

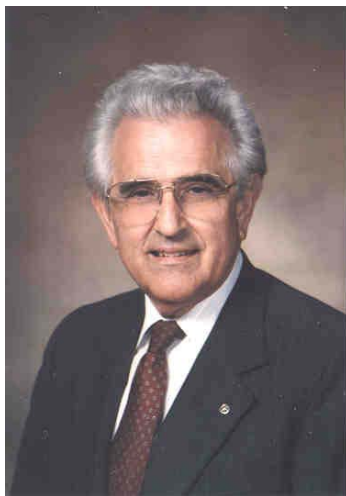


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Not long ago we were not much different than many other clans who were scattered, directionless and ignorant of their astonishing heritage and their inability to influence the next generation.

Many of us began to change this. See our story unfold beginning on page two.



Know Your Clan History:

O'Dochartaigh Origins By Mike "Doc" Dougherty (New Hampshire)

More than 30 centuries ago, the Celts ventured westward. Myths and history have traced them from the borderlands of Europe, through the Alps and Pyrenees to those offshore islands, of which Ireland is the most distant. The westernmost of the Celtic peoples, the Gaels, called their new land "Eiriú" or "Eire". The Gaels were not the first inhabitants of Ireland, but it was the Gaels who shaped it and were shaped by it, and in Ireland they became Irish.

An island ringed by mountains and cliffs, Ireland's people were encouraged to think of themselves as a distinct people. The Irish social and political system, based upon kinship, kept the country divided among its many clans, each under its own chief. These tribal territories gradually grew into larger kingdoms, Ulster in the north, Munster

in the south, Leinster in the east and Connacht in the west. The high kingship of all of Ireland remained an elusive prize, held only intermittently.

The Inishowen Peninsula is triangular in shape, flanked on the east by Lough Foyle and on the west by Lough Swilly; projecting from the north coast into the Atlantic ocean is Malin Head, the most northerly point in Ireland. The landscape is composed of rugged mountains covered in blanket bog, terminating along the coast in steep cliffs or broad sweeps of sand. Flocks of sheep graze the stony ground. In the fishing villages the traditional cabins are roofed with thatch, tied down with ropes against the wind.

The peninsula is named after a son of Niall of the nine hostages, Eoghain, who was a contempo-

rary of St. Patrick in the fifth century. The Vikings made several raids but were expelled. By the fifteenth century the last ruling (continued on page 3)



Who so ever asks me of my birth – I will tell them I am born of Irish Princes who ruled in Donegal a thousand years ago; that I am descended from the High Kings of Ireland, and my name is from the Clann O'Dochartaigh!

Know Your Family: Martin Joseph Darity

Dateline: Montgomery, Alabama

My Grand granddaddy was Michael Darity; He came from Ireland in the mid-1850 with his brother Patrick Darity. Michael Darity married Malinda Delana Nobles and had one child, My Granddaddy, Thomas Martin Darity. He was born near Danville, GA. 1867.

Thomas Martin Darity married Nancy Janie Lynn (b. 1877)(d. 1907). Both are buried at Cool Spring Primitive Baptist Church in Danville, Twigg County Georgia, just out side of Bleckley County line.

Michael Darity left with his brother Patrick in 1868 looking for work and never came back. We don't know what happen.

We have not been able to trace our heritage to any location in Ireland. Many, if not most of the Doughertys (125 different spelling) root spelling "O'Dochartaigh" came from Derry and Donegal Counties Ireland.

Thomas Martin Darity had 12 children and they all lived in a round Macon, GA. except Hilton Martin Darity who moved to the Orlando, FL. Area. (continued on page 3)



By Cameron Dougherty

Editorial

If the news of our existence has just reached you for the first time, we of the Clan O'Dochartaigh welcome you, and each one of your family, to our world of "Family Groups", "Circa", "Nationalization Records", "Censuses", "Immigration", "New Beginnings", and "Citizenship". If you are already a member or long-time friend, then you know the thrill and wonder of our group and the unique strength and dedication pledged by each member to our clan's goals.

