

Excerpt from An Historical Account of the Macdonnells of Antrim: Including Notices of Some Other Septs, Irish and Scottish Our best genealogists, Mac Firis and OFlaherty, represent the Macdonnells (1) as descended from an Irish prince, named Colla, and surnamed Uaish, or the Noble, the eldest of three distinguished brothers, who lived in the earlier part of the fourth century. These brothers were the sons of Eochaidh Doimhleoin, brother of the king, and Aileach, daughter of Ubdaire, king of Alba. The coming of this Scottish princess to Ireland, and her subsequent residence in the palace of Aileach, so called after her name, are celebrated in a very ancient Irish poem. The poet describes the princess as a mild, true woman, modest, blooming, till the love of the Gael disturbed her, and she passed with him from the midst of Chind-Tiri (Cantire) to the land of Uladh. Her palace of Aileach, in the present county of Donegal, became the residence of the Northern Ui Neill princes, and continued to be occupied as such almost to the time of the English invasion. (2) The names of her warlike and ambitious sons were Cairell, Muredhach, and Aedh, although they are more familiarly known in history as the three Collas. (3) Assisted by their kinsmen and allies on the opposite shores of the North Channel, (4) they were able to form a powerful political combination, which, in the year 327, placed the eldest brother, Colla Uaish, on the throne of Ireland. He only held this position, however, for the space of four years, when he was compelled to give way before the claims of a more powerful cousin. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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