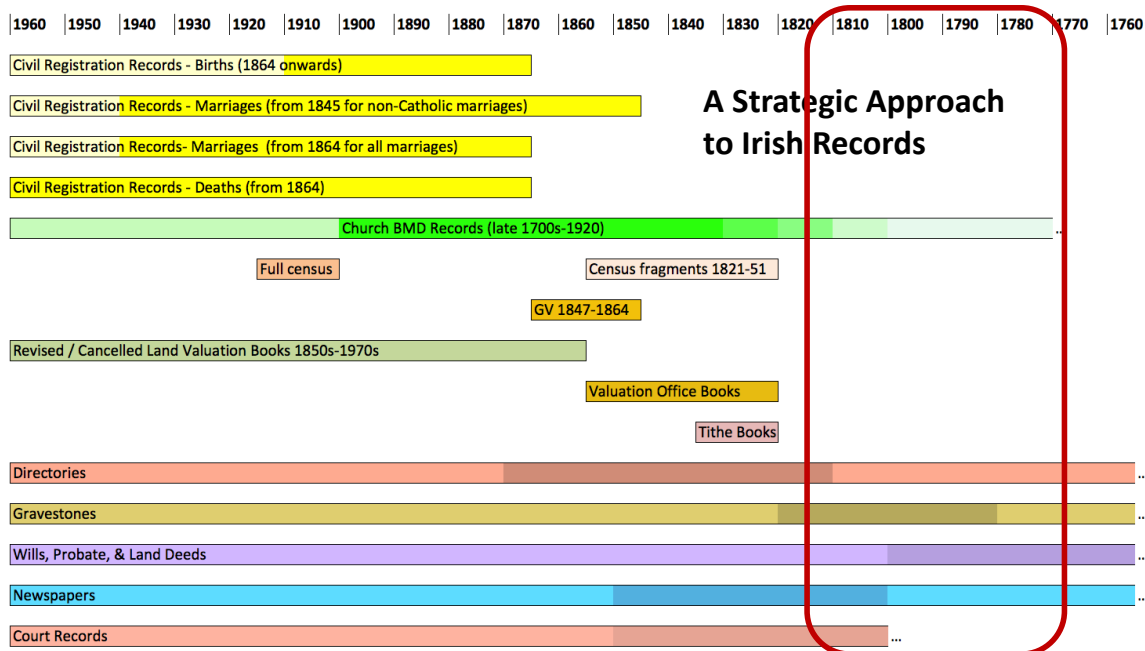


Presenter: Maurice Gleeson

Email: mauricegleeson@doctors.org.uk

Links to the O'Malley Genealogy Workshop videos

- Part 1: records, Brick Wall ancestors, finding the ancestral home ...
https://youtu.be/Xx8O_vUrwDA
- Part 2: working with your O'Malley matches, Y-DNA update, Finding Grace update ...
https://youtu.be/QaHTafy_JAQ



Tracing Your Irish Ancestors – 27,000 word magazine supplement describing a Strategic Approach to Irish Genealogy ... <https://your-genealogy-history-store-usa.myshopify.com/>

7 Steps of Research

1. Start with what you know
 - write it down
2. Ask others about what they know
 - interview cousins, older generations, the family historian
3. Start a family tree
 - using software or website (has someone already done the work for you?)
4. Access standard records
 - Ancestry, MyHeritage, FamilySearch, FindMyPast, specific Irish record sets
 - Build backwards, generation by generation, & prove that each person is the child of their parents
5. Characterise your Brick Wall ancestors
 - Gather all relevant info on your MDKA (Most Distant Known Ancestor)
6. Use DNA to Confirm your research / Test hypotheses / Break thru Brick Walls
7. Use DNA to access unusual, rare, or private records

Use AI throughout ...
If you don't know, ask ChatGPT !

Step 4. Access standard records

Early records

- Birth
- Baptism
- Census
- Military
- Immigration
- Naturalization

Middle records

- Marriage
- Children
- Census
- Newspapers
- Directories
- Court / Land

Late records

- Death
- Death Notice
- Burial record
- Gravestone
- Obituary
- Probate / Will

Build backwards, generation by generation,
& prove that each person is the child of their parents
... until you hit a Brick Wall (MDKA) ... in Ireland? or elsewhere?

Early Life Records

- Birth ... IrishGenealogy.ie (B 1864+, M 1845+, D 1864+)
- Baptism ... RootsIreland.com (1600+, most 1820+, \$\$)
- Census ...
 - Ireland (1901, 1911, fragments) ...
<https://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/search/>
 - UK (1841-1921), US (1790-1950)
- Some specific records are useful for pushing back your line by one extra generation ...
 - Naturalization records ... [Ancestry](https://www.ancestry.com)
 - Immigration records ... [Ancestry](https://www.ancestry.com)
 - Emigrant Savings Bank ... [Ancestry](https://www.ancestry.com)
 - "Missing Friends" (The Boston Pilot) ... [Ancestry](https://www.ancestry.com)

Irishgenealogy.ie only provides the following digital images

- Births prior to 100 years ago (currently in 2025, this only goes up to 1924)
- Marriages prior to 75 years ago (currently in 2025, this only goes up to 1949)
- Deaths prior to 50 years ago (currently in 2025, this only goes up to 1974)

... but you can obtain scanned photocopies (for 5 euro each) for more recent birth (i.e. after 1924), marriage (i.e after 1949) and death (i.e. after 1974) records by finding the index details on FamilySearch (only up to 1958) and sending the details in an email to GROResearchRoom@welfare.ie

Below is a sample email:

Hi Folks

Please could you send me a photocopy (5 euro) of the following birth registration:

Name Patrick O'Malley

Mother's Name Kelly

Event Date Jan-Mar 1941

Event Place Dublin South

Volume Number 2

Page Number 525

Many thanks.

