



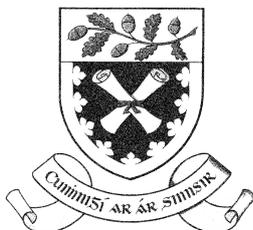
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Family History Month

Saturday October 25th 2014 is the 24th anniversary of the foundation of the Society and thereafter, we enter our 25th Anniversary Year. This is a huge milestone for Ireland's most active genealogical organisation. The Society has been to the forefront of Irish genealogy since its foundation back in 1990. Its success is down primarily to proactive, innovative and imaginative initiatives driven by a dedicated team of volunteers and supported by a committed national and international membership. Ever since its foundation, the Society has tirelessly campaigned for the maximum public access to records of a genealogical interest, while, at the same time, it has been the undoubted leader in the on-going legislative campaigns to improve the services for Irish research. Most recently we have concentrated on achieving the maximum clarity of the maintenance of public access to civil registration records in Ireland. Two bills are currently under consideration by our parliamentarians, the **Civil Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2014** and the **Freedom of Information (Amendment) Bill, 2013**. The

Society gratefully acknowledges the support received from **Senators David Norris, Feargal Quinn, Labhrás Ó Murchú** and **Jillian van Turnhout** and **Catherine Murphy, TD**, all of whom pressed the Society's case in the Oireachtas (Parliament). The Oireachtas Committee report on '**Developing a Plan**

ENTERING OUR 25th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

to Capture the Full Value of our Genealogical Heritage' is currently in preparation. The Society presented a detailed written submission and appeared before the Oireachtas Committee in December 2013. As the country emerges from the worst recession in the recent history of the State, the Society is looking forward with considerable confidence to the future of Irish genealogy. During the recession, unlike many other similar organisations in Ireland and overseas, the Society successfully maintained its membership levels. Prudent management of our funds meant that we were

able to maintain and, in most cases, expand our services to our members and to the general public throughout the recession. In November 2013 the Society lodged a detailed proposal with **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council** for the allocation of the old Carnegie Library to the Society following the building of the new DLR Lexicon. The proposal envisages the establishment of an '**Irish Institute of Genealogical and Heraldic Studies incorporating a Centre for Diaspora and Migration Studies**'. The Society strongly believes that its proposed use of the Carnegie Library is the most appropriate educational and cultural use of the historic library building in the centre of Dún Laoghaire. The Society's extensive archival collections and its very busy research centre would, it is envisaged, be relocated from the Carlisle Pier if the County Council approves the proposal. Therefore, we're entering our 25th anniversary year with exciting plans, on-going campaigns and continued unrivalled service to Irish genealogy and the general public. It's wonderful that **Family History Month** actually launches our own 25th anniversary year.

BACK TO OUR PAST



DUBLIN'S RDS will, once again, host the annual '**Back to Our Past**' event from October 17th to 19th 2014. The

Director of the Outreach Programme, **Eddie Gahan, MGSI**, (pictured above) has arranged for the Society's participation again this year in this event which is the single most important event in Irish genealogy held each year. Visitors from Ireland will meet exhibitors from home and overseas, some at the 'cutting edge' of



genealogical research. All the main on-line resources will have stands and like our own Archives and Research Centre at the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire, our stand will provide free family history research advice to visitors at the event. Experienced members of the Society will be on hand to guide visitors through the use of the various resources

available for genealogical research. Also present this year at the Society's double stand will be the **Irish Jewish Genealogical Society**, the **Guild of One-Name Studies and Ancestor Network Limited**. On the Monday following the event at the RDS, the **International Society for Genetic Genealogy (ISSOG)** will visit the GSI in Dún Laoghaire, tour the new **DLR Lexicon** and the County Hall to meet with the Cathaoirleach of the County Council and genealogy enthusiast, **Cllr. Marie Baker**. An action packed '**Family History Month**' is in store for all.

