



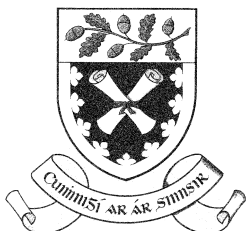
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## Message from An Cathaoirleach

2014 and the years ahead, being the decade of the centenaries, promise to be very busy for the Genealogical Society of Ireland and we would welcome your support and involvement with the Board of Directors. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the directors if you have any issues you would like to raise or if you can help in any way.

With the formation of the new board we are pleased to say we now have three women on the board compared to last year when we only had one. Still the ratio is not where it should be as we should strive for a gender balanced board.

Our ambitions for the Society are too many to cover in this message, but will list some of the leading goals we have agreed on the Board of Directors. The first is successful fund raising and augmenting the Society's financial strength. We have so much to offer at both a local and national and international level that we should take a more proactive role in raising funds so that we can find a new location for a larger facility for our library and archive, class room and meeting room facilities. Several members of our board



John Hamrock, MBA, MCSI

are already diligently working on fund raising and on finding new space.

Another key focus will be on Education and Training. Our ambition is expand our adult weekend genealogy course offering to evenings and to move from beginner level to intermediate and advanced levels. We also look to offer distance learning possibly in partnership with leading third level institutions. We also wish to work with local schools to introduce children to genealogy and heraldry and good progress is being made on these fronts.

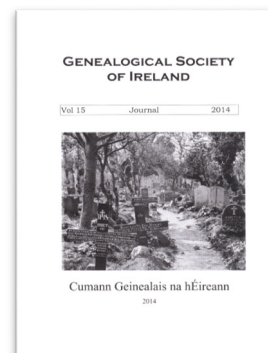
Outreach has been a key goal and successful output over the last few years, but we need to redouble our efforts here. One goal would be to establish satellite branches in other parts of Ireland and abroad. We also

aim to forge stronger links with large institutions and societies outside of Ireland in a deeper way. This could position the Society well as the Government looks to select a National Diaspora Centre during the course of the year.

We will also continue to focus on improving our archival offering, developing our website and digital media campaign, and to champion legislative campaigns in both Ireland and abroad to strive to meet the Society's goals and purpose.

John Hamrock, Cathaoirleach

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## Bratacha is Irish for 'flags'

Yes, it's that time of year again when we turn our attention to all things vexillological. *Bratacha 2014* is an exploration of the history, development, meaning and culture of flags. This annual event is hosted by **Vexillology Ireland**, a branch of this Society, in conjunction with the **Dún Laoghaire Community Association, Dún Laoghaire Business Association, National Maritime Museum of Ireland** and it is part funded by **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council**. The Society's Director of Vexillological & Heraldic Services, Stanislav

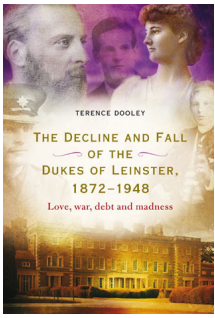


Stan Zamyatin

Zamyatin, chairs a Steering Group organising the event. Indeed, building on the success of last year's *Festival of Flags & Emblems*, Vexillology Ireland applied for a community grant to help organise *Bratacha 2014* which has as its centre piece an exhibition of flags and emblems in the National Maritime Museum of Ireland. This year's exhibition will feature a display of landscape photographs depicting the

various national flags with their colours drawn from nature and the natural environment. Many of the national flags of countries around the world endeavour to evoke the landscape of the country, for example, the flag of the Ukraine horizontally blue over yellow is simply the blue sky over the corn fields of this vast country. The objectives of the exhibition are to stimulate, educate and, occasionally to question or challenge our perceptions and understanding of this type of symbolism. The town of Dún Laoghaire will be decked out with flags and bunting.

