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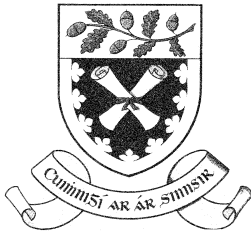
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## National Diaspora Centre

The recent announcement that Stena Line has ceased its operations on the Dún Laoghaire to Holyhead / Caerdybi route has been greeted with sadness and dismay by many with family connections to this 181 year old ferry service. The opening of the world’s first suburban railway service from Dublin city to Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire) in 1834 and the silting up of the harbour at Howth brought the Holyhead service to Kingstown Harbour in April 1834. By 1851 the regular services to Holyhead and onward by train to London Euston meant that passengers could leave Kingstown at 08.30hrs and arrive in London at 22.30hrs that evening. The service soon became the route taken by millions of emigrants seeking better lives in Britain or in her far flung Empire. The departure point from 1859 was the Carlisle Pier, just in front of where the Society has its Archive and Research Centre now. This pier was dubbed the ‘pier of tears’ as so many emigrants were never to see their homeland or families again. In 1996 a new high speed ferry service began with the *HSS Stena Explorer*, however, increasing fuel costs and cheap air travel eroded the viability

of the service over the past decade. Plans are now being advanced to promote Dún Laoghaire as a major cruise liner port on the Irish Sea and it is estimated that around 100,000 cruise passengers will pass through Dún Laoghaire in the coming year. Hopefully, this will keep Dún Laoghaire on the map for international travellers. Other Irish ports that lost their cross channel ferry services, like Grenore, Co. Louth, in 1951 no longer appear on most maps. The Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company has ambitious plans for the rejuvenation of the port and its facilities, including the possible building of a National Diaspora Centre. This is exciting news for all with an interest in genealogy, migration and diaspora studies. Ireland badly needs such a facility and, indeed, there are ongoing discussions at government level as to where to site such a wonderful national heritage asset. This Society strongly supports the bid by the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company to have the facility located in the harbour area. As for the ferry services, whether another operator can be found the Dún Laoghaire and Holyhead / Caerdybi remains to be seen. Maybe the seasonal high speed ferry service from the Isle of Man /

Ellan Vannin to Dublin Port could be enticed to switch to the more picturesque Dún Laoghaire Harbour. Whatever the future holds it’s certainly going to be a challenging few years ahead for the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company. An early decision by the government on the location and the funding of the National Diaspora Centre would be helpful, however, few places could rival the suitability of Dún Laoghaire Harbour with its 181 year old association with Irish emigration and links to our worldwide diaspora.

### NOTICE OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on **Tuesday March 10th 2015** at 20.00hrs in the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, (DFEI) Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire. Only fully paid Members may vote or stand for election at the AGM. The Annual Financial Report, duly audited will be presented and the Board for the year 2015-2016 will be elected. Members will also be asked to consider a proposal to cap the number of Directors on the Board at ten elected members.

## ‘Recovered Voices’ Exhibition

On Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup> 2015, Ms. Heather Humphreys, TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, opened an exhibition ‘*Recovered Irish Voices: The Stories of the Irish at War*’ in the Museum of Decorative Arts and History at Collins Barracks, Dublin. The exhibition included photographs never seen publicly previously of the Gallipoli campaign taken by Dr. Andrew Horne from Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, who served with the Royal Army Medical Corps. Dr. Horne landed on W Beach on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915 as part of the 29<sup>th</sup> Division

and was one of the last five officers to leave Gallipoli on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1916, going on served in the Mesopotamia campaign and survived the war. His 99 page album, donated to the Museum by his daughters Patricia and Margaret, show shells exploding on the beaches of Gallipoli, and a rare image of the *River Clyde* with a converted coaler which became a coffin ship for the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and the Royal Munster Fusiliers during the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915 landings. Lar Joye, curator of Irish Military History at the National Museum described the album as a “hugely important”,