Periodicals and Journalism in Twentieth-Century Ireland

A fascinating new book may provide very interesting research avenues for the genealogist and local historian. *'Periodicals and Journalism in Twentieth-Century Ireland'* edited by **Mark O'Brien** and **Felix M. Larkin** was published this month by Four Courts Press (ISBN: 978-1-84682-524-8 : 240pp : H/bk: Price €55.00). This book explores the world of the Irish periodical journals, many of which, were the campaigning, political or revolutionary organs of movements that shaped Irish society in the course of the last century. Culturally these publications are of immense importance to our understanding of the several competing narratives that sought to deliver either a socialist, catholic, republican or Gaelic Ireland as the intellectual life of the newly independent State struggled to create a functioning public sphere for such debates. This was no easy task in a religiously, socially and politically conservative Ireland where dogma sought to control and very effectively stifle public debate. Nowhere is this situation more succinctly described than in the quotes from J.J. Lee's magisterial *'Ireland, 1912-1965'* where he notes 'the intellectual poverty of Irish journalism ... [and] the lack of public demand for superior analysis' and that 'any newspaper that sought to run too far ahead of its readers would quickly become defunct'. These two short quotes perfectly set the scene for this study of the history of intellectual public debate in print in Ireland which created and offered a 'space for diversity' in an otherwise stiflingly orthodox society. In many ways the

courage and creativity of the contributors to these various journals provided a much needed vehicle of expression that existed outside and often at variance with the organs of mainstream Irish society. The local and national press often reflected the political ideologies of one or the other side in the Civil War and the social and religious conservatism that united the former antagonists. These journals eventually forged the thinking that led to a more open Irish society from the 1960s and therefore, understanding this, often very difficult, journey to an 'Irish modernity' is essential for any student of twentieth-century Ireland. Quoting Malcolm Ballin (*'Irish Periodical Culture, 1937-1972'*), the editors paint a very vivid picture of why these journals are of such immense importance 'journals record the evidence of challenge and change, and their contents illustrate the complex and interwoven terms of contemporary debate which commanded for these periodicals a relatively small, but committed and growing audience. This new audience had a key part to play in the process of change, in creating the climate that nurtured it and in making the democratic decisions that encouraged it'. Ballin's description accurately reflects the 'space' occupied by the journals explored in the fourteen essays in this volume starting with Colum Kenny's essay on the many publications edited by Arthur Griffith. Regina Uí Chollatáin looks at the publications of the Irish language revival movement and Patrick Maume explores D.P. Moran's aggressive advocacy of a Gaelic and Catholic

Ireland. Militant suffragism is examined by Sonja Tiernan while James Curry deals with James Connolly's *'The Worker'*. Ian Kennelly's essay explores the *'Irish Bulletin, 1919-21'* followed by Ian dAlton's essay of the *'Irish Statesman, 1919-30'*. Felix M. Larkin's essay on the *'Dublin Opinion, 1922-68'* certainly resonates with contemporary Ireland. Sonya Perkins explores the *'Capuchin Annual, 1930-54'* while Mark O'Brien follows with an essay on *'The Bell'* one of the foremost periodicals of the 1940s. John Horgan's essay examines *'The Furrow'* (1950-77). Brian Trench deals with *'Hibernia: voices of dissent, 1968-80'*. The final two essays deal with *'Hot Press'* with Joe Breen and *'Magill, 1977-90'* by Kevin Rafter. This book is certainly more than a history of Irish journalism as it provides a much needed and often overlooked insight into a near century long journey through a contested 'space for diversity' towards a peculiarly Irish sense of modernity. **MM**

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 for future generations of researchers. *Please Will Your Society Well—add that codicil today. Thanks!*

The Brig 'St. John'

Ceann do na *tragóidí* is mó a tharla i rith an tréimhse imirice ó Éirinn tar éis an Ghorta Mór ná *longbhriseadh* an Brig St. John inár bá beagnach 100 duine ar chósta Massachusetts ar an 5 Deireadh Fómhair 1849. D'fhág an long Gaillimh chun dul go dtí Bostún. Ba le Henry Comerford as Gaillimh an long seo agus bhí an caiptaen Martin Oliver á stiúradh. Bhí naonúr criú ar an long seo agus tháinig na *paisinéirí* as tuaisceart chondaie an Chláir agus Conamara. D'éirigh go maith leis an turas farraige agus bhí *riméad* ar na *paisinéirí* gur fhág siad an baile, tír ina raibh *ocras, galar agus bás*. Ar an maidin Domhnach sin d'ardaigh stoirm láidir, bhí *tonnta móra milleteach* ag briseadh ar an long agus chuir an caiptaen Martin Oliver síos an t-ancuire go tóin poill ag súil go mbeadh an long saibhálte ón stoirm. Níor choinnigh an t-ancuire an long agus bhuaíl sí na carraigeacha ag Grampus Rock, i Cohasset i ndeisceart Bhoistún. *Stróiceadh* an long as a chéile agus

