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NAME         Labhraidh
EPITHET      Swift Hand on the Sword (Luathlam ar Cledeb)
ALTERNATIVE  Labra / Labraid / Luath ar Claideb / Luathlam ar Cladeb
SEX          M
FESTIVAL     Samhain (Night of the Dead)
CATEGORY     deity / hero / warrior / chieftain
CULTURE      Danann
COUNTRY      Ireland
TERRITORY    The Otherworld – Field of Happiness (Magh Mell)
AGE          Iron
DATES        BC 2nd-1st c
RELATIVES    Li Ban (wife); Fand (sister-in-law)
ENEMIES      Eochaidh Iuil / Senach Siabarthe / Eogan Indber
SEE ALSO     Cu Chulainn / Fand / Laeg / Li Ban / Manannan
REMARKS      Labhraidh heard about Cu Chulainn's fighting skill against the Fomorians so he sent his wife Li Ban with a message asking for Cu Chulainn's help against his 3 enemies: Eochaidh Iuil, Senach Siabarthe, and Eogan Indber. In return for Cu Chulainn's help, Labhraidh offered him the hand of Fand.

Li Ban returned with Cu Chulainn's charioteer Laeg so that he could do a reckoning of Magh Mell, Labhraidh's territory, which was an island in a lake. When Laeg returned to Cu Chulainn, he described Labhraidh as having long blond hair held back by a golden apple.

In the garden of Labhraidh was a house that could hold 150 warriors, purple trees with beautiful songbirds, fruit trees that could bear enough fruit to feed 300 warriors, a supernatural well and a vat of intoxicating mead that never went dry. The island was also visited by troops of women.

Cu Chulainn came to Magh Mell and Labhraidh put him in charge of his army and made him his champion. During the
battle with the Fomorians, Cu Chulainn killed Eochaidh Iuil and 30 of his warriors. The Fomorian chieftain Senach Siabarthe attacked next and he also was killed by Cu Chulainn. Labhraidh and his army, which had been held in reserve, then attacked and together they routed the remainder of their enemies including Manannan and his warriors who fought for Eogan Indber of the Fomorians. Cu Chulainn had to be cooled in three vats of water so that he would not turn his anger against his friends.

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<td>When Labraid was still a youth, his grandfather and then his father were both murdered by his grandfather's brother Cobhthach Coel. When Cobhthach poisoned Labraid's father, he cut out his heart and made Labraid eat it. The horror of the experience caused the boy to lose his voice and he became known as Moen (dumb). Labraid fled from Ireland to the land of the Pretani where he served as a mercenary to the chieftain of the Armenia, a tribe who decorated their hair with flecks of gold. After some time passed, Labraid travelled on to Gaul to see if he could make use of his great-grandmother's connections. At the suggestion of his poet Ferchertne, he sailed to Aremorica and met Scoriath, the head chieftain of the Fir Morc. While Labraid was playing hurley one day, he was hit with a stick which made him yell out, thereby regaining his speech. Scoriath had a beautiful daughter named Moriath</td>
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who fell in love with Labraid and they eventually married. With the help of his father-in-law, Labraid raised an army and set sail for Dinn Rig.

When they approached the shore, Cobhthach's druid asked the first ship if the leader could speak and the reply was "Yes, he is Labraidh Loineach (the mariner who speaks)" which was a play on his name.

Labraid landed at Wexford with his army of Gaesatae (battle-line) which was made up of Galian and Luighni warriors of the Cauci and Menapii tribes. They carried spears with blue-green iron heads called Laighne (Lyna). Labraid and his warriors seized control of Dinn Rig and called the territory Laighin (Ly-in) which became known as Leinster.

Labraid spent a year secretly building a special iron house. On the eve of Samhain a great feast was held. Cobhthach and his chieftains who had survived the battle were invited as the guests of honor. They were tricked into entering the iron house which was then set afire and they were roasted alive. With the death of Cobhthach, Labraid became the high chieftain of Ireland.

Labraid could hear everything that was happening around him, even if it was whispered, because he had horse's ears. He wore his hair so his people would never see his disfigurement. Every time he had his hair cut, he would have the barber killed in order to keep the secret. One barber managed to tell the tree he was hanged on before he died. Eventually a branch of the tree was cut off and made into a harp for Craiphtine. The first time Craiphtine played the harp, it told of Labraid's horse ears.

Labraid spent 19 years as the high chieftain of Ireland before he was slain by Melge, son of Cobhthach, who became the next high chieftain. He ruled the island for 17 years until he was killed by Mug Corb, son of Rechtaid Rigderg of Mumu. Labraid's son Oengus Ollom also served 18 years as the high chieftain of Ireland until he was killed by Irereo, son of Melge.

NAME         Ladra
EPITHET      The ancient (Ada)
ALTERNATIVE  Ladha
SEX          M
CATEGORY     druid
TYPE         navigator
COUNTRY      Ireland
REGION       Kerry
TERRITORY    Munster
LANDMARKS    Corco Duibne
SITES        Dun na mBarc / Ard Ladrann
AGE          Bronze
DATES        BC 21st c
RELATIVES    Bith (father); Cessair (sister); Bath (brother)
SEE ALSO     Banba / Cessair
REMARKS

When Cessair and her followers landed at Dun na mBarc in Corco Duibne in Munster, she divided the women into 3 groups. Ladra the navigator went with Banba and her 15 women to form a settlement but he died from excess of women. Another story said that he died when an oar pierced his buttock. He was buried (without a green point) at Ard Ladrann.

NAME Laeg
EPITHET Greatest of Charioteers
ALTERNATIVE Laeg {Lay} / Loeg
SEX M
SYMBOL raven
CATEGORY hero / charioteer
TYPE champion driver for Cu Chulainn
CULTURE Goidel
COUNTRY Ireland
TERRITORY Ulster
SITES Ath Ferdiad (Ferdiad's Ford) / The Otherworld - Plain of Delight (Magh Mell) / Ath Lethain (Lethan's Ford)
CENTERS Dundalk (Dun Dealgan)
AGE Iron
DATES BC 2nd-1st c
BATTLES Cualnge Cattle Raid / Gairech & Irgairech
ACCESSORIES buckskin tunic / cape of raven feathers / battle cap / head badge of red-gold / golden goad
RELATIVES Riangabair (father); Id, Ibar and Sedlang (brothers)
ENEMIES Host of Connacht / Lugaid mac Curoi
SEE ALSO Badbh Catha / Calatin / Cu Chulainn / Fand / Ferdiad / Follomain / Ibar mac Riangabra / Id macRiangabra / Lethan / Li Ban / Lugaid mac Curoi / Sedlang

REMARKS

Laeg and his brothers were all charioteers for famous chariot warriors. Laeg was the charioteer and good friend to Cu Chulainn and could operate in a close proximity when Cu Chulainn was in his warrior's heat. He always called Cu Chulainn "Cucuc". Laeg was described as a slender, tall man with curly red hair and a freckled face.