Other people featured in this exhibition include Thomas Kettle, MP, poet, nationalist, killed at the Battle of the Somme 1916, whose medals are displayed along with a copy of his famous poem ‘*To My Daughter Betty*’. The sisters Eleanor and Rosamund (Poppy) Burrows who served as nurses in a military hospital in Northern France, and Clarisa Maud Crawford Smith, who as head of 60-person Red Cross unit in Dublin, turned her elegant home in Ailesbury Park into an emergency hospital during the 1916 Easter Week Rising. **James Scannell**

## Philanthropy in Nineteenth-Century Ireland

*'Philanthropy in Nineteenth Century Ireland'* edited by **Laurence M. Geary** and **Oonagh Walsh** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-350-3 : 256pp : h/ bk : Price (web) €49.50) is the latest collection of essays in the SSNCI (Society for the Study of Nineteenth-Century Ireland) series and reflects recent advances in the historiography of poverty and philanthropy in nineteenth-century Ireland. This volume offers new and challenging perspectives on the history of philanthropy, including state and voluntary philanthropy, relief under the poor law, formal and informal systems of assistance on landed estates, workers' housing and public amenities, and cultural philanthropy mediated through literature, and subsidized art exhibitions for the education of the working classes. The essays are grouped under the following headings (1) Self Help and Mutual Aid; (2) Land and Guinness; (3) Women and Children and finally (4) Cultural Philanthropy: Art and Literature. In setting the scene for these essays, the joint editors point out that 'the emergence of a class system inevitably produced an underclass, and included those who were marginalised from birth through poverty and congenital disability, or became so as a result of economic upheaval, illness or old age'. In an increasingly industrialised age, new classes of workers and the introduction of a waged economy left many behind in poverty and misery, including entire families and neighbourhoods. Mel Cousins (TCD) deals with philanthropy and poor relief before the poor law, 1801-30, which is the period before the establish-

ment of the Workhouse system in Ireland. This is when founding hospitals, mendicity and benevolent societies, supported by philanthropic individuals and churches, were established. Laurence M. Geary (UCC) explores the rather oddly named 'Society for the Promoting the Comforts of the Poor. Eoin McLaughlin (U St Andrews, Scotland) looks at the operation of the charitable loan funds in Ireland from circa 1820 to 1914 and provides very interesting cases studies of these 'micro-financing' initiatives. Conor McNamara (St Patrick's, DCU) examines the concept of 'landlord paternalism' in relation to the 1822 famine in the west and focuses mainly on Co. Galway, and reveals a story of assistance to the landless labouring classes that is frequently overlooked. Much of this philanthropy was English rather than Irish. Kevin McKenna (ind.) who previously researched the Clonbrock estates, Co. Galway, from 1826-1908, examines the issues of charity, paternalism and power on these estates, 1834-44. Joanne McEntee (ind.) deals with the subject of pecuniary assistance for poverty and emigration and the politics of landed estate management and philanthropy. Linda King (IADT, Dún Laoghaire) looks at the extensive philanthropic works, including social housing and public amenities, undertaken and financed by the Guinness family through the brewery and the philanthropic, Iveagh Trust. Oonagh Walsh (Glasgow Caledonian U, Scotland), explores the very difficult area of the plight of the intellectually disabled during the period. Sarah-Anne Buckley (NUIG)

looks at the foundation and development of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCA) in Ireland from 1889 to 1921, just before independence. Mary Pierser (ind.) examines the place of women philanthropists and the dynamic of their social activism. Philip McEvansoneya (TCD) looks at philanthropy in the realm of culture and the arts. He examines fund raising, especially for famine relief, through the arts and cultural activities. Finally, John Wilson Foster (U British Columbia/QUB) examines the evolution of the published narrative underpinning the social values, prejudices and philanthropy of Victorian Ireland. Each of the essays provides a wealth of information for the local and social historian through the extensive research undertaken by the authors. See: [www.fourcourtspress.ie](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie) **MM**

