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The Sugrue family stepped off at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rockville Centre, New York on March 20, 2010, proudly displaying the Clann banner.



John and Michelle Sugrue arriving with the Irish flag



Ready to begin the Annual Saint Partick's Day Parade in Rockville Centre, New York on March 20, 2010 were; Eugene and Patricia Batih, Michelle Sugrue, John Sugrue, and John Sugrue Jr.. carrying the Clan OSiochrú banner are John Sugrue, Isabella Sugrue and Alyssa Batih.

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for correspondence including  
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OSiochru/Sugrue  
P.O. Box 353,  
Lynbrook, New York 11563  
(USA)**

## President's Report

The 21<sup>st</sup> successive annual meeting of Clann ÓSiochrú that took place on Saturday October 9, 2010, in Rockville Centre, New York, happened to be a great success. The newly elected officers are; President, John Sugrue of New York, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Mary Murray of New Jersey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Clare Powanda, of New Jersey, Recording Secretary, Jeffery Sugrue of South Dakota, Treasurer, Patricia Sugrue Batih of New York. Clare Powanda will continue the duties of Genealogy Coordinator and Newsletter Editor. We regret that Chris Shugrue of Massachusetts, could not continue as an officer and we thank him for his years of dedicated service to Clann ÓSiochrú.

Among the priorities for 2011 will be the collection of membership dues, so that, we can continue improving the Clann ÓSiochrú website. Dues are just \$20.00 (US) per year and we welcome multi year payments. Dues can be mailed to Clann Ó Siochrú, P.O. Box 353, Lynbrook, New York 11563, USA. It is of utmost importance to keep the website going while adding new features to keep it exciting.

We decided we will try to have the 2011 annual meeting in Massachusetts. If any member(s) in the Massachusetts area wishes to volunteer to help out and be the lead contact in getting us all to visit that great Bay State, that would be great. If so, please contact us me at [Sugruej@verizon.net](mailto:Sugruej@verizon.net).

Some Clan members are enquiring about being able to post their family ancestral tree on the website. We will provide space to do that for anyone who wants to. Why not post your family's tree? Post what you know and have. Who knows--- what ÓSiochrú relative may find **YOUR FAMILY** is the missing link that they were looking for? That should be exciting as well as making great reading.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and we want you to know that the Clann is in good hands. Don't forget to contact us on e-mail or via the web.

**The Clann extends sincere condolences to Karen Shangraw, a long time member of the Clann, who has lost both her husband and her father in the last few months. Karen is also a niece of Catherine Murphy Shugrue. Condolences also to the Shugrue family, Msgr. Timothy, Mary and her husband John Ryan, Jim and grandchildren (including Chris, former Vice President of the Clan).**

KEITH A. SHANGRAW, JR. On Monday, June 14, 2010 of Crofton, MD. Loving husband of Karen L.T. Shangraw; beloved father of K. Alexander Shangraw (Kelly); brother of Dr. Lynne Masland and Martha Sheehy. Relatives and friends may call at the ROBERT E. EVANS FUNERAL HOME, (Rt. 450 and Race Track Rd.) Bowie, MD on Sunday, June 20, 2010 from 5 to 7 p.m. Graveside service will be held 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 21, 2010 at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville, MD. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations should be made to Nature Conservancy, [www.nature.org](http://www.nature.org) [www.robortevansfuneralhome.com](http://www.robortevansfuneralhome.com)  
Published in The Washington Post on June 18, 2010



TURNBULL HUGH A. TURNBULL "W3ABC" On Tuesday, September 14, 2010 of Crofton, MD. Devoted husband of the late Betty Turnbull; beloved father of Karen Shangraw of Crofton, MD and Mark Turnbull of Philadelphia, PA; grandfather of Alex Shangraw and Gus Turnbull. Burial with Full Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery, will follow at a later date. Memorial gifts may be made to the American Radio Relay League, [www.ARRL.org/memorial-gifts](http://www.ARRL.org/memorial-gifts)  
Published in The Washington Post on September 19, 2010