Laeg and Cu Chulainn shared many adventures, and Laeg had to fight in some of the battles himself. He fought his brother Id, charioteer of Ferdiad, during the combat between Cu Chulainn and Ferdiad at Ath Ferdiad. He also fought Mulcha, Lethan's charioteer.

When Cu Chulainn had been cured by his god-father Lugh and had awoken from his 3-day healing sleep, he was told of the slaughter of the boy-troop of Ulster and their leader Follomain. Follomain and the troop of 3x50 warrior youths had been under Cu Chulainn's protection and now they were all dead.

Cu Chulainn told Laeg to prepare his battle chariot and to attach the scythes to the wheels, then to prepare
the horses and himself. The battle chariot was a heavy war chariot covered with sharp points and barbs so that it resembled a charging porcupine. The scythes were long blades that were parallel extensions of the wheel. They spun around as the wheel turned, causing considerable damage to the lower parts of animals and humans.

Laeg then prepared the horses: the Black of Saingliu and the Gray of Macha. He dressed them in their coats of armor and iron chain mail and attached them to the battle chariot. Laeg next put on his charioteer's battle dress with his tunic of buckskin and a cape of raven feathers over it. He wore his multi-colored battle-cap which was covered in figures. The battle-cap protected his shoulders and back and was fitted with a crest on the top. He then placed the strip of red-gold over his forehead which was his badge of charioteering. He took the hobbles off the horses, and with his golden goad in his right hand and the reins in his left, he drove over to pick up his master, Cucuc.

Cu Chulainn was dressed in his battle armor of 27 waxed tunics girdled by cord, swathings and ropes. This was to protect himself when he became deranged by his riastarthae. Over this he wore his champion's battle girdle made from the forequarters of 7 young oxen. The girdle covered the area from under his armpits to the narrow of his waist. He then wore his silken trews with bands of golden plates against the soft parts of his loins. Over this he wore another battle girdle of cowhide. The next layer was a hide kilt made from the shoulders of 4 oxen. This protected him from the narrow part of his waist to the thick part of his legs.

Cu Chulainn then loaded his battle chariot with his favorite weapons of war. He took with him 1 tusk-hilted long sword, 8 little swords, 1 quiver of 8 small spears, 1 five-pronged spear, 8 little darts, 1 javelin, 8 small shafts, 1 play-staff, 8 shields for feats and his dark red curved shield with its keen cutting edge of hard iron. Cu Chulainn then put on his crested four-cornered war helmet with a carbuncle at each corner and placed his purple fan over his face. He then put a cloak of invisibility over himself, his charioteer and his horses: a talent he had learned from his foster-father Manannan.

Cu Chulainn then let out a warrior's yell that shook the very fabric of the earth and air around him, alerting the fiends, goblins and spirits of the coming slaughter. His body took on the contorted shape of his riastarthae, shifting bone and muscle. One eye was sucked into his head and the other grew to 5 times its normal size. His mouth opened from ear to ear, his hair bristled and his champion's light stood out on his forehead. In this monstrous state, he then mounted his war chariot and was driven to the camp of the Host of Connacht.

Laeg manouevered the war chariot through the hoard of enemy warriors while Cu Chulainn delivered his thunder-feat.
of 100, the thunder-feat of 200, the thunder-feat of 300, the thunder-feat of 400, until he reached the thunder-feat of 500.

Laeg then drove the chariot in a large circle around the Host of Connacht, pushing the earth into a high wall (the hedge of Badbh) so that they could not escape. He then rode 6 times in a spiralling circle through the warriors of Connacht, with the scythes piling the slaughtered mutilated corpses onto a bed of six rows. Sessrech Breslige (Great Sixfold Slaughter) was the name of this massacre. Laeg then drove off the battlefield without having any wounds or injuries to his master, his horses or himself.

Before the Battle of Gairech & Irgairech, Cu Chulainn had Laeg awaken the warriors of Ulster. Laeg reported to Cucuc that they went into battle naked (without armor) except for their weapons.

Laeg also sailed with Li Ban to Mag Mell (Plain of Delight) of The Otherworld in a bronze boat to inspect the beauty of Fand. He then returned with Cu Chulainn to recover Fand's territory in The Otherworld.

Laeg, the Black of Saingliu, Cu Chulainn and the Gray of Macha all died on the same day. Laeg was killed by a javelin that was especially made by the sons of Calatin to kill a champion. Lugaid mac Curoi was the warrior who threw the javelin. Laeg, the greatest of charioteers, was dead.

NAME Laeghaire mac Crimthann
ALTERNATIVE Laegaire / Laoghaire / Leaghaire / Loegaire / Loeghaire / Loegure / Loghaire
SEX M
FESTIVAL Samhain (Night of the Dead)
CATEGORY hero / warrior
TYPE chariot warrior / Red Branch champion
CULTURE Goidel
COUNTRY Ireland
REGION Tyrone
TERRITORY Connacht / Ulster / The Otherworld – The Plain of the Two Mists (Magh Da Cheo)
SITES Bird Lake (Enloch)
AGE Iron
DATES BC 2nd-1st c
RELATIVES Crimthann (father); Der Greine (wife); Fiachna mac Retach (father-in-law)
ENEMIES Goll mac Dolb
SEE ALSO Dolb / Fiachna mac Retach
REMARKS Crimthann Cass, a chieftain of Connacht, was holding an assembly at Bird Lake in county Tyrone when out of the mist came Fiachna mac Retach of the sidhe. He reported that his wife and daughter had been abducted and were being held by Goll mac Dolb of Magh Mell (Field of Happiness). Fiachna explained that he was hiring
mercenaries and would pay in silver and gold to those warriors willing to help. Laeghaire mac Crimthann, a Red Branch champion of Ulster, volunteered and brought 50 warriors with him. They followed Fiachna mac Retach to Magh Da Cheo (The Plain of Two Mists) in The Otherworld where Laeghaire killed Goll in combat.

Fiachna was so happy to be reunited with his wife and family that he offered his daughter's hand in marriage to Laighaire. Laighaire married Der Greine (Sun Tear) and decided to stay in the Sidhe. None of his warriors returned from the battle and legend claims that they all found partners among the Danann.