Regards, Maurice

Middle Life Records

- Marriage ... [IrishGenealogy.ie](#), [RootsIreland.com](#)
- Children ... births & baptisms on IrishGenealogy & RootsIreland (see links above)
- Census ... links as above
- Newspapers
 - Ancestry, Newspapers.com, FindMyPast
 - BritishNewspaperArchive & IrishNewsArchive
- Directories ... Ancestry
- Court / Land records
 - Ancestry, FindMyPast
 - [Irish Registry of Deeds](#)

Later Life Records

- Death records ... [www.IrishGenealogy.ie](#) (1964-1975)
 - US Death certificates may mention parents' names
- Death Notice ... [RIP.ie](#) (2004+), newspapers
- Burial records & gravestones
 - [FindaGrave](#), [Billion Graves](#), [Interment.net](#), etc ...
 - [HistoricGraves](#), [IrishGraveyards](#), [Glasnevin](#), [Mount Jerome](#), etc
- Obituary ... newspapers
- Probate / Will ... [National Archives of Ireland](#)

Prove that each person is the child of their parents

- Types of proof that ties a child to a specific pair of parents
 - Birth and/or baptism record of child ... with parents' name on it
 - Marriage record of child ... with parents' names on it (or just father?)
 - Death certificate of child (e.g. US) with parents' names on it
 - Census record with child and their known siblings ... and a pair of parents
 - Probate / Will (with specific mention of the child)
- If you cannot find proof for your EKA, try their siblings ... go sideways to go back!
- Confirm the connection with appropriate DNA testing

Step 5. Characterise Brick Wall ancestors (EKA, Earliest Known Ancestor)

- Establish your EKA's likely year / date of birth from marriage record or date of 1st child
- Identify possible siblings from ...
 - Marriage record (witnesses may be siblings of the bride or groom)
 - Baptism records of children (sponsors may be siblings of the parents)
 - Obituary or death notice (may mention siblings, or even parents)
 - Probate / Will (may mention siblings)
- Identify Possible parents
 - Irish Naming Convention ... 1st son & 2nd daughter may be father's parents, and 2nd son & 1st daughter may be mother's parents
- Identify possible places where they might have lived

Irish Naming Convention

1. First son ... named after father's father
 2. Second son ... Mothers father
 3. Third son ... Father
 4. Fourth son ... Fathers eldest brother
 5. Fifth son ... Mothers eldest brother
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1. First daughter ... named after mothers mother
 2. Second ... Fathers mother
 3. Third ... Mother
 4. Fourth ... Mothers eldest sister
 5. Fifth ... Fathers eldest sister

See <https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/irelandxo-insight-irish-naming-and-baptism-traditions> for a full explanation of Irish Naming Convention (and it's variants)

Understanding Irish Land Divisions

- County, Barony, Civil Parish, Townland
- Electoral Division
- Church Parish
- Poor Law Union

Identifying locations within Ireland ...

- <https://www.logainm.ie/en/>
- <https://www.townlands.ie>
- www.PlaceNamesNI.org
- www.johngrenham.com/places
- www.thecore.com/seanruad
- www.libraryireland.com/topog

Griffiths Valuation & the Cancelled / Revised Land Valuation Books

- <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation>
- Cancelled Books for Northern Ireland are available online ... www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/about-valuation-revision-books
- Some others are available on FamilySearch - do keyword search for “[valuation revision](#)”
- Griffith’s Survey Maps & Plans 1847-1864 at <https://search.findmypast.ie>
- Modern land deeds ... <https://www.landdirect.ie/pramap.aspx/>



1880s

<http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation>



2020s

Google maps

Step 6. Use DNA to Confirm your Research ... or Test Hypotheses ... or Break thru Brick Walls

- **Autosomal DNA** ... identify your "O'Malley cluster"
 - Analyse their family trees to make breakthroughs in yours
 - Write to them for rare / unusual records (Step 7)
- **Y-DNA** ... ties you to the O'Malley DNA Project (O'Malley direct-male-line)
- **mtDNA** (mitochondrial) ... in certain specific situations

