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Right of Access to our Genealogical Heritage

Back in 1997, our Members formulated and formally endorsed the *'Principle of Public Ownership & Right of Access'* to our genealogical heritage. This fundamental 'principle' is the cornerstone of the Society's many legislative and public policy campaigns and indeed, it has been endorsed by the more progressive custodians of records of genealogical potential. Recently, in a report launched on Wednesday 26th June 2013 an Oireachtas (Parliamentary) Committee has recommended that the Freedom of Information legislation should be extended to all new bodies. In the following extract under *'Observations'* (pages 11/12) the issue of **Genealogy - 'Personal information on individual citizens held by the State' OR 'Public information held on individual citizens by the State'** was very carefully considered. This issue runs to the heart of the debate regarding the records held by the General Regier Office in Dublin. The following paragraphs should be of considerable interest to all genealogists, biographers, historians and other researchers. ► **The Joint Committee**, given the 'Gathering' and the growing desire among those wishing to research their Irish heritage, notes that access to genealogical records is an important issue. The Joint Committee considers that the Freedom of Information legislation should be expanded to include the records of the General Register

Office. The legislation should be specific in regarding these records as 'public information held on individual citizens by the State' as this should ensure public access and allow genealogical research. ► **The Joint Committee** is concerned that, without this, genealogical records could or would be classified as 'personal information on individual citizens held by the State' and, therefore, there could result the unintended consequence of narrowing, rather than broadening, access for genealogical research. Access in those circumstances could require any requestor for information to establish a personal familial link with the individual recorded in order to have access to the information. ► **The Joint Committee** does not wish to be prescriptive in regard to the inclusion of genealogical research under the Act as the Joint Committee notes that this would require a definition of 'genealogy'; for example, would 'genealogy' be the study of any family or individual whether related to the researcher or not; or could 'genealogy' be interpreted as 'one researching ones own ancestry' - the latter would have a very negative impact on public accessibility to such records. ► **Therefore**, given the above concerns the Joint Committee consider it appropriate to seek the inclusion, in the legislation, of the following as a guiding principle by which record holders (State and State Agencies) would give public access to records with a genealogical potential by the inclusion of a Sec-

tion that states that the legislation endorses and fully supports the *'Principle of Public Ownership and Right of Access to our Genealogical heritage'* - this will allow Statutory Instruments and Departmental Guidelines to take cognisance of this Principle when assessing public accessibility to records with a genealogical potential. ► **The Joint Committee** note that such a principle may have no implications for copyright as the Joint Committee's understanding is that copyright, as such, does not exist in respect of Parish Registers. (end text). In the meantime, the Society was contacted by the **Genealogical Society of Finland** raising its concerns over proposed revised Data Protection Legislation being considered by the European Union. The Finns, Swedes, Estonians and others see the difficulties that may arise for access to records of births or marriage, for example, of living persons as these records would be considered as 'information on a subject defined as an identified natural person'. The interpretation of such an EU Directive could have enormous consequences for the public access to the records of the GRO and therefore, the various national genealogical societies including this Society have lobbied to have genealogy excluded from the EU Data Protection Legislation and that the *'Principle of Public Ownership & Right of Access'* be upheld by the European Union.

Volunteers for Outreach Programme

The Society's Outreach Programme has proven to be one of the most successful activities organised by the Society over the past few years. The programme has seen the Society participate in events all over the island of Ireland. The Board considers the GSI Outreach Programme to be one of the core functions of the Society promoting an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of our genealogical heritage throughout Ireland. Recently the Outreach Programme has facilitated family

history research sessions at events organised for *The Gathering Ireland* and this is set to continue during the remainder of the year. To meet the increasing demand for the provision of a GSI Stand at events around the country, the Director of the Society's Outreach Programme, **Eddie Gahan, MGSI**, is seeking a number of volunteers to assist him with the provision of the Society's stands on the following dates: **DUBLIN** (Dublin City Library and Archive, Pearse Street) - July 26th, August 9th and 16th and September 20th.

