

King of Ossory (d. 887), an ally of Olaf and Ivarr. His grandson, Dufthak (Ir. Dubhthach)¹ was the founder of an Icelandic family, and three of his daughters, Kormlöth (Ir. Gormflaith),² Frithgerth³ and Rafarta⁴ married Norsemen. The *Landnámabók* speaks of Kjarval as having been King of Dublin while "Alfred the Great ruled in England . . . and Harold Fairhair in Norway,"⁵ a statement which is often doubted because unsupported by the evidence of the Irish historians ; but it is not at all unlikely, since Cearbhall was remotely connected with the Dublin royal house through his granddaughter Thurithr, who married Thorsteinn the Red, son of Olaf the White.⁶

There is no mention of Authr, Olaf's Norse wife, in the Annals, but we hear incidentally⁷ that Olaf, while in Ireland, married a daughter of Aedh Finnliath, King of Aileach. After he became *árd-ri* (864) Aedh turned against the Norsemen, and having plundered all their fortresses in the north of Ireland marched towards Lough Foyle, where they had assembled to give him battle. Aedh was victorious, and some years after he again defeated the Foreigners, who were at this time in alliance with his nephew Flann ; Flann himself and Carlus, son of Olaf the White being

¹ *Landnámabók*, V., ch. 8.

² *Ib.*, V., ch. 13.

³ *Ib.*, III., ch. 9.

⁴ *Ib.*, III., ch. 12. Rafarta was the wife of Eyvindr the Easterner, "who settled down in Ireland and had charge of Kjarval's defences" (cf. *Grettis Saga*, ch. 3). *Orkneyinga Saga* (ch. 11.) makes Edna (Ir. *Eithne*) another of Kjarval's daughters to be the mother of Sigurthr, Earl of Orkney (killed in the battle of Clontarf, 1014) ; but owing to the chronological difficulty this is hardly likely.

⁵ *Landnámabók*, I., ch. 1.

⁶ *Ib.*, II., ch. 15.

⁷ *Three Fragments of Annals*, p. 151. The same source (p. 173) mentions still another wife of Olaf, "the daughter of Cinaedh," i.e., in all probability Cinaedh Mac Ailpin, King of the Picts (d. 858).