



DEDICATED TO
ALAXANDAIR OG DE YLE, k.1299 - 3RD CHIEF OF CLAN DONALD - OF THE SCOTS HIGHLANDS & ISLES.

“THE VERY FIRST MAN”



OF HIS IRISH ‘CLANN ALAXANDAIR MACDONNELL’, NOBILIS ARD CONSTAPLA,
HIGH CONSTABLES OF TRYONE-ARMAGH, MAYO, WICKLOW-LAOIS (TINNAKILL).

MACDONNELL “SCOTTICI ROYAL GALLOGLAIGH”
c.1318-1640, IRELAND - WERE PROFESSIONAL ARMIES OF **AXEMEN**,
LED BY HERIDITARY HIGH CONSTABLES TO GAELIC KINGS OF IRELAND,
GREAT EARLS OF KILDARE & THE KING/QUEEN OF ENGLAND.
“CONSTABLES OF THE PALE” - “GENEROSI & PRINCIPALL GENTELMEN”
including *Macdonnells of Ballydonnell and Raheendonnell – Leinster Province.*

(A) **County TRYONE** : Dean of Armagh, Emann Og Macdonnell, “*Nobilis*” of Donaghmore, postulated for
Archbishop, Primate of Ireland (Armagh, St Patrick’s See) by Hugh, The Great O’Neill, upon selection by the Chapter, c.1590.

“They were the noble sons of a valiant father, scions of a noble line.”
“The Galloglaigh are tall of stature, big of limb, burly of body, well and strongly timbered, of more than ordinary strength.”

(B) **County LEIX-LAOIS** : **THE TINNAKILL DUANAIRE**, c.1600 (Trinity College Dublin MS 1340). 85 HIGHLY PRIZED, MANY UNIQUE,
EXCLUSIVELY RELIGIOUS BARDIC POEMS in the “Bardic-Franciscan” tradition, on sheepskin parchment. “*Reflecting primarily the ideals of the Observant Reform, more fitting for an ecclesiastic than a Constable of Galloglass*”. “*Celtica Vol XI*; 1976”. (incl., poem on Corpus Christi; Holy Cross Abbey and its famous *True Cross* relic). The patron was Chief, Aodh (Hugh) Buidhe Macdonnell, 8th of Leinster (wife, Mary O’Moore). Collated also is a praise poem to Hugh Buidhe and brother Alexander, c.1570, “*Le dis cuirthea clú Laighean*” of 36 quatrains, eg : “*Islay’s host - this race of Conn (‘of 100 Battles’) - the wondrous host of the bright-sailed ships first took the shore of every territory; Aodh’s horses maul the bodies of warriors - a wall of axe-bearing troops; all will abide by their oaths to Colla’s descendants - as though the royal tax were in their charter*”. Included are learned poems brought down from the Mayo Macdonnells on :- (1) Clan Donald’s Irish birthplace in “*Airgialla ardmora uaisle*” (Carthend’s lands, Tir-Keeran near Saint Columba’s Derry on the River Foyle); (2) a ‘census’, genealogy, of the seed (Siol) of the clan’s 4th century ancestor, High King **Colla Uais** (*The Noble, of The Three Collas*), in “*Eisð re seanchas Siol gColla*”. There is also a poem on the prerogatives of their cousins, the Antrim MacDonnells, “*Cuimhnigh sochar Siol gColla*”.

COLONEL JAMES MACDONNELL, 10th of LEINSTER, d.1661, London. Patent from King Charles 1, 1637 as :- **LORD OF THE MANOR AND CASTLE OF TIGH NA COILLE — TINNAKILL, QUEENS COUNTY**: “*Its castellans of old derived from an illustrious and chivalrous race - whose Chiefs were styled “Lords of the Isles.”* He was *Burgess* of “*Marriborough*”, capital of Leix-Queens-Laois County, and a member of the Assembly of Kilkenny Parliament. He was “*expulsed by the late usurpers*” in the 1641-51 Civil Wars (Three Kingdoms) having a huge £400 reward on his Confederate head. His line was finally deprived of the lawfully entitled estates in the *Court of Claims*, 1663 (No. 395; Irish Manuscripts Commission, 2006). His widow and relict “*Margaret Donnell*” gave evidence in her *Claim of Innocence* that James’ heir was Hugh (no son Fergus given). This is entirely consistent with:- *Irish Pedigrees*; J. O’Hart; 4th Ed., VOL 1; 1887; **MacDONNELL (No.5) Of Leinster**; pps 534-535; nos 121-127, and the descendants given by O’Hart are also confirmed by one of them in 1911, Joseph, writing for the :- *World’s Paper Trade Review*; VOL LVI No 8, 25/8/1911; pps 337-338; “*The Swiftbrook Mills of Messrs John Macdonnell & Co, Ltd, Saggart*”. (The line of Hercules H G Macdonnell, son of Richard, Provost Trinity College, 1852-67, is not the senior line - from a ‘Fergus’, son of James?)