BELFAST (PRONI) - August 2nd and 3rd. **ARMAGH** - August 8th. **DUBLIN** (Back to Our Past, RDS) - October 18th to 20th. **NEWRY** - October 26th and during **HERITAGE WEEK** at *An Daonchartlann*, the Society's Archives & Research Centre at the Carlisle Pier, **DÚN LAOGHAIRE** - August 17th to 25th. The Outreach Programme needs your help to continue its delivery of services and information. Please contact Eddie Gahan, MGSI, by e-mail on eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com

The Royal Manors of Medieval Co. Dublin

'The Royal Manors of Medieval Co. Dublin: Crown and Community' by **Áine Foley** is published by Four Courts Press. (ISBN: 978-1-84682-388-6 : 240pp; Catalogue Price: €55.00—Special Web Price: €49.50). When one thinks of royal manors, few think of them in the Irish context as they convey a sense of stability, wealth and, above all, a unique connectivity between the locality and the crown. Although the Anglo-Norman invasion brought significant changes to the land ownership in the areas adjoining Dublin to the south west with the dispossession of the Meic Gilla Mo-Cholmóic—the lineal descendants of the Uí Dhúinchada, the ordinary pre-invasion inhabitants still made up a sizeable segment of the local society. Integration through cultural adaptation was the hallmark of this corner of medieval Ireland as the remnants of a heavily Gaelicised Norse-Irish population became tenants of new Anglo-Norman overlords. This book is the first full-length study of the royal manors of Crumlin, Esker, Saggart and Newcastle Lyons (all in south Co. Dublin) in the period 1170 to 1400. This area formed a boundary land for the new Anglo-Norman city and county of Dublin, indeed, the area was always a frontier land between the Leinstermen to the south and the Southern Uí Néill. According to Foley, following the Anglo-Norman partial conquest of Ireland in the late twelfth century, these manors represented the largest direct stake that the King of England maintained in his oft-neglected lordship of Ireland and they remained in the personal gift of the crown for the rest of the medieval period. Each of the royal manors examined here cover areas rich in archaeology of the period and tell us a great deal about the early medieval settlement patterns in this part of County Dublin. Newcastle Lyons is situated 16kms south-west of Dublin city close to the Co. Kildare border and, like some other

manors, it was the central hub for a collection of sub-manors (possibly single farmsteads) many still reflected in placenames or townlands, Calgan, Loughton, Milltown, Kilmactalway, Fyddanston, Jordanstown, Colmanstown, Athgoe and Marshallrath. In contrast to Newcastle Lyons, the manor of Saggart which was situated 14kms south-west of Dublin consisted of a single settlement possibly due to its relative remoteness. It did extend in the mid fourteenth-century to include Ballinteer and Bothricolyn. Crumlin, like Saggart, had a centralised settlement structure as it was only 3kms outside the city walls and it was associated with the Russell family. The royal manor at Esker was of a similar structure to that at Newcastle and was situated 11kms west of the city and was composed of the sub-manors of Ballydowd, Finnstown, Kissoge and Ballyowen. The Owens family gave their name to Ballyowen and Kissoge was either named after the Kissok family, or it provided this family with its name. The research presented is of exceptional value to the local historian and indeed, as each aspect of the construction and administration of these manors is explored, Foley provides a wonderful resource for the understanding of medieval society. The use of the archival sources to chart land transfers, marriage settlements and the ebbing and flowing of the family fortunes of a number of prominent families has provided much of considerable benefit to the genealogist researching these families, especially the Marshals, Douces, Callans, Owens, Tyrels and their connections. However, the book would have greatly benefited from a series of maps, illustrations and, where appropriate, genealogical charts. Nevertheless, Foley very clearly outlines the sources available for researching this period both archaeological and archival and notes that 'more than any other part of Ireland, the royal manors

capture in microcosm the complexity of England's troubled relationship with its colony and it is remarkable that they have not hitherto been the subject of intensive investigation'. Foley seeks to remedy that defect and contribute to our understanding of the dynamics of Anglo-Irish society in the later Middle Ages and goes along with to meeting that objective. Hopefully, the gauntlet thrown down by Foley will be plucked up enthusiastically by others. **Áine Foley** teaches in the Dept. of History, TCD. *MM*

