



Product of Ireland
Concept



Deadstock vintage lace, Donegal tweed, Arklow Irish linen, Stewart brushed cotton, satin taffeta, vintage cotton rose ribbon trim



Secondhand wool jumpers in Argyle, Aran knit, cable, Shamrock and Stewart tartan prints



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Colour & Fabric

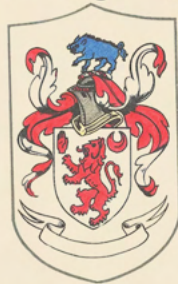


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Silhouette & Detail

Haughey



Connacht



Leinster

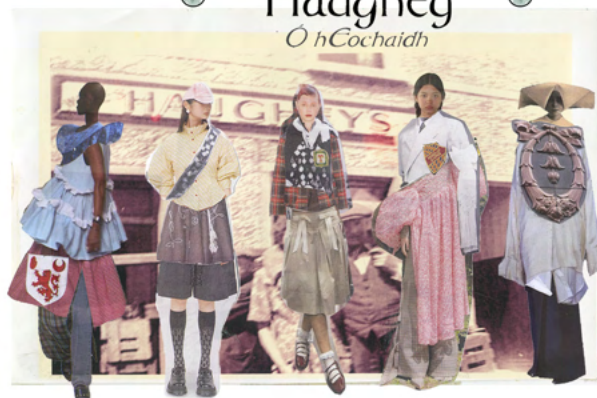
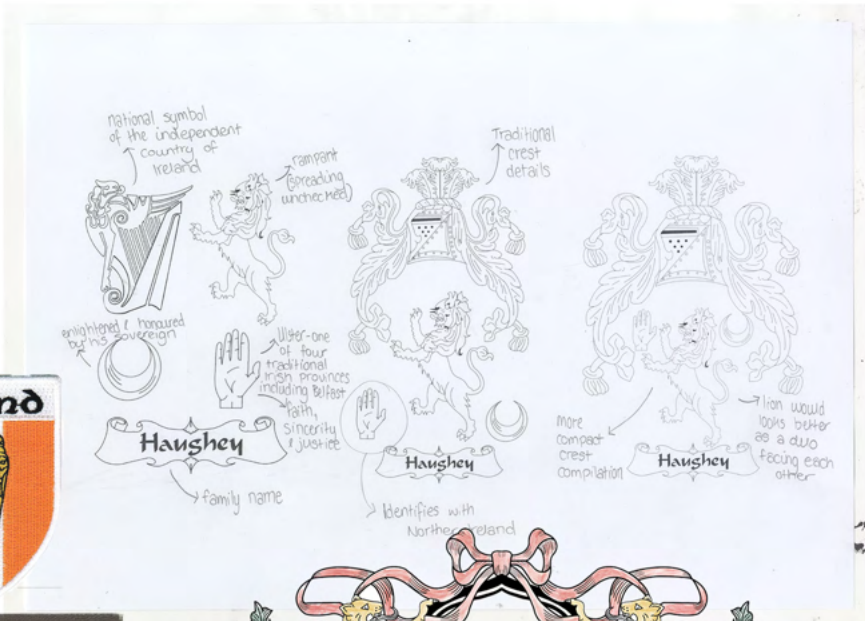
Present day holders of this name, Mac Eochaidh (Irish) are descended from one of the three ancient distinct septcs or clans of the Reagh.

The greatest concentration of them today is in Leinster where the most historically important group was to be found. As often happened there was a certain amount of movement before they settled in County Wexford, they are believed to have originally come from north Kildare to County Wicklow in early medieval times, they came with the powerful O'Byrne family with whom they held the office of hereditary bard. This tradition was maintained, notably by Maolmuide MacReagh, recorded by the Four Masters as professor of poetry in Leinster in 1534. There are a number of other poets of the same name.

After Leinster the name is mainly found in the area around Limerick although the place name Ballymackeoish occurs in County Tipperary. The other sept were one of the Uí Máine group and their homeland lay in County Roscommon, the ancestor after whom they were named was Eochaidh O'Kelly and, as Lords of Mash Finn, their territory of Moyfina in the barony of Achonry, was known as MacReagh's Country for a very long time. The place name Reaghville is one indication of their influence.

Two distinguished representatives of the name in the eighteenth century were Donn John Reagh: one a mathematician and the other a doctor and zoologist. Among those of Irish descent in America was Captain Miles Walter Reagh (1840 - 1876) who died at the Battle of Little Bighorn, leaving his horse as the sole survivor on the army's side.

Over the centuries the name has undergone changes; prominent among the many variations are MacReagh, Keogh, MacKeown and Keogh.



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Family Crest Research



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Accessory Development

folklore of Ireland richly celebrates 'fairies' and one of their supposed haunts was hawthorn. Farmers would literally plough round hawthorn in a field to avoid upsetting vengeful fairies. I remember giving my Mum a bunch of hawthorn inside the house which she instantly put outside as it was unlucky. Nicked from the fairies.

IMAGINARY RESEARCH



"Smaller boys wearing petticoats differing not of the little girls, according to local tradition, rendered immune from the fairies, who, if the secret of the sex were not withheld, might spirit them away."

Dark Rosaleen: a story of Ireland today By M. E. Francis, 1917



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Layering Development

Auntie's Communion Day Parade



Thrifted baby communion dresses for details references



Vintage dolls found in antique shop



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Communion Dress Development



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Tailoring Exploration



Photography, during The Troubles, of children on the streets of Belfast



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Knitwear



①
 deadstock elastic
 bias taped with leftover repurposed satin ribbon

②
 Donegal Tweed remnants sourced from eBay

③
 Vintage hand sourced pins, badges and brooches

④
 Irish crochet lace tablecloth from vinted

5x second-hand jumpers

Reclaimed Avoca hardware

100% deadstock and vintage lace from scraps leads

deconstructed communion dresses

deadstock Stewart cotton tartan

Lace netting from vinted

end of roll Irish linen

hand knit samples

deadstock rose trim

Trim taken from secondhand Billowcase

more deadstock lace trim

✦ coming of age
 ✦ oversized to reflect juvenile readiness for adulthood
 ✦ extravagance
 ✦ Catholic communion dress

tea stained dying process

✦ Donegal Tweed from county Donegal
 ✦ Silhouette reflects Aran Isles fisherman
 ✦ Stewart tartan originated from Galway, Ireland

✦ Shawl is reminiscent of sisters of charity nuns
 ✦ Layered skirt references Aran Isles women and tradition Irish folklore of fairies abducting boys so they were dressed up as girls

✦ Knitted jumper compiles all Irish connotations together.
 ✦ Irish Linen mimics childhood memories

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Fabric Breakdown



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Final Line Up



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Collection Range & Technical Flats



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