rinneadh píosaí di. Níor tháinig ach 20 duine slán ón *tragóid* seo agus bhí an caiptaen Oliver ar cheann acu. Bá clann iomlán chomh maith le Patrick McSweeney a fuair bás ag iarraidh a bhean agus a naonúr clainne a shabháil. Choinic daoine ar an mórthír an long ag bá, ach ní raibh siad ábalta theacht i gcabhair orthu. Cúpla lá ina dhiaidh sin thug an scríobhneoir Henry Thoreau cuairt ar an gceantar. Scríobh sé ar an méid a choinic sé ansin. Bhí an baile trí chéile agus an stoirm fós ag briseadh ar na carraigeacha. Thug sé faoi deara poll mór agus coirp thíos ann a tháinig ón bhfarraige. Ceaptar nár tógaidh ach 28 corp ón uisce. Seasca cúig bliana ina dhiaidh sin chuir an Ancient Order of Hibernians *crois cuimhneacháin* fiche troigh ar airde in omós na mairbh i Cohasset. Ar an gcrois seo tá as *inscríbhinn* seo leanas:

"This cross was erected and dedicated May 30, 1914, by the A.O.H. of Massachusetts to

mark the final resting place of forty-five Irish immigrants from a total company of ninety-nine who lost their lives on Grampus Ledge off Cohasset October 7, 1849, in the wreck of the brig St. John from Galway, Ireland, U.S.A." *Caitlín Ní Chonghaile*

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| <i>Tragóid</i> | <i>Tragedy</i> |
| <i>Longbhriseadh</i> | <i>Shipwreck</i> |
| <i>Paisinéirí</i> | <i>passengers</i> |
| <i>Riméad</i> | <i>Joyous</i> |
| <i>tonnta móra milleteach</i> | <i>Huge waves</i> |
| <i>Stróiceadh</i> | <i>Torn</i> |
| <i>ocras, galar agus bás</i> | <i>Hunger, disease and death</i> |
| <i>crois cuimhneacháin</i> | <i>Memorial Cross</i> |
| <i>inscríbhinn</i> | <i>Inscription</i> |

HERALDRY & VEXILLOLOGY



Stanislav Zamyatin

As the only organisation in Ireland actively promoting the study of heraldry and vexillology, the Society's Director of Vexillological and Heraldic Services, Stanislav Zamyatin, is in constant demand for advice and as a conference speaker. Recently returned from Poland where he represented Ireland at a major international conference on heraldry and vexillology, Stan is currently working on an exciting project to produce Ireland's first on-line guide to vexillology and heraldry aimed at communities, sporting organisations and schools. Stan's lecture in Poland covered the development of civic heraldry and

vexillology in Ireland. He particularly focussed on the local authorities and the importance of the Gaelic Athletic Association in promoting the use of county heraldry and flags. The history of the development of civic heraldry in Ireland is a fascinating, but much overlooked, aspect of the development of local identities in Ireland. In his preparation for the lecture in Poland, Stan wishes to acknowledge with gratitude the assistance received from Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council and especially, from **Jim Ryan**, Communications Officer at Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. Stan is currently working on the next issue of *'VIBE'* and exploring the possibility of a colloquium on Irish heraldry and vexillology to be held later this year or early in 2015. His PowerPoint presentation will be uploaded shortly.

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 information packed edition *'September-October'* is available to read or to download for FREE at www.irishlivesremembered.com Click on [Back Editions](#) to read, free of charge, many hundreds of excellent articles on researching your Irish ancestors, exciting new resources and much more.

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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...

