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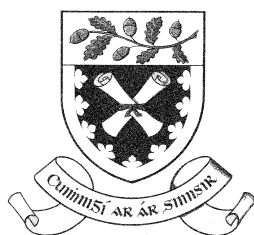
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Family History Month & BTOP

Family History Month and yes it's *Back To Our Past*—again at the RDS, Dublin, from Oct. 12th to 14th. This event is now firmly established on the Irish genealogy calendar and each year it attracts greater numbers to the RDS. All the main players in Irish genealogy, both commercial and not-for-profit, will host stands at the event. The GSI will have Stand No. 53 at the entrance to the lecture hall and, like last year, our volunteers are expecting a very busy time over the three days. This year our neighbouring stand will host the **Irish Jewish Genealogical Society**, the **Guild of One-Name Studies** and making their BTOP debut, the **National Maritime Museum of Ireland**. Robert and Elizabeth Blatchford will launch their latest edition of the very useful *'Irish Family & Local History Handbook'*. This new edition has an article on the Irish DNA Atlas project. Amongst the highlights this year is the *'History Ireland'* Hedge School and, of course, the many lectures by eminent genealogists on a range of topics. For a full listing of all the stands, exhibitors



RDS, DUBLIN Oct. 12-14, 2012
GSI Stand No. 53

and the various lectures, please see: www.backtoourpast.com The *Back To Our Past* event this year undoubtedly takes on an even greater significance as groups and communities around the country prepare for *The Gathering 2013*. For many of these groups and individuals this will be their first experience of the world of Irish genealogy. Hopefully, they'll come away enthused, informed and full of exciting ideas for inclusion in their various events planned for *The Gathering 2013*. Although the designation of the month of October each year as *'Family History Month'* is widely celebrated by our American cousins in their genealogical societies throughout the USA, unfortunately the potential for such a 'linked designation' hasn't been

readily appreciated in Ireland yet. Maybe we can claim to have a *'Family History Year'* coming up next year with *The Gathering 2013*. Besides having our own event, *Bratacha 2013* in May, the Society will host stands at a number of events during the year. Indeed, as *'Ireland's most active genealogical organisation'*, the Society has offered to advise individuals or groups seeking to hold ancestry based events for *The Gathering 2013*. This is essentially *'Team Genealogy Ireland'* in action and hopefully, BTOP 2012 will inspire and encourage many groups to organise a great feast of genealogical and heraldic events for *The Gathering 2013*.

STUDENTS

To encourage students and young people to take up family history research, the Society offers a 50% reduction for persons under 25 years of age. Also, the wonderful commitment of those who take up adult education courses in genealogy is recognised by a similar 50% reduction on the standard membership rate—that's right, Student Membership for just €20.00. See the GSI website.

Genealogy & the 'New Irish'

In years to come Irish genealogists will have huge array of international resources to consult as the lineages of our 'New Irish' are explored. We'll have Irish citizens researching their family history in the resources of any number of the approximately 187 nations, in which, the 'New Irish' can claim ancestry. According to the 2011 Census, the number of foreign nationals living in the Republic increased by 143% to more than a half a million between 2002 and 2011. The Poles make up the

largest national group, followed by those from the UK, Lithuania, Latvia, Nigeria and Romania. In the run up to *The Gathering 2013*, many Irish people talk of our diaspora, however, we are now the home to many diasporas from around the world. Therefore, in planning for *The Gathering 2013*, the Genealogical Society of Ireland is urging the inclusion and participation of the 'New Irish' in this nationwide celebration next year. The Society's main event for *The Gathering 2013* is *Bratacha 2013* [Irish: flags &

emblems] which is specifically designed to celebrate diversity and inclusivity. Indeed, the Society fully recognises that its core objective is to promote the study of genealogy and that includes all nationalities and ethnic groups in Ireland. The Society's Archives & Research Centre, *An Daonchartlann*, is currently preparing to meet the genealogical research needs of the 'New Irish' and therefore, we're delighted to be fully participating in *Social Inclusion Week* from October 13th to 20th 2012.

