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Get the flights booked for your trip to Kerry!



Its time to get those flights booked and plan your trip to the Kingdom of Kerry for next years O'Malley Clan Gathering in Sneem. We'll have a great weekend in Ireland's South West, so make sure you don't miss out and get your trip planned. The event details and booking links will be up on the Clan website very shortly, so keep an eye on that too! Check out details at omalleyclan.ie

Get in touch, and share your O'Malley Heritage!

Have you got an article or old photographs that you'd like to submit for future editions of "O Maille" The O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you wherever you're based around the world. Old photographs and stories to go with them, old letters, family trees or just an article that you'd like to share with the rest of the clan. Drop us a line and We'll get right to it!

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The O'Malley Visual Arts Award 2026

The O'Malley Visual Arts Award was inaugurated in 1989 and is given in memory of Ernie O'Malley and Helen Hooker O'Malley.

Previous winners include Tony O'Malley, James Coleman, Dorothy Cross and Alice Maher.

The award is given to mid-career artists for outstanding work which has been created during the period since the last award (2024).

The selection panel for the O'Malley Visual Arts Award 2026 was composed of Angela Griffith, Associate Professor, History of Art Department, Trinity College, principal investigator of the Cuala Press Project, Schooner Foundation, Trinity College Library; Padraic E. Moore, curator, art writer, Artistic Director, Ormston House, Limerick and Helena Tobin, Director, South Tipperary Arts Centre, Clonmel. The Award process was chaired by Catherine Marshall, curator, art writer and founder-member of Na Cailleacha.



Above: Cormac O'Malley, Son of Ernie O'Malley and Helen Hooker O'Malley, and former Chieftain of the O'Malley Clan, presenting the O'Malley Visual Arts Award 2026 to Orla Barry

Below: Cormac O'Malley addressing the gathering at the O'Malley Visual Arts Award ceremony at the University of Limerick last week.

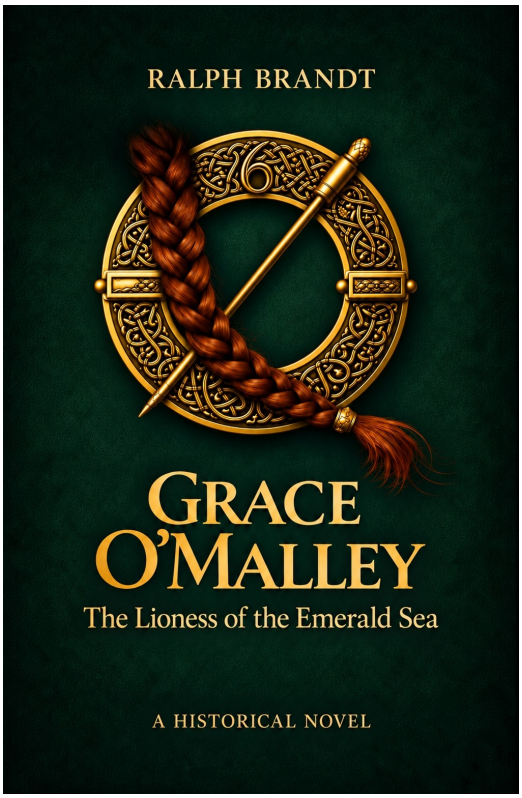


Orla Barry was selected from a shortlist of nine artists for her 2026 exhibition, The Collie, The Cheviot & The Crouched Skeleton at Rua Red, in Dublin, where Barry had been invited to create a new work in response to the rural communities of South Dublin. It continues her ongoing exploration of the connection between nature, art and rural life.

A huge congratulations to Orla from us all.

Ralph Brandt and his book on Granuaile!

How Grace O'Malley Turned a German into a Novelist — Ralph Brandt



A little over a year ago, I was sitting at home in Germany watching a television documentary about Blackbeard. When it ended, a preview appeared for the next episode in the series. It was about an Irish woman called Grace O'Malley. Until that moment, I had never heard her name.

The few seconds of that preview were enough to make me curious. I watched the programme, then began searching for more. Of course I soon found Anne Chambers' biography and other historical works about Grace. What I did not find was the particular kind of novel I wanted to read: a story that would take me beyond dates and documented events and let me experience her world from the inside.

I wanted to understand how a girl born into a Gaelic maritime clan on the west coast of Ireland could become the woman who, decades later, would negotiate face to face with Elizabeth I. If the novel I wanted to read did not exist, I thought, perhaps I would have to try to write it myself.

There was only one problem: I had never written a novel.

What followed became a much larger undertaking than I had imagined. For roughly a year I read about sixteenth-century Ireland, Gaelic clan society, seafaring, trade, marriage, inheritance, English expansion and the complicated politics of Connacht. I wrote and rewrote the story through several versions, trying to make the historical world convincing without allowing the research to smother the people who had to live inside it.

From the beginning, I did not want primarily to write a Hollywood-style pirate adventure. Grace's real life already contains danger, conflict and remarkable events. There was no need to manufacture excitement simply for its own sake. What interested me more was historical plausibility and, above all, Grace's development as a human being.

How might the daughter of an O'Malley chieftain have learned to move through a world shaped by clan loyalties and obligations? What might marriage to Donal O'Flaherty have meant to a young woman with her own ambitions? How did motherhood, loss, trade, leadership and the growing pressure of English rule change her? And how might her second marriage to Richard Bourke, and the family that grew around them, have altered both her responsibilities and her political choices?

The surviving record can tell us a great deal about what Grace did, but much less about what she thought and felt while doing it. That is where a novelist has to enter the spaces between the facts. Whenever the record left a gap, I tried not to choose the most spectacular possibility, but the one that seemed most consistent with the period, with the pressures surrounding her and with the woman her documented actions suggest she became. Even the title reflects that approach. I called the novel Grace O'Malley – The Lioness of the Emerald Sea rather than The Pirate Queen. Piracy is certainly part of Grace's *story, and English officials had strong opinions about*

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her activities at sea, but to reduce her to that label seemed to make her smaller rather than larger. To me she was also a trader, shipowner, wife, mother, clan leader, negotiator and political survivor – a woman whose life connected the O'Malleys, O'Flahertys and Bourkes during one of the most turbulent periods in Irish history.

After five attempts, the German novel was finally published as Grace O'Malley – Die Löwin der grünen See. I then revised the book once more *and prepared an English edition, The Lioness of the Emerald Sea*. Both are now available as paperback and ebook.

The most unexpected part of the whole experience is what Grace did to my own life. I began because I wanted to read a novel about her. Somewhere along the way, without quite noticing when it happened, I became a novelist myself.

That is also why writing to the O'Malley Clan Association felt important. After spending so long imagining Grace's family, ships, marriages, children and choices, I am especially curious to know whether the woman I have portrayed feels plausible to people for whom O'Malley is not simply a name in a history book, but part of their own family story.

Grace found her way from sixteenth-century Mayo to a German living room through a few seconds of television. I could never have guessed where that small moment would lead.

I am very glad that it led me here.



Author, Ralph Brandt

Driverless Cars, and why we should back them! - James O'Malley

James O'Malley examines Driverless Cars, and why we should embrace this new technology!



A Waymo driverless car in Marylebone, London

Driverless cars are a progressive cause

They will save lives, reduce transport inequality and make cities more liveable

Within the next year, the roads of the United Kingdom could start to look very different. The autonomous vehicle (AV) revolution is very nearly here.

Today, three companies – Waymo, Wayve and Baidu – are testing robotaxis on the streets of London, and there are already thousands of privately owned Teslas across the country that contain the technology required for autonomy, which merely require the regulatory green light to operate in 'full self-driving' (FSD) mode. However, even before services have really begun, the technology is already facing a backlash from progressives.

