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1373.3 - William Dalton and the Sheriff of Meath were killed by the Cenel Fiachach and O Maelsechlainn.
1386.4 - Niall son of Cu Choicriche Oc Mac Eochacain was killed by the Daltons on the fifth of April. This man was well qualified to be chieftain of his native land.
1398.8 - Maurice son of Piers Dalton was killed by Muirchertach Oc Mac Eochacain and Brian son of O Conchobhair Failgi.
1401.5 - Muirchertach Oc son of Muirchertach Mor Mag Eochacain, was killed on the fifth of October at Bel Atha Imper, with one cast of a spear, by Geroit son of Robert Dalton in a night-combat, after he had sent his followers away to make an attack on Brenad in Muinter Gillgain.
1403.13 - Seaan Buide son of Seoinin Burke was slain by the posterity of Eogan O Cellaig and the sons of Hubert Dalton.
1405.10 - Miles Dalton was slain by the Dalton and the sons of Hubert Dalton.
1408.11 - Miles Dalton was killed by his brother, and afterwards his castle was destroyed by the
descendants of Cathal O Fergail.

1413.23 - Hubert Dalton died this year.

1414.16 - John Stanley, lieutenant of the King of England, came to Ireland this year to destroy the Gaels
of Ireland. He was a man who granted no protection to cleric or laymen or to the poets of
Ireland, for he plundered every one of its clerics any men of skill in every art on whom he laid
hands and expose them to cold and beggary. He plundered Niall son of Aed O hUicinn in Usnagh
of Meath, and Henry Dalton attacked the son of James Diuit and the King's followers and [took
from them a cow for each cow and a horse for each horse and a sheep for each sheep and a pig
for each pig [which Niall had lost] and gave them to the Ui hUicinn. They were then convoyed
into Connacht. After this the Ui Uicinn made lampoons on John Stanley an~ he lived only five
weeks till he died from the venom of th lampoons. Now this is one of two poet's miracles which
were worked for Niall O hUicinn: the freezing to death of the Clanconway on the night after he
was plundered in Clada, and the death of John Stanley from the venom of the lampoons.

1416.29 - Geroit Carrach son of Hubert Dalton was killed by Uiliam Cam son of Muirchertach Ruad
Mac Eochacain's son with one cast of a bad javelin in the August of this year.

1422.26 - The descendants of Tomas O Fergail were banished into Western Meath by Domnall O Fergail
and Henry Dalton, lord of Western Meath, sided with them.

1422.28 - The Pass of Kilcoursey was cut and levelled by Dalton and the descendants of Tomas.

1439.5 - William Dalton of Brawnie, son of Hubert Dalton, died.

1452.3 - Fergal Oc Mag Eochacain was killed on St. Nicholas' day at the cross-roads in Croughool by the
son of the Baron of Delvin and the sons of Piers son of Piers Dalton, who were the children of his
mother's brother.

1464.46 - Ir son of Uiliam Mag Ragnaill was killed in Western Meath that same week, with one javelin-
wound, by Gilla Glas Dillon in the presence of his mother's brother, William Dalton.

1467.15 - Christopher Plunket, Piers son of Piers Dalton and James the younger, son of James Dalton's
son, were killed by the plague; and the Prior of Mullingar, namely Petit's son, also died of it.

1467.16 - John Dalton was killed by his own people.

1468.38 - A great raid by Tadc son of Calbach [O Conchobair Failgi] on Crevagh by the Inny, in which
more than twenty men and nearly forty of their packhorses were taken from them. Dalton, who
instigated the expedition, and Mag Eochacain were wounded but Tadc carried off the prey.

1472.12 - O Cellaig made a great attack on Moneylea. The Galls of Western Meath—Petits, Tyrrels,
d'Arcys and Daltons—caught up with them and O Cellaig was defeated. Donnchad O Cellaig and
many others were captured, and many of their footmen and mercenaries were killed.

1475.12 - O Domnaill made a circuit in Connacht and made peace between O Ruairc and O Raigillig.
Thence he marched to Fenagh, where Mag Ragnaill met him and they both proceeded past Sliab
Cairbre and through Mag Tethba and Moybrawne, and the Abbot of Lara was killed in their
following by an arrowshot from Rathreagh. From here he passed westwards through
Moybrawne and they rested and encamped that night at Cuircne of Meath, where the Dillons
and the Daltons came in and made peace with him. Thence he went on to Offaly and Cairbre of
Leinster, where O Conchobair [Failgi] came to meet him. On the other part came the Meath
Galls, and the lands were destroyed in the fighting. Peace was afterwards made and O Domnaill
returned home by way of Athlone.

1478.28 - Fachtna, the son of O Fergail, was killed by Edmund son of Hubert Dalton.