



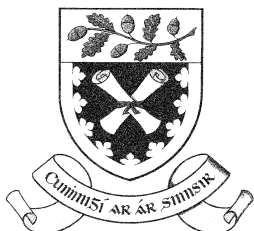
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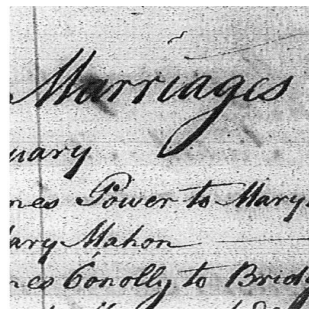
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Catholic Parish Registers On-Line

The launch by the National Library of Ireland on July 8th 2015 of free public access to the digitised images of the microfilms of the Catholic parish registers was enthusiastically welcomed by the overwhelming majority of Irish genealogists. For this Society it represented, yet another, vindication of the 'Principle of Public Ownership and Right of Access' to a genealogical heritage which was adopted eighteen years ago at the 1997 AGM as the cornerstone of the Society's national policies on heritage, genealogy and archival matters. At the official launch, An Taoiseach, Mr. Enda Kenny, TD, spoke of the gratitude owed to the custodians of these parish registers down through the centuries. This heritage of marking major life events by religious ceremonies has provided us with the most important genealogical resource for the people of Ireland and her diaspora. With the loss of much of our national census returns due to pulping by the UK authorities during WW1 or in the disastrous fire at the Public Records Office in 1922 during our Civil War, the only



remaining records for the overwhelming majority of the Irish people from the mid-eighteenth to the late nineteenth century are Catholic parish registers. Some of these registers commence in the 1740s at the height of the Penal Laws against Roman Catholics and continue to record baptisms and marriages right down through the periods of our nation's turbulent history. These parish registers were microfilmed from the 1950s onwards and were only available to persons visiting the National Library in Dublin. Over the past three years circa 550 microfilm reels containing over 3,500 parish registers have been converted into approximately 373,000 digital images which became freely available on line from July 8th 2015. Whilst, most at home and around the world

welcomed the launch, some in the commercial genealogical research sector have expressed real fears of revenue loss due to this new on-line resource. However, others see it as an opportunity to better manage costs and time and, indeed, believe with innovation that new genealogical products and services could be developed. This is as true for the Heritage Centres around the country as it is for the individual providing genealogical research for a fee. At the launch, An Taoiseach stressed the importance of building on local knowledge as one of the main strengths of the genealogical research service providers. Indeed, professional business supports are readily available from the Local Enterprise Offices in each county to advise on matters such as specialisation or diversification and on the development of new genealogy related services. All in all, July 8th was a great day for everyone with an interest in researching their Irish ancestors. The Society warmly congratulates the management and staff at the National Library on this momentous achievement for Irish genealogy. registers.nli.ie

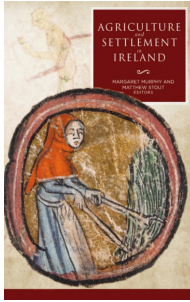
Seachtain na hOidhreachta 2015

HERITAGE WEEK 2015. Yes, it is that time of year again when we celebrate various aspects of our wonderful and fascinating heritage. Whether it's architecture, archaeology, historical buildings and sites or, as in our case, our ancestral links to place, people and the past. The Director of the Outreach Programme, **Eddie Gahan, MGS**, (pictured above) has arranged for the Society's Archives and Research

Centre at the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire to be open for the whole of Heritage Week this year. The Centre, *An Daonchartlann*, will provide free family history research advice to members of the public visiting the Centre. Experienced members of the Society will be on hand to guide visitors through the use of the various resources available for genealogical research. Including the recent launch by the National Library of its dedicated website for access to the digitised microfilms of the Catholic Parish Registers (see above). Eddie is seeking volunteers from the membership

to assist with his very much expanded schedule this year for Heritage Week. We will be open from 10.30hrs to 18.00hrs from Saturday August 22nd to Sunday August 30th and, indeed, open to 20.30hrs on Monday 24th, Wednesday 26th and Friday 28th August to facilitate people who may be unable to attend during the day. Eddie says that the experience gained through helping others in their research is very rewarding and most enjoyable. Please join Eddie Gahan for Heritage Week by contacting him by e-mail at eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com

