



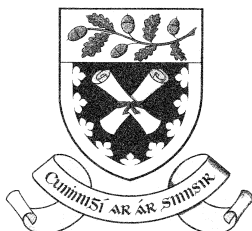
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Dublin City Library & Archive

After many years working behind the scenes, the staff at the Dublin City Library and Archive has published its work on a new website, databases.dublin.ie. It was presented to the public on last August in the Conference Room in Pearse Street. The most important thing about this new website is that it collects in one place databases which the Library and Archive have published at different times over the last several years. Examples of these are the Electoral Rolls of the City of Dublin 1938 to 1964, the list of the Ancient Freemen of the City and others. John Grenham introduced one of the latest additions to the new site, the Electoral Rolls from 1908 to 1915. These lists are very extensive and quite complicated to search if the hard copies are consulted; having computerised and indexed the lists, they can be searched in a variety of way, the simplest being to input the name of the person into the search box. As

an example, Eamon Ceannt. Using the website it is possible to follow all his changes of address from 1908 until 1915, the eve of the Rising. This complements the digitisation of the later Electoral Rolls. The Dublin City Archivist, Dr. Mary Clark, introduced another new database, namely, The Dublin Directory 1647-1706. Again, this database can be searched by inputting the name of the desired person. Much of the material is very old and has survived because the administration of the city never did any decluttering of its archives and seems to have kept every scrap of paper or parchment just in case. Another major contribution to facilitate research on the activities of Dublin City Council and the interaction of the citizens with it, is the digitisation of the Minutes of the Council, 1881-1987. This new initiative was introduced by Senior Archivist, Ellen Murphy. Although hard copies of the different volumes exist in the Reading Room, having their indexes

digitised will facilitate research. Once again, the website can be searched by name and the references to the relevant volumes, item numbers and pages are given. Also appearing on this new website are other databases like, for example, The Monica Roberts Collection with letters from soldiers during the Great War (1914-18), plaques and memorials from around the city commemorating famous people, two collections about graveyards and burial registers and a list of the Parish registers, both Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland, with their start and finish dates which have been published in the government website irishgenealogy.ie. This initiative will make research on ancestors who lived, worked and died in the capital city much easier since all these databases can be found on the same website. **Editor:** Many thanks to **Aiden Feerick, BA, MAGI, APG, MGSII** for this article.

GSI Stand at the Belfast *Holiday World Show*

Last January the GSI was invited to exhibit at the first *Belfast Telegraph 50+ Village*. This event was an addition to the long-established three-day *Belfast Holiday World Show*. The Society was delighted to be given the opportunity to promote itself, and Irish family history generally, at such a well-known event. We were joined in Belfast by the *Irish Jewish Genealogical Society*, which is directed by Stuart Rosenblatt, also President of the Genealogical Society of Ireland. The Society was delighted with the interest shown in the society at last January's show

in the King's Hall. This event was attended by people not only from all parts of Northern Ireland but also from the Republic. They asked questions about genealogy in general, and also about their own family history research. Many of those who came to the stand were already well-advanced with their family history research and just wanted to chat, but we also gave advice about what to try when a promising line of research hits one of those brick walls that we are too familiar with! Our Society volunteers, many of whom travelled from Dublin, greatly enjoyed hearing about other people's

research. We had a draw for one free annual membership of the Society on each of the three days of the show that attracted several hundred entries. Furthermore there was a noticeable increase in the number of visitors from Belfast to the Society's archive at *An Daoncharlann* on the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire. We are delighted to have been invited to attend the *Belfast Telegraph 50+ Village* for the second time, and look forward to meeting many old friends and to making new friends in the Titanic Quarter on 15th to 17th January 2016. *See you in Belfast!*

