

# ***O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter***

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Following on from his third place result behind Hilary Clinton and Bernie Sanders in Iowa, Martin O'Malley bowed out of the race to be the Democratic Party nominee for the upcoming Presidential election in the US this year.

After a long and hard campaign O'Malley just wasn't making headway in the polls and decided to call it a day.

All of us here in the O'Malley Clan Association wish him well in the future with whatever he puts his efforts into.

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## 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 arti-

cle that you'd like to share with the rest of the clan. Drop us a line and We'll get right to it!



## **William O'Malley MP (1853-1939)**

### **Politician and Newspaper Man**

William O'Malley, MP (1853 – 1939)

William O'Malley, who describes himself in his autobiography as “Press Man, Sportsman, and a Member of Parliament”, was born in Ballyconneely, Co. Galway in 1853. He took an active interest in politics from an early age, and was an enthusiastic supporter of the Irish Land League, founded by Michael Davitt in 1879. A branch of the League was established by him in Ballyconneely soon afterwards, and he became acquainted with the leaders of the movement.

He recounts how he dined on one occasion with Father John O'Malley of the Neale, the priest who was active in the campaign against Captain Boycott of Lough Maskhouse. This campaign which received enormous publicity at the time, was a successful application of the policy of ostracism and was a significant milestone in the struggle for the land. The word “boycott” was coined by Father John at that meal, and appeared in print for the first time in *The Fenian* in 1881.

His wife, Mary O'Connor, was active in the Ladies' Land League and, was a sister of Thomas Power O'Connor, author and journalist, and member of parliament for Galway since 1880. T.P. O'Connor was later president of the Irish National League of Great Britain, and in 1885 was elected a member of parliament for the Scotland Division of Liverpool. William O'Malley had also by this time moved to Liverpool, where he was to come more and more under the influence of his brother-in-law.

He became Vice President of the Young Ireland Society and was elected member of parliament for Connemara in 1885. T.P. O'Connor was also instrumental in starting him on his career of “Press Man”. He was editor and managing director of *The Star* and appointed William secretary and manager for three and a half years. The latter moved to Dublin for a period where he established the National Press in opposition to Parnell and the *Freeman's Journal*, which two papers were later to be amalgamated.

His later journalistic career was to include a half share in the Admiralty and Horse Guards Gazette, the founding of a magazine called “Chic” and the management of *Town Topics*, but above all he worked on *The Sun*. He lived mostly in London during this period of his life, but devoted much of his time to his Connemara constituency and was a staunch champion of the inhabitants of that impoverished area.

A lifelong supporter of the Irish Parliamentary Party, he lost his seat to Sinn Féin man Pádhraig Ó Máille in 1918. In 1921 he came to reside at Athlone, and then began a relationship with the Galway Connacht Tribune. He contributed articles, became a director and shareholder, and was eventually to become chairman of the company.

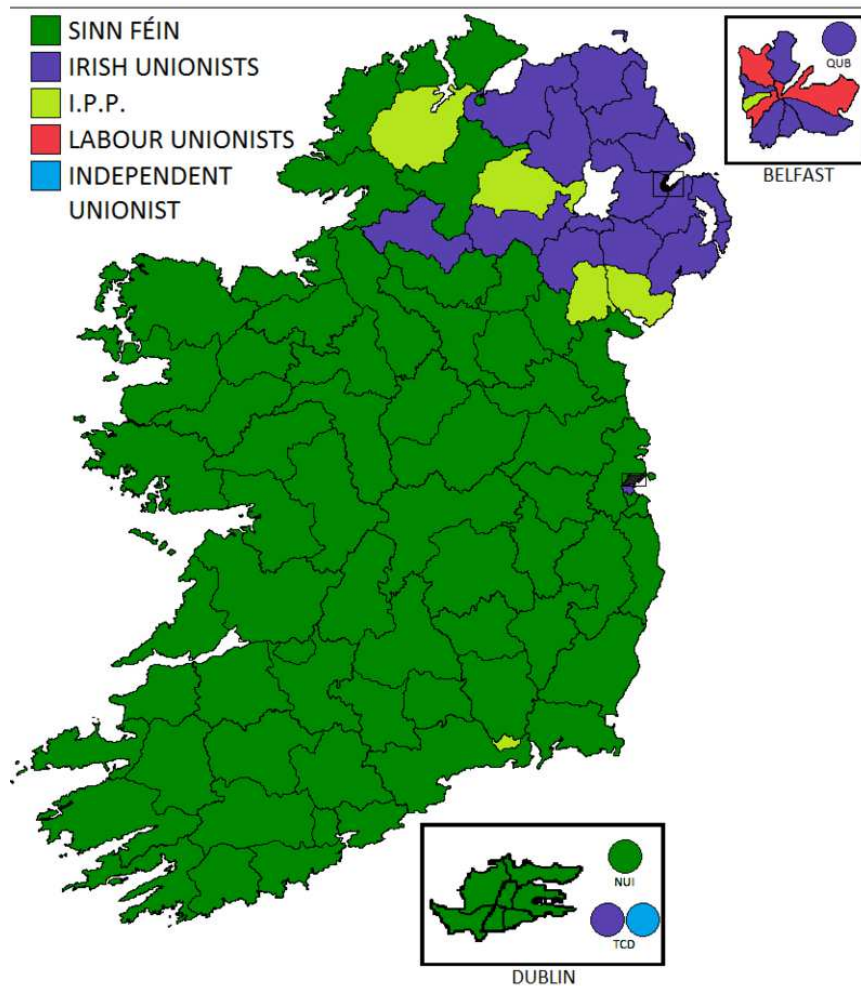
His career as “Sportsman” is more obscure, but he was at all times a lover of fair play, and was to write more in sorrow than in anger that “the Irish people love to see their friends abused”.

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The Connacht Tribune (Above), and  
the 1918 election results, (Below)

## IRISH (UK) GENERAL ELECTION 1918





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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'Malley, 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 is up on the website, 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](mailto:omalleyclanireland@gmail.com) and We'll get back to you right away!

