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### **Maynooth Studies in Local History Series**

In a clear departure from our usual front page stories, it was decided to highlight the wonderful resources for Irish genealogy and local history published by Four Courts Press as part of the Maynooth Studies in Local History series. Last month five more volumes were added to this enormously valuable and expertly researched resource. Here is but a very brief glimpse of these new publications. 'Struggle and strife on a Mayo estate, 1833-1903 - The Nolans of Logboy and their tenants' by Michael Kelly (ISBN: 978-1-84682-518-7 : 64pp; ills. : Price: €9.95) This book reveals how landlord and tenants on a Mayo estate responded to a series of crises during the Victorian era, dominated by the Famine and the Land War. This volume is of exceptional value to all who have rural ancestors who, over a few generations with the assistance of the Land Acts, moved from tenant farmers to owner occupiers which became the mainstay of the Irish agricultural communities down to the present. It was far from a smooth journey. 'The medical profession and the exercise of power in early nineteenth-century Cork' by Neil Cronin (ISBN: 978-1-84682-517-0 : 74pp :

Price: €9.95) In 1820, the surgical management of children with bladder stones in the South Infirmary was criticised by a prominent Cork surgeon, giving rise to a furious and bitter dispute. This work considers this acrimonious episode by examining the backgrounds of the protagonists, the economic and other tensions active in the medical profession of the time, and in particular the dynamics of how power was exercised in provincial Cork of the early nineteenth century. 'Charles Tisdall of County Meath, 1740–51' by Marion Rogan (ISBN: 978-1-84682-515-6 : 68pp; ills. : Price: €9.95) This book investigates the world of Charles Tisdall, a Co. Meath landlord and gentleman, during the mid-eighteenth century. It begins with Charles' coming into his inheritance during 1740 when Ireland was devastated by frost, famine, disease and death, and ends in 1751, when the country was experiencing significant economic growth. It details Charles' extensive travel, explores his expenditure on material acquisitions, his lifestyle and leisure pursuits and provides a glimpse into his privileged and fashionable world. 'Derry Labour in the age of agitation, 1889–1923 - 1: New unionism and old, 1889-1906' by Emmet O'Connor (ISBN: 978-1-84682

-514-9 : 64pp; ills. : Price: €9.95) Derry was 'a prosperous town' in 1905, according to the Board of Trade. Who and what were the people who laboured to produce this image of prosperity? Where did they come from, how did they live, what did they eat, how much did they earn, and how did they try to improve their conditions? Between 1889 and 1923, Irish Labour was revolutionized by three waves of agitation. This booklet looks at the first of these, the new unionism of 1889–91, its impact on Derry, and its aftermath to 1906. 'Medieval Fore, County Westmeath' by Rory Masterson (ISBN: 978-1-84682-513-2 : 74pp : ills. : Price: €9.95) While many foundations were independent entities and others were priories of English foundations, Fore was a cell of the French monastery of St Taurin, Evreux. It was one of only two such priories in Ireland in medieval times. This books charts the rise and fall of the priory and the surrounding area of Fore in the period. medieval Maynooth Studies in Local History series contains a wealth of information for the genealogist and local historian. For the complete listing see www. fourcourtspress.ie

September: Meán Fómhair 2014

### Heritage Week—Seachtain Oidhreachta



The Director of the Society's very successful Outreach Programme, Eddie Gahan, MGSI, (pictured left) wishes to sincerely thank all

the volunteers who helped out at the Society's Archives and Research Centre at the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire during Heritage Week this year. The Centre, An Daonchartlann, was open for the entire week with visitors from home and overseas receiving free

family history research advice to members from experienced members of the Society. Each volunteer guided visitors through the use of the various resources available for genealogical research. Once again, Members discovered that the experience gained through helping others in their research is very rewarding and most enjoyable. We ;earn a lot by helping others. Amongst the distinguished visitors to An Daonchartlann was Cllr. Marie Baker, Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. Dún Laoghaire's first citizen has a keen interest in genealogy and enjoyed

browsing through the many payfor-view on-line resources available free to Members at the Society's Archives and Research Centre (see page 4). Although Eddie is deserving of a well earned rest after a very busy Heritage Week, he is now planning for Back To Our Past in the RDS and a trip to Enniskillen for the Fermanagh Family and Local History Fair on Saturday 4th October 2014 12.00hrs to 16.00hrs at the Enniskillen Castle Museums. Please join Eddie's team of volunteers for the shows by contacting him by e-mail at eddie\_gahan\_snr@hotmail.com

