

First Arrivals From The Jungle

The following is the compendium of those first words spoken (other than the local landscapes shown in an earlier report) by the first Black Homo - Sapiens from West Africa as they formed their first settlement on The Isles.

Transport : (BOATS)

Gaal Boat means a 'large boat to carry people or folk'. It is made up of two words in Wolof as follows:

Gaa (Wolof) means people or folks; and

Laa (Wolof) means 'bed'.

It was seen as a large folk bed that floats on the ocean as a sea version of a Volkswagen. It is the traditional boat of Senegal and has contributed to place names and rivers around Ireland and Gáedhel people and language eg. Galway and Donegal. The Isle in the centre of Limerick City (Inish na Geal Dubh) / Island of the black Gaal Boats.

This was the original large sea boat with a lift up in its bow to ride the ocean waves and was used to travel the long distance to The Isles. It can be presumed that the Gauls of France derived their name in the same way.

Gaal-ooker

This is the Gaal boat with a sail and used for long distances at sea carrying more people. Strictly it means the speedy Gaal.
(see hooker boat below)

Currach Boat

This is a traditional sea manual boat seen particularly along the West Coast of Ireland and operates mainly by local people when fishing and moving goods. It is a smaller version of the original bigger Gaal boat. It obtains its name from Cauri (Wolof) = (small) penis of a boy because it splashes everywhere when doing his pee. It refers to a small version of the Gaal boat with an upper lifted bow and used for shorter local travel.

Cashin Boat

This is a boat found mainly at the mouth of the Shannon Estuary and used mainly for fishing only. Its name comes from Cas (Wolof) meaning fishing. The local place and river are also called The Cashin and is famous for fishing. Even today there is a strong flourishing fishing community living there with the local cormorant fish hunting birds.

Hooker Boat

This boat is the fast version of either the Gaal or Currach boats and has raised sails to generate speed. Its name comes from Ooor (Wolof) meaning 'to keep fast' or 'speed'. It is pronounced 'uuuuuuuk-rr'. Its pronunciation espouses the thrill of speed or the fear of it. A monkey screeches. There is no 'h' in Gaelic or Wolof alphabet. The word is also a very rare example that demonstrates the intimate connection between man and monkey. It has been proven from independent professional research that the monkey gives this particular sound when they are been attacked by an Eagle. To understand this deeper, a monkey on the West Coast of Africa gives out a sound that resonates with 'hooker' when under attack from an Eagle. The Crown Eagle when in flight swoops very quickly to successfully prey on the monkey and it was this speed and the power of the wingspan of the Eagle that man learned thus giving its name to their speed boat and hoisting sails just like the wings of the Eagle.

Gandelow Boat

This is a boat used further inland along the Shannon Estuary and near and inside the City of Limerick. Its name comes from Gandex (Wolof) meaning 'wave' and Gannar (Wolof) meaning 'gentle' or 'timid'. Also, from Ptolemy map as shown Gangani. It is a boat made for the quiet and timid waters inland.

Cot Boat

This is a smaller traditional boat used by one man in the smaller tributaries of the Shannon River and others. Its meaning comes from Kot(Wolof) meaning 'alone'.