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Sugrue/O'Siochru Clan

The 19th Annual Meeting of the Sugrue/O'Siochru Clan took place on September 26, 2009 in Long Island City, New York. It was a pleasure to meet many new faces. Good conversation, great food and interaction was enjoyed by all. It was our distinct pleasure and joy to meet the five Sugrues cousins from South Dakota. South Dakota State National Guard Commander, Jeff Sugrue and his lovely wife, Jody, along with (Jeff's mother), Joyce Sugrue, their son Christian and daughter Hannah. It was a long way to travel for a Clan meeting. Personally, I hope they had a great time visiting New York.

The Sugrue/OSiochru Clan elected officers for the coming year. Elected were John Sugrue, New York, President. Christopher Shugrue, Massachusetts, First Vice President. Mary Murray, Bayone, New Jersey, Second Vice President. Jeff Sugrue, Silver City South Dakota, Recording Secretary. Patricia Sugrue Bath, New York, Secretary Treasurer.

We want to thank Francis Cummings, Rhode Island, for his many years of dedication and service as Secretary Treasurer of the Clan. Francis had been treasurer for many years and always did a great job minding the treasure of the Clann and his talent will be sorely missed.

The meeting produced some very significant results in the area of the Clan's future. It was duly moved and approved that the organization of "Regional Clan Chapters" of Clann OSiochru, would be the best way for the Clan to move forward and grow in the years ahead. This is a major departure from the top down organizational road-map that has had been established almost 20 years.

This can be achieved by organizing groups in various countries around the world. Regional Clann Chapters can be organized almost anywhere a group of Sugrue/OSiochru people wish to come together to enhance future family cohesiveness. Discussed were the concept of Clan groups being organized, **not only** in different parts of the U.S., like Delaware, Massachusetts, the Dakotas, Nebraska, New York, New Jersey, but also, in Ireland, Australia, Canada, New Zeland, UK, etc. Wherever groups become chapters of the Clan, they can collect membership dues as long as they adhere to the principles laid out in the constitutional by-laws of the parent organization. There can be more than one group in a state, province or country.

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membership dues to:**

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Clann Member, Frank Cummings, and Laura Young are proud to announce the birth of their first grandson, Michael Christopher Angelotti, born May 7, 2009. He is the son of Shannon Maura Cummings and Michael Angelotti of North Scituate, RI.

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Robert E. Kane IV was born on January 13, 2010 to Robert and Abbey (Pelkey) Kane of Enfield, CT. Abbey is the daughter of Kevin and Liz Pelkey of Enfield and the granddaughter of the late Mayson and Kitty (**Sugrue**) Stewart of Bayonne, NJ.

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Charlotte Grace McDerby was born on August 12, 2009 to Brian and Julia McDerby of Newark, DE. Brian is the son of Jack and Pat McDerby of Newark, DE and the grandson of the late John and Margaret (**Sugrue**) McDerby

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The Clann extends a very Happy 90th Birthday to William P. Sugrue whose birthday was celebrated on January 5, 2010. William was born in 1920 in New Haven, CT and now resides in Orlando, FL. In our quest to find the oldest living Sugrue, William tops the charts at 90 years of age.

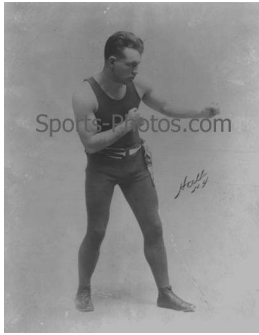
Received the following email from Nancy Sugrue Barone:

Thank you so much! My father will be delighted. I just returned to Connecticut from Florida where my father now lives, we celebrated his 90th birthday. I notice on this genealogy report that my grandfather Cornelius spelled his name as Sugrue, but the census lists the rest of his family as Shugrue. Perhaps that is why some of my uncles spell their name with an "H" yet my father spells is without!! We could never figure out this mystery.

Again, thanks and I'm so happy to be apart of this wonderful Clan!
Nancy Sugrue Barone

The Great Joe Shugrue

(Excerpts from 1993 Clann ÓSiochru Newsletter)



Born in 1894 in Jersey City, New Jersey, Joe Shugrue fought in boxing rings around the world from 1910 to 1915. Joe Shugrue was a light weight champion boxer who never became the world's light weight champion. Stepping into the ring on May 6, 1914 at Sidney Stadium, Australia, he took on his first opponent, Ed McCoy and sent him to the boards. That started the brilliant boxing career of the soon to be famous, Joe Shugrue.

