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Vassiliou's Appointment Welcomed

With the Lisbon Treaty now finally in force throughout the European Union from December 1st 2009, the citizens of Europe expect to see the much hailed benefits of this Treaty. More democratic accountability with meaningful subsidiarity and public consultation promised. So the exact make-up of the new EU Commission was eagerly awaited. However, when the European Commission President, José Manuel Barroso, announced the members of the incoming commission most Irish interest was in the appointment of former Minister, Máire Geoghegan-Quinn to the Research, Innovation and Science portfolio. But for many in the cultural and heritage community, his decision to move the dynamic and hardworking Cypriot Commissioner, Androulla Vassiliou, from Health to the portfolio for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth should be welcomed. Mdm. Vassiliou is the wife of former Cypriot President, Dr. George Vassiliou, and is a distinguished lawyer. She studied Law at the Middle Temple Inn of Court, London and then international affairs at the London Institute of World Affairs. She practiced Law in Cyprus for twenty years until 1988 when her husband was elected President of Cyprus. She became Cyprus's EU



Commissioner in 2008 taking up the Health portfolio. Though the European Parliament has yet to approve Barroso's appointments, the new Commission will assume its functions in January for a term running until October 31st 2014. This Society, like other non-governmental heritage organisations around the EU, appreciates the enormous potential that exists in European cross-national or inter-regional cooperation. However, the voluntary arts, cultural and heritage sectors, in particular, have been slower than other sectors in realising this potential. But that could change next year, especially if there is a will amongst the various European genealogical and heraldic organisations to grasp the opportunity afforded by the theme of the *XXIXth Interna-*

tional Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences to be held at Stuttgart in Germany from September 12th to 17th 2010. The theme is 'Identity in Genealogy and Heraldry' and indeed, this is something that is common to all 27 EU nations—a shared European heritage. The promotion of our shared European heraldic heritage and indeed, the initiation of research into its varied origins and historic symbolism offers an opportunity for the establishment of meaningful and sustainable cross-national or inter-regional projects. EU Funding for such projects could be sourced through a number of schemes. However, from this Society's perspective the promotion of an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of our shared heraldic heritage, for example, must be as an open-access educational leisure activity available to all in the community irrespective of socio-economic or educational circumstances. In this respect, the new Commissioner's portfolio embracing education and culture offers exciting possibilities for the heritage sector throughout the EU. The Stuttgart Congress could be a watershed of new ideas for EU-wide cooperation and, no doubt, Commissioner Vassiliou would welcome proposals. For further info. on the Congress see www.congress2010.info/english

Presidential Inauguration

The Society's third President, **Rory Stanley, FGSI** will be inaugurated at a ceremony to be held at the Evening Meeting on Tuesday 8th December 2009. The ceremony will also include the investiture of four new Fellows of the Society, including the current Cathaoirleach, **Séamus Moriarty** and the Director of Archival Services, **Séamus O'Reilly** who were both appointed by the President. The Society's new Vice-President, **Maj. Gen. David, The O Morchoe, CBE** and the Society's Honorary Herald, **Andrew Tully, MAPM**, will also be invested as Fellows. The new President was

elected by the **College of Fellows** on May 7th 2009 and though he assumed his position on election, it was decided to host the official inauguration at the end of the year. A former Cathaoirleach, **Rory Stanley, FGSI**, succeeds **Tony McCarthy, MA, FGSI**, who held the position from 2005. The Society's first President, **Denis, O Conor Don, FGSI** held the position from 1991 until his death in 2000. The brief inauguration ceremony will be performed by the Vice-Presidents and the current Cathaoirleach. Rory will receive the Presidential Chain-of-Office and then invest the new Fellows

with their warrants of appointment. At his inauguration, Rory, like his predecessor, will be presented with his own personal Coat-of-Arms by the **International Association of Amateur Heraldists (IAAH)**. The Arms were designed and painted by **Andrew Tully** of South Africa on a design concept created by **Melvyn Jeremiah** of Westminster, London. The Society is, once again, very grateful to the IAAH for this wonderful presentation to our new President. These beautifully depicted Arms will be presented to the President, on behalf of the IAAH, by one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society.