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### **COGADH NA TALÚN**

Is mar thoradh ar Chogadh na Talún a tháinig deirigh le ré na dtiarnaí talún in Éirinn. Suas go dtí sin ní raibh mórán cearta ag feirimeoirí a bhí ina dtionóntaí taobh amuigh don tuaisceart. Tugadh tiarnaí talún as láthair ar dhuine a raibh maoin acu ar cíos agus nach raibh cónaí orthu sa tír. Bhí ról tábhachtach ag na tiarnaí talún as láthair i stair na hÉireann. I rith an séú agus seachtú aois déag baineadh an talamh ó na Caitlicigh i rith plandáil na hÉireann agus thug na Sasanaigh an talamh do dhaoine a bhí mar bhaill do Eaglais na hÉireann nó Protastúnaigh. ochtú aois déag bhí míshástacht ag méadú i measc na Caitlicigh mar nár raibh aon chead acu seilbh a ghlacadh ar an talamh. Mar thoradh ar sin a d'eascair Cogadh na Talún. Tugadh Cogadh na Talún ar thréimhse trioblóideach chun cearta a fháil do thionóntaí agus athdháileadh ar thalamh ó na tiarnaí talún go dtí na tionóntaí. Tharla a lán eachtraí trodach agus marú mar gheall ar an aighneas seo. Sa bhliain 1870 bhunaigh Micheál Daibhéad Conradh na Talún. Bhí na "three Fs" á lorg ag an gConradh cíos cothrom, sealbhaíocht socruithe agus saoirse an taladh a dhíol, a bhí achtaithe ag Rialtas na Breataine idir 1870 agus 1881. Ba é aidhm Chogadh na Talún ná fáil réidh le úinéireacht na dtiarnaí talún Protasúntach. Ba é an modh ba éifeachtaí a bhí ag Conradh na Talún ná an Baghcat ainmnithe i ndiaidh Caiptean Baghcat a *sheachain* muintir deisceart Mhaigh Eo. Bhí an modh seo an éifeachtach go háirithe i gceantair iarghúlta. Ba bealach siabhalta a bhí ann nach raibh trioblóideach seachas cúpla eachtra a tharla mar

shampla márú Peter Dempsey i 1881, tionónta ó Bhaile Locha Riach i oirthear na Gaillimhe, a ghlac seilbh ar fheilm tionónta a bhí dishealbhaithe agus é ag siúl chuig an aifreann lena bheirt íníon. Tharla leasú córas na dtiarnaí talún de réir a chéile agus tháinig Billí i bhfeidhm chun úinéaracht talún do thionóntaí a chinntiú.

Tiarnaí talún as láthair - Absentee Landlords

Maoin - Property

séú agus seachtú aois déag - 16th and 17th century

plandáil - Plantation

Sasanaigh -English [people]

Eaglais na hÉireann - Church of Ireland

Protastúnaigh - Protestants

Míshástacht - dissatisfaction

Seilbh - possession

Cogadh na Talún - Land War

eachtraí trodach - violent incidents

aighneas - Conflict

Micheál Daibhéad - Michael Davitt

cios cothrom, sealbhaíocht socruithe agus saoirse an taladh a dhíol - Fair Rent, Fixity of Tenure and Free

Sale ("The Three Fs")