The 3 Types of DNA test ... <https://youtu.be/5-POflhu2Qg>

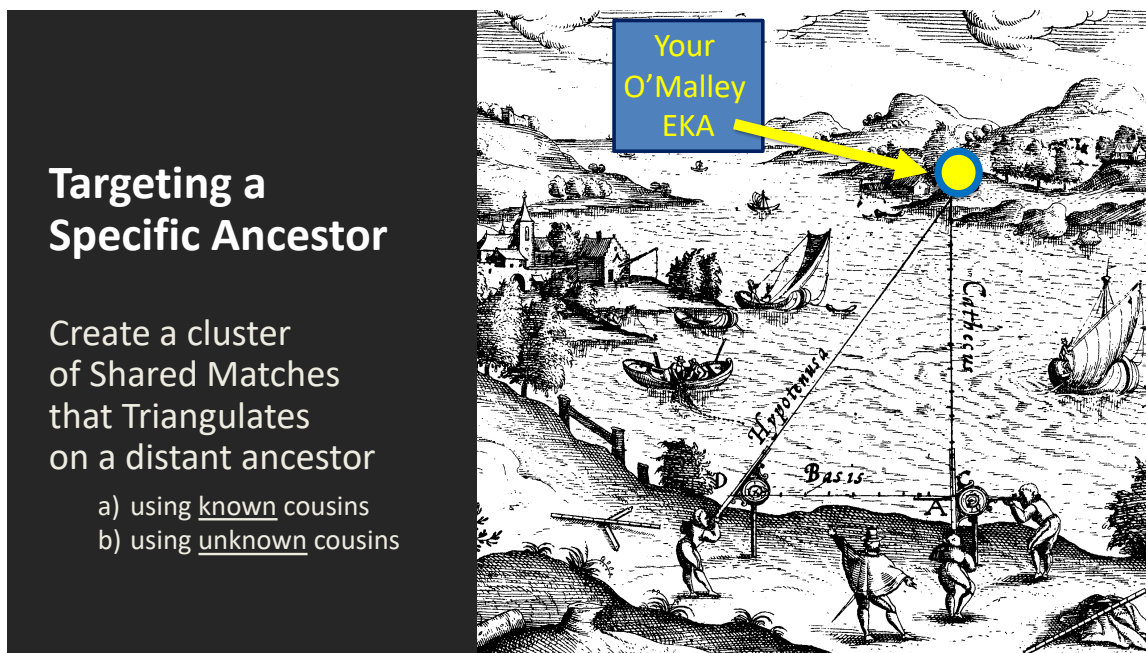
Y-DNA tests available from FTDNA ... <https://www.familytreedna.com/products/y-dna>

Autosomal DNA: test at Ancestry – transfer a copy of your DNA datafile to other websites ...

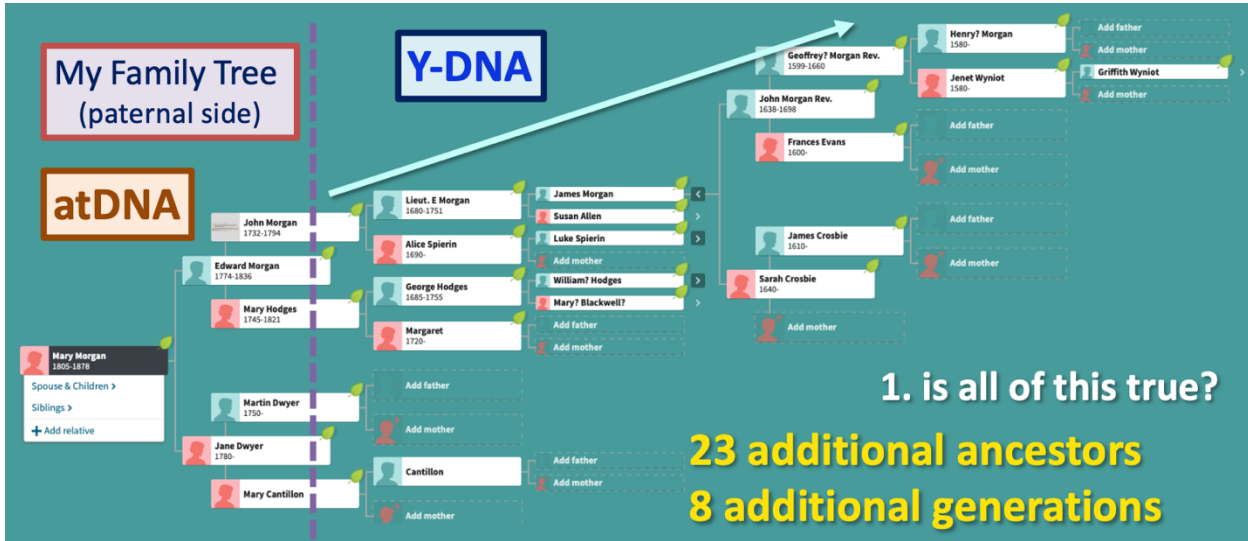
How to transfer your atDNA to other companies ...