NAME                    Laighlinne
ALTERNATIVE            Laiglinde / Laiglinne
SEX                     M
FESTIVAL                Beltainn (Brilliant Fires)
CATEGORY               warrior / chieftain
CULTURE                Partholean tribe
COUNTRY                Turkey / Ireland
REGION                 Asia Minor
TERRITORY              Phrygia
LANDMARKS              Plateau of Phrygia
SITE                   Loch Laiglinne (burial site)
AGE                    Bronze
DATES                  BC 19th c
BATTLES                Magh Ibha
RELATIVES              Partholon (father); Dealgnaid (mother); Aife
                       (sister/wife); Senboth, Slainge, Rudraidhe,
                       Eber, Er, Orba, Ferann and Fergna (brothers);
                       Aidne, Aine, Fochain, Muchos, Melepard, Glas,
                       Grennach, Ablach and Gribendach (sisters); Magog
                       (ancestor)
ENEMIES                Fomorii
SEE ALSO               Dealgnaid / Eber / Magog / Partholon / Rudraidhe
                       / Senboth / Slainge
REMARKS                Laighlinne, son of Partholon, was one of the four chieftains who helped lead their people from their territory on the Plateau of Phrygia in Turkey to Ireland. In the 10th year of their arrival he led his warriors against the Fomorians during the battle of Magh Ibha. Fifteen years after they arrived in Ireland, Laighlinne died. When they were digging his grave, Loch Laiglinne in Ui mac Uais of Breg burst over the land.

NAME                    Lam Gabuid
EPITHET                 Hand of the Yellow Spear
ALTERNATIVE            Lamha
SEX                     M
CATEGORY                warrior
TYPE                    chariot warrior
CULTURE                Goidel
COUNTRY    Ireland
TERRITORY  Ulster
AGE        Iron
DATES      BC 2nd-1st c
RELATIVES  Aengus (son)
ENEMIES    Cet
SEE ALSO   Aengus mac Lamh Gabuid / Cet
REMARKS    Lam threw a spear at Cet who was raiding wild
cattle in Ulster but Cet recovered the spear and threw it
back at Lam, cutting off his hand.

NAME       Lamfind
ALTERNATIVE Lamfhind / (Lam = hand)/(fine = tribe or family)
SEX        M
CATEGORY    warrior / Ri Ruirech
TYPE       chariot warrior / head chieftain
CULTURE    Goidel
COUNTRY    Russia / Ukraine
REGION     Daghestan (Eastern Albania)
TERRITORY  Scythia
LANDMARKS  Caucasus / Caspian Sea / Black Sea / Strait of
Kerch (Euxine River) / Rhipaean Mountain / Azov
Sea (Maëotic Marshes)
AGE        Bronze
DATES      BC 18th c
RELATIVES  Agnomain (father); Eber Glunfhind (son); Glas
and Allot (brothers); Iafeth and Rifath Scot
(ancestors)
ENEMIES    Reafloir
SEE ALSO   Brath / Feinius Farsaid / Nel / Iafeth /
Reafloir / Rifath Scot / Sru / Feinius Farsaid
REMARKS    Lamfind, son of Agnomain, was a descendant of
Rifath Scot. Agnomain had killed Reafloir, son of Refill
"The Sea Lord", in combat for the position of head
chieftain of the two arms of the family of Feinius Farsaid.
The followers of Refloir refused to be led by Agnomain and
drove the children of Nel out of the territory.

Agnomain secured 3 ships and put 20 female and 40 male
warriors in each. After 7 years of searching the north
side of the Caspian Sea looking for a way to the great
ocean, Agnomain died.

The 3 ships were now led by Allot, Cing and Caicher
the druid, all under the head chieftain Lamfind. The
Goidel travelled from Eastern Albania (Dagestan), a
territory situated north of the Caucasus on the Caspian
Sea, to the Euxine River (Strait of Kerch).

The druid Caicher advised that when they should pass
through the waters of the Sirens they could wax their ears
for protection. Here north of the Rhipaean mountain they
found a spring with water that tasted like wine.

After 3 nights of rest they pushed onward to the
Maëotic Marshes (Sea of Azov). Here Lamfhind had a son
born to him who was named Eber Glunfhind (Glun = knee or
Eber Glunfhind was the next chieftain of his people. Alloth, brother of Lamfind, also had a son born in the marshes and he was Eber Dub. The tribe stayed in the marshes until the time of Brath, son of Death.

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<td>Laoghaire became the high chieftain of Ireland for 2 years after the death of his father. His brother Cobhthach hated him and was alway looking for a way to kill him. Laoghaire received word that his brother had died and was laid out in his burial chariot ready to be taken to his mound to be buried. Laoghaire was to erect the standing stone for his brother. When Laoghaire went into the tumulus and bent down to view his brother, Cobhthach, who was only faking death, stabbed Laoghaire in the heart.</td>
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| NAME       | Larine macNois                          |
| SEX        | M                                      |
| CATEGORY   | warrior                                |
| TYPE       | chariot warrior                        |
| CULTURE    | Goidel                                 |
| COUNTRY    | Ireland                                |
| REGION     | Armagh                                 |
| TERRITORY  | Ulster exile / cause of Connacht       |
| CENTERS    | Emain Macha (Navan) / Raith Cruachan   |
| AGE        | Iron                                   |
| DATES      | BC 2nd-1st c                           |
| BATTLES    | Cualnge Cattle Raid                    |
| RELATIVES  | son of Nos / great-grandson of Blathmac / Lugaid (brother) |
| ENEMIES    | Cualnge / Pictland / Ulster            |
| SEE ALSO   | Ailill macMata / Cu Chulainn / Lugaid macNois / |
Medbh

REMARKS Larine was a younger, foolish and arrogant brother of Lugaid macNois. Medbh and Ailill were priming him to fight Cu Chulainn so that when he lost, Lugaid would avenge his death. Lugaid went to the camp of Cu Chulainn and told him of Medbh's plan.

When Larine arrived for battle in the early morning with his wagon of weapons, he was not accompanied by the usual array of warriors to watch the combat. The only followers he had were 3x50 women, boys and girls who went to jeer at him.

Cu Chulainn had decided not to bring any weapons to the encounter and when Larine arrived, Cu Chulainn rushed him and knocked his weapon away. Then he grabbed Larine in a bear hug and shook him until the air was fouled by his waste. Cu Chulainn then threw him with all his might and he landed at the door of Lugaid's tent.

Larine was the only combatant to escape death after having challenged Cu Chulainn on the Cualnge Cattle Raid. Larine's body was never the same again: his joints and muscles always ached, he could not eat right and he had to relieve himself frequently.

NAME Latis
SEX F
CATEGORY deity
TYPE water goddess
CULTURE Pictish / Briton - Brigantes tribe
COUNTRY England
REGION Cumbria
TERRITORY Lloegr
LANDMARKS bogs / swamps / pools
SITES Birdoswald / Fallstead
AGE Bronze
DATES BC 13th c / BC 6th c
REMARKS The water deity Latis was venerated at Birdoswald and Fallstead in Cumbria in association with bogs, swamps, pools, and beer. This territory was settled by the Brigantes in two waves. The first group settled the area in BC 13th century and the second arrived in BC 6th century.

NAME Latobius
SEX M
CATEGORY deity
TYPE mountain god
CULTURE Hallstatt
COUNTRY Austria
TERRITORY Alps
LANDMARKS Alps / Mur
SITES Mount Koralpe
AGE Iron
DATES BC 4th c
REMARKS Latobius was a mountain and sky god who was venerated on Mount Koralpe which reached 7000ft (2144 m) into the sky. A tributary of the Mur river has its headwaters there, eventually flowing into the Drave and into the Danube.

