



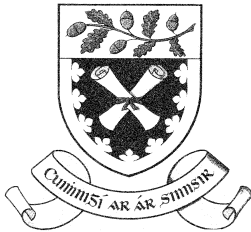
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Irish DNA Atlas Project

The Genealogical Society of Ireland and the **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland** are looking for participants in the Irish DNA Atlas Project. The Genealogical Director of the project, **Séamus O'Reilly, FGSI**, posted a message in Facebook on the Irish DNA Atlas late last year looking for volunteers to participate in the project. The project received quite number of inquiries and some comments. Since then the project had nearly twenty more participants, however, it still needs more participants. Many people could have missed the last posting and there are many new people in the various Facebook groups. This time the project directors attached a map showing the mean location of the groups of Great Grandparents of the participants. It can be seen from the map that the coverage is not uniform. The project is particularly interested in participants with ancestry in the 'blank' areas on the map, whilst still accepting participants with ancestry in any part of the country. The idea is to collect DNA from people with ancestry tied to specific regions of Ireland. In this way it



is hoped to create a detailed picture of genetic structure in Ireland. Once this picture has been described, we can compare it to similar projects in the UK and mainland Europe, and in doing so, gain an insight in to historical migrations to/from Ireland. Detailing genetic structure in Ireland can also help efforts to describe genes influencing disease in the Irish (and other) populations. For this initial phase of recruitment the project team is seeking both male and female participants for whom all of their eight great-grandparents should have been

born in Ireland within an area of 30 Kms (note the figure of 30 km is arbitrary, the project team is allowing some flexibility with this area). Analysis will consider genetic variation across all of our chromosomes, although we also intend to study specific lineages as described by the Y chromosome and mtDNA. This is an academic study, supported by funding from Science Foundation Ireland (www.sfi.ie/) awarded to **Dr. Gianpiero Cavalleri** of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. Dr. Cavalleri is the Scientific Director of the Project and the historical analysis of the results is undertaken by medieval historian, **Dr. Darren McGettigan**. Please note that this type of academic project does not return individual results to participants nor will their individual data be made publicly available. For further information on this hugely important project please checkout the following website <http://familyhistory.ie/wp/irelands-dna/> or please e-mail the Genealogical Director of the Project, Séamus O'Reilly, at Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie Please see page 3 over.

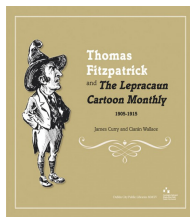
1926 Census—Forgotten Commitment

Back in 2011 following the General Election, the new coalition government of Fine Gael and Labour negotiated and published its *'Programme for Government'*. Now with a General Election on the cards within the next nine months or so, one of the many 'forgotten' commitments in the *'Programme for Government'* is the release of the 1926 Census. In 2012 in a reply to a Parliamentary Question tabled by **Catherine Murphy, TD**, the Minister hoped that a Bill would be ready in June or July of that year. With no Bill forthcoming the opposition

published two Bills, one in the Seanad and the latest in 2013 sponsored by **Seán Ó Fearghail, TD** in Dáil Éireann, seeking to amend the Statistics Act, 1993 to remove the 1926 Census from the 100 year embargo given its special heritage and genealogical significance. When the Seanad debated the Bill sponsored by **Senator Labhrás Ó Murchú** in October 2013 it was an extraordinarily strange affair where nearly all spoke in favour of the Bill and yet, the government Senators voted it down. The Central Statistics Office (CSO) is firmly against its release and its largely untenable arguments

were unfortunately strengthened by two ill-conceived and unworkable 'redaction proposals' which only served to muddy the waters further. The total acquiescence of the Minister of State, **Paul Kehoe, TD**, in the face of the CSO objections signalled a U-Turn by government in mid 2013. The tail wagging the dog comes immediately to mind. With all the recent good news stories about increasing free public access to genealogical records, the government's failure to deliver on its commitment to release the 1926 Census is either a sign of its arrogance or weakness.

