



CLAN McGRATH of ULSTER Clann Mhic Craith na Uladh

TIMELINE OF THE McGRATH CHIEFTAINS OF ULSTER 1290 to 1641

Taken from the Annals of Ulster and the Annals of the Four Masters

- 1290 - Giolla Adhamhnain Mac Craith, Comharba of Terman Dabhoig died. (Nicholas Mac Craith inherits title)
- 1340 - Nicholas Mac Craith, the Comhraba died. (Muiris Mac Craith inherits title).
- 1384 - Lucia, wife of Muiris Mac Craith Comhraba dies. (Mark son of Muiris inherits title)
- 1423 - The Mac Craith of the Termon (Chieftain) Mark, Son of Muiris dies. (Sean Mor, inherits title)
- 1435 - The Mac Craith of the Termon, Sean Mor died; a gentlemen who maintained a house of hospitality for all. (Matthew, Sean's brother inherits the title)
- 1440 - The Mac Craith of the Termon, Matthew son of Mark died. (Sean Bui 'the fair haired' son of Sean Mor inherits the title)
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- 1463 - Torlough, son of Mark Mac Craith died.
- 1465 - Art, son of Sean Mor Mac Craith and dean of Lough Erne Deanery, died.
- 1469 - Sean Bui, son of Sean Mor died. (Diarmuid son of Mark, son of Muiris inherits title)
- 1470 - Catherine, wife of Diarmuid Mac Craith died.
- 1491 - Rory son of Diarmuid Mac Craith becomes Comharba and inherits title. Diarmuid is gravely ill.
- 1492 - The Mac Craith of the Termon, Diarmuid, son of Mark, son of Muiris died.
- 1499 - Grainne wife of The Mac Craith, Rory died this year.

- 1504 - Andrew son of the Chieftain of the Termon died, "And there was not, during his lifetime in Ireland at that time a Termoner's son that had greater respect and honour and kept a better house of hospitality than he".
- 1507 - Donncha Mac Craith at this time was Prior of Lough Derg.
- 1524 - Sean Bui, son of Andrew Mac Craith a man of most esteem and influence in Ulster, died.
- 1527 - William, son of Andrew Mac Craith, a man of wealth who kept a house of hospitality for all, and his wife both died within one day and one night.
- 1528 - The Mac Craith of the Termon, Rory son of Diarmuid, son of Mark, died, "And a noble Chieftain was that man, and he was generous to strangers, intelligent, informed, cheerful and virtuous. And he was a learned antiquarian and a man that kept a general guest house among Ulstermen". (Torlough, son of Andrew McGrath inherits title).
- 1538 - Annabel, daughter of The Mac Craith died.
- 1542 - The Mac Craith of the Termon, Torlough son of Andrew, died.(The Termoner / Chieftain in this period is only recorded as The Mac Craith.)
- 1549 - Fr. Brian Bocht Mac Craith OFM, noted preacher and miracle worker, native of the Termon, died in Donegal Friary. This is also where Miler McGrath began his ecclesiastical career.
- 1562 - The Mac Craith of the Termon died. (Donncha, Miler's Father inherits title).
- 1593 - Petition of Archbishop Miler McGrath for the surrender of the Termon lands of his Father to Queen Elizabeth I.
- 1596 - On the 5th May, Donncha Mac Craith, "Chieftain of Termonmagrath, surrendered all his Termon lands to the Queen for reduction to English tenure and re-grant to himself and his Clan. On the 13th May the same lands were re-granted to Donncha by Queen Elizabeth I. These included all the lands of Termonmagrath as well as the lands of Termonnamongan. These lands spanned three counties and the diocese of Clougher and Derry.
- 1603 - Chieftain of Termonmagrath, Donncha Mac Craith died. (James, son of Miler, inherits title).
- 1610 - James McGrath esq, Chieftain and Lord of Termonmagrath receives title of lands from King James I.
- 1641 - Castle McGrath comes under siege by the Lagganer's, a northern Protestant militia who oppose the Catholic Confederacy. The McGrath's burn the castle rather than surrender it. The lands of Termonmagrath are forfeited.

