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## **Technology and Genealogy**

Back in 1999 this Society held Ireland's first ever conference on 'Genealogy and the World Wide Web' (see poster below) and, not surprisingly, this was a totally new concept for many at that time. Few of our Members had computers

and even fewer had ever used the Internet or knew anything about it.

The situation changed

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The situation changed rapidly within a short few years of that conference few of our Members were without computers and for those with computers, the majority had Internet access. Technology enabled the

interest in genealogy to grow massively around the world with the electronic sharing of files, research data and photographs, genealogical research became universally accessible.

Genealogy soon became a 'gateway' to computing and the Internet, particularly amongst retirees, and now ranks as one of the most popular collaborative hobby pursuits on the Internet. This 'gateway' phenomenon was clearly evident with GSI Members, a number of whom, undertook computing classes solely to access the myriad of wonderful online resources for genealogical research.

The list of extremely useful websites providing excellent and verifiable research data, whether free or pay-for-view', continues to expand spoil-

ing us for choice, maybe. Nevertheless, users are becoming very discerning, openly critical and quite understandably, cautious of the hype and spin attaching to some online resources. Verifiable information with access to images of the original source material is now the benchmark for reliability and user satisfaction.

With the introduction of the 'Smartphone' providing access to the Internet and capable of holding your family history files, photographs and, most importantly, your preferred family history program, we have all our resources at our fingertips at all times and everywhere with WiFi access. This is a hugely welcome development for genealogists whether you're researching in an archive, recording memorial inscriptions, talking to relatives or adding new data, we can do it all "on the go" without having to carry bulky files or charts as before.

Visitors to the Society's Archive & Research Centre over the past two years or so have increasing used their phones to record and store information. Others relied on more traditional methods of research and recording of data.

In order to promote this ease of access to data sources, recording and retrieving, the Board of the Society decided to avail of an offer for GSI Members which is available to charities affiliated to *The Wheel* from the telecommunications company *THREE.IE*. With this offer of a substantially reduced rate for phone charges and Internet access, a free 'Smartphone' is available in one of the two options. See page 4.

Technology is providing a greater accessibility for everybody to their genealogical heritage.

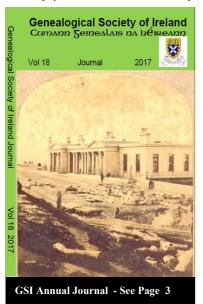
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#### **GSI Board Elected**

The Annual General Meeting of the Society held on Tuesday March 14th 2017 at the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute (DFEI) re-elected the outgoing Board for the 2017-2018 term.

At the first meeting of the Board following the AGM it was agreed to reappoint each of the Directors to the portfolios held during the previous term.

It was also agreed to seek to coopt a Member with expertise and experience in sales and marketing. General Secretary



### **OPEN MEETINGS**

## Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 11 April—20.00hrs

Tuesday 9 May—20.00hrs

## **Royal Marine Hotel**

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 26 April—10.30hrs

Wednesday 24 May-10.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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#### YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?

If you are thinking of starting your family history research and just don't know where to start, don't despair as Eddie and his team are on hand to show you the ropes.

Whilst the Society does not undertake commercial research assignments, it does provide research advice to enable you to take a D.I.Y. approach to your research.

Also, please note that Eddie and his team travel around the country promoting the study of genealogy. For more information on the Society's Outreach Programme contact eddie gahan snr@hotmail.com



Eddie Gahan and his Team ready to discuss your Family History Research

#### Dublin in the 1950s and 1960s

'Dublin in the 1950s and 1960s—Cars, Shops and Suburbs' (ISBN 978-1-84682-620-7: 448pp: P/bk: Price €29.95: Web-Price €26.95) by Joseph Brady with Ruth McManus, Editor. The latest volume in the series 'The Making of Dublin City' published by Four Courts Press brings us, once again, into the latter half of the twentieth century a period in living memory for most of our readership. As with previous volumes in this series it is the every-day life of our capital city and its suburbs that is explored, detailed and interpreted covering the planning perspective, the urban landscape, the city and the motor car, the suburban city and finally, Dublin for visitors.



Dublin and indeed, Ireland, in the 1950s was marked by economic stagnation, political conservatism, social orthodoxy and a public sphere corralled and cowed by stifling deference to the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. Emigration was extremely high, especially amongst the more educated and the least educated, the latter mostly to the building sites of Great Britain. To the more critical contemporary commentator, Ireland of the 1950s had an inward looking nativist polity riddled with mediocrity and shackled to a relatively recently constructed past that had little or no relevance in the modern post WW2 world. Something had to break or change and it did in the 1960s – Ireland opened to the world, inward investment improved living standards, housing estates expanded and, amongst other factors influencing development, car ownership grew.