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January 2009: National Heraldic Register – To Give Legal Status to Coats-of-Arms / Important Anniversaries Marked / Government, War and Society in Medieval Ireland (review) / The Blood of the Irish / Carroll Collection / Remembrance Sunday 2008 / Dec. 2008 lecture: Ciara Kerrigan on Estate Records at the NLI / Lecture Programme / An Gorta Mór / Irish Emigrants Commemorated / Members' Interests.

February 2009: Amalgamation of Institutions: Meaningful Public Consultation Required / Fire at the College of Arms / The Vikings in Ireland (review) / AGM (notice) / Pallottine Order / Local Elections Exhibition / Vernacular Architecture / Local Historian Honoured (Brian Smith) / Jan. lecture: Brian Donovan on Eneclann / Griffith Portrait / Tanker Tragedy Remembered / Heraldic Badge versus Corporate Logo.

March 2009: Merger – Another Costly Fiasco? – No Comprehensive Plan – No Public Consultation / Reduction in 30-Year Rule? / Annual Report of the Board of Directors / No Records Damaged in Fire / Anne's Grove Estate / Great Blasket Island / Irish Architectural Archive / Clayton Portrait / Feb. lecture: Paddy Waldron on 'The Parker Families of North Munster and Kingstown' / Society's Website (Bartosz Kozlowski) / Glasnevin Cemetery Records / Deansgrange Cemetery / AGM

April 2009: Volunteerism and Voluntary Organisations in these Recessionary Times / One-Name Studies / Converts and Conversion in Ireland, 1650-1850 (review) / 2009 AGM Report / John Roche, MP / Local Elections Exhibition / Magdalene Women Honoured / World Heritage Site / March lecture: John Grenham on 'The Freeman and Trade Guilds Database' / Website News / An 'antiquarian craze' (review)

May 2009: Ombudsman, National Consumer Agency to Examine Heraldic Mess? / Uachtarán Nua (Rory Stanley, FGSI) / March's Library A Mirror on the World – Law, Learning and Libraries, 1650-1750 (review) / Website News / An Unexpected Bonus / Guild of One-Name Studies / The Remarkable Capt. Halpin / Synge Cemetery / Vinegar Hill / April lecture: Jennifer Moore on the 'The Irish Historic Towns Atlas' / Archive News / Permanent Memorial Sought / GSI Annual Journal.

June 2009: Burial Records On-Line – Limerick City Council Leads the Way / Limerick City Arms Confirmed / Fugitive Ireland – European Minority Nationalists and Irish Political Asylum, 1937-2008 (review) / Medal Society of Ireland / Ireland Representative (Pádraic Ingoldsby) / New Fellows to be Appointed / National Award for Kerry / Haydn Score Unveiled / Ulster-Scots Centre Opened / Connacht Tribune / May lecture: Dr. Raymond Refaüssé—'RCB Library' / Ulster Museum to Reopen / GSI Journal (cover photo – British Railways FC, Dún Laoghaire April 30 1949) / National Famine Memorial Day / Archive News / Website News.

July 2009: Public Access to Wills Contested – Campaign to Restrict Access to Beneficiaries? / Minister Rules Out Compensation (pre-May 2005 Arms) / A History of Irish Farming 1750-1850 (review) / Clare Oral History Project Launched / Canoe Returned to Canada / Duddy Papers for NUIG / Archaeological Protection / June lecture: Ellen O'Flaherty—student records of TCD / GSI Board's 100th Meeting / Clarification / 1916 Citizens' Memorial Sought / Archive Volunteers / MOA Launch Delayed.

