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Chapter 5

GODS / HEROES / WARRIORS

A - Ailm (Silver Fir) - Tree Alphabet / (—●—) Line Ogham

NAME Abandinus
SEX M
CATEGORY deity
TYPE river god
CULTURE Pictish / Briton - Iceni and Trinovantes tribes
COUNTRY England
REGION Cambridgeshire
TERRITORY Lloegr
LANDMARKS Ouse river
SITES Godmanchester
AGE Iron
DATES BC 13th
ACCESSORIES feathers / leaves
SEE ALSO Hu Gardarn
REMARKS The deity Abandinus was venerated in the territories of the Iceni and Trinovantes tribes at Godmanchester on the Ouse river.

The Iceni were one of the tribes that were led from Turkey by Hu Gardarn and settled in England sometime around BC 13th century. Abandinus may have its roots in the east. Abana (Barada) was the name of an ancient river in Damascus and Syria, the land of the Phoenicians.

Welsh mythology suggests that the Iceni were formed from Tumulus-Urnfield warriors known as the Sea People who were warring in the east as far south as Egypt.

NAME Abaris
ALTERNATIVE Abarui / Avarwy
SEX M
CATEGORY druid
TYPE teacher
CULTURE Pictish / Briton - Abroi tribe
COUNTRY France / England
REGION Brittany / Cornwall
TERRITORY Gaul / Llydaw / Lloegr
LANDMARKS Loire
AGE Iron

DATES BC 6th c / BC 550 ca.
 SEE ALSO Prydain
 REMARKS Abaris claimed to have been a teacher of Pythagoras. He was involved in the migration of the La Tène A Pictish tribes led by Prydain. They sailed from the Loire river in Llydaw (Brittany) to Cornwall in Lloegr (England) where they settled and became known as the Pretani (Britons).

NAME Abarta
 EPITHET The Performer of Feats / Hard Servant (Giolla Deacair)
 SEX M
 CATEGORY filidh / chieftain
 TYPE sorcerer
 CULTURE Danann
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY The Otherworld / Leinster
 SITES Raith Almu - Allen Hill
 AGE Iron
 DATES AD 3rd c
 ACCESSORIES supernatural horse
 RELATIVES Tasha (daughter); Fionn (son-in-law)
 SEE ALSO Conan Maol / Faruach / Fionn mac Cumhaill / Foltor / Liagan / Tasha
 REMARKS Abarta was a filidh of the Danann from the Otherworld who appeared suddenly one day at Raith Almu on Allen Hill, the camp of Fionn mac Cumhaill and his Fianna. He was in disguise and had with him a large mean-tempered decrepit gray horse that derived its pleasure from attacking the horses of the warriors.
 Conan Maol tried to ride the horse but it would not budge so 14 other warriors climbed on its back as well. Abarta jumped on behind the warriors and the horse raced off with Liagan holding on behind. No one could let go and before they realized it they were prisoners in The Otherworld.
 With the aid of Faruach, a magician, and Foltor, the best tracker in Ireland, Fionn and the rest of the Fianna found their way to Abarta and their captured friends in The Otherworld.
 Abarta turned out to be a chieftain who needed help from the Fianna in a war against a rival chieftain of the Otherworld. Fionn and his warriors defeated the other chieftain and, at the insistence of Conan, Abarta rewarded the Fianna by sending 13 of his most beautiful women on the gray horse with his beautiful daughter Tasha of the White Arms holding its tail.

NAME Abartach
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior

CULTURE Danann / Fomorii
 COUNTRY Ireland
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 16th-15th c
 RELATIVES Lugh (father); Naas (mother); Helen (consort);
 Sabrann (daughter); Ainnle (brother); Cian
 (grandfather); Ethniu (grandmother); Esaire
 (great-grandmother); Balor (great-grandfather);
 Magog and Iarbonel (ancestors)
 SEE ALSO Balor / Cian / Ethniu / Esaire / Helen /
 Iarbonel / Lugh / Magog / Naas

REMARKS Abartach was a consort to Helen, daughter of
 Leda and Tyndareus (Tyndarus), chieftain of Lacedaemon
 which Iman Wilkens (Where Troy Once Stood) places in
 southern Spain.

Helen's territory was (and still is) rich in the
 highly-sought-after resources of copper, tin and silver,
 and was strategically positioned on the gateway between the
 Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Helen bore Abartach a
 daughter called Sabrann. Sabrann then married Cail (The
 100-wounder), son of Lugaid, son of Leda.

NAME Abcan
 ALTERNATIVE Abcan mac Bicelmois / Abhean / Auhcan / Ebricc
 SEX M
 FESTIVAL summer solstice
 CATEGORY bard (Poet of Lug)
 TYPE musician / harper
 CULTURE Danann
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Sligo
 TERRITORY Connacht
 LANDMARKS Plain of Towers (Magh Tuireadh)
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 16th-15th c
 BATTLES second battle of Magh Tuireadh (north Moytura)
 ACCESSORIES supernatural harp
 RELATIVES Bicfelmas (father); Etain (consort); Senbecc
 (son); Diancecht (great-grandfather); Magog,
 Iarbonel and Net (ancestors)
 ENEMIES Fomorii / Anghus
 SEE ALSO Anghus mac Og / Diancecht / Esaire / Etain /
 Iarbonel / Magog / Midhir / Net
 REMARKS Abcan, son of Bicfelmas, son of Cu, son of
 Diancecht, son of Esaire, daughter of Net became the harper
 for Lugh and accompanied him in the battle of north
 Moytura. He raped Etain but was killed by Anghus mac Og in
 the presence of Midhir.

NAME Abilus
 SEX M
 SYMBOL snake

CATEGORY deity
 TYPE god of health
 CULTURE Gallic - Sequani
 COUNTRY France
 REGION Côte d'Or / Haute-Marne
 TERRITORY Gaul
 LANDMARKS Seine / Saône
 SITES Arnay-le-Duc
 AGE Bronze / Iron
 DATES BC 12th c / AD 1st c
 ACCESSORIES snakes
 RELATIVES Damona (consort)
 SEE ALSO Damona
 REMARKS Abilus was a deity who was venerated by the sick at a site at Arnay-le-Duc, Côte d'Or in France. He was associated with the snake and was a consort of the goddess Damona.
 The site was in the territory of the Sequani who were settled in the area by BC 12th century. The deity was still being venerated in Roman times after AD 1st century and a statue has survived.

NAME Abnoba
 EPITHET The Divine Hunter
 SEX F
 CATEGORY deity
 TYPE goddess of animal fertility
 COUNTRY Germany
 LANDMARKS Abnoba / Black Forest / Danube
 AGE Bronze / Iron
 DATES BC 1st c
 REMARKS Abnoba gave her name to the mountain range in Germany which contains the headwaters of the Danube. This was an ancient Celtic territory until the Germani tribes moved in during BC 1st century.