Danish Troops in the Williamite Army in Ireland, 1689-91

Whether the following publication will have any impact on the announcement that a DNA study by Mary Immaculate College, Limerick and the University of Leicester has been established to examine the levels of 'Viking blood' in the Irish population remains to be seen. However, the existence of Danish troops in Ireland in the late seventeenth century is not widely known. *'Danish Troops in the Williamite Army in Ireland, 1689-91'* by **Kjeld Hald Galster** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-284-1 : 256pp : H/bk : Price: €50.00) was published on July 12th 2012, a day loaded with historical significance and, of course, 'political baggage' in Ireland. Galster provides an account of the role played by a contingent of Danish troops that made up 15% of King William III's army at the crucial Battle of the Boyne in 1690 and at other engagements during the Williamite War. It is not generally understood nor appreciated that William's army was essentially a multinational force and that it was not exclusively Protestant. The war itself had wider European implications and was, in essence, a mainland European conflict centred on opposition to France and her allies played out on Irish soil. The Williamite War, or as it sometimes called the War of the Two Kings, finally destroyed the native and Catholic aristocracy in Ireland leaving the country dominated by a Protestant ascendancy for most of the next two centuries. Galster, as a recently retired senior researcher at the Royal Danish Defence College and a former member of the [Danish] Royal Life Guards, brings a new perspective to the events of the Williamite War drawn from sources in various archives and, importantly, from sources in English, French and Danish. He explains the geo-political connections and concerns of Denmark's King Christian V in the late seventeenth century and how his brother, Prince George was married to Princess Anne

(later Queen Anne) the staunchly Protestant daughter of the Catholic King James II of England, Scotland and Ireland. Deposed in the 'Glorious Revolution' of 1688, James II fled to France to seek the help of Louis XIV and landed in Ireland on March 12th 1689 with an army intent on recovering his three realms. James II having been deemed to have abdicated, his daughter Princess Mary and her husband Prince William of Orange and Nassau were jointly hand enthroned as King William III and Queen Mary II in 1689. The Catholic Irish aristocracy supported the ousted King James II and with military help from France, Ireland was plunged into a disastrous dynastic war that would eventually complete its conquest. Galster takes us through the political intrigue and military planning that brought circa 1000 cavalry and 6000 infantry from Denmark to fight on the side of William III ("King Billy"). The introduction of these battle-hardened troops equipped with the latest flintlock muskets in contrast to the matchlocks still used by the Jacobite infantry proved decisive at the Boyne, Aughrim, Limerick and other engagements of the war. Formally a purely Danish contingent, these troops were actually drawn from the subjects of His Danish Majesty and included Danes, Norwegians, Holsteiners and Schleswigians. Galster points out that, from 1660, Denmark with a population of circa 1.7 million kept a disproportionately large and expensive army. The transportation of this large expeditionary force to Ireland via England and Scotland was a logistical headache for its commander, Württemberg, who left Denmark on November 8th 1689 with 81 ships consisting of 4 frigates, 4 other men-of-war and 72-to-78 men-of-commerce. Galster states that 'war is a business waged in the realm of uncertainty and unpredictability; friction within the war machinery, sudden

change of weather, unforeseen situations and enemy surprise action combine to make the basis for martial decision-making extremely volatile'. With this backdrop he charts the course of the Danish involvement carefully and, as a military strategist, in some detail which is drawn from contemporary reports, including those of Württemberg to Christian V of Denmark. This is an excellent resource for the local or military historian. Although, Galster only provides the names of the various company commanders in the Danish army, his extensive research and the level of detail provided on the Danish involvement in the war wonderfully illuminates a heretofore much overlooked and neglected aspect of the Williamite War. *MM*