Aidhm - Aim

Modh - Method

Éifeachtaí - effective

Baghcat – Boycott

Seachain - ostracised

gceantair iarghúlta - Remote areas

Caitlín Ní Chonghaile, Oifigeach na Gaeilge



Opportunity to visit PRONI, Titanic Exhibition, Linenhall etc. €30/head

Details on www.familyhistory.ie

#### TRIP TO LISBURN & BELFAST

Eddie Gahan, Director of the GSI Outreach Programme, is organising another trip north on September 25th with a visit to the Linen Museum at Lisburn and the Linen Hall Library in Belfast. There are three options thereafter, (1) PRONI, (2) Titanic Centre or (3) Shopping. The cost of the day trip will be circa €30 per person including coach travel and coffee/tea. Leaving GSI Archives 09.00hrs with one pickup point southside and one northside—back in Dublin circa 22.30hrs. Interested? Please contact Eddie Gahan by email to book your place on eddie gahan snr@hotmail.com

### **Précis of the August Lecture**

The guest speaker at the Society's Open Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014 was our own Member, Brian Hollinshead, on the subject of 'OpenStreetMap: Community and Histori-cal mapping for all.' OpenStreetMap (OSM) is a collaborative volunteer project offering a variety of formats for sharing freely and widely. While web based (openstreetmap.org), any particular section can be saved to a file from screen for printing. Links to share map images and web page ready code for map insertion are readily available from the main OSM web page. Standard, cyclist and transport layers are the 3 main formats. From maps.openstreetmap.ie and maps.openstreetmap.ie/historic, available layers include street names in English or Irish (your choice), contours, hill shading, Townland, Civil Parish or Barony and other boundaries. Brian was quick to point out while there are about 9,000 boundaries on the map so far, it is an incomplete work in progress. The project, while

being national and international, there is a particular emphasis on the local community mapping detail. In Ireland while perhaps 2,000 people have made additions to the map, 300 have done so repeatedly. In the Dublin city Council area some 1087km of roads, paths & tracks have been added, including 1.88km of steps! About 1900 Irish graveyards/cemeteries have been added to date. Present thinking is that a graveyard is sacred burial ground within the precinct of a place of worship, whereas, a cemetery generally has no buildings. OSM seeks help from genealogy and local history groups in expanding the local coverage. The sources used are varied; the most important thing about them is that they must be permitted by license if copyright. Generally this prevents deriving information from Google or Ordnance Survey Ireland. In any case OSM should be acknowledged when publishing or displaying the map. Sources used include walking, cycling or driving with a GPS unit,

photographing street nameplates, some licensed aerial imagery and in co-operation with Trinity College detail from the British War Office GSGS 1939 maps, particularly for historic boundary detail. OpenStreetMap have been co-operating with Medicine Sans Frontiers for some years in mapping sparsely areas such as Guinea during the recent Ebola outbreak when 100,000 houses were quickly added from aerial imagery. Brian demonstrated an important website for genealogists using OpenStreetMap data: townlands.ie. where data concerning thousands of townlands, civil parishes and baronies is listed, including acreage and outline maps as well as links to the Irish census web page for each individual townland. Websites to checkout:

www.openstreetmap.org maps.openstreetmap.ie, maps.openstreetmap.ie/historic townlands.ie

#### 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) and the Society. The main objectives are (1) to further our knowledge of the population history of Ireland and (2) to help us understand how genes influence health in Ireland. The Project is very highly regarded internationally as the most rigorous academic genetic genealogical project ever undertaken in Ireland or Great Britain. Geneticists and genetic genealogists around the world eagerly await the publication of the findings of this unique project, however, it may be next year before a preliminary report is published by the RCSI. Whilst the scientific data is analysed by Dr. Cavalleri's team at the RCSI, the project also has an academic historian, **Dr. Damen McGettigan**, who specialises in Irish medieval history. This academic collaboration ensures that the scientific data provided by the RCSI is interpreted in a manner that properly places it in a historical context based on extant sources and in relation to historical or

archaeological published research. This interdisciplinary approach is considered absolutely necessary to ensure that an academic historical interpretation of the timeframes, locations and surname origins analysis is provided to match the scientific data provided by the team at the RCSI. The Project continues to seek participants from across the island of Ireland and from overseas who can trace each of their eight great-grandparents to the same general area of Ireland. The team is currently especially interested in participants with ancestors from counties along the west coast and from midland counties stretching from north Munster, through mid Leinster to south Ulster. Participants are requested to present a Pedigree Chart and to provide a DNA sample (kit provided) for analysis. Participants may be male or female with ancestry from any part of Ireland. Interested in participating or have a query about participating? Please contact **Séamus O'Reilly**, **FGSI** by e-mail on Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie Also, checkout the Irish DNA Atlas Project newsletter on the GSI website.