Next he took on the "Indianapolis Tornado," Milburn Saylor who had wiped the floors with some of Australia's finest boxers and after 20 grueling rounds the referee gave the decision to Joe. He went on to be an easy victor over Hugh Mehegan and the "Brooklyn Tiger," (blond headed) Walter Mohr. He got in the ring with other great lightweight boxers like, Willie Jackson, Cy Smith and Johnny Dundee

On December 12, 1914, Shugrue's championship caliber became much more evident by defeating Freddie Welsh, at Madison Square Garden, in New York. He triumphed over Sam Robideau and the "Chicago Whirlwind," Charley White. Shugrue put Leach Cross on the ground in the seventh round and six days later in Rochester, New York, easily won over Pal Moore. In a non-title match, Joe Shugrue was one of only three men in the world to knock out the famous "Ghetto Wizard," Benny Leonard, from New York's lower east side. Headed toward greater fame, his next big bout was to be with Johnny Griffith in Akron, Ohio. The match was cancelled three times because Joe suffered a simple eye injury that quickly got worse.

During the Griffith fight it became clear that there was something terribly wrong with Joe's eyesight. At that time medical treatment was not as advanced as it is today. Joe went on to fight Griffith. But, Griffith noticed Joe's eye was swollen and peppered it throughout the bout. However, it was a blow to Joe's right eye that caused the most damage. He suffered a detached retina, losing all sight in the right eye. There were operations and treatments, but only a miracle could restore his sight and that was not to be. Joe Shugrue fought a few of more times in the ring, but they all indicated his fighting days were over. However, that was not the end of Joe Shugrue.

Following his retirement from boxing, Joe went into a vaudeville act that turned out to be a hit, in those days. He raised enough money to open a gymnasium and a tavern on Bank Street in Waterbury, Connecticut, in 1920. He staged and promoted boxing events. He trained his own two brothers, Johnny Shugrue and Willie Shugrue to be boxers. He went back into show business as "Dr. Toby Lyons" the famous Indian medicine man. Almost blind Joe returned to Jersey City in 1925.

He proved himself to be a multi talented individual. This was a brave man had the courage and moral fiber to be the lightweight champion of the world, but human frailty prevented that from happening. He was a true ÓSoichrú. He remains an inspiration for the generations of Ó Siochrús to come . We will forever appreciate his hard work and dedication.

(The only thing we do not know is what part of Kerry his forefathers came from).

The Boy They Can't Forget by Stephen E. Kelly, Stamford, Ct.

A BOY THEY CAN'T FORGET

You may talk of all your battlers,
And talk about them well,
But there's one good leather purchase,
I'm here about to tell.

His name was in the papers,
He met them one and all,
Until Dame Fortune put him out,
And up against the wall.

He knocked out Benny Leonard,
He beat Leach Cross quite true,
He beat the Champ Freddie Welsh,
A feat few could do.

He's nestled in a small city,
Not far from Bridgeport town,
No longer is he heralded,
Nor spoke of with renown.

He fought Willie Jackson, Johnny Dundee,
Cy Smith and all the rest;
He was always in there plugging
To give the crowd his best.

New York and Jersey liked him.
And I know they always will,
For he gave them lots of action,
Not a moment was he still.

If you go down to New Jersey
Where our leather pusher was raised,
You will hear the old-timers talking,
And his work is always praised.

He is married now, they tell me,
And I'll tell our Buddy true,
That all his friends from Jersey
Wish him health and good luck, too.

I seem to hear you asking,
Who is this battler that I knew?
He's no other than the famous lightweight,
Our dashing, smashing Joe Shugrue.

-- Stephen E.Kelly, Stamford, CT

New Records Added to the Online Database

The Irish Family History Foundation is pleased to announce that some of its member centres are making further records available to search and purchase online. As part of its reinvestment in completing additional records by its county genealogy centres, various updates and corrections have been applied and a total of over 230,000 new records have been added, including:

- Co. Antrim
 - 25,000 Church of Ireland birth records
- Co. Armagh
 - almost 2,000 records from the 1821 census records
- Co. Down
 - 3000 Church of Ireland birth records
- Co. Leitrim
 - 18,000 birth records
 - 7,000 marriage records
 - 54,000 census records
- Co. Mayo
 - 42,000 baptismal records,
 - 25,000 marriages
 - 3,500 deaths
 - 28,000 census records
- Co. Cork
 - 11,000 births
 - 4,000 marriages
 - 21,000 Gravestone inscriptions
 - 9,000 census

New counties coming online in 2010

We are working towards making the records of Counties **Loais, Offaly and Wexford** available on the site in early 2010. You will be notified by email when these are available.

