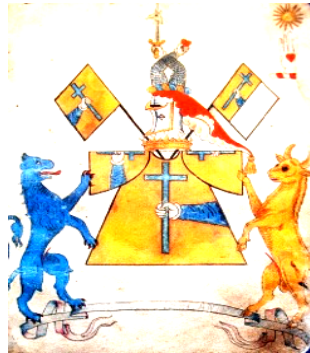


# Arms of different branches of the O'Donnells of Tyrconnell

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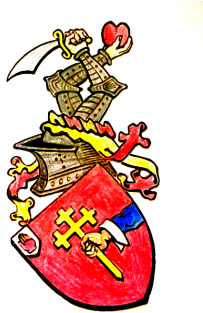
Common form of O'Donnell Arms, used by the O'Donnell Clan Association, *et al.*; once attributed to O'Donnells of Glenarm, Antrim (extinct), however, their tomb indicates a cross-crosslet *fitchée*, the original form.



**O'Donnell of Tyrconnell**  
Tabard Arms of Rory O'Donnell,  
1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Tyrconnell  
(Source: G.O. Ms. 34)



Arms of Rory O'Donnell, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Tyrconnell, in a Jacobite genealogy (Athlone Herald, St. Germain-en-Laye)



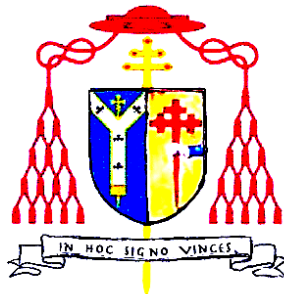
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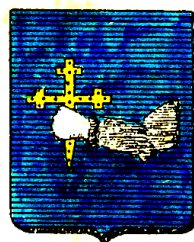
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*The basic escutcheon, per saltire or and gules, also applied to Larkfield, Castlebar, and Austrian branches*



**O'Donnell of Austria**  
Arms of Count O'Donnell von Tyrconnell



**Episcopal Arms**  
Arms of Cardinal Patrick O'Donnell of Glenties (sinister half using the original arms with cross-crosslet *fitchée* as registered for Sir Hugh Dubh 23<sup>rd</sup> O'Donnell in 1567)



**O'Donnell of France**  
O'Donnell Counts in France  
(Source: Armorial of Rietstap & Rolland)



**O'Donnell of Ardfert**  
(Sources: G.O. Vol. Z, Folio 87; & Vol. Aa, Folio 72)

The Motto is in all cases, *In Hoc Signo Vincet*, and relates to the affirmation of the Cross, in every case. The Arms derive from those legendarily bestowed in the 5<sup>th</sup> century on Conall, progenitor of the Cenel Conaill and son of the High-King Niall of the Nine Hostages. According to the *Life and Acts of Saint Patrick* by Jocelyn of Furness (c. 1185 AD), St. Patrick took his staff, *Bacall Iosa*, and struck the shield of Conall, rendering a sign of the Cross on it, saying those who would bear it would be victorious, and that many saints and nations would proceed from him. For those accorded the full heraldic achievement (i.e. presently only those of Ardfert, Austria, and Spain), the customary O'Donnell supporters are a bull and lion rampant, dexter or sinister, and either azure or gold.