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## Release the 1926 Census!

A Bill calling for the release of the 1926 census was presented to Dáil Éireann on Thursday May 9th 2013 by **Seán Ó Fearghail, TD**, of Fianna Fáil, the main opposition party in the Irish Parliament. The Bill seeks to remove the 1926 Census of Ireland from the 100 year closure rule of the *Statistics Act, 1993*, however, this rule did not apply to the census taken in 1901 and 1911 which were released to the public in the early 1960s. The phenomenal worldwide success and popularity of the 1901 and 1911 census returns, which are freely available online, could be matched many times over should the government support the *Statistics (1926 Census) Bill, 2013* which was published on-line on Monday May 13th 2013. The 1926 Census was the first taken after independence in 1922 and the period between the 1911 census and the 1926 census was, without doubt, the most turbulent period of modern Irish history. During that fifteen year period we the 1913 Lockout, the First World War, the Easter Rising of 1916, the General Election of 1918, the meeting of the first

Dáil in 1919 and the Declaration of Independence, the establishment of the Irish Free State in 1922, the Irish Civil War 1922-23 and, of course, huge emigration and economic difficulties. Irish historians and genealogists are becoming increasingly frustrated that promises in the 'Programme for Government' in respect of the release of the 1926 Census have not materialised and that many parliamentary questions seeking to ascertain the progress, if any, on this promise have met with little more than bland 'holding replies'. Clearly the resources for the study of this most important period in modern Irish history are incomplete without the 1926 census which stands like a huge monumental bookend with the 1911 census being the other. 2013 is the year of Ireland's biggest-ever national campaign to bring people home by promoting an interest amongst the Irish diaspora in their ancestral links. The *Statistics (1926 Census) Bill, 2013*, is the fourth bill drafted by Genealogical Society of Ireland to go before the Oireachtas since 2006 seeking the release of the 1926 census. The GSI was the first genealogical organisation in Ireland to

campaign for its release and indeed, in 1993 the Society alone successfully campaigned to have the closure period for census returns reduced from 100 years to 70 years in the *Statistics Bill*, however, despite assurances from the then Minister [Noel Dempsey, TD] in the Seanad, this was not included in the final text of the Bill when it later passed all stages in Dáil Éireann. Therefore, the *Statistics Act, 1993* became law on July 14th 1993 with the 100 year rule intact. The Society kept up the campaign since 1993 with PQs, four Bills and lobbying. The Society urges the government to accept and adopt Deputy Ó Fearghail's Bill as it is merely a technical amendment to 1993 Act and only refers to the 1926 Census and not later census returns. The release of the 1926 census would be a hugely significant gesture during the year of *The Gathering Ireland* and, more importantly, it would provide an essential legacy for this year long event that has enormous potential for the promotion of an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of Ireland and our shared genealogical heritage.

## Ireland's First Heraldic Colloquium

Ireland's first *Heraldic Colloquium* was held on Saturday May 11th 2013 as a part of *Bratacha 2013—Festival of Flags & Emblems*. The *Colloquium* considered matters relating to the current state of Irish heraldic services. Just prior to the *Colloquium*, **Prof. Noel Cox** of the University of Wales at Aberystwyth outlined the current legal position of Irish heraldry and provided the historical context in which Irish heraldry developed. Chaired by **Dr. James O'Higgins-Norman**, Vice Chair-

person, of the Clans of Ireland, participants were drawn from the main bodies concerned with Irish heraldic matters, including the Clans of Ireland, Genealogical Society of Ireland and the Standing Council of Irish Chiefs & Chieftains. **Mr. Florent Battestini** of France stressed the need to 'embrace modernity' in the construction of a framework for heraldry in a republic. **Mr. Seán Murphy** questioned the appropriateness of heraldry in a republic and his concerns over elitism, cost and the legacy of problems with the 'bogus

chiefs' affair were shared by all present. **Mr. Francis O'Donnell** of the Clans of Ireland argued the need for a holistic approach to the provision of heraldic services to include clan/sept arms and a recognition of a distinctively Gaelic emblematic heritage. All participants viewed the government's intention to amend the *National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997*, as an opportunity to address the anomalous legal position of Irish heraldry and to provide for equity of access to heraldic services.