Do you not agree that genealogy research opens our eyes, ears, hearts and mind to the voices of the past? From those courageous immigrants who left Ireland to new frontiers, there's a message that rings down through the ages to us, from not many generations past, that hardships can be overcome, carving out a new nation takes sacrifices and hard work, moreover establishing a strong nation takes commitment and cooperation. Call us strange, but we take these messages to heart.

Members of the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association will give no less of our energy to discover more about the struggles and hopes of our ancestors. We will do it in the same

spirit that they had shown to us, with all of our commitment and cooperation.

To this end, we have formed this association to bring each descendant of the ancient Irish O'Dochartaigh family together to share the discoveries of family history, to unite against the struggles to find individual lineages, to train each new generation and to document what we have found so no O'Dochartaigh clan member will ever have to live without the full understanding of all their previous family.

To accomplish the necessary research, obtain the knowledge and understanding of our origins as well as those who have lived before us, we have come to realize that it takes a clan to research a clan. If you are of similar persuasion, then please heed the following invitation:

"To all descendants of the ancient O'Dochartaigh clan, you are welcome to join us, share with us, learn with us, and carve out new land from which we can raise the next generations. Your added commitment will put us all the more closer."

Let me leave you to enjoy the e-newsletter, but first I want to tell you that the thing I love the most about genealogy is learning about the great people who have lived before us and what love and determina-

tion they embodied. This is the next level that the clan will be moving to. We need to document our family stories, before we lose anymore. It's the stories that will speak to our children and us, not looking at a family tree. For example, look closer at Martin's account of his genealogy research. Are you not left with wanting to know more? His great-grandfather moved from Ireland to Georgia just at the beginning of the North/South friction. Enduring the difficulties of that great time of suffering, he had to keep his family fed, warm and safe. Then leaving his family to look for work, never to return home again and his loved ones wondering what accident or illness befell him. Melinda, having become a single mother with a one-year-old child, was forced to raise their son in the bleakest of times. This story, and thousands of others, needs to be preserved. I have asked Martin to go back to his desk and provide us with our very first story. I hope we have it to share with you soon.

What can you do? Please take to heart the need that we have for you in this organization. There is a place and need for everyone. Our focus over the next couple of e-newsletters will be about our organization's goals, structure and most critical needs. Please consider joining and participating.

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Know Your Clan Association History

The clan grew out of a national emphasis of a lot of smaller pre-existing statewide and family-wide groups in the mid 1960's organized by my Pat Dougherty (MI).

The largest of these groups, which was run by Stan Daugherty, was lo-

cated in Ontario Canada, which provided much of our structure and leadership. After much hard work and expense in contacting several thousand Dohertys, the group started taking shape in the mid 1970's. It was then, and still was even most recently, been the work of only a few indi-

viduals. However, make no mistake about this, it certainly lacked no enthusiasm from many thousand Dohertys. Early on Pat had started to attend many of the local reunions held around the country, but it wasn't until he started to include "business" (continued on page 7)

Martin Darity (cont.)

We are trying to contact as many Daritys as we can to see if and how we may be connected.

Betty, my wife and I attended the International O'Dochartaigh Clann Reunion in Ireland June/July 2000. We are working with the organizers for the 2005 O'Dochartaigh Clann Reunion. This reunion is held every five years. We met a lot of wonderful friendly persons and would encourage anyone to get in touch with the headquarters in Bunrana, County Donegal, Ireland and/or the different available websites in USA and Canada.

The Thomas Martin Darity Family & Friends Reunion is held every 2nd. Saturday in August near Danville, GA. about 125 miles south of Atlanta I-16. You, your families and friends are always invited to attend. Contact me for more information.

I would appreciate you contacting

me with information about your family genealogy.

I grew up in Macon, Georgia attended local schools and the University of Georgia. Our family operated retail grocery stores. I worked with the Campbell Soup Company before getting into the broadcasting and advertising business. Served as Alabama State Travel Director under two Governors and served twice in Washington DC as Assistant Secretary of Tourism with the U.S. Department of Commerce.

