



O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

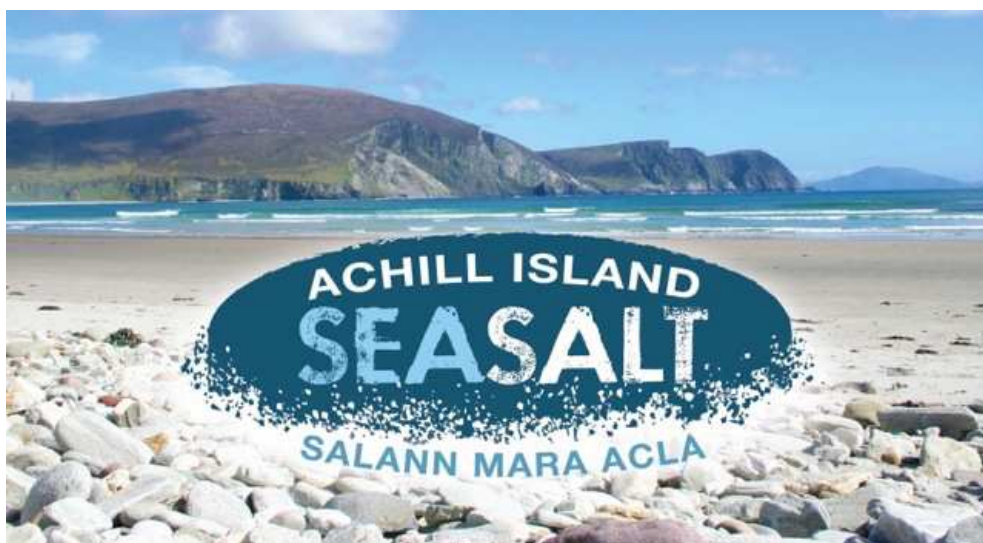
This month's highlights

- Are you an O'Malley in business?
- Get in touch and share your stories!
- Chicago to Ballyagran for a bet!!
- About the O'Malley Clan Association
- The O'Malley Clan Rally 2017

O'Malley Businesses, its time to get in touch!

If you have an O'Malley Business, drop us a line to omalleyclanireland@gmail.com We might be able to give you a mention in our monthly newsletter and maybe a bit of free advertising on our social media accounts!

This month We have **Achill Island Sea Salt**, check out the details inside!



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 Máille" 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!



Achill Island Sea salt, An O'Malley Business

Achill based Maebh O'Malley is one of many O'Malley Clan members involved in Irelands expanding food industry. With her family she runs Achill Island Sea Salt. I caught up with Maebh on a recent visit to Achill.

Tell me about your own Food Business?

Achill Island Sea Salt is a family business, founded in July 2013. The inspiration for the business came from a documentary on sea salt and the desire to revive the age old but long forgotten tradition of salt production on the island which was alive up to the 1820's. In the time-honored tradition, we began in the family kitchen. Due to an increase in demand we have now moved to a custom modified factory on the island, allowing us to increase our production capacity.

The product is hand harvested from the Atlantic waters off Achill and is a 100% unrefined natural soft, flaky sea salt. We combine traditional production methods with modern technology, to produce is a 100% unrefined natural a sea salt with no preservatives or anti-caking agents and over 60 naturally occurring trace elements

Chefs particularly like our sea salt for its unique taste, texture and appearance. It has won numerous awards including a Euro-Toques Food Award, a Blas na hÉireann, a Great Taste Awards and also a prestigious McKenna Guide recommendation.

Who have been your Food Influencers?

JP McMahon of Aniar Restaurant, Galway. He manages to be chef, restaurateur and author along with a huge commitment to the educational aspects of food, supporting local and free-range produce, and engaging directly with small farmers

Jamie Oliver, whose 30 minute meals and many other projects opened so many eyes to proper food.

Who are your dream Dinner Party guests?

I would love to entertain the young Irish Actress, Saoirse Ronan.

What is your deathbed meal?

A very tasty Vegetable Curry flavoured of course with a pinch of Achill Island Seasalt.

Share a little more about your O'Malley heritage

The O'Malley family in Keel, Achill , Co Mayo can trace their descendents back to the famine. My great-grandfather, John O'Malley (born 1900) had 5 brothers and one sister, all of whom emigrated to England, Australia and America. He started a tailoring business in Keel, Achill, Co Mayo in 1928. He had 2 sons, one emigrated to New York and the other my grandfather , Michael O'Malley (born 1930) carried on the tailoring business together with a shop and post office. He had 3 sons and 2 daughters. My uncle, John O'Malley (born 1956) continued with the family business until 2006. My father, Kieran O'Malley (born 1960), a teacher, my mother, my 2 brothers and I returned to live on Achill in 1999.

How can we contact you?

View our web site www.achillislandseasalt.ie or phone 353 -87-759 0499

From Chicago to Ballyagran for a bet!!

The Grand Nephew of Mr Patrick O'Malley originally from Moher, Ballyagran, Co. Limerick sent us in this story which featured in the Cork Examiner in November 1939. Thanks for the submission to Jim O'Malley. Remember this bet took place in 1908 prior to transatlantic jet travel!