## Précis of the April Lecture

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, **Billy Saunderson, MGSi** spoke on how to carry out research on a manor house. The experience used was that of the presenter in researching the origins and history of Farranseer House which is located in the townland of Farranseer, County Cavan. The house is well known to Billy and dominates the townland where his own Saunderson family have been resident since at least 1813. The house has been in the possession of the current owners for 40 years and was understood to have played a significant role in the lives of people living in the immediate area of County Cavan. The local Cavan newspaper, the *Anglo Celt*, was the first source of information examined by the presenter. Significant news reports of the Faris family who occupied the house until it was sold in 1960 were discovered. The family were active in local Church affairs and were also regular participants in local agricultural shows, winning prizes for horse, livestock and vegetable/flower exhibits. Further information on the Faris family was sourced from the 1911 and 1901 Census returns. Interestingly at the time of the 1901 Census the house was leased to a Methodist Minister, Rev. Thomas Cooke and his family and by the 1911 Census was re-occupied by the Faris family. Farranseer is located in Killeshandra Parish, which is the only parish in Ireland for which the complete 1841 Census is available. The house had a number of guests staying on the night of 6 June 1841 and

also records the presence of 2 female servants and 2 male labourers, confirming its status as a manor house at that time. Billy had also sourced a document—Cavan Presentments 1829, recording payments to the house owner, Alexander Faris, in respect of land acquired from him for the building of a new road connecting two local towns. A collection of photographs of the house, the Faris family and the Saunderson family all added great interest for those present. Examination of the 1836 and 1909 Ordnance Survey maps of the townland illustrated how the house had evolved in that period. The extensive forest around the house, recorded in the 1836 map, confirmed that the house (or a previous house on the site) had existed there for some considerable time. Billy explained how the use of online research had added greatly to his research. The discovery of an online record—The Crossle Report, led to the identification of a Beatty family who had occupied the site since before 1600. The Beatty family were a significant military family and copies of memorials of land grants, wills etc. were available in the Registry of Deeds for examination. Extracts from these were included in the talk and were of great interest to those present. Another source of information highlighted was a manuscript titled—The Labour Accounts of Alexander Faris, Farranseer, 1826-31 in the National Library. This document records details of the names of up to 90 individuals (45 of which are legible) who

were employed in jobs such as Servants, Labourers, Watchmen etc., at the time. Details of wages, conditions of employment, payment locations another information added great information on the locality. The talk was supported by many photographs of the house, former residents of the house, other local families, and maps and documents relating to the house and its locality.

### GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME

**Tues. 14th May** —'The Preservation of Old Documents' by **Christine Deakin**. **Tues. 11th June**—'The Ordnance Survey Office as a Genealogical Resource'. **VENUE: Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education**, Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Directions on [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie) The Director of the GSI Lecture Programme, Séamus Moriarty, FGSI, is currently assembling the list of the lectures for the coming six months which will be published in the *Gazette*. Séamus always welcomes feedback on the Lecture Programme and indeed, any suggestions on possible speakers or topics to be covered. As the only genealogical organisation providing monthly lectures throughout the year, the programme is necessarily varied to meet the needs of all levels of research experience. Contact Séamus by E-mail: [Gazette@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Gazette@familyhistory.ie)

## Bratacha 2013

*Bratacha 2013—Festival of Flags & Emblems* was held in Dún Laoghaire from May 9th to May 11th 2013 as part of the nationwide festival of *The Gathering Ireland*. The GSI was one of four 'lead organisations' on the Steering Group which included Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and the National Maritime Institute of Ireland. The events opened on Europe Day, May 9th, with an official launch in Cabinteely where An Tánaiste, **Éamon Gilmore, TD**, presented the festival flag to **Mr. Graham Bartram**, Chief Vexillologist with The Flag Institute in the UK. Later that evening Mr. Bartram officially opened the *Exhibition of Flags and Emblems* at the National Maritime Museum of Ireland which was assembled by vexillologist, **Stanislav Zamyatin**. The exhibition proved to be an enormous success with the largest ever daily attendance recorded by the

