





DUBHGHLAS DE HÍDE

Rugadh Dubhghlas de hÍde (An Craobhín) ar an 17 Eanáir 1860 i dteach Longfort, An Caslaigh Ráibhach, Contae Ros Comáin. Fuair sé bás ar an 12 Iúil 1949. 'S é seo a chur iúl le go raibí rúailí áfach. Ba é bunaitheoir agus an chéad uachtarán ar Chomradh na Gaeilge, an ghluaiseacht náisiúnta ar aitheascach na Gaeilge. Ba é an chéad Chaire in Éire a bhí ag Chaitlice Oileolaí, Baile Átha Cliath, agus ba bhall ghrionmhach é den chéad Seanaid Ollscoil na hÉireann. Sa bhliain 1938, cuasadh é go treasúra mar an chéad Uachtarán ar Éire go mí Mheitheamh 1945.

Aithníodh de hÍde go forleathan lena amm cille An Craobhín Aodhán nó An Craobhín. Ba údar é ar roinnt saothar scoláiríochta, *The Love Songs of Connacht* (1893) agus *A Literary History of Ireland* (1899) san áireamh. Buidéalaic le comraice Rialdaí an Dr Adam Boyd Simpson, sa bhliain 1922, glac Seanaid de hÍde míadadh chun riaradh bairde Gaeilge a bhíonn. Casadh de hÍde mar sagairt ar fíodúchán an Fíodúcháin a tháinig sé, *Lá Fáil* (de 1925 agus 1932). Sa bhliain 2013, d'athscruthaigh OÉ eagrair macasamhach de *Lá Fáil* agus rinne an tUachtarán Michael D. O'Leagain é a chéadú.

Douglas Ross Hyde was born on 17 January 1860 in Longfort House, Castlema, Co Roscommon. He died on 12 July 1949. He was a man of firsts. He was the founder and first President of Connadh na Gaeilge (the Gaelic League), the national movement for the revival of the Irish language. He was the first Professor in Modern Irish in University College Dublin, and an active member of the first National University of Ireland Senate. In 1938, he was elected unopposed as the first President of Ireland and served until June 1945.

Hyde was commonly known to his contemporaries by his pen-name, An Craobhín Aodhán or An Craobhín. He was the author of a number of scholarly works including *The Love Songs of Connacht* (1893) and *A Literary History of Ireland* (1899).

Thanks to the generous bequest from Dr Adam Boyd Simpson, in 1922 the NUI Senate accepted a recommendation to found a journal of Irish research. Hyde was appointed editor. The resulting publication, *Lá Fáil*, was published between 1925 and 1932. In 2013, NUI reproduced a facsimile of *Lá Fáil* which was launched by President Higgins. In 2018, President Michael D. Higgins delivered the inaugural Douglas Hyde lecture entitled *The Legacy of Douglas Hyde*.



The Aidan Heavily Library in Athlone holds 97 postcards in the Douglas Hyde collection. 60 of the postcards were sent by Douglas Hyde and his wife, Lucy, to their children Nuala and Una, and 30 were sent by them to Ethel Chance, a family friend in Birmingham. These postcards will also feature in a forthcoming publication by UCD press, L. Mac Mathúna, B. O'Connubhair, N. Comer, C. O'Seádaigh, M. Nic an Bhaird (eds) Douglas Hyde: *My American Journey*.



The National Folklore Collection in University College Dublin holds 60 postcards in the Douglas Hyde collection. They contain correspondence from scholars (William J. Watson from Scotland, Káthe Müller-Lisowski and Gustav Lohmeyer from Germany), Irish language enthusiasts (Neil Ní Bhrádaigh, Fionnán Mac Colum and Una Ní Phádraigh), students (John Th. Horro from Budapest) and friends of Hyde's from different parts of the world. The postcards are written in a wide range of languages such as English, Irish, French and German, displaying the linguistic ability of Hyde. The topics discussed vary from the cultural and linguistic to general correspondence.




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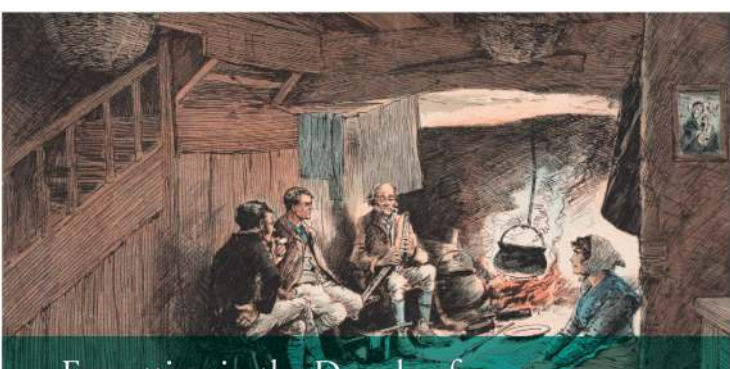
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