



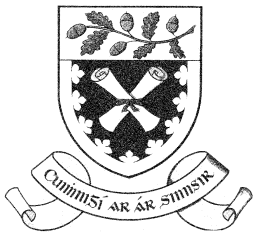
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Accessing Our Genealogical Heritage

Next month the biggest event in the Irish genealogical calendar will take place at the RDS in Dublin. The 'Back to Our Past' event has grown from strength to strength each year with an increasing public awareness of the importance of our genealogical heritage. Exhibitors from home and overseas will engage with thousands of visitors seeking information on the available resources for family history research. Well known international genealogy service providers like Ancestry.com and hugely successful Irish companies like Eneclann and Findmypast Ireland, will be amongst the hundreds of stands at the RDS. Lectures, seminars and other presentations will be hosted by many organisations over the three days from October 18th to 20th 2013. This Society will have a stand again this year and, once again, our members will be on hand to advise attendees on the resources available for family history research. Whilst *BTOP* is the main genealogical event of the year, this Society promotes the study of genealogy throughout the year at events organised

throughout Ireland. Promoting an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of our genealogical heritage is a core function of this Society. We encourage people to take up the study of genealogy as an open access educational leisure activity available to all irrespective of age, prior learning, socio-economic circumstances or religious, national or ethnic background. Membership of the Society is open to anybody with an interest in genealogy, heraldry or vexillology. Nationally and internationally renowned as 'Ireland's most active genealogical organisation' the Society is a voluntary organisation with charitable status in Ireland. Since its foundation in October 1990, the Society has been to the forefront in broadening the appeal of genealogy and advocating the maximum public accessibility to records of a genealogical potential held by the State, state agencies and others. This policy or 'mission' was endorsed by the members at the Annual General Meeting in 1997 as the 'Principle of Public Ownership & Right of Access' to our genealogical heritage. The underlying concept of this fundamental principle was not readily under-

stood by some in Ireland's genealogical community back in 1997. However, over the years it has been accepted and endorsed by progressive custodians of records in Ireland and recently, by a Joint Oireachtas Committee dealing with the new *Freedom of Information Bill*. This principle seeks to inform, shape and direct public policy on the public accessibility of genealogical records at national level and, indeed, at EU level in relation to the revision of the *General Regulation on Data Protection*. Our right to access our genealogical heritage must be protected.

IRISH DNA ATLAS TEAM

Dr. Darren McGettigan, a historian specialising in early and medieval Irish history, has joined the *Irish DNA Atlas Project* team as Historical Director. Dr. McGettigan is the author of *Red Hugh O'Donnell and the Nine Years War* (2005); *The Donegal Plantation and the Tír Chonail Irish, 1610-1710* (2010) and *The Battle of Clontarf—Good Friday 1014* (2013) all published by Four Courts Press. The Project Team consists of Dr. Gianpiero Cavalleri, Scientific Director; Séamus O'Reilly, FGSI, Genealogical Director and Dr. Darren McGettigan, Historical Director.

Genealogy and Freedom of Information

Further to the main article in last month's newsletter, the Board of the GSI clarified the Society's policy in respect of the *Freedom of Information Bill, 2013* and access to the records of the General Register Office. The Board adopted the following resolution at its meeting on Sept. 5th 2013. **Res: 13/09/1031:** ► That, the Board, in accordance with the 'Principle of Public Ownership and Right of Access' to our genealogical heritage (adopted 1997), endorses the following position in

respect of the *Freedom of Information Bill, 2013*. (1) That the current status of the records of the General Register Office as public records should be reaffirmed in the legislation. (2) That, in order to facilitate genealogical, biographical and other research, that the records held by the General Register Office over seventy years of age be defined as 'historic records' and be made freely available to the public. (3) That, in order to prevent the fraudulent use of certificates relating to events within the past seventy years, that all

certificates obtained for bona fide genealogical or other research purposes be over stamped with the words 'For Research Purposes Only'. (4) That, the 'Principle of Public Ownership and Right of Access' to our genealogical heritage be included in the text of the legislation as a guiding principle for government or state agency policies in relation to such records. ◀ The Society received a number of representations on this matter from members and others for which it is sincerely grateful.