#### IRISH LIVES REMEMBERED



Ireland's FREE digital e-Magazine 'Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy e-Magazine' dedicated to helping people trace their Irish Ancestry globally will now be published 'bimonthly' going forward. The current information packed edition 'September-October' is available to read or to download for FREE at www.irishlivesremembered.com

Click on <u>Back Editions</u> to read, free of charge, many hundreds of excellent articles on researching your Irish ancestors, exciting new resources and much more.

#### 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...

#### THE GREAT WAR ROADSHOW

The La Touche Legacy in association with the Greystones Archaeological and Historical Society will hold a Festival of History - The Great War Roadshow in Charlesland Golf & Country Club. The programme is –

Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>
Celebration of the Greystone Ards connection: Stories of Wicklow - Ballads of Down' by Rosemary Raughter & Mark Thompson.

17.00hrs: 'The Great War - Personal Reflections

18.00hrs: 'The Great War Roadshow – Key Note Address: 'Lions, Donkeys and Paddies: The Irish Experience of the Great War' – Dr. Myles Dungan.

Saturday September 27th

10.00hrs: 'The Great War – Personal Reflections' by Cllr. Christopher Fox.

10.30hrs: The Great War Roadshow – 'County and

10.30lfs: The Great War Koadshow – County and The Great War' by Brendan Flynn
11.30lfs: 'Moral Insanity and the Great War: Bad Men in Good Jobs' – John O'Keeffe.
12.15hrs: 'Women and Children First: The Home Front During WW1' – Dr.Ciaran Wallace.

14.30hrs: Leo Ireton's Shop: Reflections and Walking Tour of Greystones

**Sunday September 28th** 

11.00hrs: Jim Brennan Memorial Lecture – 'What Did You Do in the Great War Granddad' – Turtle Bunbury.

Tickets, 10 lectures for just €30 are available from Kay Coughlan at 01 2876694 or email kcouqhla@wicklowcoco.ie or via the website of the Greystones Archaeological and Historical Society. www.greystonesahs.org

#### DUBLIN FESTIVAL OF HISTORY

This year's Dublin Festival of History, organised by Dublin City Council and managed by Dublin City Libraries, takes place from September 26th to October 8th 2014. As we remember the anniversary of the commencement of the Great War / First World War / World War One, this year's festival will look at the experience of the ordinary Dubliners who served at the Front. Their voices will be heard through poetry, song and letters in a specially commissioned piece of documentary theatre while Sir Hugh Strachan, one of the most foremost First World War military historians will give his insights into the conflict. There are also talks on women and the war and on the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. The 2014 festival will also look at historic anniversaries from further afield with lectures of the 1944 Warsaw Uprising and on Ernest Shackleton's Trans-Antarctic expedition. Through the programme of lectures in Dublin Castle and in branch libraries, the festival will cover a large and wide range of historical topics going back as far as the Battle of Clontarf in 1014 and moving right up to the 20th century taking in the English Civil War, the Crimean War, the two World Wars and the Spanish Civil War. Lectures will as look at how ordinary people lived their lives in 18th coffee houses and 20th century suburbs and how individuals, well known and not so-well known shaped the world we live in. See: www.dublinfestivalofhistory.ie

