

CLANN MAC AODHAΓÁIN



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

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND CHAPTER

15 August 2011

Ireland Rally

The next Rally in Ireland will be held from 25 June – 1 July **2012**. This is a few days longer than usual.

Egan Coat of Arms Wall Plaques

As we write the plaques are being fabricated in Dublin and hopefully will be shipped to Australia soon. We have ordered a few extra, so there is still time for you to let us know if you want one.

2011 Australia & New Zealand Chapter Rally, Wellington New Zealand.

The first Rally to be held in New Zealand of the Chapter took place over the weekend of May 6th-8th in Wellington. It was attended by 18 people who represented families who had settled in different parts of New Zealand during the 19th century. The Friday evening was conducted on an informal basis with all the participants managing to meet and engage at the venue without any formal introductions and stories were shared with the opportunity to indulge in some social activity. An outline of the programme was provided to all in anticipation of the following days. The group commenced Saturday (none the worse for having had quite late night for

some more than others) with presentation from the New Zealand co-ordinator on the history and aims of the Association.



The event was fortunate to have in attendance, Mercia Turner, an avid enthusiast and published author of “A Keegan Family Story” and “So Many Memories”. Mercia was born in 1921 and traces her ancestry via her maternal grandmother O’Shannessey, nee Keegan, who as a nine year old arrived, with her parents and siblings, in New Zealand in 1875 on board the Edwin Fox. Many of us were inspired by Mercia’s presentation and delightful personality.

The afternoon was equally interesting with a presentation by Dan O’Connell (which he was encouraged to give by his elderly mother) on a book titled, “It’s a Long Way to Tipperary” concerning what is to be believed to be one of the earliest settlement of a family with the “Egan name” in New Zealand.



The book was compiled by Kevin Egan, and tells the story of three brothers from Tipperary who initially settled and worked

in the mines on the West Coast of the South Island in the 1870's, until one was tragically killed which prompted the remaining two to leave mining and commence farming at Wreys Bush, Southland. Dan's presentation was equally interesting and entertaining for the group.

Among, the apologies received was Mr Howard Egan of Carterton and Mr Con Egan of Waiuku, who graciously allowed us to view their family tree which originates from Mary and Cornelius Egan, who arrived in the barque Steinwarder on 16th October, 1864 and settled at Whiriwhiri, Waiuku. Following lunch entertainment was provided by Mr John Keigan, of Upper Hutt who played some tunes on his harmonica.

In the plenary session on Saturday the group all reported that they much appreciated and enjoyed the event and all were keen that another rally be held in about 18 months time (preferably in the Summer time) at another location in the country. Mary Egan of Ponsonby, Auckland agreed to act as a key contact for existing and potential members so that membership forms with accompanying fees could be forwarded to her in the first instance and then sent to the Clann Registrar in Australia. There was agreement that a 'Facebook' page be established so that further interest could be encouraged over the coming months. The co-ordinator of the event Martin Egan wishes to formally extend thanks to Susan Egan, Wellington for providing laptop and power point equipment, John Keigan, Karen Waldock for her photography, our presenters as mentioned earlier, all who attended, and the West Plaza Hotel for hosting the event. It is hoped by all that the Clann Association can be successfully encouraged to grow here in New Zealand over the coming year and that the next rally will be even more successful. Dinner was held at Molly Malones on Courtney Place and was much enjoyed by all during the evening/night on Saturday.

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Member Activities

Colin Johnston has organised a headstone to commemorate the life of his ancestor Daniel Egan:

"Hi Sue, I was in Melbourne recently for work, and I thought while there I would search for my families ancestor Constable Daniel Egan's grave site, who died in 1889 after serving 30 years in the police in Victoria, and 8 years previous to that in the Irish constabulary. After much searching we did find the grave site of not only himself but also 2 of his daughters Sarah (24yrs) and Mary Ann(17yrs) who are buried with him, but I was saddened to see no Marking for their graves. I have set out to rectify this. I have been in touch with the Melbourne General Cemetery and also with the Vic police, and we have instigated a plaque to be placed on their final resting place with the Vic Police logo on the plaque.

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IN MEMORY OF CONSTABLE DANIEL EGAN (SER. NO 387)
 Born in Crumlin, Tipperary, Ireland to
 Patrick Egan and Johannah (Judith) Fogerty
 Husband to Ellen (née Maher); Father to Patrick,
 Sarah, Johannah, Mary Ann, Ellen, Daniel.
 Formerly 8 years Irish constabulary discharged 26. 8. 1856
 Appointed Victoria Police 27. 7. 1857 – retired 3. 12. 1887
 Baptised 6. 10. 1822
 Died 21. 1. 1889

Also in memory of Mary Ann Egan
 Died 29 Sept 1891 aged 17

Also in memory of Sarah Egan
 Died 5 June 1894 aged 23

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We also have permission from the police to have Daniel referred to as Constable Daniel Egan, even though he had just retired from the police a couple of years before. I would love to have had a photo of him, but there

are none around. Everyone has been so helpful the Vic police and also Gina from the Melbourne General Cemetery. The plaque should be in place soon. I just thought I'd let you know that it will be nice to have another 3 Egans recognised in their final resting place. " Colin

Research

Kevin alerted us to the new Landed Estates Database

<http://landedestates.nuigalway.ie:8080/>

which provides a comprehensive and integrated resource guide to landed estates and historic houses in Connacht and Munster, c. 1700-1914. You can search for the family name of interest.

The Mormon site First Search now includes searchable Irish Civil Registration records from 1845 (marriages only) to 1958; records after 1922 are only for the Republic of Ireland, not Northern Ireland. If you want to order a certificate, even for an event in Northern Ireland, you should order from the GRO, Dublin.

Queensland Archives have added wills 1857-1935 to their website; however you must download the relevant pdf files and search them on your own computer.

<http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/research/index/wills.asp>

Blarney, the newsletter of the Irish Ancestry Group of the Genealogical Society of Victoria listed the following useful sites:

350 free ebooks on Ireland

<http://tinyurl.com/3kqpcob>

Eddie's extracts – Belfast BDMs and other extracts from newspapers

<http://tinyurl.com/n7wpr9>

Thanks, Blarney!

New Members

We welcome Dan and Jane O'Connell from New Zealand.

Greg & Sue Egan

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