The area was settled by early Hallstatt Celts who mined salt, then by invading Gallic warriors in BC 4th century.

NAME Le Fer Flaith
ALTERNATIVE Le Fear Flaith / Lia Fer Flatha
SEX M
FESTIVAL Samhain (Night of the Dead)
CATEGORY warrior
TYPE chariot warrior / young son of Conaire (Ard Righ Eirinn)
CULTURE Goidel / Danann
COUNTRY Ireland
REGION Meath
TERRITORY Connacht
LANDMARKS Magh mBreg / Magh Liffey / Magh Cnamroiss (Field of Bonewood)
SITES Da Derga's Hostel
CENTERS Raith Rig - Tara
AGE Iron
DATES BC 2nd-1st c
BATTLES Ath Cliath
RELATIVES Mess Buachalla (grandmother); Conaire Mor (father); Cairbre Musc, Cairbre Baschain, Cairbre Riada, Oball and Oblene (brothers)
ENEMIES Ingcel / sons of Donn Desa
SEE ALSO Cairbre Musc / Cairbre Riada / Conaire Mor / Da Derga / Donn Desa / Ingcel / Mac Cecht / Mess Buachalla / Red Riders
REMARKS Le Fer Flaith was with his father the high chieftain of Ireland on their way to Da Derga's Hostel when they came up behind the 3 Red Riders. Le Fer Flaith rode ahead on his horse to ask the 3 Reds if they would allow the entourage of the high chieftain of Ireland to pass. He could not get any closer than the distance of a good spear cast, but one of the red warriors recited a poem of coming doom, bloodshed and destruction.

Ingcel described Le Fer Flaith as a boy of 7 years with 3 colors of hair: green, yellow-crimson and gold. He had red-freckled skin and wore a cloak of purple. He and 3x50 boys sat on blue-silver chairs. Le Fer Flaith carried 15 darts made from the stocks of bullrushes with thorns for heads. During the destruction at Da Derga's, Le Fer Flaith put out 15 right eyes including one of Ingcel's which had seven pupils.

When Conaire asked Mac Cecht to get him water to quench his terrible thirst due to a druidic spell, Mac
Cecht took Le Fer Flaith with him. Mac Cecht hid him under his arm for protection but by the time his wild ride for water met with success, Mac Cecht's warrior heat had melted the flesh from Le Fer Flaith's body, leaving only bones. Mac Cecht buried his remains at Magh Cnamroiss (Field of Bonewood).

NAME        Lebarcham
ALTERNATIVE Lavarcham / Lebarcham / Lebhorcham
SEX         F
FESTIVAL     Samhain (Night of the Dead)
CATEGORY     warrior / filidh
TYPE         warrior / watch guard / messenger / poet
CULTURE      Danann
COUNTRY      Ireland
REGION       Armagh
TERRITORY    Ulster
LANDMARKS    Magh Muirthemni
SITES        Emain Macha (Navan)
AGE          Iron
DATES        BC 2nd-1st c
RELATIVES    Aue (Ear) (mother); Adarc (Horn) (father);
             Deirdre (foster-daughter)
SEE ALSO     Conchobar / Cu Chulainn / Deirdre / Fand / Li Ban / Naoise
REMARKS      Lebarcham daughter of Aue (Ear) and Adarc (Horn) was on watch when Cu Chulainn approached the raith of Emain Macha and she gave the warning to Conchobar that the 7-year-old Cu Chulainn was returning in a battle frenzy.
             Conchobar sent Lebarcham to fetch Cu Chulainn for the Samhain festival at Emain Macha which led to the drunken ride to Temair Luachra.
             During another Samhain celebration, Lebarcham suggested to Cu Chulainn that he capture some birds for the women to wear on their shoulders. Cu Chulainn was angry because of the frivolousness of the deed until she reminded him that many of the women blemished themselves by going around with one eye closed in imitation of him when he was in his riastartha. The situation led to him trying to shoot down two Danann goddesses, Fand and Li Ban, who were disguised as birds.
             Lebarcham was the filidh whom Conchobar appointed to oversee the upbringing of Deirdre who would be his concubine when she was old enough. They lived in seclusion away from males with their female servants and Deirdre's maidens in a great wood of Ulster. One day when Deirdre was reaching womanhood and pining for a handsome man, Lebarcham told her of Naoise, a youth of raven-black hair, blood-red cheeks on snow-white skin. Deirdre immediately fell in love and demanded to meet this Red Branch warrior. When they finally met, Deirdre used her charms to persuade Naoise to take her away from her dreary life. Naoise and Deirdre eloped to Albainn (Scotland/northern England) where
Naoise and his brothers hired out as mercenaries and lived a life of youthful adventure. When Conchobar was forced by the warriors of the Red Branch to allow Deirdre and Naoise to return to Ulster, Conchobar sent for Lebarcham and asked if Deirdre was still beautiful. Lebarcham spoke of her bad points and tried to convince Conchobar that Deirdre had lost her looks. The situation eventually led to the the civil war of Ulster.

Years later when Cu Chulainn prepared for his death ride, Lebarcham begged him not to go and instigated 3x150 women to keen, lament and hit their hands in protest that they would not see him again.

NAME         Leil
SEX          M
CATEGORY     warrior / Rix
TYPE         chariot warrior / high chieftain of Britain
CULTURE      Goidel - Coritani tribe
COUNTRY      England / Wales / Scotland
TERRITORY    Lloegr / Cambria / Albainn
SITE         Caer Leil (Carlisle)
CENTERS      Caer Troia (Town of Troy) present-day Ilford
AGE          Bronze
DATES        BC 10th c (ruled 25 years) / BC 935 ca. (died)
RELATIVES    Brute Greenshield (father); Rud Hud Hudibras (son); Ebraucos (grandfather)
SEE ALSO     Ebraucos / Rud Hud Hudibras
REMARKS      During Leil's time as high chieftain of Britain he brought peace and prosperity to his people. He constructed a fort in northwestern England which he called Caer Leil.

In the last years of his rule, civil war broke out among the tribes and was still raging when his son Rud established himself as head chieftain.

NAME         Leir
SEX          M
CATEGORY     warrior / Rix
TYPE         chariot warrior / high chieftain of Britain
CULTURE      Goidel - Coritani tribe
COUNTRY      England / Wales / Scotland
REGION       Leicestershire / Lincolnshire
TERRITORY    Lloegr / Cambria / Albainn
LANDMARKS    Thames / Soar
SITE         burial chamber just south of Leinster
CENTERS      Caer Troia (Town of Troy) present-day Ilford / Caerleir (Leir's fort), present-day Leicester
AGE          Iron
DATES        BC 9th (ruled 60 years) / BC 816 ca. (died)
RELATIVES    Bladud (father); Goneril, Regan and Cordelia (daughters); Marganus and Cunedagius (grandsons)
ENEMIES Goneril / Regan
SEE ALSO Bladud / Cordelia / Cunedagius / Dianos / Goneril / Marganus / Regan
REMARKS Leir succeeded his father as the high chieftain of Britain and ruled for sixty years. During his reign he founded Caerleir (Leir's fort) on a tributary of the Soar river where present-day Leicester now stands.