NAME Accasbel
 ALTERNATIVE Beoir
 SEX M
 FESTIVAL Beltainn (Brilliant Fires)
 CATEGORY steward / hosteller
 CULTURE Partholean tribe
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY Munster
 CENTERS Accasbel's Hostel (Bruidhean)
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 19th c
 BATTLES Magh Ibha
 ENEMIES Fomorii
 SEE ALSO Partholon
 REMARKS Accasbel was the steward of Partholon, and after the battle of Magh Ibha he constructed the first hostel

(Bruidhean) in Ireland.

NAME Acco
 SEX M
 CATEGORY hero / warrior / Brenin
 TYPE freedom fighter / head chieftain
 CULTURE Gallic - Senones tribe
 COUNTRY France
 TERRITORY Gaul
 LANDMARKS Seine / Loire
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 1st c / BC 53 / BC 52
 ENEMIES Caesar
 SEE ALSO Vercingetorix
 REMARKS Acco, the head chieftain of the Senones, refused to give hostages to Caesar in BC 53. He became a war leader for warriors of the Senones and Carnuti tribes. Caesar, angered by this rebellious stance against Rome, responded by marching into their territory with his legions and demanding that the tribe turn over Acco to him. He then executed him in a time-honored Roman fashion. Caesar then demanded 100 Senones hostages to be held by the AEdui tribe for the Romans. Acco's death helped fuel the rebellion led by Vercingetorix in BC 52.

NAME Achilles
 EPITHET The Ally (Aeacean)
 SEX M
 CATEGORY deity / hero / warrior / chieftain
 TYPE chariot warrior / battle champion
 CULTURE Goidel / Achaean
 COUNTRY Holland / Beligum
 TERRITORY Gaul / Belgica / Argos / Pylos / Phthia
 LANDMARKS Rhine Delta
 SITES Troy (died)
 CENTERS Schuring (Scuros)
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 13th c / BC 1240 (defeat of Troy)
 BATTLES Trojan War
 ACCESSORIES ship with oars / horses (Xanthus and Balius) / shield with spiral motif
 RELATIVES Zeus (great-grandfather); Aegina (great-grandmother); Aeacus (grandfather); Peleus (father); Thetis (mother); Briseis and Deidamia (consort); Neoptolemus [Pyrrhus] (son); Galatea and Amphitrite (aunts); Poseidon (uncle)
 ENEMIES Trojans
 SEE ALSO Agamemnon / Galatea / Hector / Penthesileia / Poseidon / Odysseus / Priam / Zeus
 REMARKS Achilles was the son of the sea-goddess Thetis and grandson of Aeacus, eponymous ancestor of the Achaeans. He was also the son of Peleus the Argonaut and his

territory was the islands at the mouth of the Rhine. He was in command of 50 ships of his father's fleet and his followers were called the Myrmidons (ants).

During a military campaign into the land of the Trojans, the Achaeans destroyed a town of Troad and captured several beautiful women. Out of these, Achilles was presented with Briseis, a beautiful woman with whom he fell in love.

In the early years of the war, he fought a single combat with the Amazon warrior chieftain Penthesileia. At the moment of her death, he looked into her eyes and was overcome with love for her. Achilles felt great sorrow at her passing and sang a lament at her funeral. Throughout the 10 years of the Trojan war, Achilles sacked so many cities of Troad that he struck fear into the Trojans more than any other Achaean warrior.

For political reasons Achilles was forced to give up Briseis to Agamemnon, his superior. Achilles, who was described as a stubborn man with a volatile temper, pulled his troops out of battle in retaliation. The war began to go badly for the Achaeans so Patroclus, who was Achilles's best friend, donned Achilles's armor, borrowed his chariot, and led his troops into battle. As fate would have it, he was killed by a Trojan named Hector, a son of Priam.

Achilles, hearing the news of his friend's death, went into a battle frenzy and slaughtered masses of Trojan warriors in revenge. When he found Hector, he chased him 3 times around the fort of Troy before killing him, then dragged his body back to his camp where he circled the bier of Patroclus. To further humiliate his enemies, he left Hector's body for the dogs until the old head chieftain Priam visited Achilles in his camp and begged him to return the body of his son. Achilles obliged the chieftain.

Towards the end of the siege of Troy, Achilles was killed by an arrow that hit him in the heel, the only place that was unprotected by armor. The arrow was probably poisonous, as he died from the wound. Achilles was buried on the shores of the Hellespont (Netherlands). Odysseus and Ajax fought over his armor. His son Neoptolemus killed Priam, the Trojan chieftain, and abducted his daughter Polyxena whom his father had loved. On the way home with her, the god Achilles appeared and demanded the girl as a sacrifice.

| | |
|-------------|------------------|
| NAME | Achtan |
| ALTERNATIVE | Etain |
| SEX | F |
| CATEGORY | righbean |
| COUNTRY | Ireland |
| REGION | Meath |
| TERRITORY | Mide |
| LANDMARKS | Magh mBreg |
| CENTERS | Raith Rig - Tara |

AGE Iron
 DATES AD 3rd c
 RELATIVES Olc Siche (father); Art (consort); Cormac macAirt (son); Lugaidh (husband); Nia (son)
 SEE ALSO Art Aenfer / Cormac mac Airt / Lugaidh mac Conn / Lugna / Nia / Olc Siche
 REMARKS Achantan mated with the high chieftain of Ireland, Art Aenfer, at the request of her father when Art had stopped over on his way to battle. Art was killed during the battle and never returned but he had foreseen this and had told Achantan that when her time was near she was to hurry to the fortress of Lugna in Connacht where the child was to be born and fostered.

When Achantan's time to give birth was near she collected her necessities and with her maid set off to her destination. As it was, the child was born on the way and his birth was accompanied by flashes of lightning and claps of thunder.

From his raith, Lugna saw the lightning and heard the thunder and, knowing that his friend Art's child had been born, set out to find mother and child. When he reached their camp he was shocked to find only a distraught mother and her maid, because the child had been taken away by a wolf during the night.

Lugna knew his foster was still alive and sent his warriors to search the area. A warrior named Grec found the child in a cave among the whelps of a she-wolf. Grec brought the boy and the litter of wolf cubs with him to the fortress where he was reunited with his mother and was given the name Cormac mac Airt as his father had wished.

Achantan then married Lugaidh mac Conn who was the son of Art's brother. He had killed Art in battle and was now the high chieftain of Ireland. Achantan paved the way for her son Cormac to come to Tara as a foster of the high chieftain.

NAME Acichorius
 EPITHET Sister's Dog
 ALTERNATIVE Cichorios
 SEX M
 SYMBOL dog
 CATEGORY hero / warrior / chieftain
 TYPE war leader
 COUNTRY France / Macedonia / Greece / Bulgaria / Turkey
 TERRITORY Gaul / Illyria / Thrace / Paeonia
 LANDMARKS Balkan Peninsula / Haemos
 SITES Delphi / Istanbul (Byzantion)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 3rd c / BC 281 / BC 279-278
 SEE ALSO Cerethrios / Bolgios / Brennus
 REMARKS Celtic warriors invaded the Balkan Peninsula in BC 3rd century with three armies that descended on Illyria, Thrace and Macedonia.

