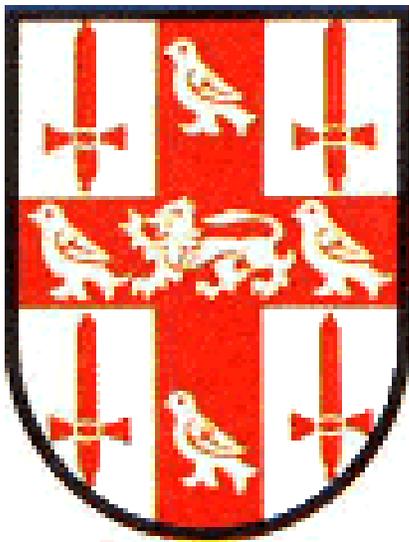


# *The Nolan*

*Newsletter of the Nolan Clan - Spring 2003*

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# *The Nolan*

*Spring 2003 Edition*

Dear Clan Member,

Greetings. The season of goodwill is with us once more - and how quickly it has come around. The Christmas message this year can feature only one facet; 'peace'. The world situation is so precarious we must all endeavour to eradicate the violent aspects of our society. Wherever you may be, Christmas blessings to you all with best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

My inauguration in June this year was a pleasing and enjoyable event. Following on from this I attended the Kavanagh Clan gathering at Ferns County Wexford in September, which was held to install the new Kavanagh Clan chief. This was a colourful weekend in spite of poor weather and the fact that I had to cross the sea for the occasion. As well as being informed and interesting, the gathering also demonstrated a number of links between the Nolan and Kavanagh Clans with the whole event ending with some very generous wining and dining.



The Nolan Clan need to expand so I'm asking all of you to find before 2004 one new member. Whether you know them or not does not matter, as long as you find them and sign them up! Just use your initiative and ingenuity to track down the new blood that we need to grow the clan. So please, help play a role in doubling the clan membership by the end of next year, and go find a new Nolan! The time will soon come. We also need information for this newsletter - please read Julian's separate editors note.

My thanks to all those stalwarts who have more than pulled their weight this year. It only remains for me to wish you well for the New Year and to express the wish that we will go forward as a clan in 2003 and build upon our foundation.

Judith Nolan

## *About Judith*

In common with many Nolan's, Judith's family roots go back to County Carlow, from which her Great Grandparents moved to Glin in County Limerick. Her family tree then extends to Kent, to which her parents moved from Limerick and Kerry. With a keen interest in her family's heritage, Judith regularly travels to Ireland and can always be counted on to make an appearance, and even a speech, at Nolan clan meetings. Judith, an educationalist, now lives in Bristol and spends her time assisting students in maximising their academic potential - an area in which she has worked and studied for many years. She cares for two donkeys - Bonus and Dorcus - and has an extremely large pet cat, August. Look out for their photographs in the next edition!

# Editorial

It's my pleasure to edit this issue of The Nolan. First of all I would like to thank Tom Nolan for many years of sterling service in bringing numerous copies of the Nolan newsletter to you. Tom's dedication and inspiration in creating these previous issues has without doubt contributed greatly to the continuity of the Nolan Clan. This version of the newsletter would not exist without Tom's hard work over the previous years.

The next issue of The Nolan will introduce a few changes with your help. - Specifically these will be

- Themed issues - the next theme will be Nolan business (so if you run a company or work for a Nolan named company, let me know!)
- Electronic Distribution for those with e-mail access
- Advertising/sponsorship adverts start from £10; e-mail me your requirements!
- More or less of this months topics depending on your views - so let me know what you think. Maybe you want more future predictions from Mystic Nolan, maybe more recipes or how about some Nolan sport perhaps? Much of the content can only be contributed by you, so let me have your ideas, short articles, tips and photographs on Nolan businesses as soon as possible!