WAR MEMORIAL PARK OPENED

On Thursday September 18th, Mr. Charlie Flanagan, T.D., Irish Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, formally opened the World War One Memorial to the Wicklow War Dead in Woodenbridge, Co. Wicklow, one hundred years to the day on which the third Home Rule Bill received the royal assent, but whose implementation was immediately suspended for the duration of World War One. The memorial located in a woodland setting beside the Avoca river, and constructed by the Woodenbridge Village Development Association, consists of 15 pillars in 3 circles on which 1192 names are displayed. The names listed on the memorial are the results of 20 years of research by local historian Brendan Flynn and in the future as additional one come to light, these will be added. It was agreed that Woodenbridge was the most suitable site in Wicklow as this was the location when John Redmond, M.P., leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party made his impromptu speech on 20th September 1914 in which he urged Irishmen to go "wherever the firing line extends in defence of right, of freedom, and religion in this war." One of those listed on the memorial is John Redmond's brother, Major William (Willie) Redmond, M.P., who was killed at the Battle of Messines Ridge, Belgium, in 1917, and aged 56, and one of the oldest men to die in battle. The Woodenbridge memorial is the result of the

work of the Wicklow War Memorial Committee, which was established in 2011 with a view to developing a memorial to the Wicklow World War One dead. The Committee decided that the memorial would display the names of natives and residents of County Wicklow who had lost their lives, either directly or indirectly, as a result of World War One. The Woodenbridge Village Development Association was approached in 2012 and agreed to take on the project. Work commenced in the summer of this year and was completed in time for the target date of September 2014. To-date funding for the Woodenbridge project has been provided by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Wicklow County Partnership, Wicklow County Council, Arklow Town Council, Bray Town Council, local fundraising and personal donations.

OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY LECTURES

The following lectures will take place at 6.30 p.m. in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome – admission is free – lectures conclude by 8 p.m. Weds October 15th "Botany in print: botanical books and their readers in 18th century Dublin" by Dr. Máire Kennedy; Weds October 22nd "Roman Catholic Churches in 19th century Dublin: the contribution of patrons and architects" by Brendan Grimes; Weds October 29th "Methodists from the Free State to the Republic" by Rev. Dud-

ley A. Levistone Cooney; Weds November 5th "Swift and Dublin: controversial Dean, patriot Draper and inventor of micro-credit" by Brendan Twomey

REDEDICATION OF GRAVES

On Sunday September 21st the graves of 63 men who fought in the First World War were re-dedicated at a special service in Deansgrange Cemetery. Due to the political climate their military service was left off their headstones. Seven plaques were placed on the four mass graves where 63 men were interred. Fr. Joe Kennedy from Mount Argus, Dublin and Rev. Arthur Young from Kill O'The Grange Church of Ireland carried out the service of rededication. According to John McCann, Cemetery Supervisor, there might thousands of Irishmen who fought in the First World War buried in that cemetery and that it should be given a Cross of Sacrifice similar to one erected in Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin, earlier this year.

COLM MCCORMACK R.I.P.

The death took place on September 5th of 81-year old Colm McCormack, President of the Bray Cualann Historical Society, following the onset of a sudden illness. A retired architect of note who had worked on projects in Ireland and England in a long distinguished career and had had served as committee member of the Bray Cualann Historical Society since its formation in 1977 and in recent years had held the post of President of the Society.

Précis of the September Lecture

Tuesday 9th September *"Irish Genealogy Online: the Digital Revolution"* by **Brian Donovan**. Irish genealogy was considered impossible, but all that has changed thanks to the work of archives and libraries in Ireland, heritage centres, Eneclann, findmypast and others, there are now over 120 million records online. They include traditional sources like civil records of birth, death and marriage, census records and church registers. But they also include census substitutes like the land valuation records and tax records. Moreover entirely new classes of records have been trail-blazed in Ireland, like magistrate court registers, rebel and military records, and much more. These sources have posed a real challenge to make available online, and can be difficult to use. Brian discussed the major projects currently underway in Ireland, from the long story of digitisation at the GRO, the changing face of the IFHF (rootsireland.com) and the government's work at irishgenealogy.ie. He gave special emphasis to the pioneering work at the National Archives, from the launch of the 1901 and 1911 census through several other record sets, highlighting their innovative publishing model which promotes partnership between the public, private and voluntary sector. PRONI in Belfast has also been publishing new material online for over

a decade, and their key record releases were described. The National Library has also helped transform research, first by partnering with Eneclann and Origins to release Griffith Valuation online back in 2003, and more recently releasing their key archival finding aid *Sources* on their web site. One of the most important resources for 20th century family history is the Military Archives, and Brian gave an overview of their many online records, and their current project to release the pension archive relating to 1916-23. Brian also touched on the often unheralded work by local libraries and archives as well as societies in Ireland and overseas. He concluded his talk to discuss what has been achieved by findmypast, and their partners Eneclann, in the three short years since they launched an Irish collection, namely 75 million new records online for Irish family history research. He described the key record sets, 25 million Petty Sessions court records, Landed Estates Court records, the surviving pre-1901 census records (released for free earlier this year), newspapers, directories, etc. He also gave a sneak preview of the collections being currently worked on like the Valuation Office field and house books with 2.5 million records prior to Griffith, Merchant marine records, Catholic Qualification & Convert Rolls, Original Wills 1858-1922, and the Irish reproductive Loan fund in the National Archives in Kew.

