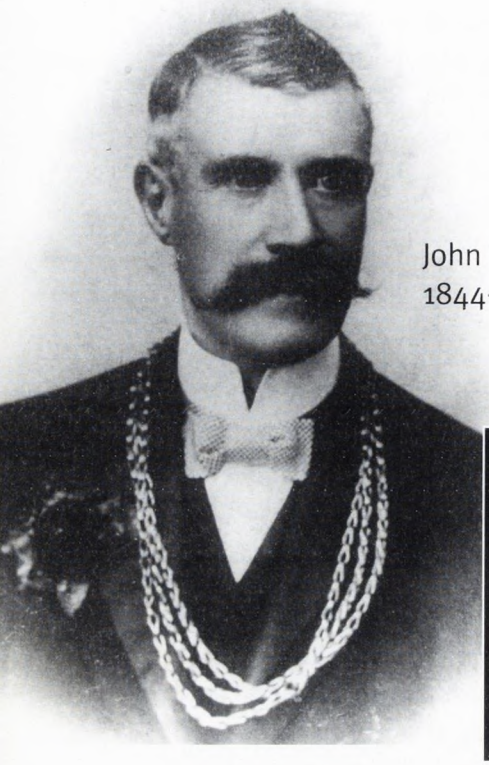
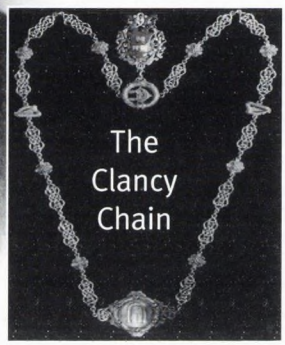
MacClancy Clan Honour Forbear in Dublin



John Clancy
1844-1915





THE MACCLANCY CLAN ASSOCIATION held its annual gathering in Dublin this year and it was one of the most successful to date.

On Saturday the 19th September the members had tea at the Mansion House where they were guests of the Lord Mayor–Joe Doyle. There they honoured one of their forbears–John Clancy, who was born in Carrignagat, Co. Sligo in 1844. John went to Dublin in the early 1860's where he was involved in the Fenian movement and spent several periods in prison.

One of the most daring events of his life was in 1890 when he single handedly arranged the escape of John Dillon and William O'Brien. He succeeded in smuggling both leaders aboard a small trawler–the St. Patrick–at Dalkey and under cover of darkness set sail for Cherbourg, which they reached safely. After a few days rest, they set out for New York and John sailed back to Dublin.

John was a life long supporter and friend of Charles Stewart Parnell and campaigned vigorously for him especially after the split. When Parnell died in 1891, John played a big part in arranging his funeral and burial in Glasnevin cemetery. John's wife Elizabeth was one of the women who later looked after the grave.

John was Lord Mayor Elect of Dublin when he died suddenly at his home in Clontarf in 1915. A short time before the people of Dublin had presented him with a gold chain of office–The Clancy Chain–which is still worn today by the Deputy Lord Mayor and occasionally by the Lord Mayor as it is lighter than the official one and therefore more comfortable. On this occasion the Lord Mayor, Joe Doyle honoured the Clan by wearing the chain.

A special guest was Mrs Phyllis Seigne, a grand daughter of John Clancy, who was presented with a copy of *"The Ancient Family of MacFhlannchadha (Clancy) of Dartry"*, by the author Maria Glancy. A brief talk on the life of John was given by Clan Chieftain, Eamonn Clancy.

On Saturday evening the group had dinner at the Mont Clare Hotel and on Sunday they visited the National Museum at Collins Barracks where they met the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands, Síle de Valera. Bob and Carol Clancey from Pensacola, Florida, flew over specially for the weekend, as did Rick Richardson from Memphis Tennessee.

1 *MacClancy Clan members outside Mansion House, Dublin*
3 *Mrs Phyllis Seigne, Lord Mayor of Dublin Joe Doyle, wearing the "Clancy Chain" and Clan Chieftain Eamonn Clancy*
4 *Diarmuid MacFhlannchadha, Cork & Rick Richardson, USA.*
5 *Maria Glancy, Mrs Phyllis Seigne, Maura Clancy, Assistant Chief Inspector in the Dept of Education.*
6 *Lydia, Mrs Eamonn Clancy with & Carol Clancy*
7 *Annette and Eoin O Ceallaigh, Kathleen & Tomas O Baoil & Sean O Ceallaigh*
8 *Kitty and Sean Sweeney, with Eamonn Clancy & his daughter Mary*
9 *Rick Richardson, Memphis & Lydia, Mrs Eamonn Clancy*
10 *P J Clancy & friend*
11 *John, Darragh, Barbara, Maria & Niall Clancy*
12 *Bob & Carol Clancy, Florida with Chieftain Eamonn Clancy*
13 *Ms Síle de Valera & Maria Glancy*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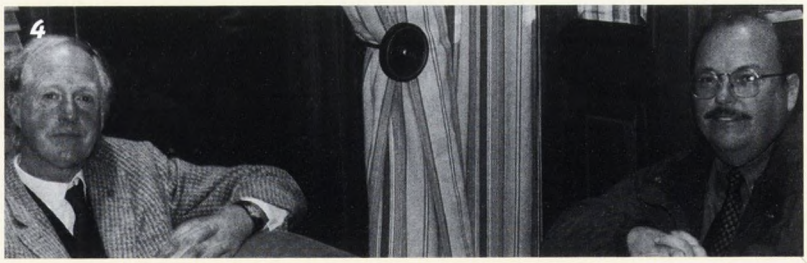
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