During my tour of duty with the State and Federal Governments, I was privileged to speak in all 50 States and several foreign countries.

While in Washington DC I learn of the O'Dochartaigh Clann reunions and was invited to go to Ireland to help set-up the 1995 reunion. Betty, my wife and I participated in the 2000 Reunion and met so many wonderful people from around the world. We maintain contact with many of the reunion

members today.

My family and I have been doing a great deal of research and everyone has been very helpful. So if you are interested in tracing your own family heritage, this is the place to start. Don't wait! Get started now.

If you have not contacted a member of the O'Dochartaigh Clann Association, I would suggest you do so TODAY. You will be so glad you did and you will meet some of the nicest, friendly, lovable and caring people you will ever have the pleasure of knowing. And they all are so willing to help.

Janie (Darity) Townsend (JGrandmaT@aol.com), my sister, is the record keeper and researcher for the Thomas Martin Darity Family & Friends Reunion. She keeps track of all family members and is in continual contact with most of them. "I try to gather all the names and email addresses I can, and additional information. I am also willing to share my information with anyone

who is interested" said Janie (Darity) Townsend.

"This truly is a labor-of-love and I am having so much fun contacting people from around the world". She continues "And I am learning more and more everyday. I highly recommend this to everyone. Try it, you will like it."

I don't know what our family would do without Janie's research and contacts. If you want to know anything about our family, Janie (Darity) Townsend would love to hear from you.

Make your plans now to get involved in the O'Dochartaigh Association and by all means start making plans to attend the 2005 Reunion...I will be looking for you there.

May God continue to bless our families.

Love To All, Martin J. Darity (mdarity@charter.net)

O'Dochartaigh Origins (cont.)



chieftain of Inishowen, Sir Cahir O'Doherty, was killed by the British at Kilmacrennan in 1608 after mounting a rebellion to restore Gaelic rule. This opened the way for Sir Arthur Chichester's, England's Lord Deputy in Ireland, Scottish and British Planation.

In the north end of Bunrana (Bun Crannacha), a seaside resort in Donegal, an old six-arched bridge spanning the Cranna River leads to the O'Doherty's Keep. Around 1410, castles were built at Burt, Inch, Elagh, Culmacatraine and Bunrana. In 1601 the O'Doherty's Keep was described as being a small, two story castle, inhabited by Conor McGarret O'Doherty. In 1602 it was upgraded by Hugh Boy O'Doherty as an intended base for Spanish military aid that hoped to land at Inch. In 1608, after being insulted by the Governor of Derry, Sir Cahir

O'Doherty, (the last Gaelic Chieftan of Inis Eoghain), rallied his troops here as it was more secluded than his at Burt. He then marched south, captured Culmore Fort, and sacked Derry; the Governor of Derry paid with his life. Cahir was forced to withdraw and some months later he was killed. As a reprisal the Keep was burned, but the walls stood, and the interior was rebuilt soon after. The confiscated lands went to Sir Arthur Chichester who leased them to Sir Henry Vaughan. He modified the Keep and his family lived on here until the new castle was built in 1718.

In 1718, Bunrana Castle was built by George Vaughan, it was the earliest of the big houses in Inis Eoghain. The word 'castle' was used in this period for any large, non-ecclesiastical, stone building. Using stone from the old

surrounding 'bawn' wall of O'Doherty's Keep for its construction. It was erected on the original site of Bunrana, which had grown up in the shadow of the keep, Vaughan moved the town to its present location, where he laid out the main street and built Castle Bridge (a six-arched stone single lane bridge) in 1718. Wolfe Tone was held there when captured after the British/French naval battle off Donegal, before being taken to Derry (Londonderry) then on to Dublin. The castle is still a private house today. In the forecourt there is a gravestone in honor of Sir Cahir O'Doherty, and a plaque to Wolfe Tone.