Lawyers, The Law and History

Until relatively recently entrance to the legal profession tended to be the preserve of the upper middle and mercantile classes, for which, genealogical records are generally more extant. However, no matter how satisfying the discovery of an ancestor or two in the legal profession may be, in order to 'flesh out' the family history narrative relating to these individuals an understanding of the structures of the legal professions may be very rewarding. Legal History is certainly multilayered and occasionally quite daunting in its complexity. However, the collections of essays published by the Irish Legal History Society cover a range of topics, many of which, are of interest to those outside the legal profession. The latest collection, the sixth in the series, was published last month. *'Lawyers, The Law and History'* edited by **Felix M. Larkin and N. M. Dawson** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-244-5 : 336pp : ill. : h/bk : Price: €55.00 : Web Price €49.50) is published by **Four Courts Press**. The essays are grouped thematically, the first section deals with *'Lawyers in history'* and the second section, more specialised, covers *'The Law and history'*. These collections of essays builds upon the twenty-one volumes of Irish legal history published by the Irish Legal History Society since its foundation. The first essay by James McGuire on 'Law as a 'field of interest' in the Royal Irish Academy's *Dictionary of Irish biography*' sets the tone for the first section. He gives the following percentages of the entries listed under 'law' as 40% having died in the twentieth century, 29% in the nineteenth and 9% in the eighteenth century. Around 15% account for those who died in the early modern period, mainly in the seventeenth century. Many of these lawyers, both Catholic and Protestant, were also involved in politics in the seventeenth century. However, many lawyers had considerable and very influential

non-legal interests ranging from the cultural to the philanthropic. The Irish Legal History Society is an All-Ireland body and therefore, the development of the separate legal framework in Northern Ireland from 1921 is also covered. Lord Carswell's essay looks at the lives and times of the early judiciary of Northern Ireland whilst, Hugh Geoghegan examines the backgrounds, personalities and mindsets of the three judges of the supreme court of the Irish Free State, 1925-36. Adrian Hardiman looks at 'Law, crime and punishment in Bloomsday Dublin' and provides a fascinating essay for lovers of *Ulysses* and, of course, budding Joycean scholars. Patrick M. Geoghegan's essay on "Daniel O'Connell and the law" endeavours to peel back the legend to reveal the mastery of the courtroom of this "broguing Irish fellow" as he was described by Robert Peel. Lord Hutton examines the hugely controversial figure of Sir Edward Carson KC and the Archer-Shee case which attracted great media attention in Edwardian England and inspired Terence Rattigan's 1946 play *'The Winslow Boy'*. Hutton remarks that 'while views on Carson's political opinions and actions differ, his contemporaries and his biographers paint a picture of a man of warm humanity with upright standards of personal conduct' and that such can be seen in how Carson describes the young 13 year old naval cadet George Archer-Shee. Hutton concludes noting that Archer-Shee died in 1914 at Ypres as a lieutenant in the South Staffordshire regiment and his name is one of the thousands inscribed on Menin Gate. Robert D. Marshall concludes the first section with an exploration of the fascinating life and times of Lieutenant W.E. Wylie KC: the soldering lawyer of 1916. This is an exceptionally interesting portrait of an individual who straddled many divisions in Irish life, family, religious, politics and yet, according to Marshall, his 'lifelong

motivation was a love of animals' whereas 'legal practice was a means of support rather than a reason for living'. The second section deals variously with slavery in Scots Law, 1700-78; Sheriffs in Victorian Ireland; the foundation of the Inn of Court of Northern Ireland; the origins of the 1937 constitution; legal dress; the Cicero collection at King's Inns Library and finally, with an excellent essay by Peter Crooks on 'Reconstructing the past: the case of the medieval Irish chancery rolls'. Peter Crooks explores the endeavours to recover the losses caused by the cataclysmic fire at the Public Records Office in Dublin in 1922 through the location and digitisation of copies held elsewhere. Crooks provides an excellent account of this enormously important project. **MM**