- 1) <https://dna-explained.com/2019/11/04/dna-file-upload-download-and-transfer-instructions-to-and-from-dna-testing-companies/>
- 2) <https://thednageek.com/how-to-transfer-your-ancestrydna-test-to-other-databases/>

Current autosomal DNA database size ... www.theDNAgeek.com/dna-tests



Autosomal DNA (e.g. Ancestry, MyHeritage) reaches back about 250 years, to about 1750. To reach back further than 1750, consider using Y-DNA (males only) to reach back further ... e.g. to the surname era (950-1150 in Ireland), to the Irish clan era (600 AD to 1600), and to the human migration era and eventually back to Africa (about 250,000 years ago).



Working with an autosomal DNA cluster of shared matches allowed me to break thru my Morgan Brick Wall at 1800, and added 8 generations and 23 ancestors to my family tree. Y-DNA confirmed the validity of the additional Morgan ancestors (on the direct-male-line) back to the 1650s.

Building a Cluster Analysis Spreadsheet for your O'Malley EKA

Use my Adoptee Worksheet Template – it helps you triangulate on a common O'Malley ancestor by combining DNA & genealogical data from different websites on a single page ...

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/51bo22zb77yltcp/Adoptee%20worksheet%20template.xlsx?dl=0>

Descendants toward the left				ANCESTORS TOWARD THE RIGHT			
Company	Group	Shared DNA (cM)	Estimated Relationship?	Matches & their ancestors			
			self	Names are fictitious			
MyHeritage	1	288	2C?	Frank McGrath 1953	Patrick O'Malley 1920-1972	James O'Malley 1880 & Mary B Kearney 1880	Joseph O'Malley 1839 & Lydia Casey 1842
Ancestry	1	221	2C1R?	Amazon24 c1946	Harriet LC Dunphy 1918	Lydia O'Malley 1890 & Thomas Dunphy 1886	Joseph O'Malley 1839 & Lydia Casey 1842
Anc / MH	1	67	2C2R?	Myles Davis c2000	female Kemp c1935	Harriet LC Dunphy 1918	Lydia O'Malley 1890 & Thomas Dunphy 1886
Ancestry	1	66	2C1R?	female Davis c1975	Deidre Kemp 1946 & Douglas Davis 1940	Harriet Dunphy 1918	Lydia O'Malley 1890 & Thomas Dunphy 1886
GEDmatch	1	218	2C	Ann Mack (nee Dunphy) c1980	male Dunphy c1950	Joseph H Dunphy c1920	Lydia O'Malley 1890 & Thomas Dunphy 1886
23andMe	1	99	2C1R?	Beastie44 c1940	Albert J Hayter 1904 & Iris L Payne 1910	Margaret O'Malley 1873 & Charles Hayter 1875	Joseph O'Malley 1839 & Lydia Casey 1842
GEDmatch	1	379	2C?	Matthew O'Malley c1990	male O'Malley c1960	James O'Malley 1932 & Joan Ranger 1936	William O'Malley c1900 & ???
Ancestry	1	164	2C1R?	UNASSIGNED	Patrick Matthews c1960	Henry Matthews 1927	Emma O'Malley c1900
Ancestry	1	145	2C1R?		Pamela Hobbs	Alex O'Malley 1917	?
MyHeritage	1	110	2C1R?		Vivian Westwood	?	?
					Todd Morgan	?	?

Lines of ascent to a Common Ancestor / Couple (DNA donor on top)

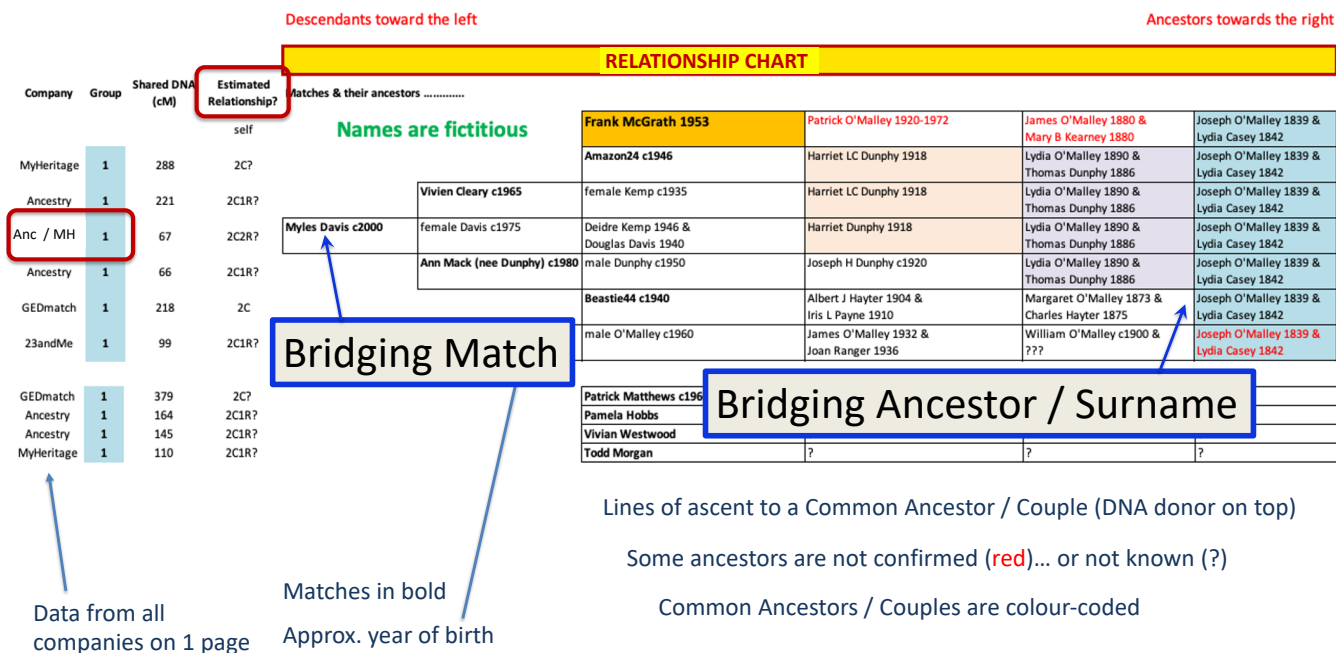
Some ancestors are not confirmed (red)... or not known (?)