There are many spellings of the surname DOUGHERTY. Regardless of which one you use there are at least a dozen versions apart from with or without the 'O'. (continued on page 6)

Upcoming Articles

- Genealogy "How-To" guide.
- Genealogy beginner guide, kits, forms and tools.
- Genealogy on the Internet with helpful links and census data.
- Celtic, Irish, Welsh and Scottish history.
- Family history "How-To" and beginner guides and journaling.
- Great Book reports.



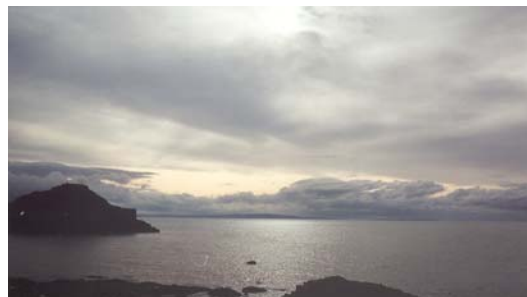
Oh, The Irish Ego.....

Saddam Hussein was sitting in his office wondering whom to invade next when his telephone rang. "Hallo! Mr. Hussein," a heavily accented voice said. "This is Paddy down in County Cavan, Ireland. I am ringing to inform you that we are officially declaring war on you!" "Well, Paddy," Saddam replied, "This is indeed important news! Tell me, how big is your army?" "At this moment in time," said Paddy after a moment's calculation, "there is myself, my cousin Sean, my next door neighbor Gerry, and the entire dominoes team from the pub -- that makes 8!" Saddam sighed. "I must tell you Paddy that I have one million

men in my army waiting to move on my command." "Begorra!", said Paddy, "I'll have to ring you back!" Sure enough, the next day Paddy rang back. "Right Mr. Hussein, the war is still on! We have managed to acquire some equipment!" "And what equipment would that be, Paddy?" Saddam asked. "Well, we have two combine harvesters, a bulldozer and Murphy's tractor from the farm." Once more Saddam sighed. "I must tell you, Paddy, that I have sixteen thousand tanks, fourteen thousand armored personnel carriers, and my army has increased to one and a half million since we last spoke." "Really?!" said Paddy "I'll have

to ring you back!" Sure enough, Paddy rang again the next day. "Right Mr. Hussein, the war is still on! We have managed to get ourselves airborne! We've modified Ted's ultra-light with a couple of rifles in the cockpit and the bridge team has joined us as well!" Saddam was silent for a minute, then sighed. "I must tell you Paddy that I have ten thousand bombers, twenty thousand MiG nineteen attack planes, my military complex is surrounded by laser-guided surface-to-air missile sites, and since we last spoke, my army has increased to two million." "Faith and begorra!",

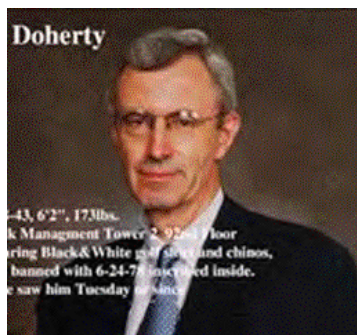
said Paddy, "I'll have to ring you back." Sure enough, Paddy called again the next day. "Right Mr. Hussein, I am sorry to tell you that we have had to call off the war." "I'm sorry to hear that," said Sad-



An Irish Sunset Over Lough Swilly from Inishowen

dam. "Why the sudden change of heart?" "Well," said Paddy "We've all had a chat, and there's no way we can feed two million prisoners."

Among Those Who Died on 9/11/01 was John Doherty



Name: John J. Doherty
Age: 58
Residence: Hartsdale, NY, United States
Occupation: Vice President, Aon Corp.
Location: World Trade Center, Tower 2
Tributes and Information:

Mr. Doherty, 58, was a vice president for Aon in the trade center. Mary Doherty, Mr. Doherty's wife, said that on Sundays, Mr. Doherty and Barbara, his eldest daughter, who was born with developmental disabilities, would travel from their home in Harts-

dale, N.Y., to a driving range. In the summers, Mr. Doherty took Barbara, now 16, and Maureen, his other daughter, now 13, for walks in Vermont. "He would take the girls into the woods and find them walking sticks and skip rocks across mountain streams with them," Mrs. Doherty said.