## The Decline and Fall of the Dukes of Leinster 1872-1948



*'The decline and fall of the dukes of Leinster, 1872-1948 - Love, war, debt and madness'* by **Terence Dooley** is a real gem for the genealogist, local historian or, maybe the budding screen-writer. There is certainly a movie to rival anything that

Downton Abbey has delivered in the way of scandal, loss, love triangles and much more besides. This new book from Four Courts Press (ISBN: 978-1-84682-533-0 : 304pp : colour : Catalogue Price: €24.95 : Web Price: €22.45), explores the fascinating story of the decline and fall of Ireland's premier aristocratic family, the dukes of Leinster. Descended from the Anglo-Norman FitzGerald they had been in Co. Kildare since the early thirteenth century and spent much of the intervening centuries falling in and out of royal favour. For a long time, as Dooley notes, they played an interesting game of presenting themselves as Gaelic to the Irish and simultaneously asserting their Englishness to

the Anglo-Normans of the Pale. By the late seventeenth century the family was firmly re-established politically and socially at the heart of Anglo-Irish Ireland. They had arrived and had for almost 300 years, lived amidst glorious splendour in their grand Palladian mansion, Carton House, Co. Kildare. The building was purchased from the representatives of Major General Richard Ingoldsby by Robert FitzGerald, 19th Earl of Kildare and his wife Mary O'Brien, daughter of the 3rd Earl of Inchiquin. The book brings the reader through a period of huge upheaval and political change in Ireland in the late eighteenth century where the family, not for the first time, navigated a careful course between Catholic Ireland and the Protestant establishment. They provided the lands for the establishment of St. Patrick's College in Maynooth in 1795. Events barely three years later could have ruined the family's position, deeply embarrassed by the actions of Lord Edward FitzGerald, a leader of the United Irishmen, but they recovered mainly to credit of Augustus, 3rd Duke. This is where Dooley's main narrative begins with the sale of Leinster House, now home to the Oireachtas, and the re-modelling of Carton House on the pro-

ceeds. By the time Charles, 4th Duke, assumes control of the family estates in 1874, the family is already well connected by marriage to the English aristocracy. Nevertheless, from the 1870s the family, as Dooley explains, were engulfed by public and private events: Land War, Home Rule, the Great War, revolution, global economic collapse, sadness and madness, the consequences of the beautiful Hermione, 5th Duchess of Leinster's extra-marital affair and a profligate 7th Duke. The story, many times reading like a great novel, moves from Maynooth in rural Co. Kildare to high society London and onwards to continental Europe and America before returning to Carton House. Dooley opens up a much romanticised world and, in doing so, he exposes its many contradictions and charts the reasons for the decline and fall of so many Irish and British aristocratic dynasties. It is an excellent and most enjoyable read. **Terence Dooley** is associate professor and director of the Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates, NUI, Maynooth. He is the author of several books on country houses and the land question in nineteenth- and twentieth-century Ireland. *MM*

## Irish DNA Atlas Project

Regular readers will already know of the Irish DNA Atlas which 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 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. Whilst the scientific data is provided by Dr. Cavalleri's team at the RCSI, the project also has an academic historian, **Dr. Daren McGettigan**, who specialises in Irish medieval history and in particular, the local origins of Irish Septs/Clans. 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 close collaboration between a leading geneticist, an academic historian and a genealogist has huge potential. 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 contact Séamus O'Reilly by e-mail on [Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie) Also, checkout the project newsletter on the GSI website.

### 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. *Will Your Society Well!!*

## 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 'bi-monthly' going forward. The current edition 'May-June' issue is available to read or to be downloaded absolutely **FREE OF CHARGE** from [www.irishlivesremembered.com](http://www.irishlivesremembered.com) Publisher Eileen Munnely said that 'we believe that moving over to a bi-monthly publication will allow us to free up more time to enhance the current success of Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy e-magazine. The bi-monthly e-Magazine has a new look and feel to the publication together with more specialist features and supplements of interest for around 20,000 dedicated readers globally research their Irish ancestry'. Eileen said that 'We are proud to have played a huge part in 'raising the bar' to promote Irish genealogy/family history businesses and services in both Ireland and overseas' and

that she looks forward to 'reaching out' to new readers and advertisers. On moving to the new bi-monthly format Irish *'Lives Remembered Genealogy e-Magazine'* has certainly facilitated the inclusion of more actually research rather than 'signposting' articles. This is an excellent development as it creates another fine on-line resource for Irish genealogy. As more and more of us choose to source our information and news on-line, Eileen's decision to move to a bimonthly publication schedule brings it into line with other quality publications like *'History Ireland'* and *'Archaeology Ireland'* which are available on-line. Eileen's business has now changed its name to **Millennium Media** - T/A Irish Lives Remembered Ltd., and she is delighted to now be in a position to offer new services such as: Contract Publishing, Visual Communications & Graphic Design services. Tracing your Irish ancestors? Check out the many interesting articles and research sources on [www.irishlivesremembered.com](http://www.irishlivesremembered.com) and click on [Back Editions](#) to read the past 22 issues for FREE.

