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Newsletter 31, Oct. 1998

awarded to
***The O'Dochartaigh of
the World.***

*For Your perseverance and fortitude !
(and in the hope of 31 more issues)
Contents: Changed Reunion dates;
Two Plus Visits; Dedication to Cahir Rua;
The Grounds and Buildings; Fionbarr's Book;*

presented by
**Clann O'Dochartaigh's Family Association,
Ar nDutcas, On the Isle of Inch, The Inishowen,
Donegal, Ireland,
(formerly known as O'Dochartaigh's Island)**

**With information from the combined Reunion Committee of Derry and
Donegal, Ireland.**

ORGANIZING THE "2000TH". GATHERING !

WE ARE RAPIDLY ORGANIZING THE GREAT GATHERING OF THE YEAR 2000 AD. FROM THE 23RD. OF JUNE TO THE 7TH. OF JULY IN THE YEAR ENDING THE GREAT MILLENIUM. DERRY CITY, INCH ISLAND, THE INISHOWEN, COUNTY DONEGAL, COUNTY DERRY, BUNCRANNA, CLONMANY, CULDAFF, MALIN TOWN, MALIN HEAD, CARNDONMAGH, MOVILLE, GREENCASTLE, MUFF, BALLYLIFFEN, ARE MANY OF THE LOCATIONS WHERE THIS EVENT TO END THE CENTURY WITH AND TO BEGIN THE NEW MELLINIUM WILL TAKE PLACE. THE LOCAL COMMITTEES ARE ALL PLANNING ACTIVITIES FOR THEIR VILLAGES. WITH ALL THESE AREAS HOLDING EVENTS YOU WILL BE MOVING AROUND A LOT. FROM DERRY CITY TO MALIN HEAD, THERE WILL BE MANY HAPPENINGS TO REMEMBER FOR A LIFETIME. THE NEXT PAGE WILL SHOW THE TEMPORARY SCHEDULE AS OF 1ST. OCT. 1998.

Send ideas of what you want to see happen in the coming reunion ! We would like to hear from those who tare planning to attend. If, by Oct .of 1999 we have a general idea of numbers, that will help greatly on the Irish side of the ocean. We have a well organized tourist office that can assist with accommodations, also. All the villages and Derry City are planning for this event. Start saving, contacting relatives, telling others of any spelling about this Gathering and seeking some way to help with the financing of this event. Have you any thoughts on that actuality ?

Speaking of help, we are always in need of it, be it outside or in or be it computer chores. You have some skill that we have need of. A lovely place to spend a month or a lifetime. Come home !

Come to the source of: O'Dochartaigh.

NEWSLETTER NUMBER 51,

**Gingrich's Day Agenda 13th
August 1998.....**

From 9:00am, all workers were assembled, awaiting the arrival of our special guests. The excitement was tangible in the air and not even the soft rain could dampen our spirits. Tokens of our appreciation were awarded to Mr. Gingrich and John Hume as follows:

1. Clann Crest by Paddy Joe Doherty.
2. Bog Oak by Mary Oge Doherty.
3. Membership was James Doherty.
4. They received a large, framed and etched picture of all the Clann Forts of Inishowen from Fionnbarra O'Doherty.
5. Genealogy was explained for both of our special guests by the Clann Herald, Pat Dougherty. (Both guests having O'Dochartaigh blood).

6. A beautiful Clann pendant was given by Michael Crossan.

7. Future plans of the Clann was talked of by Vincent Doherty.

A magnificent day enjoyed by all. It was a true honour for our Clann to have been given the opportunity to host two such very nice gentlemen, Newton Gingrich (Speaker of the House of Representatives), and John Hume (Member of Parliament; Leader of Social Democratic Leaders party; Member of the Northern Assembly and a Member of the European Parliament.)

Afterwards, there was a grand occasion at the Guildhall in Derry where Fionbarra and his mother Mary presented leather bound and signed Clann books to them both.

Reunion Particulars

1 Needing to set a date due to the pressure of E-Mail, Headquarters set a time in July, 2000. The Derry Committee set their dates in late June, with many good reasons. We caucused the Web and the vast majority voted for the July date. Thus, we arrived at a compromise. The official dates are now:

2 23 June to 7 July.