Acichorius was second in command under Brennus and they led a large force of 20,000 horse warriors and 150,000 battle-line into Paeonia where they spent a year fighting the hillmen of Haemos. The Celtic army was reinforced with Illyrian warriors and they then entered Macedonia and continued on into Greece where they sacked the temple of Delphi during the winter of BC 279-278.

The central force was flanked by two armies. The eastern force was led by Cerethrios and the western by Bolgios. The horse warriors were each accompanied by two mounted servants and the trio were called a Trimarkisia. After Brennus died from his wounds and dysentery, Acichorius led the warriors to sack the wealthy port of Byzantion (Istanbul).

NAME Addedormarus
 ALTERNATIVE Addedormaros / Addepormarus
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / Brenin
 TYPE chariot warrior / head chieftain
 CULTURE Briton - Trinovantes tribe
 COUNTRY England
 REGION Essex / Suffolk
 CENTERS Braughing / Colchester (fortress of Camulos)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 1st c / BC 15
 ENEMIES Rome
 SEE ALSO Avarwy Mandubrad / Camulos / Dumnuvelaunus
 REMARKS Addedormarus succeeded Avarwy Mandubrad as head chieftain of the Trinovantes. In BC 15 he moved his tribal headquarters from Braughing to Camulodun (Colchester). He himself was followed by Avarwy's son Dumnuvelaunus as head chieftain.

NAME Adiatunnus
 ALTERNATIVE Adiatunnos
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / chieftain
 TYPE horse warrior / solduri
 CULTURE Aquitani - Sontiatu tribe
 COUNTRY France
 TERRITORY Gaul / Aquitanica
 LANDMARKS Garonne (Garumna) river
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 56
 ENEMIES Rome
 REMARKS Adiatunnus was the chieftain who led the Sontiatu tribe against the invading Romans in BC 56. At first he fought open battles using horse warriors and soldiers of the battle-line, then he made the mistake of moving into an oppidum and was put under siege.
 The Aquitani were experienced tunnel diggers and tried

to escape by digging their way out but their plan was discovered. Adiatunnus then sent envoys to the Romans to discuss peace and during the negotiations he and his 600 soldurii tried to escape. The escape was a failure so they sent hostages and surrendered.

NAME Adminius
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / Rex
 TYPE traitor / Roman-appointed head chieftain
 CULTURE Belgae - Catuvellauni tribe
 COUNTRY England
 REGION Essex
 CENTERS Colchester (fortress of Camulos)
 AGE Iron
 DATES AD 1st c / AD 43 (became Rex)
 RELATIVES Cunobel (father); Togodumnos and Caratacus (brothers)
 ENEMIES Cunobel / Togodumnos / Caratacus
 SEE ALSO Camulos / Caratacus / Cunobel / Togodumnos
 REMARKS Because of his pro-Roman stance, Adminius's father exiled him from Catuvellauni territory. Adminius then went straight to the Romans in Gaul. When the Romans invaded southern England, Adminius was made a client king of Rome with his center at Camulodun (fort of Camulos).

NAME Adna
 EPITHET Ollamh
 SEX M
 CATEGORY ollamh
 TYPE chief poet to Ri Ruirech
 CULTURE Goidel
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Armagh
 TERRITORY Ulster
 CENTERS Emain Macha (Navan)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 RELATIVES Neide (son)
 SEE ALSO Conchobar / Neide
 REMARKS Adna was the Ollamh (chief poet) of Ulster during the time of Conchobar.

NAME Aebh
 ALTERNATIVE Aobh
 SEX F
 CATEGORY rigbean (noble woman)
 CULTURE Danann
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Island of Aran / Tipperary
 TERRITORY East Munster / Ulster

CENTERS Sidhe ar Femuin / Sidhe Fionnachaidh
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 16th-15th c
 RELATIVES Ailill of Aran (father); Bodb Dearg (foster-father); Lir (husband); Fionnula and Fiachra (daughters); Aedh and Conn (sons); Aoife and Arbha (sisters)
 SEE ALSO Ailill of Aran / Aoife / Bodb Dearg / Fionnula / Lir
 REMARKS Aebh was the daughter of Ailill of Aran and was fostered to Bodb Dearg along with her two sisters Aoife and Arbha. One day, Lir came to visit Bodb Dearg at the Sidhe ar Femuin. He was still depressed by the civil war that had torn apart the Danann. Bodb Dearg suggested that Lir should marry and proposed that he select one of his foster-daughters who were of noble birth.
 Lir chose Aebh because she was the oldest and he hoped the wisest. Aebh and Lir were much in love and soon he was a happy man again and the father of twins: a female child named Fionnula and a male child called Aedh. Sometime later Aebh died while giving birth to another set of twins. They were Fiachra, a female, and Conn, a male.

NAME Aed
 ALTERNATIVE Aed {ed} / AEda {ay'da} / Aedh (fire) / Aodh
 SEX M
 CATEGORY bard
 TYPE court dwarf to Fergus mac Leti
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Down
 TERRITORY Ulster / The Otherworld - Faylinn (Pond of the Fay)
 CENTERS Dun Rury (Dundrum castle)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 SEE ALSO Eisirt / Fergus mac Leti / Iubdan
 REMARKS Aed was a bard and the court dwarf to Fergus mac Leti of Dun Rury (Dundrum castle) in the ancient province of Ulster. Aed was informed one day that a royal bard was at the gate demanding entrance to the fortress. He went to the entrance and there was a man so small that Aed carried him into the court on the palm of his hand.
 Aed accompanied Eisirt when he returned to the court of Iubdan at Faylinn in the Otherworld. When the Fay Folk (Elfin) saw Aed they were terrified because they thought he was a Fomorian giant.

NAME Aed Abrat
 EPITHET The Eye of Fire
 ALTERNATIVE Aed {ed} / AEda {ay'da} / Aedh (fire) / Aodh
 SEX M
 CATEGORY deity

TYPE sun god
 CULTURE Danann
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY The Otherworld - Magh Cruaich
 CENTERS Oenach Fidgai
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 RELATIVES Li Ban and Fand (daughters); Aeonghus mac Aedh
 Abrat (son)
 SEE ALSO Aeonghus mac Aedh Abrat / Fand / Li Ban
 REMARKS Aed Abrat was a deity from Magh Cruaich (Mag
 Cruath) in The Otherworld and had two daughters named Li
 Ban and Fand and a son named Aeonghus.

NAME Aed Caem
 EPITHET The sledgehammer (Ord)
 ALTERNATIVE Aed {ed} / AEda {ay'da} / Aedh (fire) Coem /
 Aodh
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior
 CULTURE Danann
 COUNTRY Ireland
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 16th-15th c
 RELATIVES Daghdha (father); Anghus and Cermat (half-
 brothers); Adair, Aine and Brighid (half-
 sister); Magog, Iarbonel, Ordan and Net
 (ancestors)
 ENEMIES Corrchend the Fair
 SEE ALSO Anghus mac Og / Brighid / Cermat Milbel /
 Daghdha / Iarbonel / Magog / Net / Ordan
 REMARKS Aed Caem son of Daghdha was slain by Corrchend
 the Fair because Aed had violated his wife. Corrchend was
 then forced to carry the body until a stone of suitable
 size was found.