August 2009: Website Distorts the Historical Narrative / 'A Long, Long Way' (letters from WW1) / Maps in Those Days – Cartographic Methods Before 1850 (review) / Volunteers Sought / At Auction / Redesign of Website / Preserving Our Placenames Heritage / An

Daingean Row Continues / Historic House Guttered / Wicklow War Dead / Conservation Forum / July lecture: Conor Dodd on the [UK] National Archives / Archive News / Heritage Week / Deputy Editor Sought.

September 2009: Looking to Our Diaspora – New Strategies Required for a Global Irish Community / Ten Years On / The Making of British Unionism, 1740-1848 (review) / 250th Anniversary of the 'Black Stuff' / Archive Donations (Aoife Crowley) / Victims to be Honoured / Sporting Database Launched / Bank Plans Opposed / Aug. lecture: Shane Mac Thomáis on 'The Records of Glasnevin Cemetery' / Placenames Heritage (clarification) / The Society's Archive / Drawing of Frieda Carroll by Veronica Heywood / Journal On-Line.

October 2009: Gaelic Chiefs & Chieftains / Outreach Programme / Ulster and Scotland – Vols. 8 and 9 (review) / South goes North / Old Dublin Society / Plantation 400 / Microphone Sold / A Piece of History Goes / Sep. lecture: Gregory O'Connor on the National Archives / Cemetery Projects (St. Canice's Cmty.) / Celebrating Nineteen Years (1) / Heraldically Sixty Years Late? / Deceased Members / GSI Journal.

November 2009: The Last Chief Herald of Ireland? / Honorary Herald Appointed (Andrew Tully) / Early Gaelic Sources & Literature (two reviews) / Population Decline or 'Ethnic Cleansing'? / A Fitting Tribute / Vanishing Names / Dublin's Viking Wall / National Library Book / Death of Werner Heubeck / Sources / Oct. lecture: Dr. Máire Kennedy—Dublin City Library & Archive / Presidential Inauguration / Annual Review of Membership / Celebrating Nineteen Years (2) / Arms & Emblems Register / GSI Journal (Vol. 10 contents).

EDITOR: Many thanks to **Mr James Scannell** for contributing items for publication throughout the year.

Minister Launches Website

The Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism, **Mr. Martin Cullen TD**, on November 25th 2009 launched the website www.irishgenealogy.ie as a free search facility for over 1.3 million pre-1900 baptism, marriage and death records. The website is hosted by the Department and the database currently holds records comprising much of Dublin and Kerry RC Dioceses. Work has commenced on computerising the remaining available records for Dublin and Kerry and the records for Co. Carlow with target completion date of this month. Records for Cork City and for parishes in South and West Cork are being prepared and will be added next. It is intended to have these elements of the project completed in 2010. According to Mr. Cullen, the Department has worked in co-operation

with County Libraries, the board of the former Irish Genealogy Limited (IGL) and local heritage groups in developing the computerised database of Church records available in Ireland. Speaking in Marsh's Library, Dublin, at the launch of the website, Minister Cullen said that 'this launch is an important step in the Church Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths Project. There is much interest in genealogy and in researching family history' and that 'the church records preserve details of the baptisms, marriages and burials' and 'can be narrowed down by parish, by name, by address or by the name of other family members such as parents, sponsors or witnesses'. The Minister added 'in addition to being an important aid to family history and genealogical research the redesigned site

will be an attraction for the Irish Diaspora to visit Ireland in search of their roots.' The Minister told the gathering at the launch that the National Archives of Ireland established a research partnership with the Library and Archives Canada to facilitate digitisation, indexing of the 1901 and 1911 census records. The Census website which was launched in 2007 now holds the 1911 Census records for all 32 counties. The Minister said that the '1901 Census material will be launched on-line early in 2010 and he concluded saying that 'interest in family and local history is a growing pursuit' and this website 'like the Census website it is free of charge.' This Society warmly welcomes the Minister's initiative and congratulates all concerned with this very important development.