Medieval Irish Buildings, 1100-1600

'Medieval Irish buildings, 1100-1600' Tadhg O'Keefe (ISBN: 978-1-84682-248-3 : 320pp : colour illus : P/bk : Price €22.45) We in Ireland have such a rich architectural heritage and especially, one that is so easily accessible to the general public. However, whilst many of the fine examples of our eighteenth, nineteenth and early twentieth century architecture are well-known and thankfully, still in relatively good condition today, that cannot be said of the bulk of our earlier architecture. Driving through the Irish countryside or indeed, travelling by train on most of our mainline services, visitors are often struck by the many hundreds of medieval buildings, mostly picturesque ruins, that can be seen in the landscape. These buildings, especially in their ruinous state, are very vivid reminders of the turbulent history of this island with foreign invasions, wars, dispossessions, plantations and, of course, religious conflicts. From a genealogical perspective the buildings are markers in the landscape of ancestral settlement, local economy, religious worship and practices and, in many cases, political allegiances. Therefore, a knowledge of the history and function of these buildings is of critical importance to our understanding of local history and, in particular, that of the areas with which we have ancestral connections. Professor O'Keefe has provided in this book a very comprehensive and fully referenced account of the cultures of medieval architectural endeavour in Ireland in a very readable and accessible manner. The book is divided into the following chapters (1) Medieval architectural styles and their study; (2) Approaches to the study of medieval buildings; (3) Ecclesiastical architecture: from reform to reformation; (4) Castles: from the Anglo-Norman invasion to the Black Death

and (5) Castles: from the Black Death to the plantations. In the first chapter, O'Keefe points out that the documented history of many of these buildings rarely possesses much information from an architectural perspective and thus, leaving the buildings themselves to tell their own story, provided we can properly interpret the architecture itself. In this chapter he explores the 'styles' evident in their construction and the various influences that sustained such, particularly in ecclesiastical buildings. This study sees the architecture as the text of a historical narrative that O'Keefe explains with such clarity and detail. The illustrations, of which, there are many, allow the reader to move through the changing architectural styles contextually. In chapter two, O'Keefe explores the research methodologies employed in the study of medieval architecture and, although, this may seem rather technical from a general readership perspective, it actually provides a valuable insight into a critical aspect of the design of these buildings, functionality. Chapter three deals with arguably the most numerous of our medieval ruins, churches and associated ecclesiastical buildings. In order to understand the history and architecture of the medieval ecclesiastical buildings in Ireland, O'Keefe provides an overview of the religious movements, orders and establishments and their respective influences normally emanating from mainland Europe or after the Anglo-Norman invasion, from England. The copious illustrations and drawings in this chapter allow the reader to readily understand, identify and appreciate the history and architecture of many local medieval church establishments throughout the country. In chapter four O'Keefe deals with the castle building frenzy that followed the Anglo-Norman invasion. Here

O'Keefe challenges the reader to put aside any "Disneyesque" notions of medieval castles and the societies that built them, lived in them and relied on them for defence. He stresses the need to know how these buildings actually worked "as the domestic and ceremonial spaces of the well-to-do, sometimes certifiably aristocratic, households" and to do so, he explains some medieval terminology used in the text. Once again, this chapter is lavishly illustrated. In chapter five the author explores the castles of the late Middle Ages mainly the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. This is the period when the 'Tower Houses' spread right across Ireland and especially, amongst the Gaelic lords and chieftains. The Gaelic-Irish castle builders of the late medieval period, he explains, "included Brehon lawyers, chroniclers and highly skilled craftsmen, as well as different ranks of lord". Again we encounter some new terminology used to describe aspects of the buildings and/or their functions. These are the buildings most associated with the 'seats' of the Gaelic clans/septs today and, quite naturally, they are of considerable interest to genealogists, clan/sept historians and associations and, of course, to the Tourist Board. This book is essential reading for anyone wishing to interpret an Irish landscape "dotted with thousands of medieval buildings, most of them in ruins" and seeking to understand medieval Ireland, its society and its buildings. This is the 18th volume of the highly acclaimed *Maynooth Research Guides for Irish Local History*. Tadhg O'Keefe is a professor in the School of Archaeology at University College Dublin and is the author of many essays and books, including *'Romanesque Ireland'* (2003). **MM**

Précis of the November Lecture— *The Reverend Thomas Goff of Carriglea*

On Tuesday November 10th 2015 the Society's monthly lecture was on the topic of *'The Reverend Thomas Goff of Carriglea, Kingstown Co Dublin'* by David Doyle of the Institute of Art, Design and Technology (IADT) at Kill Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, where he can see the Revd. Goff's house from his window. Mr. Doyle is the author of *'The Reverend Thomas Goff, 1772-1844 - Property, Propinquity and Protestantism'* (ISBN: 978-1-84682-578-1) which was recently published by Four Courts Press. Our Leas-Chathaoirleach, Mr. Tony O'Hara, a long-time friend and former colleague of Mr. Doyle, introduced the guest speaker and gave members a flavour of his very interesting and widely travelled career path and many achievements on the way. Mr. Doyle commenced the lecture with an intriguing explanation of the title of his book. The explanation set the scene for a most interesting lecture delivered in a lively, enjoyable and

