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The O'Connor Family

The name O'Connor is derived from Conchobhar, (in Irish the "ch" and "bh" are silent) King of Connaught who died A. D. 971 and was first adopted by Teige of the White Steed, grandson of Conchobhar. Teige died A. D. 1030.

It is written in Irish, says the historian O'Donovan, Ua Conchobhair and it has been variously at different times anglicised O'Conquovar, O'Conogher, O'Knogher, O'Konnor, O'Conner, O'Conor and O'Connor, according to the ever varying whims of usage. The Irish form of the second part contains a guttural sound which was usually represented by gh in Old English. Conchobhar means hero or champion.

The family was part of the great Sil Murray race of Ireland, and its descent may be traced in "O'Hart's Irish Pedigrees" to the most remote ages.

Turlough Mor, from which this genealogy is traced, was the father of many children, among whom were Roderick the last King of Ireland and Cathal Cravagh, ancestor of the present "O'Conor Don," "O'Connor of Mount Prospect" and O'Connor Eccles Families, all of which is fully set forth in Burkes Landed Gentry. The best history of the early days of our branch of the family is found in "O'Rorke's History of Sligo," and "The O'Connor's of Connaught" published in Dublin.

The descendants of Mathias O'Connor who settled in New York City about 1780, trace their ancestry through him back to the O'Connor Sligo family.

By a parchment manuscript in the possession of Mr. P. A. Taaffe O'Connor of Sangre Grande, Trinidad, B. W. I., which is attested by Charles O'Hara, M. P. Phillips, of Clonmore House, and which was brought to Trinidad in 1871 by Dr. James Lynch O'Connor, the ancestry may be traced back to the early 17th Century.

A copy of the plate dedicated to Sir Lawrence Trank in the possession of the same Mr. O'Connor gives the family line from Conn of the Hundred Battles A. D. 175.

The Early Family, 1181-1641

- A. Turlough Mor, King of Ireland, his son.
- B. Brian Lingham, died 1181 at Battle of Crich Carbury, his son.
- C. Andrias, his son.
- D. Brian, his son.
- E. Teige, 1308 m Sabia, da, of Hugh O'Neil, their son.
- F. Donnell his son.
- G. Murtough, Lord of Carbury and Sligo, died 1329, his son.
- H. Donnell, Lord of Sligo, m O'Rourke, greatly increased family power and prestige, died 1395, their son.
- I. Owen, Lord of Sligo, died 1444.
- K. Teige, Lord of Sligo, his second son.
- L. Cathal Oge, leading military leader of the family, his children held the chieftainship of Sligo for fifty years, his 3rd son.
- M. Teige, Lord of Sligo succeeded to title in 1636, his younger son.
- N. Charles, known as Captain Charles O'Connor in the Confederate Army of Ireland 1641, at the capture of Sligo. The parchment record begins here.

Of the above all were Lords of Sligo except Cathal Oge (L) and Charles (N) Cathal Oge was barred by his older brother Donnell who however, died childless in 1588, the title falling to Donough, oldest son of Cathal Oge (L).

After the Battle of Crich Carbury in 1181 in which Brian (B) was killed, the family lived quietly at Benbulbin in the vicinity of Castletown for many years.

About 1300 A. D. Murtough (G) took the title "The O'Connor Sligo" having secured control of the present county of Sligo.

Donnell, the next chief had 3 sons who succeeded him in turn as chief. Murtough, who died in 1403, Bryan who died 1440 and Owen (I) who died in 1444.

During this century there was constant warfare between the various chieftains of Connaught and Ulster, and with the English.

Donnell, eldest son of Teige (K) was friendly to the English, in 1565 he acknowledged Queen Elizabeth, was knighted April 4, 1567, acquired great wealth and power, he died 1588.

The Early Family

Eugene, a younger brother of Donnell, became a Cleric, and was made Bishop of Killala by the English Church, but it is recorded he never interfered with the Roman Catholic priests in their form of service in the diocese.

Cathal Oge (L), it is stated by the historian O'Rorke, was probably never "The O'Connor Sligo" but during most of Donnell's lordship, he acted as general in command of his brother's forces.

Donough, nephew of Donnell, succeeded him in 1588. He also was friendly to the English, was knighted in 1604, and married Lady Eleanor Butler, Countess of Desmond. While marching to the relief of this O'Connor Sligo, General Conyers with an English force of 2000 men was ambushed and killed by the O'Donnell's. Donough died in August 1609.

He was succeeded by Donnell his brother, aged 34 years, in 1609, who married a daughter of the countess of Desmond by her first marriage, he died June 20, 1611.

Charles his son, aged 10 years succeeded to a domain of 9000 acres, 10 gardens, and 13 castles after some dispute with the English and his mother's family, the Desmonds. He was made a Baronet May 11, 1622, being the first O'Connor in Ireland to be so honored, he died 1625.

Donough a brother, succeeded, married Sarah McDonnell, and died aged 29 years in 1636 without issue.

The uncle of these two young men, Teige (M) third son of Cathal Oge (L) then became lord. His son and succeder Teige, allied himself with the confederates of Ireland and lost much for his adherence to the Irish cause.