## WEEKEND GENEALOGY COURSES

Weekend genealogy courses operated in conjunction with Ancestor Network Limited are an excellent way to improve your research skills, learn about new sources, manage your files and research, produce professional genealogical reports and much more besides. The Society issues certificates to those who successfully complete the course. For further information please contact John Hamrock on 087.050 5296 or by E-mail on [john.hamrock@ancestor.ie](mailto:john.hamrock@ancestor.ie)

### IRELAND'S GENEALOGICAL GAZETTE

All the past issues of this newsletter and its predecessor right back to 1996 are available in pdf format to read or to download *free of charge* on the Society's website [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie)

# James Scannell Reports...

## INVENTOR REMEMBERED

On March 11<sup>th</sup> during a visit to London Taoiseach Enda Kenny attended a ceremony in St. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Green, at which a new headstone to Louis Brennan, the Co. Mayo born inventor, was unveiled. His most famous invention was the steerable torpedo in 1874 which went to play a significant role in the defense of the British Empire's ports and naval bases around the world. Born in Castlebar, Co. Mayo, in 1852, Brennan took out patents on thirty-eight inventions during a long and distinguished career and died aged 80 in 1932 after being knocked down by a car while on holiday in Switzerland.

## ROSIE HACKETT BRIDGE

The latest bridge to span Dublin's River Liffey, the Rosie Hackett Bridge, will be formally opened on May 20<sup>th</sup> and in 2017 will be used by the Luas to connect the Green line with the Red line. On Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Dublin City Library and Archive, Pearse Street, was the venue for the launch of a booklet '*Crossing the Liffey in style: Rose Hackett Bridge*' by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Oisín Quinn. The book-

let celebrates the five short listed names Rosie, Hackett, Kay Mills, Willie Bermingham, Bram Stoker and Frank Duff and includes brief biographies about them. Also listed are the eighty five names that were submitted by the public. The launch was also address by Cllr. Dermot Lacey, Chairperson of the Commemorative Naming Committee, Dublin City Council. Copies of this booklet are available free of charge from Dublin City Libraries.

## CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

On Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>, to mark the 150th Anniversary of Bray Methodist Church, the Bray Cualann Historical Society and Bray Methodist Community will host a special lecture by Rev. D.A. Levistone Cooney on '*150 Years of Methodism in Bray*' at 8 p.m. in Bray Methodist Church, Florence Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission free but a voluntary donation is requested.

## COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> an Post issued a 60c stamp to mark the centenary of Cumann na mBan, a women's organisation created to ena-

ble Irish women to play their role in national activism which members demonstrated admirably during the 1916 Rising, the War of Independence and in the Civil War as many members opted to side with the Republican. Side. A stamp commemorating the Irish Citizen Army, scheduled to be issued on January 23<sup>rd</sup> but withdrawn prior to issue following complaints about the veracity of the image selected by a number of historian, was re-issued on April 17<sup>th</sup> with a new image. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> a 60c stamp to mark the passage of the Government of Ireland Act, 1914, more commonly known as the *Home Rule Act*, will be issued.

## THEATRE ROYAL, DUBLIN

Thomas Myler, 16, Ailesbury Grove, Dundrum, Dublin 16, is writing a history of Dublin's Theatre Royal and would like to hear from any relatives of entertainers who appeared on its stage. He would also like to hear from anyone who may relate items such as photographs, programmes or ticket stubs.

**Editor:** If you wish to e-mail information on the above, we'll pass it on to Thomas.

## Précis of the April Lecture

The guest speaker at the Society's Open Meeting on Tuesday April 8th 2014, members heard a very interesting illustrated talk by **Brian Scott** on the development and history of the regular ferry services from between Ireland and Great Britain. Mr. Scott's extensive knowledge on the subject is based on many years of research and a life-long interest in shipping matters. He was employed for around 45 years by British Rail/Sealink, British Ferries and finally by Stena Line in Dún Laoghaire and Dublin. Many of us think of the cross channel ferry service as a relatively modern development, however, Mr. Scott traced its origins back to the mid seventeenth century and, in fact, much earlier. The development of the mail-boat services in the nineteenth century and their contin-

uance up to late last century was explored in detail including, the types of vessels, nature of the non-passenger traffic, passenger numbers and the connecting train services on either side of the Irish Sea. Mr. Scott explained the circumstances surrounding the various maritime tragedies that befell vessels plying the route from Holyhead and Liverpool to Dublin and Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire), especially the fate of the *RMS Leinster* in October 1918. Members were very interested to learn of the archival resources available for the study of Irish maritime history and, in particular, the extant service records of the ship and shore staffs of the various shipping companies. A lively Q&A followed with many members sharing details on family associations with the shipping companies, sometimes over several generations. A very interesting topic indeed.

