

About Dougherty, Michael (Mor)

He may have a cousin in the Lagan Valley, (Near Burt), called Michael, born about 1670. (see Leg. No. 142218. Part of the Caldwell Settlement. We are honing in on the exact area of this families Homestead in the Lagan Valley. (2000AD) Rev. Leckey's book on the area is being used as a reference at O'Dochartaigh's new Headquartered in Buncrana . The English, (1608 and on), were dominant in the Lagan Valley, as it was a very rich Agricultural valley. All British Penal laws were enforced, one caused the 'O' to be dropped from the O'Dougherty surname. 'Mor' on Michael's name means, 'Senior' or eldest. The Lagan Valley begins just west a cross the Foyle River at the edge of Londonderry, (Derry) Ireland and south to Mt. Charles. This Caldwell group would have shipped out of the Port of Londonderry, (Irish=Derry). >Birth note: Michael Dougherty was a storekeeper of 'Newlondon Derry', Chester Co, PA. Then people from this settlement began moving westward and southward, about January 25, 1737/38. Caldwell was a Scot Plantation name. They were a Presbyterian Landlord in the Laggan Valley. They were disturbed that the English Gov't. were penalizing their Religion as much as the Irish Religion. The Church of England (Anglican) was the accepted religion of and enforced by the English.