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In contrast to the English and feudal system of primogeniture, whereby the eldest son succeeds to office, under the Irish Brehon Law system the right to appoint a new Chief lay with the extended kingroup or derbfine, pronounced 'der-vi-neh', with a short 't'.

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It may be that the Trant MacCarthy claim to chiefship is the most plausible one, but that is far from concluding that it is definitely proven. Neither of the birthday girls will own-up to how many birthdays.

Irish Chieftswatch

Spiker, Associate Professor of Political Science, Ohio University Whisker, James B. On account of the issues raised, the continuing involvement of the Office of the Chief Herald, and because this is now the most debatable claim to chiefship post-Mac Carthy Mór, a separate webpage has been devoted to the. The surname Short t in Ireland can be of two origins, straightforward English or an anglicisation of Mac an Ghírr, the second element being a form of the Gaelic for 'short', and hence we have the two forms McGirr and Short t.

The Family Tree

MacCarthy claimed the title based on rather than , and said that his father renounced the title in his favour in 1980. Murphy, a genealogist, has published online accounts of the MacCarthy Mór case and also a full-length book.

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Something of the labour involved is shown by the fact that over the past three years I have expended over 1,500 hours unpaid checking the pedigrees of Gaelic Chiefs. He qualified as a nurse in the UK during the mid-to-late 1970s but his registration has lapsed.

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