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The McGeady Family Newsletter

We indicated in our book, "The McGeady Family Tree" that we would welcome informal notes from its recipients to tell us about roots, branches or individuals not yet recorded. The response has been grand! The purpose of this Newsletter, to be issued periodically, is to share some of this information until such time as the Family Tree is updated.

The most notable thing about our correspondence is the enthusiasm, pleasure and pride the book has generated. We shall reserve some of the letters for later issues of the Newsletter. In the meantime, we give you news of branches of the McGeadys (using our book and maps as points of reference).

.Fawnaboy Branch

Hugh Curran of Gortahork, Historian of Cloughaneely, has been extremely helpful not only on local history, but in locating and talking to McGeady's in Northwest Donegal. He writes:

"The name derives from cloch (stone) and ceamfhoolaidh (wolf head) who was beheaded on the stone by Balor, King of Tory Island."

"The area has been inhabited since the stone age " (5000 - 3000 B.C.) "as proved by the artifacts since that time. The bronze age" (1700 - 250 B.C.) "is represented by swords found in the bogs. There are also ruins of monasteries from the Sixth or Seventh century in Ray, East of Falcarragh, in Tulloughbegley, Tory Island and Inisdooey".

"Cloughaneely was originally a tualt (pronounced Tua) a political entity ruled by a minor King. It is only in modern times that it became the ecclesiastical name of the Parish. Previously

it was Tulloghbegley Parish and included Gweedore. In 1734 Cloughaneely became Tulloghbegley East, Gweedore was Tulloghbegley West. In the 30 ties the division became Cloughaneely and Gweedore."

On Pages 21 and 24 we mention the family of James McGeady of Fawnaboy who resided at the ancestral farm. Hugh Curran describes the children of James as "Eoghan Sheimidh" or "Owen, son of James" and his sister as "Peggy Rua" (Red haired) and puts their home in Fawnaboy Lower and says that it is now part of the property of Hannah McNulty. A letter from Hannah tells us that after Owen died Peggy deeded the land to Hannah's brother Denis. Both Owen and Peggy are buried in Gortahork. Hannah says that Owen was a cousin of her father and that he had a sister perhaps Bridget, who went to New Zealand many years ago as well as a sister married to a Doogan of Dunmore. Hannah says her Grandmother was Ann McGeady, married to Manus McNulty. Hannah's father was James McNulty. A preliminary guess would be that Hannah's grandmother Ann McGeady was a sister of James McGeady (mentioned on Page 21) and that the adjoining lands of the McGeady's and McNulty's in Lower Fawnaboy arose perhaps as a division of the lands of Ann and Shane McGeady (mentioned on Page 19). It would also appear that the information on Page 25 about Anne McGeady may have arisen over a confusion with Ann McGeady, Hannah's grandmother.

..Cashelnagor Branch

Patrick McGeady of Cashel, Gortahork (Page 51) writes to tell us that Bernard McGeady, his father, (now deceased), had two children (not 6), Patrick and Mary. Patrick is now residing in Cashel. Mary, his sister married to Michael Curran is living in Fawnaboy Upper. Patrick also tells us that the listing of the children of John McGeady of Beltany Upper is in error. These are actually his cousins with surname Shields. We shall correct this in the next edition.

...Hazelton Branch

With help from Jim McGeady of Bayonne, Katherine McCarthy and Leon McGeady, we have been successful in

connecting up the McGeady's of Hazelton (Page 74 et seq.) with the Bethlehem McGeady's (Page 82) and have produced for them a great chart connecting the branches. The Bethlehem McGeady's now trace their ancestry to Joseph and Bridget McGeady whose family was mentioned in passing on the right hand corner of Chart #11. All the evidence indicates that he was a brother of Joseph mentioned on Page 74.

....McGeady's of Lonacoming, Maryland

A delightful telephone call, chart and letter from Francis Mackall McGeady of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, has given us fine details on this illustrious branch. (Page 83).

.....Newton Cunningham Branch

Letters from James A. McGeady of Bronx, New York and his cousin, Andrew, Bursar at the King's Hospital in Dublin, are giving us an entirely new branch to complete a neglected side of our tree.

.....Magheraroarty Branch

We have heard from James P. Kyne, Esq. of Coral Gables, Florida. His mother is Kate (McGeady) Kyne, residing in Florida. Her brother Charles, resides in Philadelphia. (See Page 61).

.....Glasserchoo McGeady's

Jim McGeady of Lenzie, Glasgow, was good enough to fill us in on the Glasserchoo Branch.

.....Keeldrum Upper

Joe McGeady of Upper Keeldrum and Jim McGeady of Lenzie, Glasgow, have helped to fill in the missing pieces of this branch.

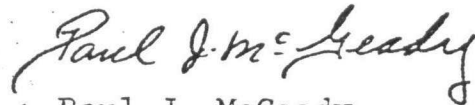
.....Mauch Chunk Branch

Roy F. McGeady III has expanded our knowledge of this first to arrive branch and brought us down to date on arrivals.

In subsequent Newsletters we shall give additional information on our family. In the meantime we are expanding our lists of names and addresses of McGeadys all over the world. We intend to send to a representative of each line the names and addresses we have and those we still seek.

Kindly keep in touch. Any information you can develop to fill out your branch will be incorporated in the McGeady family records. Be sure to write.

Regards to all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul J. McGeady". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Paul J. McGeady

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