NAME Aeda
 ALTERNATIVE Aed {ed} / AEda {ay'da} / Aedh (fire) / Aodh
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior
 TYPE giant
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY The Otherworld - Land of Giants (Tir na Fathach)
 AGE Iron
 DATES AD 3rd c
 ACCESSORIES red shield / large spear
 SEE ALSO Bebhionn / Fionn
 REMARKS The beautiful giantess Bebhionn, daughter of
 Treon, had been betrothed to Aeda but refused to marry him.
 She fled to Ireland to seek refuge with Fionn and the
 Fianna.
 Aeda followed after her in his ship and caught up to

her on the shore talking to Fionn and his warriors. He was described as a handsome young man carrying a red shield and a huge spear. He threw his spear at Bebhionn and mortally wounded her. He then fled with the Fianna at his heels but escaped to his ship and sailed away.

NAME Aedan
 ALTERNATIVE Aedan {ay'dan}
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior
 TYPE chariot warrior
 CULTURE Goidel
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY Leinster
 AGE Iron
 ENEMIES children of Mael Fhothartaig
 SEE ALSO Mael Fhothartaig / Ronan
 REMARKS The head chieftain of Leinster hired Aedan to kill his son Mael for him. Aedan agreed to this and killed Mael with a spear. Aedan was then killed by Mael's children in revenge for the death of their father.

NAME Aedd Mawr
 EPITHET Of the Lower Region
 SEX M
 CATEGORY deity / warrior / Brenin
 TYPE ancestral god / head chieftain
 CULTURE Pictish - Trinovantes
 COUNTRY France
 REGION Brittany
 TERRITORY Gaul / Llydaw
 LANDMARKS Loire
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 6th c
 RELATIVES Prydain (son)
 SEE ALSO Prydain
 REMARKS Aedd Mawr was the head chieftain of the Pictish tribes in Llydaw (Brittany) and his territory was around the mouth of the Loire river. His son Prydain led warriors from there to Lloegr (England) where they became known as the Pretani (Britons).

NAME Aedh
 ALTERNATIVE Aed {ed} / Aedh (fire) / Aeda / Aodh
 SEX M
 SYMBOL raven
 CATEGORY warrior / chieftain
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY Oriel (Airgialla)
 ACCESSORIES shield - Dubhghiolla (Black Servant)
 SEE ALSO Badbh Catha

REMARKS Aedh was the chieftain of Oriel and when he went into combat the battle goddess Badbh was said to perch on the rim of his shield in the form of a raven.

NAME Aedh Dubh
 EPITHET Black Fire
 ALTERNATIVE Aed {ed} Dub / Aedh (fire) / Aeda / Aodh
 SEX M
 FESTIVAL Samhain (Night of the Dead)
 CATEGORY warrior
 TYPR chariot warrior
 CULTURE Goidel - Ui Néill / Danann / Pictish
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY Ulster
 SITES Hostel of Banban
 AGE Ui Néill
 DATES AD 6th c
 RELATIVES Suibne (father); Flann (kinsman)
 ENEMIES Diarmuid mac Cearbhail
 SEE ALSO Banban / Bec Mac De / Diarmuid mac Cearbhail
 REMARKS Aedh Dubh attacked the Bruidhean (Hostel) of Banban looking for Diarmuid, the high chieftain of Ireland. He was seeking revenge on behalf of his kinsman who had been executed by the high chieftain of Ireland for having an affair with his wife.
 When Aedh Dubh found Diarmuid he stabbed him with his spear. The wounded high chieftain managed to secure himself in his room, so Aedh Dubh had his warriors set the hostel on fire. Diarmuid tried to escape the blaze by climbing into a vat of ale. Fortunately for Aedh Dubh, a burning roof beam fell on Diarmuid and he drowned in the vat. His death fulfilled a prophecy of his filidh Bec Mac De.

NAME Aedh mac Ainmireach
 ALTERNATIVE Aed {ed} / Aedh (fire) / Aeda / Aodh
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / Ard Righ Eirinn
 TYPE chariot warrior / high chieftain
 CULTURE Goidel - Ui Néill / Danann / Pictish
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Meath
 TERRITORY Connacht / Leinster / Mide / Munster / Ulster
 LANDMARKS Magh mBreg
 CENTERS Raith Rig - Tara
 AGE Ui Néill
 DATES AD 6th c / AD 542-565 (*Ard Righ - Kings List*)
 BATTLES Dun Bolg
 ACCESSORIES supernatural caul that protected him in battle / Boramha Tribute (cattle counting)
 RELATIVES Ainmire (father); Domnall, Mael-Coba, Garban and Cumascach (sons); Eremon and Tea (ancestors)

ENEMIES Brandubh / Ron Cerr
 SEE ALSO Brandubh / Domnall mac Aedh / Dubhdun / Eremon /
 Ron Cerr / Tea

REMARKS Aedh mac Ainmireach son of Ainmire was a descendant of Eremon and Tea and ruled Ireland as the high chieftain for 28 years. While he was awaiting the arrival of his tax from Leinster (Boramha Tribute), he was approached by a leper who informed him that the head chieftain of Leinster was sending his tribute by wagons and they would be there by nightfall.

Aedh became suspicious of the story of the leper and sent for Dubhdun, chieftain of Oriel, and had him place his troops in preparation for a surprise attack from the warriors of Leinster. They did this and when the wagons arrived they checked the cargo, finding only salted meats, grains and other such provisions included in the tax.

The guards led the wagons into the camp and as soon as he had his chance the leper let the Leinster warriors out of their hiding places in the wagons. The warriors of Leinster then attacked the Clanna Conall and Clanna Owen who protected the high chieftain of Ireland.

Aedh mac Ainmireach realized too late that he had been tricked and was dragged from his horse by Ron Cerr, the leper, who was raising his sword for the final blow that took off his head.

NAME Aedh Ruad
 ALTERNATIVE Aed Ruadh
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / Ard Righ Eirinn
 TYPE chariot warrior / high chieftain
 CULTURE Goidel
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Meath
 TERRITORY Connacht / Leinster / Mide / Munster / Ulster
 LANDMARKS Magh mBreg
 CENTERS Raith Rig - Tara
 AGE Iron
 DATES *BC 7th c / BC 671-650 (Ard Righ - Kings List)*
 RELATIVES Badarn (father); Macha (daughter); Cimbaeth and Dithorba (cousins); Airgetmar (grandfather); Ir (ancestor)
 ENEMIES Lugaid Laigdech
 SEE ALSO Airgetmar / Cimbaeth / Macha / Ir
 REMARKS Aedh Ruad, son of Badarn, son of Airgetmar was a descendant of Ir of the Milesian (Goidel). He and his cousin Cimbaeth, head chieftain of Ulster, attacked Lugaid Laigdech the high chieftain of Ireland, and Aedh killed him in combat.

