RÍOCHT NA MIDHE: SUBJECT INDEX 1955-2007

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Introductory Note

The *Subject Index* 1955-2007 is a cumulative index to subjects, people and places treated in articles, news items and obituaries in *Ríocht na Midhe* Vols I-XVIII: 1955-2007. The Index was originally published in 2008 (along with an Author Index), and incorporates two earlier indexes – 1955-1974 (compiled by Patrick J. Daly), and 1955-1989 (compiled by Julitta Clancy). Full titles of articles are listed chronologically under author's name in the accompanying *Author Index*. Book reviews, minor items, footnotes, lists and passing references are omitted from this index.

People are indexed under their personal names (where this is justified by their treatment in the article or news item) and/or their family names (e.g. 'Cusack, family'). In addition, families given significant treatment in an article are listed under 'family histories'. Personal obituaries are listed under 'obituaries'. Names beginning with '*Mac'*, '*Mc'*, etc are indexed as 'Mac' (e.g. 'McCullen' is listed before 'Mac Domhnaill').

Places: *Ríocht na Midhe* covers the territory comprising the ancient kingdom of Meath (equivalent to the modern diocese of Meath). While the majority of place references refer to locations in counties Meath and Westmeath, there are also many references to places in counties Cavan, Louth and Offaly. Places given significant treatment in articles are included in the index (those places listed <u>without</u> a county designation are located in Co. Meath, e.g. 'Duleek', Dunboyne', 'Tara', 'Trim' etc). Minor and/or passing references are omitted. Where the origins of a particular placename are discussed, the references are to be found under the heading 'placenames'. Places beginning with 'St.', e.g. 'St. Ultan's Hospital', are indexed as 'Saint',

Subject headings: Every effort has been made to make the Subject Index as comprehensive as possible, with *general* as well as *specific* headings. Under general headings - e.g. 'abbeys and monasteries', 'archaeological heritage', 'art and decoration', 'burials', 'churches/ecclesiastical sites', 'Irish language and literature', 'military history', 'religious history' etc. – cross-references are also given, directing the user to more specific information. *Specific subject headings* – e.g. 'castles', 'horizontal mills', 'Iron Age', 'Patrician foundations', 'War of Independence, 1919-21' etc. - generally follow the terminology used in articles, with cross-references and accepted modern terms supplied where necessary.

Archaeological sites and features are indexed under their placename and are further listed according to their type e.g. 'burials', 'crannogs', 'holy wells', 'megalithic monuments', 'ringforts', 'souterrains', 'tower houses' etc. In addition, the heading 'archaeological excavations' contains a full list of excavations reported in respect of sites located in counties Meath and Westmeath.

Graveyards and headstones are indexed under their placenames and also under 'tombstones'.

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The method of alphabetization used is *word-by-word*, e.g. 'land taxation' comes before 'landscape'.

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