GSI Website & Archival Services

As we look forward to the launch of the newly designed website on Tuesday December 8th 2009, the Director of Internet Services, **Bartosz Kozlowski**, **MCSI** has been busy locating photographs for the Society's on-line gallery. Surprisingly it was discovered that few 'official' photographs of the Society's activities actually exist. Whether this was a case of camera shyness on behalf of our Members or Officers of the Society it's hard to say, but Bartosz somehow doubts the 'shyness' excuse. So who has the photos? If anything this recent exercise has highlighted the need for a fully comprehensive photographic record of the Societies activities. It may seem odd that an organisa-



tion promoting the study of family history hasn't adequately recorded its own activities on film or through photographs. So Bartosz is seeking copies of photographs from Members, past and present, of any meetings, projects or other events hosted by the Society since its foundation in 1990. Bartosz Kozlowski can be contacted at b.k.webdesigner@gmail.com

GSI ARCHIVAL SERVICES

The Society's Director of Archival Services, **Séamus O'Reilly, FGSI**, is very pleased with the progress of cataloguing work undertaken by the volunteers in the Society's Archive. The cataloguing of the book collection is nearing completion and yet, it continues to grow each week. However, the painstakingly careful work

on the manuscripts collection needs more volunteers to complete the task. Each volunteer records the details of each manuscript, some dating to the seventeenth century, and this data is then computerised. Eventually the full catalogue will be available on the Society's website. Further research on the manuscript collection is being considered. In the meantime, the Society's Archive which is located at 111, Lower George's Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin is open to Members on Mondays (except Bank Holidays) from 10.30hrs to 16.00hrs. Non-members are advised to contact Séamus at the e-mail address below. Finally, as Séamus is still seeking more volunteers—so anybody interested in helping out in the Society's Archive please contact Séamus O'Reilly, FGSI by e-mail on jsoreilly@eircom.net

Heritage Matters!!

ARCHIVES FOR THE 21st CENTURY

News recently received from the *Federation of Family History Societies* in the UK regarding the UK government's policy in respect of publicly funded archival services shows that our neighbours are prepared to take a fresh look at the delivery and access to such services. It is certainly very much in line with the *'Principle of Public Ownership & Right of Access'* adopted by this Society at our AGM back in October 1997. The [UK] National Archives and the Museums Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) has welcomed the new government policy on archives – *'Archives for the 21st Century'* – which was laid before the United Kingdom's Parliament on 24 November 2009. *'Archives for the 21st Century'* is a strategic vision for the archives sector, and is the first such policy for ten years. Designed to support archive services around the country – particularly publicly funded services – *'Archives for the 21st Century'* outlines the challenges currently facing the archives sector and highlights the important contributions that archives can make to local communities. This policy does not offer a single blueprint for the way forward,

but suggests a range of options that can be applied to short and long term planning in archives, according to local need and priorities. To access the final policy document go to www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/policy/Aft21C

PLACENAMES ON SIGNAGE

Tá bróisiúr eolais nua dar teideal *'Úsáid na Gaeilge ar chomharthaí tráchtá'* foilsithe ag Oifig an Choimisinéara Teanga mar chuid d'fheachtas le dul i ngleic le botúin in úsáid na dteangacha oifigiúla ar chomharthaí tráchtá na tíre. A new information brochure published by the Office of the Language Commissioner (*Oifig an Choimisinéara Teanga*) aims to tackle the many mistakes that appear in the official language versions of placenames on the country's traffic-signs. The brochure – *'Use of Irish on Traffic Signs'* provides a guideline for local authorities and the general public. In addition to the publication of this brochure, available on-line at www.coimisineir.ie in both official languages, a facility for members of the public to report mistakes on the traffic signs has been established. This initiative is in line with this Society's *Placenames Heritage Policy*

presented to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in 2007. Placenames are an important aspect of our local and family histories and the protection of this unique heritage has been a longstanding objective of this Society.