Aedh then ruled Ireland for 21 years with his cousin Cimbaeth in Ulster and his other cousin Dithorba as the head chieftain of the Fianna of Inis Fail ruling the south. When Aedh died his position was taken by his cousin

Cimbaeth.

NAME Aeneas
 SEX M
 CATEGORY hero / warrior
 TYPE chariot warrior
 CULTURE Goidel / Trojan / Phoenician
 COUNTRY England / Tunisia / Italy
 REGION Cambridgeshire
 TERRITORY Troad
 LANDMARKS Wash
 CENTERS Troy (Gogmagog Hills) / Carthage / Latium
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 13th c / BC 1240 (defeat of Troy)
 BATTLES Trojan War
 RELATIVES Dione (grandmother); Zeus (grandfather);
 Aphrodite (mother); Anchises (father); Ascanius
 [Iulus] (son); Dido (consort); Lavinia (wife);
 Silvius (son); Brute (grandson); Iafeth
 (ancestor)
 ENEMIES Achaeans / Danann
 SEE ALSO Aphrodite / Brute / Iafeth / Virgil / Zeus
 REMARKS Aeneas was a hero of the Trojan War who escaped
 with his father and son after the defeat of his people.
 Their ship became lost in a storm and he ended up in
 Carthage, where he fell in love with Dido, the chieftain.
 After a period of time Aeneas went to Latium in Italy.
 There the chieftain Latinus promised him his daughter
 Lavinia, but another local chieftain who was in love with
 her declared war against him. The other suitor was finally
 killed and Aeneas married Lavinia. He died in battle
 against the Rutulians and was declared a god by the Latins.
 His story was related by the Celtic writer Virgil under the
 title of the Aeneid. Aeneas's great-grandson Brut led
 warriors of the Trojan culture back to England 109 years
 after the Trojan War ended and founded the center Caer
 Troia (New Troy).

NAME Aengus mac Lamh Gabuid
 ALTERNATIVE Oengus {Engus} / Oengus mac Lama Gabuid
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior
 TYPE chariot warrior
 CULTURE Goidel
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY Ulster
 SITES Hostel (Bruidhean)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 BATTLES Mac Da Tho's
 RELATIVES Lam Gabuid (father)
 ENEMIES Cet

SEE ALSO Cet mac Magach / Mac Da Tho
 REMARKS Aengus, a tall blond warrior of Ulster, arose during the verbal battle for the hero's portion of Mac Da Tho's boar and challenged the right of Cet of Connacht to cut up the boar. Cet asked Aengus if he knew why his father was called Lam Gabuid. The warriors of Connacht demanded to know why.

Cet told them that one day while he was capturing wild cattle in Ulster, Lam Gabuid threw a spear at him. Cet caught the spear and threw it back, cutting off Lam Gabuid's hand. That was how Aengus's father had acquired his name. Aengus sat down.

NAME Aeonghus mac Aedh Abrat
 ALTERNATIVE Oengus {Engus}
 SEX M
 FESTIVAL Samhain (Night of the Dead)
 CATEGORY deity / bard
 TYPE healer god / singer / messenger
 CULTURE Danann
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY The Otherworld - Magh Cruaich
 SITES An Tete Brecc
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 RELATIVES Aed Abrat (father); Fand and Li Ban (sisters)
 SEE ALSO Aed Abrat / Conall Cernacht / Cu Chulainn / Emer / Fand / Ferghus mac Roig / Li Ban / Lugaid Reoderg

REMARKS Aeonghus mac Aedh Abrat was a deity from Magh Cruaich famed for his healing songs. One Samhain as Cu Chulainn lay on his sick bed at An Tete Brecc, Aeonghus appeared before him. Ferghus, Conall, Lugaid and Emer, who surrounded his bed, watched as the god chanted healing verses over Cu Chulainn, reviving him from his year-long coma.

Aeonghus then told Cu Chulainn to return to the exact spot on Magh Muirthemni where he had met the two women. Cu Chulainn did this and he found the goddess Li Ban waiting for him.

NAME Aericura
 EPITHET Of the Underworld
 ALTERNATIVE Aeracura / Herecura
 SEX F
 SYMBOL dog
 CATEGORY deity
 TYPE moon goddess / fertility goddess
 CULTURE Pictish - Brigantes tribe
 COUNTRY Germany
 REGION Wurttemberg
 LANDMARKS Neckar

SITES mineral springs at Cannstadt / Sulzbach
 AGE Bronze / Iron
 DATES BC 13th c
 ACCESSORIES key of white / blue / red
 RELATIVES Aericuros, Dis and Sucellos (consorts)
 SEE ALSO Aericuros / Dis / Sucellos
 REMARKS The ancient goddess of the underworld
 (subconscious) was venerated at Cannstadt, a place with
 many mineral springs used for curing diseases of the throat
 and nervous complaints. A stone from the town of Cannstadt
 in Germany depicts her as a goddess of plenty, represented
 by a basket of fruit. The first part of the name Aericura
 may relate to basket (aero) or to copper (aereus).
 Near the town of Ettlingen in the Baden-Wurttemberg
 region, the goddess sits with a basket of fruit while her
 partner unrolls the scroll of life. The god is accompanied
 by a 3-headed dog and Aericura holds a key with the three
 colors white, blue, and red symbol of the moon goddess
 which is based on the corona of the moon.
 In Sulzbach she was sometimes represented with
 Sucellos. This was an ancient Celtic area until the
 Germani tribes moved in during BC 1st century. The
 Brigantes tribe was settled in this area by BC 13th century
 with another branch of the tribe in England.

NAME Aericuros
 SEX M
 CATEGORY deity
 TYPE fertility god
 CULTURE Pictish - Brigantes tribe / Britons
 COUNTRY England
 REGION Northumberland
 TERRITORY Lloegr
 SITES Corbridge
 AGE Bronze / Iron
 DATES BC 13th c
 RELATIVES Aericura (consort)
 SEE ALSO Aericura
 REMARKS Aericuros a Celtic fertility god was venerated
 in the Northumberland area of England. This was the
 territory of the Brigantes who settled in BC 13th century.

NAME Agamemnon
 EPITHET Lord of Many Isles and Argos
 SEX M
 CATEGORY hero / warrior / chieftain
 TYPE chariot warrior / war leader
 CULTURE Achaean / Danann / Mycenaean / Argives
 COUNTRY France
 TERRITORY Gaul / Belgica / Argos
 LANDMARKS Seine
 SITES Troy

CENTERS Troyes (Mycenae)
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 13th c / BC 1240 (defeat of Troy)
 BATTLES Trojan War
 ACCESSORIES ship with oars
 RELATIVES Atreus (father); Aerope (mother); Clytaemnestra (wife); Iphigeneia and Electra (daughters); Orestes (son); Chryseis and Cassandra (consorts); Menelaus and Pleisthenes (brothers); Helen (sister-in-law); Pelops (grandfather); Hippodamia (grandmother); Thyestes (uncle)
 ENEMIES Troy
 SEE ALSO Achilles / Artio / Hector / Helen / Menelaus / Priam
 REMARKS In BC 13th century at the time of the Trojan War, Agamemnon was the head chieftain of Argos (northern France) and was made war leader for the Achaean armies. He came from a very troubled family that had the curse of the gods on them. He continued to aggravate the gods by killing a stag that was sacred to Artio and in revenge she becalmed the fleet he led to attack Troy. To appease the goddess, he sacrificed his daughter Iphigenia. Artio then spirited her away to the land of the Tauri where she trained as a druid.