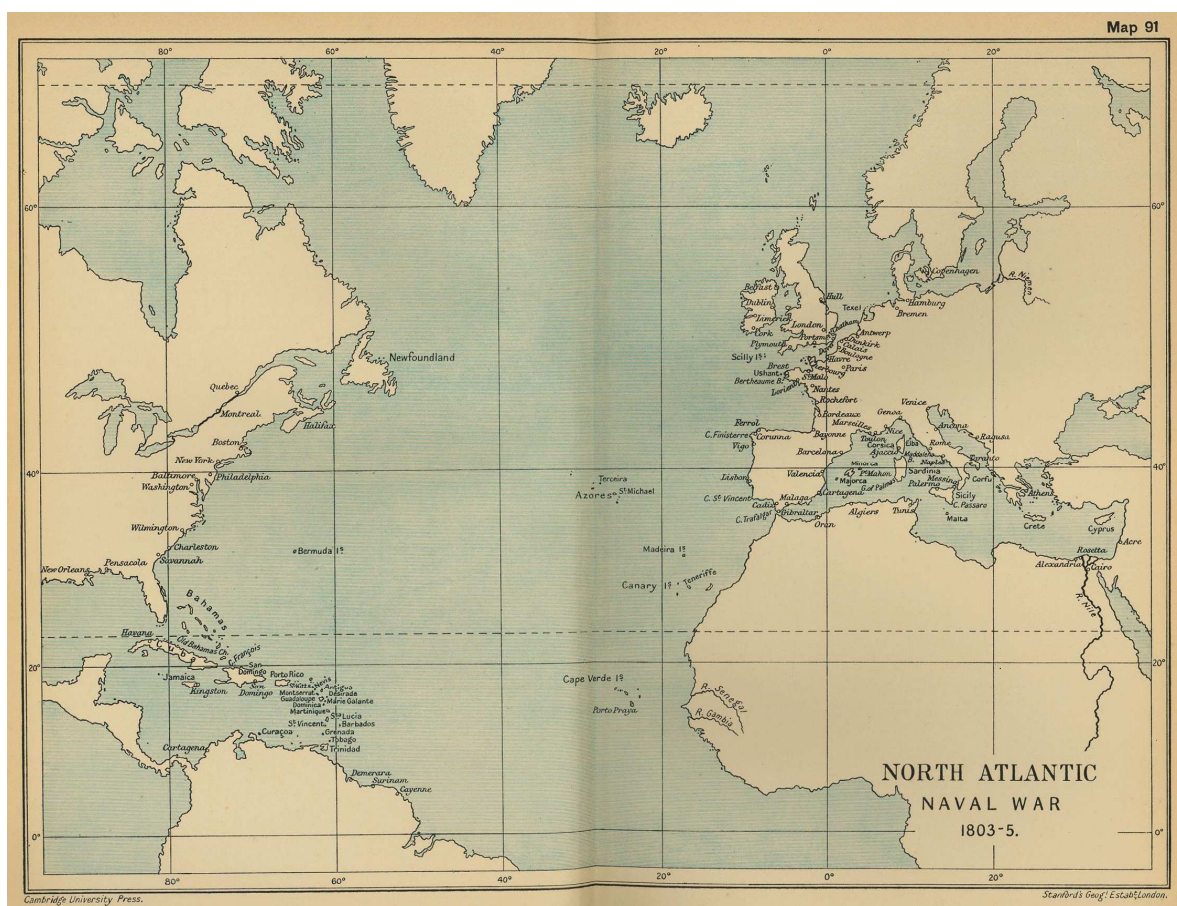
Patrick O'Malley, originally from Moher, Ballyagran, Co. Limerick emigrated to the US in around 1890 and settled in Chicago, where He became a prominent businessman, and member of the local Democratic Party organisation. He ran several saloons and "handbooks" (gambling games), and is said to have amassed significant wealth over the years.

His best known premises was in Dearborn Street which was said to have a daily turnover in betting of \$100,000.

His most famous exploit turned out to be a bet of \$1,000 he had with a Jim O'Leary, the biggest bookmaker in the docklands in Chicago.

The story goes that both men were having Champagne at a Democratic Party function in 1908 and that Mr O'Leary had commented that "it'd be a long time in Ireland before you'd get any stuff like this to drink" Patrick O'Malley countered saying that Champagne had been the regular tippie at his Father's table in Ballyagran County Limerick before He ever came to America. He bet O'Leary that He'd be at his parents table drinking Champagne within 1 week..

A fast train landed him at the docks in New York where He boarded the Luisitania with only 15 minutes to spare, from there He landed in Cobh, and hired a car to take him to his family home in Ballyagran, landing at the door after 167 hours, leaving 1 hour to spare!





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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 23rd to 25th June 2017

The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally for 2017 takes place in beautiful Claregalway, County Galway on the weekend of the 23rd to 25th June 2017. It'll be a fabulous weekend for O'Malleys from all over the globe. Highlights will include Medieval Banquet, Castle Experience, Abbey Visits, Talks and Tours, music, dancing, ceol agus craic!

It's time to begin planning your trip, there's only 10 months to go!!!.

The full programme of events will be up on the website in the coming months, 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 (the address is at the top of this page), and We'll get back to you right away!