Thomas Fitzpatrick and *The Lepracaun Cartoon Monthly*



'Thomas Fitzpatrick and The Lepracaun Cartoon Monthly, 1905-1915' by James Curry and Ciarán Wallace with a preface by Jim Fitzpatrick was published by Four Courts Press in association with Dublin City Public Libraries in February 2015 to considerable acclaim at home and overseas. (ISBN: 978-1-907002-17-5 : 208pp : colour illustrations : P/bk : Price €17.95). This is yet another publication by Dublin City Council to mark the Decade of Commemorations, 1913-1923. In his preface to this book, the grandson of Thomas Fitzpatrick, the artist Jim Fitzpatrick, famous for his beautiful Celtic imagery and creator, in May 1968, of the iconic drawing of Che Guevara, talks of his grandfather as a 'largely forgotten, once controversial, Irish political cartoonist and publisher'. Indeed, introducing Thomas Fitzpatrick by association with his more famous grandson is not as inappropriate as it may seem. Jim Fitzpatrick alludes many times in the preface to the artistic and creative similarities between the two individuals and other younger family members. He even ponders the possibility of a 'racial subconscious' although, sadly his connection with his own father ended when he was just five years old, so this book on the life of his grandfather was more a journey of discovery. In summary, between 1905 and 1915 *The Lepracaun Car-*

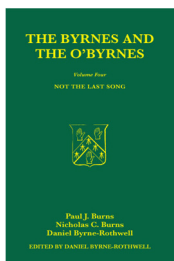
toon Monthly satirized society and politics in Dublin and beyond. Its proprietor, editor and chief cartoonist Thomas Fitzpatrick (1860-1912), already had a distinguished career drawing for leading publications in Dublin and London, including *Nation*, *National Press* and *Weekly Freeman* and *Irish People*. Fitzpatrick's cartoons countered *Punch's* ape-like Irishman with the upright and noble figure of 'Pat', and his sharp pen presented senior British figures in an unforgetting light. The choice of title for the publication *'The Lepracaun Cartoon Monthly'* is interesting on several levels, not least in its stereotypical context and, of course, the meaning, folklore and etymology of the word Lepracaun (or Leprechaun). This wonderfully illustrated volume is arranged into five sections each dealing with aspects of Irish life in the early decades of the twentieth century, Society, City Politics, National Politics, Women and Labour. Each of these areas was hugely controversial and seen through Fitzpatrick's caustic lens, subtle and cutting wit and irreverent imagery created an exceptionally important social and historical narrative. Many of the controversies and subjects covered would not be readily understood today and therefore, the authors provide very readable explanations contextualising each cartoon and drawing. Political and social change was certainly a theme running through each of the drawings providing a satirical narrative that cuts very near the bone of the politically awakening, but socially conservative, Ireland of the period. Social injustice, poverty,

labour unrest, suffragettes and, of course, the expectations of the emerging middle class nationalist population of Dublin feature strongly throughout. This book is an immensely enjoyable read on a subject that, no doubt, will attract more academic interest to explore this genre and its influence in forging or altering public opinion in Ireland during the early years of the last century. The authors: **James Curry** is a PhD history student at the Moore Institute, NUI Galway and specializes in the early 20th-century Irish labour press. **Ciarán Wallace** is a member of the Centre for Contemporary Irish History in Trinity College Dublin. His research includes Irish urban history, middle-class identity formation and political identity in the built environment. **MM**

GSI ANNUAL JOURNAL

As reported last month, the Editor of the Society's Annual Journal, **Ms. Caitlín Ní Chonchaile** is currently finalising this year's volume which was due out last month. However, in the course of this work some technical difficulties occurred which unfortunately delayed its publication. These are now being resolved and hopefully, it will be out shortly. We apologise for the delay. Fully paid up Members will receive copies by mail as part of the Membership Package. If you would like to pick up your copy at the GSI Archives & Research Centre instead, please advise Barry O'Connor on Membership@familyhistory.ie