### In Memoriam

Our sincerest condolences to the family of **Professor Niall M. Duignan** who died on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 and especially, to his sister Fiona Tipple, GSI Member and Senior Librarian with this Society. Late of Galway and The Coombe and St Vincent's University Hospitals, Prof. Duignan died peacefully in the Blackrock Clinic. Beloved husband of Dolores and much loved father of Andrew and Anne-Marie. Will be very sadly missed by his loving family, daughter-in-law Catriona, grandsons Finn, Oran and Ríain, sister Fiona, brothers-in-law Brendan and David, sister-in-law Mary, relatives, friends and colleagues. RIP

## PhD Candidate for Irish DNA Atlas

The Irish DNA Atlas project is delighted to announce that **Edmund Gilbert** has been recruited with the assistance of **Science Foundation Ireland** to work as the new PhD student with **Dr. Gianpiero Cavalleri** at his laboratory at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland on St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. Edmund 'Ed' is studying the population genetics of the Irish within the Irish DNA Atlas Project. He will be dealing with the DNA samples received from participants and then analyzing the data generated by the research. Ed studied as an undergraduate at the University of Nottingham in the UK, studying Biochemistry and Genetics. He found that he really enjoyed the genetic component and was always interested in human genetics and

what it can tell us about past human movements and populations. Since graduating he has worked in a forensic lab, processing and analyzing DNA samples from the police in the UK, until this January where he moved to Dublin to work on the Irish DNA database. Commenting on his new post Ed said "I am thrilled to be working on the project, the fact that we have samples that are tied to specific local areas should really help tease out some of the genetic diversity in Ireland, and the close ties this sort of study has with historians and genealogies gives it information and expertise we wouldn't normally have". Ed's immense interest in this unique research was very evident at a recent meeting of the project team, which included, Dr. Gianpiero

Cavalleri, (RCSI), Dr. Darren McGettigan, medieval historian and Séamus O'Reilly and Michael Merrigan from this Society. The Board wishes Ed every success and best wishes with his new position at the RCSI. For more info. Contact Séamus on [Irish.DNA@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Irish.DNA@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!*

## Belfast Over 50s Show—A Great Success



**Eddie Gahan, MGSI**, (left), the Society's Director of the GSI Outreach Programme, recently brought the GSI to Belfast for the **Belfast Telegraph's 50+ Show**. The event took place in the King's Hall Pavilion, Balmoral, between Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The Board wishes to thank all the Members who travelled up to Belfast to assist on the GSI with the hundreds of queries for genealogical advice received over the three days. Eddie especially wants to thanks the organisers, **Mr. Edmund Hourican**, Managing Director of **Business Exhibitions Limited** based at Sandyford Office Park in Dublin. The assistance and courtesy shown to the Society and our

volunteers by Mr. Hourican's staff was exceptional, according to Eddie. The draw for one year's membership of the GSI attracted over a hundred entrants with following the winners: **Mr. Chris Fergusson** of Downpatrick, Co. Down, **Ms. Alison Howard** of Bangor, Co. Down and **Mr. Garry McGuigan** of Belfast. Eddie has brought the Society's Exhibition Stand to all corners of the country over the past three years and he has many exciting venues on his extensive list for 2015. Without a shadow of doubt, it is Eddie's energy and commitment that is a great source of encouragement to his wonderfully dedicated team of volunteers. These events promote the study of genealogy, heraldry and vexillology as open access educational leisure pursuits available to all in our community.

## 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 is available to read or to download completely FREE OF CHARGE at [www.irishlivesremembered.com](http://www.irishlivesremembered.com) Click on **Back Editions** to read many hundreds of excellent articles on researching your Irish ancestors. Download them now to your own PC. There is a charge to read past issues.

### IRELAND'S GENEALOGICAL GAZETTE

All the past issues of this newsletter and its predecessor are available in pdf format to read or to download or to read *free of charge* on the Society's website [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie) The index to the 2014 issues is in preparation.