Web Site name change - RootsIreland.ie

We have given the website a new domain name - www.RootsIreland.ie

This will hopefully help people find us more easily. Note that the old name www.brsGenealogy.com will continue to work, but will be phased out over time.

Thanks to Dan Sughrue

We have a new mailing address for correspondence including membership dues to:



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Clann O'Siochru will be on the march once again on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the Rockville Centre, New York Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Assembly will be at 12 noon at Sunrise Highway and Long Beach Road in Rockville Entre. Look for the Clann O'Siochru Banner.



Sources:-<http://sources.nli.ie>

A National Library of Ireland data base for Irish Research, will allow anyone anywhere to search across 196,574 records, for Irish Manuscripts and periodical material covering subjects which range from Art, architecture and achaeology, through economics and genealogy to history, polictics, literature and science and zoology.

To be able to acess this data base online removes the need to travel to the Library or to a research institution, which holds the published catalogues, just to start the process of researching, whatever material is of interest to the researcher. For the first time you are able to search both manuscripts and periodicals, so therefore one may find maps, estate papers, and business records, which initially would be of a great use for those preparing for a trip to Ireland to further their research.

What is wonderful is that an interactive map showing you where the location of all archives and libraries that have Irish material listed is held, with full contact details.

The link is at <http://sources.nli.ie>

Thanks to Jim Sugrue

Condolences to Frank Cummings on the loss of his brother Clifford, also a member of the Clann.



Clifford J. Cummings

(September 14, 1934 - November 30, 2009)

Clifford James Cummings of Berlin and formerly of Hamden died Nov.. 30, 2009 At Connecticut Hospice. Clifford was born in New Haven on Sept. 14, 1934 son of the late Mary Sugrue Cummings and Thomas Cummings . He is survived by his wife Patricia K. Cummings of New Haven and his daughter Karen Cummings of Hamden; his brother Thomas Cummings and his wife Pat of Cheshire, Dr. Francis Cummings And his wife Laura Young of Barrington, RI. and several nieces and nephews. Clifford attended New Haven Schools and graduated from St. Mary's High School. He was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps having served in Japan during the Korean Conflict. He was employed by Security Insurance Co., Sargents, and retired from Yale University in 2000. His funeral will leave SISK BROTHERS FUNERAL HOME 3105 Whitney AVE. HAMDEN Thursday at 9:30am Mass of Christian Burial at IOam in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Burial in All SAInts Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 8:30 to 9:30am. In lieu of flowers contributions in Clifford's name may be made to CT. Hospice 100 Double Beach Rd. Branford, CT. 06405.

Sugrue, Timothy D. Of Hartland, Wisconsin died on Thursday, December 10, 2009, age 46. He is survived by his wife Karen (nee Guiliani) and daughter Hannah, son Tanner, mother Lois Goldberg of Glendale, father Richard Sugrue of Waukesha, brother Steven Sugrue of Oshkosh, sister Suzanne Weslow of Glendale and many in-laws, nephews, nieces other relatives and friends. A Memorial Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 16, from 4:00 PM until Memorial Service at 7:00 PM, at CHURCH AND CHAPEL FUNERAL HOME, 380 Bluemound Rd., Waukesha, (4 blks South of I-94, corner of J and JJ). In lieu of flowers, memorials for the children's education may be sent to Lois Goldberg, 6855 N. Elm Tree Rd., Glendale WI, 53217.

THIS IS PRETTY BASIC ADVICE; BUT, IN TODAY'S TIMES, I CAN SEE IT COULD LEAVE AN OPEN DOOR FOR PASSING OUT YOUR PRIVATE INFORMATION..

WARNING: 2010 Census Cautions from the Better Business Bureau
Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers by Susan Johnson

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data. The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice: If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home. Verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.

REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS.

While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION. The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau. AND REMEMBER, THE CENSUS BUREAU HAS DECIDED NOT TO WORK WITH ACORN ON GATHERING THIS INFORMATION.. No Acorn worker should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census.

Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau. For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFO WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Thanks to Chuck Shugrue, New Mexico

GENETIC DISEASE PLAUGES SOME FAMILIES

A recent article in the **San Francisco Gael** addressed a little known disease affecting people of Western European descent. The condition is called Hemochromatosis – an excess of iron in the blood that eventually builds up in the body's organs, especially the liver, causing them to fail. While this genetic defect can occur in any Caucasian, it has a dramatically higher occurrence in people of Celtic heritage – particularly males. Some doctors call it the "Irish Disease." Others refer to it as "Irish Sickle Cell Anemia." Symptoms are often seen in men between the ages of 30 and 50 and in women over 50. According to the **Gael**, this common genetic defect is almost unknown within the community it affects. Irish people are twice as likely to be carriers of the gene that causes hemochromatosis, and more than three times as likely to suffer from the condition.

The buildup of iron in the organs can cause chronic fatigue, pain in the joints, diabetes, heart disease and other conditions, including cirrhosis of the liver, even among non-drinkers. The likelihood that a strict teetotaler could be autopsied as having cirrhosis of the liver is entirely possible. For people who carry the gene DNA testing has made the condition much easier to diagnose. There is no cure for this condition but, treatment is simple and very effective. Periodic blood draining, similar to blood donating helps take the iron out of the system and lessens iron buildup in the organs. The body then produces new blood that is iron free. Hemochromatosis can be fatal. In order for someone to develop the disease, they must inherit the defective gene from both parents.

Thursday, October 29, 2009

Bishop hands over records on diocese
By Mary Murphy

THE Bishop of Kerry, Bill Murphy, will this week oversee the formal handover of Church records to the Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism.

The bishop will officiate as Bertie Kelliher, chairman of the Kerry Genealogical Research Centre, will hand over of the diocesan records of baptism, marriages and deaths to department secretary, Con Haugh, this Tuesday.

The presentation of the digitised records marks the culmination of years of painstaking work by the Kerry Genealogical Research Centre which oversaw the computerisation of around 500,000 Church documents dating from the 1750s.

Kerry County Council, the Trustees of Muckross House, FÁS, the Catholic Church and Church of Ireland backed the project, while the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism directly supported the computerisation of an additional 100,000 Kerry records.

The Kerry records will be some of the first to appear on the website www.irishgenealogy.ie which has been redesigned with a web-based search facility for Church records.

The website will be an important aid for family history and genealogical research and it will be an attraction for visitors planning to visit Kerry and other parts of Ireland in search of their roots.

Initially the database will hold records from the Kerry diocese as well as some from the Dublin diocese and as a service to those interesting in tracing their family roots, access to the website can be found at www.irishgenealogy.ie.

No more seeking permission from the Bish' ahead of time to look at the Kerry church records in Dublin.

Of course, no doubt fees will be involved.

Submitted by Sister Noreen Sugrue

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Email received January 9, 2010

I found this free site which has a lot of baptism and marriage records for County Kerry. Go on to the line that lets you search by Parish. I saw a lot of Sugrue entries with different spelling going back to 1825. The web site is Irishgenealogy.ie. Put this site in the Clan newsletter.

Submitted by Bob Ryan

**Ancestor Poem
(Author Unknown)**

Your tombstone stands among the rest
Neglected and alone.
The name and date are chiseled out
On polished marble stone.
It reaches out to all who care.
It is too late to mourn.
You did not know that I exist.
You died and I was born.
Yet each of us are cells of you
In flesh, in blood and bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse
Entirely not our own.
Dear Ancestor, the place you filled
One hundred years ago
Spreads out among the ones you left
Who would have loved you so.
I wonder if you lived and loved.
I wonder if you knew
That someday I would find this spot
And come to visit you.

(Submitted by a TIARA member for inclusion in the Summer 2009 Issue of the TIARA Newsletter)

From the Boston Irish Reporter of September, 2009

From "Thirty-Two Counties"

"Kerry: A life-sized sculpture depicting the origins of the story of the Rose of Tralee is to be unveiled to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Rose of Tralee festival. The figures of William Muchinocks and Mary O'Connor have been cast in bronze by sculptor Jeanne Rynhart and are shown strolling towards the 'pure crystal fountain' of the song penned by William Mulchinocks. The sculpture is located in the town's rose garden. The festival commemorates the love between the son of the Big House and the shoemaker's daughter who died of tuberculosis."

From "News Direct From Ireland"

"More census information now online – The Central Statistics Office has made available the results of all censuses carried out in Ireland from 1926 to 1991, information that was previously available only on request and to certain designated persons. Rather than giving details of individual census forms, http://www.cso.ie/census/historical_reports.htm gives statistical tables under a number of headings including population, occupation, religious, and birthplaces. Details on named individuals are only available up until 1911.

Thanks to Harold Crowley

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