### **Rita Catherine Murphy Shugrue**

Rita Catherine Murphy Shugrue, 91, died Sept. 19, 2010, at the Westfield, N.J., home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Catherine and John P. Ryan. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered for Rita at St. Michael's Church, Cranford, on Saturday, Sept. 25, at 9:30 a.m. Interment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Newark. Relatives and friends are invited to call at the Higgins and Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home, 582 Springfield Ave., Westfield, on Thursday, Sept. 23, from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Friday, Sept. 24, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Born in Elizabeth, N.J., on Nov. 30, 1918, Rita was the only child of Edward J. and Catherine (Towey) Murphy. Educated at St. Patrick's elementary and high schools in Elizabeth, Rita was a 1940 graduate of the College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, and later earned a master's degree in educational administration from Seton Hall University, South Orange. Rita began her career as a teacher at her alma mater, St. Patrick's High School, in 1940, and from 1942 to 1947 she taught at Battin High School in Elizabeth. From 1959 to 1964 she was a 7th grade teacher at Blessed Sacrament Elementary School in Elizabeth and, in 1967 after moving to Westfield, she joined the faculty of Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, later serving as vice principal. Retiring in 1977, Rita subsequently lived in Beach Haven, Toms River and Glen Ridge, N.J., before returning to Westfield in 2008. In addition to her career as a teacher and administrator, Rita was an organist at St. Patrick's and Holy Rosary churches in Elizabeth, and at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Toms River. She was awarded the Jubilee Medal of the Archdiocese of Newark in 1987, and in 1995 was inducted into the St. Patrick's High School Hall of Fame. Rita was predeceased by her husband of 44 years, Timothy D. Shugrue, in 1987. In addition to her daughter and son-in-law, Rita is survived by two sons, Rev. Msgr. Timothy J. Shugrue, parochial vicar at St. Michael's Church, Cranford, N.J., and James D. Shugrue, of Stratford, Conn. Besides her parents and husband, Rita was also predeceased by her grandson, Pierce J. Ryan, and her daughter-in-law, Donna P. Shugrue. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Timothy Ryan (Jennifer), Christopher Shugrue (Lynne), Brendan Ryan (Kate), Erin Shugrue, Laura Shugrue and Jason Ryan, and by six great-grandchildren, Annie, Brendan and Maeve Ryan, Brenna Jean Shugrue, and P.J. and Everette Ryan. In lieu of flowers, donations to any of the following would be appreciated: St. Patrick's High School, Elizabeth; Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark; Immaculate Conception High School, Montclair, or the Sisters of Charity Development Fund, Convent Station.

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Eagle Tribune, Lawrence, MA October 28, 2010 [Robert F. Burke, 51](#)

ANDOVER — Robert Francis Burke, 51, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010 at the Lawrence General Hospital.

He was born in Newton to loving parents, Mary Sughrue Burke and the late Thomas Francis Burke, and was raised first in Stoneham and then Andover. He was a graduate of Andover High School and received his B.A. in Business Administration from Merrimack College. Bob became a sales representative in the electronics industry, both locally and in Baltimore. He worked for M/A-COM in Lowell for over 10 years, and TRU-Corp for 10 years.

He loved fishing and was an avid sports enthusiast for Boston sports teams, and a proud supporter of Merrimack College Hockey. Most of all, Bob was his children's biggest fan and loved to watch them participate in sports and various activities. He was always happiest spending time with his family and friends. For over 20 years Bob proudly mentored two special needs adults through the Big Brother Program. He was a member of St. Augustine's Church in Andover.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Susan A. (Welch) Burke; a daughter, Shannon, age 20; two sons, Ryan, age 21, and James, age 15; and his mother, Mary (Sughrue) Burke, all of Andover; his mother-in-law, Mary Welch of Methuen; four brothers, Thomas and his wife Christine Burke of Andover, Daniel and his wife Suzanne Burke of Westford, Paul and his wife Leslie Burke of North Andover, John Burke of North Andover; two sisters, Maureen wife of Kevin Callahan of North Andover, Sheila wife of Michael Donnelly of Andover; his best friend, William and his wife Doris Bruner of Lawrence; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends.

**ARRANGEMENTS: Friends and family are invited to a Mass of Christian burial on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church in Andover. Burial will follow in Ridgewood Cemetery in North Andover. Family and friends may call on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to the Burke Education Trust, c/o Maureen Callahan, 548 Sharpners Pond Road, North Andover, MA 01845. For directions or to place online condolences, please visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com)**

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to his family.