John, How can I ever forget you!!! Watching you grow up when I was your sister, Irene's buddy, back in the 50s when we lived in West Medford, Mass. Your dear parents were great friends of my parents. What fun times we all had in those days. John I know you are with your parents and dear sister, Irene in peace. May God watch over your dear wife, Mary and your two dear daughters. My prayers and thought remain with you.

Nancy Abbott-Kiely (Ft. Myers, FL)
 January 25, 2002

If you knew John, his laugh was definitely memorable (and loud). I will miss having a "glass of white wine" and laughing with him, Mary and the girls!
 Kate Boland (Hingham, MI)
 February 3, 2002

I grew up with John and went through school with him in West Medford, MA. I also had the pleasure to participate with him on numerous athletic fields and on the ski slopes of Vermont. A fine man and I'm sure he was a great husband and father. We will all miss him, however, we will never forget him.

Chad Aston (Westwood, MA)
 September 12, 2002

I can't even begin to tell all the funny times we shared back when he and Mar (as he called Mary) first got married.

Richard Vialard (Secaucus, NJ)
 December 14, 2001

I graduated from Medford [Mass.] High School, Class of 1961, with John. John and I probably went to a prom or a spring dance during those high school years. John was a sweet and wonderful person as would all his classmates attest. John was devoted to his mother. (My mom wisely said this was a sign of good character).

Our class reunion held a moment of silence for John in November of this year, and there were lots of tears to be seen. I am glad that I knew John and that he turned out to be an accomplished executive. I'm not surprised that he was such a good husband and Dad. I extend my condolences to his family and friends.

Barbara (Cotter) DiFranza (Salinas, CA)
 January 15, 2002

In case you haven't noticed, we are on the internet. There is no reason now for any of us to not know what's going on, or feel out-of-touch. These sites can be places to meet others, socialize, work and support each other. They can be places to leave questions, comments or ideas. They can be places where everyone can actively participate, that is, if you take us up on our offer. They can be places where we can do all those things we have always done so well, but now we can do them even better.

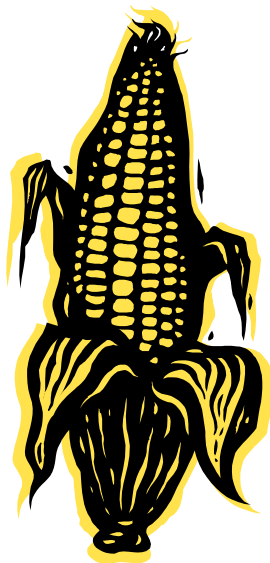
Since, our sites can be whatever we make them, it our hope that they become a place where we can all benefit and discover new things. A place which will cause the association to grow more rapidly, more intelligently and more interactively.

Look for the clan leadership announcements, and tips for your trip to Ireland. It will be your best source for developments of our clan's next "Grand Reunion" to be held in Ireland during 2005. You won't want to miss this. Remember, some events have limited seating, and last time we sold these events out. Don't miss out this time!

We're on the Web!
www.odochartaigh.org
www.dohertyclann.homestead.com
www.members.aol.com/doughertym

Committees Forming

- Newsletter Committee * Rules & Regulations * Genealogy Committee
 Legal Committee * Advertising Committee * Membership Records
 Welcoming Committee * New Membership * Website Committee
 Reunion 2005 * Fund Raising * Merchandising * Finance/Budget
 Charities/Sponsorships/Grants/Financial Aid * Family History
 Historical Preservation * Advancement of Irish Culture



O'Dochartaigh Origins (cont.)

All of these, however, have their roots in the Finn River Valley, 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 fifteenth in the list of 100 most common Irish surnames. The motto of our coat of arms is Ar nDuthchas (for my heritage). There is much evidence at hand to show that this coat of arms can also be linked to the

MacDevitt, McDaid's, McDades and the Bradleys, to name a few.