GSi BRANCH NEWS

This month the Board formally adopted the constitutions of Heraldry Ireland and Vexillology Ireland the two new branches of the Society. **VEXILLOLOGY IRELAND** has been in operation for several months under the direction of its CEO, **Stanislav Zamyatin, MGSi**. The first issue of its biannual newsletter *'VIBE'* was published in August. It is intended to have an Open Meeting in Dublin City Centre in November and plans for a new publication on designing and registering flags for families, schools, clubs, community groups and organisations are well advanced. For info: www.facebook.com/flags.Ireland

HERALDRY IRELAND has just been established by the Board at its September meeting with the General Secretary acting as interim CEO until an appointment is confirmed by the Board in November. Further information on the activities of both next month.

Précis of the August Lecture

On Tuesday August 13th 2013, members were treated to a fascinating illustrated lecture on *'Irish and British Maritime Records'* by **David Snook**. Mr. Snook explained the background to the creation of a wonderful, yet little known, resource on British and Irish seamen. The British Government introduced male conscription for the UK, apart from Ireland, in January 1916. It was designed to meet future military manpower needs in the Great War. Men in crucial industries like coalminers and merchant seamen were exempt. In the spring and summer of 1918 there was a manpower crisis on the Western Front. The British Army suffered 300,000 casualties, including 40,000 dead, in the German attacks of March and April. The UK government responded by extending conscription age limits. They also decided to check that merchant seamen were going to sea regularly and

not using the system to avoid conscription. In early September 1918, the Board of Trade introduced an identity book, including a passport style photograph, for all merchant seamen, together with a matching central card index (CR10 cards). The system operated until December 1921, when a simpler system was introduced with no photograph. The surviving 300,000 central index cards, covering a multinational workforce, are now held in Southampton Civic Archives. The project team made many visits to Southampton Civic Archives between 2006 and 2008 to extract the details of 23,000 Irish born seamen from the estimated 300,000 CR10 record cards held there. The data was entered into a searchable database which can be viewed at www.irishmariners.ie This resource is of immense importance to areas with a strong maritime heritage and exhibitions are planned.

ST. PATRICK'S ARMAGH

An exceptionally well illustrated book on the many fascinating and historically important memorials in the Cathedral at Armagh. This Church of Ireland Cathedral is the seat of the Archbishop of Armagh who is the Anglican (Episcopalian) Primate of All-Ireland. Over the centuries this cathedral church played a central role in the political and religious life of the Anglo-Irish and protestant Irish communities. As befits its standing in the administration of state affairs, many of the great landed and noble families of Ireland are represented amongst the memorials and funerary monuments in this historic cathedral. The author has provided excellent biographical details and, importantly information on the designers and craftsmen of these beautiful memorials. Information on the coat-of-arms is of particular interest as each is illustrated in full colour. It is a wonderfully interesting book for both the genealogist and for those with an interest in heraldry. *'Funerary Monuments & Memorials in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh'* by **James Stevens Curl** (ISBN: 978-1-905286-485 : 132pp : 99 ills, 72 colour : Price UK£20.00) published by Historical Publications in Kent, England.

WEEKEND 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 September 2013 issue (No. 16) 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? 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...

TENEMENT COLLAPSE 1913-2013

The centenary of the collapse of Church Street, Dublin, tenement houses, Nos. 66 & 67 on 2 September 1913, was commemorated on September 2nd 2013 at a ceremony in Glasnevin Cemetery organised by the Smithfield and Stoneybatter People's History Project. Initially the victims of this tragedy, which led to public inquiry into housing conditions in Dublin, Eliza Fagan (43), Nicholas Fitzpatrick (50), Margaret O'Rourke (53), Eugene Salmon, (17), his sister Elizabeth salmon (8), Peter Cowley (6), and John Shiels (3) were buried in a poor plot with no headstones. Later headstones with their names on them were erected using fund raising. Speaking at the commemoration ceremony Dr. Mary McAuliffe reminded those gathered that this disaster focused attention on the terrible living conditions that working class people had to endure at that time and resulted into a wide public inquiry into them. She pointed that more than 100 people were rendered homeless as the result of the collapse of these two buildings such as the level of overcrowding in them. Dublin Fire Bridge member, author and historian Tom Geraghty pointed out that there were other tenement house collapse in Dublin such as Moore Place in the 1920s and Fenian Street as recent as 1963. He cited one of the reasons that Dublin Corporation failed to

tackle this problem in 1913 was due to some Corporation members themselves being slum landlords. One of those at the ceremony was Terry Crosby, a great-grandson of Margaret O'Rourke, who still lives in Church Street.

