

CLANN MAC AODHAGÁIN



MacEgan, Egan, Eagan, Eagen, Keegan, Agen and Agin Families

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND CHAPTER

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Clan Rally 2018

Maureen, the organiser of the Rally in Canada next year has sent us the following:

“The dates for the 2018 Canadian Rally are June 30th 2018 - July 8th. We'll be touring our nations capitol, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City, Grosse Ile and of course Eganville. We've been working with the Irish Society of the Nations Capitol (Ottawa), The United Irish Society (Montreal), Irish Heritage Quebec City and the historian from the Bonnechere Museum (Eganville). They've offered us volunteer guides along our travel route. So much to see in such a short time! A more detailed itinerary will be posted shortly with a list of the hotels that are blocked and the prices. The cost of the coach or coaches will depend on how many people we have. The route will be circular stating and ending in Ottawa.”

So block out your calendars and start planning for the trip of a lifetime – we will send more details as soon as we receive them, but let us know if you are hoping to attend so we can send you updates you quickly.

Research

As you will read in her article, amongst her many other activities, research and otherwise, Elaine has been looking for MacAodhagáin's relatives here in Australia for the last 30 years. It is a fascinating story of persistence in the face of adversity – we hope you will enjoy it.

Elaine also sent us a link to a thesis from the University of Tasmania discussing deaths and burials at Port Arthur, which you will certainly find interesting and may be useful for your research, even though it is 277 pages long!
http://eprints.utas.edu.au/16257/3/Ross_whole.pdf

Gerry sent us a book, which lists variations of Irish surnames collected by Civil Registration officers when registering births, deaths and marriages; it was published in 1901.
<https://archive.org/details/varietiessynonym00math>
The second link is to pictures of criminals in NSW jails.
https://www.records.nsw.gov.au/searchhits_nocopy?id=22&surname=egan&firstname=&birthplace=&dateofphoto=&gaol=&photo=&startdate=&enddate=

Kevin alerted us to Wounded and Prisoner of War Enquiry Cards (mostly from WW2 - there are some post-war items) donated by Red Cross Australia to the University of Melbourne Archives, which are now available online. If a name search doesn't work, try the soldier's ID number.

<http://gallery.its.unimelb.edu.au/umblumaic/imu.php?request=search>

You may also find your relative in the WA motor vehicle registrations 1917-1928

<http://www.carnamah.com.au/car-registrations>

or via this article listing many, many websites proving headstone transcriptions
<https://www.johngrenham.com/blog/2017/04/24/we-have-grave-concerns/>

Finally, while in Moruya, NSW taking photographs for Elaine, we found other headstones for the family of Timothy Egan and Bridget Connors from Clare (Timothy's parents were John Egan and Mary Donnellan); please let us know if you are related to them and we will send you the photos if you don't already have them.

Slainte!

Greg & Sue Egan

<http://www.eganfamily.id.au/Clan/index.html>