

Extracts from Various Annals relating to the Corcu Duibhne, O'Sheas, Falveys, Ui Rathach

Major events in the ancient history of Ireland were set down in various written annals or records of which the Annals of the Four Masters is probably the most famous. It covers the whole of Ireland while the Annals of Inisfallen is more local covering mainly the Munster area.

The Corcu Duibhne were a race in West Kerry from whom descended the O'Shea (Ua Seaghdha, Ui Seghdha, Segda etc), Falvey (Ua Failbhe, Ua Failbi etc) and possibly the O'Connell clans. The extracts below reflect exploits of the Corcu Duibhne in the Middle Ages gradually changing in the early 11th century to those of the emerging individual clans. The banishment of the O'Sheas in 1124 from their ancestral homeland by the stronger McCarthys is faithfully recorded, as is the continual strife between the related clans. Extracts of interest died away shortly after the banishment, indicating the collapse of O'Shea power and influence.

Ui Rathach is an early name for the Iveragh Peninsula in West Kerry, heartland of the O'Shea territories. A tourist walking-trail through the area is currently called Slí Uibh Rathach or the Kerry Way. The Corcu Duibhne are remembered by an area of the Dingle peninsula called Corkaguiney.

Annals of the Four Masters

Year	Text
903	Battle of Bealach-Mughna [<i>now Ballaghmoon in South Kildare</i>]. Amongst killed was Colman Abbot of Ceann-Eitigh and the lord of the Corcu Duibhne
1095	There was a great pestilence over all Europe in general in this year and some say that the fourth part of the men of Ireland died of the malady. Amongst the distinguished persons who died - - Mathghamhain Ua Seaghdha lord of Corcu Duibhne Note says: According to O'Heerin's topographical poem, O'Falvey, who was the senior of the race of King Conary II in Ireland, was chief of the territory of the Corcu Duibhne, or Corcaguiney, which extended from the river Mang westwards to the strand, Finntraigh, now Ventry in the now county of Kerry and O'Shea was chief of Ui Rathach now the barony of Iveragh in the west of the same county, and this is evidently correct, though O'Shea, who was of the same race with O'Falvey, was sometimes chief lord of all the race of Conary.
1103	Domhnall Ua Lochlainn with the Clanna- Neil of the North fought a spirited battle at Magh-Cobha against combined forces of the Leinstermen, the Osraighi & the Munstermen. Amongst the Munstermen slaughtered was Ua Muireadhaigh, lord of Ciarraige & Ua Failbhe , tanist of Corcu Duibhne and Erri of Leinster.
1158	Ua Failbhe , lord of Corcu Duibhne was slain by the Ui Seghdha

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785	Death of Echtgal, king of the Corcu Duibne
793	The battle of Conchenn [<i>A note which doesn't make much sense says possibly a personal name synonymous with king of the Corcu Duibhne</i>] in which the king of the Corcu Duibhne fell
989	Congal son of Anrudan, king of Corcu Duibhne dies
1013	Mac Raith son of Congal king of Corcu Duibhne dies
1027	Death of Crinan son of Failbe king of Corcu Duibhne
1040	Death of Gilla Meic Oibleain Ua Congaile king of Corcu Duibhne
1041	Ua Segda king of Corcu Duibhne was slain
1042	Mathgamain Ua Failbi , royal heir of Corcu Duibhne was slain.
1062	Two of the Ua Failbi , royal heirs of Corcu Duibhne were slain by the Ui Echach [<i>a people & territory in the Iveagh peninsula, around Dunmanus bay in SW Cork</i>], in Bai Berre [<i>Dursey Island off the Beara Peninsula</i>]
1063	Cu Dub Ua Failbe king of Corcu Duibhne dies
1064	A great foray by Tairdelbach into Corcu Duibhne and Eoganacht, and it is impossible to enumerate all the cows and other cattle taken.
1066	Loingsech Ua Domnaill another king of Ui Echach was slain by the Corcu Duibhne
1096	Mathgamain Ua Segda king of Corcu Duibhne rested in Christ
1103	Amongst slain at battle of Mag Coba [<i>North Down</i>] was In Gilla Finn Ua Failbi
1115	The slaying of Lochlainn Ua Failbi by Murchad Ua Segda
1118	Tadc Ua Segda was slain by the foreigners [<i>Norse</i>] of Limerick and by Ua Failbi , each having committed treachery against the other.
1124	Ua Muirchertaig king of Eoganacht Loca Lein, Cu Luachra Ua Conchobuir king of Ciarraige and Murchad Ua Segda king of Corcu Duibhne , were banished by Cormac son of MacCarthaig
1125	A fleet under the leadership of Muirchertach Ua Muirchertaig ie king of Eoganacht Loca Lein (was sent) by Ruaidri's son to Corcu Duibhne and they wrought havoc there
1127	Murchad Ua Segda , In Gilla Manntach Ua Failbi and Cathal Ua Cathuil were slain
1189	Amlaib Ua Failbi was slain
1209	Fingen [<i>McCarthy</i>] had a naval force on a circuit in Ui Rathach and they went into Dairbre [<i>Valentia Island</i>] killed many thousands of cattle there and put to death numerous people.