Last month, on the same day that Wayve began taking robotaxi passengers, albeit in vehicles staffed by a safety driver, the GMB union called for the AV rollout to be slowed to better plan for the impact on taxi and private hire drivers. This follows reports from early July that the team around Andy Burnham are more sceptical of autonomous vehicles than the Starmer team were, for similar reasons.
Now I'm happy to acknowledge that in any technological transition there will always be disruption, and that this is something policymakers should mitigate. If autonomous vehicles are as transformative as they are promised to be, there will of course be a significant impact on jobs. But I don't think this is a good reason to slow down Britain's autonomous vehicle rollout.

One reason is, of course, purely economic. Autonomous vehicle services are already running in the United States and China, and many of our middle-power peers are moving at pace towards their own autonomous rollouts too (Waymo is also expecting to launch in Tokyo later this year). So we should want to keep pace – and benefit from removing the dead time millions of people waste every day, stuck behind a steering wheel. And Britain in particular is well positioned to prosper. Wayve is based in London, just north of King's Cross – and one day the company could have its autonomous driving software embedded within hundreds of millions of cars worldwide.

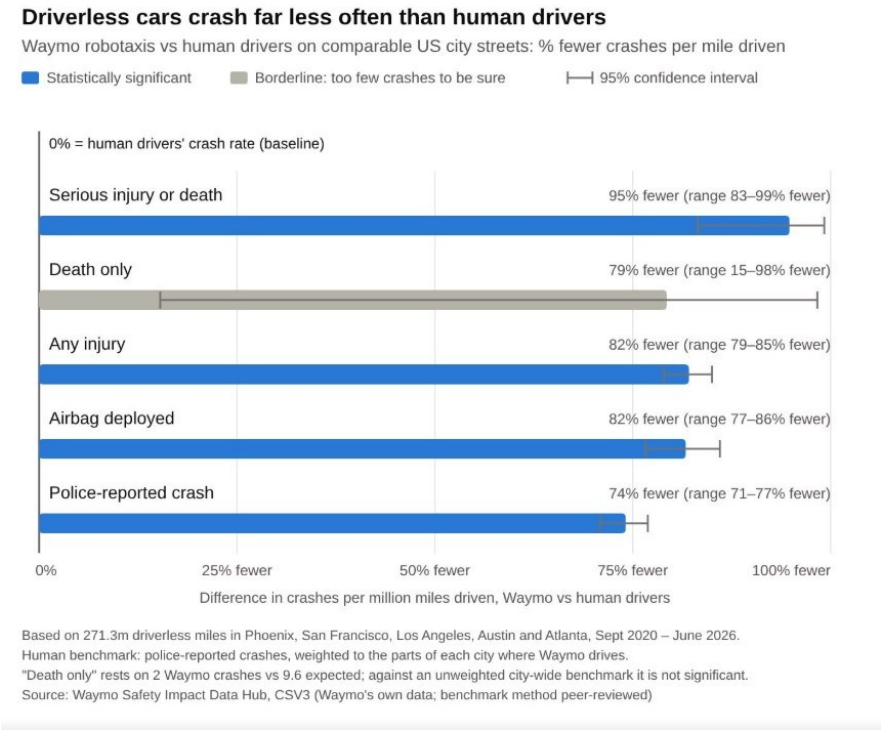
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But all of this aside, the stronger argument for embracing autonomous vehicles is the purely progressive one: that autonomous vehicles are a building block towards us building a better world for everyone.

Safety first

The first, and arguably most important, point to make is on safety. At this point, it is unarguable that AVs are better drivers than fallible humans.

We know this from real world usage. According to Waymo's own data, which analyses 271.3 million autonomous miles driven in US cities, and compares the figures to manual driving, serious injuries from crashes are 95% lower, crashes with pedestrians fall 93%, and crashes with cyclists fall 86%. Independent studies also found the same, such as work by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which found that Waymo vehicles have "lower crash involvement rates than human drivers".



And though it is too early to say for sure, every indication is that AVs are also now safely navigating Europe's twistier, medieval streets. Earlier this year, Dutch regulators approved Tesla's supervised FSD mode[1], which enabled the technology in nine European countries – and millions of miles, driven by thousands of drivers later, there have been only a handful of collisions, none of them serious.

I think this is a strong reason to speed up autonomy adoption in and of itself. According to the Department for Transport, in 2025 there were 1,538 deaths and almost 30,000 serious injuries from road traffic accidents in Great Britain, and yet the technology already exists today that could save lives and prevent serious injuries. Every day we are not deploying this technology is another day in which people are dying unnecessarily.

Social justice

However, safety is not the only prize from autonomy. The invention of this technology is a huge opportunity for social justice in terms of mobility. Too much of our society is designed around car ownership, which puts

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everyone without a driving licence and access to a vehicle at a disadvantage, and this disproportionately impacts the young, poor, elderly and disabled. Autonomous vehicles are an opportunity to narrow this inequality.

How? The most important implication of autonomy is that it can dramatically reduce the cost of mobility. The most expensive part of running a vehicle service, whether private taxis or public buses, is paying for the human driving it. If we can remove them, suddenly it transforms the economics of transport, and enables services to serve more places, more regularly.

In cities, this will mean added convenience. In places like London, robotaxis can plug the gaps that public transport still does not reach, such as in the vast swathes of outer London where car ownership is still high. And in the countryside, autonomy could be a lifeline.

Imagine a bus service in a rural village, for instance. If residents are lucky, they may be served by a bus a handful of times per day, which isn't actually all that useful for anything beyond the council ticking a box to say that a given area is served by public transport. But if running buses becomes dramatically cheaper, then it might become viable to run a bus multiple times per hour, and overnight.

So it's here that there is an opportunity for a real transformation of how we live. Transport networks are only as useful as their weakest link – if we don't believe buses will be available when we need them, then car ownership still makes sense. Even if we're unlikely to ever make that 4am journey, the fact that it is *possible* makes car-free living feel viable because we know we'll always be able to get around if we need to.

Liveable cities

This is the key capability that autonomy enables. As things stand, we have built a society predicated on car ownership. I live in the suburban sprawl, just outside London, and see this in my life: narrow streets that were laid out before the invention of the automobile are today choked by cars parked along every kerb. And even though I have a reasonably decent bus service in my area, at least by non-London standards, I still feel the need to own a car to get to where I need to go.

But soon it won't have to be this way. Critics of robotaxis argue the technology will only lead to an increase in congestion, but I think this is a false assumption and that the technology actually gives us more regulatory tools to create more liveable cities, as managing the number of vehicles in cities becomes more of a technical fleet-management decision than an exercise in directly upsetting thousands of motorists.

For example, in an autonomous world, we won't require as many parking spaces – because vehicles will simply pick up and drop off, and will be more widely shared, meaning physically fewer individual cars in the world. If autonomous vehicles need to be stored, they can park further out of town. This frees up space for denser, more walkable cities, not to mention unlocking countless prime locations for the development of new, urban housing. And by collapsing the cost and difficulty of 'last-mile travel', autonomy could vastly expand the catchment area for railway stations – making it more plausible to live car-free, and making it easier for people to use public transport for longer journeys too.

This is why, ultimately, autonomy could become a crucial means towards progressive ends. The technology now exists, and is going to be adopted across the world. And we have the power to use it for progress – we just have to choose to do so.