Leir had three daughters and when he became older he asked his daughters how much they loved him. Goneril and Regan, the two oldest, flattered the old man and were married off to two important chieftains with dowries of huge sections of Britain.

Cordelia, who was his favorite daughter and who loved him the most, refused to answer such a silly question. The old man became angry and refused her a dowry, but she was allowed to marry a chieftain of Gaul.

Not long after, the two elder daughters conspired and divided his territory between themselves. Leir was maintained by his elder daughter Goneril and was allowed to keep a retinue of 140 warriors, which were soon reduced to 30. Leir appealed to his second daughter Regan, who took him in but reduced his retinue to 5 warriors. This was a major insult to the once-powerful chieftain so he returned to live with Goneril who added insult to injury by reducing his retinue to 1.

Leir, highly insulted, sailed to Gaul to visit his youngest daughter and there he was treated with the dignity he deserved. Cordelia outfitted her father with fine clothing that befitted his status and provided him with an army to recapture his territory.

When Leir died, his daughter Cordelia buried him in a chamber under the Soar river downriver from Leicester and dedicated the chamber to Dianos, god of the portal.

NAME Len
EPITHET Of the Many Hammers
SEX M
CATEGORY artisan
TYPE goldsmith
CULTURE Danann
COUNTRY Ireland
REGION Killarney
TERRITORY Munster
SITES Loch Leann (Lake of Learning)
AGE Bronze
DATES BC 16th-15th c
SEE ALSO Bobd Dearg
REMARKS Len was a goldsmith for Bobd Dearg. Loch Leann (Lough Lena) was named after him.

NAME Lena
SEX M
CATEGORY        herder
TYPE            swineherd
CULTURE         Goidel
COUNTRY         Ireland
TERRITORY       Leinster
SITES           Hostel (Bruidhean)
AGE             Iron
DATES           BC 2nd-1st c
RELATIVES       Mac Da Tho (father); Ucha (mother)
SEE ALSO        Eochaid Belbuide / Mac Da Tho / Ucha /
REMARKS         Lena found Mac Da Tho's boar in the oak forest and reared it for 7 years until it buried him alive with earth that it pushed over him when he was sleeping. Mac Da Tho's swineherd Follscaide took the animal to the hostel to be slaughtered for the feast. Lena was also accused of capturing 7 cows from Eochaid Belbuide.

NAME           Lendabair
SEX            F
CATEGORY       rigbean (noble woman)
CULTURE        Goidel
COUNTRY        Ireland
TERRITORY      Ulster
LANDMARKS      Dun Rudrige
SITES          Tech Midchuarta
CENTERS        Taltiu (Teltown)
AGE            Iron
DATES          BC 2nd-1st c
RELATIVES      Eogan (father); Findige (mother); Conall (husband); Rathand and Irial Glunmar (sons)
SEE ALSO       Bricriu / Conall Cernacht / Cu Chulainn / Emer /
                Eogan mac Durthacht / Fedlimid Nocruthach /
                Loeghaire Buadhach / Sencha mac Ailella
REMARKS        During the feast given by Bricriu at his new home Tech Midchuarta, he convinced Lendabair that because of her beauty and fame she should be the first of the women to enter the great hall ahead of Fedlimid and Emer: a privilege called first footing.

When the time came for the women to make their grand entrance to the feast, the three wives of the champions and their 3x50 maidens began their procession slowly and with great dignity. As they came closer to the entrance they each began to hurry so they would be the first to enter. When each realized that the other was also trying to get there first, all three hiked their dresses to their hips and ran.

Sencha realized that Bricriu was behind this and ordered the guards to close the door. Outside the door the women began a war of words as they praised their husbands. Conall and Loeghaire tore poles from the walls to let their women in but Cu Chulainn lifted the side of the building so Emer could make her grand entrance with her 150 women.

When Cu Chulainn dropped the wall back into place it
sunk 7 feet into the ground and the house shook so much that Bricriu's bower fell and he and his wife ended in the garbage heap with the dogs. Bricriu put a geis of not eating and drinking on the host until the raith wall was fixed. Cu Chulainn completed the repairs in record time and the party continued.

NAME         Leno
SEX          M
CATEGORY     deity
TYPE         sun god
CULTURE      Ligurian
COUNTRY      France
REGION       Alpes-Maritimes
TERRITORY    Gaul
LANDMARKS    island of Lerins
AGE          Bronze
REMARKS      Leno was a sun god who was venerated on the island of Lerins in the Alpes-Maritimes region of France. This area of southern France was populated by people of the Ligurian culture who migrated into the area in the Bronze Age.

NAME         Lenus
ALTERNATIVE  Lenos
SEX          M
SYMBOL       goose
CATEGORY     deity
TYPE         sun healer god
CULTURE      Belgae - Treveri tribe
COUNTRY      Germany / Luxembourg / France
REGION       Rhineland
TERRITORY    Gaul
LANDMARKS    Ardenne Highlands / Moselle
SITES        curative spring
CENTERS      Trier
AGE          Iron
DATES        BC 9th c / BC 1st c
RELATIVES    Ancamna (consort)
SEE ALSO     Ancamna
REMARKS      Lenus was a male consort of the goddess Ancamna who was venerated at Trier. He was venerated in a small wooded valley with steep sides across the river Moselle from Trier. The territory belonged to the Treveri tribe who had settled the area by BC 9th century and were still in the area when the Romans invaded Gaul in BC 1st century. The Nemetes tribe of the Celto-Germani culture also moved into the area during BC 1st century.

NAME         Leonnarios
SEX          M
CATEGORY      warrior / chieftain
TYPE          horse warrior / war leader
CULTURE       Galatian - Tolistoboii, Tectosages and Trogmi tribes
COUNTRY       Turkey
TERRITORY     Gaul / Galatia
LANDMARKS     Plateau of Phrygia
AGE           Iron
DATES         BC 3rd c / BC 278 / BC 270
SEE ALSO      Brennus / Lutarios
REMARKS       Leonnorios and Lutarios were two chieftains who separated from Brennus and in BC 278 took 20,000 warriors across the Bosporus to present-day Turkey. There they fought as mercenaries for Nicomedes, leader of Bithynia. They must have had a large proportion of female warriors because one of the four subjects of the sculptures by Attalo and Eumenes was The Battle of the Amazons which was dedicated to the Gauls. St Jerome remarked about the Gallic virgins who killed themselves to avoid outrage.

In BC 270 the warriors of Leonnorios were badly defeated by Antiochos Soter and his war elephants. The survivors settled on the Plateau of Phrygia and developed the Territory of the Galatians with its tetrarchy system of rule.