The O'Dochartaigh Clann originated in Inishowen and got their name from Dochartach, son and heir of Maongal, the grandson of Fianan, Lord of Inishowen, was the third son of Ceannafoala, prince of Tir Conaill, and the twelfth in lineal descent from Conall Gulban.



Please don't forget to send in your annual membership dues.

Computer Chuckles

- Home is where you hang your @.
- Too many clicks spoil the browse.
- There's no place like home.com.
- A user and his leisure time is soon parted.
- What boots up must come down.
- A journey of a thousand sites begins with a single 'click'.
- Give a man a fish and you fed him for a day. Teach him to use the Net and he won't bother you for weeks.

Note: We are a "clan" and refer to ourselves as such, but our name keeps the "old" Celtic spelling of "clann".

Clan History (cont.)

meetings with these organizers that several others caught the vision of a national, and maybe even an international group. Out of these efforts came concerns over lack of finances and the widespread lack of knowledge about our clan history. So to counter these concerns it was agreed to implement both annual dues and an annual (soon semi-annual) newsletter. But, as most of these sorts of groups go, many people were paying their dues inconsistently, at best.

The love of history and discovery of genealogical data carried the banner for many of the clan. *What amazing discoveries we had, too!* What an impact the newsletters had on many. Imagine daily discoveries of past Doherty events, Doherty heroism, and Doherty origins and about the lives of current Dohertys around the world. The group was alive with a passion for learning more and more. During these years, I had the pleasure to witness hundreds of new members joining. To a person, they were blown away. It was an exciting time, to say the least.

It was time to go national. The dream had already been there, all that was needed was setting the date. The popular phrase "You build it, they're come" never applied to anything more closely. And they came. The historic year was 1981. Hundreds came to Michigan for a beautiful two evening, one-day event which allowed people who had only recognized each other by their handwriting (remember handwriting?) got to meet face-to-face. You can sort of tell it's a success when you run out of shirts, hats, pens, pennants, books, pictures, etc.

During the 1981 reunion, we were given a challenge by a guest of ours from Ireland, who latter turned out to be one of our strongest rallying leaders among the Irish people. He told us "If you want to be an Irish Clan, you should hold these in Ireland." Paddy "Bogside" Doherty was right, and we knew it the moment he spoke those fateful words.

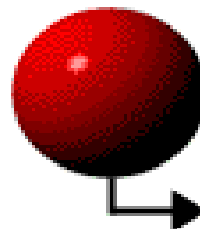
Wheels started rolling again. We were on a mission. We wanted to be in Ireland in 1985, and we didn't want a disappointing performance. Part way through the planning Pat got tired of all the necessary traveling and decided to move to Ireland so the clan would have facilities to host the great gathering. Some members raised funds to purchase a large manor in Ireland called the Inch house. With all the activity going on it was turned into a war room. We had genealogy data coming in from all corners of the world and millions of Irish records literally in our backyard. We also immediately started to prepare for the influx of Dohertys from around the world. When the grand event arrived, there were parades, there were banquets, there were lectures, theatre, concerts, and tours and there were thousands of Dohertys coming in on the wings of prayers. They were coming in from Australia, Boston, New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Scotland, Canada, Europe and South America.

We estimated the number of locals and tourist to be 10,000. Not a bad showing.

What about 1990, we asked ourselves. Can we top this? We did in significance, but not quite in numbers. We had developed our genealogy records enough to determine our clan chieftain from following the descendants of our last chieftain's family (since our last chieftain died childless after mounting a rebellion against the English in 1608). Our traditional crowning ceremony was filmed by the BBS. The reunion's attendance was very good, but not as high in number of people. There were a significant number of people who were first time attendees. All had a marvelously great time. The feedback was exhilarating to read.

As the years flew by, the clann grew in work and we needed to acquire full time staff. Our presence and ministry grew even deeper and wider. We were in homes, libraries, cemeteries, businesses, schools, other institutions of learning and places of government gaining impressive ground on our genealogical research, but also local Irish history. We soon became providers of data and history for a number of other clans. We even found Irish maps being published showing the location of our clan HQ. Literally, we were on the map.

