

The O'Shaughnessy's

A Complete History

You are cordially invited to 'An evening with Rory O'Shaughnessy.'

Loughnane Forge, Shanaglish, Beatha, Gort, Co. Galway.

Friday Evening - 26th of March at 8.00 p.m.

The evening is hosted by Beatha Rural Development.

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' We need not hesitate to pronounce that the man who first received the name of *Dubhán* [Duane] was so called from his dark hair and complexion ; for it is a diminutive of *dubh* [duv], black : and *Dubáhn* signifies as it stands, a black or dark-complexioned man. Moreover it is very ancient, for we find it in the Book of Leinster and *Lebor na hUidhre* as the name of persons mixed up with our earliest traditions ; and it is still in use as a family name disguised under the forms of Dwane, Dwain, Downs, &c.

' In the year 1579, Dermot O'Shaughnessy, one of the chiefs of the O'Shaughnessys of Kinelea in the south-east of Galway, laid a snare for his brother's son, William, at a place popularly called Ardmealuane, in the parish of Beagh in Galway, four miles south of Gort ; he succeeded in slaying his nephew, but the young man defended himself so well, that the assassin died of his wounds an hour after the combat. The Four Masters, in recording this event, call the place *Ard-Maoldubhain*, *Maoldubhan's* height ; it contains the ruins of a castle, which is called Ardamullivan in the Ordnance maps.

— Patrick Weston Joyce

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