## Nolan Walking

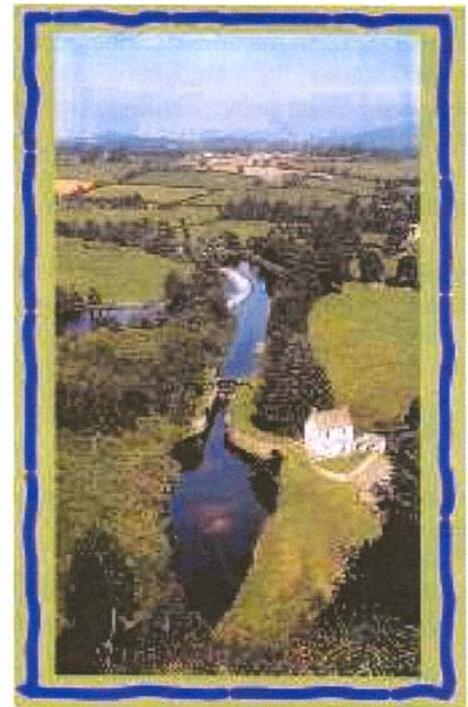
### The South Leinster Way

Here's a handy walking guide for next time you're in County Carlow.

The County Carlow stretch of this varied trail from Kildavin to Graiguenamanagh leads the walker between some very fine lofty summits, follows the towpath along the River Barrow and passes through medieval towns and ancient sites.

#### **Stage 1: Kildavin - Borris 14 miles (22km).**

From Kildavin our way takes us along quiet country roads but soon ascends via steep dirt roads to the forest. Magnificent views of the surrounding lowlands may be had on a fine day. The way now changes as we leave the dirt tracks and head along quiet country roads and across the slopes of Mount Leinster before reaching the town of Borris. The "Nine Stones" at Mount Leinster offers amazing views of the Barrow Valley and Brandon Hill.



**Stage 2: Borris - Graiguenamanagh. 7 1/2 miles (12km).**

This stretch follows the towpath along the River Barrow and is particularly attractive as it passes through rich deciduous woodland and old mills. Graiguenamanagh is the end of our walk - a peaceful quayside village lying in the county of Kilkenny but connected via a bridge over the River Barrow to its twin village of Tinnahinch in Co. Carlow.

**Stage 3: Columcille's Well.**

In recent years, Inistioge has also witnessed the development of the film making industry in Ireland. Famous films shot here include Widow's Peak and Circle of Friends.

**Stage 4: Inistioge - Mullinavat 19 miles (30km).**

Suitable for the seasoned walker. This section of the way starts along the banks of the River Nore and continues via forest roads over several hills to reach Mullinavat. It is long and quite hilly in nature. Stage 5: Mullinavat to Carrick-on-Suir 14 miles (22km). This stretch crosses the River Blackwater and passes the village of Piltown to the end of the walk in Carrick-on-Suir.

**Maps:** The South Leinster Way Map Guide.

Map consists of a 32-page guidebook and detailed 1/50,000 scale strip maps packaged in plastic wallet. Information on route finding. Local and natural history. Available from EastWest Mapping, Ballyredmond, Clonegal, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford. Phone: 054-77835 or from local tourist information offices.

Information Sheet: 26D available from Bord Failte.



# Nolan History

## Nolan gives wrong directions to Light Brigade?

The Battle of Balaklava was an historic moment for the two Hussar Regiments; on October 25th, 1854, they were to charge headlong into the Russian guns situated at one end of the 'Valley of Death'. The battle had begun at dawn, with a heavy Russian attack on three Turkish gun batteries that were protecting the Allied base. After two hours of resistance, the Turks fled, leaving the guns to be taken by the Russians.



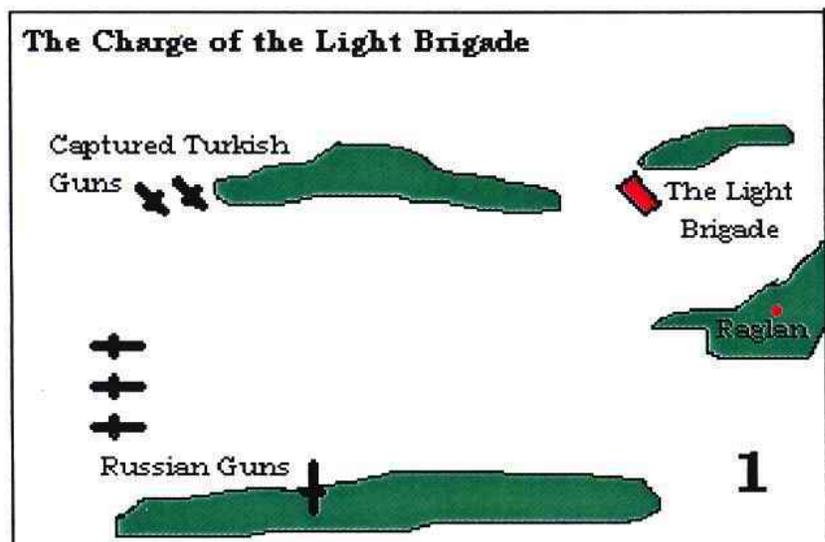
The thin red line of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Highlanders fended off a cavalry charge, and three hundred men of the Heavy Brigade went into action against a Russian cavalry force of two thousand, and held them off.

