



# FITZPATRICK MAC GIOLLA PHÁDRAIG Ó MAOL PHÁDRAIG



## Fitzpatrick Clan Society Clan Quarterly August 2020

### Greetings

I trust this August 2020 Clan quarterly finds you well at a time that is proving pretty difficult in some parts of the world. I am one of the fortunate Fitzpatricks who live in New Zealand where our isolation and handling of the current situation has helped keep the number of Covid cases low. I'm a fairly apolitical person and rarely will I cite a politician from any part of the political spectrum, but I don't think we could do much better than take on board the advice of Jacinda Adern at this time, 'Be kind to one another'. I've actually noticed much kindness amongst Fitzpatricks recently via the Facebook group page – a willingness to help others with their family trees etc, which is exactly what a Society like ours is about. And thank you, Matt, for your continued magnificent management of our Facebook group page, which is rapidly heading toward 1000 members.

### Gatherings

Joan, Matt and I recently discussed the possibility of hosting a Fitzpatrick Clan society gathering in Ireland in 2021 but we all considered we would push it out to 2022 when we would have much more certainty that (a) an event could be hosted and (b) that people would be able to travel to the event unhindered and without quarantine restrictions at both ends of the journey. However, we consider a virtual gathering is well within our ability to host and we will update you on that in the November 2020 newsletter.

On the subject of virtual gatherings, Matt and I joined the Clans of Ireland July AGM via Zoom; Matt from sunny London while I was in Auckland, where it was cold and stormy – and 2am! For obvious reasons the AGM lacked its usual energy – there were no guest lectures, and many could not join in but it was good to see some familiar faces from other Clans and have a bit of a chat.



## DNA Project News

The [Fitzpatrick DNA project](#) continues to grow (fast approaching 550 members) and it's almost every week that there's some new element to consider.

Most recently Ian Fitzpatrick has been focussing on the ever expanding Z253 group. Z253 is a large and well recognised Irish haplotype – so much so that one of its sub-groups (Z553...L226) is referred to as the *Irish Type III* modal, the other modals being M222 (*Irish Type I or NW Irish*), CTS4466 (*Irish Type II or Southern Irish*), Z253...L1066 (*Irish Type IV*) and Z255 (*Leinster Irish*). L226 Fitzpatricks share ancestry with the direct descendant of Brian Bóruma (Conor O'Brien) – that doesn't mean L226 Fitzpatricks directly *descend* from Brian Bóruma (High King of Ireland) but they do have a common progenitor from ca. 250 AD.

Also of interest is we now have one BigY result back from the CTS4466 group, although we now understand there are at least two distantly related and distinct CTS4466 groups. I'd hoped that more CTS4466 members would have accepted the offer for a BigY test – if you are in the CTS4466 or a Fitzpatrick who traces to An Clár (Co. Clare), Ciarraí (Co. Kerry) or Corcaigh (Co. Cork) please feel free to contact us.

## The Journal

Following on from our debut article the in 2020 Journal of the Fitzpatrick Clan Society ([Mac Giolla Phádraig Osraí 1384-1534 Part I](#)) we have now published our second article, entitled [Colonial American Fitzpatrick Settlers Part I: Making Sense of One Line](#). Ian Fitzpatrick put in a terrific amount of work on the article both on the DNA front but also, and perhaps more critically, by providing an accurate account of an early Virginia Fitzpatrick. Here is the article abstract:

*Before the turn of the 17th century the settlement of Irish in the Americas lacked permanence. Soon after, Irish came to North America and the Caribbean in a steady flow, and by the mid 18th century a flood of Irish and Scotch-Irish had settled in the Americas. The reasons for that settlement were many and varied, as were the geographic origins and lineages of those Fitzpatricks among the influx. This article provides a review of the forces that pushed and pulled Irish and Scotch-Irish to the Americas. By way of example, a single Fitzpatrick line demonstrates how messy traditional genealogy of early Colonial American Fitzpatricks can get. That messiness is due in no small part to the cut and paste functionality at websites such as ancestry.com. But by careful review of authentic historical records, caution with speculative associations, and the power of Y-DNA analysis, it is possible to untangle the mess and bring back some much-needed clarity. In this article, the example used is that of the well-known colonial-settler William Fitzpatrick (born ca. 1690 AD), of Albemarle County, Virginia, who arrived in North American ca. 1728. Two living ancestors of William have been found to share a common ancestry from ca. 1650 AD both bear a genetic mutation (FT15113) specific to William's line; this enables the ready identification of male descendants of William.*

I am currently working on [Mac Giolla Phádraig Osraí 1384-1534 Part II](#), which I hope to publish in the next couple of months. For those of you who enjoy tales of mystery, scandal, illegitimacy and cover up – it's all in there and it's based on primary materials from the most authoritative and proven sources, many of which have never before come under scholarly scrutiny.

Until then,

Sláinte is táinte

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