During a military campaign into the land of the Trojans, the Achaeans destroyed a town of Troad and captured several beautiful women. Out of these, Agamemnon was presented with Chryseis, a daughter of a priest to the sun god. During the 10th year of the war, a plague broke out in a camp of the Achaeans. It was believed that the plague was caused by the father of Chryseis in revenge for his daughter's abduction, so the Achaean army persuaded Agamemnon to return her to her people. Agamemnon then demanded Briseis, Achilles's consort. Achilles withdrew his troops in retaliation and the war began to go badly for the Achaeans.

In an attempt to lure his best battle champion back to the conflict, Agamemnon offered Achilles 7 towns: Aipeia (Eupen) east of Liège; Antheia (Anthée) west of Dinant; Cardamyle (Karden) on the Moselle River; Enope (Enneptal) on the Ruhr; Hire (Irrel) north of Luxembourg; Pedasus (Pedenberg) north of Duisburg; and Pherae (Vervier) east of Liège, all in the region of the lower Rhine.

A bribe of 7 towns, great quantities of wealth and numerous women including Briseis still failed to bring back Achilles. Then fate intervened and Achilles' best friend Patroclus was killed by the battle champion Hector. This drove Achilles into a battle rage and he helped swing the tide of battle back to the Achaeans.

The war ended in favor of the Achaean, and a victorious Agamemnon returned home with a new consort, Cassandra, daughter of Priam. On his arrival he was assassinated by his wife Clytemnestra and her lover. Agamemnon's son, Orestes, revenged his murder.

NAME Agdistis
 SEX F
 CATEGORY deity
 TYPE fertility goddess
 CULTURE Belgae
 COUNTRY France / Belgium / Netherlands
 TERRITORY Gaul / Belgica
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 3rd c
 REMARKS Agdistis was venerated as a fertility goddess in the area since ancient times.

NAME Agrona
 EPITHET Of the Slaughter
 SEX F
 CATEGORY deity
 TYPE forerunner of death
 CULTURE Battle Axe - Ordovices tribe
 COUNTRY Wales
 REGION Ceredigion
 LANDMARKS Aeron river
 AGE Chalcolithic / Bronze / Iron
 DATES BC 3rd mill / AD 47
 REMARKS Agrona was sometimes seen at the Aeron river washing the clothing of those who were going to be killed in an upcoming battle. This was the territory of the Ordovices tribe, an ancient people who arriving in BC 3rd millenium.

NAME Ai mac Ollamain
 ALTERNATIVE Ai (poem) / Aoi
 SEX M
 CATEGORY poet
 TYPE popular poet
 CULTURE Danann
 COUNTRY Ireland
 AGE Bronze
 DATES BC 16th-15th c
 RELATIVES Olloman (father); Ernmas (grandmother); Delbaeth (grandfather); Fiachu (uncle); Magog, Iarbonel, Net and Ordan (ancestors)
 ENEMIES Eogan
 SEE ALSO Delbaeth / Ernmas / Fiachu / Iarbonel / Magog / Net / Oghma / Olloman / Ordan
 REMARKS Ai the son of Olloman was a descendant of Net and Ordan. When Ai mac Ollamain was born, his dwelling was rocked by such great winds that the filidh predicted the boy would become a great man. The chieftain wanted the boy slain but the newborn child pleaded for his own life. He was named "Ai" which means "poem" and grew to become a

famous poet. Ai and his uncle were killed by by Eogan of Imbir Mor.

NAME Aideen
 ALTERNATIVE Aidin
 SEX F
 CATEGORY rigbean (noble woman)
 CULTURE Fianna - Clanna Baoisgne {Bascna}
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY Munster
 SITES Ben Edar (Howth)
 AGE Iron
 DATES AD 3rd c / AD 287 (died)
 RELATIVES Oscar (husband); Oisín (father-in-law)
 SEE ALSO Oisín / Oscar
 REMARKS Aideen was the noble wife of the great Fianna
 chieftain Oscar. When she heard that her husband had died
 in battle, her sense of loss was so great that she
 committed suicide. Oscar's father Oisín buried her under
 an ogham stone on Ben Edar (Howth), the same stone under
 which he himself would be buried a century later.

NAME Aife
 EPITHET The Handsome / Greatest of Female Warriors
 ALTERNATIVE Aifa {eefa, ee-fe} / Aife {eefe} / Aoife
 {eef-ay}
 SEX F
 CATEGORY hero / warrior / chieftain
 TYPE chariot warrior / battle champion / combat
 instructor
 CULTURE Pictish
 COUNTRY Scotland
 TERRITORY The Otherworld - Land of Shadow (Tir na Scath) /
 Albainn
 SITES Isle of Women (Oiléan na mBan)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 ACCESSORIES chariot / horses
 RELATIVES Airdgreime (father); Scathach (sister); Condláe
 (son); Cu Chulainn (consort); Uathach (niece)
 SEE ALSO Airdgreime / Condláe / Cu Chulainn / Ferdíad /
 Scathach / Uathach
 REMARKS Aife was the mightiest of female warriors and
 lived in the Land of Shadow of The Otherworld on the Island
 of Women. When Scathach and her warriors attacked Aife,
 she killed many of her sister's best champions. Aife then
 challenged her sister Scathach to single combat but before
 she could answer, Cu Chulainn appeared and challenged Aife
 to single combat.
 Aife was a superior warrior to Cu Chulainn but he knew
 that her greatest worry was her chariot and her horses. As
 she was about to slay him he yelled for her to look to her

horses and when she turned he captured her.

In exchange for not killing her, he extracted three promises from her. They were: that she and her sister would make peace, that she would bear his child and that she would train the child to be a mighty warrior. She agreed to this arrangement and Cu Chulainn stayed and trained with her until she bore him a son.

Cu Chulainn told her to name the child Condlae and gave her his thumb ring. When the boy was old enough he was to be given the ring and sent out into the world with the geis that he was not to reveal his name to anyone should they ask. Aife also trained Ferdiad, Cu Chulainn's foster brother, and numerous other warriors.

NAME Aige
SEX F
SYMBOL hind
CATEGORY character
COUNTRY Ireland
RELATIVES Broccaid mac Bric (father); Fafne (brother)
ENEMIES Meilge
REMARKS Aige was turned into a hind by a filidh under orders from Meilge, the high chieftain of Ireland, because she refused to marry him. He and his warriors then hunted, killed and ate her.

