



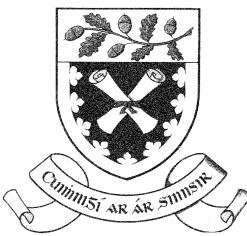
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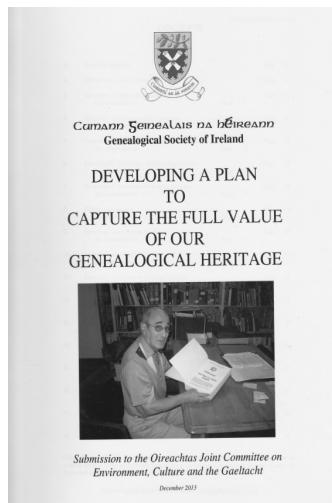
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"The Full Value of Our Genealogical Heritage"

On Tuesday December 10th 2013, the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Environment, Culture and the Gaeltacht will consider submissions by various bodies, including this Society, on '*Developing a Plan to Capture the Full Value of our Genealogical Heritage*'. This very positive initiative was proposed by Catherine Murphy, TD who has championed the cause of Irish genealogists in Dáil Éireann for a number of years. This is an excellent opportunity to finally achieve the comprehensive study of Irish genealogical services that this Society proposed back in 1996 during the debate on the *National Cultural Institutions Bill* in Seanad Éireann. The then Minister, Michael D. Higgins, agreed to commission a study and it was eventually established by his successor, Síle de Valera in 1997. The Heritage Council produced a comprehensive and well researched '*Interim Report*' on genealogical practices in Ireland in May 1998. Unfortunately, the final report published in 2000 strayed so considerably away from its original objective commissioned by the Minister



that it was totally rejected by Minister Síle de Valera and by the directors of the National Library and the National Archives. Recriminations followed with many believing that vested interests had effectively scuppered a very important study on Irish genealogy. The ultimate failure of the process meant that Society's original 1996 proposal to establish a well researched basis, upon which, to formulate a '*National Policy on Genealogy*' was an opportunity lost for almost seventeen years. Therefore, Deputy Murphy's initiative is hugely welcomed, although, lessons must be learned from the

previous attempt by ensuring that the process is open, equitable and transparent. The Society has taken the invitation to make a detailed submission to the Oireachtas Joint Committee very seriously indeed with the production of a 41 page document covering all aspects of Irish genealogy. The Society's submission contains around 70 innovative recommendations and, of course, detailed proposals for legislative measures. The Society's delegates will appear before the Oireachtas Committee on Tuesday December 10th and it is intended to publish the text of the submission on the Society's website. Hopefully, this time we will be able to capture the full value of our genealogical heritage and to finally develop an effective '*National Policy on Genealogy*'.

FOI BILL, 2013

The Society's proposed amendments to the *Freedom of Information Bill, 2013*, were presented by Catherine Murphy, TD on Tuesday November 12th 2013. The amendments sought clarity to the issue of continued public access to the records of the General Register Office. The Minister didn't accept the amendments but gave an undertaking on the issue. Following representations, the Minister is set to consider the matter further at report stage of the Bill.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

As the Society's twenty-third year draws to a close, we can look back on an extremely busy and very productive 2013. The year of *The Gathering Ireland* brought with it a renewed sense of community and communal endeavour in the promotion of an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of our genealogical heritage. The Society and its members, all volunteers, rose to the challenge of participating in events right around the country organised for *The Gathering*. The very successful *Bratach 2013—Festival of Flags & Em-*

blems

was spearheaded by the Society in partnership with the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and our colleagues at the National Maritime Museum of Ireland. The Society's *Outreach Programme*, under the direction of Eddie Gahan, MGSI, had its busiest year yet and invitations are now flowing in for participation at various genealogical and heritage events next year throughout the island of Ireland. Eddie never ceases to praise the enormous contribution to the success of the *Outreach Programme* made by his very dedicated and hard-working team of volunteers. The Board extends its sincere gratitude to all of the members who volunteered to assist at these events helping others discover the joys of genealogical research. The Society's President, Rory Stanley, FGSI, Vice-Presidents, Cathaoirleach (GSI Chairperson) Pádraic Ingoldsby, MGSI and the Board of Directors, wish each and everyone of our members, friends and readers around the world a very happy, Christmas and a peaceful, enjoyable and healthy New Year.