Common Ancestors / Couples are colour-coded

Data from all companies on 1 page

Matches in bold
Approx. year of birth

Cluster Analysis Spreadsheet - RELATIONSHIP CHART & Shared DNA Matrix



Cluster Analysis Spreadsheet - RELATIONSHIP CHART & Shared DNA Matrix

Analysing a cluster of DNA matches

1. Back to the records
 1. build their trees back
2. Contact your matches
 1. ask for more tree info
 2. ask for rare records (Step 7)
3. Torture the DNA data
 1. multiple WATO analyses
 2. Triangulated Segments
 3. BanyanDNA
 4. autokinship
 5. autolineage

Step 7. Use DNA to access rare, unusual, or private records

One of your DNA matches will have ...

- The Family Bible
- Letters in the attic
- Personal Memoirs
- Other vital information that will help you break thru your Brick Wall

... but which match holds the key?

⇒ Write to them and ask!



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O'Malley DNA Project update

O'Malley Clan Gathering

27th June 2025

Castlecourt Hotel, Westport

Dr Maurice Gleeson

Honorary Research Fellow

Strathclyde University

Y-DNA Results Page (Y-STR markers)

Row Number	Kit Number	Name	Paternal Ancestor Name	Country	Haplogroup
Group 1 (Galway, I-P37) ... I-P37 > L178 > L161 > S2639 > L1498 > A1150 > A8611 > BY37245 ... check Updates tab for Next Steps					
2	835934	O'Malley		Ireland	I-Y24829 Family Finder
3	295305	Maley	ston, MA	Ireland	I-FT111700 Big Y-700
4	306715	Maley		Ireland	I-P37 Y-DNA111
5	1017172	Teague	Lawrence Teague, b 1893 and d.1961	United States	I-FT111700 Big Y-700
Group 2a (Limerick; L226) ... R-L21 >> L22					
6	357319	O'Malley		Ireland	R-D
7	371630	O'Malley		Ireland	R-D
8	590133	O'Malley		Ireland	R-D
9	365948	O'Malley		Ireland	R-L
10	350664	O'Malley		Ireland	R-D
Group 2b (Limerick? L226) ... R-L21 >> L22					
11	700138	Maley			R-D
12	748460	O'Malley			R-M
Group 3a (Mayo; M222) ... R-L21 >> DF13					
20	43481	Maley		USA Ireland	R-B
21	411989	Malley		Unknown Origin	R-F
22	IN77732	Maley		Mayo	R-F
23	807270	O'Malley	John O'Malley	Ireland	R-R
Group 3g (Kilmilkin, M222) ... R-L21 >> M222 >> DF105 > FT191133 > BY145238 > FT116143 > BY152739 ... do Big Y if "Haplogroup" is I					
74	759300	O'Neill	John O'Neill 1833	Ireland	R-F
75	961903	O'Malley		Unknown Origin	R-F
76	919768	Kerrigan	Bryan Kerrigan, b. abt 1811		R-B
Group 4 (Ireland, CTS1751) ... R-L21 > DF13 > Z39589 > CTS1751 > Z17966 >> > BY596 > BY					
82	867092	Mealey	John Mealey b. c. 1820 in Tuam, m. Bridget Ludden		R-M269 Y-DNA37
Group 5 (Galway, Mayo; Joyce SDS? M198) ... > YP564 > YP4664 > YP4660 > YP6007 > YP6008 > FT91246 > FTF86799 ... check Updates tab					
83	IN135964	O Malley		Galway	R-FTF86799 Big Y-700
84	907207	O'Malley		Unknown Origin	R-YP564 Family Finder
85	117546	O'Malley	Michael Malley b. abt. 1840 Kilmilkin Co Galway		36799 Big Y-700
Group 6 (Ireland, BY3308) ... R-L21 > S552 > DF13 > DF21 > S5488 > Z16294 > L130 > BY330					
86	S112761	O'Malley	Thomas O'Malley b abt 1780		10909 Big Y-700
87	IN114127	O'Malley	Matthis O'Malley b. 1800 (Muiceneach, CarraGalway)	Ireland	R-FTD10909 B
Group 7 (R-P312 > Z46516 > FGC84729 > DF99 > Z29643 > FGC16982 > S16136 > FGC16979 > FGC16995 > FGC17024 > FTC19738 > FTC9106					
88	264442	O'Malley		Ireland	R-FTC91067 Big Y-700