Agriculture and Settlement in Ireland



Given the ongoing international debate on the DNA evidence pointing to several possible maritime routes for the earliest settlement of Ireland from various parts of mainland Europe, a new book *'Agriculture and Settlement in Ireland'* edited by **Margaret Murphy** and **Matthew Stout** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-507-1 : 256pp : ill. : h/bk :

Price 45.00) should be of considerable interest in exploring the settlement of Ireland from the point of 'landscape archaeology'. This excellently researched collection of essays deals with the period from the Neolithic, the subject of much current debate regarding early settlement, to the eighteenth century where Ireland was essentially a world of landed estates. In their introduction, the editors Margaret Murphy (Carlow College) and Matthew Stout (St Patrick's, DCU) outline the scope of the collection of essays in this volume and in particular, they emphasise the need for a multidisciplinary approach to the subject matter. Many of the previously published positions on the development of agriculture in the period up to the Cambro-Norman invasion are challenged as too, is our understanding of the concept of nucleation in the various periods thereafter. For example, they point out that 'it is often argued that the largely pastoral emphasis of the Gaelic econo-

my resulted in scattered and impermanent settlement forms in Gaelic Ireland' characterised by 'flimsy and insubstantial' dwellings that could be 'erected with facility and abandoned without regret'. Recent research, according to the editors, has pointed to a 'more complex and dynamic' situation. In the first chapter, Patrick Cunningham's (TCD), paper on *'The evolution of cattle and cattle farming systems: the genetic evidence'* challenges the standard view of the origins of farming systems in the Eurasian land-mass and explores alternative hypotheses based on multiple domestications, various migration patterns and, of course, the genetic studies of livestock bones and the spread of lactose persistence in north-western European populations, including Ireland. The early medieval farm is examined by Matthew Stout (St Patrick's, DCU) in chapter two which, once again, looks at an economy based on cattle and its dependent society and structure. Remarkably statistical evidence from the latter part of the twentieth century largely substantiates the sustainability of the mediaeval farming systems and holdings. Geraldine Stout (Archaeological Survey of Ireland), in chapter three, deals with *'The Cistercian grange: a medieval farming system'* and given their arrival in Ireland in 1142 before the Cambro-Norman invasion, our perceptions of the origins of nucleation in Gaelic Ireland, especially around monastic settlements, is very convincingly challenged. In chapter four Margaret Murphy's paper examines *'Manor centres, settlement and agricultural systems in medieval Ireland, 1250-1350'* which revolutionised agri-

cultural production in Ireland. In her essay in chapter five Katharine Simms (TCD) looks at *'The origins of the creaght: farming system or social unit?'* The word signified a herd of miscellaneous livestock which is frequently found from circa 1390 onwards and she examines what underpinned its development. In chapter six Raymond Gillespie's (NUIM) papers explores the changing structure of Irish agriculture in the seventeenth century which is essentially the period of native dispossession and plantation. Several contributors, Matthew Stout, Michael Carey (Coillte), Jim Collins (UCD), L.M. Cullen (TCD), Tim Gleeson (Teagasc), Tony Leavy (Teagasc) and Eileen Murphy (Teagasc), collaborate on chapter seven which examines *'Collon, Co. Louth: the landscape legacy of an eighteenth century estate'*. This essay exemplifies the huge potential of the multidisciplinary approach, the findings of which, will be of enormous interest to local historians in this area of Co. Louth. Finally, Brendan Riordan's (ind.) essay examines *'Farming and settlement: some dynamic relationships'* over the entire period covered by the various essays. An excellent bibliography is provided for further research. **Editors: Margaret Murphy** is a history lecturer in Carlow College and has published on various aspects of the social, economic and ecclesiastical history of the later Middle Ages. **Matthew Stout** is a history lecturer in St Patrick's, Dublin City University, and has published on various aspects of early medieval settlement and the Irish landscape. *MM*

