all of our Irish cousins, soon.

Abuh, O'Dochartaigh's.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patrick" followed by a large, stylized initial "A" below it.

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Ar nDutchas

Fellow O Dochartaigh:

"...the pipes, the pipes are calling..." Do these words sound familiar to you? These words resound in the hearts of the Irish everywhere. Whether the tune is called "The Londonderry Aire " or "Danny Boy", it is still revered and honoured not only by the Irish, but also by many who wish they were.

The pipes are indeed calling once again! 'Tis not a call of summons this time, but rather a proclamation of grande news!

The O Dochartaigh great council has met and agreed that our Donegal family plaid of ancestry must be repaired. We must gather the threads which have become worn, seperated, broken and in some cases lost. It must be restored by our tribal members.

If the surname of O Dochartaigh, Dougherty, Daugherty or any variant form appears on family documents, then indeed you are sons and daughters of our tribe. The pipes announce to the world that the year 1985 will be one of great interest to the descendants of "Niall of the Nine Hostages", to whom we all trace our lineage and ancient and noble heritage. The great tribal gathering is to be held in Londonderry, Ireland and promises to be the largest gathering of any one tribe in our annals of history. We want you to be part of it!

Ould mother "Hibernia" bade farewell to her O Dochartaigh sons and daughters when they departed from her emerald soil, and 'twas her sister "Liberty" who greeted them upon arrival with open arms on this side of the great Atlantic. "Hibernia" now invites her O Dochartaigh family members to return for a gigantic family reunion. This includes you, if you can make it.

During the past year, tribal members have met in America, Canada and would you believe Spain! Plans are being finalised to promise a tribal gathering which we guarantee will be beyond your furthest dreams. Imagine the excitement of meeting cousins and kinsmen who show similar interest in family history. Can you imagine the joy of a fond embrace and the words: "Ah, yes, I knew your grandfather well..."

Of course it will be impossible for everyone to attend our tribal gathering over in Ireland; however, you can join with us in spirit and enrich our meeting by filling in the two enclosed forms with whatever data you have, and by returning to us at your earliest convenience. Our project will call for months and hours of sorting of family informational threads and the blending of colourful family histories before we can unfurl our tribal banners in 1985.

A remittance of six-dollars entitles you to full membership in our organization, and the receiving of our quarterly news report and newsletter. These are both very informitive and interesting, and who knows they may provide that missing "cTue" to ancestral information you have been searching for.

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Imagine if you will, the message revealed in our family crest! Our motto if translated from the ould Gaelic would read: "Our Inheritance." The magnificent red deer has raised paws as if to show his vitality and strength. The white stars of course remind us of the power of heaven. The stars rest on a band of green, a colour we all love, which has always been the symbol of hope. It is of course safe to assume the hand clenched around the sword signifys the tribe willingness to defend if need be.

Our intent is to compile as much tribal information concerning the O Dochertaigh's now while we are living to record it. 'Tis far too late when we are gone! Won't you help to spread the good news by passing the word along to fellow kinsmen and to assure them our honoured and loyal tribe still exists. We are gathering, we are strong and we shall unite!

Time passes too quickly! What is today will rapidly become another yesterday; we can't go back, but we sure can prepare for tomorrow. Our tribal "scribes" await your favourable reply and will deem it an honour to enroll you and yours on the family scrolls of lineage with the greeting: "Cead Mile Failte!" (ancient Gaelic for "A Hundred Thousand Welcomes").

I wish I could fill you in on the many exciting things that are planned for the future. This honour rests on the pens and stamps of they who gave birth/revived this brilliant idea. With a feeling of "shamrock" pride do I bid thee to address all replies and letters of inquiry to:

Ms. Jeanne Dougherty Kitchen, Tribe Secretary

~~2702 Ridgecliffe Drive~~

~~Flint Michigan 48504~~

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And so dear cousin (for you know we are all related), this letter of invitation comes to a close.

We have high hopes of hearing from you, and wish for you only the best that life can bring.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Melley (O'Melley)