AN DAONCHARTLANN UPGRADE

The Board of the Society at its July 4th meeting decided to invest circa €4,000 in up-grading and modernising the computer equipment at the GSI Archives & Research Centre. This will be the first time in nearly ten years that the Society invested in computer equipment as it has depended on the generosity of its Members and friends donating such equipment. Whilst these donations were very gratefully appreciated, clearly time had come to modernise the delivery of computer services at An Daonchartlann. The investment will better enable our volunteers at the facility to access on-line resources and to computerise and digitise our own collections for uploading to the Society's website. The Director of Archival Services, **Ciarán Hurley, MGSi** and An Daonchartlann Manager, **Gerry Hayden, MGSi**, both stressed the absolute need for new equipment in order to meet the needs of researchers at An Daonchartlann and the various projects currently undertaken by Members. It is envisaged that the up-grading will not cause too much inconvenience and that no research days will be lost as a result of these necessary works.

Précis of the June Lecture

On Tuesday 11th June 2013 members were treated to a wonder illustrated lecture on the topic *'The Ordnance Survey Office as a Genealogical Resource'* by **Leonard Hynes**. The fascinating story of the Ordnance Survey Office begins in pre-Famine Ireland in 1824 and as the Office was initially part of the British Army all staff employed by the Office were military personnel even after independent in 1922 and right up until the 1970s when the first civilian employees were recruited. Like with all endeavours involving the military clear and precise rules and procedures were laid down as the Office was created to carry out a survey of the entire island of Ireland to update land valuations for land taxation purposes. The original survey at a scale of 6 inches to 1 mile was completed in 1846 under the direction of Major General Colby. Ireland thus became the first country in the world to be entirely mapped at such a detailed scale. Leonard Hynes began by showing how maps and mapmaking developed in the preceding centuries and although, great strides were made on accuracy of the measurements and the drawings, the Ordnance Survey of

Ireland was a world leader in surveying and mapmaking. The Office was located in Mountjoy House in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, which was originally built in 1728. It later housed the mounted escort of the Lord Lieutenant who resided in the Vice-Regal Lodge (now Áras na Uachtaráin). This rather elegant stately residence of Mountjoy House and its surrounding buildings still serve as the headquarters of the modern Ordnance Survey Ireland. Whilst going through the methodologies employed to undertake the field work, Mr. Hynes explained the various notes, reports and documents produced from this information, many of which, have fascinating information for the genealogist and local historian. As mentioned above, Mr. Hynes pointed to the fact that in the course of surveying the country, the staff of the Office was responsible for a number of advances in surveying practice. These ranged from Drummond's limelight to the bimetallic parallel bars used to measure distance to a previously unattainable level of accuracy. The innovative use of the production line method of manufacture for the production of map plates and printing was impressive. Colby, according to

Mr. Hynes, repeatedly refined the process in a manner that, according to some in the audience, would possibly be defined as 'Fordism' of the early twentieth century. Mr. Hynes, said the drive to improve technical capability has continued and this is clearly shown in the range of products now available both in print and on-line. A very interesting and lively Q&A session clearly pointed to the possibility of the Society revisiting the issue of maps and mapmakers again at sometime in the future. Next time, it may be possible to concentrate on the field books and map reading for the genealogist.

GSI WEBSITE

The Board of the Society apologies for any inconvenience caused by the disruption to the Society's website between May 22nd and June 19th due to a hacking incident. Measures are now in place to prevent a recurrence and the Director of Internet Service, **Tony O'Hara, MGSi**, is currently preparing for a total redesign and expansion of our website.

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 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

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

IRISH LIVES REMEMBERED

The July 2013 issue (No. 14) 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.

James Scannell Reports...

RICHARD HAYWARD BIOGRAPHY

Paul Clements, 53, Ravenhill Park, Belfast BT6 0DG, E-mail: clementsrp@googlemail.com is currently researching a biography of Richard Hayward, a popular writer and well known actor, singer, broadcaster and folklorist, who travelled around Ireland in the mid 20th century. He appeared in early Irish films in the 1930's and drove around the country for a series of acclaimed regional topographical books. He would welcome information from anyone who has copies of Hayward's letters or postcards or knows of their whereabouts, or who can recall hearing him sing on radio or are familiar.