#### DUBLIN HISTORICAL RECORD

Articles featured in 'The Dublin Historical Record - Spring 2014', Editor Séamas Ó Maitiú, published by the Old Dublin Society, articles include: From the Editor; Notes on the Contributors; Around the Town; 'Removing some big guns - the story of Dublin's Crimean War trophy from 1857 to the present' by Paul Huddie; William Watson's Clontarf Nursery (1880-1920) by Bernardine Ruddy; 'Thorncastle Street, Ringsend, through the ages' by Phil Comerford; 'An Injury to One is the Concern for all': Dublin Port, the Namebook, the 1913 Lockout and the Sympathetic Strike' by Pádraig Yeates; 'An entertainment for the duke' by Maighréad Ní Mhurchadha; 'The Founding of the Irish Volunteers at Dublin's Rotunda Hall, 25 November 1913' by Frank Whearity; 'A Skerries Street in Victorian Times' by Patricia Flynn; Some Guidelines for Contributors by the Editor; City News from the Past; Book Notices and Reviews and, finally, Obituaries to Séamus Kearns, Joan Tighe and Shane Mac Thomáis. Copies of the Dublin Historical Record can be obtained at the postpaid price of €14 from James Scannell, The Old Dublin Society, 19 Hazelwood, Shankill, Dublin 18, Ireland.

#### DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Board of Directors of the Society has agreed a timeframe for the production of a successor document to the 'Outreach Programme 2010-2015' and the 'Volunteerism and Gender Equality / Representation Policy Docu-ment 2010-2015' to cover a five year period from 2015 to 2020. The 'Development Plan 2015-2020' will cover the day-to-day activities of the Society and our engagement with our Members and the general public at home and abroad. Underpinning a number of the proposals contained in the Draft Plan presented to the Board at its September meeting is the imminent requirement for the Board to secure suitable premises for the Society's Archive and its administration, however, many of the proposals may be implemented or pursued without such at this stage. The overall objective of this plan is to maintain the Society at the forefront of developments within Irish genealogy, heraldry, vexillology, social history and related studies

by implementing a number of interrelated recommendations, some of which, are already operative and should continue. It is envisaged that the implementation of the various proposed elements of the Plan will take place over several years and therefore, priorities will be established to take account of resources in personnel, finance and, of course, a new premises. It is envisaged that many of the circa fifty recommendations in the Draft Plan will require further planning to ensure success. The successful implementation of the 'Development Plan 2015-2020' will draw on the potential afforded by the collective and individual expertise, knowledge and creativity of the individual portfolio holders. The Society has an enviable and solid track record spanning twenty-four years of development and innovation in the fields of genealogy, heraldry, vexillology and social history. The formulation and implementation of the new Development Plan will encompass events to mark our 25th anniversary on October 25th 2015 and, indeed, our 30th in October 2020.

#### DLR LEXICON

The most ambitious cultural project ever undertaken in the County of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown, just south of Dublin City, in the past hundred years is due to be open to the public in the coming months. The DLR Lexicon is the new Central Library and Cultural Centre built by the County Council in Moran Park on the seafront in Dún Laoghaire. During the planning stages and all the way through its construction the project was mired in public controversy over cost (estimated €36 million), location, height, size and, some would argue, the lack of public consultation and engagement on the project. But with all the controversies set aside, the public will soon have the chance to view this new iconic structure with its wonderfully panoramic views over the historic Dún Laoghaire and the wide expanse of Dublin Bay. The interior of the building is simply stunning and, without a shadow of a doubt, it will become enormously popular with the residents of Dún Laoghaire and visitors to the Town. This Society hopes to explore the possibility of hosting events in the DLR Lexicon to mark our 25th anniversary year which, of course, commences on October 25th 2014 and runs up to the actual anniversary date on October 25th 2015. Welcome to the DLR Lexicon—the People's Lexicon!

#### **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 Institu-tions 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 membership application form and send it to:

Mr. Billy Saunderson, MGSI, Director of Finance, 'Suzkar', Killiney Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin,

New Members always welcome!

