

2815. Mac Eoin (Gearóid): The *briugu* in early Irish society.

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Discusses the term *briugu* and the process of promotion from the freemen grades to the noble grades according to early Irish law, and also argues, based on an analysis of their property qualifications and their moral character, that the *briugu* of *Uraicecht becc* and the *mruigfer* of *Críth gablach* (complemented by the *fer fothlai*) are variant designations of the same rank.

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Words/Proper Names:

- *briugu*
- *fer fothlai*
- *flaith aithig*
- *mruigfer*

Author/Textual Sources:

- *Bretha im fuillema gell*
- *Cáin sóerraithe*
- *Críth gablach*
- *Uraicecht becc*