It was then that the British commander, Lord Raglan, watching the battle from high ground, saw Russian troops starting to remove the guns that they had taken from the Turks. Determined not to suffer the indignity of losing them, he issued a fateful order to the Light Brigade.

Captain Nolan handed to cavalry commander Lord Lucan, the order, which read in part: *“Lord Raglan wishes the cavalry to advance rapidly to the front - follow the enemy and try to prevent the enemy from carrying away the guns...”*

The order was misleading, as Lucan could not see the Turkish guns from where he was, only the main Russian batteries established at the far end of the valley. Nolan assured him that the guns he could see were those that Raglan wanted to be assaulted, and so the Light Brigade was ordered to charge.

Shortly after the charge began, Nolan suddenly rode out, appearing to try and intercept Lord Cardigan, the commander of the Light Brigade. It is possible that Nolan had suddenly realised the error and was trying to divert the charge in the direction of the guns Raglan was trying to save. Just as he was gaining on Cardigan, Nolan, the only man who could have prevented disaster, was killed by a shell splinter in the chest. The charge continued - in the wrong direction, the Russian guns firing into the massed squadrons of the British cavalry.



The charge reached the end of the valley and skirmishing began around the guns. The Russian cavalry, situated behind the guns, began to charge, and so the Light Brigade was forced to withdraw, again running the gauntlet of being fired at by a battery of guns sited to their right, on a hill, as they now retired up the valley. Fortunately, some Allied French cavalry were able to advance and force the Russian gunners to retreat.

The casualties were heavy; of the 630 horses and men of the Light Brigade, who charged the Russian guns, 362 horses and 110 men were killed, 196 men were wounded and 57 were captured. Despite the efforts to praise the gallantry of the Light Brigade, the operation was a disaster.

*Extract from: <http://www.eastbournemuseums.co.uk/redoubt/crimea.htm>*

### **More About Captain Nolan**

The character of Captain Nolan was well known to be that of a brave cavalry officer, doubtless, but reckless, unconciliatory, and headstrong, and one who was known through this campaign to have disparaged his own branch of the service, and therefore one ill suited for so grave a mission -- to those who could have no very friendly feeling towards him, and between whom, but for this unfortunate circumstance, there might have been friendly views exchanged on the delivery of the order.

These edited extracts are from Paget's own account, "The Light Cavalry Brigade in the Crimea, Extracts from the Letters and Journal of General Lord George Paget" (John Murray, 1881).

# Nolan Travel

## Texas

(I can recommend Austin, Big Bend National Park and San Antonio - all great destinations, Ed.)

## The Phillip Nolan Expedition

It was at the height of Spanish xenophobia regarding individuals from the newly independent Confederation of American States that the first Texas filibustering expedition from the east of historic note occurred in the period from 1791 to 1800 with disastrous results. Phillip Nolan, born in Belfast, Ireland in 1771 and a resident of Kentucky in 1789. Nolan was a student of James Wilkinson, a self-serving political and economic opportunist of the period with influential contacts at all levels of the governments of New Spain and the USA. Nolan was interested in the vast herds of horses that roamed Texas and filling the void for working ranch horses that existed in Louisiana with the growing cattle industry which itself had been exported from Texas.

