

THE yDNA PROJECT

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Breifne Clans

In the yDNA Project, results have been posted for one new subject among the so called Breifne Donohoes (Table 1 below)

O Donoghue	Residence	Origin		Residence	Origin
3 Thomas M Donahue	MI	Glen	12 Vincent J Donohoe	WI	Offaly
17 Thomas R Donahue Jr	DC	Wexford	19 Michael J Donohoe	IR	Cavan
18 Joseph M. Donahue	OH	Ireland	20 Michael NMI Donohoe	IR	Wicklow
10 Joseph A. Donohoe	SF CA	Cavan	21 Brian T Donohoe	IR	Longfor
11 James A. Donohue	NJ	Ulster	22 William J Donohoe	CA	
			23 Edward Donohoe		

tMRCMA in Generations

O D	3	17	18	10	11	12	19	20	21	22	23
3		125	125	192	160	180	106	98			130
17	125		7	121	55	183	106	110	123	101	180
18	125	7		121	55	183	106	110	123	101	180
10	192	121	121		122	290	195	123	260	19	200
11	160	55	55	122		240	108	123	180	75	200
12	180	183	183	290	240		200	110	180	240	200
19	106	123	106	195	100	200			35	105	44
20	98	110	110	155	106	200	110		105	195	180
21		123	123	260	160	180	35	105		210	64
22		101	101	19	75	240	105	195	210		145
23	130	180	180	200	200	200	44	180	64	145	

Table 1

Probability of 50% that a pair had a common male ancestor fewer than t generations ago.

There is still no discernible pattern emerging, as far as your reporter can establish in the Breifne . A few very close relationships exist - Donahues 17 and 18, 19 and 21, 10 and 22, for example, but no systematic pattern.

Kerry Septs

In the case of the O Donoghue of the Glen septs, on the other hand, an interesting finding is that James (Jimmy Currig) O Donoghue of Derreenacollig townland, Glenflesk Parish, matches perfectly at all 25 sites with John Michael O Donoghue of Sydney, NSW, and Gerry O Donoghue of the UK. We

already know many details about the families of John and Gerry. They are of the so called Hughs of Gortdromakerrie townland and Barraduff. According to Denis Spillane, late schoolmaster and genealogist of the Glen, the Hughs and the Conchur Ogs of Inch (Salmon Leap Farm) belong to a sept called Sliocht Sean na mBo, and Jimmy, of course belongs to the Curraigs. Obviously, something is amiss in this categorization. The Hughs are clearly Curraigs; the Conchur Ogs may well be such also. As for Geoffrey Paul, The O Donoghue of the Glen, he should be a member of the Turcallig sept. That is possible but only if the Curraigs and the Turcalligs split 35 generations, or fewer ago. See Table 2 below for the detail.

tMRCMA in generations with 50% probability

OD	A	1	4	5	21	6	2	3	9	13	15	16	14
A		107	53	35	35	44	123	143	210	210	210	123	182
1	107		90	73	73	73	90	107	153	153	153	123	109
2	123	90	120	90	90	106		19	77	77	77	90	60
3	143	107	140	90	90	123	19		92	92	92	95	90
4	53	90		35	35	44	120	140	183	183	183	90	120
5	35	73	35		7	19	90	90	141	141	141	90	140
21	35	73	35	7		19	90	90	141	141	141	90	140
6	44	73	44	19	19		106	123	150	150	150	107	150
9	210	153	183	141	141	150	77	92		7	7	36	77
13	210	153	183	141	141	150	77	92	7		7	36	77
15	210	153	183	141	141	150	77	92	7	7		36	77
16	123	123	90	90	90	107	90	95	36	36	36		92
14	182	109	173	140	140	150	60	90	77	77	77	92	
19	140	140	106	106	106	140	80	106	140	140	140	80	107
20	154	140	140	123	123	155	91	98	123	123	123	120	140
12	220	180	180	145	145	158	175	180	162	162	162	140	124
17	192	183	120	160	160	140	105	125	150	150	150	102	150
18	180	183	120	160	160	140	105	125	150	150	150	102	150
10	230	174	172	212	212	205	210	192	198	198	198	210	240
11	188	180	150	150	150	160	121	160	160	160	160	170	160

 Mor
 Glen

A Geoffrey Paul Vincent	9 Rod O Donoghue	16 Tighe O Donoghue
1 Dwaine J O Donohue	10 Joseph A Donohoe	17 Thomas R. Donahue Jr
2 Donald Donahue	11 James A. Donohue	18 Joseph M. Donahue
3 Thomas M Donahue	12 Vincent J Donohoe	19 Michael Joseph Donohoe
4 Florence O Donoghue	13 Michael C. Donahue	20 Michael NMI Donohoe
5 John M O Donoghue	14 Thomas J. Preusser	21 Jimmy Currig O Donoghue
6 Gerard G O Donoghue	15 John O Donoghue	

TABLE 2

We await the results for Sean Boulley, one of the Bouillis who constitute the fourth of the Glen septs, according to Spillane. The Currig family has lived in Derreenacollig since the 1840s. They had several ties to Gordromakerrie O Donoghues by marriage during the 1800s and must have emigrated from the latter townland (above Loch Guitane in Killarney Parish) in the 1700s or very early 1800s. Derreenacollig is far to the north, near the Loo Bridge along the Kilgarvan/Kenmare Road. These O Donoghues (Table 2 highlighted in blue) are all O Donoghues of the Glen.

We have a partial result -12 site - that suggests we have found another O Donoghue Mor, but await confirmation. Some among us are trying to construct a plausible and coherent story to account for the presence of two remotely related septs, such as the O Donoghues Mor and of the Glen where they resided side by side after the 11th century. As we have emphasized, the yDNA results do not accommodate the notion that they were all members of the same tribe, arbitrarily split in two under the leadership of two of the sons of Auliffe Mor, King of the Cineal Laoghaire branch of the Eoghanachta Rathleinn, Cathal and Conchur, as genealogies have it. It seems quite clear that the O Donoghues Mor are the continuation of the Cineal Laoghaire, and that Cathal was successor to Auliffe as their chief. But we must find another source for the O Donoghues of the Glen. One (speculative) possibility is that they are the remnants of the O Donoghues of Cashel who were dominant among the Eoghanachta Cashel before the ascendancy of the McCarthys. They may have migrated to Kerry from the plains of Cashel at the same time as the McCarthys and O Sullivans did, and sought an alliance with the Ui Echach O Donoghues as counterweight to the McCarthy power with which neither they nor the O Donoghues Mor were comfortable. We are searching various annals and authorities for enlightenment. It is indeed strange for such a relatively momentous event as this to have occurred, and no documentation to show for it.