Ungrouped

- O'Malley – 12
- Other - 13

Group 1 – Galway (5)

Group 2a – Limerick (10)
 Group 2b – Limerick? (3)
 Group 2c – Limerick? (4)
 Group 2d – Clare? (2)
 Group 2e – Limerick? (1)
 Group 2f - ??? (1)

Group 3a – Mayo (58)
 Group 3a1 – Ireland (3)
 Group 3b – Scots / Irish (5)
 Group 3c – Scots-Irish? (2)
 Group 3d – Offaly (1)
 Group 3e – Ireland (1)
 Group 3f – Ireland (9)
 Group 3g – Kilmilkin (9)

Group 4 – ??? (3)

Group 5 – Galway (4)

Group 6 – Galway (2)

Group 7 – Galway (2)

Analyzing each Y-DNA group

* Clan-associated Surnames Tree
DNA-associated Surnames Tree

- **What is the dominant surname variant(s)?**
 - Could give clues to a more localized origin (e.g. Achill Island)
- **How old is the group?**
 - How long have they been carrying the O'Malley name?
 - What is the chance of a Surname / DNA Switch?
- **Where is the group from?**
 - Where does it sit on the Tree of Mankind?
 - Who are the nearest genetic neighbours?
- **Can we connect the group to the Irish medieval genealogies?**
- **What is the branching structure within the group?**
 - Who is more closely related to whom?
 - Can we connect any of the pedigrees of the group members?
- **Any of evidence of a Surname / DNA Switch (i.e. NPE)?**

TMRCA (Time Tree)
Pedigrees

EKAs' birth locations essential
(esp. test-takers living in IRL)
Matches' EKAs' birth locations
Surname Distribution Maps

Compare **CAST** vs **DAST** *

Time Tree neighbours
STR matches

See recent blog posts for updates on each of the 7 genetic groups identified so far ...

<https://omalleydnaproject.blogspot.com>

When did surnames start in Ireland? ...

<https://dnaandfamilytreeresearch.blogspot.com/2020/04/when-were-surnames-introduced-to-ireland.html>

Causes of Surname or DNA Switches (SDS) a.k.a. Non-Paternal Events (NPE) ...

<https://dnaandfamilytreeresearch.blogspot.com/2018/07/goodbye-npe-hello-sds-some-causes-of.html>

Woulfe's Surname Dictionary (*Irish Names & Surnames*) ...

<https://www.libraryireland.com/names/contents.php>

O Hart's *Irish Pedigrees* online (or *The Origin and Stem of the Irish Nation*) ...

<https://www.libraryireland.com/Pedigrees1/index.php>

Bart Jaski's genealogical tables of ancient Irish Clans ...

https://www.academia.edu/4144299/Genealogical_tables_of_medieval_Irish_royal_dynasties

Surname Distribution Maps (Ireland) ...

- 1) John Grenham ... <https://www.johngrenham.com>
- 2) Shane Wilson ... <https://www.swilson.info/sdist.php>
- 3) Forebears ... <https://forebears.io/surnames>
- 4) Worldnames Public Profiler ... <http://worldnames.publicprofiler.org/Main.aspx>