Nolan, who carried papers approved by the highest levels of Texas officials, in his numerous trips to Texas between 1791 and 1799 in which he delivered several thousand head of Texas mustangs to buyers in the east "became suspected of a spy for Wilkinson and his associates. Despite his awareness of the suspicions of both governor Manuel Gayoso de Lemos in Natchez, governor Munoz of Texas and Commandant Nava, Nolan entered Texas in 1800 with 28 associates, crossed the Trinity River and built a corralling station for mustangs near the Brazos River. Governor Juan Bautista de Elguezabal authorized the commander Manuel Múzquiz at Nacogdoches to arrest Nolan and encountered Nolan and associates in March 1801 near Blum in current Hill County, Texas. In the confrontation that followed, a ball killed Nolan, and his men surrendered under a white flag raised by the royal patrol and the promise of safe return to the United States. After being transported to Nacogdoches, San Antonio and then Chihuahua, eight Nolan associates were forced to roll dice, the lowest number of which was to be executed for resisting the king's soldiers. A man named Ephraim Blackburn rolled a four and was hanged in Chihuahua in 1807, all the others except the remarkable Peter Ellis Bean died in Spanish prisons

From - *Sons Of DeWitt Colony Texas*, <http://www.tamu.edu/ccbn/dewitt/dewitt.htm>

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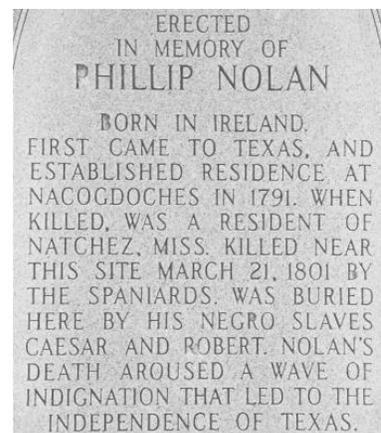
### **RN Remastering NOTE:**

Alternate reference: <http://www.tamu.edu/ccbn/dewitt/nolanvisit.htm>

According to the 1794 census of Nacogdoches, Texas, Philip Nolan was born in Belfast, Ireland in 1771:

*"Don Felipe Nolan, Irish, native of Belfast, bachelor, 23 years of age; has a Negro slave, native of New Orleans, 25 years old; and a servant from Bruque, bachelor, 31 years of age."*

Philip died on March 21, 1801, and is buried in the village of Rio Vista, Texas, not far from where he died in battle along the current-day Nolan River, near Blum, TX.



# ***Nolan County***

Nolan County is in west central Texas, bounded on the east by Taylor County, on the south by Coke and Runnels counties, on the west by Mitchell County, and on the north by Fisher County. It was named after Philip Nolan (1771-1801), an Irish-born adventurer who came to Texas to capture wild horses and was killed in a skirmish with Spanish soldiers. Sweetwater, a small settlement that had grown up around a general store, was awarded the county's first post office in March 1879. It was also named the county seat when Nolan County was organized in January 1881. Temperatures range from an average minimum of 30° F in January to an average maximum of 96° F in July. The agricultural economy centers around cattle and livestock products, but 50 percent of the annual agricultural income is from crops, especially cotton, wheat, sorghum, and hay. Petroleum, natural gas, gypsum, rock, and sand and gravel are also produced in the county.

The area of Nolan County had no Anglo settlers until after the Civil War, when buffalo hunters came to the plains. Knight's store on Sweetwater Creek was started in a dugout in 1877 to serve buffalo hunters operating in the area. The county's first post office was opened in 1879. By 1880 there were fifty-two ranches in the area, and the economy was dominated by the cattle industry. The agricultural census that year reported 24,515 cattle, 1,300 sheep, and only sixty-four acres devoted to growing corn, the county's most important crop at that time. The 1880 census reported 640 people living in the county. The first newspaper in Nolan County, the *Sweetwater Advocate*, was published in 1881. Though a blizzard in February 1885 destroyed much of the livestock in the area, settlers continued to move into Nolan County.

