

## RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place please complete this reservation form and return it to Boyd Gray 17 St Jude's Court, Lifford, Co Donegal by **Friday 13th April**. There is a limited number of places so please book early. Please indicate in the box provided the number attending the respective sessions

Name:	
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### Number attending each session

Official Launch,

Makemie the Man 27th April €7.50euro or £5

Saturday Seminars & Dinner 28th April €30.00 euro or £20

Saturday Seminars Only 28th April €30.00 euro or £20

Only attending Dinner 28th April €30.00 euro or £20

Ulster Scots Heritage Tour 29th April €7.50 euro or £5

Seminar in Monreagh Church 29th April Free

**TOTAL FEE** € £

Cheques should be made payable to East Donegal Ulster Scots Association.

The above fees cover seminars and refreshments. Please advise if you have any dietary requirements.

*Why not stay for the week-end?*

Contact the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny.

Tel: (00353) 0749122700 or [www.mounterrighal.com](http://www.mounterrighal.com)

- quote "Ulster Scot" for a special Summer School package.

OR Contact Letterkenny Tourism Information Office.

Tel: (00353) 0749121160

## East Donegal Ulster Scots

The East Donegal Ulster Scots Association was formed in 2001 to promote the rich Ulster Scots history, language and culture of East Donegal. This summer school, which is part funded by the European Union Peace and Reconciliation programme, seeks to raise awareness of the Ulster Scots identity and to value the contribution Ulster Scots can make to reconciliation. This project will assist the wider community to explore the cultural diversity, which exists in Donegal and is often hidden from view.

### The Reverend Francis Makemie, 1658-1708

We have dedicated this Ulster Scots Weekend to a son of the Laggan, the Reverend Francis Makemie, the founder of Presbyterianism in the United States of America. Ordained in the Laggan Presbytery in 1682, the Reverend Makemie left Donegal and arrived in Maryland in 1683, where he formed a number of Presbyterian congregations. Arrested for his faith by the British Governor of New York, Makemie assisted in the establishment of the first Presbytery in America in 1706. He died in 1708.

*'He is a jack at all trades, he is a preacher, a doctor of physic, a merchant, a counsellor of law, and, which is worst of all, a disturber of governments.'*

*Lord Combury, British Governor of New York.*

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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# EAST DONEGAL ULSTER-SCOTS

## Association



# Francis Makemie Weekend

Mount Errigal Hotel  
Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.

27th to 29th April 2007



# SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME



## Friday 27th April in the Knockalla Room commencing at 8pm

- Official Launch of the Makemie Weekend by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Ruth Patterson.
- 'Francis Makemie the Man', a talk by Stewart Buchanan. The Poetry of Sarah Leech, the Ulster Scots Poetess of Ballylennon.
- Music, Song and Dance from the Donegal Ulster Scots Experience.
- Buffet supper.

## Saturday 28th April in the Knockalla Room

### 10.00am Flight and Plantation

- Mrs. Helen Meehan, renowned historian from Inver Co Donegal and a member of Donegal Historical Society
- Dr. John McCavitt, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and author of "The Flight of the Earls".
- Jim McDowell, Northern Editor of the Sunday World

This seminar will explore the historic events of 400 years ago, including the Hamilton and Montgomery settlements in 1606, the arrival in Ulster of Bishop George Montgomery in 1607, the Flight of the Earls in 1607 and the subsequent Plantation of Ulster.

### 11.30am Donegal Ulster Scots - the Story of Migration

- Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald, lecturer at the Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster American Folk Park Omagh Co Tyrone
- Dr. James McConnell, lecturer at the University of Ulster, co-author of the "1718 Migration" and writer on English, Welsh and Irish history.
- Colin Brooks, genealogist from Pennsylvania, USA, co-author of the "1718 Migration" website and past member on the Board of the Scotch-Irish Society of the USA.

This seminar will follow the Ulster Scots story from Scotland to Ulster and from thence to America, exploring the causes of migration to America in the 18th Century, the role of the Scotch-Irish in creating democracy in America and the impact of Ulster men and women who have shaped the history of the United States.

### 1.00pm Lunch served in the Knockalla Room

### 2.00pm Ulster Scots - A role in building Peace

- Peadar Carpentar works for the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin and has been involved in peace building initiatives in Northern Ireland and the Border Counties
- Charley McAdam is a community worker with the Border Minority Group based in Newbliss, Co. Monaghan. He has been proactive in promoting Ulster Scots in Cavan and Monaghan and delivering peace and reconciliation projects.

This seminar will explore the role Ulster Scots can play in building a peaceful and integrated community. The seminar will explore the concept of reconciliation, how Ulster Scots can play a positive role in breaking barriers and overcoming sectarianism while promoting respect for cultural diversity on both sides of the Border.

### 3.30pm Discovering Your Ulster Scots Ancestry

- Colin Brooks, eminent genealogist from Pennsylvania, USA, co-author of the "1718 Migration" website and past member on the Board of the Scotch-Irish Society of the USA.
- Dr William Roulston, historian and genealogist with the Ulster Historical Foundation in Belfast.

The final seminar today will give plenty of tips on how to start in your hunt for your own ancestors, where to find the relevant records, making the link back to Scotland and work on the trail of your kin folk who migrated, leaving these shores for America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, in both the 18th and 19th Centuries.

## 7.30pm Dinner in the Knockalla room

After dinner speech by Colin Brooks on his experiences of the Scots Irish in America today.

A bluegrass session with the Broken String Band from Co. Down, the top Bluegrass band in Ireland!

## Sunday, 29th April

### 10.00am Ulster Scots Heritage Tour

Leaving the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny at 10am for a bus tour of some of the most interesting Ulster Scots sights in East Donegal. Our tour guide is Belinda Mahaffey, one of East Donegal's most knowledgeable local historians.

#### The tour will include:

- Several stops including one at Glenmaquin, the site of the historic battle in 1642 between the Lagan Army under the Stewart brothers and the Irish under the command of Sir Phelim O'Neill.
- Lunch in St Johnston
- A visit to Taughboyne Parish Church.

The Bus will return to the Mount Errigal Hotel at approximately 4.45 pm, after the final seminar of the weekend at Monreagh Presbyterian Church.

### 3pm Ulster Scots: The Story of Faith - Monreagh Presbyterian Church

The final seminar of the Francis Makemie Summer School will take place in the third oldest Presbyterian Meeting House in Ireland. The seminar will include an entertaining talk from the Presbyterian Historical Society on the role of faith in the Ulster Scots community.

The Donegal Presbytery Choir will also sing Psalms in the traditional form.

Please note that there are only 50 spaces on the Ulster Scots heritage tour; secure your place as soon as possible by completing the reservation form attached.