## FREE FAMILY HISTORY ADVICE

*An Daonchartlann*, the Society's Archives and Research Centre at the historic Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire, is open each Wednesday from 10.30hrs to 16.30hrs (except 4th Weds. open at 13.00hrs) and each Saturday from 14.00hrs to 17.30hrs. Members are on hand to provide **free family history research advice** to visitors. The use of the Society's extensive archival resources is reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership is available for €5.00 and payable on-line at the GSI website. Resources freely available to GSI members include a number of excellent pay-for-view websites including Ancestry.com, Findmypast, Forces War Records, Newspapers.com, the British Newspaper Archives and the Irish Newspaper Archives. Travelling to the facility is best by public transport as both Dublin Bus (nos. 7, 7A, 8, 46A and 75) and the DART (suburban rail) are nearby. Pay-n-display parking is available at Dún Laoghaire Harbour area. See: [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie)

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

The Annual Review of the Membership Package was undertaken by the Board of Directors at its meeting on Thursday November 7th 2013. It was agreed under **Res: 13/11/1060** to keep the cost of the Annual Subscription for 2014 for Irish and Overseas Members at €40.00. The Membership Package for 2014 includes the following: Member voting rights; optional second household adult member (18 years or over); Membership Certificate [**Res: 11/09/859**]; right to use GSI post-nominal; copy of the Annual Journal; monthly newsletter by e-mail; use of the Society's Archive; monthly meetings/lectures; special prices of up to 50% off selected Society publications; right to register your own assumed Arms or emblems with the Society free of charge; right to have your Club, School or Institutions assumed Arms or emblems registered with the Society free of charge to a maximum of ten registrations; occasional group projects; Members' internet forum (under construction); genealogical, heraldic and vexillological advice; and the facility to publish your

research in the GSI Journal. Special Membership concessions on products and services obtained, from time to time, by the Society. The Board also agreed to provide a number of concessionary rates at €20.00 for persons under 25 years of age and persons attending recognised genealogy courses etc. This Membership Package shall be applied as and from January 1st 2014 and be subject to annual review, however, existing Membership Packages shall be honored until their annual renewal date.

**NOTE:** In accordance with **Res: 10/09/785** all Membership Packages fall due for renewal on the anniversary of joining—please check your Membership Certificate. Apply on-line at [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie) or if you prefer, download the form and send it to **Mr. Billy Saunderson, MCSI**, Director of Finance, 'Suzkar', Killiney Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

*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](http://www.heraldryireland.com) or for *Vexillology Ireland* checkout the following website: [www.flagsireland.wordpress.com](http://www.flagsireland.wordpress.com)

**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND****Board of Directors 2014-2015**

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**DIARY DATES**

**Tuesday May 13th & June 10th 2014**  
**Evening Open Meeting**

**Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute**  
**Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire**  
**20.00hrs—22.00hrs**

**Wednesday May 28th & June 25th 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)**

**Aon Scéal**

D'éirigh an mhaith le "Tóstal 2013" an bhliain seo caite agus thug idir 250 agus 270 míle duine cuairt ar Éirinn. Thug an Tóstal *feasacht* don *gineolaíocht agus spreag* sé daoine suim a chur ina sinsir féin. Tá *forbairt* agus