The South Kerry O'Malleys—Part 1

A history of the O'Malleys of Termons, Derrynane, and Gleesk, South Kerry



Above: O'Malley family 1940, Crohan and Abbie on the right, and Bobbie and Mamie on the left

By Timothy (Thady) O'Malley, 25th May 1903 – 24th April 1990. (prepared and typed during the 1980's and 1990's). While writing the history of the South Kerry O' Malleys Thady experienced deteriorating eyesight. Due to this, the original typed version contains some inaccuracies, as the typist located in Cork, was unable to interpret some of the text provided. This abridged version will be published in two parts.

Part 1 deals with the origins of the O' Malleys of South Kerry.

Part 2 deals with some of the descendants of the O' Malleys of Termons and Spunkane who departed to other locations in Ireland, UK and USA.

A big thank you to Thomas Horgan, Waterville, Co Kerry, and Gerard O'Malley, Castletroy, Limerick. Heritage Iveragh/Oidhreacht Uíbh Ráthaigh who provided the article.

Part 1

"The O'Malleys came to South Kerry and Derrynane early in the 17th century as the O'Connells who brought them, were a seafaring family, and were acquainted with the O' Malleys. The O'Connells gave them lands at Termons which were then owned by Baron Moritz O'Connell, who served in the Austrian army as a high ranking captain. The O'Connells owned all the lands of Termons and one of the Liberator's family lived on the lands now owned by O'Malleys. The kitchen garden, even now, is still to be seen on the said lands. The O'Malley Clan are descendants of The Great Queen of The West, Grace O'Malley. The O'Malleys got possession of the Termons lands in 1770. When the Poet Piper's daughter Nora married James O'Malley in Termons, the O'Connells gave church island in Waterville lake and two yearling heifers as a wedding present. James had two sons, one Crohan, the second Patrick (Pat) and one daughter Ellen. Crohan emigrated to the US, where he joined the US Navy. He married Mary O' Donoghue. from Dromkeare, Waterville.They settled in Randolph, Massachusetts .They had four children, Charles (Charlie,) Mary, (Molly), James F. and Nora (Nancy). When Crohan retired from the US Navy he carried on a shoe manufacturing business. He died in 1909 and is buried in Randolph, USA.

Patrick(Pat) married Mary Lyne of Spunkane. Pat and Mary had eight children, Crohan, James, Timothy (Tim), and daughters Kate, Bridget, Mary, and Denis and Ellen who died young.

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Right: Thady & Crohan in the 1940's

Above: John O'Malley "The Ghillie" (Thady's Brother), on the right

Crohan married Abbie in Spunkane, and the family was Timothy, (Tim/ Thady) , John, Pat, Mary, (Mamie) and Doreen.
Crohan died on 23rd January, 1947 aged 74. Abbie died on 20th April 1962, Thadys sister Mamie Whyte, died 6th January 1987. Pat and Doreen emigrated to England and Tim/ Thady, John and Mamie, Mrs. White remained in Spunkane. Doreen's daughter returned from the UK and she now lives in the Rathmore area of Kerry .
"Patrick O' Sullivan Casure of Eightercua, Waterville, Musician Piper and close friend of Daniel O' Connell, Liberator. He travelled a good deal with O'Connell on land and sea and was always the old Irish musician in the " Derrynane '' home of O' Connell. When the young French smugglers were invited to the parties and dances they sang their french songs and Padraig Casure gave them the Irish airs on his pipes. The Liberator's son Maurice and the " Piper '' were taken along the coast and landed in numerous islands. The islanders gave them a hearty welcome when the Piper tuned his pipes and played ancient tunes.
There is a tombstone erected to the memory of Patrick O' Sullivan Musician Piper in the Old Abbey, Ballinskelligs. This stone was located in 1935 by his great grandson Timothy O' Malley, (Thady) RN Lifeboat Member, Spunkane. Thady was a member of the Kerry Archaeological Society established by Captain O' Connell that year.

Mr. O' Malley received the inscription from his cousin in the USA. After a search of the Abbey the slab stone of Valentia slate was found , cleaned and lettering deciphered, which reads:

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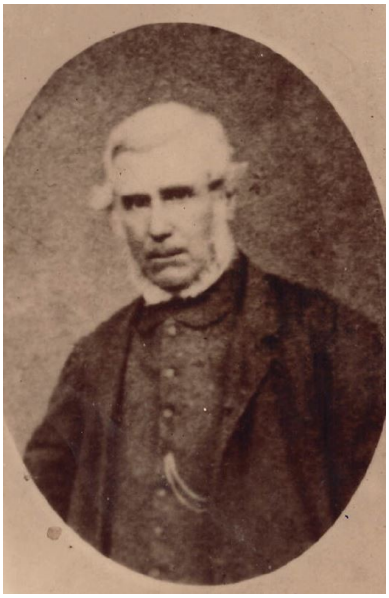


Above: Kerry Archaeological Society 1938

" Beneath is interred the body of Musician Piper, Patrick O' Sullivan Casure, Eightercua, Waterville, who died on 22nd November ,1841. To much acuteness of mind, genial wit and original humour, he added the more qualities of honesty ,fidelity and compassion. This stone is placed here as an attribute to his memory by Maurice O' Connell, M.P. son of the Liberator, who valued him living and regrets him dead". The O' Sullivan tomb is located in the cemetery annex against the main wall of the old priory.

The Piper's son Daniel, had property in Derrynane and was Clerk of Petty Sessions and Foreman in the great O' Connell home in Derrynane. Daniel Casure O' Sullivan had ten daughters and two sons. The daughters married into farms in Cork and some to Mariners, Coastguards and Lighthouse Keepers. Hence , we have his grandchildren scattered all over the coast- Hamiltons, Murphys and O' Malleys. One of the Pipers' daughters had married a Murphy in Tarmons , another to an O' Malley in Tarmons and another to a Curran in Dromid parish."

"The O'Malleys of Derrynane were a branch of Termons' O'Malleys. They were always in charge of the Sale Lodge around the Liberator's home in Derrynane." The Census of 1901,recorded that Hanorah Malley,Head of Household, Nora Malley,daughter, Maurice Malley, son, and Katie Sullivan,niece were resident at Derrynane. Hanorah O' Malley was married to John O' Malley. John died in 1892 at the age of 87.



Above: Daniel O'Sullivan Casure, Son of The Piper

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Above: John O'Malley, Sitting outside The Western Lodge at Derrynane House, (Photo from The Lawrence Collection 1865-1914)

" The last of that branch, Maurice O'Malley died in 1940 and is interred in the Old Abbey, Derrynane. Maurice O'Malley's nephews Crohan and James Murphy of Derrynane. Crohan was a comedian and musician and a well known Gaelic scholar. He was invited to perform at the Oireachtas, the premier Gaelic Culture Gathering at the time, at the Mansion House,Dublin. He was a gifted singer. Gaelic and English. His brother James Murphy was highly educated and served a number of years as postman Caherdaniel area. On his retirement he got well earned farewell. James had two sons Charles and John, which now reside at Ballybrack Waterville, their grand-uncle Maurice O'Malley was a jobsman for years in the Liberator's residence also maintenance man besides. All of the remaining O'Malley branch left Derrynane and settled down in Gleesk, a fishing village near Sneem and carried on fishing there." A letter from Wilfred (Bill) Malvey, a descendant of the Derrynane/ Gleesk O' Malleys, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, dated 04/06/1973, to his cousin Thady O' Malley Waterville shows that the name changed to Malvey while that branch of the family still resided at Gleesk.

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Old Time Fishing Smack:

"Which came around the coast from 1912, namely Dingle, Arklow, Skerries. Those old timers were manned by a crew of four and a coxswain and given a week fishing in the various bays and fishing grounds. In those days it was a grand sight to see a fleet of those (smacks) sailing into Dingle, Ballinskelligs, Valentia, or Kenmare Bay, and the farmers residing along seaboard always looked forward to seeing the smacks – a sign of settled weather. The smacks were fully rigged and manned by experienced fishermen – no motor engines, and they very often gave days to enter a harbour or fishing ground because they depended on the wind …calm, no move, windy, full speed.