BRATACHA 2013

The Steering Group for *Bratacha 2013* appointed the following: Chairperson: **John Paul Durkan**, National Maritime Museum (NMMI); Vice-Chair: *TBA*; Event Secretary: **Frances Fletcher**, Dún Laoghaire Community Association; Financial Controller: **Billy Sauderson**, GSI; Marketing & PR: *TBA*; Programme Manager: **Tom Conlon**, GSI; Facilities Manager: *TBA*; Harbour Events: **Gerry Dunne**, Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company; Exhibition Events: *TBA*; Outdoor Events: *TBA*; School/Arts Events: **Veronica Heywood** (*provisionally*), Éigse Laoghaire; Lectures Coordinator: **Michael Merrigan**; DLRCOo Liaison: **Tim Carey**, Heritage Officer; Military / Garda Colour Party Displays: **John Paul Durkan**, NMMI. Further appointments are pending as this Steering Group has been given the responsibility for coordinating the Genealogy/Diaspora/History themed events for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown by the County Steering Committee of *The Gathering 2013*.

Gaps in the Irish DNA Atlas

As reported several times since its launch last year, interest in the Irish DNA Atlas, a joint academic research project undertaken by **Dr. Gianpiero Cavalleri** of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) and the Society, has been consistently high. However, as the samples are being returned for analysis and mapping, it is becoming clear that gaps in the geographic spread of the project are emerging. It is vitally important that the project samples are drawn from all corners of the island of Ireland. To recap, the main objectives of the project are (1) to further our knowledge of the population history of Ireland and (2) to help us understand how genes influence health in Ireland. Participants continue to be sought from across the island of Ireland and, indeed, from overseas who can trace each of their eight great

grandparents to the same general area of Ireland. Participants are requested to present a Birth Brief (Pedigree Chart) and to provide a DNA sample (kit provided) for analysis. Our Director of Archival Services, **Séamus O'Reilly**, FGSI, has mapped the genealogical data received while the team are the RCSI analyses the DNA samples. Séamus has identified gaps in the coverage and now urgently seeks participants with ancestry in counties along the western seaboard, particularly Co. Limerick, and from the midlands from Tipperary north to Westmeath. However, Séamus will accept suitable participants, male or female, with ancestry from any part of Ireland meeting the criteria regarding their eight great grandparents. Members are asked to assist the project by inviting friends and colleagues to participate in this unique All-Ireland important

academic research project. If you are interested in participating or have a query about participating, please don't hesitate to contact Séamus by e-mail on Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie Also, checkout the project newsletter on the website.

PRIVACY BILL & GENEALOGY

As reported in the May 2012 issue of the *Gazette*, the *Privacy Bill, 2006* was restored to the Order Paper of Seanad Éireann by a number of Senators, however, last month the Leader of the Seanad, Senator Maurice Cummins, placed the 2006 Bill on the Order Paper for Second Stage. The government has adopted the 2006 Bill as its own *Privacy Bill* which has serious implications for the publication of genealogical, biographical and historical research. Section 4 (3) of the Bill must be amended to specifically exclude bona fide genealogical and academic research from its provisions.

Adopted Illegally—Ireland

The campaign for the recognition of the rights to information for persons who were put up for irregular or illegal adoption in Ireland was highlighted on the 'This Week' programme on RTÉ Radio 1 on Sunday 7th October 2012. The campaign is seeking a meeting with the Minister for Children & Youth Affairs, Frances FitzGerald, TD. A piece on the campaign's website www.adoptedillegally-Ireland.com provides an interesting insight into the issue. It refers to a Nurse Doody and to the discovery by her grandson of a *Birth Register* covering the years 1938 to 1968 and contains circa 1,000 entries. Nurse Doody ran St. Jude's on the Howth Road in Dublin and reportedly facilitated adoptions. According to the report, Nurse Doody's grandson offered this *Birth Register* to the authorities in Ireland, however, it seems that nobody was interested in acquiring it. The *Birth Register* is now in the possession of organisers of the campaign to have the

rights of these irregular adoptees recognised and included in the upcoming Adoption (*Information and Tracing*) Bill which is in preparation by the Department of Children & Youth Affairs in consultation with the Adoption Authority. According to the Department's website, the Bill is to provide for a structured and regulated way of providing access to information and contact for those affected by adoption. It is intended that the Bill will provide for the Adoption Authority to have access to records currently held by a wide range of Information Services, give the Authority an oversight role with regard to the maintenance of adoption records and place the National Contact Preference Register on a statutory basis. The Bill will also provide for proactive tracing and reunion services by appropriate bodies for adopted adults, birth mothers and birth families, with the Adoption Authority having the overarching responsibility for the service.