ARCHIVE DONATION

Larry McCutcheon from Tennessee USA has very generously donated to the Society a copy of his family history book *'Our McCutcheon Family'*. It will be a very welcome addition to our Society's Archive. The McCutcheon family of five brothers John, James M, Samuel, William and Robert who with their parents immigrated from Scotland or Ireland and settled in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia in the early 1700s. The history traces the movement of the family in the USA up to the present day. It contains pedigree charts and photographs and a well written and easily read narrative. The information in the book has not been published on the internet nor will it be sold. It is being donated on a limited basis to libraries, historical societies and genealogical archives in the United Kingdom, Ireland and the United States. *Séamus O'Reilly, Archive Director.*

GSI Lecture Programme

On Tuesday Nov. 10th 2009 members heard a very interesting talk by **Gaye Conroy** on *'A tale of Three Families, Hayes, Meldons and Colclough: from Kings-town to Wexford Sloblands and Tintern Abbey'*. The Meldons owned 8,000 acres in five counties, including the Wexford. Sources like the Registry of Deeds were replete with information on members of her family. She used her mother's 85th birthday family reunion to get her bearings before embarking on her quest. Starting with the Hayes family, including Hughie Hayes who died at Gallipoli in World War 1, they were not only propertied, but married into families of a similar social background. One of the Weldons married into the family of the architect Augustus Welby Pugin and a Hayes married Charles Bianconi of the 19th century stagecoach family. Her great-grandmother was a Colclough of Tintern Abbey in south Co. Wexford, a family that was prominent in the social and business life of the county in the early 19th century. She contin-

ues to research her family and what she gave us was a perfect work in progress. *Séamus Moriarty, FGSI*

McGuire - *'The Dictionary of Irish Biography'*. Any suggestions on the Society lecture programme please contact **Séamus Moriarty, MGS** by e-mail on Gazette@familyhistory.ie

GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tues. Dec. 8, 2009— Douglas Appleyard, historian, author and specialist on the author of *Dracula* - *'The Bram Stoker family – a typical 19th century Dublin Protestant family'* **Tues. Jan. 12, 2010** - Tim Carey, Heritage Officer, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Co. – *'In Honour and Memory - Memorials of Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown'* **Tues. Feb. 9**— Stuart Rosenblatt, Vice-Pres., GSI – *'From Immigration to Integration of the Jewish Community in Ireland'*. **Tues. March 9**— Risteard Mulcahy – *'The life of Dick Mulcahy'*. **Tues. April 13** – Adam Byrne – *'Dún Laoghaire Public Library as a resource for the genealogist'*. **Tues. May 11** – Mary Beglan – *'On-Line Sources of Irish Genealogy'*. **Tues. June 8**—James

PHYLLIS FLYNN, RIP

The Cathaoirleach, Séamus Moriarty, FGSI, on behalf of the Board and the Members of the Society, extends his deepest condolences to our friend and colleague, Gerry Hayden, Leas-Chathaoirleach, on the death of his sister Phyllis Flynn on Nov. 25th 2009. Phyllis is survived by her husband Richard and children, Alan, Emmet, Damien, Bernice and Stephen, brothers and grandchildren. Phyllis was laid to rest on Monday Nov. 30th at Mount Venus Cemetery after Mass in her home parish of Ballinteer, Co. Dublin. RIP

Membership Renewals due January 2010

In the annual review of the Membership Packages the Board agreed, under *Res: 09/11/718* to maintain the Annual Subscription for 2010 for Irish and Overseas Members at the level agreed in 2007 of €40.00 to include the following: Member voting rights; optional second household member with voting rights; Membership Card (s); right to use GSI post-nominal; copy of the Annual Journal; monthly newsletter; use of the Society's Archive; monthly meetings/lectures; special prices of up to 50% off selected Society publications; right to register your own assumed Arms or emblems with the Society free of charge; right to have your Club,

School or Institutions assumed Arms or emblems registered with the Society free of charge to a maximum of ten registrations; occasional group projects; Members' internet forum; genealogical, heraldic and vexillological advice; and the facility to publish your research in the GSI Journal. This Membership Package shall be applied as and from Jan. 1st 2010 and be subject to annual review, however, existing Membership Packages shall be honoured until their annual renewal date. Also under *Res: 08/11/636* persons under twenty-five years can still avail of 50% reduction on the membership fee. Membership can be renewed on-line or, if you

prefer, simply download the form and forward it with your remittance to the Society's Director of Finance, **Mr. Denis Ryan, MGS**, 6, St. Thomas Mead, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