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February 2013: 'The Gathering' and its Legacy / Annual General Meeting / Bratacha 2013 / *The Vestry Records of the Parish of St. Audeon, Dublin, 1636-1702* / Honorary Vexillologist / Ireland's First Heraldic Colloquium / 1922 Civic Guards Mutiny / Museum for 1916 Rising / Holocaust Day in Dublin / Comdt. Pádraic Kennedy – *Irish Army Records* / Outreach Programme / Legislative Matters / The Genealogy Roadshow / Society Annual Dinner / Irish DNA Atlas Project / Clare Ancestry / Sarajevo University / An Daonchartlann

March 2013: Family History Year / AGM 2013 / 'The Fighting Irish' / Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Society / Bratacha 2013 / Free Family History Research Advice / Prof. Kevin B. Nowlan, RIP / Overlooked Hero / 1813 Drowning Tragedy / Talk on Jubilee Nurses / Death of Irish Olympian / Gráinne Shaffrey – *Dún Laoghaire Harbour and its Board* / Annual Dinner 2013 / Irish DNA Atlas Project / New Foundation Established / GSI Annual Journal 2013 / In Memoriam / Sarajevo University / Outreach Programme.

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June 2013: Seanad Éireann & the Cultural Sector / Government U-Turn on 1926 Census? / *Leaders of the City – Dublin's first citizens, 1500-1950* / Christine Deakin – *The Preservation of Old Documents* / GSI Website / 1921 Census Released (Canada) / Down Survey Online / Cork Woman Honour / Fame Victims Remembered / Book Published on Diarmuid Lynch / Irish DNA Atlas Project / The Morpeth Roll / Sarajevo Appeal / Lourdes, France / Free Research Advice / Vexillology Ireland

July 2013: Right of Access to our Genealogical Heritage / Volunteers for Outreach Programme / *The Royal Manors of Medieval Co. Dublin* / An Daonchartlann Upgrade / Leonard Hynes – *The Ordnance Survey Office as a Genealogical Resource* / GSI Website / Richard Hayward Biography / With the Irish in Fron-goch / Readers – End of an Era / Lectures at the NLI / Photos Don't Speak – Capturing the life stories of ordinary people in their own words / Irish DNA Atlas

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September 2013: Accessing Our Genealogical Heritage / Irish DNA Atlas Team / Genealogy and Freedom of Information / Lawyers, *The Law and History* / GSI Branch News (Vexillology Ireland and Heraldry Ireland) / David Snook – *Irish and British Maritime Records* / St. Patrick's Armagh / Weekend Genealogy Courses / Tenement Collapse 1913-2013 / The Myth of the Geraldines / Lockout Talk / Outreach Programme / Irish DNA Atlas Project / From Pogrom to Civil War / The Ingoldsby Gathering / Skilled Volunteers / Free Research Advice / 4-Day Genealogy Course / Business Names Registered

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Précis of the November Lecture

On Tuesday Nov. 12th 2013 members were treated to a very interesting lecture on '*Tracing records of children in care in Ireland c. 1840 to 1952*' by Fiona Fitzsimons who very kindly provided the following précis. This paper is based on my experience since 1996 of working on a number of cases where I was asked to trace an individual orphaned or otherwise separated from their parents, and raised outside their family. It's intended as a 'road-map' for anyone tracing their own record, or the record of any immediate family member raised in care, whether in institutions or private families. To be able to trace surviving records, you need to understand the legislative and administrative framework as this will often dictate what records were made and what survives down to the present day. As legislation changes over time, I've broken this down by period. **Ca. 1840 to 1899.** The 1838 Poor Law Relief (Ireland) Act,

transferred care of orphaned or abandoned children from the parish, to the newly created Poor Law Unions. The key records are the Minutes of the Board of Guardians; births in the county hospitals/ Union Workhouse; and to a lesser extent the admissions registers, where they survive. **1899-1925.** Between 1899 and 1925 records of fostered children were now kept in the County Council Minutes, in the child's county of birth. **1925-1940s.** Following Independence, legislation was passed to dismantle the Poor Law Union system, except in Dublin city and county. Legislation passed in 1924 created new County Boards of Health & Public Assistance, which took responsibility for fostering children. Legislation passed in the 1930s and 40s led to an exponential growth in the number of children taken from their families and placed in care. The only central index for records of children in care from ca. 1930 to the

1990s, is the A.I.R.R. project, prepared to anticipate the public response when the Ryan report was published in May 2009. It can be accessed through the Department of Health & Children Tel. +353.1.635 4190.