*méadú* tagtha ar shuim maidir leis an ngeolaíocht. Tá suimh cosúil le *findmypast.ie*, *familysearch.org* agus *nationalarchives.ie* ag *soláthar* eolais do dhaoine ar mian leo a *fréamhacha clainne* a aimsiú. An mí seo, seoladh 'Taifid Daonáireamh Réamh -1901' ina léirítear a bhfuil fágha anois de dhaoine ar mian leo a *fréamhacha clainne* a aimsiú. An mí seo, seoladh 'Taifid Daonáireamh Réamh -1901' ina léirítear a bhfuil fágha anois de dhaoine ar mian leo a *fréamhacha clainne* a aimsiú. Tá deis ag daoine *cuardach* a dhéanamh ar líne agus eolas a *bhailiú* go héasca. Tá *seirbhísi comhair-leoireachta* ar fáil chomh maith ó chomhlachtaí ar nós Ancestor Network agus Eneclann chun treoir agus tacaíocht a thabhairt ar na *foinsí* atá ar fáil agus *taighde* a dhéanamh do aon duine ar mian leo eolas a fháil ar a *sinsir*. Cuireann Cumann Geineolais na hÉireann, comhairle taighde ar fáil, saor in aisce ag an Daonchartlann. Is ábhar *mórtas* agus *bród* do dhaoine, ar nós *Ghael-Mheiriceánaigh* fillleadh ar Éirinn agus cuairt a thabhairt ar an áit inár rugadh a *sinsir* agus bualadh le *daoine muinteartha* atá fós ann. Tá tábhacht ar leith ag baint le *gineolaíocht* na hÉireann chun ceangal agus nasc a chruthú le daoine ar fud an domhain.

**An Ghaeilge : Irish Language**

The Society's Oifigeach na Gaeilge (Irish Language Officer), **Caitlín Ní Chonghaile**, (above) will be publishing short articles in Irish each month in this newsletter on a range of genealogical or heraldic topics. The aim of these short articles is to familiarise readers with the Irish versions of the various terms we use in genealogy and heraldry. A glossary will be provided alongside each short article.

**Gluais - Glossary**

*An Tóstal 2013 - The Gathering Ireland 2013*

*Feasacht - Awareness*

*Gineolaíocht - Genealogy*

*Spreag - Inspire / Forbairt - Development*

*Méadú - Increase / Soláthar - Providing*

*Fréamhacha clainne - Family Roots*

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**GSI JOURNAL 2014**

The 2014 edition of the *Journal of the Genealogical Society of Ireland* was published last month. It's an excellent publication. All paid-up members receive their copies by mail. However, if you wish to pick your copy up at either of our monthly meetings, please e-mail **Barry O'Connor** on [membership@familyhistory.ie](mailto:membership@familyhistory.ie) Once again, we congratulate **George O'Reilly** and **Brendan Hall** for their hard work in sourcing articles, page-making, design and layout. Copies are available for sale at €7.50 plus postage. Please contact Barry O'Connor for costs of postage to your home in Ireland or overseas.

**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**

The following are the monthly lectures for the next two months. **Tues. May 13th** *Technology and genealogy from a layperson's point of view* by Maura Flood, MGSi. **Tues. June 10th**—*'Clans of Ireland—a case study of the O' Donnell Clan'* by Francis M. O'Donnell. **VENUE: Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute** (formerly the *Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education*), Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Travel directions to the venue are provided on the Society's website [www.familyhistory.ie](http://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 e-mail: [Séamus Moriarty on Gazette@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Séamus.Moriarty@familyhistory.ie)

**CAR PARKING AT COLLEGE**

Members are advised that car-parking facilities at the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute on Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, are very limited, especially during the college terms. The Society advises all attending the lectures that the most convenient option is to use public transport. Dublin Bus nos. 7, 7A, 46A and 75 all serve the college or streets adjacent to the college—Lower George's Street, York Road, Clarence Street. The DART (suburban rail) services to Salthill & Monkstown is only a short walk from the college. On street car-parking is usually available in the area also. Members—why not 'car pool' for each month's meeting?

**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'*. This guide is excellent as it takes you through each of the resources and repositories for your family history research. Please check out [www.gillmacmillan.com](http://www.gillmacmillan.com) Price €22.99 [RRP].

**EDUCATION SERVICES**

The Society's newly elected Leas-Chathaoirleach and Director of Education Services, **Maura Flood** (left), presented a comprehensive programme (in draft form) on the development of genealogy as an educational

tool in primary and secondary schools. This innovative and exciting programme will also include a modular approach to heraldry and vexillology which can be used in the teaching of art, design, history, geography and literature. Maura's objective is to have a very adaptable model, upon which, any number of exciting and enjoyable projects can be developed to enhance the learning experience. It is not intended that the Society would become directly involved with students as all contact will be with principals and teachers. **Stan Zamyatin** will provide the heraldic and vexillological elements while **Caitlín Ní Chonghaile** will explore the possibility of providing the programme in the Irish language. The final draft programme will be considered by the Board in the coming weeks and details on the programme will be published on the Society's website in due course.

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