NAME         Lethan
EPITHET      The Broad
SEX          M
CATEGORY      warrior
TYPE          chariot warrior
CULTURE       Goidel
COUNTRY       Ireland
TERRITORY     Connacht / Conalle Muirthemni
SITES         Guala Mulchi (Mulcha's shoulder) / Ath Lethain
AGE           Iron
DATES         BC 2nd-1st c
BATTLES       Cualnge Cattle Raid (died)
ACCESSORIES   Mulcha was his charioteer
RELATIVES     Meslethain (fosterling)
ENEMIES       Cualnge / Pictland / Ulster / Cu Chulainn
SEE ALSO      Cu Chulainn / Diliu macGarach
REMARKS       Lethan was angered because a mere boy had killed so many of Connacht's warriors, so he challenged Cu Chulainn to combat. During the combat, the two charioteers also fought and both chariots were smashed. The edge of the river was called Mulcha's shoulder (Guala Mulchi). Cu Chulainn took Lethan's head, and the ford in the district of Conalle Muirthemni was named Ath Lethain. Lethan's fosterling was the charioteer for Diliu macGarach.

NAME         Li Ban
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<td>REMARKS</td>
<td>Li Ban was of the Danann and a daughter of Aed Abrat. She was asked by her husband Labhraidh to solicit the help of the Ulster champion Cu Chulainn. Li Ban and her sister Fand changed themselves into birds and flew to the lake at Magh Muirthemni where Cu Chulainn was holding a Samhain festival. Cu Chulainn, against the wishes of his wife Emer, slung stones at the birds and grazed one. Later when he had fallen asleep sitting against a rock, he had a vision of two women approaching him. One wore a green cloak with five folds and the other wore a red cloak. They began to beat him with horsewhips and he went into a coma-like state that lasted for a year. On the following Samhain after her brother Aeonghus had cured Cu Chulainn, Li Ban arrived at Magh Muirthemni and made this proposal to Cu Chulainn: if he would help Labhraidh in his fight against his enemies, he would be rewarded with the love of Fand who had been deserted by Manannan. Li Ban took Laeg to the far side of the lake looking toward the island and they were met by a bronze boat that took them to the island and on to Magh Mell in The Otherworld. She took Laeg through a door into a house where there were 3x50 couches with a beautiful woman on each couch. She then took him to Oenach Fidgai to meet her father Aed Abrat and her sister Fand. Fand told Laeg to go and get Cu Chulainn because the battle would be that day.</td>
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| NAME                | Li mac Dedaid              |
| ALTERNATIVE         | Li mic dedad               |
| SEX                 | M                          |
| CATEGORY            | warrior                    |
| TYPE                | chariot warrior            |
| CULTURE             | Goidel – Clanna Dedad (The Degads) |
| COUNTRY             | Ireland                    |
REGION       Kerry
TERRITORY    Munster
SITES        Temair Luachra (Tara of the Rushes)
CENTERS      Raith Traigh Li - Tralee (Strand of Li)
AGE          Iron
DATES        BC 2nd-1st c
RELATIVES    Dedad (father); Dare, Conganchness, Echbel, Gabalglinde and Foenglinde (brothers); CuRoi (nephew); Eremon and Tea (ancestors)
SEE ALSO     Conganchness mac Dedaid / CuRoi macDaire / Dare mac Dedaid / Dedad / Echbel mac Dedaid / Foenglinde mac Dedaid / Gabalglinde mac Dedaid
REMARKS      Li was a champion warrior of the Clanna Dedad of Munster. Temair Luachra was the headquarters of the clan but his own fortress was Raith Traigh Li (Tralee).

NAME         Lia
SEX          M
CATEGORY     warrior / chieftain / treasurer
TYPE         battle-line
CULTURE      Fianna - Clanna Morna
COUNTRY      Ireland
TERRITORY    Connacht / Luachar
CENTERS      Raith Luachar
AGE          Iron
DATES        AD 3rd c
RELATIVES    Morna (wife); Goll and Conan (sons); Eremon and Tea (ancestors)
ENEMIES      Fionn
SEE ALSO     Aoife / Conan Maol / Cumhal / Eremon / Fionn mac Cumhaill / Goll / Morna / Tea
REMARKS      When his son Goll killed Cumhal and became the chieftain of the Fianna, Lia was appointed treasurer. The wealth of the Fianna was kept in a bag from ancient times. It was made from the skin of Aoife taken when she was in the form of a crane. The treasure had been kept at Raith Luachar.

Fionn killed Lia and took the crane bag with all its wealth. Lia's son Conan harassed Fionn for 7 years trying to avenge his father's death.

NAME         Liath
ALTERNATIVE  Leithe (gray)
SEX          M
FESTIVAL     Beltainn (Brilliant Fires)
CATEGORY     warrior / wood cutter
CULTURE      Nemedian tribe
COUNTRY      Ireland
REGION       Meath
TERRITORY    Mide
SITES        Druim Leith (Tara)
AGE          Bronze
DATES        BC 19th-18th c
RELATIVES    son of Laigne Lethan-glas
ENEMIES      Fomorii
SEE ALSO     Nemhedh
REMARKS      Liath, a follower of Nemhedh, chopped the
tangled woods off the hill of Tara (Druim Leith) so that
its corn would grow rich. Until his time it had been
covered with hazel trees.

NAME         Lir
EPITHET      Of the Sorrow
ALTERNATIVE  Ler
SEX          M
CATEGORY      deity / chieftain
CULTURE      Danann
COUNTRY      Ireland
REGION       Armagh
TERRITORY    Ulster
LANDMARKS    Sliabh Fuait (Fuad's mountain)
CENTERS      Sidhe Fionnachaidh (Hill of the Whitefield)
AGE          Bronze
DATES        BC 16th-15th c
BATTLES      Danann Civil War
RELATIVES    Aebh (1st wife); Fionnula and Fiachra
(daughters); Aodh and Conn (sons); Aoife (2nd
wife); Lodan (son); Sinainn (granddaughter)
ENEMIES      Midhir
SEE ALSO     Aebh / Ailill of Aran / Aoife / Bodb Dearg /
Daghda / Fionnbharr / Fionnula / Ilbhreach /
Manannan / Midhir / Ochall / Ochne / Sinainn
REMARKS      Lir was a chieftain of the Danann and after the
Danann were defeated, the Goidel divided the island into
five coiceda (provinces). When Daghda allotted his
chieftains the sidhes of Ireland, Lir was given Sidhe
Fionnachaidh on Slive Fuad (Sliabh Fuait), close to
present-day Newtonhamilton in county Armagh.

When the Daghda appointed Bodb Derg as the new head
chieftain, Lir sided with Midhir during the civil war that
followed. The main chieftains involved in the war were
Bodb Dearg, Ilbhreach, Lir, Midhir, Ochall Ochne and
Fionnbharr, who replaced Manannan after his death.