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IRISH LIVES REMEMBERED

The December 2013 issue (No. 19) of the excellently produced and very popular e-magazine '*Irish Lives Remembered*' is now available to read or to download to your PC, mobile device or tablet absolutely *free of charge* on www.irishlivesremembered.ie Why not checkout previous issues of this wonderful Genealogy E-magazine on the website above?. The various articles on the resources for researching your ancestors in particular counties provide an exceptionally useful guide for those wishing to further their knowledge of the genealogical, archival and local history resources of these counties.

IRELAND'S GENEALOGICAL GAZETTE

All the past issues of this newsletter and its predecessor are available in pdf format to read or to download or to read *free of charge* on the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

James Scannell Reports...

HUGH O'FLAHERTY

At the end of October a larger than life statue of Monsignor Hugh O Flaherty, the Vatican priest who saved thousands of Jews and Allied prisoners of war during World War 2 by operating an escape and evasion line through the Vatican, was unveiled in Killarney. His escape line was responsible for saving over 6500 Jews, anti-fascists and allied escapees and was considered such a threat by the Germans that marksmen were stations all round the outside the Vatican with orders to shoot him on sight if he left its precincts. His World War 2 exploits have been the subject of numerous books and films. Although he was born in north Cork, his family moved to Killarney where his father was the steward of the local golf club. Those present at the unveiling of this statue included his nephew former Supreme Court judge Hugh O'Flaherty and diplomatic representatives from several countries including Israel, United Kingdom, United States of America and Canada.

LUSITANIA MEMORABILIA

May 7th 2015 will be the centenary of the sinking of the RMS Lusitania off the old Head of Kinsale and currently the Courtmacsherry RNLI Centenary Committee is appealing for artefacts, stories and memorabilia, to form part of an exhibition marking the centenary of this

major maritime disaster off the County Cork coast. They are also calling on family members of those lost or saved in this disaster to contact them to share their stories which will be then be included in the exhibition which will be held on May 2015 bank holiday weekend with the centre-piece being a Lusitania exhibition in the Courtmacsherry lifeboat station and other local venues. Courtmacsherry lifeboat was one of the many vessels that participated in the rescue operation and as part of the exhibition the Courtmacsherry lifeboat crew will re-enact their call to service and row out to the site of the disaster as in they did in 1915 when the calm conditions meant that they could not use their sails and had to row a distance of more than 12 nautical miles to reach the site of the disaster. Please contact the organising committee at lusitaniacentenary@gmail.com all artefacts lent will be returned.

GREYSTONES HISTORY

The second volume of '*Greystones: its buildings and history*' launched in November, continues the process of exploration of the local heritage. Produced by the La Touche Legacy Committee in association with the Greystones Archaeological and Historical Society, it is lavishly illustrated with over one hundred photographs of residential, commercial and other buildings, together with detailed notes on their

architecture and history, and a number of essays focussed on significant locations and events in the town's past. Contributors include Colin Love (architectural editor) and Pat Killilea (photography editor), as well as Sister Anna Power ('The Holy Faith Sisters in Greystones'), Rosemary Raughter ('The Suffragettes and the Chief Secretary: an "amusing scene" on Greystones Pier' and 'A cause for general perturbation: the Greystones railway stoppage of June 1920'), Joseph Davy ('Holidays in Greystones'), Sarah Murphy ('St. Patrick's Church of Ireland') and John Turpin ('The interior of the Church of the Holy Rosary, Greystones'). '*Greystones: its buildings and history, Vol. 2*' is available in Greystones at the Village Bookshop, Leo Ireton's, Mrs. Mooney's and retail outlets in Greystones, Co. Wicklow, price €10.

GALLERY TOUR

On Sunday December 29th there will be a free 60-minute illustrated talk on the '*Neapolitan crib figures, 1850*' with Museum conservator Nieves Fernandez at 3 p.m. in the Museum of Decorative Arts and History, Collins Barracks, Dublin. It will explore the history of the Christmas Crib from its 13th century origins, focusing on the Neapolitan crib, 1850, on display in the Museum over Christmas. Admission free but places are limited and will be allocated on first come basis 30 minutes before this event starts.