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Tuesday Dec. 8th 2009 & Jan. 12th 2010

Evening Open Meeting

Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education
Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire
20.00hrs—22.00hrs

Wednesday Jan. 27th & Feb. 24th 2010

Morning Open Meeting

Weir's, Lower George's Street, Dún Laoghaire
10.30hrs—12.30hrs

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Celebrating Nineteen Years (3)

Continued: Last month we chronicled the period leading up almost to the dawn of the new millennium. This final chapter of this very brief nineteen year history of the Society and its activities will concentrate on the important milestones of its development since then. It was clear to all that the name 'Dún Laoghaire Genealogical Society' had long been a misnomer when one considered the activities and overall reach of the Society. Therefore, in 1999 the Members decided to change the name of the organisation to more accurately reflect its standing in Ireland and the name 'Genealogical Society of Ireland' was adopted. In September 1999, the Society hosted Ireland's first conference on 'genealogy and the Internet' - long before most Members even had access to computers. The Society's first President, Denis, O'Connor Don (elected 1991) died in July 2000 and the position was to remain vacant for five years. The Society's name change was quickly followed by incorporation of the Society in 2000 and an application for a Grant of Arms from the Chief Herald of Ireland. The Arms were presented to the Society at a Civic Reception in the County Hall, Dún Laoghaire in 2001 by the Chief Herald, Brendan O'Donoghue. Thus, the Society became the first genealogical organisation to receive a Grant of Arms from the Chief Herald of Ireland only to be followed five years later by the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland (APGI). In 2002 planning the restoration of the Martello Tower intensified with professionals offering their services for free, architect's and structural engineer's drawings were prepared. The planning application had several hurdles to overcome before work could start in earnest in 2003. Work was finally completed in time for the official opening in September 2004. In October 2005 the Society celebrated its 15th anniversary with the inauguration of its second President, Tony McCarthy, MA, FGSi from Cork who was to hold the position for the next four years. Back in 2000 the Society set out its proposals for legislative reform of the delivery of Irish heraldic services, this was followed in 2002 by its 'Heads of a Bill' and finally by the *Genealogy and Heraldry Bill, 2006*. In addition to this Bill, the Society played a leading and independent role in campaigns on several legislative proposals throughout the decade, including the introduction of the *National Cultural Institutions (Amendment) Bill, 2008*. As the first genealogical organisation to campaign for the release of the 1926 census, this campaign was intensified in 2007 with the production of legislative proposals for the amending of the *Statistics Act, 1993* to give a 'special heritage status' to this census. In 2008 the Society moved its growing Archive to its current location in Dún Laoghaire as a more suitable maritime heritage use is being sought for the Martello Tower. No doubt a fuller history of the Society will be written in due course. But when asked 'why celebrate nineteen years' the answer is simply because a voluntary organisation should honour and recognise the commitment, achievements and goals of its Members, for without such, Irish genealogy in particular would be the poorer.

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www.fourcourtpress.ie*Checkout the Sale Items - 10% Reduction On-Line***The Irish Franciscans 1534-1990**