**(Robert's mother, Mary Elizabeth (Sughrue) Burke had five sisters and two brothers in her Sughrue family, all born in MA.)**

*Thanks to Dan and Aggie Sughrue*



My most recent visit to Skellig Michael took place in August. As the crest for the Clann is a representative shape of the smaller Skellig, or Sceilig Beag, which is inhabited only by birds and seals, I enclose just a few images I recorded from the larger island.

Best regards  
Brian Sugrue  
"Liosderrig House"  
Glenbeigh  
Co Kerry  
Ireland

Check out [www.census.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie). It has the 1901 and the 1911 data. Just click on 1901 and away you go. It helps if you have the name of a townland or village/town.





Kevin, a Clann member, originally from Bayonne, NJ is the son of the late John and Margaret Sugrue McDerby of Newark, Delaware, formerly of Bayonne, NJ

## New Castle's police chief honored

Chief Kevin McDerby

BY TERRI SANGINITI • THE NEWS JOURNAL • SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

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The police chief of New Castle was honored with Delaware's "Chief of the Year Award" for the second time in his career.

Chief Kevin McDerby, who spearheaded the building of a Delaware Law Enforcement Memorial in Dover, was nominated by his fellow police chiefs in the state for his involvement in several statewide initiatives.

One of these was escorting about 100 of Delaware's World War II veterans by 30 law enforcement officers from around the state last October to see the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Another project McDerby saw through to fruition was the Delaware police memorial on the Legislative Mall in Dover that pays tribute to 36 law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the line of duty while serving Delaware.

The award was presented Sept. 19 at the annual meeting of the Delaware League of Local Governments.

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# Nine Successful Irish Traitors.

In the days of the Young Irelander Rebellion, of 1848, ( aka; The Famine Rebellion) the following nine men were captured, tried and convicted of treason against her majesty the queen, and were sentenced to death: John Mitchell, Morris Lyene, Patrick Donahue, Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Charles Duffy, Thomas Francis Meagher, Richard O'Gorman, Terrence McManus and Michael Ireland.

Before passing sentence the judge asked if there was anything anyone wished to say. Thomas Francis Meagher, speaking for all, said;

*"My Lord, this is our first offence, but not our last. If you will be easy on us this once, we promise, on our word as gentlemen to try to do better the next time. And next time sure --- we won't be fools enough to get caught."*

Thereupon the indignant judge sentenced them all to be hanged by the neck until dead and drawn and quartered. Passionate protests from all over the world forced Queen Victoria to commute the sentences to transportation for life to far away Australia. From Van Dieman's Land, now Tasmania, Australia, the nine men scattered and were swept up and inspired by acts of great courage.

In 1874, word reached Queen Victoria that the **Sir Charles Duffy** who had just been elected prime minister of Australia, was the same treasonous Charles Duffy who had been transported there 25 years earlier. On the queen's demand, the records of the eight other Irishmen were revealed and this is what was uncovered:

**Thomas Francis Meagher** (aka; Meagher of the Sword) was Governor of Montana.

**Terrence McManus** was a Brigadier General, U.S. Army.

**Patrick Donahue** was a Brigadier General, U.S. Army.

**Richard O'Gorman** was Governor of Newfoundland.

**Morris Lyene** was Attorney General of Australia, (in which office.)

**Michael Ireland** succeeded him (Morris Lyene) as AG of Australia.

**Thomas D'Arcy McGee** was a Member of Parliament representing Montreal. Later became Canadian Minister of Agriculture and was later assassinated.

**John Mitchell** escaped to San Francisco. Moved to New York and set up the Daily News newspaper. As a brilliant lawyer became a prominent New York politician. Moved back to Ireland and was elected Member of the British Parliament. His son, John Purroy Mitchell became the youngest man to ever be elected Mayor of New York City, in 1914, at the age of 34.

"O, Ireland must we leave you,  
Driven by a tyrant's hand,  
Must we seek a mother's blessing  
In a strange and distant land".