SOCIETY NEWSLETTERS

This Society has published monthly newsletters since April 1991 and from 1993, two per month until the end of 1996. Although *The Genie Gazette* was first published in 1996, only two issues appeared until it replaced the other monthly newsletters in January 1997. It was published monthly until the end of 2005 when it was incorporated into the Society's current newsletter *'Ireland's Genealogical Gazette'* which is Ireland's longest running monthly genealogical newsletter. Visitors to the Society's website can access each issue of *'The Genie Gazette'* from 1996 to 2005. This collection of newsletters and indeed, the later issues of *'Ireland's Genealogical Gazette'* provide an invaluable resource for persons researching the history and development of genealogy in Ireland over the past sixteen or so years, including the various campaigns on legislation and public policy issues relating to genealogy, heraldry and general heritage matters.

James Scannell Reports...

BOOK ON MARTELLO TOWERS

Martello Towers are a familiar type of military fortification found around the East Coast of Ireland and recently Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and Fingal County Council jointly published a new book 'Martello Towers of Dublin' which traces the history of these fortifications built at 28 locations between Bray, Co Wicklow and Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. The towers were built between 1804 and 1805 aimed at being a deterrent to foreign navies, particularly the French, and ironically the type adopted by the British was based on one built by the French in Corsica. The book is full of new information about these structures and contains over 200 photographs.

RECORDING DUBLIN'S COTTAGES

Graphic designer and former architectural technologist Orla Fitzmaurice, Portabello, is planning a massive project of cataloguing all the cottages that were built in Dublin during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Many of the cottages were constructed to replace the decaying and crumbling tenement buildings which had become unfit for human habitation. According to Ms. Fitzmaurice, most of these cottages were built in Dublin 1, 2, 4, and 8, and she is anxious to hear from members of the older

generation who may be able to provide her with stories or information about the people who lived in these cottages during the first half of the 20th century as the only sources of knowledge are the people who lived in or near these cottages as they can remember the streets, their appearance and the people who lived in them. Ms. Fitzmaurice hopes to interview people who currently live in these cottages or have renovated them. For further info. on this project www.cottageology.com/dublin-city-cottages-project or contact Orla Fitzmaurice at e-mail: cottageology@gmail.com.

HERITAGE WEEK 2012

The Heritage Council of Ireland which coordinates National Heritage Week which is held at the end of August every year, has announced that this year's Heritage Week has been the most successful one to-date. 1550 events involving more than 850 organisations and individuals took place during the week while the Heritage Week web-site recorded 70,000 'hits'.

ULSTER COVENANT

On September 28th 1912, 237,000 men signed the Ulster Covenant which opposed Home Rule for Ireland and there is a special exhibition, running until 2014, in the Ulster Museum, Belfast, on this event. *'The Ulster Crisis: Irish*

Home Rule and the Ulster Covenant' exhibition contains dozens of artefacts, postcards, pamphlets, posters, and photographs from the pro and anti-Home Rule movements. A parallel on-line exhibition with about 1,000 images is available at www.nmni.com

LINKS TO MEXICAN WAR

During September the town of Clifden in Co. Galway celebrated its Mexican links by remembering John O'Reilly who formed and led the San Patricio Brigade, a unit of almost 200 immigrants and expatriates who defected from the U.S. Army to fight for Mexico in the Mexican-American War of 1846-48. His role was marked with the twinning of Clifden with the Borough of Coyococan, Mexico City.