The Byrnes and the O'Byrnes in Four Volumes



The latest in the four volume history of the Byrne clan/sept detailing the current studies undertaken into this surname has just been published by the House of Lochar publishers on the Isle of Colonsay, Argyllshire, Scotland. Byrne is one of the most numerous of Irish surnames especially in Leinster and the homeland of 'Clann Uí Bhroin' in Cos. Wicklow, Carlow and south Co. Dublin. It is also found in other counties throughout Ireland with quite separate and unrelated origins. The issue of the multiple origins for the surname and its many variants poses obvious difficulties for anyone wishing to undertake such a wide One-Name Study. The challenges of researching medieval genealogies and histories to determine singular

or multiple origins, essential to an Irish One-Name Study (ONS), clearly demonstrates how structurally different an Irish Gaelic ONS is in comparison to other One-Name Studies. Therefore, this four volume history is basically a publication of an One-Name Study of a surname, its many variants and some related surnames. The ever increasing use of DNA is greatly assisting those undertaking Irish Gaelic ONS, however, the results are currently providing more questions than answers. Fascinating some of the DNA analysis is suggesting that some of our ancestors may have simply assumed the surname of the prominent Gaelic family in their area as the results indicate a separate genetic origin for some of the south Leinster Byrnes in their heartland of Co. Wicklow. The authors are to be commended on this monumental work, however, the absence of an index is regrettable although it doesn't in anyway diminish the importance and usefulness of these volumes for

anyone with Byrne connections or ancestors. For further details check out the following website: <http://byrnehistory.com> and in relation to the Clan O'Byrne, a member of the Clans of Ireland organisation, please see: www.Clanobyrne.com For DNA studies and discussion groups which include the surname see: www.familytreedna.com/public/Byrne

LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tues. June 9th 2015 'DMP' *Casualties during the War of Independence - Part 2* by James Scannell. **VENUE: Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute**, Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. For directions see: www.familyhistory.ie The Director of the GSI Lecture Programme, **Séamus Moriarty**, FGSL welcomes feedback on these lectures. Details on the next six months of lectures will be published in the July issue of this newsletter.

APGI becomes AGI

Under the headline **'APGI Becomes AGI—New Name for Ireland's Accrediting Body for Genealogists'** *Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter* reported on the change of name for the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland. The report continued 'For almost 30 years as the accrediting body for genealogists in Ireland, APGI has adopted a new name. At an Extraordinary General Meeting held in Dublin on Wednesday, 27 May 2015, the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland (APGI) voted to change its name to Accredited Genealogists Ireland (AGI).' Whilst wishing our friends at AGI every success with their new name, it must be pointed out that no official accrediting body for genealogists exists in Ireland. Neither APGI nor the newly named AGI, both unincorporated

bodies, have been afforded any State recognition as a professional accrediting body. APGI was established in 1986 and was incorporated on Aug. 17th 2006. This company changed its name to Walltont Limited (CRO Reg. 425002) on July 9th 2010 and was dissolved on Dec. 10th 2010 (see: www.cro.ie) A company called 'Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland Limited' was registered on July 20th 2010. In 2011, in a letter to this Society, APGI clarified that the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland was 'quite distinct' from the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland Limited (CRO Reg. 486869). It would be helpful if the new unincorporated body, 'AGI', would clarify publicly on its website (www.apgi.ie) what association, if any, it has with the incorporated body mentioned above.

IRISH LIVES REMEMBERED

The current issue of Ireland's FREE digital e-Magazine *'Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy'* which is dedicated to helping people trace their Irish Ancestry globally is available free of charge to read or to download on www.irishlivesremembered.com There is a small charge to read past issues.



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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—add that codicil today. Thanks!*

James Scannell Reports...

LORD MAYOR'S COACH

Between 11.00hrs and 16.00hrs on Saturday June 13th, as part of the celebrations of Mansion House 300, the Lord Mayor's Coach will be on display on the forecourt of the Mansion House, Dawson Street, Dublin 2. Also taking place at 11.00hrs in the Mansion House is a talk by Dr. Philip McEvansoneya, Trinity College, Dublin, on the Lord Mayor's Coach. To book your place for this very interesting talk e-mail: lordmayor@dublincity.ie or call 01-222 6200

DÚN LAOGHAIRE NOTABLE TEN

What's the common link between the Wimbledon tennis champion (Dr. Josua Pim), the silent film director (Alexander Herbert Brenon), the Fenian Member of Parliament (James O'Connor, M.P.), the comedy actor (Wilfrid Brambell), the American artist (Charlie Brady), the Lord Mayor of Dublin (Michael Staunton), the film star (Cyril Cusack), the Celtic artist from the convent (Sr. Concepta Lynch), the James Bond film producer (Kevin McClory) and the opera singer (Frederick Baring Randalow)? These are 'Ten Notable People in Dún Laoghaire' who have links / connections with the town and are the subjects of a pamphlet researched, written and published by the Arts, Culture and History Students of Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute – Cerin Bowler, Jodie Butler, Niamh Callan, Tim Charles, Irina Epp, Catriona Fogarty, Rory Fogarty, Michael