We have something to celebrate ! The organising is reaching into all parts of Counties Derry and Donegal. This event will end the old millennium and begin the new. See inside for more.

3 O'Doherty", People and Places"

4 August saw the printing of Fionbarr's Book on Clann O'Dochartaigh. With two launches behind and two to go, we are pleased the way the sale is going. The mailings went out immediately to those who had paid some time ago. This advance payment gave us a budget to assist with the early expenses. We elaborate more later. Our last launch was 15th. Aug. (Omagh bombing day). We held it in Fort O'Doherty, Derry.

5 Two-Plus !

6 Wishing to give some notoriety to a day in August, yet not lessening the importance of all visitors, (we continue); Receiving ample warning of this event,

we were prepared for the entourage of Newt Gingrich on 13th. Aug. He was accompanied by John Hume, (Both their mothers being of our Clann); his lovely wife, then Willy McCarter, (official I.F. I.Rep.) Several security men and many Clann attended. More inside.

7 The Building and Grounds

8 The work in the greenhouse and growing on area paid dividends for the presentation of a lovely view for all visitors this year.

9 Our auld Georgian style manor House takes it's toll on human resources. It demands much labour and finances but is a lovely picture of tranquillity on a picturesque Island in the ancient waters of the Swilly.

10 *It was Time to Honour !*

11 Three hundred and ninety years after the tragedy the Clann memorialises Cahir 'Rua' O'Dogherty He was the last ruling Chief of the Old Gaelic civilisation and is remembered at Ar'nDutcas, Inch Isle. (see Grand Crew)

12 Reunion Committees:

Letters by the hundreds to Clann in the area were met with surprise at bothering at such an early date. But, committees are beginning to form:

Clonmany: None as yet. Derry: Paddy Joe, Sally, James, Carita Kerr, Marcas O'Murchu,

Carndonagh: None as yet.

Culdaff, Benny; Buncrana: Thomas, Rosaline, Seamus, Joe, Whitecastle, Albert; Inish-owen Tourism, Susan, (All the above are Dohertys, unless otherwise stated.

Are you due to send in those yearly Dues ?????

We gain many new members each year but loose a fair number also. So just send a \$20 USA check to cover another year or £6.00 pounds. We are getting fairly well organised and think there is a light at the end when all workers will be well trained and we will stay on top of all these many details. We do hope to get reminder letters out to all addresses in Dec.

September: After a busy summer with many visitors behind us, Sept. came in with a stampede ! We are all so thankful for this grand month. We were able to sell many of Finnbarra's Clann Book, memberships, videos, etc. because of an influx of Clann through our doors. Thank you for visiting our humble Center.

A Grand Crew: A well organised, experienced, crew carried on with a tradition that is becoming expected at Headquarters. An ample fare was provided for all the participants and guests that came to Cahir Rua Memorial dedication. Our M.C. was Paddy 'Joe' with presenters; Finnbarra, Eva Gremmert, Sally Doherty Litchfield, James 'Sausage', Vincent 'Corney' and Paddy 'Herald' with Guest of Honor, 92 year old Mary Doherty. The kitchen aides were all Dohertys except Rose Connelly. They were, Rosie of Arizona, Martha, Derry;

LIFE IN IRELAND BEFORE 1,000

These people living in Ireland were known as *Celts*. A farming people, they came to Ireland from Europe before 150 B.C. and settled under the rule of their kings. The Celts were pagans. In the 400's, they were converted by St. Patrick and other Missionaries. At that time, Ireland was divided into 150 Kingdoms, or *tuatha*, each with its own King, or *ri tuaithe*. Half a million people lived in Ireland then, the Kingdoms were small in size and population.