When the civil war was over, Bodb Derg tried to make
amends with Lir by suggesting that he marry one of his
foster-daughters who were daughters of Ailill of Aran. Lir
chose Aebh because she was the oldest of the three and, he
hoped, the wisest. She died giving birth to their second
set of twins and Lir was very sad until Bobd Dearg
convinced him to marry again and he chose Aoife, the next
oldest sister.

Lir and Aoife were happy for a while and she was a
good mother to her sister's children but she then started
to become jealous of the attention they received, so she
turned them into swans and cursed them to remain in that
form for 900 years.

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<td>Litaviccus was a youth of noble birth who set out to destroy the Roman domination over his people. He convinced his troops that the Romans had killed two Ædui chieftains named Eporedorix and Viridomarus and that they should attack Romans wherever they found them. After his trick was exposed, Litaviccus went to the Ædui stronghold of Bibracte where he convinced the Ædui vergobret (magistrate) Convictolitavis and other Ædui chieftains to raise troops to help Vercingetorix fight the invading Romans. They all made treaties with Vercingetorix and sent troops to help him at the fortress Gergovia. Eporedorix and Viridomarus arrived at the Ædui stronghold of Noviodunum and heard that their tribe was rebelling against the Romans. They killed the Roman guards and civilians at the fort, set Caesar's hostages free to return to their different tribes and recovered their stolen goods from the Romans. Litaviccus continued to fight skirmishes, recruited warriors to help Vercingetorix and disrupted the Roman grain supply and baggage trains.</td>
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Llassar Llaes Gyfnwaid was a supernatural being from The Otherworld who emerged from the Lake of the Cauldron. He was a giant of man with yellow-red hair carrying a cauldron and followed by his wife who was even larger than he was.

Matholwch the high chieftain of Ireland was present when they appeared and agreed to support them for 16 months. As time went on, the couple and their children became a burden so he decided to rid Ireland of them.

Matholwch built an iron house and invited Llassar and his family to a feast. When all had drunk their fill and had fallen asleep, Matholwch had the iron house covered with charcoal and fired white-hot. Llassar and his wife used their incredible strength to break a hole through the wall and escaped with the cauldron to Wales but lost their children in the iron house.

Bran granted the two sanctuary in exchange for the supernatural cauldron. The cauldron had the gift of reviving the dead although it left them speechless. In Wales, the couple prospered and produced many fine warriors. They forged the best weapons and Llassar proved to be a master saddle-maker renowned for his system of coloring the saddlehorn with blue enamel (Azur Chaulk), a process called "Calch Llassar". Llassar and Cymidei had a son named Lassar who was one of the Seith Marchawg (7 horsemen) left to protect Wales when Bran and his warriors invaded Ireland. He was killed by the Belgae chieftain Cassubellaunos when he invaded Wales.

NAME Llevelys
ALTERNATIVE Llefelys / Llevelys {Hlev-ell-iss} / Lluelys
SEX M
CATEGORY warrior / Brenin
TYPE chariot warrior / head chieftain
CULTURE Belgae - Catuvellauni tribe
COUNTRY England / Belgium
TERRITORY Lloegr / Gaul
AGE Iron
DATES BC 2nd-1st c
RELATIVES Beli (father); Lludd, Cassubellaunos, Nynniaw (brothers); Penaraddun (aunt); Tasciovanos and Epaticcos (nephews)
SEE ALSO Beli / Cassubellaunos / Epaticcos / Lludd / Nynniaw / Penarddon / Tasciovanos
REMARKS Llevelys married the daughter of an important Gaulish chieftain and moved to Gaul to rule the territory. Llevelys' brother Lludd had a problem with 3 pests that were infecting England and he asked him for help.

The two brothers met in the middle of the channel
between the territories and spoke through a copper tube to keep their conversation from being overheard by the Corainied who were one of the pests. The tube was infested with a demon who twisted their words but pouring wine through the tube cured the problem.

Llevelys then explained to his brother that the 3 pests or plagues of England were: the Corainied who could hear every whisper, two dragons that fought every Beltainn Eve, and a giant who was robbing his larder after using his sorcery to put everyone to sleep. Llevelys explained how Lludd could solve his problem, then sailed back to Gaul.

NAME         Llew Llaw Gyffes
EPITHET      Lion of the Skillful Hand (Llew Lawgyffes)
ALTERNATIVE Lieu Llaw Gyffes (hlahy' hlau' guh'-es, hlye low guff-ez)
SEX          M
SYMBOL       Lynx / eagle / holly
CATEGORY     deity / warrior / chieftain
TYPE         sun god / horse warrior / divine warrior
CULTURE      Danann
COUNTRY      Wales
REGION       Gwynedd {Gwin-eth} / Clwyd {clud}
TERRITORY    Gwynedd / the Cantref of Dinodinig
SITES        Caer Dathl (Fort Dathal) at Caernarfon
CENTERS      Mur Castell
AGE          Iron
DATES        BC 2nd-1st c
RELATIVES    Arianrod (mother); Gwyddion (father); Blodeuedd (wife); Dylan (half-brother); Gilfaethwy (uncle); Math (great-uncle)
ENEMIES      Grown
SEE ALSO     Arianrod / Blodeuedd / Dylan / Gilfaethwy / Gwyddion ap Don / Gronw Pebyr / Math
REMARKS      Llew was raised by his father at Caer Dathl (Fort Dathal) at present-day Caernarfon. His mother Arianrod was the moon goddess and would have nothing to do with Llew because he was conceived by rape. Because they were of the Danann, it was the mother's privilege to supply the child with a name, weapons and a wife.

Llew's father Gwyddion tricked Arianrod into giving Llew a name by disguising himself and his son as shoemakers and visiting Arianrod at her rath. Arianrod saw Llew pin a wren to the boat with an arrow without killing it. She asked who was the lion with the skillful hand and thus the boy was named.

When it was time for Llew to be armed, Gwyddion took him to Arianrod's rath Caer Sidin disguised as bard. Gwyddion used his sorcery to create the illusion that Arianrod's rath was under attack. Arianrod armed everyone including her son only to find that she had been tricked into arming Llew and that her fortress was not under attack.
Because Arianrod had cursed Llew never to have a wife of any known race that inhabited the earth, Math set about to create one for him. With the help of his student Gwyddion, they welded the flowers of oak, broom and meadowsweet and produced a maiden that was the most beautiful of all. She was named Blodeueudd and the two were married.

Math gave Llew the Cantref of Dinoding (Eifynydd / Ardudw) to rule over from Mur Castell. Llew and his wife Blodeueudd lived happily and were loved by his people until, by chance, Blodeueudd met a young noble while he was hunting in their territory. Unknown to Llew, they began plotting to dispose of him.