Hurley, Bastin Jose, Jonathon Joyce, Adam Kennedy, Leoine Larkin, Cliona Lombard, David McKeever, Ruaidhri Mardell, Sorcha Morgan, Niall Newberry, Jessica O'Bracken, Sinéad O'Brien and Lucy Saunders. Copies available from dlr Lexicon, dlr libraries and the Tourist Information Office located in County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire.

THE MUSEUM IN BLOOM

At 14.00hrs on Tuesday June 16th Ms. Jennifer O'Neill will lead a Special Tour – 'The Museum in Bloom' in the Museum of Archaeology and History, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. The tour will retrace the steps of Leopold Bloom and participants will discover how the Museum would have looked at the beginning at the start of the 20th century. Admission free – meet at the Reception. Booking is not required but places are limited and will be assigned on a first-come basis. Partially wheelchair accessible.

THE IRISH AT WATERLOO

At 15.00hrs on Sunday June 21st, Lt-Col, Dan Harvey, Irish Defence Forces, will present a 45 - minute talk on 'The Irish at Waterloo' in the Museum of Decorative Arts and History, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. Two hundred years ago, in June 1815, the Meath-born (Dublin?) Duke of Wellington, commanded an army at Waterloo, Belgium, about one

third of whom were reputed to be Irish born. This talk will look at the Irish involvement in Wellington's army. Admission free – no booking required. Places allocated on a first-come basis 15 minutes before the talk starts.

LOCAL STUDIES

This exhibition is currently on view on the Local Studies, Level 5, of dlr Lexicon, during normal opening hours until June 30th. Produced by Killiney Village Residents' Association, this exhibition explains Killiney village and its surrounding area, exploring its history from druidic settlement, to castle estate replete with family-run dairies, to a bustling seaside resort. The exhibition draws on the collective lore and memory of Killiney residents through their personal archival photography and family documents dating back generations. This exhibition originated as a photographic project of the area from a suggestion made by Jimmy Kelly, a lifetime resident of Glenalua Road. Images were gathered from as far away as Australia, with many unearthed from long forgotten boxes and albums stored in attics. The stories featured are local, from people who lived out their lives in a glorious part of Co. Dublin, who struggled and survived in difficult times and people with extraordinary means who helped their neighbours. Collectively the stories capture and record the deep sense of pride of place and Killiney's rich and vivid history and a desire to share these stories with the wider community.

Précis of the May Lecture—*Jewish Ancestry*

The May open meeting of GSI was honoured with a talk on Jewish history in Ireland by the Society's President, **Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**. Introducing the talk, Cathaoirleach, Gerry Hayden, commended Stuart on the remarkable achievement of collating the records of the Jewish community in Ireland. Copies of his research have been donated to the leading learned institutions of the state, including this Society's Archives and Research Centre. His achievement has been recognised not just in Ireland but throughout the wider genealogical world. In introducing his talk he paid tribute to GSI for their support when he set about this venture 20 years ago. The starting point of his research had in fact been the GSI transcriptions of the Jewish cemetery in Dolphin's Barn, Dublin. His talk was largely centred on his 'Family Carousel' which includes 53,000

names. The structure of the carousel was planned by Stuart himself and engineered by a colleague. It contains every detail that has come to light on the people included as he considers a family tree with nothing more than a list of names to be of negligible value. As an example of a Jewish family, he used the descendants of Abraham William Briscoe, particularly his son Robert Briscoe and grandson Ben Briscoe. The Briscoes would play leading roles in the public life of the State, both Ben and his father becoming Lord Mayors of Dublin. He admitted that Jewish record keeping had left a lot to be desired but explained how he used the Irish Alien Records and Naturalisation Certificates. He paid tribute to Ancestry.com which allowed him a month's access free of charge to further his research. A wide ranging Q+A session followed with an appreciative audience.

