Extant Irish Genealogical Texts (Chronological Order)

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1 **First Leinster collection** – in the second portion of Bodleian Oxford MS Rawlinson B 502

– penned Wicklow, possibly at Glendalough, c. 1125.

2  **Second Leinster collection** – towards the end of the Book of Leinster TCD MS 1339

– penned Leinster c. 1160.

3 **The Bansheanchas**, Lore of Famous Women, in both prose and metrical versions – the

latter composed in 1147 by Gilla Mo­Dutu Ó Caiside in Devenish monastery in Lower Lough Erne, Co. Fermanagh – preserved in seven manuscripts (including the Books of Leinster, Uí Mhaine, Ballymote, Lecan, etc.).

4 **The Genealogies of Irish saints**, in most principal Irish manuscript­collections (the Books of Leinster, Uí Mhaine, Ballymote, and Lecan, TCD H.2.7, Mac Fhir Bhisigh’s Great Book of Genealogies, etc.). Online

5 **The Ó Cianáin Miscellany** – the first part of National Library of Ireland MSS G 2­3 –

written, probably in Fermanagh, by Ádhamh Ó Cianáin, in 1344­5.

6 **The Ó Dalláin manuscript** – TCD 1298 (or H.2.7) – penned in Uí Mhaine by Lúcás Ó Dalláin,

c. 1350.

7 **The Book of Uí Mhaine** (formerly known as the Book of Ó Dubhagáin) – RIA MS 1225

(or D i 1) – probably largely compiled towards the end of the 14th century.

8 **The Book of Ballymote** – RIA MS 536 (or 23 P 12) – also dating from the (early) 1390s.2/25/2015

9 **The Book of Lecan** – RIA MS 535 (or 23 P 2) – largely compiled between the years 1397

and 1418.

10 **Bodleian Laud** MS 610, ( Park 2 containing the genealogies largely written between 1454 and 1455

11 **Leabhar Donn** (in 2 parts) – RIA MS 1233 (or 23 Q 10) – first part dating from 1431-41 and the 2nd from 1476-1482 Possibly penned in the Sligo/Leitrim area.

12 **The fragmentary** King’s Inns MS G 11 compiled c. 1500 Relating to c1450 onwards

13 TCD MS 1372 (or H.4.31) Part if it contains genealogies c. 1500 mainly for MacReynolds, Magauran and MacKiernan Septs.

14 **Caithreim Thoirdhealbhaugh appendices**  – 16th Century Senchas Buitlérach, Senchas

Búrcach, Senchas Síl Bhriain, and Senchas Geraltach, edited by Standish Hayes O’Grady

In 1929

**15 The Genealogies of Irish Kings and Saints** –1630 by the Four Masters

(Brother Míchél Ó Cléirigh, Fear Feasa Ó Maoil Chonaire, Cú Choigcríche Ó Cléirigh and Cú

Choigcríche Ó Duibhgeannáin) in the house of the Franciscan friars of Athlone, Killinure, Co. Westmeath.

**16** RIA MS 621 (The O Flaherty­O Conor Collection) 17th century, Ruaidhrí Ó Flaithbheartaigh and Charles O Conor.

**17** **Séathrún Céitinn’s Foras Feasa ar Éirinn**, the earliest manuscript of which dates from c. 1640. Keating's most significant work, Foras Feasa ar Éirinn, a history of Ireland from the creation of the world to the coming of the Normans in the twelfth century, was completed about 1634 and contains a collection of genealogies. (UCC-Celt)

**18** Leabhar Cloinne Maoil Ruanaidh (Book of the MacDermotts’ ) – RIA MS 539

penned by a number of Ó Duibhgeannáin scribes c1644.

**19 Dubhaltach Mac Fhirbhisigh’s** - Great Book of Irish Genealogies, – compiled (mainly in Galway) between the years 1645 and 1666 UCD Add.Ir MS 14 (now online on ISOS)

**19 A** **The Cuimre** – Abridged version of the Great book of Genealogies – Maynooth MS B8 and RIA also have copy MS 585

**20 The O Clery Book of Genealogies** – RIA MS 790) – compiled by Cú Choigcríche Ó Cléirigh, one of the Four Masters c. 1630­64. (nonline)

**21 TCD MS 1337 (Fragmentary**) which contains a version of O’Clerys work.

**22 TCD MS 1393** (various genealogies including important material on the Burkes of Connacht) Possibly 17th Century.

**23 TCD MSS 1366 and 1372 –** Collection of genealogies from 17th century Ulster Manuscripts

**24 An Leabhar Eóghanach** (The genealogies of Ceinéal Eóghain) and (Geinealach na

gColladh) attached to Leabhar Cloinne Aodha Bhuidhe, a duanaire compiled in 1680

– RIA MS 1076

**25 An Leabhar Muimhneach** (The book of Munster genealogies) – RIA MS 756 1716-18th Century penned by Dublin scribe Richard Tipper but thought to be based on the work of 2

17th century scribes - Domhnall Ó Duinnín and Tadhg mac Dáire Mheic Bhruaideadha.

**26 The great Mac Solaidh­Tipper** collection compiled by Seán Mac Solaidh in 1714 – RIA MS 153­4 and copied c. 1724 by Richard Tipper – NLI MS G 177.

**27 TCD MS 1286** A copy by the 18th century scribe Hugh O Daly of a collection said to have been made by a Seán mac Muiris Uí Maoilchonaire in 1480.

**28 MacNamara/Mac Con Mara** genealogies An 18th century manuscript – RIA MS 303

originally compiled in the late 14th century and recopied in the 17th Century.

**29 O Reilly genealogies**, based on a manuscript written in 1703 by Eóghan Ó

Raghallaigh, and preserved in a later copy – RIA MS 759

**30**  **Linea Antiqua**, a great collection of Gaelic genealogies, written in English, and compiled between 1707 and 1712 by Roger O Ferrall – preserved in the Genealogical Office of the NLI - GO MS 155.

**31** **Fermanagh genealogies** A transcript from 1842 of the c18th Century original. St Colmans, College Fermoy MS CF6

**32 Corpus Genealogiarum Hiberniae,** 1962. 764 pp. Irish text and some Latin, without translation, and indexes. (KD yet to find this)