The Kings

The Kings belonged to the ruling *derbfine*, or family group, of the tuath. The *derbfine* was made up of four generations of males, and each member was eligible to become King. It is hardly surprising that, with so many possible candidates, the choosing of a new King often led to war. None of those who were eligible for the Kingship wanted to give up such an important position without a fight. So much bloodshed, however, soon weakened the *derbfine*, and the custom of choosing a *tanaiste*, or successor, to the king became common. Once a King had been named, everyone in the tuath assembled in the sacred royal site for the ceremony of *king making*. The King was led to a stone seat, set in a group of trees. The King's poet, carrying a rod, placed it in the King's hands. Everyone then shouted the King's name and title. Then the King rose and announced his choice of *tanaiste*. The King was the leader of his tuath in war and peace. The nobles recognised his authority by handing over members of their own *derbfine* as *hostages*. This practice assured the King of his nobles' constant support.

tuatha - kingdom

ri tuaithe - king

derbfine - ruling family

tanaiste - successor to the king

seanachie - poet

The Cineal Conaill, the Early Celt,

The mystique of the Celtic Religion with its romantic emphasis on the fairy and spirit world somewhat subdues the spirituality of these Warrior People. The earliest remnant of Celtic Culture, 800 BC, show an ornamentation style that is wild, imaginative but formalized. Such as decorations of floral patterns & abstract symbols. This was the characteristic of metal, stone work and manuscript illumination in Ireland around 500AD. Example: "The Book of Kells", also called, "Gospel of St. Colm Cille". This book is said to be: Subdued and godless; it's colouring baffling and it's design fearless, with clean unwavering sweep of rounded spiral; the creeping undulations of serpentine forms, makes for an artistic profusion. Throughout the decorations, the strong and legible miniscule of it's text; the quaintness of it's portraits; the unwearied reverence and patient labour that brought it into being are very obvious. The "Book of Kells" is Celtic, indeed. It has been raised to a position of pre-eminence amongst the illuminated manuscripts of the world. St. Colm Cille is of the Cineal Conaill, (Race of Connall), (Sent to Clann Headquarters by), Edward Dougherty, Clann Seanachie. (Copies of this book can be found in most Libraries, view it)

A Tip of the Hat to Seanachie Edward ! Out of County Tyrone came this line of O'Doherty. We wish to honor this Dougherty who has added much to the lore of our Clann and Irish History. Edward is the grandson of John, born 1844, Drumquin, Tyrone. With Edward's help we are able to go back to the mid 1700's on his ancestry. His g'father left Eire in 1872, arrived N.Y. Edward Jr. was raised in Westchester Co., NY, graduating from Fordham Univ. in Business. He worked as an Insurance Auditor but with the war imminent, he volunteered in the Navy, received training, graduating as a commissioned officer, he saw service aboard several Destroyers. He was in on the invasion of both Sicily and Normandy. He was cited for bravery while on the ship 'O'Brien'. Also, Edward and crew painted a 7ft. Shamrock on the ships funnel. He later married and had 2 sons, Edward III and William R. His wife Grace has passed away. We are pleased to state that Edward is in great health and living at the Cosa De Manana, La Jolla, California.

2 Clann productions for sale: Fionbarra's "People and Places" \$22.00 (USA) Mailed to you. Clann T-Shirts Lovely, Large Crest on front: \$15.00 To you.

Inis - Eoghain

Charles Gavan Duffy

God bless the grey
mountains of dark Dun na
nGall,
God bless royal Aileach,
the pride of them all;
For she sits evermore like
a queen on her throne,
And smiles on the valleys
of green Inis - Eoghain,
And fair are the valleys of
green Inis - Eoghain,
And hardy the fishers, that
can call them their own.
A race that nor traitor nor
coward have known
Enjoy the valleys of green
Inis - Eoghain

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Congratulations to Eva Doherty
Gremmert who organised a
gathering of the Clan at
Blackhorse in Oregon. A well
organised and an excellent
event for the following
families: Doherty, McLaughlin,
McDaid and Hiri. Well done
Eva!!

A big Irish "Thank - You" to
Eva and Declan Doherty who
were here on Inch Island this
summer and were a great help
to us on our computers. We
wish they could have stayed
with us longer!!!!

Lady of the Sands

She had a swollen, bloodshot
left eye and a notch between
her teeth. Aged about 50, she
was of the Race, (or Cineal),
Conaill tribe in Donegal and
was buried in a cremation pit
about AD 600 in order for her
family to lay claim to disputed
land. Her grave was uncovered
last year by a bulldozer driver
who was levelling dunes on the
South Donegal coast. Scientists
have gone to exclusive lengths
to reconstruct her features.
She was of high status and pro-
bably from one of the Conaill
Families. Her incisor teeth were
magnified to prove that notches
in them were caused by thread
being repeatedly pulled through
them. A Spinning Expert proves
that this was an occupational
hazard. The Lady of the Sands
brings to life for us a little of 6th.
Century Irish history and folklore,
and gives us an insight into life
of her time. This could well be an
ancestor to the O'Dochartaigh, as
we orginated just north of the
area where the body was located
and we are of the Race of Conaill.