very engaging style. Thomas Goff was a landlord and Church of Ireland minister. He kept a personal diary for almost 50 years. Mr. Doyle told the fascinating story of how these diaries came into the possession of the Institute which now stands on the grounds of Carriglea House, which, still graces the centre of the campus. The story of the acquisition of such an important heritage resource is, unfortunately, all too rare with many lost at auction to overseas institutions or private collectors. In his lecture and in his book, Mr. Doyle used these diaries to reconstruct Goff in the context of his times and to explore his politics, his religion and also his property dealings. He explained how the insights gained from Goff's story are used in an attempt to understand the outlook and opinions of the wider Protestant community in Ireland at the time. Goff was a near contemporary of Daniel O'Connell but that is where the similarities ended. Mr. Doyle traced Goff's genealogy

back to Co. Roscommon. Goff, according to Mr. Doyle, viewed the world through the lens of a sincere and deeply felt faith which he saw as a bastion against both Catholicism and dissenting Protestantism and his strongly held beliefs moulded his political viewpoint. His Ireland was already beginning to change with the relaxation of most of the dreaded Penal Laws against Catholics. There was a growing movement for the repeal of the Act of Union and the reestablishment of a parliament in Dublin. However, as a Loyalist and conservative Goff perceived O'Connell to be a real and credible threat to the very existence of that community. Goff and his Anglican community had huge power and influence but they felt embattled and isolated. Mr. Doyle demonstrated how this community lacked the vision to manage the change which might have averted, or at least diminished, the catastrophe which was about to befall their Ireland.

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 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 Pedigree Chart and to provide a DNA sample (kit provided) for analysis. Participants may be either male or female with ancestry from any part of Ireland. If you're interested in participating or have a query about participating, please do contact Séamus O'Reilly, FGSI by e-mail on Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie Also, please check-out the project newsletter on the GSI website.

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.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Exclusive discounts for Members of the Society are available for online genealogical services and publications, including, *Findmypast*, *Irish Newspaper Archives*, *Forces War Records* and from *Flatcapsandbonnets.com*. To avail of any of these discounts, please contact Barry O'Connor, FGSI, by email at membership@familyhistory.ie

CARE FOR YOUR RECORDS

In the course of our research we amass a huge amount of paper and computer records. We love these records, we've worked hard to collect them. Books, photographs, charts, notes, certificates, parish register and census transcripts. Have you made provision for the preservation of your records after you die? Don't let your hard work end up as landfill or your books to be sold off. PLEASE make provision in your Will to have them donated to the care of the Society's Archives for future generations of researchers. *Please Will Your Society Well—add that codicil today. Thanks!*

James Scannell Reports...

LECTURE ON DELIA MURPHY

On Thursday 10 December at 20.00hrs at the meeting of the Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society meeting, Carmel Cullen & Gerry Anderson will present 'Delia Murphy, Her Life and Songs' in The Function Room, Glentalbyn, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €3.

KATHLEEN KINSELLA, R.I.P.

The death took place during November of 97 year old Kathleen Kinsella, a founding member and former Hon. Secretary and President of the Bray Cualann Historical Society. During her long life she served with the Irish Red Cross Society and numerous voluntary organisations in Bray, Co. Wicklow. May She Rest in Peace.

ENNISKERRY HISTORY SOCIETY

At 20.30 Hrs on Thursday 10 December, James Scannell will present his illustrated lecture 'The Sinking of the RMS Lusitania, May 7th 1915' in The Powerscourt Arms and Country House Hotel, Enniskerry Village, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – Admission €3.

GONE TO TURKEY

At the end of October the Stena Line's HSS ferry *Stena Explorer* which operated on the Holyhead – Dún Laoghaire route between 1996 and 2014, sailed down the Irish Sea for the last time on her way to new owners in Turkey.

MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY

At 20.00hrs on Friday 11 December, Professor John Horne will present his lecture 'The changing face of war in the twentieth century' in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – admission free.

LECTURE ON GALLIPOLI

At 14.30hrs on Saturday 12 December, at the meeting of the Great Western Front Association (Dublin), Foster Summerson will present his lecture 'The Withdrawal from Gallipoli' in The Lecture Theatre, The Museum of Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. All welcome.