Aige's brother Fafne was a poet and composed a satire which raised 3 blotches on the face of Meilge. Fafne's act was a serious offense because the high chieftain of Ireland had to be without physical blemishes or disfigurements. Fafne was captured and executed at the command of the high chieftain.

NAME Ailbe
SEX F
CATEGORY rigbean (noble woman)
CULTURE Danann / Goidel / Pictish / Fianna - Clanna Ui
 Tarsigh
COUNTRY Ireland
REGION Meath
TERRITORY Mide / Leinster
LANDMARKS Magh mBreg
SITES Allen Hill
CENTERS Raith Rig - Tara / Raith Almu (Fort of Almain)
AGE Iron
DATES AD 3rd c
RELATIVES Cormac macAirt (father); Ethne (mother); Grainne (sister); Cairbre and Celleach (brothers); Fionn mac Cumhaill (consort); Art (grandfather); Eremon and Tea (ancestors)
SEE ALSO Art Aenfer / Cairbre Lifechair / Celleach / Cormac macAirt / Eremon / Fionn mac Cumhaill / Grainne / Tea

REMARKS Ailbe, daughter of Cormac macAirt the high chieftain of Ireland, fell in love with Fionn mac Cumhaill. When she correctly answered a series of riddles, Fionn invited her to live with him as a consort.

NAME Ailbhinn
 ALTERNATIVE Alvin
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior
 TYPE battle-line / champion
 CULTURE Danann / Goidel / Pictish / Fomorii / Fianna - Clanna Ui Tarsigh
 COUNTRY Ireland / Scotland
 REGION Dublin
 TERRITORY Leinster / The Otherworld - Lochlinners
 LANDMARKS Hill of Howth
 SITES Allen Hill / Dun Kincorrey
 CENTERS Raith Almu (Fort of Almain)
 AGE Iron
 DATES AD 3rd c
 RELATIVES Fionn mac Cumhaill (father); Samhair and Cebha (half-sisters); Aedh, Ailbhinn, Cairell, Daire, Fergus Finnbheoil, Oisín and Raighne (half-brothers)
 ENEMIES Manus
 SEE ALSO Ailbhinn / Cairell / Caoilte / Cebha / Daire / Fergus Finnbheoil / Fionn mac Cumhaill / Goll / Manus / Oisín / Samhair
 REMARKS Ailbhinn and Caoilte and many of the Fianna's best warriors were not invited to a feast given by Fionn at Raith Almu. They were so insulted by this snub that they decided to take their services elsewhere and sailed to the territory of Lochlinners where they took service for a year and a day with Manus, the head chieftain of the Red Shields.
 The wife of the head chieftain fell in love with Ailbhinn and they all had to flee to escape her husband. The warriors of the Fianna decided to head to their summer hunting grounds and the head chieftain of Lochlinners followed with nine of his chieftains and their warriors.
 When Manus arrived at Dun Kincorrey near the Hill of Howth, his champion Erragon waded into the Fianna with his sword. Ailbhinn was at the front of his warriors and he and the son of Leirr as well as 30 other Fianna lost their heads to the champion.
 Finally Goll, champion of the Fianna, challenged Erragon to combat. The two dragons of combat fought for 9 hours with mighty deeds and feats. In the end, Goll was the victor.

NAME Ailell macMailchlo
 EPITHET The Listener

ALTERNATIVE Ailill {al-il, al-ill, ayeleel, el'yill} /
Ailill Estech / Oilill

SEX M

CATEGORY filidh

CULTURE Goidel - Dal nAraide

COUNTRY Ireland

TERRITORY Ulster

AGE Iron

DATES BC 2nd-1st c

BATTLES Cualnge Cattle Raid

RELATIVES Rudraige (father); Maelchod (mother); Sencha
(son); Congal Clairingnech, Bresal Bo-dibad,
Cass and Ross (brothers); Sitric (grandfather);
Ir (ancestors)

ENEMIES Host of Connacht

SEE ALSO Maelchod / Ir / Ross the Red / Rudraige / Sencha
macAilella

REMARKS Ailell macMailchlo's mother was a filidh and his
son Sencha macAilella was known as The Wise Counsellor and
the most respected filidh in Ulster. Ailell used his arts
during the Cualnge Cattle Raid.

NAME Ailill Agach

EPITHET Edge of Battle

ALTERNATIVE Ailbill / Ailell / Ailill {al-il, al-ill,
ayeleel, el'yill} / Oilill

SEX M

CATEGORY warrior / chieftain

TYPE sea raider

REGION Goidel - Eoghanachta tribe

COUNTRY Ireland

TERRITORY Connacht

LANDMARKS Galway Bay / Arans

AGE Ui Néill

DATES AD 7th c

RELATIVES Maelduin (son)

SEE ALSO Maelduin

REMARKS Ailill was a chieftain of a sept of the
Eoghanachta tribe in Thomond of the Arans, 3 islands in
Galway Bay. During a raid on the mainland of Ireland they
camped by a church and he took advantage of one of the
women of the new religion. She gave birth to a beautiful
male child whom she named Maelduin who she then gave to her
sister to be raised as her own.

Ailill was killed by raiders, and when his son
finished training as a warrior he went off in search of his
father's killer.

NAME Ailill Aine

ALTERNATIVE Ailbill / Ailell / Ailill {al-il, ayeleel,
al-ill, el'yill} / Oilill

SEX M

CATEGORY warrior
 TYPE chariot warrior / son of the Ard Righ Eirinn
 CULTURE Goidel / Pictish
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Meath
 TERRITORY Mide
 LANDMARKS Magh mBreg
 CENTERS Raith Rig - Tara
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 6th
 RELATIVES Laoghaire Loc (father); Labraid (son); Ugaine Mor (grandfather); Cesair (grandmother); Cobhthach (uncle); Eremon and Tea (ancestors)
 ENEMIES Cobhthach
 SEE ALSO Cesair / Cobhthach Coel / Eremon / Labraid Loingsech / Laoghaire Loc / Tea / Ugaine Mor
 REMARKS Ailill Aine was poisoned by his uncle Cobhthach Coel in an attempt to get rid of any family members who might have a right to the position of high chieftain of Ireland.

NAME Ailill Anubhaill
 ALTERNATIVE Ailbill / Ailell / Ailill {al-il, ayeleel, al-ill, el'yill} / Oilill Angubae
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior
 TYPE chariot warrior
 CULTURE Goidel
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Meath
 TERRITORY Mide
 LANDMARKS Magh mBreg
 SITES hill of Tara
 CENTERS Raith Rig - Tara
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 RELATIVES Find (father); Eochaidh Feidhleach and Eochaidh Airemh (brothers); Etain Echraidhe (consort ?); Etain Oig (daughter ?); Eremon and Tea (ancestors)
 SEE ALSO Eochaidh Airemh / Eochaidh Feidhleach / Etain Echraidhe / Etain Oig / Eremon / Midhir / Tea
 REMARKS Ailill, son of Find, son of Findlug, fell in love with Etain Echraidhe, the wife of Eochaidh Airemh who was his brother and the high chieftain of Ireland. The frustration of not being able to consummate his love with her brought about a wasting sickness.
 When the high chieftain of Ireland left for his tour of the five provinces of Ireland, Ailill was on his death bed. Believing the end had come, he confided in Etain and told of his love for her. Etain came each day and bathed his face and hands and cut his meat and in 3x9 days he was in good health again.