#### 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/Sept Associations 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 checkout the following website: www.flagsireland.wordpress.com

# GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND Board of Directors 2014-2015

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#### DIARY DATES

Tuesday September 9th & October 14th 2014 Evening Open Meeting Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire 20.00hrs—22.00hrs

Wednesday Sept. 24th & October 22nd 2014 Morning Open Meeting Hardy's Bar, Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire 10.30hrs—12.30hrs

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

### **Genetic Genealogy Ireland 2014**

This year's Genetic Genealogy Ireland conference will be held at the RDS during the Back To Our Past event next month. Dr Spencer Wells of the National Genographic Project is to give the Keynote Address at Genetic Genealogy Ireland 2014. Dr Wells is is a leading population geneticist and director of the Genographic Project from National Geographic. The Genographic Project is the brainchild of Spencer Wells. The project has three components: (1) To collaborate with indigenous and traditional peoples around the world in the collection and analysis of research data; (2) To involve the general public in this real-time scientific project and to learn about their own deep ancestry in the process (by purchasing the DNA Ancestry Kit, Geno 2.0) and (3) To support community-led indigenous conservation and revitalization projects. Genetic Genealogy Ireland 2014 will have some returning speakers from last year's event and include some very familiar names: Katherine Borges (US), director of ISOGG (International Society of Genetic Genealogy); Gerard Corcoran (IRL), ISOGG Ireland regional representative; **Debbie Kennett** (UK), author, blogger, project administrator, & Honorary Clinical Research Associate at University College London; **Cynthia** Wells (US), project administrator, Assistant Director of the Reedy Creek Family History Centre; Tyrone Bowes (IRL), director of IrishOrigenes: Maurice Gleeson (IRL), project administrator and coordinator of Genetic Genealogy Ireland. New speakers from the genetic genealogy community include: Brian Swann (UK), ISOGG England & Wales regional representative; Paul Burns (US), administrator of the Byrne DNA Project; Emily Aulicino (US), project administrator, and blogger; and Brad Larkin (US), administrator of the Larkin DNA Project, and editor of the SurnameDNA Journal In addition there will be at least five academic speakers to complete the full presentation schedule, which will be announced in several weeks. All in all, the line up of international speakers promises to make this a very engaging conference with topics of wide appeal to the general Irish public and indeed to anyone with Irish ancestry. Like last year, many of the DNA Lectures will be recorded and can be viewed for free on the Genetic Genealogy Ireland YouTube Channel. You can expect exciting revelations, the latest scientific discoveries, and genealogy news "hot off the press". The DNA Lectures are run in conjunction with Back to Our Past (BTOP), Ireland's national genealogical exhibition, and there will be something for everyone at the event, whether you are an advanced genetic genealogist or only just starting out with your family tree Gerard Corcoran, MGSI. research. Checkout the website: http://www.isogg.org/

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#### **CARE FOR YOUR RECORDS**

In the course of our research we 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 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 them donated to the care of the Society's Archives for future generations of researchers. Please Will Your Society Well and please add that codicil today. Many Thanks!

#### STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

The Society offers a 50% reduction on the standard membership rate for students and young researchers under 25 years of age. Persons taking adult education courses in genealogy can avail of a similar 50% reduction—that's right, for just €20.00. See GSI website.

#### LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 'Irish Genealogy Online: the Digital Revolution' by Brian Donovan. Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – 'Commonwealth War Graves Records for Ireland' by Patrick Lynch. Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November – 'Loughlinstown Workhouse' by Liam Clare. Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – TBA. VENUE: Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumber land St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Travel directions to the venue are provided on the Society's website 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 always interested to receive feedback on the lecture programme. Please contact Séamus on Gazette@familyhistory.ie



Stanislav Zamyatin, GSI Director of Vexillological & Heraldic Services

#### REPRESENTING IRELAND

The Society's two Branches, Vexillology Ireland and Heraldry Ireland represented Ireland at the II IHW Congress on Heraldry and Vexillology in Cieszyn, Poland, from Sept. 4-6, 2014. Russian born, Irish vexillologist, Stanislav Zamyatin, represented the Society at this conference. A report will be published by Stan in next

month's newsletter. The GSI also represented Ireland last year in Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

#### TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS

by John Grenham, MA, MAPGI, FIGRS, FGSI

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