HISTORY OF GLENMALURE

On Saturday 5 December Dr. Emmett O'Byrne launched Carmel O'Toole's book 'Glennalure - The Wild History of the Mountains' at a reception in Glennalure Lodge. This is the first comprehensive history of the area to be written and covers the numerous events that were played out there down through the centuries and the various figures in Irish history associated with this area of County Wicklow.

CASTLETOWN HOUSE

On 20.00hrs on Monday 14 December, Terence Dooley will present his lecture 'The flight to Wales: the revolutionary experience of two Irish Big House families' in The Hunting Room, The Stable Wing, Castletown House,

Celbridge, Co. Kildare. All welcome – admission €5.

SEARCH FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Office of Public Works and the Kilmainham Gaol Board of Visitors have launched an appeal to locate members of the Kilmainham Gaol Restoration Society so that their achievements can be recognised next year as Kilmainham Gaol was where fourteen leaders of the 1916 Rising were executed by firing squad. People who were involved in the restoration project in the 1960s are asked to come forward to identify themselves as are families of deceased members.

EDITOR: Many thanks, once again, to James Scannell for all of his very interesting contributions, including news items and book reviews, to this newsletter throughout the year.

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

The Society's Archive and Research Centre, *An Daoncharlann*, at the Carlisle Pier, Dún Laoghaire, will close at 17.00hrs on Saturday December 19th 2015 and reopen at 10.30hrs on Wednesday January 6th 2016. The first Open Meeting of the New Year will be held on Tuesday 12th January 2016 and the first Board Meeting will be held on Thursday 14th January 2016 (second Thursday, normally the first Thursday). This newsletter will be published as usual on the second Tuesday.

Writing for the GSI Journal?

The annual Journal was established to provide an opportunity for members to present and preserve their own research or family history. In certain circumstances, submissions from non-members may be published. Articles for inclusion in the 2016 issue should be submitted by Friday 8th January 2016. An editorial group is being established to edit and prepare the material for publication. **Content:** Most of the articles will include family history, and the main requirement for these articles is that adequate source documentation and references should be included for the data and conclusions that are presented. Data on living persons should not be included. Note that sometimes publishing an article will uncover more information on a subject from the readers, which is helpful to the

author. An increasing number of articles deal with techniques and technologies which have actual or potential application to genealogy. Such articles may relate to advances in DNA analysis, database techniques, image analysis, software, archiving and retrieval. For these, the editorial committee will assess whether the article content is likely to be of interest to a significant number of readers and whether the complexities are well explained. The preferred size of article is in the range of 500 to 4,000 words. Short insightful pieces ranging from a couple of sentences to a couple of paragraphs will also be accepted, and will be printed at the end of longer articles to complete a page. Tom Conlon has undertaken to collect articles. He can be contacted at: web@familyhistory.ie

GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tuesday December 8th - 'Using Simple Tools to Document your Family History Better - a Demonstration' by Tom Conlon. **Tuesday January 12th**— 'An Irish Australian in WW1' by Maura Flood. **VENUE: Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute**, Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. The Director of the GSI Lecture Programme, **Séamus Moriarty, FGSI**, always welcomes feedback on these lectures.

1916 Rising Centenary

The Society will be participating fully in the various events planned to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising over the coming year. The Cathaoirleach, Gerry Hayden, and the Director of Internet Services, Tom Conlon, represented the Society at the launch of the programme for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown on October 26th 2015 at the County Hall. Full details of events around the country are available on www.ireland.ie

GSI MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Review of the Membership Package was undertaken by the Board of Directors at its meeting on Thursday November 5th 2015. It was agreed under **Res: 15/11/201** 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

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND**Board of Directors 2015-2016**

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**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday December 8th 2015 & January 12th 2016
Evening Open Meeting

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute
Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire
20.00hrs—22.00hrs
www.dfei.ie

Wednesday January 27th & February 24th 2016
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)

