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1. The manuscripts; 2. Relationship of MSS P [RIA 24 P 12], G [NLI G 448] and H [TCD 1412 (H 6.8)]; 3. Scribes and MSS; 4. Possible date and scribe of P [err. between 1638 and 1648 by Giolla Pádraig Ó Luinín]; 5. Rawlinson B 512 and the Early Modern version; 6. Additional topographical material; 7. Purpose of additional topographical material; 8. The significance of the Conall Cearnach episode; 9. The significance of further changes in the Early Modern version; 10. The relevance of the Early Modern version [tale reworked between 1567-90, and was written for the MacDonnells of Antrim to justify the murder of Seán Ó Neill (1567) by the MacDonnells]; 11. The redactor of the Early Modern version [a member of the Ó Duibhgeannáin family or Brian Ó Gnímh].

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