TRALEE HONOURS ASTRONAUT

Tralee Town Council has decided to name a rose and shrub lined pedestrian way in honour of American astronaut the late Neil Armstrong who spent four days in Co. Kerry in 1997 to open an exhibition on space exploration at the County Museum. Armstrong used the road through the town park to access Siamsa Tire, the national folk theatre. He also received the 'Freedom of Tralee' at a civic reception hosted by the town council. A plaque will be erected in the near future.

Précis of the September Lecture

On Tuesday September 11th 2012 members were treated to a wonderfully interesting lecture by **Ms. Siobhán FitzPatrick** of the Royal Irish Academy on the topic - *The Records of the Royal Irish Academy as a Resource for the Family History Researcher*. Ms. FitzPatrick firstly briefly outlined the history and function of the Royal Irish Academy (RIA) which is located in Dublin's Dawson Street. The Royal Irish Academy or in the Irish language, Acadamh Ríoga na hÉireann, was founded in 1785 and is Ireland's academy for the sciences, humanities and social sciences. The Academy provides expert advice, manages research projects, publishes books and journals and sustains a library. Election to membership of the Academy is the highest academic honour in Ireland and the Academy has currently approximately 460 members. The RIA library is one of Ireland's premier research libraries containing major manuscript, book, pamphlet and drawings collections on a range of subjects in the sciences and humanities. The manuscript collections can provide useful information for genealogists and local historians. However, as the

manuscripts range from the medieval to the modern and maybe written in Irish, Norman French, Latin or English, prior research is essential. Ms. FitzPatrick pointed to the RIA website—www.ria.ie which provides a listing of the modern manuscript collections and a reasonably detailed description of the contents in each. Most of these modern collections are the personal papers and correspondence of members of the RIA or eminent historical figures. Other collections such as the Dublin Unitarian Church Collection is of a more direct genealogical value as it includes 'A Register of Marriages celebrated by the Revd John Moody and the Revd William Bruce, Ministers of Strand Street, meeting in the City of Dublin' for the period 1782 to 1812 and can be downloaded in pdf format from the RIA website. Another resource of interest to genealogists and local historians is the Ordnance Survey collection. The Ordnance Survey was established in 1824, under the direction of Colonel Thomas Colby, assisted by Lieutenant Thomas Larcom, to undertake a townland survey of Ireland and to map the entire country at a scale of 6 inches to one

mile. However, as much of this information has been published intending visitors are asked to consult the RIA website. Many of the collections of correspondence and, of course, the collections of family papers, mostly relating to prominent landed gentry, have items of a genealogical interest. For further details on the collections see the RIA's website: www.ria.ie

GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME

On Tuesday October 9th - *The Registry of Deeds as an Aide for the Genealogist* by **Dara Guidera** and **Emily Moore**. On Tuesday November 13th - *Richard Griffith (1784-1878), Public Servant, Valuator and Geologist* by **Dr. Patrick N Wyse Jackson**. On Tuesday December 11th - *The Archives of the Royal Dublin Society – some Recent Developments* by **Natasha Serne**. All the Society's lectures are held at the **Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education**, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Directions to the venue on the GSI website: www.familyhistory.ie

GSI MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Review of the Membership Package was undertaken by the Board of Directors at its meeting on Thursday November 3, 2011. It was agreed under **Res: 11/11/689** to keep the cost of the Annual Subscription for 2012 for Irish and Overseas Members at €40.00. The Membership Package for 2012 includes the following: Member voting rights; optional second household member with voting rights; Membership Certificate [**Res: 11/09/859**]; right to use GSI post-nominal; copy of the Annual Journal; monthly newsletter by e-mail; 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

(under construction); genealogical, heraldic and vexillological advice; and the facility to publish your research in the GSI Journal. Special Membership concessions on products and services obtained, from time to time, by the Society. The Board also agreed to provide a number of concessionary rates at €20.00 for persons under 25 years of age and persons attending recognised genealogy courses etc. This Membership Package shall be applied as and from January 1st 2012 and be subject to annual review, however, existing Membership Packages shall be honored until their annual renewal date.