THE MYTH OF THE GERALDINES

The inaugural Medieval Ireland Symposium *'The Geraldines and Medieval Ireland – The Making of a Myth'* takes place on Friday September 13th and Saturday September 14th in the Thomas Davis Lecture Building (Room 2032 in the Arts Building, Trinity College, Dublin) marks the 500th anniversary of the death in September 1513 of Gerard Fitzgerald, Gearóid Mór, the great 'Earl of Kildare' by exploring the theme of *'The Geraldines and Medieval Ireland – The making of a Myth'*. The Geraldines, or Fitzgeralds, descendants of Gerald of Windsor, constable of Pembroke, fl 1100, were perhaps the most important of the dynasties established in Ireland at the time of the Anglo-Norman invasion of the late 1160s. The Anglo-Norman gave Ireland two of its most famous noble houses, the earls of Desmond and Kildare, as well as a host of later historical personalities. From the earlier moments of their involvement in Ireland the Geraldines became shrouded in myths, often of their own creation, and these were consciously cultivated by the family in the

later Middle Ages to enhance its prestige and power. The fund of mythology was later appropriated for political and polemical uses by writers across the post-medieval centuries extending from the Elizabethan age to the early decades of the Irish Free State, most famously in the nationalist verse of Thomas Davis. The symposium examines the 'myth of the Geraldines' in these two senses: first the literary and historical evidence from the Middle Ages and its reception from the sixteenth century onwards; and second the myths and misconceptions that have encrusted around aspects of the family's history in the professional historical scholarship up to the present day. Organisers of the symposium are Peter Crooks and Seán Duffy, Department of Modern History, Trinity College, Dublin 2 – call 01-896 1791 or register at www.tcd.ie/history/geraldines or email: medieval.ireland.symposium@gmail.com.

LOCKOUT TALK

On Tuesday September 24th author and historian Pádraig Yeates will give a lecture on the 1913 Dublin Lockout at 19.00hrs in the National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free. Pádraig has lectured and published extensively on this important event in the history of trade unionism.

Outreach Programme

Eddie Gahan, MGSi, Director of the GSI Outreach Programme, would like to sincerely thank all of the volunteers who helped out during **HERITAGE WEEK** at *An Daonchartlann*, the Society's Archives & Research Centre at the Carlisle Pier, Dún Laoghaire. It was exceptionally busy this year and the volunteers were kept going dealing with queries from visitors from home and overseas. Over the past few years the Society has regularly participated 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 the island of Ireland and amongst our diaspora. 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, for **CULTURE NIGHT** on September 20th. **BELFAST** (Linen Hall Library) for a Family History Seminar on September 18th and in **DUBLIN** (Back to Our Past, RDS) from October 18th to 20th and back in **NEWRY** - October 26th. So if you have you an hour or two to assist at any of the above events, please contact Eddie by e-mail on: eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.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, FGSi** by e-mail on Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie Also, checkout 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 Sanderson, MGSi**, Director of Finance, 'Suzkar', Killiney Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin, Ireland. *New Members always welcome!*

WILL YOUR RECORDS WELL

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

MEDAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

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

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

Tuesday September 10th & October 8th 2013

Evening Open Meeting

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

Wednesday September 25th & October 23rd 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)

