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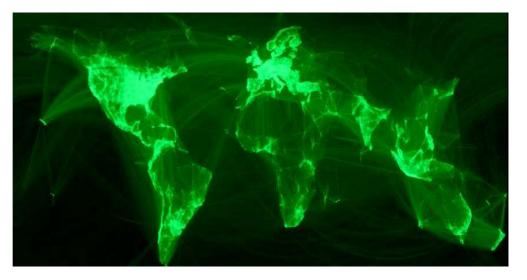
This month's highlights

- From all around the world O'Malleys head for Limerick!
- Get in touch and share your stories!
- Major General George
 O'Malley
- About the O'Malley Clan
 Association
- The O'Malley Clan Rally 2016

From all around the world O'Malleys are heading for Limerick!

We hope you all had a great St Patrick's Day and a Happy Easter, now that all that is out of the way, next up is The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally 2016 on the weekend of 24th to 26th June. We're literally counting down the days here.

We have O'Malleys travelling to Murroe and Cappamore in County Limerick from all over the globe, including the US, the UK, New Zealand, Australia, and many more besides! Check out details on page 4 and come along!!









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-

Get in touch and share your O'Malley Heritage!

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



Major General George O'Malley 1780-1843

George O'Malley, the 5th son of George O'Malley, Castlebar and Elizabeth Clarke, was the best known of the O'Malleys who fought with the British Army.

This soldier, whose monument stands before the Church of Ireland in Castlebar, commanded the Yeomanry Cavalry of that town when it was captured by the French and Irish troops in August 1798. He was again present in the town when it was attacked a 2nd time, unsuccessfully, on 12th September. Soon afterwards he joined the 13th Regiment of Foot and served in Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar, returning home in 1803 to serve as a recruiting officer. He became a Captain in the 89th Regiment and then a Major in the 101st, serving with the latter regiment in Ireland, Jersey, North America, and the West Indies. While commanding the garrison of St John's, New Brunswick, He was awarded the freedom of the city for his troops exemplary conduct and their magnificent arrangements made for the defence of the town. The next 4 years He spent in Jamaica eventually rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Returning to England in 1813, He eventually joined up with the 44th Regiment at Brussels in 1815. He was in command of the 2nd Battalion of the 44th Regiment of Foot at the Battle of Waterloo on the 18th June 1815, a pivotal battle in European history. The regiment had lost a lot of its strength at the battle of Bergen-Op-Zoom and many of the men under O'Malley's command were fresh recruits. When the French fire began many of them took to ducking from the shot. Its said that O'Malley cried out "steady men, when you see me duck, you may duck, but the first man that ducks before I do, I'll cut him down" One of the men was reported to have said, "By Japus, that's pleasant, if they wait till the Colonel ducks, they'll wait till the cows come home"

He was twice wounded and had 2 horses shot under him, but remained on the field to the end. He was decorated with The Order of the Bath on his return to England in 1816 following his bravery at the victory at Waterloo, and was appointed Lieutenant General of the 88th Connaught Rangers in 1830, and finally made a Major General in 1841. He died in London in 1843 and his remains were brought to Clew Bay by ship and interred in the family plot at Murrisk



Major General George O'Malley (Above), and his statue in Castlebar, (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'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 and We'll get back to you right away!