There was one man who took interest in these vessels because of his family tradition. He constructed a model of an old time fishing smack, fully rigged and with ladders, lifebuoys etc, and all copper fastened clinker. He undertook to do the job at N.A.I.D.A. exhibition in 1942 the volunteer Crohan O'Malley of the C.L.S.S. Waterville sent his smack to the exhibition and won a prize in which the late Sean Lemass TD explained how a man in remote Kerry with crude tools and time built this model. The certificate and letters are in possession of T.O'Malley, Waterville Coast Life Saving Station, which he highly values.

The above account was written by Timothy O'Malley, No 1 Man, Waterville Coast Life Saving Station. Timothy was a son of Crohan O'Malley, who designed, built and rigged the model boat."



Photo 1 shows Crohan O' Malley with his model Smack boat,

Photo 2 shows Thomas Horgan who presented the model boat to the National Museum of Ireland, Country Life, Castlebar on behalf of Heritage Iveragh/Oidhreacht Uibh Rathaigh.



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The Irish Coast Guard Lifesaving Service– Waterville.

The O' Malley family in Waterville played a key role in establishing and organising the Waterville unit of the Irish Coast Guard Lifesaving Service.

The following are extracts taken from Thomas Horgans, recently published- Waterville Coast Guard. A Brief History by Heritage Iveragh/ Oidhreacht Uíbh Ráthaigh

"The Irish Coast Lifesaving Service (C.L.S.S.) began in 1923. Tom Casement, seafaring brother of Sir Roger Casement, played a vital role in this, and became its first director, with the title of "Inspector" By 1924 he had recruited 758 volunteers for the new service and surveyed the former Coast Guard stations. Archive material of Thady O' Malley (1903 - !990) of Spunkane, Waterville, a member of the first Waterville Unit, notes that " down in Kerry where the coastline was treacherous and rocky,there were no coastguards. The rocket houses were there. Fishermen and others took up with Tom Casement and so the 5 Kerry stations were manned in 1924. Mr. Tom Casement, first Inspector visited each and in the first - Waterville- formerly in charge of British Coast Guards, he got 15 volunteers- a No.1 Man and 14 volunteers. He was skillful in his selection and so he got a former Volunteer to act as No.1 Man- B. Huggard accepted. An IRA signalman T.O'Malley also and ex IRA Volunteer Tom Fitzpatrick- those three together with Denis Falvey, Crohan O' Malley, Maurice Kelly who served under British Coastguards in the old rocket brigade- and other volunteers formed the first KerryC.L.S.S.." Records show the date of re-establishment of Waterville station as 13th October1924, with four of those who joined in 1924, Albert Huggard, Denis Falvey, Abraham T. Huggard and Rev. Charles Loftus Haines having previously served under the Board of Trade Coast Guard Service.

On 3rd February 1928 Thady O' Malley became No. 2 Man. His archives, from which much of the information about his era in the C.L.S.S. is extracted show that in the 1930s training at Waterville was as often as 3 nights weekly.

On 12th July 1934 Thady was appointed No. 1 Man, under pay at the rate of £15 (Fifteen Pounds) per annum" and received a naval type uniform. The crew of 1940 are listed as : Tim O' Malley No.1; Edward Falvey, No. 2; D. Falvey; Patrick Mc Gillicuddy; Thomas Fenton; Maurice Kelly Snr; Michael O' Donoghue; Tim Curran; Crohan O' Malley; John O' Shea; Patrick Fogarty; Maurice Kelly Jnr.; John O' Malley; Thomas Fitzpatrick; Cornelius Curran. Crohan O' Malley died on 23rd January 1947.On 25th May 1973 Thady O' Malley, having already received a five year extension , retired on reaching his 70th birthday after almost 50 years of service. A special certificate was later presented to him.



WATERVILLE COAST LIFE SAVING CREW

Group taken at Coastguard Station on 15th JAN. 1943, with Horsemen, under Station Officer T. O'Malley, WATERVILLE.

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Thady's interests in all maritime matters were extensive. He took a great interest in the Muirchú/Helga gunboat. As Helga, it shelled the Dublin insurgents in 1916. Renamed Muirchú, it was often used by the new Irish state on naval duties from 1922 onwards, until in 1947 it was the first ship commissioned for the new naval service, though it never saw operational use in that role. It sank without loss of life off the Saltee Islands on the 8th May 1947 when it was on its way to Dublin to be scrapped– the Government having decided that it was not suitable after all for its newly commissioned naval or any other maritime role. It had been a regular visitor over the years to Valentia Harbour and Ballinskelligs Bay. Thady managed to obtain a transom of a small boat with the name Muirchú on it . He may have got this from a relative , Capt. Hamilton, who had served on Muirchú, from which the transom may have come during a refit of the ship in one of its regular ports of call, like Valentia.



Thady's non - maritime interests and activities included farming , radio sales, bicycle sales and repairs, acting as an IRA Scout, membership of the LDF, archaeology, national and local history, genealogy, etc. His main passion though was his Waterville C.L.S.S. unit and its role in maritime safety.

He died on the 24th April 1990.

His cottage and its remaining contents were bought by Anne and the late Tim Maher of Tullamore, Co. Offaly and Waterville.The contents which included many important papers, photographs, and artefacts of Thady's relating, inter alia , to the Waterville C.L.S.S., were kindly donated by the Mahers to Tom Horgan of Heritage Iveragh/ Oidhreacht Uíbh Ráthaigh. The apparent scarcity of Irish C.L.S.S. records in Government archives increases their importance. "



Without Thady's archives the history of the Irish C.L.S.S could not have been written by Tom Horgan and this brief history of the South Kerry O' Malleys could not have been edited by Gerry O' Malley. It is hoped to lodge the originals of his material for safe keeping and for wider access to the interested public with a suitable repository of such material.

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Thady ended his family history on the South Kerry O' Malleys as follows:
" I am sure that this is the history of our family from both sides, namely O' Malleys, O' Connells, Lynes, Keatings,Coffeys, and I hope that this history will be kept for years ahead, D.V.
Agus do Gloire De Dia agus Onoir na hEireann,
Mise Taidg de Maille,
Timothy O' Malley "

Editorial Comment:
The origins of the South Kerry O' Malleys would not have been widely recognised until the writing of Timothy (Thady) O' Malley's history published in this article. His archive provides extensive additional information about the intermarriage of members of the South Kerry O' Malleys and their extended families.
Please note that readers should use the spelling "Termons" when attempting to source Census information etc. The District Electoral Location, DED is "Loughcurrane".
The archive includes extensive correspondence with members O' Malley diaspora, Sir Owen O' Malley, at the time of the formation of the O' Malley Clan Association, the authors Anne Chambers- Granuaile and Grace O' Malley Cantillon - The Round House O' Malleys - The Power of One Woman, politicians and former Ministers Erskine Childers TD, Jack Lynch TD and John Wilson TD, together photographs, personal letters, historical correspondence and newspaper cuttings. "

LINK TO HISTORY OF WATERVILLE COASTGUARD BY TOM HORGAN

Gerard O' Malley



The Western Lodge in Derrynane in June 2023

Gregory O'Malley to head Harvard Slave Trade Resource



Slavevoyages.org, a free online database chronicling tens of thousands of slave-trade voyages, is heading to Harvard University, and UC Santa Cruz History Professor Gregory O'Malley has been chosen to lead it.