NOTE: In accordance with **Res: 10/09/785** all Membership Packages fall due for renewal on the anniversary of joining—please check your Membership Certificate. Apply on-line at www.familyhistory.ie or if you prefer, download the form and send it to **Mr. Billy Saunderson**, **MGSI**, Director of Finance, 'Suzkar', Killiney Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin, Ireland. *New Members always welcome!*

WILL YOUR RECORDS WELL

In the course of our research over many years we naturally amass a huge amount of paper and computer records. We love these records, we've worked hard to collect the information—it is of great value. Books, photographs, charts, interview notes, copy certificates, parish register and census transcripts—all lovingly collected over many years. But have you made provision for the preservation of your records, files and notes after we die? Don't let your hard work end up as landfill or all of your books be sold off after you've gone. Please make provision in your Will to donate them to the Society's Archives for future generations.

MEDAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Ancestors or relatives who served in the Irish, British, Commonwealth, American or other armed forces or in the mercantile marine of these countries? Checkout the Medal Society of Ireland on www.msou.ie

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JOIN ON-LINEwww.familyhistory.ie**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday Oct. 9th & Nov. 13th 2012

Evening Open Meeting

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

Wednesday Oct. 24th & Nov. 28th 2012

Morning Open Meeting

Hardy's Bar, Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire
10.30hrs—12.30hrs

Contribution €4.00 p.p.

(Coffee/Tea included at Morning Meetings)

1926 CENSUS CAMPAIGN

As a veteran campaigner on legislative and public policy matters this Society fully appreciates that legislative change can be a painfully slow process. Ministers and their officials, sometimes on an interdepartmental basis, take time to carefully consider legislative proposals. However, what progress, if any, has been made on the draft legislation for the early release of the 1926 census returns? The government's legislative programme, which was published after the summer recess, has no proposals for legislation in this area. This Society proffered a simple, straightforward and workable proposal to provide a 'special heritage status' to the 1926 census—the first since independence in 1922 and the first since 1911. Senator Labhrás Ó Murchú sponsored the Society's *Statistics (Heritage Amendment) Bill* in 2010 and restored the Bill to the Order Paper of Seanad Éireann in 2011. Other organisations proffered a "compromise" to the Central Statistics Office (CSO) on a full release of the 1926 census which would involve, if adopted, a redaction of all information appertaining to persons born within the past 100 years. Given that this "redaction proposal" was made in 2011 and if applied then, would have given us the 1926 census returns with no information on persons born between 1911 and 1926. From a genealogical perspective this "redaction proposal" would have given us access to information on persons recorded in the 1911 census but only older, maybe moved abode, changed profession or gotten married. However, information on any children born to such marriages after 1911 would be "redacted". The release of a such a drastically "redacted" 1926 census would not meet the huge expectations of genealogists, tourism bodies or our diaspora. Surely it would be extremely difficult for the Minister to convince his ministerial colleagues of the merits of such a proposal in these challenging times of recession and cut-backs. Maybe it was this realization that produced the apparent modification of the "redaction proposal" by its promoters to cover only "living persons". Unfortunately, this "modified redaction proposal" would require even greater financial resources and, almost certainly, further legislative measures and could even be legally unsound as it would be an impossible task for it to cover all persons recorded on the 1926 census and still alive around the world. Evidently a serious impasse has emerged as the CSO won't budge on its reported acceptance of "redaction" irrespective of its impracticality and costs. Whether these "redaction proposals" have irretrievably damaged the 1926 Census Campaign remains to be seen.