Museum including many overseas visitors. On Friday May 10th the *History & Genealogy Village* and the Lecture / Seminar Programme commenced and continued until 18.00hrs on Saturday May 11th. The lectures and seminars were of exceptional quality delivered by renowned experts in the various subjects covered from genealogy, history, military history, genetics, cultural identities to vexillology. However, attendances, especially on Friday, were far less than expected possibly due to a number of factors including the very inclement weather (cold with heavy showers, some of hailstones), university exams, the specialist nature of the subjects and a looming strike on the provincial bus services forcing overseas visitors to leave Dublin on Friday and Saturday to avoid the stoppage on Sunday. On Friday night the world premiere of 'The Fighting Irish' concert of tunes associated with Irish battles and wars was a phenomenal success with a packed house at the Pavilion Theatre in Dún Laoghaire. The music was pro-

vided by *The Bonny Men* under the direction of **Maitiú Ó Casaid** with the narration by Irish broadcaster, writer and historian, **Myles Dungan**. The concert opened with the first public performance of the 'Ode to Laoghaire' to mark the 1550th anniversary of the death of High King Laoghaire and the dawn of Irish recorded history. The piece was powerfully delivered by actor **Ciarán Kenny** followed by tunes and songs spanning over a millennium of Irish history—in defeat, in victory—the music lives on. At the conclusion of the concert, which was filmed by **Dermot O'Hanlon** and photographed by **Robert MacDonald**, the performance received several standing ovations and the audience were treated to a wonderful encore. On Saturday the *Parade of Flags* through the streets of Dún Laoghaire produced a spectacular vista of colour which brightened up a very dull and rather cold day. Streets lined with flags of the EU States were filled with spectators from all over the world.

## GENEALOGY COURSES

Weekend Genealogy Courses are provided in conjunction with John Hamrock of **Ancestor Network Ltd**. These very successful and popular courses are specially designed to help beginners unlock the mysteries of their ancestry. Classes are small providing better tuition. Ancestor Network Ltd. is the provider of the Genealogy Advisory Services for the **National Library of Ireland** and the **National Archives of Ireland**. The current course began on Sunday April 21st 2013 and 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*, 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](mailto: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](http://www.familyhistory.ie)

### JUSTICE FOR BETHANY SURVIVORS

An alliance of 49 NGOs has called on the Taoiseach to address the unfair position that Bethany Home survivors have been excluded from the Residential Institutions Redress Scheme and the Magdalene Redress Scheme. This exclusion leaves them in a state of vulnerability, uncertainty and in many cases poverty. The Bethany Home (1922–1972) was a religious residential institution in Dublin for women of the Protestant community. It detained women on remand, or who were convicted of crimes from petty theft to infanticide. It was also a religious refuge for prostitutes and a place for unmarried women and their children. Very high infant mortality rates in the home are documented. Surviving former child residents report abuse and neglect. The Alliance has called on the Taoiseach to provide them with a process of non-adversarial redress and to provide assistance to the Bethany Survivors in their attempts to access their records. [*Press Release (extract) —Monday 13th May 2013*]

# James Scannell Reports...

## HORRIFYING FATE OF THE 'NEVA'

Mercier Press has published *'The Wreck of the Neva: The Horrifying Fate of a Convict Ship and the Irish Women Aboard'* by Cal McCarthy and Kevin Todd which tells the story of these women who vanished from Irish and Australian history almost two centuries ago. The 'Neva' sailed from Cork on 8 January 1835, destined for the Botany Bay with 240 people on board, most of them either female convicts, or the wives of already deported convicts and their children. On 13 May 1835 the ship hit a reef just north of King Island off Australia and sank with the loss of 224 lives. Authors Cal McCarthy and Kevin Todd have comprehensively researched sources in Ireland, Australia, and the UK to reconstruct in fascinating detail the stories of these women. Most perished beneath the ocean waves, but for the lucky survivors the journey from their poverty-stricken and criminal pasts continued towards the hope of freedom and prosperity on the far side of the world.

## 600 YEAR OLD MURDER MYSTERY

Archaeologists who uncovered a 600-year old body of a young woman while excavating a Co. Fermanagh crannog site may have a murder

victim as the body of this teenager was not buried in recognised graveyard or in a traditional manner. The skeleton is believed to be that of young woman aged around 18 or 19 years of age and a precise cause of death may be determined when the bones are examined in detail by a bone specialist. The skull of the woman had sustained damage but archaeologists are unsure of happened prior to death or caused by disruption to the site in the intervening centuries. Dr. John O'Keeffe, Principal Inspector of Historic Monuments with the Northern Ireland Department of the Environment suspects that the remains are of someone who probably died suddenly and tragically at this location and was buried there rather than being brought to a graveyard for burial.