From Pogrom to Civil War

An valuable insight to the War of Independence and the 1920s pogroms in Belfast is contained in *'From Pogrom to Civil War - Tom Glennon and the Belfast IRA'* by Tom Kieran Glennon and published by the Mercier Press. This book tells the story of Tom Glennon and his career in the Northern Brigade IRA and later with the National Army until the late 1920s when he emigrated to Australia before returning to Ireland. The book begins with the 1920 Belfast pogroms and the numerous incidents that occurred during this period until Treaty when the authorities turned a blind eye to what loyalists and their supporters got up to, escalating in tempo after that. This violence brought him from the bitter sectarian and political street fighting in Belfast to the Glens of Antrim where he organised a flying column. Captured, he was interned in the Curragh Camp from where he made daring escape in a refuse cart and remained free until the Truce. During the Civil War Tom Glennon served with the National Army and experienced firsthand many of the horrors associated with this conflict, and like many others, blotted these from his memory by never speaking about them. In the course of his research the author who is Tom Glennon's grandson, turned up many new facets of his grandfather's life which were even unknown to his father and other family members. Also re-examined in this fascinating and engrossing book by the author, one of the few looking at Belfast during the War of Independence, is the mythology of the Belfast pogrom and questions Michael Collins's northern policy after the signing of the Treaty by posing the question - were the members of the northern IRA victims of a monstrous betrayal in the light of subsequent events?

*James Scannell***THE INGOLDSBY GATHERING**

As part of *The Gathering Ireland*, persons of the surname Ingoldsby and its variants will meet for the first time in Ireland at an event organised by Pádraic and Brendan Ingoldsby. The surname has a number of independent origins, including possibly as a variant of a Gaelic surname. The Ingoldsby Gathering will be held at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, on September 13th, 14th and 15th and include talks, tours and entertainment. An Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Cllr. Carrie Smyth, will officially open the Ingoldsby Gathering on Friday 13th at the Royal Marine Hotel at 19.30hrs. Further info. e-mail: ingold@gofree.indigo.ie

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The range of activities undertaken by the Society is expanding each year and now encompasses genealogy, heraldry, vexillology, genetic genealogy, advocacy on public policy & legislation, archival services, cataloguing, digital archive, group projects, publications, monthly newsletter, website, outreach programme, information stands at events and, of course, its two Monthly Meetings and operating the Archive & Research Centre. It's no wonder that the Society is widely recognised as *'Ireland's most active genealogical organisation'*. In order to advance these various projects further, the Society is looking for skilled volunteers in **web design, heraldic arts, digitalisation of documents, book-binding and digital publishing**. If you think that you can help with any of the above, please contact the General Secretary by e-mail at eolas@familyhistory.ie

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 checkout the website www.gillmacmillan.com Price €22.99 [RRP]. **YOU NEED THIS BOOK**

FREE RESEARCH ADVICE

The Society's central mission is to encourage people to take up family history research as an educational leisure activity. Genealogy is always a very rewarding journey of discovery, not only for the researcher, but also for family members who learn much about their own family's past. Many aspects of family lore, sometimes handed down over several generations, are either proven or exposed as myth or, often just not the full story. Even the odd 'skeleton in the cupboard' add to the unfolding family narrative. Interested? Why not call by the Society's Archives and Research Centre at the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire for a chat? Open Weds. from 10.30hrs to 16.30hrs (except 4th Weds. open at 13.00hrs) and 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

4-DAY GENEALOGY COURSE

A 4-Day Genealogy Course in Carrickmacross Workhouse for €50! From Monday 21st October to Thursday 24th October, Monaghan Genealogy will deliver a 4-day training course in Carrickmacross Workhouse for visitors and locals. The course will run from 08.30hrs to 16.00hrs each day, and will incorporate 17 Speakers, 3 Field Trips, and 1-to-1 Genealogy Advice for further info. contact John Hamrock on Mobile: 087 050 5296 Website: www.monahangenealogy.ie Email: info@monahangenealogy.ie

MONTHLY LECTURE PROGRAMME

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** Director of GSI Lecture Programme:- Gazette@familyhistory.ie

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.

BUSINESS NAMES REGISTERED

The following Business Names are registered to the Society and are currently in use for different aspects of its activities: *Genealogical Society of Ireland; An Daonchartlann; Vexillology Ireland and Heraldry Ireland*. See www.cro.ie