‘A DEADLY FIRE FROM THE CITY WALLS’: SECTARIAN WARFARE IN DERRY, 1920

‘No Surrender- Citadel Conquered After Centuries of Oppression-Overthrow of Ascendancy’: this is how the Derry Journal trumpeted the Unionists’ first ever loss of control over the Londonderry Corporation in January 1920. Alderman Hugh O’Doherty, the city’s first Catholic mayor put in office by the combined vote of Irish Parliamentary Party and Sinn Fein councillors, in his inaugural speech had few words of comfort for local loyalists:

‘ Rest assured that mighty changes are coming in Ireland. Do you Protestants wish to play a part in them? The unionist position is no longer tenable; your leaders are abandoning it...do you not see that English-men are prepared to sacrifice you if they can secure the goodwill of the rest of

Ireland?...Ireland’s right to determine her own destiny will come about whether the Protestants of Ulster like it or not’.

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There is nowhere that can compare With this dearest land of all, From Fanad Shore to the proud Erne’s roar Our own loved Donegal, And may God above bless the land we love, This dear old Donegal.

by: Harry

Percival Swan (author of “Romantic Inishowen” and “Twixt Foyle and Swilly”).

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Remember the romantic mountains of Inishowen, with Slieve Snaght as their highest peak, whilst facing the town in the immediate foreground is the “rosy wee, cosy wee, Island of Inch”.

From: Myron and Elizabeth Farrell Daugherty: Three names on a Civil War Memorial, (the first in USA), at Lancaster, WI., John H. Dougherty, John W. Dougherty and Thomas Dougherty were so inscribed: 4 July,

1867

Facts about Clann and other Irish:

1841: 400,000 Irish born in living in Britain.

1851: 700,000 then in Britain. We see why John Doherty, br. in Bunraha took up the cause of the labouring class in this area. In 1829, he organized a Scot./British coalition and the labour movement was born. For this, he spent time in prison, but later organised a top labour newspaper. He died in 1854, age 55.

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Research: We have tied Families from Cavan, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Down, Armagh, Meath and Tipperary into the royal line. They would be descended from Cahir 'Rua's' brother John.

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A Celtic Lament: (1608)

It is now over for the Princely House of Inishowen and then-chforth Elagh, Burt, Inch and Carrickabraghy, with their loughs, teeming glebes and great forests. They are to know their lords no more.

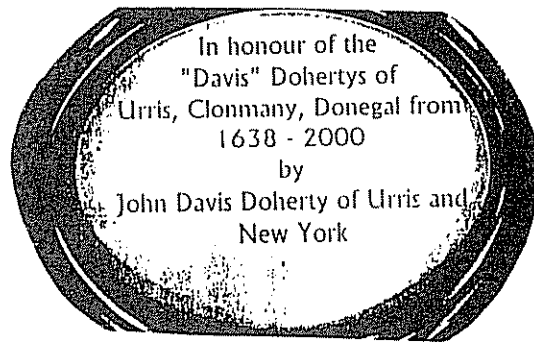
But what is happening today in Inishowen ? "It is with a great hope for the future that I write you this 18th. day of July, 1998. We are all most happy to share with all of you this eventful occasion, even though we are not with you in person. Please be assured that we are with you in spirit and memory. As a descendent of Cahir 'Rua's' brother, we will soon be in the Inishowen to view this grand memorial to him. Our Congratulations for this tribute to him. Your Chieftain, Dr. Ramon O'Dogherty, Cadiz, Spain

That day in July, 390 years after the downfall of the House of O'Dochartaigh ! The pleasant Island of Inch: Flowers galore, (from showy beds to bright containers), a soft breeze, a delightful Clann, sparkling waters, Dohertys making historical remarks and all here paying tribute to a young man that tried to hold his land and his family together against oppression. It may have happened almost 400 years late, but it has happened and without fear from a government, without any sign of repression. This has occurred because of the sacrifices of centuries of Irish people. NOW, we, as a Clann, are on the move. "To repossess our "Grand Heritage" !