## PARDON FOR WW2 SOLDIERS

It's expected that the Irish government will issue a pardon within the next three months to thousands of Irish soldiers who joined the British armed forces during WW2 to fight Nazi Germany. On April 24<sup>th</sup> legislation to grant an amnesty to the former troops - who were black-listed and branded deserters at home - cleared one of its final hurdles as it passed through a committee stage in the Dáil. A Department of Defence spokesperson said that it was now hoped the law would be enacted before the end of July, with Defence Minister Alan Shatter

expected to make an official announcement at the time. Previously Mr Shatter had apologised to the ex-soldiers, who were dismissed en masse from the Irish Army under special powers introduced during the Second World War, known as *'the Emergency'* in neutral Ireland. *The Defence Forces (Second World War Amnesty and Immunity) Bill 2012*, provides for the granting of an amnesty and immunity from prosecution to 5,000 Irish soldiers who fought with the Allies, who had been found guilty by a military tribunal at the time of going AWOL (absent without official leave). Special powers brought in under Emergency Powers Order 362 saw the deserters barred from state jobs, refused military pensions and faced with widespread discrimination. Mr. Shatter has referred to the soldiers as idealists and said people's understanding of history has matured and that it was time for understanding and forgiveness. [Editor: The Bill passed all stages on May 7th 2013 and is awaiting signature by the President]



The May 2013 issue (No. 12) of the excellently produced and very popular e-magazine *'Irish Lives Remembered'* is now available to read or to download to your PC, mobile or tablet *free of charge* on [www.irishlivesremembered.ie](http://www.irishlivesremembered.ie)

## **'County Monaghan Genealogy – home to the little hills'.**

A genealogy course for the County Monaghan diaspora visiting from abroad was announced recently. A unique Monaghan-focused Family History initiative is being organised as part of *The Gathering 2013*. It will provide two 4-day training courses within the county for tourists tracing their Monaghan ancestors. The project is entitled *'County Monaghan Genealogy – home to the little hills'*. It will give participants information on the genealogical sources available, the cultural history of County Monaghan and the diversity of origin of its people. The courses will take place in North Monaghan from Monday to Thursday, 14-17 October, and in Carrickmacross from Monday to Thursday, 21-24 October. The courses are designed for individuals and groups with Monaghan ancestry living overseas and members of Irish societies and social clubs abroad. This project is organised by Clogher Historical Society/Cumann

Seanchais Chlochair, Monaghan County Library and the County Monaghan Heritage Gathering Committee. We would like to acknowledge the support of Cavan-Monaghan LEADER which is funding the project. The project is also being supported by the County Monaghan Fund and Monaghan Genealogy. The project will be delivered by Ancestor Network Ltd, a professional genealogy company. Substantial funding for the project has resulted in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for overseas visitors to come to Monaghan to trace their roots, experience the warmth of a Monaghan welcome and explore its rich culture and history. If you are a native of Monaghan or know someone who might be interested, contact: **John Hamrock**, E-mail: [info@ancestor.ie](mailto:info@ancestor.ie), Tel: +353 87 0505296 or on Twitter: @ancestornetwork, or on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/MonaghanGenealogyTraining](http://www.facebook.com/MonaghanGenealogyTraining).

## **IRISH DNA ATLAS PROJECT**

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. Participants are sought, male or female, with ancestry from any part of Ireland meeting the criteria regarding the eight great-grandparents. Members are asked to assist the project by inviting friends and colleagues to participate. If you are interested in participating or have a query about participating, please don't hesitate to contact Séamus O'Reilly by e-mail on [Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie) Also, check-out the project newsletter on the GSI website.

## **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](http://www.familyhistory.ie) or if you prefer, download the form and send it to **Mr. Billy Sauderson**, 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? Check out the Medal Society of Ireland on [www.msou.ie](http://www.msou.ie)

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**JOIN ON-LINE**[www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie)**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday May 14th &amp; June 11th 2013

**Evening Open Meeting**

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

Wednesday May 22nd &amp; June 26th 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)