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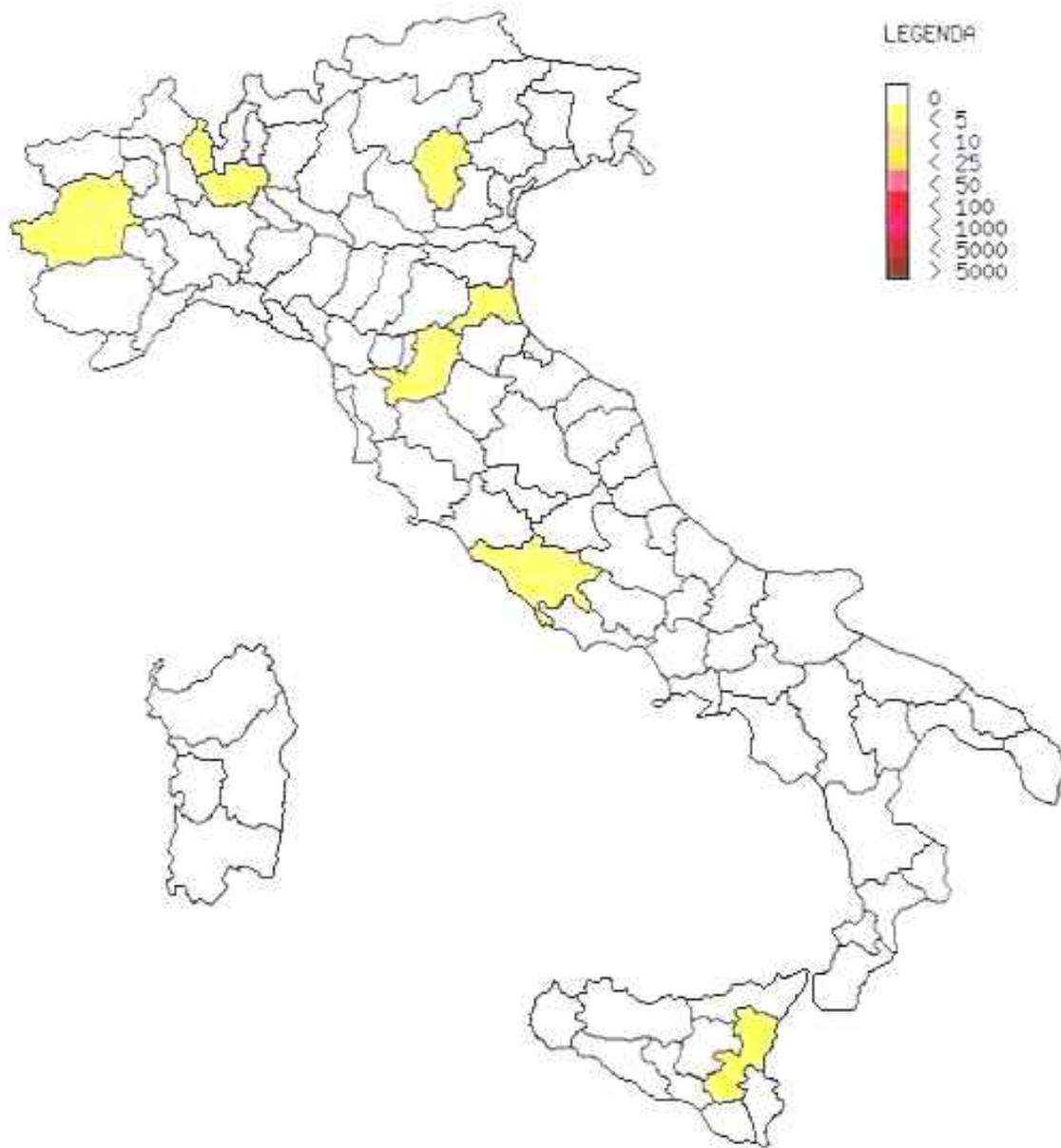
## **Idiots guide to the Nolan.**

Nolan is a version of the authentic Irish name of O'Nuallain. The O'Nuallains were princes of the Foharta, now the Barony of Forth in County Carlow, Ireland. In pre-Norman days their chiefs held high office under the Kings of Leinster. In Irish the name O'Nuallain means descendant of Nuallan; the word Nuallan means a shout or cry. The name was anglicised O'Nowlan, Nowlan, and Nolan.

The power of the Nolan's was greatly diminished after the arrival of the Normans, but the surname is still strongly linked with the area. The prevalence of the surname in the modern counties of Mayo and Galway is explained by the migration of a branch of the family to that area in the sixteenth century; in 1585 Thomas Nolan of Ballinrobe in Mayo was given large grants of land as payment for acting as Clerk of the county. He also obtained lucrative licenses to sell wine and spirits throughout the West. He and his relatives prospered and their descendants are many. There was also a separate family, in Irish Ó hUallacháin, based in West Cork, whose name was also anglicised as Nolan. In 1890 the name was ranked 38<sup>th</sup> most common, with 321 births. By 1996 it had risen to 34<sup>th</sup>, based on telephone listings.