WITH THE IRISH IN FRONGOCH

Mercier Press has republished '*With the Irish in Frongoch*', a classic account, written by Walter J. Brennan, one of the inmates, of the Welsh internment camp where the 1916 rebels were held that was first published in 1917. For eight months after the Easter Rising over 1,800 Irish rebels were imprisoned in the Frongoch Camp, a former whiskey distillery in North Wales which soon became a University of Revolution as the links and friendships formed there were used to good effect during the 1919–1921 War of Independence. Frongoch had initially held German prisoners-of-war but

it became a much more high profile when the Irish rebels were interned there. Most of them were interned without any trial or chance to defend themselves and many who had not been initially supportive of the rebel cause were converted during their internment. Among its notable alumni were Michael Collins and Richard Mulcahy but by December 1916 all the Irish prisoners had been repatriated and the camp was closed down. This contemporary account of the Irish experience in the camp was an important part of the propaganda to win support for the nationalist cause in the lead up to the War of Independence. The author W.J. Brennan Whitmore was a Wexford journalist and British Army veteran who joined Sinn Féin in 1910. Because of his military knowledge he was appointed to the Volunteers general staff in the lead up to the Easter Rising. He commanded a position in Dublin's North Earls Street during the Rising, and was interned with nearly two thousand other Irish rebels in Frongoch. He later worked for Michael Collins during the War of Independence and supported the Treaty. He retired from the Irish Army in 1926. He was an active member of Clann na Poblachta. He died in 1977 at the age of 91. '*With the Irish in Frongoch*' is published by Mercier Press in paperback at €14.99 and is also available in eBook format from all the major outlets.

READERS—END OF AN ERA

Last month Readers Bookshop on Lower George's Street, Dún Laoghaire, operated by Jonathan Goodbody, for over 25 years closed its doors. The decision to close was made reluctantly by Jonathan Goodbody, who had seen a decline in the business volumes over the past number of years due to competition from book seller web-sites and eBooks. Always an excellent shop for new and second books, former customers will be pleased to learn that Jonathan Goodbody will continue to sell books on line at www.readers.ie.

LECTURES AT THE NLI

The following genealogical lectures will be held at the National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin. Thursday July 18th: '*The Irish Roots of Jackie Kennedy*' – Jim O'Callaghan, Genealogist. Tuesday July 23rd: '*Crowdsourcing your family tree: how social media can help with tracing ancestry*' – Claire Bradley, Genealogist. The above lectures take place at 13.00hrs. in the Seminar Room and last for approximately 30 minutes. Admission is free and no booking required.

Editor: For further information on the lectures and exhibitions at the NLI see www.nli.ie

PHOTOS DON'T SPEAK

Capturing the life stories of ordinary people in their own words

Alec Taylor who dropped by the GSI Archives & Research Centre, *An Daonchartlann*, at the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire some weeks ago outlines his latest venture which should be of special interest to genealogists. Do you have a collection of photos of your parents and their generation? Of your grandparents and theirs? In an album on a shelf, in the attic, on your phone, on Facebook? Probably you do. Like most of us. What you may not have is a description (on audio tape, on film or video) of the scenes in those photos. The older generation telling - in their words - what happened to them, and how they felt. Their life stories. A new company called MEMOIRS ON CAMERA specialises in recording these missing life stories. An experienced interviewer asks the

questions. Draws out the stories that make up the chapters of a life. Searches for the explanations and the motives behind the extraordinary lives of ordinary people. For every person has a story worth telling – for family and friends, for posterity. What's more, some of those old photos are inserted to illustrate the key moments, as the life stories unfold. MEMOIRS ON CAMERA offers help with preparing for the hour-long chat on-camera that summarises a person's life so far. The Personal Video Memoir is an ideal gift for 'milestone events' at any age: graduations, big birthdays, anniversaries, retirements. Whatever the story, MEMOIRS ON CAMERA believe they can capture it. Check out the website www.memoriesoncamera.com or contact me by E-mail: alex@alectaylor.com

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.