WEBSITE REDEVELOPMENT

The Society's website has undergone a number of revamps over the past fifteen years or so, mostly to keep up with technological developments, but also to reflect the many changes in website design features. **Tom Conlon**, Director of Internet Services, has recently totally redesigned the Society's website to make it more user-friendly and to expand its resources. These resources will include collections from our own Archives and, of course, many on-line articles of a genealogical, heraldic or vexillological interest. Other items will be featured, for example, Tom has recently arranged for the wonderful collection of publications and resources published in pdf format on DVDs produced by www.flatcapsandbonnets.com to be made available at a special 20% discount via our website. The producers of these excellent DVDs have decided to donate the full set of 75 DVDs to the Society's Archives & Research

Centre. This collection contains many hundreds of publications of a genealogical or historical interest, including parish registers and memorial inscriptions from Ireland and Britain. The range of these discounts, like the ones mentioned on page 4, will be expanded over time. The redesigned website, still a work in progress, can be viewed at www.familyhistory.ie

BOOKS ARRIVE AT SARAJEVO

As reported last month, with the very kind and generous sponsorship received from the **Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company**, the shipment of a pallet load of academic books collected by the Society has arrived at the University of Sarajevo. The university's library collections were totally destroyed in August 1992 during the shelling and subsequent fire at the National and University Library in Sarajevo during the Bosnian Civil War. The initiative was highly praised in Seánad Éireann by Senator David Norris on Thursday November 28th 2013.

GSI MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Review of the Membership Package was undertaken by the Board of Directors at its meeting on Thursday November 7th 2013. It was agreed under **Res: 13/11/1060** to keep the cost of the Annual Subscription for 2014 for Irish and Overseas Members at €40.00. The Membership Package for 2014 includes the following: Member voting rights; optional second household adult member (*18 years or over*); 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 2014 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 **Billy Saunderson, MGSI**, Director of Finance, 'Suzkar', Killiney Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin, Ireland. *New Members always welcome!*

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 Also, check out the project newsletter on the GSI website.

MEMBERSHIP OF GSI BRANCHES

The Board of Directors has set the Annual Subscription rates for membership (associate) of either *Heraldry Ireland* or *Vexillology Ireland* is €20.00 per annum to include a biannual electronic newsletter and the free registration of Arms in respect of *Heraldry Ireland* and of flags or emblems in respect of *Vexillology Ireland*. Members of the following organisations shall be entitled to a 50% reduction in the Annual Subscription to each (i) Genealogical Society of Ireland; (ii) National Maritime Institute of Ireland and (iii) individual members of Clan/Sep Association registered with Clans of Ireland and, in the case of *Vexillology Ireland*, individual members of the registered member organisations of FIAV—the International Federation of Vexillological Associations which represents fifty similar organisations in around thirty countries. For further details on these new GSI branches see the following websites: www.heraldryireland.com or for *Vexillology Ireland* see: www.flagsireland.wordpress.com

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**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday December 10th 2013 & January 14th 2014

Evening Open Meeting

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

Wednesday January 22nd & February 26th 2014

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)

IRISH EUROPE

'Irish Europe 1600-1650—Writing and Learning' edited by Raymond Gillespie and Ruairí Ó hUiginn recently published by Four Courts Press (ISBN: 978-1-84682-282-7 : 192pp : h/bk : Catalogue Price: €55.00 : Web Price: €49.50) explores the fascinating world of an early Irish diaspora. Although this area of research has expanded in recent years, it still mainly centres on the political, military and religious aspects of the Irish presence on continental Europe in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Whilst these areas are of greatest interest to the genealogist as they chronicle the exploits and life events of individuals. This new publication takes us to another level as it explores the intellectual and cultural environment encountered by these émigrés and their engagement with new ideas of scholarship which gradually shaped and reshaped their world view. This is the fifth volume of essays in a series produced under the auspices of the Irish in Europe Project at NUI Maynooth. Raymond Gillespie in his introduction notes that most think of Irish engagement with Europe at two 'anchor points' namely the early missionaries and then nearly a thousand years later, the wild geese. In the period between the battle of Kinsale in 1601 and the outbreak of rebellion in Ireland in 1641, thousands of first-generation Irish émigrés, from a wide range of social, economic, political, cultural and religious backgrounds, relocated to mainland Europe. Between these 'anchor points' Prof. Gillespie explains that there was much less research interest in the Irish in Europe. This collection of essays explores how the Irish in Europe embraced early modern Europe in ways that created a new sense of a distinctively ancient Irish identity that was essentially European. The impact that many of these émigrés had on Irish historiography, hagiography and on the development of the Irish language in print was considerable and, unfortunately, it is frequently overlooked by scholars. Included in the themes covered by the eight contributors are the impact of this new world on their language, their ways of practising scholarship, the impact of print on a predominantly oral culture and their encounter with towns by those who came from an overwhelmingly rural background. **MM**