# Nolan World Domination

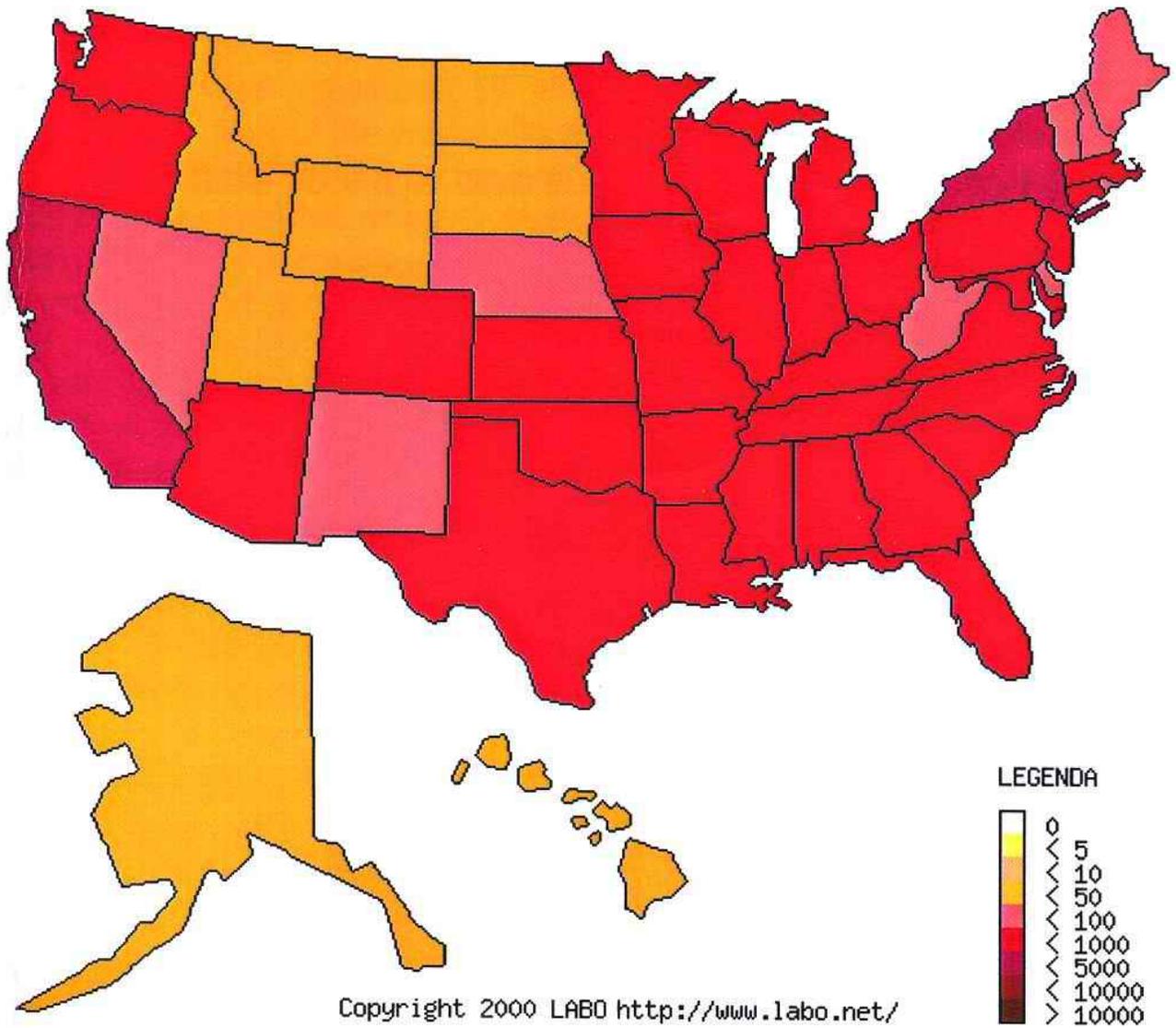
In this issue we take a look at the numbers of Nolan's to be found in Italy and the USA on a regional basis.