# James Scannell Reports...

## LUSITANIA REMEMBERED

At sunset on Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 three flares fired into the air over Cork Harbour off Cobh (Queenstown until 1922), marked the first of several centenary commemoration events to mark the sinking the RMS *Lusitania* off the Old Head of Kinsale in May 1915, that will take place at various locations in Co. Cork associated with this including the Old Head of Kinsale, Courtmacsherry and Kinsale itself. Sunday's event, organised by Cork County Council, commenced at sunset with a clarion on the 49 bells of St. Colman's Cathedral, followed by addresses from Cllr. Claire Cullinane, who presided over the ceremony, Cork County Mayor, Cllr. Alan Coleman, and Minister for the Marine Simon Coveney, TD, covering the impact that this First World War maritime tragedy had on Cobh and the surrounding area. Chairman of the Cobh Lusitania Centenary Committee, Hendrick Verwey, said that Cobh was proud to hold the first in a series of commemorations that will be held in Co. Cork in the coming months. Cobh plans to hold a series of lectures and exhibition of rare photographs of this famous ship. The Cobh ceremony

concluded with the reading of the names of those lost on RMS *Lusitania*, several of them children who are buried in the town's cemetery, by local children after which fares fired from Cobh, Fort Mitchell and Fort Camden brought the ceremony to an end.

## OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

On Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup> Frank Tracy will present his lecture '*If Those Trees Could Speak – the family history of Lord Massy*' at 18.30hrs to the Old Dublin Society in the Dublin City & Archive Conference Room, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. (*The lecture for this date by Rob Goodbody mentioned in last month's Gazette will take place at a later date*). Admission free and all are welcome. This will be followed on Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> with a lecture by Dr. Clara Cullen on '*The World Upturning: Elsie Henry's Irish Wartime Diaries, 1913 – 1919*' and on Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> by Tony Behan with '*The Way We Were: 80 Years of the Old Dublin Society*'. Both these lectures take place at 18.30hrs in the same venue. All welcome – admission free.

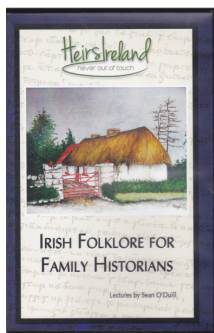
## HISTORIC RE-ENACTMENT

Between 14.00hrs and 16.00hrs on Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup> '*Régiment Irlandais*' one of three Irish regiments in the Spanish Army during the Napoleonic Wars, will display foot and arms drill of 200 years ago, with re-enactment group Lord Edward's Own in Clarke Square of the Museum of Decorative Arts and History, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. See how these "Wild Geese" garbed in their distinctive blue uniforms, re-acted to words of command in Spanish. There will be allies and enemies about as British Redcoats and French Grenadiers demonstrate their own drills, weapons, and uniforms. Admission free.

## LOCAL HISTORY LECTURE

On Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup> Ron Ennis will present his lecture '*Some Antiquities of the Military Road from the Yellow House to the Hell Fire Club*' at 20.00hrsto the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society in The Function Room, Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co.Dublin. All welcome – Contribution €3.

## Précis of the Jan. Lecture



The well-known and highly regarded folklorist **Seán Ó Dúill** gave a well informed lecture on the fascinating topic of '*Matchmaking and Marriage Customs in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland*' at the January 13th Open Meeting of GSI. Seán, a native Irish speaker from Louis-

burgh, Co Mayo, manages to place family history in its historical and social context. This allows for family history researchers to get an understanding of this crucial context in which our ancestors lived out

their lives. He had previously spoken to us on '*Death and Burial Customs in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland*' in 2007. In both cases his talk was enlivened with considerable humour – not something always associated with family history. For readers who were not fortunate enough to attend the talk Seán has produced two professionally produced DVDs and these can be ordered by email from [info@heirsireland.com](mailto:info@heirsireland.com). Costs are €15.00, including postage. For GSI members of GSI he has allowed a reduction to €12.00 plus postage. Postage comes to €5.00 in the Republic of Ireland but this can be avoided by anyone attending any of our meetings where they can be collected. They would certainly make excellent gifts for relatives and friends, and would by particularly attractive to the Irish diaspora. **Seamus Moriarty, FGSI**