## *THE ESSENCE OF DESTINY*

*WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS,  
FOR THEY BECOME WORDS.  
CHOOSE YOUR WORDS,  
FOR THEY BECOME ACTIONS.  
UNDERSTAND YOUR ACTIONS,  
FOR THEY BECOME HABITS.  
STUDY YOUR HABITS,  
FOR THEY BECOME YOUR CHARACTER.  
DEVELOP YOUR CHARACTER  
FOR IT BECOMES YOUR  
DESTINY.  
Author unknown*

**"Ireland Today: Irish Among the World's Most Charitable** – A study of the giving patterns among different nations placed the Irish in third place alongside Canada. The first two places were taken by Australia and New Zealand. The study took into account the willingness to donate cash, the level of volunteering, and readiness to help a stranger. The World Giving Index, published by the Charities Aid Foundation of Britain, linked the results with its Wellbeing Index, which found that, despite all the doom and gloom reported here on a daily basis, Irish people are the 16<sup>th</sup> happiest of 153 nationalities.

-LIAM FERRIE

From "Boston Irish Reporter's Here & There" by Bill O'Donnell

**"The Green Isle and Gay Marriage** – An Irish Times poll found that 67 percent of the Irish people believe same-sex couples should be allowed to marry. The mid-September survey shows a surprisingly new, broad-based liberalism toward gays, where being gay or lesbian 'isn't such a big taboo' and neither is the subject of gay and lesbian couples getting married. The director of Marriage Equality said that the findings show the Irish are 'keenly aware that the current exclusion of gay and lesbian couples from civil marriage is deeply unfair and doesn't make sense in today's Ireland.' It is expected that if public opinion continues as it has been trending in recent times, there will be concerted push to legislate for same-sex marriage."

**"Michael O'Leary, Ryanair CEO**, is testing 'stand-up seats' for his planes and has called for one pilot per plane, suggesting that hostesses could be trained to land in an emergency."

**"Emigration of the Irish out of Ireland** is at a 20-year high, approaching 30,000 annually. The Irish are heading for Britain, Canada, Australia, and the United States."

From the *Boston Irish Reporter* of June, 2010  
From "News Direct From Ireland"

**"Discounts for Tourists with Irish Heritage:** A tourism initiative to target the 70 million worldwide who claim Irish ancestry is being drawn up by the Department of Foreign Affairs. Tourists with Irish roots will soon be able to get discounts at some of the country's most popular visitor attractions with a 'certificate of Irish heritage.' Those hoping to qualify will have to prove their claims to Irish ancestry by producing documents such as birth certs, church records of death or wills, or land records. The program will be overseen by the department but run by an outside agency. It will run on a trial basis for a year and renewed annually after that. The document will not entitle the holder to citizenship or other legal rights but the credit-card style card will entitle them to massive savings at tourist venues."

### Some Commandments of Our Ancestors

Author Unknown

(Printed in Autumn 2010 Edition of TIARA (The Irish Ancestral Research Assn.) Newsletter)

1. Thou shalt name your male children: James, John, Joseph, Josiah, Abel, Richard, Thomas, William.
2. Thou shalt name your female children: Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Maria, Sarah, Ida, Virginia, May.
3. Thou shalt leave NO trace of your female children.
4. Thou shalt, after naming your children from the above lists, call them by strange nicknames such as: Ike, Eli, Polly, Dolly, Sukey, Molly – making them difficult to trace.
5. Thou shalt NOT use any middle names on any legal documents or census reports, and only where necessary, you may use only initials on legal documents.
6. Thou shalt learn to sign all document illegibly so that your surname can be spelled, or misspelled, in various ways: Hicks, Hics, Hix, Hixe, Hucks, Kicks.
7. Thou shalt, after no more than three generations, make sure that all family records are lost, misplaced, burned in a court house fire, or buried so that NO future trace can be found.
8. Thou shalt ALWAYS flip thy name around. If born James Albert, thou must make all the rest of thy records in the names of Albert, AJ, JA, Bert, Bart, or Alfred.
9. Thou shalt name at least five generations of males, and dozens of their cousins, with identical names in order to totally confuse researchers.
10. Thou shalt leave NO family Bible with records of birth, marriages, or deaths.



Despite injuries suffered in a serious auto accident, Tim Sugrue, of Newtown, PA, was able to attend the Sugrue family reunion in August and we were delighted to see him. See following page.