Llew had to be tricked into revealing his vulnerability because as a solar deity he was almost impossible to kill. As it turned out, Llew could be killed by a special spear that was forged during the special sacrificial days and took a year in the making. Llew could be killed neither inside nor outside a house; neither on horseback nor on foot; neither standing in water nor on dry land; neither naked nor clothed.

One day, Blodeueudd tricked Llew into standing in a vulnerable situation and out from a hidden position came Gronw with the supernatural spear that he threw at Llew. The spear with its poisonous head sank into Llew's body. Llew let out a scream, changed into an eagle and flew off. Gwyddion found him by following a sow until it stopped beneath a tree beside a brook now called Nant y Llew. Gwyddion knew that the dying eagle was his son and beckoned him close so he could touch him with his wand.

Llew changed back into his human shape and was taken to Caer Dathl where he was healed back to his former strength. Llew and Gwyddion went to take vengeance on his wife and her lover. After the ordeal was over, Llew invited the people of Gronw's territory to join with his, which they did.

NAME          Lludd
ALTERNATIVE  Llud {hlood} / Lludd {Hlooth} / Lud
SEX          M
CATEGORY      hero / warrior / Brenin
TYPE         horse warrior / head chieftain
CULTURE      Belgae - Catuvellauni tribe
COUNTRY      England / Wales
REGION       Greater London / Buckinghamshire / Oxfordshire
TERRITORY    Lloegr
LANDMARKS    Thames
SITES        Oxford / Dinas Ffaraon Dandde (Dinas Emrys) / Parth Ludd (Ludgate Hill)
CENTERS      Trinovantum - Caer Lludd (Kaerlud) present-day London
AGE          Iron
DATES        BC 2nd-1st c
RELATIVES      Beli (father); Tasciovanos and Epaticcos (sons); Cassubellaunos, Nynniaw, Llevelys (brothers); Penarddun (aunt)
SEE ALSO       Beli / Cassubellaunos / Epaticcos / Llevelys / Nynniaw / Penarddun / Tasciovanos
REMARKS       Lludd was a son of Beli and the head chieftain of the Belgae in England. During his time, England was plagued by 3 pests: the Corainied, a people who could hear every whisper on the breeze; a horrible scream that was heard every Beltainn Eve that would cause the crops to fail to grow and make the cows go barren; and the mysterious disappearance of all food from the larder every night.

Lludd was perplexed about how to resolve the situation and sent a message for help to his brother Llevelys, a head chieftain in Gaul, to meet him in the channel between the two territories. The brothers spoke through a copper tube so that their conversation could not be overheard by the Corainied. The tube was infested with a demon who twisted the words of the two brothers and they were ready to fight until wine was poured down the tube to cure the problem.

Lludd returned with poisonous insects given to him by his brother. He ground the insects and sprinkled them over the assembly of people. Because his own people were immune to them, only the Corainied died.

The horrible scream was coming from the dragon of Britain who was fighting off a foreign dragon. Lludd dug a pit in the center of Belgic Britain near present-day Oxford. In the pit he placed a vat of beer and covered it with a sheet. When the monsters fought long enough they changed into the shape of two wild boars and settled onto the sheet where they sank into the vat and became drunk on the mead. He then trapped them in the sheet and took them to Wales and at Dinas Ffaraon Dandde (Flaming Pharaoh), which later became known as Dinas Emrys, they were buried in a stone chamber (tumulus).

The third pest that was plaguing England was a giant who cast a spell over the raith, then stole all the food from the larder. Lludd stayed awake by submerging his head continuously into a vat of cold water. When the giant appeared, Lludd fought him and beat him by force and the giant swore that he would be Lludd's most loyal subject.

During his rule, Lludd captured Trinovantum, the center of the Trinovantes tribe, and renamed it Caer Lludd (Lludd's fort) or Lludd-din (Lludd's city). The name slowly evolved as Lundein and eventually London. He also built a sun temple on the top of a hill. He was buried there and it was called Parth Ludd (Ludgate Hill). After his death, Cassubellaunos became the head chieftain of the Belgic tribes because the children of Lludd were too young to rule.

NAME          Llwyd fab Cil Coed
EPITHET       Gray Son of the Wood Retreat (Llwyd fab Cil
Coed)

ALTERNATIVE  Llwyd (Hloid) / Lloyd / Loid
SEX          M
CATEGORY     ovate
TYPE         sorcerer
CULTURE      Pictish
COUNTRY      Scotland / Wales
LANDMARKS    River Clyde (Clud)
AGE          Iron
DATES        BC 2nd-1st c
ENEMIES      Manawydan
SEE ALSO     Gwawl fab Clud / Manawyddan / Pryderi / Pwyll / Rhiannon
REMARKS      Llwyd was a friend of Gwawl son of Clud and sought revenge for him by making Rhiannon and Pryderi prisoners along with all their people and possessions.

Manawyddan captured Llwyd's wife while she and some of Gwawl's warriors were stealing the grain from Rhiannon's land in the disguise of mice. This was in revenge for the way Gwawl had been made a fool of when they used him to play Badger in the Bag after Rhiannon rejected Gwawl for Pwyll. In exchange for the safe return of his pregnant wife, Llwyd had to promise to do no more damage and seek no revenge.

NAME         Llyr
EPITHET      Llediaith (half tongue / foreign accent)
ALTERNATIVE  Llyr (hloorr, hleer)
SEX          M
CATEGORY     deity / hero / warrior / Brenin
TYPE         sun god / chariot warrior / head chieftain
CULTURE      Goidel - Coritani tribe
COUNTRY      Wales / England
REGION       Leicestershire
TERRITORY    Lloegr
LANDMARKS    Soar river
SITES        Leicester (Caerleir)
AGE          Iron
DATES        BC 2nd-1st c
RELATIVES    Iwerydd (1st wife); Bran (son); Branwen (daughter); Penarddun (2nd wife); Manawyddan (son)
SEE ALSO     Bran / Branwen / Iwerydd / Manawyddan / Penarddun
REMARKS      Llyr was a sun god of the Coritani tribe and was venerated at present-day Leicester, the camp of Llyr on the Soar river in Leicestershire. He married a sea goddess named Iwerydd (Atlantic) of the Danann and she bore a son (Bran) and a daughter (Branwen).

Llyr also married Penarddun of the Belgae culture and she bore a son Manawyddan. Both consorts were of cultures that were invading Britain, one from the west and one from the east.
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<td>Loarn, son of Muiredach, son of Eogan, son of Niall Noighiallach, was a descendant of Eremon and Tea of the Milesian (Goidel) invaders to Ireland. He was the chieftain of the Clanna Loarn which settled on the north side of Loch Fyne. His territory was called Cinel Loair. After the death of his nephew, Loarn became the 3rd head chieftain of the Dal Riada of Albainn. Under his leadership the Dal Riada expanded their territory into the islands of Kintyre, Islay and Jura. The invading Goidel became known as Scotti, which meant Irish. Comgall son of Domangart was appointed head chieftain after him, and their descendants expanded into Morvern.</td>
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