26th International Congress of Vexillology



Stanislav Zamyatin, CEO of *Vexillology Ireland Brateolaiocht Eireann* (pictured left) will represent Ireland, at the **26th International Congress of Vexillology** to be held in Sydney, Australia, from August 31st to September 4th 2015. The Society was elected in 2013 at the Rotterdam Congress to membership of the world renowned and prestigious *International Federation of Vexillological Associations (FIAV)*. Currently Stan is finalising a publication for use by schools, colleges, sporting clubs and local communities on the design, manufacture and use of flags - creating wonderfully vibrant and visible representations of unique local identities and groups. This publication will be ready for the conference in Sydney along with a suite of specially designed

flag posters with an array of national flags, each displayed with a culinary theme based on their unique national dishes. The emphasis on heritage and culture at these international vexillological events creates a wonderful opportunity to promote the Genealogical Society of Ireland and, of course, the study of genealogy as an open access educational leisure activity and, most importantly, Ireland as a 'roots tourism' destination. Therefore, the Society hopes to be in a position to facilitate the display in Sydney of a selection of promotional literature from Irish genealogical service providers, including Eneclann, Ancestor Network, AGI (formerly APGI), *Irish Lives Remembered* and others. Attendance at this important and prestigious international conference would not have been possible without the sponsorship received from Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. Stan will present the Society's bid to host a FIAV congress in Dún Laoghaire in 2021 which marks

the centenary of the change of the name of town from Kingstown to the Irish version of its original name 'Dunleary'. The centenary offers many interesting themes for the study of flags and emblems in a period marking the start of a transition from a world of empires to independent nation states beginning with the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921 and the establishment of the Irish Free State in 1922. The Society is already proactively lobbying and seeking the support of other national delegations for the 2021 proposal. As the only non-governmental organisation in Ireland promoting vexillology and heraldry, the Genealogical Society of Ireland, through its branches, *'Vexillology Ireland'* and *'Heraldry Ireland'*, views its presence at these international events as vitally important for the promotion of Irish tourism, heritage and, of course, genealogy. We wish Stan every success in Sydney and, hopefully, we'll be welcoming FIAV to Ireland in 2021.

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...

TRAILS OF GREYSTONES

Recently the Public Library in Greystones, Co. Wicklow, was the setting for the launch by the Greystones Archaeological and Historical Society in association with the La Touche Legacy Committee, of their latest publication *'Trails of Greystones: Its Buildings and History'*, a guide to a walking tour of some of Greystones's most historic sites. The route, which begins and ends close to Greystones DART station, will take one on a leisurely ramble through highlights of the town's past, some of which may be well-known, while others are more quirky and unexpected. Discover Greystones's links with 1916 and its part in the women's suffrage campaign, seek out its many literary and artistic connections, recall its maritime associations going back to the days when it was just a tiny fishing village, and much, much more. Copies of *'Trails'* are available, free of charge, at Greystones Public Library and at numerous businesses around the town.

OLD BRAY SOCIETY APPEAL

The Old Bray Society is currently preparing a history of the *'The War of Independence and Civil War in Wicklow'* which is due to be published next year to commemorate the centenary of the 1916 Rising. In order to accurately portray this period, the Society would be delighted to hear from anyone whose parents, grandparents or other relations were active

during this time. The Society is interested in information, photographs, or documents from all sides of the divide. Anyone who would like to contribute to this project should contact Henry Cairns at the Town Hall Bookshop, 23 Florence Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow or call 086-0629789 or e-mail: henrycairns@gmail.com.

ASSISTANCE SOUGHT

The Rathmines Initiative is researching the 1916 Rising in Rathmines, Co. Dublin, and aim to publish a book and hold an exhibition in Rathmines Library. Pauline Hall of the Rathmines Initiative is appealing for information to whether at the time of the Rising, Helena Molony was living at 9, Belgrave Road. Information is sought about the nationalist gatherings hosted in the same period at 19 Ranelagh Road by Mary Kate Ryan, later married to Seán T. Ó Ceallaigh. Please contact Pauline at paulinehall@eircom.net or call 086-8124695.