Meeting these new pressures on the urban development of Dublin and its suburbs was extremely challenging, especially for the city with a largely eighteenth century streetscape overlaying and abutting a late medieval one that was wholly unsuited for the era of the motor car, let alone the growing need for purpose-built office accommodation which followed the expansion of the public sector. These changes had a profound impact of the city and how its inhabitants came to interact with this emerging 'modern city environment'. The expansion of the suburbs was, in many ways, car-centric in its planning – low-rise housing and commercial developments on greenfield sites, out-of-town shopping centres and industrial estates pushing the city northwards and westwards. The era of statutory town planning in Ireland was born out of necessity, some might say shutting the stable door after the first horse had long bolted. Some of the structures built in this period are the most loathed in Dublin and others, few it must be said, became iconic landmarks in our city's streetscape.

This book is an essential read for the local historian, social historian and architectural historian and indeed, for all with an interest in the development of Dublin and its suburbs. It is a fascinating story, exceptionally illustrated and with a copious bibliography. **Joseph Brady** is a geographer and formerly Head of the UCD School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Policy and Dean of Arts. He is also, with Ruth McManus & Anngret Simms, a series editor of *The Making of Dublin City* series

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## **New Premises—Update**

The Board of the Society had hoped to be in a position to make an announcement at the Annual General Meeting on March 14th 2017 regarding a new base of operations for the Society. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond its control this simply wasn't possible as a number of key people were away at the time.

Government Ministers, Teachtaí Dála (MPs), Senators and County Councillors, of all parties and none, made representations on behalf of the Society as they fully understood the enormous benefit to the community of a genealogical archive and research centre.

While many believe that the Old Carnegie Library building in Dún Laoghaire would be an ideal location for the Society, Cllr. Shane O'Brien (Sinn Féin) following a site visit, advised the Society that it would be over a year before that building could be used for anything as it is in need of extensive renovations.

The Society's chief negotiator, Tom Conlon, has been in regular contact with officials of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council regarding the use of a Council owned building.

Tom advised the Board that there is no shortage of commitment on behalf of the Chief Executive, Ms. Philomena Poole, and her officials in their determination to render all assistance and guidance possible to the Society.

The reopening the Society's unique Archive and Research Centre and its retention in the County of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown has been a major concern to tourism, cultural, educational and other sectors in the county. Given the demographic profile of the Members and users of the facility, its continued closure is seen as a serious loss to the "Age Friendly County" status of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.

Currently the Society's archival collections and property are stored at Cabinteely House courtesy of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. This eighteenth century mansion was featured on the cover of the March edition of this newsletter.

As we go to print, the 'Gazette' has been advised that further meetings will be held this week with officials of the County Council and that a possible resolution to the Society's homelessness may be in sight this month. Watch this space!

## Dún Laoghaire Harbour 1817-2017

'A Safe Anchorage: Dún Laoghaire / Kingstown Harbour 1817-2017', compiled by the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society Bi-centenary Book Committee of Anna Scudds, Colin Scudds, and Maria O'Flaherty, published by the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society. €8.00.

At the March meeting of the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society this excellent 108 page publication was launched by the Society to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of Kingstown / Dún Laoghaire Harbour and contains an excellent selection of articles covering various aspects of the harbour's history drawn from articles published in the Society's journal which has appeared annually for the past 25 years.

The construction of the harbor and some of the buildings associated are recalled in 'The Father of the Asylum Harbour' (George Kelly), 'The Building of Dún Laoghaire Harbour' (Colin Scudds), 'That Building at the West Pier' (Robbie Brennan), 'The East Pier' (Mairin Cullen), 'Where Foghorn Memories Lie' (Anna & Colin Scudds), 'Carlisle / Mail Boat Pier (Anna Scudds), and 'Mahoney's Boat Yard' (Mick McGovern).

Major storms and maritime disasters covered include 'The Great Storm of 1861' (Colin Scudds), 'Life Boat Disaster' (Seamus O'Connor), 'Lifeboat Men's Children' (Cormac Lowth), 'The Sinking of the RMS Leinster' (Philip Lecane), and 'The Wreck of the Bolivar' (Roy Stokes).

Maritime matters covered include 'Guard Ships at Kingstown' (Cormac Lowth), 'The Kingstown Steamer' (Freda Agnew), 'The Wanderer at Kingstown' (Cormac Lowth), 'Flying Boats in Dún Laoghaire Harbour' (Eamon Power), 'U-Boat in Dún Laoghaire Harbour' (Pat Flood), 'The Dún Laoghaire Mailboat' (Tony Quinn), and 'The Last Lightship' (Colin Scudds).

Other aspects of the Harbour's history covered are 'Harbour Police' (Brendan McGovern), 'Captain Crofton' (Cormac Lowth), 'Marconi at Kingstown' (Seamus O'Connor, 'Patrick Crofton' (Anna Scudds), 'Cruising in Dún Laoghaire' (Stephanie Batt/Kenna) and 'Activities around the Harbour' (Anna Scudds).