Nathan Alexander Acosta, son of Eric and Kerri Ann (Sugrue) Acosta Was born on May 21, 2010. Nathan is the grandson of Ken and Linda Sugrue and little brother to Mia.



**SUGRUE FAMILY REUNION 2010 HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF CHRIS, SUSAN AND CHRISTOPHER DOWD IN NEW JERSEY. COUSINS ATTENDED FROM DELAWARE, NEW JERSEY AND PENNSYLVANIA**

## Music Senior Recovering from Car Accident Attends Graduation Ceremony

One month before his graduation from IUP, senior Music Education major Tim Sugrue was involved in an auto accident while on his way to student teach at Apollo Ridge High School. Although he spent weeks in the hospital and faces months of rehabilitation, Sugrue was still able to participate in the Music Department's graduation ceremony via the Internet.

The accident on April 6, 2010, involved four vehicles and injured seven people. Sugrue sustained the worst injuries. He was pinned in his SUV for ninety minutes, pried out by the Jaws of Life, and LifeFlighted to UPMC.

He spent two-and-a-half weeks in the hospital, undergoing three surgeries to repair a shattered pelvis, two broken arms, and a broken wrist. He also sustained several broken ribs plus cuts and bruises.

His parents arrived from the Philadelphia area within hours of the accident and stayed with him for the duration of his hospital stay.



Sugrue is now in a rehabilitation center in Lawrenceville, N.J., about twenty minutes from his home. It will be several months before he is able to walk.

Thanks to the webcam and voice features of Skype, plus the help of a few dedicated friends, Sugrue was able to attend the [Music Department](#) graduation ceremony on Sunday morning, May 8, in Gorell Recital Hall. Wearing his cap and gown, Sugrue's smiling face appeared on a laptop computer carried by Michael Kingan, associate professor of Music. Sugrue heard all the speeches and the musical performances of his friends, heard his name called, and, with the help of Kingan—who introduced him to those in attendance—literally “walked the line” with his fellow classmates. His parents and family were in his rehab room to enjoy the occasion with him.



*From "News Direct From Ireland"*

**"Ireland Today: Worried About Jobs But Still Among Europe's Happiest** – A Eurostat survey on mental health has found that the Irish are among the happiest in Europe, with 79 percent saying they were happy for most or all of the four weeks prior to being questioned. Irish people have the lowest level of physical or emotional problems, are less likely than most to be tense or depressed, and are among the most likely to feel calm and peaceful. Another statistic on job security suggests that the Irish should be depressed and worried. One Irish person in three felt that their job was under threat, compared with one in six in Germany."

*From "Boston Irish Reporter's Here & There" by Bill O'Donnell*

**"Northwest Under Invasion** – There were no longboats, or fierce warriors in armor with maces, but no matter how you cut it, the Northwest has been invaded. The invaders were some 5,000 farm minks that were released into the Donegal wild by animal rights activists. The activists had broken into a mink farm in southwest Donegal with wire cutters and 'liberated' thousands of the coats-in-waiting as a protest against keeping the critters in captivity. The result was a mad scramble to try to recapture the mink before they could imperil salmon spawning tin the nearby Owenea and Glen Rivers. There was also concern for the escaped mink and for poultry and livestock in the countryside..."

**"Teddy Bear Speaks Your Language** – Adrian Devane and his wife Karen in Galway have come up with a simple idea that has been gaining marketing traction and could end up being a toy store favorite with infants and toddlers (and also an adult novelty) this Christmas season and beyond. The couple have come up with the world's first Irish-speaking Teddy bear, which its creators hope will promote the Irish language. The Gaelic-speaking doll, nicknamed BB, has a child's voice and a 33-word vocabulary that focuses on the Irish words for colors, numbers, and shapes. Devane, disappointed in the negative attitude towards the Irish language in Ireland, felt that introducing the teddy bear to younger children was a good place to encourage support of a wider use of Irish. 'I wanted to get back to basics,' he says."

Compliments of Dan and Aggie Sughrue

John & Cousins all,

this also is a very good site for searching family names 1840-1864, Griffiths Valuations,

<http://www.failteromhat.com/griffiths.php>

In effect an earlier census.

Slainte,

Dan S.



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL**

