



FITZPATRICK
MAC GIOLLA PHÁDRAIG
Ó MAOL PHÁDRAIG



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Greetings

We hope this update finds you well, given it continues to be a very challenging year for many all over the world. Keep supporting and looking out for each other as best as you can; your extended Fitzpatrick family is here to help if you need and if we are able. If you need support, reach out on the Facebook page or email us.

Gatherings

In the last newsletter, we mentioned holding a virtual gathering in 2021. Rather than host overly long sessions, we consider three or so web events throughout the year of around 1-2 hours each in duration is easier to manage – many of us have a lot of online meetings these days. People can find them pretty tiring when there are too many scheduled in any given week.

The link below gives you the ability to provide feedback on the ideas we are proposing, and we've also provided the link on the Facebook page, and the website:

[Fitzpatrick Clan Society Web Events Response Form](#)

Of course, online events are no substitute for the real thing, and we genuinely hope to be able to host a gathering in Ireland in 2022. After all the travel restrictions, that will be something to look forward to and celebrate!

The Journal

We have now published our final Journal article for 2020. We hope you enjoy reading [Mac Giolla Phádraig Osraí 1384-1534 Part II](#) as much as Mike enjoyed researching and writing it. There's a lot of 'new' matter, and we think the overall narrative will change and expand the understanding of Mac Giolla Phádraig Osraí in the 15th and 16th centuries quite a bit.

No spoilers here, just the abstract:

The starting place for Part II of Mac Giolla Phádraig Osraí: 1384-1534 is Feartach, Cill Chainnigh (Fertagh, Co. Kilkenny) where a previously little known Mac Giolla Phádraig cleric, and unrecognised clann chieftain, was appointed Prior in 1506. There are many mysterious elements of 'Kilpatrick's tomb' at Gráinseach Feartach (Grangefeartach), which is said to be the final resting place of Brian 'na luireach' and his son Seán, and a critical examination of the tomb cannot fail to lead to the inevitable question – if is it not them, who are buried there? In addition to the mysteries of Gráinseach Feartach, this article synthesises numerous entries in the Papal Registers, which provide clear evidence for a Mac Giolla Phádraig Osraí clerical lineage that enjoyed power, wealth, and influence, both within and without the clann.

The exploits of the clerics, their relationship to other clann members, and their associations with their neighbours, are presented against the backdrop of the political landscape around Mac Giolla Phádraig Osraí country during the late fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries. The key players from the House of Ormond, and the House of Kildare, and their networks with Mac Giolla Phádraig Osraí of the era provide new insights into the clann's leadership and lineages, which are more complex and extensive than previously understood.

In 2021 we propose to publish at least another three articles:

- *Mac Giolla Phádraig Osraí: 1384-1534 Part III*
- *The Mensa Tomb at Feartach: A Case of Mistaken Identity?*
- *Mac Giolla Phádraig Osraí records in the Patent and Close Rolls, and Fiants: 1509-1625*

Also, we may be able to write a piece on the MacCostigan of Laois and another article on Colonial American Fitzpatricks. We'd enjoy hearing from anyone who'd like to submit an article to the Journal. And if you feel you have something worthy to offer but are worried about it getting it into a literary form, don't worry, let's discuss that – we have an editorial team that can help.

DNA Project News

The DNA project is in excellent heart. In the past 12 months we've had 91 people join, bringing the total to 558, of whom 147 are legacy members. We now have 147 BigYs on the project, and we await the results from a further 14. There are 174 autosomal tests on the project, which is good, but we wonder if there are others with Fitzpatrick ancestry from ca. the 1750s who have tested at other companies (e.g., ancestry.com). Such testers can transfer their data to FTDNA at no cost. And for those interested in the Fitzpatrick autosomal project at [GEDCOM](#), you might like to contact [Karen Fitzpatrick-Hall](#).

It has been pleasing to make progress with some of the smaller DNA lines. FGC5494...FT74407, which appears to have its origins in Co. Cavan has all the hallmarks of an old Patrick-surname. We have also seen the emergence of two lines under ZZ10...Z253, some interesting lines under Z39589...M222, and some good growth under U106...L48.

By December 2020 Ian and Mike had planned to embark on a BigY programme for our two lines that are FGC11134...CTS4466, one of whom may be descendants of O'Mulpatricks of Munster. But we've had little interest so the attention will probably shift to ZZ10...Z253 and L513...BY2630. We are also interested in expanding our knowledge of our haplotype-I lines — previously considered probably Viking in origin, some Irish who are haplotype-I may descend from ancient Neolithic settlers in Ireland.

The FGC11134...BY9001 group has taken off and now has 32 BigYs, which has afforded a clear understanding of Fitzpatrick lines under this haplogroup. They are defined by BY9002...BY12234, which arose between ca. 1050 and 1200 AD. The mutation BY12234 marks a clann with an ancient Patrick-surname, but we are no closer to understanding who the historical figures who took the patronym were. In case you missed it, the Journal of the Fitzpatrick Clan Society has published an article that relates to members of BY12234: [Colonial American Fitzpatrick Settlers Part I: Making Sense of One Line](#).

We continue to learn more of FGC5494...A1488, and now have 21 Fitzpatrick BigYs on the project, with a further 26 BigYs that relate to members with other surnames who are either under A1488 or part of upstream branches. The two aforementioned Journal articles about Mac Giolla Phádraig Osraí provide insights into how the complexity of branching under A1488 may have arisen. In particular, Part II offers a credible historical explanation for why we see a rapid expansion of lineages under A1488, which appears to have originated ca. 1350-1500 AD —it was a period when Mac Giolla Phádraig Osraí clerical lineages arose. That Brian, 1st Baron of Upper Ossory, may have been a cleric may come as a surprise, and no less so that he had at least three ‘wives’ before he married Margaret Butler ca. 1532. Hence, that Brian appears to have produced more offspring than previously understood means the branching under A1488 requires further consideration. No genetic line under A1488 should be discounted as potentially the ‘Baron’s line’, but FT11900 stands out a little more now since it bears the hallmarks of a prolific progenitor. Alternatively, FT11900 is also a candidate for the line of William Mór Mac Giolla Phádraig, another cleric and clann leader, who appears to have been prolific.

The monthly DNA prize winners for April, May, and June 2020 have been confirmed as Kathleen Bullock (37-marker test for her brother, Daniel), Terrence Fitzpatrick (37-marker), and William Fitzpatrick (upgrade to BigY). Some prize winners don’t ever respond, so we do a re-draw – hence, we are sometimes a little behind in reporting the winners.

Website

There’s been nothing of great significance added to the website in a while, but we will update it in January 2021, which is the holiday season Downunder. The bulletin board will be removed in the next month or so. The concept of a Clan Society forum is good, but the Facebook page is working so well we don’t need another platform.

We have previously mentioned the [Fitzpatrick Clan Society One-Name study website](#), which is set up to act as a repository for all Fitzpatrick genealogical data. The concept is a good one because not everyone has access to ancestry.com etc., whereas the platform we provide is free to use. If you are interested in contributing, please [email](#) in your data as a gedcom file.

Finte nah Éireann (Clans of Ireland) News

Some of you might be interested in entering the Finte nah Éireann [essay competition for 2021](#) – it would be great to have a Fitzpatrick winner!

Wishing you all the best for the festive season, and the brand-new year 2021 that is coming soon,

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