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**WEEKEND COURSES**

Weekend Genealogy Courses recommenced on **September 22nd 2012**. These courses are provided in conjunction with John Hamrock of **Ancestor Network Ltd.** and are specially designed to help beginners unlock the mysteries of their ancestry. Ancestor Network Ltd. is the 'Official Provider' of Genealogy Advisory Services for the **National Library of Ireland** and the **National Archives of Ireland**. The course includes guided tours at the National Library, Dublin City Library and other centres of research. Learn how to be your own researcher. Topics to be covered include the principles of genealogy, computers and the internet, place names and surnames, location and use of census, vital, valuation, church and other records. Practical advice will be shared with participants as they embark on the quest to trace their ancestors. Courses are held at the GSI Archives and Research Centre, *An Daonchartlann*, Carlisle Pier, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, where the major on-line genealogy resources will be covered in a 'hands-on' way for best results. For further info. contact John Hamrock by phone on 087 050 5296 or by e-mail on john.hamrock@ancestor.ie

ARCHIVES & RESEARCH CENTRE

The Society's Archives and Research Centre at the Carlisle Pier (Old Mail-Boat Pier) in Dún Laoghaire, will be open until Saturday November 3rd 2013 as follows: **Monday** evenings from 18.00hrs to 21.00hrs (except Bank Holidays); on **Wednesdays** from 10.30hrs to 16.30hrs (except the 4th Weds. open 13.00hrs) and on **Saturdays** from 14.00hrs 18.00hrs providing family history research advice, free of charge, to visitors to the facility. For directions see www.familyhistory.ie

IRISH LIVES REMEMBERED

The October 2012 edition of the hugely successful 'Irish Lives Remembered' e-magazine is available free-of-charge to read or to download on the link below. The editor and publisher of the ILR E-Magazine, Eileen Munnelly of Dundalk, is to be congratulated on this excellent addition to the range of genealogical publications now available free-of-charge on the internet. Checkout the latest issue and, of course, the four previous issues on the ILR website: www.irishlivesremembered.ie

20th ANNIVERSARY APPEAL

Calling all bibliophiles, academics and authors. Twenty years ago over two million volumes, including priceless manuscripts, were destroyed in the fire that engulfed the National & University Library in Sarajevo on August 26th 1992 during the Bosnian civil war—just over seventy years after we lost our Public Records Office during our bitter Civil War. We all fully appreciate how much of a loss this was to Ireland's archival heritage ninety years ago this month. That is why this Society is proactively supporting a group of Bosnian students seeking donations of contemporary academic works in any discipline to restock their university's library which was totally destroyed in August 1992. Have you any books that you could donate? Please forward donated volumes to: **Mrs Fuada Muslic**, Senior Officer for Publishing, University of Sarajevo, Obala Kulina Bana 7/2, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Tel: 00 387 3322 1946 : E-mail izdavacka.djelatnost@unsa.ba **NOTA BENE:** Please e-mail Ms. Muslic when items are put in the mail to her and include details of sender and contents. An example of what is required by the Bosnian authorities on the Society's website. It's a simple declaration of the contents etc. Please share this appeal with your friends and colleagues. For further information see: www.books4vijeknica.com

JAMES BYRNE 1877-1913

For the centenary of the *Dublin Lockout of 1913* GSI Member, **John Comiskey**, is researching the genealogy of James Byrne, one of the 'martyrs' of the Lockout 1913. James was born in York St. (York Rd.), Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire) on June 22nd 1877 to James Byrne and Ellen Tyrrell. He married Kate Reddin on November 11th 1900 at St. Michael's RC church. James and Kate had the following children, Ellen (b. 1901), Hanna (B. 1903), Kathleen (b. 1904), Mary Josephine (b. 1907), Esther (b. 1908) and James (b. 1910). Esther married Thomas Byrne in 1931. James Byrne (b. 1877) died on Nov. 1st 1913 and at his funeral on Nov. 4th 1913, James Connolly delivered the oration. John Comiskey is seeking to contact the descendants of James Byrne & Kate Reddin. Any info. to eolas@familyhistory.ie

*WHO ARE
THE IRISH?*

**TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS***by John Grenham, MA, MAPGI, FIGRS, FGSI*

The Society strongly recommends that for anyone embarking on their family history quest one essential piece of kit must be John Grenham's 'Tracing Your Irish Ancestors'. This detailed guide has thorough descriptions of all the relevant sources and very useful county-by-county reference listings—all much expanded, fully updated and indexed. See: www.gillmacmillan.com - Price €22.99 [RRP]