

Fig. 5: McCarthy Sept names and Agnomina in use in the past few centuries

Sept / Agnomen / Derived surname	Parent sept (Note 1)	(Suggested) meaning / remarks (various sources)	Approx. location	Info. Source	McCarthy Study Group (Note 2)	No. in Project
of Ardcanaght	Mór	Descendants of Finghin Dubh Mac Cárthaigh	Ardcanaght, Kerry	1, 2, 4	A	1
of Ardully	Mór	aka MacFinghin MacCarthy	Kinnare, Kerry	1, 2, 4	B2	1
Bawn		As (2) for Bawny?	Cashel townland, Kilmacabea parish	12		
Bawny / Bawnee		(1) A McCarthy who owned a white cow. (2) White-haired (also used for other surnames)	Bantry area (orig. from Lauragh, parish of Tuosist)	5, 11	B2	1
Begarach			Drimoleague	15		
Branda		Skibbereen family Involved in smuggling of French brandy	Skibbereen area	17		
Brogach		Association with shoes (shoemaker?)	Crookstown?	15	A2a	1
Cas						
Cawsca (Cásca)		Of Easter		5		
Ciarach				7		
Craic, Knuilick, Kunick		Of the hill (?)		5	A2a	4
Corky			West Cork	2, 8		
Cowling			W. Caheragh parish	7		
Crime(e)n, Cremin, Cremeen		Relating to the progeny of one or more Cremin families. The claim that these are descendants of Dermot Mac Cárthaigh Reagh and the daughter of O'Cróin is not supported by Y-DNA data.	Widespread in West Cork	5, 7, 8, 10	E1	3
Cruig (Cruaidh)		Stern, hard	Togher, Dunmanway area	15	A1a	3
Daunt		Non-McCarthy surname in own right: identifies maternal origins?	Bealad W (Kilmeen RC parish)	13, 14		
Downing					B3	1
of Duhalow	Mór	(Major sept)	Orig. of barony of Duhalow, N.W. Cork			
Duna / Dooney / Downy	(i) Reagh (ii) Norsa	(i) Connected to Diarmuid an Duna (of the fortress), Lord of Carbery 1453-1473 (ii) One branch of descent from Tadhg 'O'Downy' (as called by the English) of Togher Castle. See also Glas.	Ballyneadig and Lyradane, but widespread Glennachroim (Dunmanway environs)	9		
Farshing (Fairshín)		Generous		5	B3	2
Guidéach / Guida(gh) (Gaibhdéach)		Strong, substantial	Orig. from Garralacka, Co. Cork	7	A1b	4
Gallda		Foreign		7		
Glas	Norsa	Green.	Glennachroim (Dunmanway environs)	1, 2, 9	A1a K Hg R-U106	1 1 1
Lyragh (Ladrach)		Forked or hasty	Manch, Dunmanway	18		
Mointeain / Mourtain		Móintín = a small stretch of moorland or bog. Association with same, or from a townland bearing the name Mointeain, Mounteen etc.? Also used for other surnames.	Widespread in Co Cork and south-west Kerry	7, 10, 16		
Mór		(Senior line)	Co. Kerry			
Mucklagh	Clann Tadhg Ruadh na Scáite	Muchlach = a hiding place or concealment for pigs	West of Durrus, Co Cork	16		
Muineagh / Meenig		(i) From maoinéach (=1) wealthy, (2) beloved, treasured), a source of the Mooney surname. (ii) From Muinneach (=Munsterman), as used by Bishop King Cormac Muimneach MacCarthy. Moynihan derives from the diminutive of Muimneach. These McCarthys share approx 13th century ancestry with both Mooneys and Moynihans.	Bandon to Timoleague	5, 16, 20	A1b	4
of Muskerry	Mór	Descendant of Dermot Mac Cárthaigh, created Lord of Muskerry in 1353.	Muskerry	1, 2	B2	1
Norsa		From Teige an Fhorsa (Onors) MacCarthy of Slioch Feidhlimidh. See also Glas	Inch, Kiltarry	15	B2	1
Rabagh (Rábach)	Reagh	Dashing, generous	Widespread in Co Cork. (from Kilmaloda?).	1, 2, 5, 7	B3	1
/ Cals	Reagh > Rabagh	Callaghan McCarthy family of Knocks W / Bealad W	Knocks W, Bealad W (Kilmeen RC parish)	15	B3	1
Reagh (Riabhach)		(Major sept) Swarthy	South and west Cork	Multi	B3	1
Saileach		Willow tree	Dromore (Caheragh parish)	7		
Slioch Cormac of Dungule	Mór	Descendant of Cormac, 2nd son of Tadhg na Mainistreach Mac Cárthaigh	Orig. Ballycarbery (near Cahersiveen, Co. Kerry)		B2	1
Sowney / Souney		Samhna, genitive of Samhain as in Lá Samhna, the ancient Celtic festival on 1st November	Widespread in West Cork	7, 12	D	1
Simons		Simon McCarthy family of Barryroe	Barryroe	15	F1	10
Spáinneach / Spwnach	of Muskerry	Spaniard. Descended from Domhnall or his son Cormac Spáinneach, of Carrignavar, Co. Cork	Carrignavar	5, 7, 16		
of Springhouse	Reagh		Bansha, Tipperary, Co Tipperary	1		
Strock (Stracáire)		Big, powerfully built man	Glengob and Cummeendeach, Ardgroome district of Eyeries Parish	11		
Talín / Tólin / Talún		(i) Of the salt (an tsalainn) or (ii) or (iii) Of the land or crooked, deceitful (Talún)		5, 7, 19	B3	1
Clann Teige Ilen		Family of a Tadhg MacCarthy located on the River Ilen, on north side of Skibbereen	(See left)	3, 8, 16	Hg I2a	1
Tuillach		(i) Tulach = mound, low hill, occurs in place names, e.g Tulach townland (Ichiqeelagh parish). (ii) relating to a specific incident in a blacksmith's forge	Kiltarry	7, 19	B3	1
Turk	Cl. Teige Ilen ?	(i) Torc = wild boar, a lord or king, one well-off. (ii) Association with Turkhead, near Skibbereen?	(See left)			See Cl. Teige Ilen

Note 1: According to written records or family lore (not necessarily true)

Note 2: Letters not preceded by "Hg..." refer to R-L21 Groups.

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