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. Darren 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. 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 6th 2014. It was agreed under **Res: 14/11/126** to keep the cost of the Annual Subscription for 2015 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. For mature students evidence of enrolment on such courses may be required, at any stage, by the Director of Membership Services, **Mr. Barry O'Connor, FGSI**. This Membership Package shall be applied as and from January 1st 2015 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 for membership on-line at www.familyhistory.ie or if you prefer, download the membership application form and forward it with the required remittance to:

Mr. Billy Saunderson, MGSI, Director of Finance, 'Suzkar', Killiney Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin, Ireland. *New Members are always very 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

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**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday June 9th & July 14th 2015

Evening Open Meeting

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

20.00hrs—22.00hrs

www.dfei.ie

Wednesday June 24th & July 22nd 2015

Morning Open Meeting

Hardy's Bar, Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire

10.30hrs—12.30hrs

www.royalmarine.ie

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(Coffee/Tea included at Morning Meetings)

Ireland's Revolutionary Underground

'*Conspirators - A Photographic History of Ireland's Revolutionary Underground*' by **Shane Kenna**, published by Mercier Press. This fascinating book is the combination of a major photographic history project between the author, the National Library of Ireland, Glasnevin Cemetery and Mercier Press. The Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB) or Fenians emerged in the wake of the failure of the Young Irelanders' Rising of 1848 which did not enjoy popular support and was nothing more than a skirmish in Ballingarry, Co. Tipperary, and was then finished as a movements with many of its leaders in custody or on the run. A decade a leader, the Irish Republican Brotherhood was created as a secret revolutionary organisation and went on to become a dynamic force behind the scenes in Irish politics and life for the next sixty years. While their 1867 uprising failed for a combinations of reasons, the organisation remained in existence and eventually its members became the driving force behind the 1916 Rising. The first section of this remarkable book '*From Conspiracy to Revolution*' traces the foundation of the organisation through pictures of the principals, locations and newspaper articles up to the 1867 Rebellions with notes and biographies accompanying the pictures of those mentioned in this section. The second section '*Reorganisation and Conspiracy of Shadow*' carried on from 1867 onwards to 1915 using the same format as the previous section concluding with an image of the 1915 funeral of the veteran Fenian Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa in Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin. The great legacy of the IRB is that those followed them could not have made the gains that they did between 1916 and 1921 due to its influence. This is a really excellent photo book dealing with the IRB and the role its members played in the emergence of modern Ireland and tells this story in a very clear and concise way. An essential acquisition for those interested in Irish history.

James Scannell

BOSTON GROUP VISITS COUNTY HALL

On Weds. June 3rd 2015 a group of over sixty visitors from Boston, Massachusetts, accompanied by the 'Lord Mayor' of West Roxbury, **Mr. Richie Gormley**, were welcomed to the County Hall in Dún Laoghaire by **Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Marie Baker**. The visitors were received in the Council Chamber where Mr. Gormley presented the Cathaoirleach with an American flag that had flown over the Capitol Building in Washington, DC. A US Army veteran and Mr. Gormley demonstrated the ceremonial folding of the flag before its presentation. A reception was held in the Assembly Hall before the visitors were treated to an escorted tour of the nearby dlr Lexicon in Moran Park.

PARKING AT DFEI

Members are advised that car-parking facilities at the **Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute** are very limited, especially during the college terms. 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 are asked to consider 'car pooling' for each month's open meeting. It will make parking easier for all. Ask at the meeting. For details on the Institute checkout www.dfei.ie

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. This is full membership of the Society. Evidence of enrolment for the courses concerned may be requested by the Director of Membership Services. See GSI website.

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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].

EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS

Members of the Society are entitled to the following discounts on on-line genealogical products. Whilst access to these resources is free to members at *An Daonchartlann*, it is also recommended that members avail of these discounts to have access from their own homes. **Findmypast Ireland** www.findmypast.ie offer a huge 50% discount and the **Irish Newspaper Archives** www.irishnewspaperarchive.com offer an excellent 25% discount to GSI members. The British based **flatcapsandbonnets.com** provide a 20% discount on their range of DVDs. GSI Members get 40% off the first month's subscription for the **Forces War Records** database, which normally costs UK£8.95 for 28 days, for just UK£5.00. To avail of these discounts please contact Barry O'Connor by e-mail at membership@familyhistory.ie

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