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? Check out the Medal Society of Ireland on www.msou.ie

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday July 9th & August 13th 2013

Evening Open Meeting

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

Wednesday July 24th & August 28th 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)

VEXILLOLOGY IRELAND

The GSI Board at its meeting on July 4th approved the design for the flag of 'Vexillology Ireland' created by Stanislav Zamyatin, MGSI. The flag will be flown during the Society's attendance at the FIAV International Congress in Rotterdam next month. The Society will be represented by our Director of Sales, Marketing & Membership, **Tom Conlon, MSc MGSI**, and **Stanislav Zamyatin, MGSI**, CEO, Vexillology Ireland, a branch of the Society dealing specifically with the promotion of the study of the history,



The flag has the international symbol for vexillology in white (Argent) at the hoist with the gold (Or) Harp symbolising Ireland on a field of St. Patrick's blue (azur). The symbolism combines Ireland's ancient vexillological and heraldic traditions. The flag is being made by O'Regan's of Dublin.

symbolism and use of flags and emblems. The Society has applied for membership of FIAV the International Federation of Vexillological Associations and the application will go before the General Assembly of FIAV at Rotterdam for its consideration. Indeed, the Society would be very interested in bringing the FIAV International Congress to Dublin some time in the future. In the meantime, Stan Zamyatin is creating a specific web presence for Vexillology Ireland and it is hoped that the website www.bratacha.ie will be launched shortly. It is envisaged that the website will host Ireland's first public Register of Flags & Emblems enabling clubs, schools, colleges, businesses, clan associations and others to have their flags and emblems registered. The register will also have information on the design, meaning and history of each flag and emblem. Some maybe a bit surprised that a genealogical organisation is involved with vexillology, however, as vexillology (defined as the scientific study of the history, symbolism and usage of flags) is closely related to heraldry and it to genealogy—it's a very natural fit indeed. But as genealogists and social historians we are primarily concerned with the narratives attached to the history and use of flags and emblems and, especially, the lives and times of the people concerned. **Stan Zamyatin**, CEO of VIBE—Vexillology Ireland : **Brateolaíocht Éireann** can be contacted by e-mail on hohostan@gmail.com

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SARAJEVO APPEAL

The Society is calling 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 academics 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 **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 colleagues in universities at home and overseas.

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' by John Grenham. Please check out the website www.gillmacmillan.com Price €22.99 [RRP]. **YOU NEED THIS BOOK**

LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tues. July 9th – 'The Shamrock Fund in World War I' by Brian White; **Tues. August 13th** – 'Irish and British Maritime Records' by David Snook; **Tues. September 10th** – 'Medical Records of the Royal College of Physicians' by Harriet Wheelock; **Tues. October 8th** – 'Rental Records as a Genealogical Source' by James Ryan; **Tues. November 12th** – 'Children in Care – Records of Pre-1952 Adoptions' by Fiona Fitzsimons; **Tues. December 10th** – 'The resources of Ancestry.com as a support for the Genealogist' by Eric Booth. **VENUE: Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education**, Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Directions on www.familyhistory.ie As the only genealogical organisation providing monthly lectures throughout the year, the programme is varied to meet the needs of all levels of research experience. **Séamus Moriarty, FGSI Dir, GSI Lecture Programme:-** Gazette@familyhistory.ie

FREE 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 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. 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 in the Dún Laoghaire area. See: www.familyhistory.ie

MEMBERS AT THE ÁRAS

"Didn't we have a lovely day..." so the song says. Four members of the GSI Board and their partners had their lovely day when they were invited to the President's garden party at Áras an Uachtaráin on 2nd July. There was lovely food, a lovely concert, lovely house and gardens, and a very affable and erudite President Michael D. Higgins with his lovely wife, Sabina. Even the weather was kind to us – the showers mainly happened when we were indoors. In the Áras itself, the bronze busts of the former Presidents are arranged in two lines, one line on each side of a doorway. Those on the right are male and deceased; those on the left are female and living. They are in fact in chronological order, and perhaps the separation arises only because of the shape of the available space. As he spoke on the value of community groups, the President comfortably switched between Irish and English, often in mid-sentence, and the audience expressed their enthusiasm. Truly a lovely day. **Tom Conlon, MGSI**

Editor: Attendees were: Tom and Gay Conlon; GSI President Rory and Roz Stanley; Eddie and Marguerite Gahan and GSI Cathaoirleach Pádraic and Kathleen Ingoldsby.

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.