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

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 17.30hrs. Members are on hand to provide **free family history research advice** to visitors. The use of the resources is reserved for GSI members, however, day research membership is available for €5.00 and payable on-line at the GSI website. The facility will close over the **Christmas and New Year** period from 17.00hrs on **Saturday December 22nd 2013** to reopen again at 10.30hrs on **Wednesday 8th January 2014**. Travelling to the facility is best by public transport as Dublin Bus and the DART. Pay-n-display parking is available in the Dún Laoghaire area. See: www.familyhistory.ie

CARE FOR YOUR RECORDS

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 them. Books, photographs, charts, notes, certificates, parish register and census transcripts. Have you made provision for the preservation of your records, files and notes after you die? Don't let your hard work end up as landfill or your books to be sold off. **PLEASE** make provision in your Will to have your records donated to the care of the Society's Archives for future generations.

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

The Society strongly recommends to anyone embarking on their family history quest that one essential piece of kit must be, without doubt, a copy of the latest edition of '*Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*'. Please checkout the website www.gillmacmillan.com Price €22.99 [RRP].

Revolution in Dublin

'Revolution in Dublin: A Photographic History 1913-23' by Liz Gillis, published by Mercier Press. This book is an excellent photographic history of the revolutionary period in Ireland's capital city compiled by Liz Gillis drawing from a variety of sources. The period 1913–23 in Dublin encompassed the Lockout, the Home Rule debates, the First World War, the Easter Rising, the War of Independence, and the Civil War. These iconic events not only created the Ireland we live in today, but also helped generate change around the world. In these years Ireland went from being a loyal dominion of Great Britain to being the country that would initiate the demise of her Empire. The 1913-23 period has generated intrigue, excitement, inspiration and anger among generations of people and interest in the period shows no sign of waning. Much has been written on the iconic events and key figures of the period, but this book shows through fascinating photographs the story of the thousands of ordinary people who were involved in all these events, either as active participants, or those just trying to live through the upheaval. It gives a fascinating insight into the Dublin of the day. Author Liz Gillis is from Dublin and worked as a local history researcher in the St. Nicholas of Myra centre from 2004 to 2006 during which time she collaborated on a number of exhibitions relating to the history of Dublin. She now works in Kilmainham Gaol as a tour guide. She also organises walking tours on the history of the Dublin 8 area. She is also the author of '*The Fall of Dublin*', which is part of Mercier's Military History of the Irish Civil War series. **'Revolution in Dublin: A Photographic History 1913-23'** is published in paperback by Mercier Press, Ireland's oldest independent publishing house, based in Cork at €15.99.

*James Scannell***EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS**

Members of the Genealogical Society of Ireland are entitled to the following discounts on on-line genealogical products which greatly enhance your research resources. Whilst access to these resources is free to members at the Society's Archive and Research Centre, it is also recommended that members avail of these discounts to have access from their own homes. **Findmypast Ireland** 50% discount www.findmypast.ie and the **Irish Newspaper Archives** 25% discount www.irishnewspaperarchive.com A system is being put in place to avail of these exclusive discounts directly, however, in the meantime please contact the Membership Director on membership@familyhistory.ie

FOUR COURTS PRESS*Irish History, Genealogy, Local History and much more*www.fourcourtspress.ie**LECTURE PROGRAMME**

Tues. December 10th – '*The resources of Ancestry.com as a support for the Genealogist*' by Eric Booth. **Tues. Jan. 14th 2014** — '*Kingstown—Dún Laoghaire and the 1913 Lockout*' by Charles Callan. **VENUE:** Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Directions on www.familyhistory.ie The programme of monthly lectures is varied to meet the needs of all levels of research experience. **Séamus Moriarty**, FGSI Director, GSI Lecture Programme, is assembling the list of speakers for 2014. E-mail: Gazette@familyhistory.ie

CAR PARKING AT COLLEGE

Members are advised that car-parking facilities at the Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education are very limited, especially during the college terms. Therefore, the Society advises all attending the lectures that the most convenient option is to use public transport. Dublin Bus nos. 7, 7A, 46A and 75 all serve the college or streets adjacent. DART services to Salthill & Monkstown are only a short walk from the college. On street car-parking is usually available in the area also.

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.msoi.eu

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.