IRISH HISTORY EXHIBITIONS

At 15.00hrs on Sunday July 19th Ms. Edith Endress will lead a 60-minute Gallery Tour *'Highlights of the Irish History Exhibitions'* in the Museum of Decorative Arts and History, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. The Museum's history galleries tell many stories about our military and political history, ranging from 1916 to the role of the ordinary Irish soldiers in the British Army of the 19th

century. Admission is free but places are allocated on first come basis 15 minutes before the tour commences.

REMAINS OF THOMAS KENT

On May 9th 1916 Thomas Kent was executed in Cork Prison by firing squad after being convicted by a court-martial of armed insurrection when he and his brothers resisted arrested by members of the R.I.C. when they called at their home at Castlelyons near Fermoy, Co. Cork, as part of a round up of prominent nationalists in the county. During the subsequent 4-hour fire fight Head Constable William Rowe was killed, Davis Kent was seriously injured, while Richard Kent who tried to escape, was mortally wounded. At the subsequently court-martial, William Kent was acquitted but Thomas Kent was found guilty and subsequently executed. His remains were buried in the grounds of the Military Detention Barracks, now Cork Prison. Archaeologists have now commenced a search for his remains and these are fund DNA samples will be taken for identification purposes which will take up to 8 weeks to complete. It is believed that the Kent family wish the remains to be exhumed and reinterred with full military honours in the family vault near Castlelyons.

EDITOR: A review by James Scannell of the *'Journal of the Wicklow Historical Society 2015'* (Vol.5 No.2) has been held over until next month due to space restrictions.

Précis of the June Lecture— *DMP Casualties ... Part 2*

On June 9th, James Scannell returned to present the 2nd part of his on-going lecture *'DMP Casualties during the War of Independence'* which he opened by revealing a little known incident which came to after the presentation of the first part of this lecture in which 4 uniformed members, and one bystander, were shot by a number of armed men, who evaded arrests, outside the Mansion House, Dublin, on June 5th 1919 when a crowd which had assembled for a concert to commemorate James Connolly's birthday, but cancelled by the authorities, refused to disperse when ordered to do so. The next incident covered in the lecture was the shooting dead outside 90, Harcourt Street of 2nd Assistant Commissioner William Charles Forbes Redmond, by members of Collins' Squad, and was the most senior DMP member killed during the War of Independence. Eye-witness accounts of the incident from newspapers and the formal inquest provide a very comprehensive account of the shooting of a

man that Michael Collins considered to be a very serious adversary. By way of contrast, a running gun fight in Westmoreland reminiscent of the "American Wild West" between brothers Pat and Gabriel McGrath and uniformed Constables Thomas Kelly and P. Dennis on the night of 20th February 1920, sounded more like fiction than fact, but based on eye-witness and inquest witness testimony, was what had occurred. Pat McGrath was wounded and captured while his brother Gabriel made his escape in the direction of Grafton Street where he shot dead uniformed Constable John Walsh before making his escape. The final shooting recalled in those lecture by the shooting of Det. Const. Henry Kelly, by members of the Collins' Squad on April 14th 1920, at the junction of Pleasants Street and Upper Camden Street. Kelly's "elimination" was ordered because he allegedly assisted the identification of IRA detainees in prison. James will return in 2016 to present third and final part of this lecture.

GSJ LECTURE PROGRAMME

The following is the programme of lectures for the coming months compiled by Séamus Moriarty, FGSI. **Tuesday July 14th**—*'Genetic Genealogy'* by Gerard Corcoran; **Tuesday August 11th** - *'After the Ball is Over'* by Frank Tracy; **Tuesday September 8th**—*'Dublin Dock Records'* by Declan Byrne; **Tuesday October 13th** - *'Famine Roads and Ghost Villages of County Mayo'* by Charles Egan; **Tuesday November 10th** - *'The National Archives as a resource for the genealogist'* by Gregory O Connor; **Tuesday December 8th** - *'Using Simple Tools to Document your Family History Better - a Demonstration'* by Tom Conlon **VENUE: Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute**, Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. For directions see: www.familyhistory.ie The Director of the GSI Lecture Programm, Séamus Moriarty, FGSI, welcomes feedback on these lectures. A précis of each lecture will be published in the "Gazette" of the month following the date of the lecture.