The 'Davis' Doherty's, (Urris).

We are happy to possess much Genealogy on this illustrious Sept. We have had a wonderful relationship through the last 14 years with John, the Patriarch, of the 'Davis' Family. A staunch supporter of our Clann and a Poet extraordinary. We are in possession of most of his work. We are so sorry to tell all our readers that John has passed away. This September, in his 91st. year, John left us while living in New York, USA. We send our most sincere condolences to his large family scattered all over the world. We have all lost a grand and able family member.

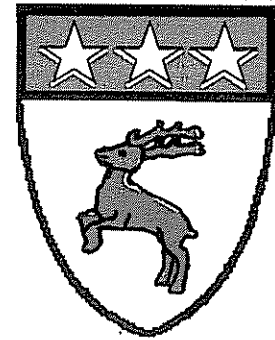
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This is a sample of the plaque that John had placed on the Cahir 'Rua' Memorial this fall. We are honoured to do this. John now takes his well earned place in the Archives of the Clann O' Dochartaigh. May he 'Rest in Peace'. He has bestowed so much peace and enjoyment on us all over many decades.

O'Dochartaigh The Race of Conal

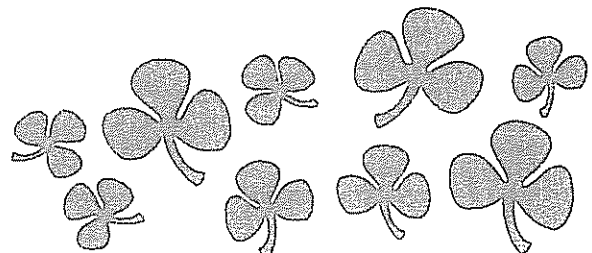
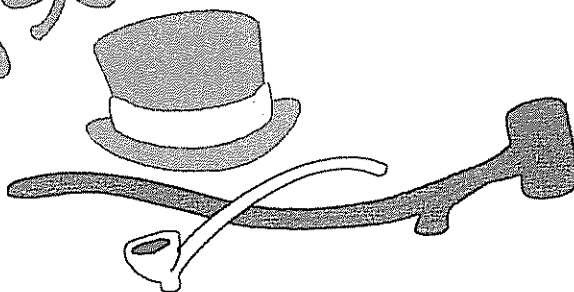
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Why a Clann Centre??

1. To gather our remarkable history.
2. To amass and input the genealogy of the family
3. To acquaint members with the area of their origin
4. To promote family reunions every 5 years
5. To encourage tourism in the area of Inishowen
6. To encourage Clann to return and reside here
7. To interest local Clann in the above purposes
8. To publish a Clann Newsletter 3 times a year
9. Publish number 31 32 and 33 in 1998/99
10. To combine our edition with an American Edition
11. Publish a major Clann History in 1997
12. To manage a deciduous tree nursery for planting out on O'Doherty land in Ireland
13. To originate and maintain a botanical garden at Headquarters
14. To accomplish the above activities with volunteer workers
15. Continue to sell shares in the Clann Headquarters
16. Maintain the Manor House at Clann Headquarters
17. To remain solvent through it all

Clann Headquarters, Inch
Island, the Inishowen, Eire.



Reunion 2000 AD.
"Chiefs of Inishowen"

O'Dochartaigh Festival

<23, June to the 7, July>	
Friday 23rd.	Fri. 30th.
Derry Day	Carndonagh
Sat. 24th.	Sat. 1st.
Sept. Day	Buncrana Day
Sun. 25th.	Sun. 2nd.
Griaman Day (Ailach)	Inch Day (Headquarters)
Mon. 26th.	Mon. 3rd.
Carndonagh	Malin Day
Tues. 27 th.	Tues. 4th.
Clonmany Day	East Inishowen Day
Wed. 28th.	Wed. 5th.
Buncrana Day	Open Day
Thur. 29 th.	Thur. 6th.
Open Day	Derry City Closing

Homeward Bound

Friday, 7 July

"O'Dochartaigh"
Ar nDuteas-Inch Isle
County Donegal
Republic of Ireland

TO: