



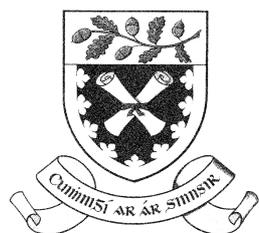
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'The Gathering' and its Legacy

As organisations and community groups around the country are planning and hosting special events to mark 'The Gathering' many, even at this early stage, are thinking of its legacy, if any. These various events may be enjoyable and even very memorable for both organisers and participants alike, but has all this hard work and community endeavour produced anything likely to be sustainable? When all of our overseas family members and, of course, those newly found quite distant cousins have gone back home, tourism bodies may crunch the visitor numbers, but what have our local communities gained for all of their hard work? No doubt, some will see 'The Gathering' in purely economic terms with an increase in seasonal employment to meet the long awaited up-turn in overseas visitor numbers. Others look to 'The Gathering' as potentially providing a watershed of creativity in the cultural and heritage sectors fostering a new awareness, appreciation and knowledge of our nation's history, heritage and culture. Communities coordi-

nated by *Ireland Reaching Out* and other groups have taken up the challenge of researching 'reverse genealogy' and, of course, their own local history. By all accounts, this is a wonderful journey of discovery which reconnects the local communities with its own past and reaches out across the globe to the descendants of our emigrants. Local graveyards are cleaned, surveyed and memorials recorded, school and church registers consulted and local histories written. Many new local history and heritage publications emerge and very often with exciting and original research material. All of this community effort has a legacy potential, inasmuch as, these local publications may contribute significantly to our knowledge and understanding of the history and folklore of the areas concerned. Alas, all too often, copies of these wonderful local publications are never deposited with the local library service and when out-of-print, this material is inaccessible to students, researchers or future generations. Whether the current levels of local history research activity evident in the country for 'The

Gathering' will be maintained and developed by local groups into the future remains to be seen. Nevertheless, the County Steering Groups established to promote 'The Gathering' in each part of the country should be encouraged to ensure that copies of any publications by local groups are lodged with the National Library of Ireland and with their County Library. As the National Library's holdings constitute the most comprehensive collection of Irish documentary material in the world, the opportunity afforded by 'The Gathering' to add to this collection must be promoted by the National Library, the national organisers of *The Gathering Ireland* and the County Steering Groups throughout Ireland. Expanding our national collections would be a wonderful legacy indeed.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Society will be held on Tues. March 12th 2013 at 20.00hrs in Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

BRATACHA 2013

The Society's main event for The Gathering, *Bratacha 2013—Festival of Flags & Emblems*, has been designated as a 'key event' by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. *Bratacha 2013* (Irish for 'flags') will be hosted by the Society in conjunction with the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company, the County Council and the National Maritime Institute of Ireland from May 9th to 11th 2013. There are over twenty-five other participating organisations covering many areas of interest to

the genealogist, historian, local historian, military or naval historian, social historian and, of course, heraldists and vexillologists. The programme is designed to suit both the specialist and the enthusiast—but more importantly, it caters for the curious seeking to learn more about the history, heritage, culture and identities associated with flags and emblems. The lectures and seminars, all free and open to the public, will explore the events that shaped the lives and times of our ancestors as either 'flag wavers' or 'followers'

down through the centuries. Learn how to explore your family's links to these events and what resources are available for your own family history research. The event will also feature an exhibition of flags and emblems, a history and genealogy village, Ireland's first *Heraldic Colloquium*, a major musical event and a 'parade of flags' through the Town of Dún Laoghaire. *Bratacha 2013* is a community event—free to the public—for further details see the website: www.bratacha.com

The Vestry Records of the Parish of St. Audoen, Dublin, 1636-1702

'*The Vestry Records of the Parish of St. Audoen, Dublin, 1636-1702*' edited by **Maighréad Ní Mhurchada** and published by Four Courts Press (ISBN: 978-84682-376-3 : 192pp : H/bk : Price €55.00) is certainly a gem for the genealogist and local historian alike. Following on from her volume on '*The Vestry Records of the United Parishes of Finglas, St. Margaret's, Artane and the Ward, 1657-1758*' which was published in 2007 Dr. Ní Mhurchada has provided us with an excellent insight into the operation of the parish administration of the established church in Ireland. The Church of Ireland (Anglican Episcopalian) was the official or state church in the country and, as an arm of the state, it had many purely secular functions in addition to the care of its own protestant congregation. As the sixth volume in a series published by Four Courts Press in association with the Representative Church Body Library, this volume also provides invaluable access to important archival material which, following the loss of the Public Records Office collections in 1922, allows researchers to examine the social and ecclesiastic life in Dublin parishes from the mid-seventeenth to the mid-eighteenth century. Although the parish registers are extant from 1672/3, the vestry minutes books have not survived and therefore, this volume is a partial reconstruction of these records based on printed extracts from the originals which were published in the '*Irish Builder*' and previously

unpublished transcripts held in March's Library in Dublin. Vestry records are essentially the administrative records of the parochial system, accounts, collections of the local cesses (taxes), maintenance of some parts of the public roadway and bridges, caring for the poor and supporting schools. In these roles the protestant parochial system was charged with catering for the needs of the entire community including the Roman Catholic, Presbyterian and other communities within the parochial boundaries. Dr Ní Mhurchada estimates that the population of the parish for the period covered by the vestry book to be circa 2,500 in 1636, when the book commenced and about 3,500 in 1702, when it ended. This was the period when the proportion of the population professing the Anglican faith was at its highest level, according to Ní Mhurchada trends shown by surviving figures would seem to suggest that in the earlier and later years the Roman Catholics probably constituted a substantial majority of the population of the parish. The provision of lists of those paying the parish cess is of exceptional interest to the genealogist especially since most pre-date extant parish registers. An analysis of the surnames recorded could provide an indication of the social, ethnic and religious make-up of the parish. The influx of easily recognisable Gaelic surnames from the late seventeenth century may suggest either a religious tolerance or an indifference towards the growing Catholic population of the parish

rather than conversion, however, a more detailed analysis would require a comparison with the surviving parish registers. Amongst the entries for Nov. 17th 1673, we find the removal of all the tombs and tombstones from the church to 'preserve the Living from being injured by the Dead who were very shallowly buried, to pave the Church and level it, and to put new mold upon the Deceased..'. Undoubtedly in this volume Ní Mhurchada has provided the local and social historian with an overview of a much overlooked resource. For those with ancestral links to this part of Dublin city, this volume is highly recommended. **MM**

HONORARY VEXILLOLOGIST

The Board of the Society at its February 7th meeting appointed **Mr. Graham Michael Pádraig Bartram, FFI, MGSI**, as Honorary Vexillologist of the Society. Mr. Bartram will advise the Society on vexillological matters, including flag protocols and he is currently the Chief Vexillologist of The Flag Institute in the UK and Secretary General for Congresses of the International Federation of Flag Associations (FIAV). The Board also registered '*Vexillology Ireland*' with the Companies Registration Office under the *Registration of Business Names Act, 1963*. The Society will utilise this business name in its promotion of vexillology in Ireland and overseas.

Ireland's First *Heraldic Colloquium*

Back in 2002, Ireland hosted the *International Congress of Genealogical & Heraldic Sciences* in Dublin Castle. This congress also coincided with the 450th anniversary of the establishment of Ulster's Office by King Edward VI. This 'crown office' was the heraldic authority for Ireland and it remained in Dublin Castle until 1943, some twenty-one years after independence, when the heraldic functions of the office were transferred to London and amalgamated with the Norrey King of Arms. Although Ulster's Office closed in 1943, its operation in Ireland from 1936 was legislatively anomalous to say the least. In 1943, without a proper legislative basis, the State began delivering heraldic services at the newly named 'Genealogical Office' headed by the Chief Herald of Ireland. The 'office' for just over

forty years provided an excellent heraldic service to the State, corporate bodies and individuals from home and overseas. However, in the mid-1980s the 'office' operated in a world of its own which, unfortunately produced the '*bogus chiefs*' scandal and grants of arms which seemed strangely out of step with the constitutional position of the State as a republic. In 1997, the government finally brought in legislation to underpin the operation of the State's heraldic services, unfortunately, section 13 of the *National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997*, is fundamentally flawed. Attempts by this Society in 2006 with the *Genealogy & Heraldry Bill* and in 2008 with the *National Cultural Institutions (Amendment) Bill* to provide a proper legislative basis for Irish heraldry have thus far been unsuccessful. Nevertheless, the Society succeeded in

having the matter included in the *Programme for Government* in 2011. The current state of Irish heraldry is just one of the topics that will be discussed at Ireland's first '*Heraldic Colloquium*' which will be held the Council Chamber at the County Hall, Dún Laoghaire, on Saturday May 11th 2013. International speakers will be invited to discuss various issues relating to heraldry in Ireland in the 21st century and, no doubt, many may view heraldry as something, in which, modern democratic republic's shouldn't dabble. Whatever our views on heraldry are, we cannot deny that heraldic symbols abound in Ireland from sports clubs to local authorities to the State institutions. Ireland's first '*Heraldic Colloquium*' will be open to the public as a free event hosted by *Bratacha 2013*. Checkout: www.bratacha.com

WEEKEND GENEALOGY COURSES

The Weekend Genealogy Courses recommenced on Saturday **January 19th 2013**. 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 provider of the 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 information please contact John Hamrock by phone on 087 050 5296 or by e-mail on john.hamrock@ancestor.ie

IRELAND'S GENEALOGICAL GAZETTE

Past issues of this newsletter are available in pdf format to read or to download free of charge on the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

GSILECTURE PROGRAMME

Tues. **12th Feb.**—'*Dún Laoghaire Harbour and its Board*' by **Gráinne Shaffrey**. Tues. **12th March** (Annual General Meeting)—'TBA—information will be posted on the website. Tues. **9th April**—'*Ancestry.com as an archival resource for the genealogist—present and future plans*' by **Eric Booth**. Tues. **14th May**—'*The Preservation of Old Documents*' by **Christine Deakin**. Tues. **11th June**—'*The Ordnance Survey Office as a Genealogical Resource*' by TBA. VENUE: **Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education**, Cumberland St, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Directions on www.familyhistory.ie The Director of the GSI Lecture Programme, Séamus Moriarty, FGSI, can be contacted at Gazette@familyhistory.ie

James Scannell Reports...

1922 CIVIC GUARDS MUTINY

In the interval between the signing of the Anglo-Irish Peace Treaty in December 1921 and the outbreak of the Civil War in June 1922, one of the priorities for Michael Collins and the Provisional Government was the establishment of a new police force to replace the Royal Irish Constabulary. In the Spring 1922 as the countdown to the Civil War was underway, over 1000 recruits for the new Civic Guards (police force) reported to the Royal Dublin Society, Ballsbridge, Dublin, where they commenced training with some of the instructors being former R.I.C. members which some of the recruits found unacceptable. After a number of weeks, the recruits were transferred to Kildare Barracks where matters came to a head on May 15th 1922 when the recruits mutinied during a Morning Parade address by Commissioner Michael Staines and set about raiding the armoury for weapons, forcing the Commissioner and his entourage to evacuate the barracks much to the annoyance of Michael Collins, chairman of the Provisional Government. In *'The Civic Guard Mutiny'* published by Mercier Press, author Brian McCarthy outlines the reasons and issues that led to the mutiny, the poor handing of recruits' complaints, the efforts made by Collins over a seven week period to reach a reconciliation

with them as the country drifted towards civil war, what happened when this broke out, and the subsequent steps taken by Government to resolve the many issues raised which saw no action taken against the leaders of the mutiny, some of whom went on to have long and distinguished careers with An Garda Síochána.

MUSEUM FOR 1916 RISING

The 'Save No 16, Moore Street' committee has asked An Taoiseach, the Minister for Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht and the Minister for Finance to support its plans to restore 16, Moore Street in the heart of Dublin City where the leaders of the 1916 Rising met before the surrender. The committee proposes a museum extending from Nos. 14 to 17, Moore Street in buildings returned to their original condition with the ground and first floors being used as public exhibition areas including the restoration of battlefield tunnels. Archival exhibits would include the 1916 *Proclamation of Independence* and the letter of surrender. The committee has been campaigning for over ten years to save 16, Moore Street which was scheduled to be demolished in 1999 to create a millennium centre but the development never took place and the committee subsequently managed to get the original plans scrapped. A decision on the museum will be made by Minister, Jimmy

Deenihan, TD, once an environmental assessment has been completed and submitted.