(to be continued in a future issue)



Know Your Irish History: "The Later Penal Laws"

When fire and sword had signally failed to suppress the Irish race new means to that end must be found. So the fertile mind of the conqueror invented the Penal Laws. The object of the Penal Laws was threefold ;

1. To deprive the Catholics of all civil life
2. To reduce them to a condition of most extreme and brutal ignorance
3. To dissociate them from the soil

The Penal Laws enacted or re-enacted in the new era succeeding the siege of Limerick, when under the pledged faith and honor of the English crown, the Irish Catholics were to be "protected in the free and un-

fettered exercise of their religion", provided amongst other things that:

The Irish Catholic was forbidden the exercise of his religion.

- * He was forbidden to receive education.
- * He was forbidden to enter a profession.
- * He was forbidden to hold public office.
- * He was forbidden to engage in trade or commerce.
- * He was forbidden to live in a corporate town or within five miles thereof.
- * He was forbidden to own a horse of greater value than five pounds.
- * He was forbidden to purchase land.
- * He was forbidden to lease land.
- * He was forbidden to vote.
- * He was forbidden to keep any arms for his protection.
- * He was forbidden to hold a life annuity.
- * He could not be guardian to a child.
- * He could not attend catholic worship.
- * He could not himself educate his child.

From the Pen of Tom Dougherty (Wisconsin)

My first experience with the O'Dochartaigh Clann was just after finishing my business degree at the University of Wisconsin nearly four years ago. I received from my parents the greatest graduation gift a person could receive, a 10 day vacation in Ireland. Before my trip, I had studied my family genealogy, hoping to visit various places that my ancestors would have lived or socialized. In the age of the internet, my studies brought me to the O'Dochartaigh Clann's web site. This site assisted me in reaching other genealogical sources and explained some very interesting history about the O'Dochartaigh heritage.

My plan for the trip was to experience as much of the beautiful country of Ireland as

I could. In the middle of the itinerary, there was a doubtful space that I simply labeled, Donegal. This "space" became the most influential and memorable time of my trip. Somehow I figured out that the Dublin post office would have phone books of other counties, and I was able to look up Patrick Dougherty's number in Bunrana. Patrick graciously invited me up to stay at the headquarters, where I learned more about the Clan and the O'Dochartaigh heritage. I cannot overstate the importance of understanding my family history and being one with that history as I walked through the country that my ancestors lived in. This part of my Ireland experience taught me not only about the beginnings of the O'Dochartaighs, but also revealed the incredible human spirit of the current O'Dochartaighs.

I wanted to get involved and share the human spirit of Ireland and the O'Dochartaighs. Up until a few months ago, I felt that it would be very difficult to assist the Clan from across the Atlantic in the United

The law soon came to recognize an Irishman in Ireland only for the purpose of repressing him. The Volunteer movement in the 1780's first began to take the edge off Protestant prejudice. In the year 1793, an Act was passed relieving the Catholics of many of their disabilities - in theory at least. Another thirty-six years were to elapse before the next step was taken, under compulsion from the O'Connell agitation, and the Act known as Catholic Emancipation made law.

Source: http://www.ireland.org/irl_hist/hist33.htm

States. On April 28, 2002, I received an email that sparked my attention, "Newly formed O'Dochartaigh Clann worldwide," from Cameron Dougherty. To say the rest was history would not be as accurate as saying the rest was the future. Seeing that through the internet and with Cameron's valuable leadership, the Clan would thrive on long distance involvement, I did what any other O'Dochartaigh would have done. I volunteered my services anywhere that I could be of use.

It has been a privilege to see the Clan in the United States progress from an idea to the exciting, momentous group that it is now. After working with some of the great O'Dochartaighs in this group, and after my experiences with my family history, Irish history, and the O'Dochartaigh human spirit, I cannot imagine a more fulfilling way to spend my time.

Sincerest Regards,
Tom Dougherty