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Mr Tadhg O Donnabhain,
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Dear Mr O Donnabhain,

I am writing to you in re to your letter dated 12 March 1965, indeed a long time ago, sent to a cousin of mine, Mrs Lorraine Ackerly of Heathmont in Victoria. A copy of this letter is enclosed and I have to say it is only recently that I have located a copy among papers that were my late uncle's, himself a first cousin of Lorraine's.

The subject of your letter is in re to the family of o Donovan of o Donovan's Cove. You said in this letter that you had information as to dates etc for members of the family and Lorraine has told me that she never followed this up with you. I am keen to learn more about family members and ask please if you might now be able to locate whatever information you have to send in copy to me please.

I have had some intrigue as to how the lands and property of Blair Cove house were dispersed, ie the circumstances that finally arose and as Richard Blair had died by or in 1855 (according to the index for his Will in that year) one question is to when his widow Catherine, nee oDonovan of oDonovan's Cove passed on. The barrister o Mahony in Bantry allowed me copy of work he had done and this indicated, but not clearly why, that Blair's had lost this place at Blair Cove by 1874 or thereabouts. Separately I understand that the lands of oDonovan of that cove were somewhat extensive and do not understand why branches of family had to leave Ireland.

Also I have recently seen on an Internet message that an American descendant of the Bantry o Donovan family, and it refers to Tim o Donovan, left Ireland and settled about SW Iowa.

If you can enlighten particularly in re of the information you may retain it would be appreciated thank you.

Yours sincerely,