"I feel very honored," O'Malley said. "It's such an important project, and one that I've admired before I was involved in it, both for the incredible research that went into it, but also the collaborative spirit of all those researchers. Instead of hoarding data for their own use to just publish articles, they have merged it with the work of other scholars and put it online as this resource, freely available to everyone."

Slavevoyages.org contains the Transatlantic Slave Trade Database, with records of roughly 36,000 voyages that transported enslaved people across the Atlantic between 1514 and 1866. The website is also home to the Intra-American Slave Trade Database, co-founded by O'Malley and UC Irvine Professor Alex Borucki, which documents an equivalent number of voyages that moved enslaved people from one part of the Americas to another. SlaveVoyages.org has become an essential resource for academic researchers, museum curators, journalists, African American families searching for information about their ancestors, and schoolchildren across the country.

SlaveVoyages has a special feature tracking the movements of ships carrying enslaved people.

The database draws about 2,500 visitors a day and is one of the most frequently cited resources in the digital humanities.

"We can tell from the traffic data that it's way more than academics who use it," said O'Malley, who will administer the website remotely while remaining at UC Santa Cruz. "We can tell that schools use it because usage goes up Monday through Friday and goes down on weekends and summers." The site contains lesson plans for middle school, high school, and college students, created by both the research team and by teachers who use the site.

SlaveVoyages will be permanently housed and funded at Harvard, under the joint sponsorship of The Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, led by its director, Henry Louis Gates Jr., the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and the Harvard & the Legacy of Slavery Initiative, led by Sara Bleich, the vice provost for special projects at Harvard University. Gates personally invited O'Malley to take on the leadership role.

"SlaveVoyages is without doubt the single most important database compiled in the history of the study of The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, and, I might add, in the history of the study of Europe between the 16th and the 19th centuries," said Gates, a literary scholar and host of the popular PBS genealogy series *Finding Your Roots*, has relied on the database for his own research.

If a Pulitzer Prize were awarded for the creation of databases, David Eltis and Stephen Behrendt, its creators, would have been so honored for this achievement, Gates said.

"Before its creation, estimates of the number of Africans shipped across the Atlantic ranged wildly," Gates

Gregory O'Malley to head Harvard Slave Trade Resource

said. "Slave Voyages has brought scholarly order out of that chaos. I can think of no other scholar more qualified to assume the leadership of the database than Greg O'Malley, one of the most outstanding scholars of the history of the slave-trade at work in the academy today."

Harvard's financial backing for SlaveVoyages marks a turning point for a project that has spent years scraping together support. "We had been chasing funds on an annual basis, not just grant funds for new research, but



funds for the functionality and sustainability of the website," O'Malley said.

SlaveVoyages.org has moved before. The first online version was launched at Emory University in 2008. The site later established a consortium of funding institutions, which relocated the project to Rice University, whose team built much of the technical infrastructure that will now carry over to Harvard. The database is being maintained by IQSS, The Institute for Quantitative Social Science at Harvard. But even as the site changes institutional homes, its research team remains geographically scattered.

That's part of why the outgoing director at Rice, Daniel Domingues da Silva, recommended O'Malley to lead it: the project has always run on collaboration across institutions rather than requiring a single physical headquarters. Harvard will send funds to UC Santa Cruz each year so O'Malley can dedicate time to head up the team that runs the database."

O'Malley has been a key contributor to the database for years. He co-founded the Intra-American Slave Trade database, which is now part of SlaveVoyages.org. "With the Intra-American and Transatlantic Databases on one site together, users can see all voyages that brought enslaved people to North America, for example, whether coming from the Caribbean or Africa," he said. "You can get a more complete picture by looking at it all to-

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gether."

The site's origins stretch back further than most users realize. The original transatlantic database was compiled by an international group of slave-trade scholars, spearheaded by Emory historian David Eltis, using punch card computing in the 1980s. They published a CD-ROM version in 1999 to make the database available to other researchers and then moved online in 2008.

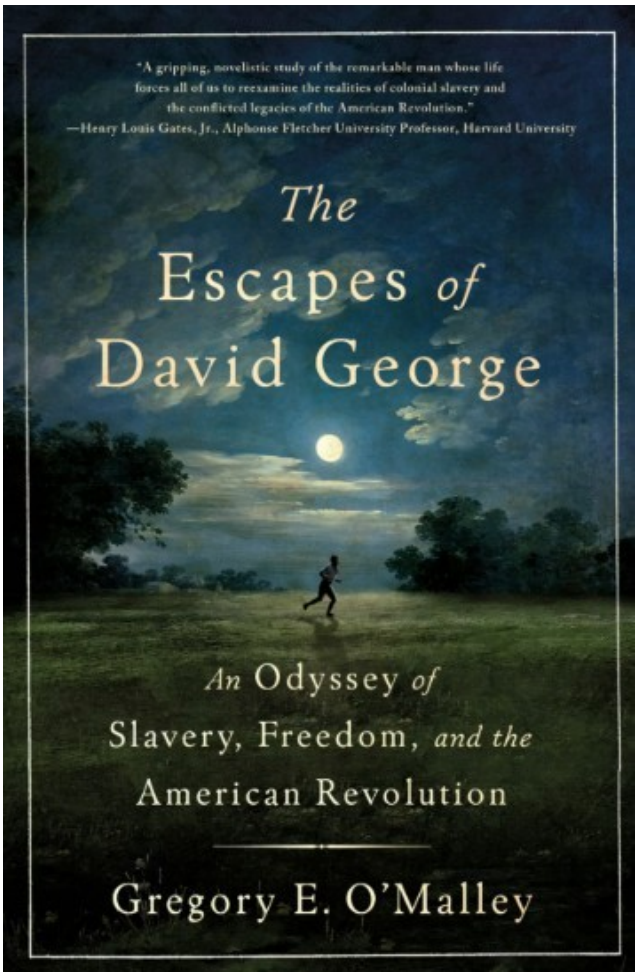
Beyond the longstanding voyage records, in recent years the SlaveVoyages.org site added a "People Database" that lets visitors search for named individuals connected to specific voyages — enslaved people when their names survive in the historical record, as well as investors, ship captains, and others who profited from the trade. O'Malley played a central role in creating that People Database, as well.

The site also has a time-lapse feature that allows site users to view the movement of slave ships across the Atlantic, each ship represented by a dot–with its color representing the nation the ship belonged to and its size representing the number of enslaved people on board. A crowdsourcing feature also allows outside researchers to submit updates and new information, which a small team reviews and incorporates.

For O'Malley, the database's real power lies in its ability to make an often cold historical record feel human. "People use it to study the economy of the trade, what profits were gained at the expense of enslaved people's freedom," he said. "But people also use it to study their own cultural roots, if they have ancestors who were enslaved – they can find the routes that brought their ancestors from regions in Africa to regions in the Americas. The data can feel cold and impersonal, but there are a lot of really humanizing questions you can use it to address — the dispersal of languages, cultures, ideas, food ways around the world. There's a lot of insight in the data into very human things."

It is that humanity behind the data that explains why museums around the world use data visualizations from SlaveVoyages to contextualize African diaspora art exhibits, and why an organization dedicated to memorializing the slave trade's victims uses the data to lobby local governments all around the Atlantic to erect waterfront historic markers acknowledging each port's role in the slave trade.

"And in an era when some want to whitewash history," O'Malley said, "there is also something powerful in the database's meticulous accounting, ship by ship and person by person, of every voyage that forcibly moved people across the Atlantic World. Every database entry includes citations to the primary sources in archives around the world that recorded these historical voyages. Quite literally, we have the receipts."