**A CAPITAL IN CONFLICT****Dublin City and the 1913 Lockout**

'*A Capital in Conflict: Dublin City and the 1913 Lockout*' edited by **Francis Devine** (ISBN: 978-1-907002-10-6 : 438pp : ills. : Price: €24.95 : Web Price: €22.45) was published by Dublin City Council to mark the Decade of Commemorations 1913-1923. This volume explores aspects of the social, political and cultural life of Dublin at a defining point in Irish history during the 1913 Lockout. In many ways this is an essential read for anyone wishing to fully understand the Lockout and its wider historical context, especially as we, as a nation, intend to mark its centenary later this year. Already plans are being made for exhibitions, lectures and pageants. Although, the well known personalities of the period such as James Larkin, William Martin Murphy, Delia Larkin, James Connolly, Charles Cameron and Hugh Lane feature in the various essays, importantly from a genealogical and social historical perspective in this collection of essays it is the ordinary people of the city, the children, women and men, who shine through the pages of this volume. The poverty and the class divisions of the then 'second city of the British Empire' make for very sober reading in this current era of austerity and economic recession. The essays cover a wide range of topics relating to the Lockout and contextualizing it in a very accessible manner to include the role of women and children; the Gaelic revival; the proposal for a Bridge Gallery to house the Lane collection of pictures; housing, public health and medicine; as well as an overview of the Lockout by Francis Devine and the vitally important international context supplied by Colin Whitston. **Contributors:** Lydia Carroll, Patrick Coughlan, Kate Cowan, John Cunningham, Francis Devine, David Durmin, Karen Hunt, Leeann Lane, Enda Leaney, Ann Matthews, Thomas J. Morrissey, John Newsinger, Séamas Ó Maitiú, Niamh Puirseil, Ciarán Wallace, Colin Whitston. The Editor, **Francis Devine**, is a leading authority on Irish labour history and he was a lecturer for many years at SIPTU College.

**FOUR COURTS PRESS***Irish History, Genealogy, Local History and much more*[www.fourcourtspress.ie](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie)**BOOKS FOR SARAJEVO**

The Society is delighted to announce that it has received around twenty boxes of books for Sarajevo University from **Professor Geraldine Smyth**, OP, Associate Professor in Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies and Head of Discipline for the Irish School of Ecumenics at Trinity College Dublin. The Society will sort and catalogue the books in preparation for their delivery to the University of Sarajevo. Whilst warmly thanking Prof. Smyth and her colleagues for this wonderful donation, we call on all bibliophiles, academics and authors to donate books. Over 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 : or by E-mail: [izdavacka.djelatnost@unsa.ba](mailto: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. Info: see: [www.books4vijecnica.com](http://www.books4vijecnica.com)

**EXHIBITION OF FLAGS**

The *Bratacha 2013 Exhibition of Flags & Emblems* which has attracted much media attention at home and overseas will continue until the end of June at the **National Maritime Museum of Ireland**, Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. The exhibition was assembled by Hon. Curator and Vexillologist, **Mr. Stan Zamyatin**, with an incredibly enthusiastic and gifted team. One of the overseas attendees at Bratacha 2013, **Mr. Florent Battestini** of France, donated a flag of the *Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem* to this unique educational and cultural exhibition. Entry to the exhibition was free-of-charge during *Bratacha 2013*. Normal admission fees now apply. **Open** 11.00hrs to 17.00hrs every day. **Admission:** Adults: €5, Family: €12 and Children under 12: €3. See: [www.mariner.ie](http://www.mariner.ie)

**GLOBAL DIASPORA FORUM**

The Global Diaspora Forum will run simultaneously in Washington and Dublin with a satellite event in Silicon Valley, LA. The Forum is coordinated by the International Global Diaspora Engagement Alliance. The Forum's aim is to challenge diaspora communities to forge partnerships with the private sector, civil society and public institutions in order to make their engagements with their countries of origin or ancestry effective and sustainable. The theme for the Forum is 'Where Ideas Meet Action'. The European-strand is organised by the Irish International Diaspora Centre Trust and will be hosted in Dún Laoghaire on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2013. The Genealogical Society of Ireland will be represented by two delegates at this important international event.

**RESEARCH ADVICE**

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archives and Research Centre, at the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire, is open each Weds from 10.30hrs to 16.30hrs (except 4th Weds. open at 13.00hrs) and each Sat. from 14.00hrs to 18.00hrs. Members are on hand to provide **free family history research advice** to visitors. The use of the resources is reserved for GSI members. Day research membership is available for €5.00 and payable on-line at the GSI website. Travelling to the facility is best by public transport as Dublin Bus and the DART. Pay-n-display parking is available. See: [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie)

**THE BRADYS OF CAVAN**

The second edition of the above book by **Seán Mac Brádaigh, BA**, is now available directly from the author at 56, Ludford Rd., Ballinteer, Dublin 16. Revised and enlarged it is an essential read for all with Brady ancestry or connections. 330pp : Price €30.00 plus p+p €4.00 (IRL) & €6.00 overseas.

**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](http://www.gillmacmillan.com)

**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, for just €20.00.