

Note and historical references to the Baronry of Gurrisk.

Gurrisk is the territory in which the O'Falleys were chiefs when the baronies were laid out. With Burren it forms part of the kingdom of Aicill and Umall, which is mentioned in history as the battle of Moy Hera. Though, always, an independent kingdom acknowledging the King of Connaught, it was too small to play an independent part and mention of it is not found so often in the Annals. The earliest ~~known~~ chieftains were families of the clan Umair, from which the clan Maile descended. The clan Maile were mentioned in the Annals many times.

1384. A meeting took place between O'Flaherty and O'Falley, but a quarrel arose between them, in which Owen O'Falley, Connor O'Falley, and many other besides were here slain by the people of O'Flaherty. (The Footers) (see below)

1094. Guaire na nDroghda na Boshlaigh, King of Umhall, disinherited of Leinagreen, was killed by the men of Leasa. (The Footers).

1170. Donnell O'Falley, Lord of Umhall died. (The Footers).

1220. Dubhdara, son of Guedlach O'Falley see page 2

was killed by Cathal Broodagh. (Five
Hostages).

1230. Donnell and Purrough, sons of Furedhach
O'Falley, were killed by the O'Conors.

(Five Hostages)

1337. Donnell Ruadh and his son Cormac
were killed by Feskids. (Annals of Loch Ce.)

1361. Ruathal died. (Annals of Loch Ce.)

1362. Owen and his son Dermot died.

(Annals of Loch Ce.)

1396. Melaghlin, son of Conor O'Falley, and
a son of Theobald of the Keen, one of
the Clanrickard, went with a ship to
plunder in Courlesca. They killed a son
grandson of Cathal Boy O'Falley, and
filled their ship with spoils, but the ship
was wrecked between Aran and the
main land, and all, thirty-three in number,
or all but one, were drowned. (Five Hostages).

upwards of 240. Some of the Querns were
with him. (Annals of Fine Gallies).

1415. O'Falley, Hugh, placed Deenot O'Falley.
Deenot lost O'Falley's island. a battle
ensued, in which Hugh and his son Conoe
were killed, and Deenot's son Donnell
and a son of Thomas O'Falley. The
sovereignty now passed from Hugh's descendants,
and Deenot became king. (Fine Gallies)

1416. Tuathal was killed by the sons of his
brother Dubgall. (Annals of Ulster).

1427. Hugh O'Falley, son of Deenot, heir to
the lordship, went with a fleet to
Pirconcel, and was slain in returning to
his ships. (Fine Gallies).

1429. Melaglin, heir to the lordship, was slain
by the sons of O'Falley. (ibid. ib.).

1460. Donnell, son of Deenot O'Falley, and
William and John O'Falley joined O'Briens
Dors in an attack by sea on Cecovastin
against Mac Mahon. They were driven back
to their ships, and all the three O'Falley's
were slain before they reached them,
and many of their men were killed.

(Annals of Duaca Mac Fiebis in Miscellany
of Irish Archaeological Society Vol 2).

1460. Brian O'Falley was slain by his brother
Hugh, son of Teige, in a dispute.
(Annals of Duaca Mac Fiebis) See page IV

1513. Eoghan O'Faile went to Killybegs with three ships & the horses of the country were absent on a rising out. They burnt the town and took many prisoners. A storm prevented them from sailing, and they had to wait here their ships. A young MacDermot boy and some O'Garrahera collected some calves and farm lands and looked on them. They slew Eoghan and five or six more of his men, rescued the prisoners, and took two ships. (Annals of Ulster).
1524. Cormac O'Fahey's son Deenot was killed while helping O'Conor Kerry ~~in~~ a raid into Duballow. (Annals of Inch Co.).
1560. Tuathal O'Fahey joined an O'Brian of Cleon in an expedition against Desmond. On their return the ship was wrecked at Invermore. Only O'Brian and three men escaped. (Annals of Inch Co.).
1568. John la Deoltaich, son of Donnell O'Fahey, went with a long ship to pay a visit to Mac Maurice of Kerry at his house. Mac Dermot, a constable of Galway, was also there on a visit, with only fifty of his men, after his engagement with Mac Maurice had ended. James Fitz Gerald, who had charge of Lord Desmond's estate, came against Killybegs in great force. See page 14

The visitors stood by Mac Fancie, and
advised to attack the enemy. He did so,
and defeated them with great loss. (lost be.)

1582. Some O'Farley's went to Ulster and killed
Doogh O'Boyle on Iniscassie in
Greenock Bay. (lost be.)

1594. In July some O'Farley's of the Out
Isles plundered the Isles of Mac Dwerry
Baragh's Country. (lost be.)

1607. O'Farley, i. Tadhg, son of Deenot,
died. (lost be.)