Cognome: NOLAN

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<http://gens.labo.net/it/cognomi/genera.html> (density maps)

# Nolan Eating

What's for dinner?

Why that would be the old Irish favourite of

## Roast Loin of Pork with pine nut and apricot stuffing

Serves 8

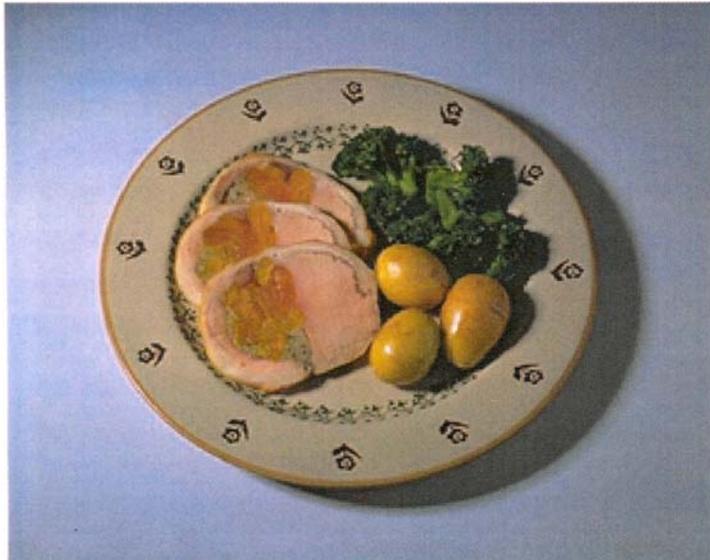
### Ingredients

#### *For the stuffing*

300ml / ½ pint cider  
3 tablespoons pine nuts  
2 tablespoons breadcrumbs  
1 kg / 2 lb dried apricots  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
2 egg yolks  
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

#### *For the pork*

2kg / 4 lb loin of pork  
¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper



### Method

#### *For the stuffing*

1. Marinate the dried apricots in a glass bowl in the cider overnight.
2. Drain the apricots. Heat the olive oil in a medium pan and sauté the pine nuts until light gold.
3. Add the apricots, breadcrumbs and black pepper. Add the egg yolk to bind the stuffing

#### *For the pork*

1. Place the saddle, fat side down, on the work surface, cut between the fat and meat of the loin and remove any excess fat from the flap.
2. Spread the meat and flap, showing a pocket.
3. Spread the stuffing along the meat filling between the meat and fat.
4. Roll up the loin tightly and tie with fine string.
5. Sprinkle with salt and pepper as the joint is cooking.
6. Cook at 190°C / 375°F / Gas mark 5 for 1½ hours.

Supplied by James Kehoe, The Lord Bagenal Inn, Carlow,  
for the 1995 Happy Heart Eat Out campaign.

# Mystic Nolan

In our new Mystic Nolan column, the secrets of the Nolan are revealed.

## Shares

Mystic Nolan believes that prospects for stock markets worldwide remain volatile until the outcome of the likely war with Iraq is known. For the brave, there may be gains to be had, but The Mystic advises caution.



## Motoring

Treat your motor to a wax and a polish for the best good fortune in the New Year.

## Love

Look out for people waxing or polishing their car in the New Year - good fortune will smile upon them.

## Obscure holiday tip

Mystic Nolan recommends mid and southern Corsica as the choice destination for wild boar hunting during 2003.

## Chinese Nolan 2003 good fortune tip

Be generous to any spiders or racoons that you may find in your house.  
Ancient Chinese proverb; 'if you wish to live and thrive, let the spider (or racoon) run alive'.

## Gardening

Mystic Nolan says astound your neighbours with a concrete makeover of your garden that will minimise maintenance and give you more BBQ space for the great summer weather that he predicts.

## Admin

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Don't forget to renew your annual subscription.

## Web site of the month

<http://members.attcanada.ca/-rnowlan/clan/index.htm>

(RN: now replaced by <http://onolanclan.org/ca/> )

Roger Nowlan, of Ottawa, Canada, has put together this site with lots of interesting Canadian Nolan history. There will be an article from Roger in the next edition.