Gregory O'Malley's most recent book on the slave trade

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Former USA Ambassador to Ireland to Speak at December 1st Zoom Meeting

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 1st, 6pm New York Time (11pm Irish Time). The USA Chapter will be holding its last quarterly meeting of 2026. Former Ambassador Kevin O'Malley will be discussing the position of U. S. Ambassador to Ireland as well as current Irish government issues. We will be honoring Former Chieftain Governor Martin O'Malley on this evening as he tells us about the Clan's role in finding his great grandfather's homestead on an island in Clew Bay. Please join us as we listen, learn and laugh. Your participation is very much appreciated. Mark your calendars now. This promises to be a very informative, interesting and engaging event. It is simply a must not miss meeting. The meeting is limited to the first 100 participants.

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81024025127?pwd=rr8WOXk5wevGhvdYsY3bvJRFhn8kjH.1

Passcode: 633653

You may also scan the QR code to access the December 1st meeting.



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A Meet Up in DC !





A Mid-Atlantic gathering of the U.S. Chapter of the O'Malley Clan Association took place in mid-October at Kirwan's Irish Pub & Restaurant. Located down at the fisherman's wharf in Washington D.C., it was a beautiful waterfront setting to meet up with fellow O'Malleys. The Irish Network of DC (www.irishnetwork-dc.com) was having their monthly social here so we took advantage of meeting those kind folks in addition to enjoying a delicious dinner together. Pictured above left to right is Jason O'Malley, Sean O'Malley, and Beth & Mike O'Malley.

Make plans to join us at the Maryland Irish Festival (Nov. 13-15) in Timonium MD. While some of us will be there on Saturday taking in the festivities, we plan to formally meet at noon on Sunday at the food court. Hopefully we can get a group photo. Look for the tables with O'Malley signage. Find more details about the festival here: https://irishfestival.com/



Chicago Area In Person Events

Mary O'Malley, Tom and Ann O'Malley, Chris and Kathleen Carr as well as very supportive family members joined us for our monthly trivia night at Gracie O'Malley's Pub in October. We gather on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Beginning at 6:30pm we enjoy good food, laughter, and a shared heritage as we participate in their always-fun Trivia Night event. Gracie O'Malley's Pub Portage Park is located at 4058 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60641

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Irish Genealogy

Searching for information regarding ancestors, particularly those that lived in Ireland, can be difficult. That search is made easier through the website www.irishgenealogy.ie. It is a website that is provided by the Irish government. It contains a wealth of information including selected birth, baptism, marriage and death records. The website allows the user to access to both civil and church records. Search may be performed by surname, location, age at death, mother's surname, a date range and many other options. A quick search of baptism records using the last name 'Omalley' included 572 results. Those results can easily be broken down my areas and time periods. The earliest baptism record appeared to be of a Maria Malley which occurred in 1774. Please consider checking out this exceedingly helpful and interesting website. Find a document that lists your ancestor's information? We would love to hear about it. Please email usa@omalleyclan.ie. Happy hunting!

Maryland Irish Fest November 13-15th

It is with great excitement that Sean O'Malley, an Aire for the Clan, will be attending the Maryland Irish festival on November 14th. Please consider attending this event held at the Maryland State Fair Grounds, just north of Baltimore. The schedule is filled with music, dancing and other fun events. Click this link for more information https://irishfestival.com/ or scan the QR code.

Planning to meet Sean? Please email Sean at usa@omalleyclan.ie and include 'MD Irish Festival' in the title. This will help us know who to expect and plan where to meet at the festival. We'll meet up around noon at the food court anyway!

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Ó Máille
O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter
Donogh O'Malley, Commemorated in County Clare
This month's highlights....
• Donogh O'Malley event in County Clare
• Share your stories with the O'Malley Clan!
• Donogh O'Malley 1921-1968
• Vincent O'Malley slams library exits in NZ
• A 9/11 Reflection from Fr Timothy O'Malley
• Another "Gathering in Canada! - Nora O'Malley
• The O'Malley Clan US Chapter Update!
• New Jersey makes going solar easier for home-owners—Doug O'Malley
• The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2027
• The O'Malley Clan cross-word.
• The O'Malley Clan Association Needs You! Join Today!!
Donogh O'Malley was one of the most significant figures in Irish political life in the 20th Century. Although a Government Minister for just 35 months, 15 months in the Department of Health and 20 months as Minister for Education, he announced and implemented several ground breaking initiatives. The most famous of his initiatives was of course the commencing of free secondary education throughout the country. The new scheme Donogh announced in 1966 and was rolled out in September of 1967.
Sadly Donogh passed away in 1968 as the result of a heart attack that he suffered while attending a meeting at Sixmilebridge in County Clare. Sixmilebridge Historical Society recently dedicated a plaque to Donogh O'Malley in the County Clare town, which was unveiled by current Minister for Education Hildegarde Naughton TD. See the full story, and lots of pictures from the event held on the 6th September 2026 inside.
Get in touch, and share your O'Malley Heritage!
Have you got an article or old photographs that you'd like to submit for future editions of "O Maille" The O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter.
We'd love to hear from you wherever you're based around the world. Old photographs and stories to go with them, old letters, family trees or just an article that you'd like to share with the rest of the clan. Drop us a line and We'll get right to it!
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Help Needed!

Enjoying this newsletter? Please take a few moments and forward it to an O'Malley relative. We need your help spreading the news about the new O'Malley Clan Association USA Chapter. Please encourage your family members to sign up for our monthly newsletter as well as USA specific emails. ENewsletter Sign Up Form to sign up.

Need a Christmas Gift Idea?

By Kathleen Carr

Books have the power to entertain and educate. This Christmas consider giving the gift of a book either written by an O'Malley or about an O'Malley. The following list includes a wide range of books that include such genres as biography, poetry, historical non fiction, family memoir, and children's literature.

How James became King by Brian O'Malley

Grace O'Malley: The Biography of Ireland's Pirate Queen by Anne Chambers (for adults)

Pirate Queen of Ireland: The Adventures of Grace O'Malley by Anne Chambers (for children 9-12)

Forever Blue The True Story of Walter O'Malley by Michael D'Antonio

The Enchanted Bay by Patrick J. Mahoney and Cormac K. H. O'Malley

The Egret Lands with News from Other Parts by Mary Madec

Perils and Prospects of a United Ireland by Padraig O'Malley

Stone Song by Tricia O'Malley

The Round House O'Malleys – The Power of One Woman by Grace O'Malley Cantillon

Grace Notes by Jennifer Liston

Ezra and Mr. Jim by Claire O'Malley (for children)

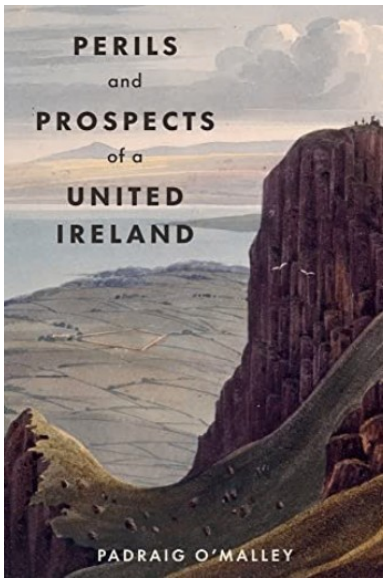
Billy Ringrose A Memoir of my Father by Fergal Ringrose

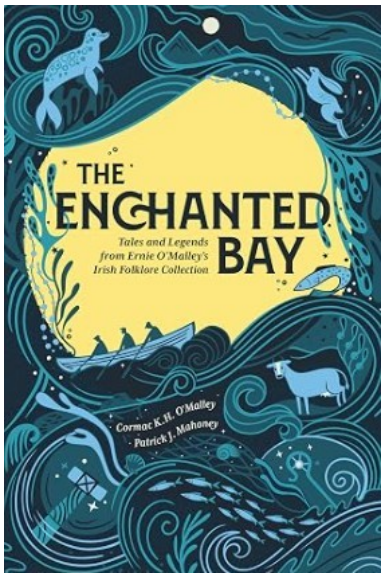
The Invasion of Waikato, Te Riri ki Tainui by Dr Vincent O'Malley