HOLOCAUST DAY IN DUBLIN

Dublin's Mansion House was the setting on Sunday January 27th for a ceremony to mark International Holocaust Day during which candles were lit to represent the six million Jews and millions of others that were killed by the Nazis during World War 2. Music by three composers sent to the Terezin (Theresienstadt) ghetto in Prague and who later perished in the concentration camps was played and sung. The names of hundreds of those killed in the Holocaust were read by school children from all over Ireland. Speakers at the ceremony included Mr. Alan Shatter, TD, Minister for Justice, Ms. Lucinda Creighton, TD, Minister for State for Europe, Holocaust survivors Mr. Tomi Reichental and Ms. Suzi Diamond, the Chief Justice Ms. Susan Denham, and others.



The February 2013 issue (No. 9) of the excellently produced and very popular e-magazine *'Irish Lives Remembered'* is now available to read or to download to your PC *free of charge* on www.irishlivesremembered.ie

Précis of the January Lecture

On Tuesday January 8th 2013, members were treated to a very interesting and informative illustrated talk by Comdt. Pádraic Kennedy on *'Irish Army Records'*. Comdt. Kennedy is the OIC of the Irish Military Archives at Cathal Brugha Barracks in Dublin. The main areas covered by Comdt. Kennedy were the records of Bureau of Military History and the recently released Free State Army Census of November 1922. The Bureau of Military History was established in 1947 by Oscar Traynor, TD, Minister for Defence, to assemble and coordinate material to form the basis for the compilation of the history of the movement for Independence from the formation of the Irish Volunteers on November 25th 1913 to the ceasefire on July 11th 1921. Between 1947 and 1957 the Bureau collected witness statements, voice recording, photographs and press cuttings which are now on-line. Comdt. Kennedy ex-

plained that the Military Service Pension Collection covering the period 1913 to 1923 will be made available on-line. The Military Census of 1922 was explored in detail, however, a search engine for the images is not yet functioning. Finally, Comdt. Kennedy explained the purpose of the Image Identification Project. For further details see: www.militaryarchives.ie

OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Eddie Gahan, would like to thank the volunteers who assisted at the GSI Stand at St. Brigid's, Stillorgon on Feb. 2nd. Eddie is now preparing for a packed programme of events over the next few months, including the Genealogy Roadshow, Dublin City Library & Archives and invitations from Clubs. Elsewhere, the History Ireland *'Hedge School'* at the National Library on Feb. 6th was also a great success with information on the GSI distributed to an audience of circa 140. Checkout: www.historyireland.com

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

It has emerged that the Minister for Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht, Jimmy Deenihan, TD, is to bring in 'technical amendments' to the *National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997*, to provide for the abolition of the Boards of the National Library and the National Museum. The two Boards are to be replaced with a unitary Advisory Council, however, the day-to-day management of the two institutions is to remain with 'independent' directors of the NLI and NMI. There is no indication as to when this Bill will be introduced by the Minister. Meanwhile, it is reported that Deputy Pádraig Mac Lochlainn (Sinn Féin) intends introducing a Bill aimed at providing 'ethnic status' for the Irish Traveller Community. It is unclear as to what extra benefits or entitlements, if any, will accrue to Irish Travellers through 'ethnic status'. Indeed, this move may even prove to be unconstitutional.

GSI MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Review of the Membership Package was undertaken by the Board of Directors at its meeting on Thursday November 1st, 2012. It was agreed under **Res: 12/11/952** to keep the cost of the Annual Subscription for 2013 for Irish and Overseas Members at €40.00. The Membership Package for 2013 includes the following: Member voting rights; optional second household adult member (*18 years or over*) 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 pro-

jects; 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 2013 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, MGSJ**, 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 Feb. 12th & Mar. 12th (AGM) 2013

Evening Open Meeting

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

Wednesday Feb. 27th & Mar. 27th 2013

Morning Open Meeting

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

Contribution €3.00 p.p. Evening & €4.00 p.p. Morning
(Coffee/Tea included at Morning Meetings)

THE GENEALOGY ROADSHOW

The Genealogy Roadshow is Back! Do you think you might be related to someone famous or infamous? Could you be connected to a big event in local history? Need to solve a family mystery? Or just love Genealogy? The Genealogy Roadshow is back for a second series for RTÉ Television! Presented by Derek Mooney it is coming to the Powerscourt House and Gardens, Co Wicklow, on Saturday March 2nd 2013. Derek Mooney and the Roadshow's crack historical and genealogical team will be in the Powerscourt all afternoon eager to help people find extraordinary stories in their family, as well as giving free advice on how to track down a family history. Admission is free to the public and all are welcome but the producers would ask people who are thinking of attending to get in touch because they will be filming twice at 12.30hrs and again at 14.30hrs. Please contact Ciara by telephone on 00-44-28-30834046 or by E-mail on genealogy@bigmountainproductions.com The Genealogical Society of Ireland will have a stand at each of the venues this year, so please do drop by and meet the crew at the GSI Stand. Our Director of Research Information Services & Chairperson of the GSI Social Club, **Eddie Gahan, MGSI**, is seeking GSI volunteers to assist at the stands at Powerscourt, Derry City and University College Cork. If you would like to help out on the stand please contact Eddie on eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com

SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

The Society's Director of Research Information Services and Chairperson of the GSI Social Club, Eddie Gahan, MGSI, has organised the inaugural Society Annual Dinner for **Friday March 8th 2013** at the National Yacht Club, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. This is the first function organised by the new **GSI SOCIAL CLUB** for Members, their families and friends of the Society. The GSI Social Club was formally established on February 1st 2013. The venue overlooks Dún Laoghaire Harbour and with a four-course meal and live music it is exceptionally good value at only €40.00 per person. Should you wish to reserve your place for this special event you can book and pay on-line via the Society's website or, if you wish, you can do so by contacting Eddie Gahan directly by e-mail on eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com Early booking is advisable.

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The Irish DNA Atlas is a collaborative academic research project undertaken by **Dr. Gianpiero Cavalleri** of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), the University of Leicester in the UK and the Society. 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 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, check-out the project newsletter on the GSI website.

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'*. Checkout: www.gillmacmillan.com Price €22.99 [RRP]

CLARE ANCESTRY

JUST PUBLISHED - 'Tracing your Clare Ancestors' by Brian Smith and Gerry Kennedy (ISBN: 978-1-907990-05-2 : 160pp : ills (b/w) : Price: €13.00). Clare families are mainly native Gaelic in origin and include the surnames McMahon, McNamara, O'Brien, Moloney, Ryan, Kelly, McInerney, O'Connor, Keane, O'Halloran, Hogan, Burke, Murphy, Lynch and Walsh. This county always had high levels of emigration, for example, between the years 1850 and 1880 circa 112,000 people emigrated. This book sets out the records available, where they can be accessed, and how they can be used to best effect in tracing Clare families. Checkout: www.flyleaf.ie

SARAJEVO UNIVERSITY

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. 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.books4vijecnica.com

AN DAONCHARTLANN

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archives and Research Centre in Dún Laoghaire, is open each Wednesday from 10.30hrs to 16.30hrs (except 4th Weds. open at 13.00hrs) and each Saturday from 14.00hrs to 18.00hrs. Members are on hand on those days to provide **free family history research advice** to visitors to the facility, however, the use of the resources of the GSI Archives & Research Centre is reserved for members of the Society. Day research membership is available for €5.00 and payable on-line at the GSI website. The Director of Archival Services, **Séamus O'Reilly, FGSI**, placed various catalogues of the Society's holdings on the Society's website, including Deeds, Leases, Aliens Register and others. Séamus is also currently seeking volunteers to assist in archival projects. Travelling to the facility is best by public transport, however, pay-n-display parking is available in the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Area. For directions see: www.familyhistory.ie

*WHO ARE
THE IRISH?***STUDENT MEMBERSHIP**

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, persons who take up adult education courses in genealogy can avail of a similar 50% reduction on the standard membership rate—that's right, Student Membership for just €20.00. See GSI website for details.