During his lordship, Sligo City was retaken by the Confederates from the English in 1641. The Irish held the City for eight years.

Teige, son of Teige (M) lost his lands and his life at Boyle in 1652 fighting for his principles.

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Owing to the fact that since 1565 "The O'Connor Sligo" had held his title and his lands from the crown of England, it was necessary to legally confiscate the lands, so a lawsuit was brought against Martin O'Connor Sligo, son of Teige in 1662, in the name of certain Englishmen basing their claims on a deed said to have been made by the guardian of Charles in 1620 thereabout. Martin made no appearance in court, knowing in advance the decision would be unfavorable, so on October 6, 1662 this large estate was taken from its rightful owner.

Charles O'Connor and Hugh O'Connor, brothers of Teige O'Connor Sligo, took part in the capture of Sligo in 1641 and were said to have acted cruelly toward the townspeople, but Hugh was acquitted of the charge by the English some years later, at a trial held after the death of Charles. Charles is said, in O'Rorke's history, to have taken holy orders in early life.

In 1659 at the time of the first English census of Sligo, there were but 24 heads of families in the country with the family name O'Connor.

The American Family

Fifth Generation from Charles O'Connor. (N)

7. MATHIAS O'CONNOR, born about 1756 at Cor-sallagh, parish Achonry, Barony Leyney, Sligo, Ireland, the son of Denis O'Connor, Esq., and Margaret Phillips. He emigrated to Bedford village, now 7th and 23rd wards of Brooklyn during the Revolutionary War. In 1783 he was appointed administrator of the estate of one Tonry, and is described as being "of Bedford, yeoman." In the directory of 1788 his name appears as the earliest O'Connor in New York. His residence was at 57 Fair (now Fulton) Street, nearly opposite Dutch Street. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 210, afterwards known as Temple No. 4. He married Elizabeth Harris, daughter of John Harris, innkeeper and Joyce Harris of Bedford, was a schoolmaster, and died suddenly in the summer of 1791 of yellow fever.

Children, 18 Charles W.

19. Mathias

SIXTH GENERATION

18. CHARLES W. O'CONNOR, born 1788, a chocolate manufacturer at 116 Bowery, later a banker at Ithaca, New York, married Mary Poillon of New York City, died 1825 and buried in Ithaca, New York. Signed his will "Connor" Children.

35 Thomas Dixon

39 Charles Wilkes

36 Margaret Eliza

40 Frances Jane

37 Mary Ann

41 Samuel Thomas Williams

38 John Poillon

42 Susan Matilda

19. MATHIAS O'CONNOR, born 1791 in Bedford school district Brooklyn, upon the Jamaica road near the present Atlantic and Classon Avenues, served in War of 1812, Captain in 7th Regiment Militia, merchant, lived in New York, married Ann Maria Hagadorn, daughter of Francis Hagadorn of Rhinebeck, New York and Mary E. Shatzel, died at Clifton, S. I. December 21, 1867.

Children 43 Mary Eliza

44 Francis Burdett

The American Family

SEVENTH GENERATION

35. THOMAS DIXON CONNOR, born 1810, bachelor, miller and real estate operator of Galena, Ill. Colonel of 45th Illinois Infantry in Civil War. Killed at Battle of Shiloh 1862.

36. MARGARET ELIZA O'CONNOR, born 1812, married Edwin Adriance, lived in New York many years, died in Poughkeepsie. Children 56 Anna Eliza Adriance

57. Charles Edwin Adriance.

37. MARY ANN O'CONNOR, born 1814, married Donald Mackenzie, moved to Iowa, died at Dunlop, Iowa, 1886.

Children 58. Charles Mackenzie.

59. Alexander Mackenzie.

38. JOHN POILLON CONNOR, born 1816, died 1869, married Mary Green, lived in New York City.

Children 60. Winthrop Green.

39. CHARLES WILKES CONNOR, born 1818, died 1832 of cholera.

40. FRANCES JANE O'CONNOR, born 1820, teacher in Philadelphia, died 1906.

41. SAMUEL THOMAS WILLIAMS CONNOR, born 1822, married Miss Maxson, lived in Riceville, N. J. near Neversink. Children

61. Lucy Adele Connor 62. Frances J. Connor

63. Walter Noyes Connor 64. William Maxson Connor

42. SUSAN MATILDA O'CONNOR, born 1825, married Edwin Wiley, lived in Brooklyn, died 1887.

Children 65. Lauriston Wiley

66. Marie Edith Wiley 67. Wm. O'Driscoll Wiley

43. MARY ELIZA O'CONNOR, born March 28, 1816, at 42 Oak Street, New York, baptised at St. Stephens P. E. Church, June 26, 1816. Died April 13, 1824.

44. FRANCIS BURDETT O'CONNOR, born July 8, 1820, at 20 Oliver Street, New York City, baptised at St. Stephen's P. E. Church, married Emeline Furman, daughter of Garret Furman of Newtown, and Mary Eaton; merchant, lived in New York, Clifton S. I., and Brooklyn. Died September 16, 1895 near Scotch Plains, N. J.

Children 68. Mary Eliza 69. Charles Henry

70. Eugene 71. Francis Burdett

72. Emeline 73. Martha Rosalie

74. Marie Louise