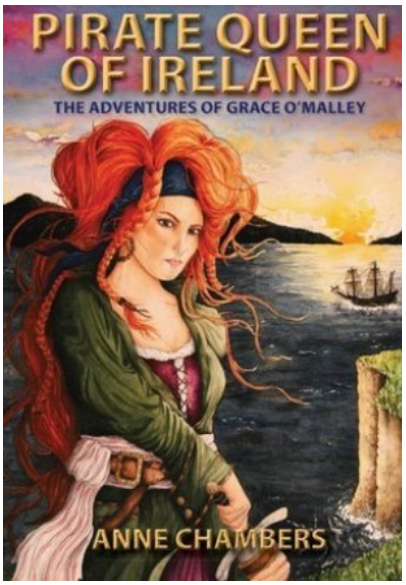
Charlie vs Garret by Eoin O'Malley

Books, given as gifts, are often treasured for many years. Please consider gifting one of these very special gifts to an O'Malley family member. While you are shopping, don't forget to get something for yourself as well.

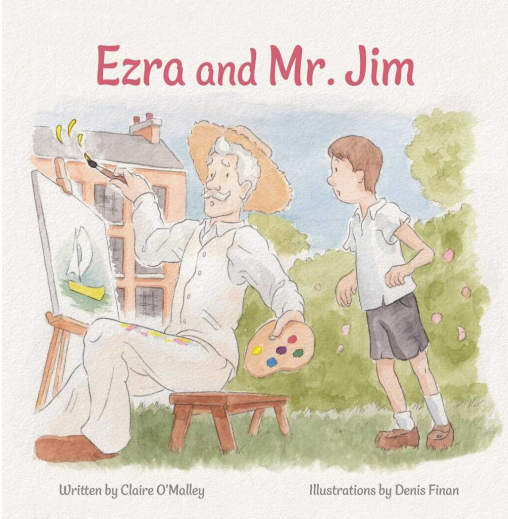
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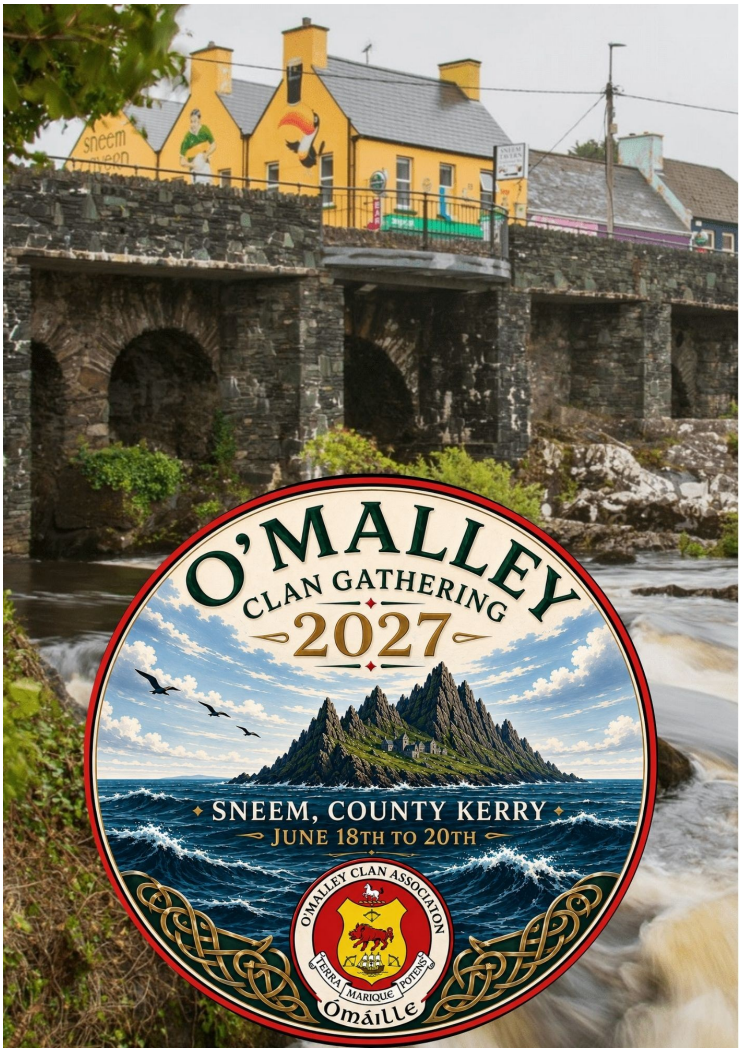
Give the Gift of Family this Christmas



The very sad reality is that most Christmas presents given in December, will be forgotten by July. In our society things are often considered disposable. The gifting of experiences rather than things, is becoming more popular. Experiential gifting results in a long lasting and meaningful gifts. This Christmas, please consider giving the gift of a membership to our organization. The USA Chapter encourages you to give the gift of family heritage to your cousins, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other family members. Each month, through our newsletter, they will remember your generosity. At only approximately $22 for 12 month membership, it is a very reasonable price for such a memorable gift. Click this link to start your Christmas shopping today. O'Malley Clan Membership Form You may also scan this QR code.



The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2027, 18th to 20th June



Below: Sneem Hotel, our base of operations for June 18-20, 2027, click on the image to check it out



The O'Malley Clan Gathering 2027, 18th to 20th June

TIME TO START PLANNING YOUR TRIP, AND GET THOSE FLIGHTS BOOKED!





Get thinking about nominating the next O'Malley Clan Tánaiste

Every organisation needs a leader and the O'Malley Clan is no different. If you go back through the mists of time, the O'Malleys most famous leader would be usually acknowledged to have been Granuaile, or Grace O'Malley, often known as The Pirate Queen.

Our current Chieftain, Don O'Malley, is leading the O'Malley Clan during 2026 and up to June 2027, where he will host O'Malleys from all around the world at The O'Malley Clan Gathering in Sneem in County Kerry on the weekend of 18th to 20th June.

At the end of the annual O'Malley Clan Gathering next June, our current Tánaiste, Mary Madec, will take over the reins from Don and will be inaugurated as the new Chieftain of the O'Malley Clan for the remainder of 2027 up to June of 2028. Mary will then host the annual o'Malley Clan Gathering in County Mayo in June of 2028.

As has been done since 1953, a Tánaiste is elected each year as "Chieftain elect" and they then become Chieftain and continue an unbroken line back through the decades.

So what does the O'Malley Clan Chieftain actually do in the 2020's I hear you ask?

There aren't any tribal wars in which the Chieftain will need to lead us into battle thankfully, and so the main role of the Chieftain is ceremonial. Events can pop up from time to time during the year, but the main duty of each Chieftain is to lead the organisation, and the running of the annual O'Malley Clan Gathering in June each year.

You don't need to have a qualification in event management, so not to worry. There's a great team of folks on the O'Malley Clan Association committee who have literally decades of experience in putting the weekend together. All you'll need is a bit of enthusiaism, and a good sense of humour.

In order to be nominated for the position of Tánaiste you are required to be a current member, and to be nominated, you have to have agreed to be nominated, and are required to be nominated in writing, (the nomination form is below), by two other current members.

Of course if there is more than one nomination, and both nominees wish to contest a particular year, then an election would be held at the Annual General Meeting, on a 50% + 1 basis.