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the foundation of the Franciscan Order and *'The Irish Franciscans 1534-1990'* edited by **Edel Bhreathnach**, **Joseph MacMahon**, OFM and **John McCaffery** was published to mark this occasion by Four Courts Press. (ISBN 978-1-84682-210-0 : 432pp; h/b €60.00 : p/b €29.95) This collection of essays, arranged chronologically, explores how Irish Franciscans have made history and how they have written history. The book deals with two anniversaries—the foundation of the Irish College at Louvain (Belgium) in 1607 and the foundation of the Order itself almost 400 years earlier. This collection of essays is in two parts, the first is basically historical dealing with the Irish Franciscans from 1534 until 1990 and the second is essentially concerned with the religious, educational and cultural legacy of the Irish Franciscans. The starting year, 1534, relates to the enactment of the Act of Supremacy by King Henry VIII to be followed in 1539-40 by the dissolution of the monasteries in Ireland. Part I—*'The dissolution to the foundation of St. Anthony's College, Louvain, 1534-1607'* by Colm Lennon traces the exile and regrouping of Irish priests on the Continent and the establishment of the Irish Colleges. The central role played by Louvain is explored in *'The role of St. Anthony's College, Louvain in establishing the Irish Franciscan college network, 1607-60'* by Mary Ann Lyons. This network even extended to Prague in the present day Czech Republic and Poland. The mission from Louvain created a distinct entity and this is examined in *'The Irish Franciscans, 1600-1700'* by Raymond Gillespie. Their presence in Ireland right through the turmoil of the 17th century is remarkable in itself and, in many ways, this tenacity had its origins in one of the prominent centres of the 'Counter Reformation' ideology, Louvain. Exploring the era of the 'Penal Laws' poses many difficulties, most notably, the lack of indigenous Catholic records. Indeed, *'The silent century, 1689-1829'* by Joseph MacMahon, OFM, brings home this point with

references to 'strolling', 'vagrant', 'vagabond' friars 'who go about the poor, begging and celebrating mass'. The last four essays in Part I deal with the post-emancipation period up to the present day—*'Reforming and seeking an identity, 1829-1918'* by Patrick Conlon, OFM; *'A second golden age: the Irish Franciscans, 1918-63'* by Mary E. Daly; *'Recovering the charism, 1963-90'* by Joseph MacMahon, OFM and interestingly, *'The Poor Clare Order in Ireland'* by Bernadette Cunningham. Part II is essentially religious however, the first essay *'The Louvain achievement I: the Annals of the Four Masters'* by Bernadette Cunningham is also of general historical interest. Indeed, Cunningham makes the point 'that the Annals evolved out of a Louvain hagiographical project, but took on a life of their own'. The following are the remaining essays in Part II - *'The Louvain achievement II: hagiography'* by Pádraig Ó Riain; *'The theological and philosophical accomplishments of the Irish Franciscans from Flaithrí Ó Maoil Chonaire to Bonaventure Baron'* by M.W.F. Stone; *'A wooden key to open Heaven's door: lessons in practical Catholicism from St. Anthony's College, Louvain'* by Salvador Ryan; *'Collegium S. Antonii, quod Collegium est unicum remidium ad conservandam Provinciam'* (Domnachd Ó Maonaigh, 1617-18) by Mícheál Mac Craith, OFM, written in Irish, MacCraith illustrates the important differences between the dissolution in England and Ireland. Then two essays by Patrick Conlon, OFM *'The secular Franciscans'* and *'Missions and missionaries'* followed by *'Franciscan chalices, 1600-50'* by Malgorzata Krasnodebska-D'Aughton; The penultimate essay *'Irish Franciscan friary architecture: late medieval and early modern'* by Michael O'Neill explores an architecture which is more 'readable' than any cathedral of today. Concluding with an essay by a contributor to the GSI Journal, Ignatius Fennessy, OFM on *'A select prosopography of some Irish Franciscans on the Continent'*. 'Prosopography' now there is an interesting and worthy challenge for any genealogist! **MM**

GSI ARMS REGISTER

The registration process for the Society's new *Register of Arms & Emblems* is currently under construction as it will be essentially an on-line registration process. This will facilitate the uploading of photographs or drawings of Arms and Emblems. The Society is considering systems employed by others especially in the US and the UK. It is expected to have the system fully operative by the end of January 2010, however, Members may, in the interim, indicate their intention to register Arms or Emblems.

**Los descendientes del Dresden**

Buscamos descendientes de los inmigrantes que Febrero de 1889, para que nos cuateen su historia.

We are looking for descendants of the immigrants that came in the SS Dresden to Buenos Aires in February 1889, to tell their story.

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