Now that Ailill was in better spirits he convinced Etain to make a tryst on the hill of Tara the next day. When the time came Ailill slept throughout the day and did not wake until evening. They again made a tryst to meet on the hill and again he slept throughout the day. The 3rd appointment to meet went the same way. When they finally discussed the matter, Etain told him that she had met him each day on top of the hill and had spent the day with him.

It was then that Midhir, a deity of the Danann, appeared and told her that he had taken on the likeness of Ailill and had met with her on the hill. He had used his gifts to make Ailill fall in love with Etain and now he would reverse the process so that he would forget her.

NAME Ailill Dubhdedach
 EPITHET Blacktoothed Ailill
 ALTERNATIVE Ailbill / Ailell / Ailill {al-il, ayeleel, al-ill, el'yill} / Oilill
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior
 TYPE giant / door guard
 CULTURE Danann
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY The Otherworld - Land of Wonder (Tir na Iontas)
 AGE Iron
 DATES AD 3rd c
 RELATIVES Morgan (father); Coinchend (mother); Delbchaem (sister)
 ENEMIES Art Aenfer
 SEE ALSO Art Aenfer / Coinchend / Delbchaem / Morgan
 REMARKS Blacktoothed Ailill guarded the gates of the family fortress on an island in the Land of Wonder.

Ailill could not be killed by any weapon and when Art Aenfer came to the gates of the fortress, he was sharpening his teeth on a pillar stone. Art killed him, gaining entry to the fortress in his search for the beautiful Delbchaem.

NAME Ailill Find Miltenga
 ALTERNATIVE Ailbill / Ailell / Ailill {al-il, ayeleel, al-ill, el'yill} / Oilill
 SEX M
 CATEGORY hero / warrior
 TYPE chariot warrior / Red Branch champion
 CULTURE Goidel
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Armagh
 TERRITORY Ulster
 CENTERS Emain Macha (Navan)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 BATTLES Cualnge Cattle Raid
 ENEMIES Host of Connacht

REMARKS Ailill Find Miltenga was a Red Branch champion who fought for Ulster during the Cualnge Cattle Raid.

NAME Ailill Finn
 ALTERNATIVE Ailbill / Ailell / Ailill {al-il, ayeleel, al-ill, el'yill} / Oilill
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / chieftain
 TYPE chariot warrior
 CULTURE Goidel
 COUNTRY Ireland
 TERRITORY Connacht
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 BATTLES Cualnge Cattle Raid
 RELATIVES Flidhais (wife)
 SEE ALSO Flidhais
 REMARKS Ailill Finn was a chariot-warrior of Connacht and was married to Flidhais the chariot goddess. He was killed during the Cualnge Cattle Raid.

NAME Ailill macMata
 EPITHET Ailill of Leinster
 ALTERNATIVE Ailbill / Ailell / Ailill {al-il, ayeleel, al-ill, el'yill} / Oilill
 SEX M
 CATEGORY warrior / Ri Ruirech
 TYPE chariot warrior / head chieftain
 CULTURE Gailioin
 COUNTRY Ireland
 REGION Carlow / Roscommon
 TERRITORY Leinster / Connacht
 LANDMARKS Magh Ai
 SITES Hostel (Bruidhean)
 CENTERS Dinn Rig / Raith Cruachain (Rathcroghan)
 AGE Iron
 DATES BC 2nd-1st c
 BATTLES Mac Da Tho's / Cualnge Cattle Raid / Gairech & Irgairech
 ACCESSORIES Finnbenach (The White Horned Bull)
 RELATIVES Maga Muresc (mother); Ross Ruad (father); Medbh (wife); Andoe, Athramail, Gaib Uile, Mathramail, Milscothach, Mingor, Morgor and Orlam (sons); Finnabair and Sadb Sulbair (daughters); Finn and Carbre (brothers); Ethne (consort); Furbaide (son)
 ENEMIES Cualnge / Pictland / Ulster / Ferghus / Conall
 SEE ALSO Carbre Niafer / Cethern / Conall Cernacht / Cuillius / Ethne / Ferghus mac Roig / Finn macMata / Finnabair / Froech / Furbaide / Mac Da Tho / Maga Muresc / Mane / Medbh / Orlam / Ross Ruad

REMARKS Ailill was born in Leinster, the son of Maga Muresc and Ross Ruad. Ailill had rights to the leadership of Connacht through his mother and grandmother. He was the only suitor that Medbh, Sovereign of Ireland, would accept. Medbh was the head chieftain of Connacht and her bride price was a chariot worth 21 slave women, a wedding ring the breadth of his face and made of red gold, silver bronze the weight of his left forearm (shield arm), and noble clothing for 12 men. Their union tied Leinster and Connacht together.

Ailill was described as a tall red man wearing a diadem of gold on his head. He carried a hammered sword with a gold hilt in a scabbard of silver ornamented in gold. Before the Cualnge Cattle Raid he called on his uncles to help in the raid against Ulster. Cuillius was his charioteer during the cattle raid.

Ailill congratulated himself on the Host of Connacht having laid waste to Cualnge, Ulster, the land of the Picts, from the end of summer until the beginning of spring. They captured the women, children, horses and herds, and he thought it was time to go to Raith Cruachain on Magh Ai in Roscommon to await the upcoming battle. At the end of the Cualnge Cattle Raid, Ailill made a 7-year peace with Ulster.

Ailill killed Ferghus mac Roig while Ferghus was swimming with Medbh, in revenge for having an affair with his wife. Ailill's wife Medbh helped Conall Cernacht kill Ailill on a Beltainn with a spear while he was swimming, in revenge for his having killed Ferghus.

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| NAME | Ailill Miltenga |
| EPITHET | The Honey-tongued |
| ALTERNATIVE | Ailbill / Ailell / Ailill {al-il, ayeleel, al-ill, el'yill} / Oilill |
| SEX | M |
| CATEGORY | chariot warrior / poet |
| CULTURE | Goidel |
| COUNTRY | Ireland |
| REGION | Armagh |
| TERRITORY | Ulster |
| SITES | Mound of Slane in Mide |
| CENTERS | Emain Macha (Navan) |
| AGE | Iron |
| DATES | BC 2nd-1st c |
| BATTLES | Cualnge Cattle Raid / Gairech & Irgairech |
| RELATIVES | son of Carba |
| ENEMIES | Host of Connacht |
| SEE ALSO | Athairne / Fer Chertnae / MacRoth |
| REMARKS | During the Cualnge Cattle Raid, MacRoth described a company of Ulster poets led by Fer Chertnae as they arrived at the Mound of Slane in Mide. Ailill and Athairne flanked their leader Fer Chertnae. Ailill was described as a bright-faced youth wearing |