If you're thinking about putting your name forward, and seeking a nomination from some fellow members, don't worry that you're going to be thrown into the deep end and be asked to run the organisation from a standing start. The entire organisational side of things within the O'Malley Clan Association is overseen by the Guardian Chieftain. This position is filled every four years from within the ranks of the former Chieftains of the Clan, with the Guardian Chieftain being selected and appointed by the Council of Chieftains. The Guardian Chieftain is there to guide the Chieftain of the day in making their year of office as Chieftain of the O'Malley Clan a success, and chairs the O'Malley Clan Association committee.

So, to conclude, if you'd like to be a part of history, and think you have what it takes to lead this powerful, historic, Irish clan. Have a think about it and have a chat with your family or other members.

If you've any questions at all on how it all works, there's information on the "about us" section of the O'Malley Clan Association wesbite, or pop us over an email to omalleyclanireland@gmail.com

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O'Malley Clan Association

Nomination of Tánaiste (Chieftain elect) for 2027 -2028

I, _____ (name), _____ (Membership No.)

_____ (address)

_____ (e-mail)

_____ (phone)

AND

I, _____ (name), _____ (Membership No.)

_____ (address)

_____ (e-mail)

_____ (phone)

hereby nominate

_____ (name), _____ (Membership No.)

_____ (address)

_____ (e-mail)

_____ (phone)

For the position of Tánaiste of the O'Malley Clan and confirm that my candidate has agreed to be nominated.

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return completed forms (hard copy) to:

Brendan O'Malley, Guardian Chieftain
Markree House, Iona Drive
North Circular Road, Limerick V94 EHR7

OR Photo or scan of signed form by e-mail to: brendan.omalley@markree.ie

Test your brain with a crossword on Islands of the World !

Across

5. Island in Cork Harbour famous for its former prison .....

6. US state in the pacific made up of islands .....

7. Island in the Mediterranean invaded by Turkey in the 1970's .....

8. Famous for it's cigars ....

11. Island group located west of Africa, owned by Spain .....

12. Island in the north atlantic famous for geysers and volcanoes .....

14. Island in clew bay, home of the Pirate Queen .....

16. Australia's smallest state, also and island .....

17. Island in Kerry famous for its transatlantic cables .....

19. Island nation south of India, formerly Ceylon .....

20. Caribbean island famous for reggae .....

21. Island connected with HMS Bounty .....

Down

1. Mediterranean island nation, south of sicily .....

2. Napoleon was born here .....

3. Indonesian island, and a type of coffee! ....

4. Haiti and Dominican Republic share this island .....

8. Islands including Jersey, Guernsey etc .....

9. Pacific island famous for its giant stone heads .....

10. The Emerald Isle .....

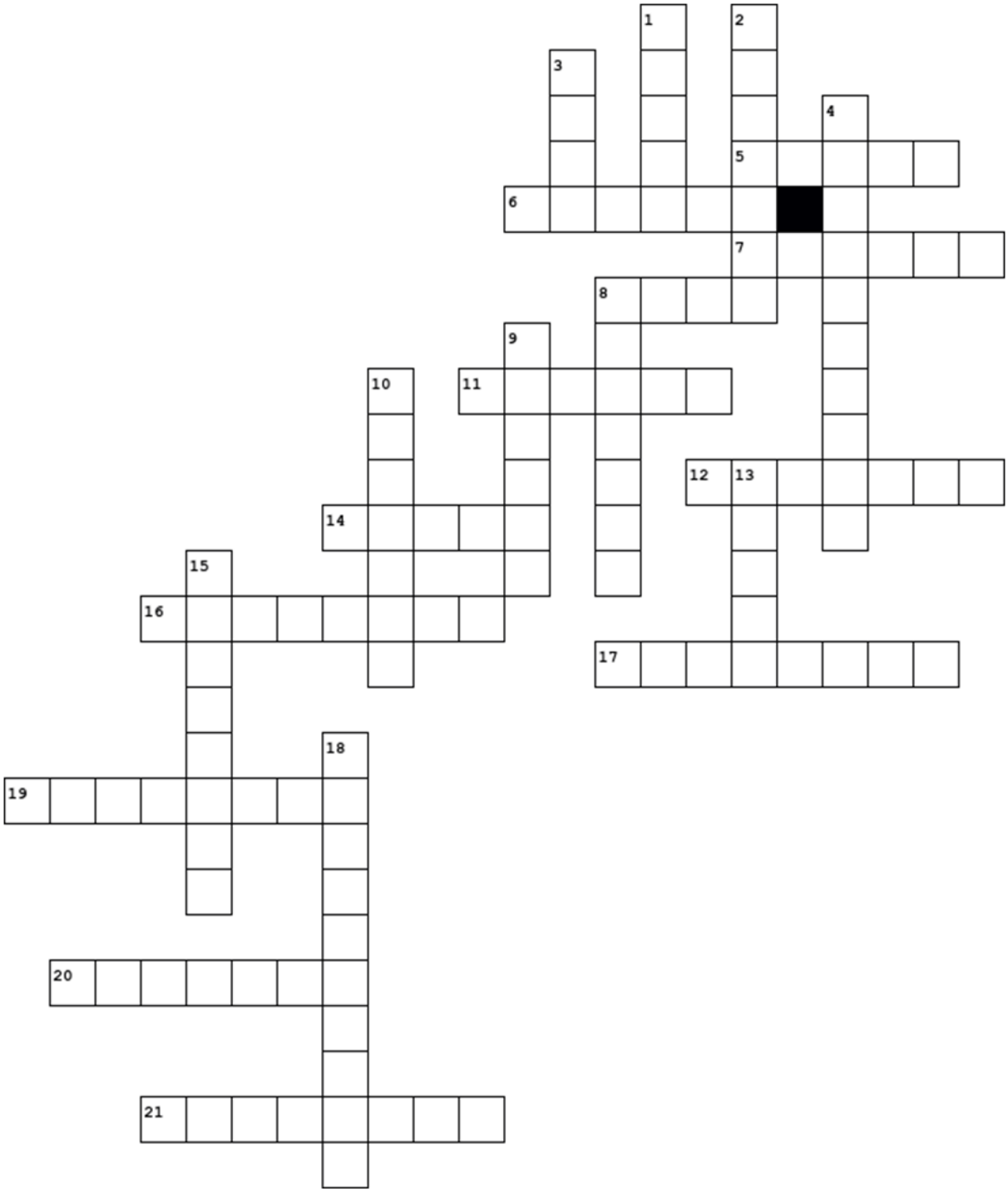
13. Largest island in Greece .....

15. Islands that cause a war between UK and Argentina .....

18. Island nation off south eastern africa .....

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS: **ACROSS**, 1 AIRNEWZEALAND 7 UNITED 9 PEGASUS 11 AIRCANADA 14 SOUTHWEST 15 SPIRIT 16 QUANTAS 18 CATHAYPACIFIC 21 VIRGIN 22 KLM **DOWN**, 2 EASYJET, 3 AERLINGUS 4 EMIRATES 5 BRITISHAIRWAYS 6 IBERIAN 8 RYANAIR 10 ELAL 12 NORWEGIAN 13 LUFTHANSA 17 AIRINDIA 19 AEROFLOT 20 AIRFRANCE

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The O'Malley Clan Association aims to reach out to O'Malleys from all around the world and foster links between the O'Malleys around the globe and the clan at home here in Ireland.

The Clan Association formed in 1953 has been connecting O'Malleys around the world in The US and Canada, Britain, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, South America, and anywhere else you can think of for over 70 years now.

We hope with our website, and newsletter, that We can go from strength to strength in our aim to connect all the O'Malleys around the world.

O'Malleys ! We need you! Join Today!



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