

O'Malley Clan Association Monthly Newsletter

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Montana O'Malley making waves in the MMA world!

Sean O'Malley from Helena, Montana, in the US has been making waves in the world of Mixed Martial Arts, (MMA) lately, with some watchers of MMA comparing his style to the notorious Conor McGregor! With his win over Alfred Khashakyan in September in the MMA Contender Series he picked up a contract for himself and the 22 year old is now on the roster with a 8-0 record, (6 of those by knockout). His first fight in the Octagon is scheduled for Dec 1st at the Park Theatre in Las Vegas against Terrion Ware a 31 year old bantamweight with a 17-5 record in MMA.



Best of luck Sean, all the O'Malleys will be rooting for you!!



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!



Westport House

Many of our events at the 2018 O'Malley Clan Rally will take place at Westport House. A wonderful location. Here's a brief bit of info on Westport House and its history. Its an historic place connected with the O'Malleys.



Westport House in Westport, County

Mayo, Ireland, is a well known Irish tourist attraction, owned by the Hughes family, who own a number of businesses in the west of Ireland. Until January 2017 it was the ancestral seat of the Browne family, whose head was the Marquesses of Sligo. The title and the house were separated in 2014, following the death of the 11th Marquess of Sligo, who left the estate to his five daughters. His titles passed to his first cousin, Sebastian Ulick Browne, a residential real estate agent in Australia. It was built by the Browne family in the 18th Century, near the site of an O'Malley castle. The architects were Richard Cassels, who built (1730) the east section of the house facing the town, and later James Wyatt, who built the other three façades to form a quadrangle. Later the quadrangle was filled in with a grand staircase. North and south wings were added to the designs of Benjamin Wyatt. The south wing, which contained a library, was burned soon after it was built due to a defect in the heating system. It was subsequently rebuilt.

A model farm was built in the demesne in the early part of the 19th century with accommodation for housing animals and animal feed.

Colonel John Browne (1638–1711), who had the original Westport House built, married Gráinne O'Malley's great great granddaughter, Maude Burke. He was a Roman Catholic who fought on the Jacobite side in the War of the Two Kings. His descendants, however, converted to the established Church of Ireland, and prospered.

After the death of the 11th Marquess of Sligo in July 2014, the house passed to his five daughters, in accordance with private legislation passed by the Seanad in 1993.

Westport House also has a Pirate Adventure Park with a Pirate Ship thrill ride, Pirates' Plunge flume ride, mini Railway, white swan pedal boats, cannonball run slippery slide, Pirate's Den indoor soft play area, dungeons, Pirate's Playground, pitch and putt, fishing, Gracy's Bar and Cafe and a large Caravan and Camping Park set in secluded woodland.

Be sure to get planning your trip to the Clan Rally next June! It'll be a fabulous weekend in fabulous surroundings!!

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Some images of Westport House, and the Statue of Grace O'Malley, (Granuaile), by Michael Cooper in the grounds 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 22nd to 24th June 2018



The Annual O'Malley Clan Rally for 2018 takes place in beautiful **Westport**, County Mayo on the weekend of the **22nd to 24th June 2018**. It'll be a fabulous weekend for O'Malleys from all over the globe. There'll be plenty of music, dancing, ceol agus craic!

It's time to begin planning your trip, there's only just over 7 months to go!!!

The full programme of events will be up on the website in the coming months, and you'll be able to book online there too!

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!