## 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 Ireland and overseas who can trace each of their eight great-grandparents to the same general area of Ireland. Participants, male or female, are requested to present a Birth Brief (Pedigree Chart) and to provide a DNA sample (kit provided) for analysis. 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](mailto:Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie) and please checkout 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](http://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](http://www.heraldryireland.com) or for *Vexillology Ireland* checkout the following website: [www.flagsireland.wordpress.com](http://www.flagsireland.wordpress.com)

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

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**DIARY DATES**

**Tuesday February 10th & March 10th 2015**  
**Evening Open Meeting**

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

**Wednesday February 25th & March 25th 2015**  
**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)**

**Bray, Co. Wicklow and WW1**

'The Old Bray Society Special World War One Journal'- Editor Henry Cairns. The Old Bray Society has published a 120 page special edition of the Bray Historical Record, the Society's journal, World War One, devoted to World War One in Bray and the North Wicklow area. Divided into six chapters, this special journal opens with an overview of the impact World War One had on Bray and the surrounding area followed by specific chapters covering: The Bray Roll of Honour, listing all those from the town and surrounding area who served during the War. The Bray War Memorial, located on Quinsboro Road opposite the Bray Leisure Centre with information contributed by Barry, Connor and Liam Dodd, on those listed on it broken down by time and place of death. The diary of Sergeant Bernard Martin who served in Bulgaria which he later used to write a far more extensive memoir which forms the basis for this chapter. Fr. Francis Gleeson who served two tours of duty as chaplain on the Western Front with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt. Royal Munster Fusiliers and appointed a curate to Holy Redeemer Parish, Bray, in 1924 until 1940 when he was transferred to Aughrim, following a sermon criticizing the Bray Urban District Council for evicting family (a summary of the official report of the sermon contents is reproduced) until 1944 when he was appointed Parish Priest of St. Catherine's Parish, Dublin. Thomas Curtis provides a fascinating article on his grandfather Drummer Tom Brennan, who survived Gallipoli and went on to serve on the Western Front, and survived the conflict. The final chapter covers 'Further Information on North Wicklow People in the First World War' with special thanks to Judy Cameron for information on those from Powerscourt and Kilbride. One of the interesting statistics in this book is that out of the 1914 Bray population of 7680, a total of 930 men enlisted between 1914 – 1918, of which 155 were killed while Rathnew, Co. Wicklow, is said to have provided more men to the British Army than any village in the Empire. Copies of this special journal, price €17.50, which contains numerous illustrations of documents, people, and other items, are available from the Town Hall Book Shop, 23 Florence Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow.

**James Scannell**

**MEETING VENUES**

Information on the **Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute** is available at [www.dfei.ie](http://www.dfei.ie) and on the **Royal Marine Hotel** at [www.royalmarine.ie](http://www.royalmarine.ie)

**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](http://www.findmypast.ie) offer a huge 50% discount and the **Irish Newspaper Archives** [www.irishnewspaperarchive.com](http://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 on [membership@familyhistory.ie](mailto:membership@familyhistory.ie)

**STUDENT MEMBERSHIP**

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

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**LECTURE PROGRAMME**

**Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2015** *'The Comerfords in Ireland: disentangling myths and legends to find true origins'* by the Rev. Patrick Comerford. **Tues March 10<sup>th</sup> 2015**, *American Records* by Maura Flood. **Tues April 14<sup>th</sup> 2015** – TBA. **Tues May 12<sup>th</sup> 2015** *'Family Crests'* by Tom Mullins. **Tues. June 9<sup>th</sup> 2015** *'Records of the Dublin Metropolitan Police'* by James Scannell. **VENUE: Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute**, Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Travel directions see: [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie) **Séamus Moriarty**, FGSI Director, GSI Lecture Programme, welcomes feedback on these lectures.

**PARKING AT THE 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. The Director of the GSI Lecture Programme, **Séamus Moriarty**, asks Members to consider 'car pooling' for each month's open meeting as many Members come from the same areas. It will make parking easier for all. Ask at the meeting. For details on the Institute checkout [www.dfei.ie](http://www.dfei.ie)

**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](http://www.gillmacmillan.com) Price €22.99 [RRP].

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