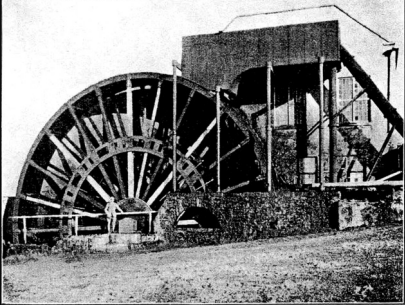


TINNAKILL CASTLE - A TOWER HOUSE
WITH VAULTED 2ND FLOOR CEILING

“The Macdonnells are a naughty race and prone to rebellion.” - ‘Description of Ireland’, 1598; Hogan.

FORÓGRA NA SAOIRSE - IRISH DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, 1919.

“AND WHEREAS FOR SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS THE IRISH PEOPLE HAS NEVER CEASED TO REPUDIATE AND HAS REPEATEDLY PROTESTED IN ARMS AGAINST FOREIGN USURPATION”.



SWIFT BROOK MILLS, SAGGART.—THE GREAT WATER WHEEL.

THE MACDONNELL DYNASTY OF MASTER PAPERMAKERS, PRINTERS, BOOKSELLERS, DUBLIN COUNTY c.1750-1880 HAD 12 MILLS AROUND THE **BORDERS OF THE PALE** (15TH C. DUBLIN DEFENCES). SWIFTBROOK MILLS, SAGGART WAS OWNED BY JOHN MACDONNELL II (PICTURED AT WHEEL CENTRE). HE BUILT THE LARGEST STEEL WATER WHEEL IN THE WORLD IN 1852. MADE **ANCIENT IRISH VELLUM** (BOX LID) — 19TH CENTURY ‘BEST’ WRITING PAPER. JOSEPH MACDONNELL S.J. WHO ERECTED THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE BELOW IS JOHN’S NEPHEW.

MACDONNELLS OF THE SAGGART, TEMPLEOGUE, TALLAGHT AND CLONDALKIN PAPERMILLS WERE :- **GENEROUS PATRONS, MAJOR BENEFACTORS, AND BUILDERS OF THE SAGGART VILLAGE AND PARISH CHURCH IN THE 1830’S, WITH SEXPARTITE VAULTED CEILING & ST COLUMBA STAINED GLASS WINDOW.**

“The coffin, a handsome cedar casket, was placed on a catafalque in the centre of the lodge room...columns and furniture were draped with crepe. As the coffin was being carried away they tolled a muffled bell”. Following the custom of the order, the brethren each threw into the grave a sprig of acacia. This done, the Officers broke their wands and the fragments were thrown into the grave.”

(Courier Mail notice 12.5.1897)



Author Ian Macdonnell’s 4th paternal ancestor.



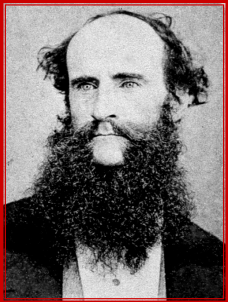
EDMUND MACDONNELL (I) ↓
descent from WILLIAM I, d.1810 (O’Hart)
and WILLIAM II, d.1841 of

TEMPLEOGUE PAPER MAKERS AND
TEMPLE BAR LETTERPRESS PRINTERS
DUBLIN, IRELAND.

FAMILY TO AUSTRALIA 1860.
FIRST JEWELLER, OPTOMETRIST,
SILVERSMITH, CHIEF METEOROLOGIST
IN THE COLONY OF QUEENSLAND.
GRAND MASTER of IRISH
CONSTITUTED MASONS LODGE.

BURIED TOOWONG
BRISBANE, 1897.

“Edmund Macdonnell was a man of
high thinking and discreet manner and
withal of fine public spirit. Under all his
dignified reserve was one of the kindest-
hearted.” “A Journalists Memories”,
Spencer Browne; 1927.



EDMUND II - 1900. FRONTIER SURVEYOR. GOLD PROSPECTOR, British New Guinea
with 6 native crew for 30 foot, double-ended clinker whaler. (each with Martini Enfield .303 carbine -
for headhunters!)



HIS SON - HAROLD
“AXEMAN”!
(as per occupation on his
marriage cert.) His son :
DOOLEY