Family Memories of the Irish Revolution

'*To Speak of Easter Week. Family Memories of the Irish Revolution*' by **Hélène O'Keefe**, published by Mercier Press. This book focuses on what the children and grandchildren of those who took part in the 1916 Rising and War of Independence heard from their participating family members based on interviews carried out by the author. In some cases the role that people played in these events was only discussed within the immediate family circle or not at all while others were quiet proud of the role that they played in the quest for national freedom. This book tells the combatant's stories and provides an insight in their impact their participation had on their families. Some spoke very little or were vague about what they did as an attempt to blot out the memories of operations they had taken part in. Charlie Dalton, a member of Collins' Squad, in later life had a nervous breakdown which his daughter Carol Mullan maintains was due to post-traumatic stress, a condition not recognized at the time, and that others probably suffered too but no-body checked all these young men if they were OK after all they had went through. Some interviewees regretted not asking questions about their family's involvement in the events of 1916–21, sometimes through lack of interest. Other interviewees find it hard to come terms with the fact that outwardly very loveable and gently family members took life or were engaged in acts of unspeakable violence. Paddy O'Daly's daughter still finds it hard to accept accusations that her father was engaged in atrocities in Co. Kerry during the Civil War. Liam Archer found that while his father William Archer, who served as head of Irish Military Intelligence during the Emergency, spoke little about he had done, on his death he discovered in his paper a personal memoir about his service and experiences in the General Post Office, which showed a pride in his intelligence gathering work which he never conveyed to family members. This engrossing book is divided into several sections: **Memories in Context**: Ireland 1890 to 1923, looks at the Easter Rising in Dublin, Aftermath, Reorganization, The War of Independence, and The Treaty and Civil War. **Long Shadows**: Executed Leaders, covers Michael Mallin, Edward Daly, Con Colbert, Joseph Mary Plunkett, Éamonn Ceannt, Thomas MacDonagh, Patrick Pearse and James Connolly, proving a brief biography of them and the recollections, comments and observations of their actions by their modern day relatives. **No Hero Stories**: The GPO Garrison, recalls the role played by Éamon Bulfin and Frank Burke, Thomas McEvoy, Diarmuid Lynch there, again including the recollection of their relatives. **Writing the Rule Book**: The Four Courts Garrison, features the roles played by John and Thomas O'Connor, Jack and Frank Shouldice, William Archer, Charles and Thomas Bevan, and Paddy O'Daly, and how these are viewed by their descendants. **Bloodlines**: Death in Battle, remembers Séan Connolly, Michael J.O'Rahilly, Henry and Thomas Coyle, Michael Mulvihill, Patrick Shortis and Patrick O'Connor, Francis Brennan, and how their deaths in action are viewed by modern day relatives. All in all, a really fascinating book on how the personal legacies of 1916 and its aftermath impacted on the children and grandchildren of the participants. An essential acquisition for all with an interest in the 1916 Rising and its aftermath.

James Scannell

Parking at DFEI

Car-parking facilities at the **Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute**. 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. For details on the Institute checkout www.dfei.ie

COMMISSIONING RESEARCH

The Society regularly receives many requests, mostly from overseas, regarding the possibility of commissioning genealogical research. However, the Society as an educational charity does *not* undertake commercial research assignments for individuals and, as a matter of policy, persons making such enquires are directed to consult the list of researchers provided by the National Library of Ireland at www.nli.ie As there are several commercial genealogical research service providers operating in Ireland, it is not the policy of the Society to make any recommendations or to provide endorsements in respect of such research services.



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FREE RESEARCH ADVICE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre at the historic Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire is open, as per its **winter schedule**, for two days a week as follows: each **Wednesday** from 10.30hrs to 16.30hrs and each **Saturday** from 14.00hrs to 17.00hrs. With around **nine hours of archival time** available each week new volunteers are always needed and very welcome. 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 and checkout PAGE 3 for **HOLIDAY PERIOD**

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].

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The "*Gazette*" is Ireland's longest running monthly genealogical newsletter and it is read by thousands each month around the world. All the past issues of this newsletter and its predecessor back to 1996 have been fully indexed by **Brendan Hall, MGSI** and they are available in pdf format to read or to download *free of charge* on www.familyhistory.ie Although not members of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ), the team at the "*Gazette*" always endeavour to operate in accordance with the *NUJ Code of Conduct* www.nuj.org.uk/about/nuj-code/ and in line with the '*National Policy Statement on Ensuring Research Integrity in Ireland*' which was endorsed by the Genealogical Society of Ireland back in June 2014 soon after its launch at the Royal Irish Academy. (see the June 2014 issue at www.familyhistory.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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