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## O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

#### This month's highlights

- 6 Months to the Clan Rally! Time to plan the trip!
- Get in touch and share your stories!
- Ross House, Newport, Co Mayo, another O'Malley
- About the O'Malley Clan Association
- The O'Malley Clan Rally 2016

#### 6 months to go to The O'Malley Clan Rally

Only 6 months to go to the Annual O'Malley Clan Rally 2016.

We hope you can make it to what will be a fun weekend in Limerick Ireland on the weekend of June 24th to 26th.

Now would be the time to start planning that trip folks. As you'll see from the map below, the easiest way to get here is via Shannon Airport which is a mere 30 minute drive from Murroe.

If you need any help planning your trip, don't be shy, drop us a line by email and We'll give you all the help We can with the logistics.









### Get in touch and share your O'Malley Heritage!

Have you got an article or old photographs that you'd like to submit for future editions of "O Maille" The O'Malley Clan Association Newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you wherever you're based around the world. Old photographs and stories to go with them, old letters, family trees or just an article that you'd like to share with the rest of the clan. Drop us a line and We'll get right to it!



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#### Ross House, Newport, Co Mayo

#### **Another O'Malley Place**

Ross House is beautifully situated on one of the many peninsulas that stretch westwards into Clew Bay. A fine Georgian House it was built by Lewis O'Donel, son of lewis O'Donel of Killeen, near Crossmolina. This family was descended from Niall Garbh O'Donnell of Donegal. Manus, a great grandson of Niall Garbh, settled in Newport, where his son Hugh built the beautiful Newport House. Hugh's son Neil conformed to the Established Church in 1763, and thus laid the foundations of the family fortune. Created a baronet in 1780, he was by 1800 enjoying an income of £8,000 a year. He was strongly opposed to the Act of Union, and was stated to have been heavily involved in the smuggling business. Doubtless Ross House, in view of its secluded situation, was also associated with the trade.

Lewis O'Donel of Killeen was an uncle of Sir Neal. His brother Manus entered the Austrian service in 1741 and rose to the rank of major-general. Lewis also served for a period in Austria, but he returned to Ireland, where he died aged 106 in 1822. His grandson, Charles, a lieutenant in the Connacht Rangers, died without issue in 1853, thus bringing to an end the senior line of the family. The Newport House line came to an end with the death of the fifth baronet in 1889.

Mrs Houstoun, author of 'Twenty Years in The Wild West; or Life in Connaught', and a 'Yacht Voyage To Texas', rented Ross House when she arrived in Ireland about the year 1850, while she and Captain Houstoun were waiting to have their new house built at Delphi lodge near Louisburgh, Co. Mayo. The next occupier of the house was a Mr. Mullowney, from whom Middleton Moore O'Malley purchased it about 1880. This family claims descent from Edmund O'Malley of Cahernamart, last chief of the name.

Major Harold O'Malley, son of Middleton O'Malley, was one of the first members of the Royal flying Corps and served with distinction in the First World War. His son Peter became a Tutor of Ceramics at The Royal College of Art in London. Peter's son Liam, an artist, now lives near Westport.

Middleton's grandson, Major Hamilton Joseph Keyes O'Malley, married in 1941 Lady Iris Victoria Beatrice Mountbatten, only child of the First Marquess of Carisbrooke. Middleton's daughter Aileen married Sir Walter Richard Nugent Fourth Baronet of Donore. The elder daughter Nina married Captain William Gordon Blackwell of the famous English Crosse & Blackwell company. Their son Major Middleton Joseph Blackwell is now the owner of the Ross House property. Always prominent for his interest in O'Malley history, he was honoured by being elected Chieftain of the O'Malley Clan Association for a period in the 1980's.

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Middleton Moore O'Malley (Left), and Ross House, (Below)





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The O'Malley Clan Association aims to reach out to O'Malleys from all around the world and foster links between the O'Malleys around the globe and the clan at home here in Ireland.

The Clan Association formed in 1953 has been connecting O'Malleys around the world in The US and Canada, Britain, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, South America, and anywhere else you can think of for over 60 years now.

We hope with our new website, and newsletter, that We can go from strength to strength in our aim to connect all the O'Malleys around the world.



#### The O'Malley Clan Rally 24th to 26th June 2016

The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally takes place in Murroe and Cappamore in County Limerick on the weekend of the 24th to 26th June 2016. It'll be a fabulous weekend for O'Malleys from all over the globe.

Highlights will include a guided tour to The Rock of Cashel, including a trip along part of the route of The O'Sullivan Beara retreat from The Battle of Kinsale in 1601. Many O'Malleys were part of that long and terrible march.

Another highlight will be a talk given by Cormac O'Connor, son of Ernie O'Malley, and an exhibition of artworks linked to The O'Malleys at The University of Limerick.

The full programme of events will be up on the website shortly, and We hope to see you all there.

If you need any help with planning your trip,
Or with further information on the Annual
Rally, drop us a line by email to
omalleyclanireland@gmail.com and We'll get
back to you right away!