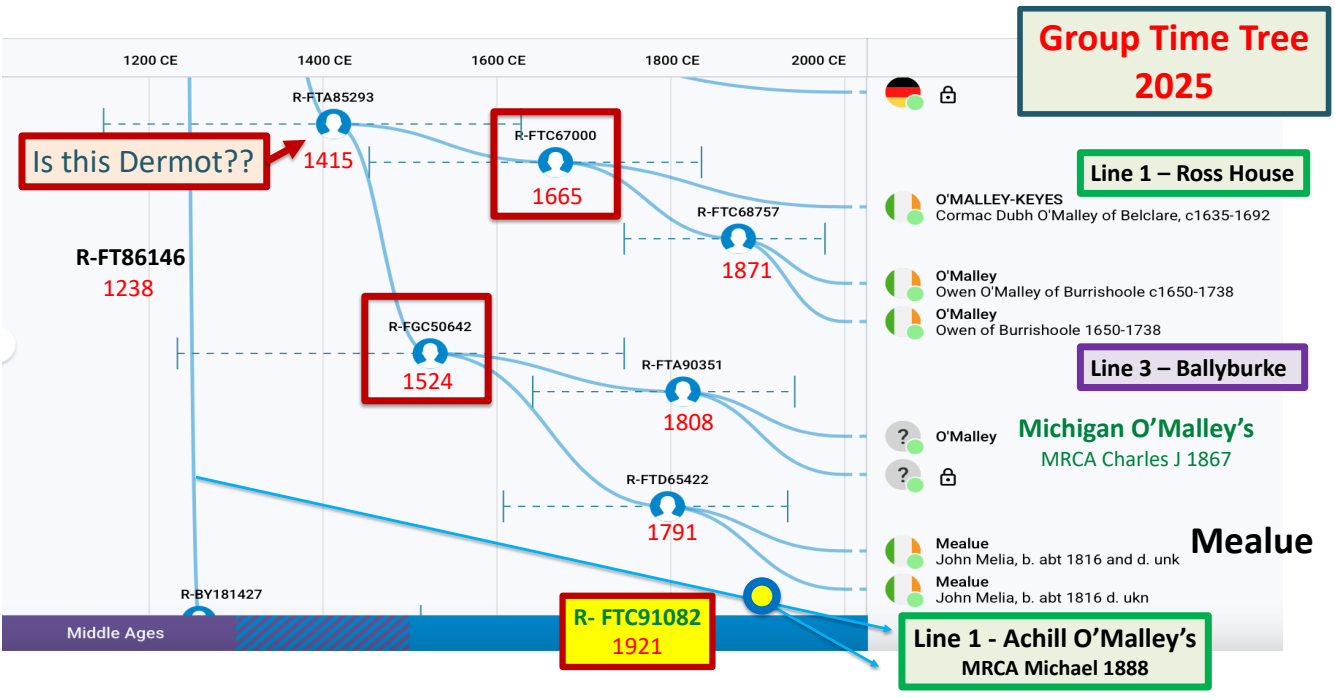
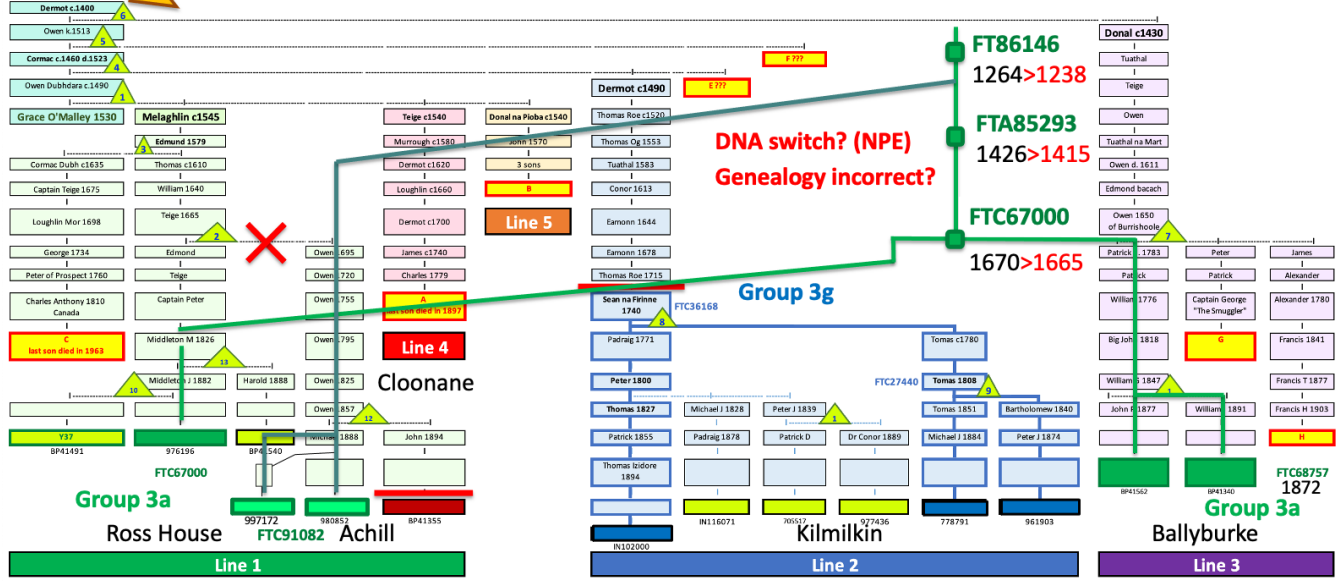


Finding Grace – revealing the legacy of Grace O'Malley, the Pirate Queen (1530-1603)

- Grace's history ... <http://www.historyireland.com/early-modern-history-1500-1700/grainne-mhaol-pirate-queen-of-connacht-behind-the-legend/>
- Map of territory <http://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/blog/meeting-grace-omalley-irelands-pirate-queen/>
- 1593 petition ... <http://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/blog/meeting-grace-omalley-irelands-pirate-queen/>
- The 18 questions from the Queen ... <http://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/blog/meeting-grace-omalley-irelands-pirate-queen/>
- Funding proposal ... <https://omalleydnaproject.blogspot.com/2022/03/finding-grace-funding-proposal-submitted.html>
- Current status of the O'Malley DNA Project ... <https://omalleydnaproject.blogspot.com/2022/03/group-3a-mayo-omalleys-current-status.html>

Extensive Lineages identified so far

Surviving descendant lines from Dermot, great great grandfather of Grace O'Malley
Living descendants highlighted in **light green** at the end of each column
 Green triangles indicate "triangulation points" (common ancestors of test-takers)



