

Seán Ó Dálaigh

Born c. 1740

Died 1808

John O'Daly was born around the year 1740 in the parish of Molahiffe, the son of William O'Daly, the wealthiest Daly in County Kerry of the time. He would have spoken Irish all his life, and therefore was known as Seán Ó Dálaigh. He lived in the town of Gurteenroe, which had continuously been inhabited by Dalys since the early 1600s. There, he married a woman called Ellen, or Eibhlín, as she would have been known, and they had issue:

1. William Daly, born c. 1780 in Gurteenroe.

John passed away in 1808, aged around 70 years old. As with his brother Con, he made a will. This is very notable, as to make a will back then, one had to do so through the Church of Ireland courts; only very wealthy Catholics would make wills back then. In the entire of Kerry, between 1690 and 1858, only 12 wills were made out by Dalys, all of whom were directly related to John and his brothers.