GSJ 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

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

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**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday July 14th & August 11th 2015
Evening Open Meeting

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

Wednesday July 22nd & August 26th 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)

SILAS CONFERENCE, CORK

Between 27th-29th of June, the **Society for Irish Latin American Studies (SILAS)** organised its 5th Conference entitled **"Entangled Histories and Cultures: Re-mapping Diasporas and Migrations between Ireland and Latin America"** Three days of lectures, poetry, theatre, and documentaries brought up a common remembrance and celebration of the strong influence of the Irish Diaspora in the shaping of Latin American history and lives. Good examples were a talk by Jose Brownrigg-Gleeson Martinez, PhD student at the University of Salamanca, entitled **"Catholics and Constitutions: Transatlantic Irish Perspectives on the Independence of Latin American countries (1808-1825)"** about the different perspectives on the Independence processes in Latin America in the newspapers of that era; the lecture by Stella Maris Smithe, from Universidad Nacional de La Pampa Argentina: **"The Irish Diaspora, an analysis from a geographic perspective"**, around the concept of Diaspora from a cultural geographic perspective, a double temporal space: place of origin, and new place of destination, adaptation and preservation of costumes from the place of origin and the idealization of it, the result of the creation of new identities; Also Kevin Terry independent researcher for Cork presented his lecture **"The Journey of a Cork Merchant Family to Spain and Latin America"** based on his book, **"The Terrys of Cork. Merchant Gentry 1180-1644"** There was an outstanding theatre performance about the Battalion **"Los San Patricios"**, Irish soldiers who fought on the Mexican side on the Mexican-American War (1846-1848). Also as part of this event was the screening of the documentary film: **"Eliza Lynch. Queen of Paraguay"** about the events that surrounded her life and the historic events of the Paraguayan War (1864-1870), followed with a discussion lead by the filmmaker and director Alan Gilsennan. There was also a roundtable about **"Latin American lives in Cork"** sharing experiences of emigrating to Ireland and the culture contrasts and impressions of their lives here and in their countries of origin. The Conference was kindly supported by both the Argentinian and Mexican embassies, was opened by Margaret Brehony, President of SILAS, Organising Director Professor Nuala Finnegan, Director of the Centre for Mexican Studies. UCC and the Argentinian ambassador in Ireland H.E. Silvia Merega. H.E. Carlos Garcia de Alba, Mexican ambassador to Ireland also attended and gave a short speech. The SILAS conference takes place each two years alternating location between Ireland and Latin America. For further information <http://www.irlandeses.org/> **Laura Hidalgo, MGSI**

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sadness that we learned of the death of our member, **Michael Howe**, on Friday June 26th 2015 following a short illness. We extend our sincere condolences to Mick's wife, Joan and his children, grandchildren, brothers, sister and their families. As members of the Society, Mick and his brother Jimmy were regular attendees at the monthly lectures and he'll be most certainly very sadly missed by all. Following requiem Mass at St. Michael's Church in Dún Laoghaire on Monday June 29th 2015, Mick was laid to rest in Shanganagh Cemetery. RIP

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 Archives and Research Centre at the historic Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire is open to three days a week as follows: each **Monday** (except Bank Holidays) from 17.30hrs to 20.30hrs, each **Wednesday** from 10.30hrs to 16.30hrs and each **Saturday** from 10.30hrs to 17.00hrs. With around **sixteen hours of archival time** available each week volunteers are always 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. Please see the Society's website: www.familyhistory.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 Price €22.99 [RRP].

INDEX TO THE "GAZETTE"

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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