THE FRENCH CONNECTION

1500s – Trade, War & Flight

Grace O'Malley (c.1530-1603)
Elizabeth I (1533-1603) r.1558

Trade to: fish, hides, wool, livestock
Trade from: wine, textiles, salt

Desmond Rebellions (1569-1583)
Spanish Armada 1588

Nine Years War (1594-1603)
Flight of the Earls (1607)

Many Gaelic nobility fled to Europe
(France, Spain, Portugal ...)
Irish communities (Brittany, Paris, etc)

Irish-French Trade Routes in the 1500s



O'Malley Clan Family Tree

O'Malley's of Hazelrock Lodge

Michael O'Malley Esq. ☆
B: abt 1800 Westport, Mayo, Ireland
D: 07 Nov 1842 Hazelrock Lodge, Westport, Mayo

Michael O'Malley Esq. 1800-1842

James Austin Malley Sr 1823-1899

Maria Fair 1800-1827

James Fair 1745-1842

Elizabeth Corringham 1755-1836

Unknown O'Malley

Patrick O'Malley c.1730

Cecilia Gallagher

William Fair Potential

tbd Kildare Potential

Patrick O'Malley 1700-1783

Martha Browne 1660-1719

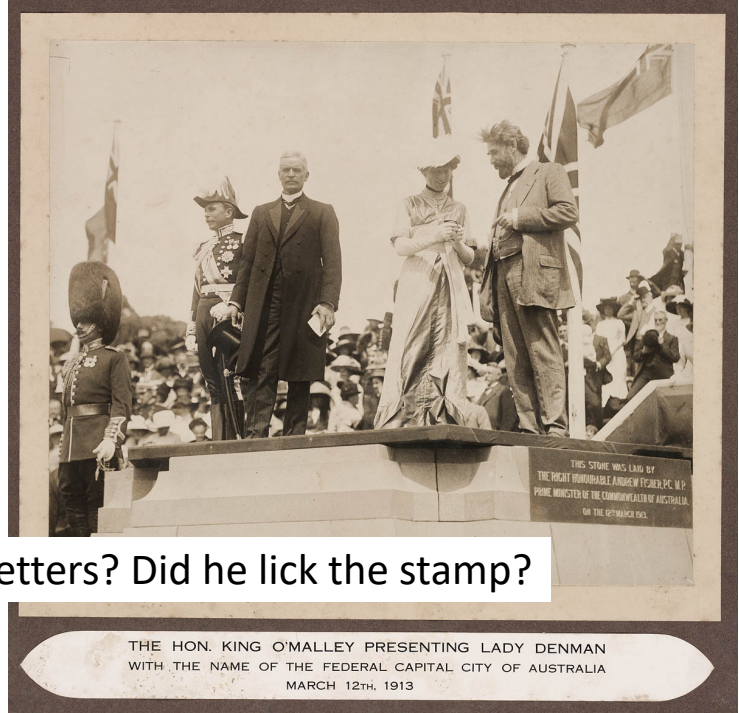
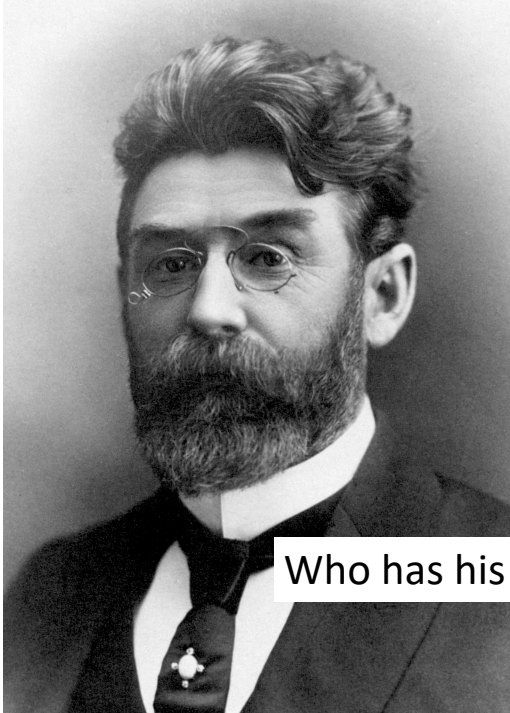
Owen O'Maille 1650-1738

Catherine Corry

James Austin Malley Jr 1859-1953

Buttons: Add mother, Add father, Add mother

- Does 'descendant' of MOM match other 'descendants' of Owen of Burrishoole (1650)?
- Did James Austin Malley change his identity to become King O'Malley, the famous (and controversial) Australian politician?



Who has his letters? Did he lick the stamp?

THE HON. KING O'MALLEY PRESENTING LADY DENMAN
WITH THE NAME OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL CITY OF AUSTRALIA
MARCH 12TH, 1913

O'Malley DNA Project blog ... <https://omalleydnaproject.blogspot.com>

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https://youtu.be/QaHTafy_JAQ

Maurice Gleeson's Blog – DNA and Family Tree Research ...

<https://dnaandfamilytreeresearch.blogspot.com>

Maurice Gleeson's YouTube Channel ...

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcPhbETNSaXAb0I_yMGqHYg/videos