

737. Mac an Bhaird (Alan): Varia: II. Tadhg mac Céin and the badgers.

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Earliest recension of story of Cormac son of Tadhg mac Céin and the badgers (occurring under the lemma *Gaileng* in *Sanas Cormaic*), ed. with Engl. transl. and notes from MSS RIA D ii 1 (Book of Uí Mhaine), TCD 1318 (H 2.16; YBL), RIA 23 P 16 (Leabhar Breac). Story reflects a dietary taboo based on older original meaning of *tadhg* ‘badger’.

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- F 3.2: Literature and learning: Typology: Themes, motifs
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Words/Proper Names:

- badgers
- Cormac (son of Tadhg mac Céin)
- Gaileng
- taboo
- tadhg ‘badger’

Manuscript Sources:

- Dublin, Royal Irish Academy, 23 P 16 (1230) [An Leabhar Breac]
- Dublin, Trinity College, H 2. 16 (1318) [Yellow Book of Lecan]

Author/Textual Sources:

- Sanas Cormaic