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. Whilst the scientific data is provided by Dr. Cavalleri's team at the RCSI, the project also has an academic historian, **Dr. Daren McGeffigan**, 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. Participants are sought 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. Participants are requested to present a Birth Brief (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. If you are interested in participating or have a query about participating, please contact **Séamus O'Reilly**, FGSI by e-mail on Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie Also, check-out the project newsletter on the GSI website.

GSI MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Review of the Membership Package was undertaken by the Board of Directors at its meeting on Thursday November 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 vexillology 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.

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

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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

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**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday Oct. 14th & Nov. 11th 2014
Evening Open Meeting

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

Wednesday Oct. 22nd & Nov. 26th 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)

THE “CURRAGH INCIDENT”

'A Question of Duty – The Curragh Incident 1914' by **Paul O'Brien**, published by New Island, is a remarkable and fascinating book when covers in a very concise manner the incident often erroneously called 'The Curragh Mutiny' when a senior British officer and 56 of his officers decided to resign their commissions rather than take action against Ulster Unionists if ordered to do and the political repercussions that resulted from it. In March 1914 as the Third Home Rule Bill continued its unstoppable progress towards enactment and the spectre of civil war between Unionists and Nationalists loomed in Ireland, the British governments became concerned that Ulster Unionists might seize installation in Ulster as the first step towards declaring independence. As the War Office prepared plans to occupy strategic installations in Ulster, at a briefing in the Curragh Camp, officers who could prove that they were domiciled in Ulster were excused from this proposed operation but other officers indicated that they would resign rather than implement such an order. Suddenly the War Office discovered that the Army in Ireland had a political dimension to it while Nationalists were also shocked to discover that Army was not as impartial as they believed and was not prepared to face up to Ulster Unionists if ordered into action against them. What happened in the Curragh shook up the British military establishment and government but could not be classed as mutiny as they did not disobey direct orders as they choose to resign their commission in advance of anticipated orders rather than refusing to carry out direct orders. In the end, this incident was described as a misunderstanding with the officers concerned allowed to withdraw their resignations and resume their military service without any penalties being imposed on them. This very compact book by Paul O'Brien draws on official documents from a variety of sources and memoirs to explain in a very clear and concise way just what transpired in the Curragh in March 1914, the background to it and the aftermath. Many books have been written on this incident but this one explains Cemetery just what happened and why it happened clearly and concisely and Paul O'Brien to be complimented for this book which anyone with an interest in Irish history must add to their collection. **James Scannell**

IRISH DNA ATLAS PROJECT

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GSI IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Eddie Gahan, Director of the GSI Outreach Programme, organised a very enjoyable trip north on September 25th with visits to the Linen Museum at Lisburn and the Linen Hall Library in Belfast. Due to his efforts at promoting the Society north of the border, the Society is in much demand for events in Fermanagh, Down, Armagh and, of course, Belfast. Eddie has organised a stand for the Society at a major event planned for the King's Hall in Belfast in January. If you are interested in assisting Eddie please contact him on eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

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 for just €20.00. See GSI website.

LECTURE PROGRAMME

The following are the monthly lectures for the next few months. **Tuesday 14th October** – *'Commonwealth War Graves Records for Ireland'* by Patrick Hugh Lynch. **Tuesday 11th November** – *'Loughlinstown Workhouse'* by Liam Clare. **Tuesday 9th December** – TBA. **VENUE: Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute**, Cumberland 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

PARKING AT THE COLLEGE

Members are advised that car-parking facilities at the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute on Cumberland Street, 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. On street car-parking is usually available in the area also. Members—why not 'car pool' for each month's open meeting? Ask at the 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'*. Please checkout the website www.gillmacmillan.com Price €22.99 [RRP].

FREE RESEARCH 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 at Dún Laoghaire Harbour area. See: www.familyhistory.ie

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