This is a really excellent publication to mark the bi-centenary of the harbour with some great illustrations accompanying these fascinating articles. Copies of the super publication will be available at the 8 p.m. Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire, from some booksellers in the Dún Laoghaire area or directly from the Society via their web-site www.dunlaoghairehistorical.com. Essential for anyone interested in maritime history. Back issues of annual journals 15 to 25 also available. James Scannel

#### HARBOUR BICENTENARY

Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company, in conjunction with Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, has an array of events planned to mark the bicentenary of the harbour. Checkout www.dlharour.ie for details

# In Brief.... GSI MEMBERSHIP

Join this Society on-line at www.familyhistory.ie Please note that GSI Membership is open to all interested in genealogy and related subjects. Discounted membership rates available for under 25s and students at recognised genealogy courses.

#### **PARKING AT DFEI**

Car-parking facilities at the **Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute**. The best 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 and its courses please checkout www.dfei.ie

#### **DISCOUNTS**

Exclusive discounts for the 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 Member discounts, please contact Barry O'Connor, FGSI, by email at membership@familyhistory.ie

#### IDEAL GIFT IDEAS

Genealogists and local historians are relatively easy souls to please when it comes to gifts—books! So if you have a birthday gift to buy—think books by our Members. Much of the research for these books was undertaken at the Society's Archive & Research Centre—An Daonchartlann.

'Victorian Dún Laoghaire' by Tom Conlon—excellent local history of the town and the first to deal extensively with the poor and "the courts" where they lived. Price: €20.00

'Labour in Kingstown, 1890-1920' by Charlie Callan—explores a much neglected subject—the working class of Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire and the development of organised labour and its political representation. Price: €10.00 (published privately contact: chascallan@gmail.com)

'Twice Built—The Construction of St. Patrick's Church, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, 1861-66' by Tom Conlon. An intriguing story of "church politics" surrounding the building of a parish church in Dublin. Price €12.00







GSI Research Centre Temporarily Closed & its Archival Collections are in Storage

### JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS...

#### THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

At 18.00hrs on Wednesday 12 April James Scannell will present his lecture 'The Light That Failed: The 1957 Dundrum Railcar Collision' to the Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free. At 18.00hrs on Wednesday 26 April Michael Fewer will present his lecture 'The Life and Times of J.B. Malone, founder of the Wicklow Way: Map Maker, Soldier, Historian and Author' in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive. All welcome – admission free.

#### **BOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

At 20.00hrs on Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> the AGM of the Society will take place in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, and all members are requested to attend. Cormac Lowth will present a short talk *'Richard Brydges Beechey – Maritime artist who lived in Kingstown / Dún Laoghaire'*. All welcome – admission €3.00

#### KINGSTOWN - A TOWN DIVIDED

At 20.00hrs on Thursday 20 April Tom Conlon will present his lecture 'Victorian Kingstown – A Town Divided' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission €5.00

#### TOMBSTONES OF WICKLOW

At 20.00hrs on Monday 24 April Chris Corlett will present his lecture 'Here Lieth...' to the Wicklow Historical Society in The Old Boathouse, beside The Leitrim Inn, Wicklow Town. All welcome – Voluntary Contribution

#### **THOMAS ASHE**

At 20.00hrs on Wednesday 26 April Brian Arnold will present his lecture 'Thomas Ashe – The Revolutionary Teacher' to the Balbriggan & District Historical Society in Balbriggan Town Hall, Main Street, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €5.00

#### **LAST OF THE LINE**

At 20.00hrs on Thursday 27 April Des Smyth will present his lecture 'The Fitwilliams of Merrion – the last of the line' to the Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Admission  $\epsilon$ 3.00 – Swan Centre Car Park

Evening Rate €2.00 (Total) from 18.00hrs to 00.30hrs

#### **RMS LUSITANIA**

At 20.00hrs on Thursday 04 May Cormac Lowth will present his lecture 'The Sinking of the Lusitania' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €4.00

#### RMS LEINSTER TABLE QUIZ

Funding Raising Table Quiz in aid of the *RMS Leinster* Centenary Committee on Thursday April 20th in The Eblana Club, Eblana Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, at 20.00hrs. Tables of Four €40.00. All Welcome. Bookings to constellojewellers@eircom.net

#### **GSI Lecture Programme**

On **Tuesday April 11th** the topic will be 'Digitised online resources and complementary sources for researching family history' by Tom Quinlan of the National Archives Ireland.

On Tuesday May 9th the topic will be 'The Story of our DNA' by Mike Mulligan of Ancestry.com

On Tuesday June 13th the topic will be 'How Online Sources Helped Put Flesh on the Bones of the Beglan Family Tree' by Mary Beglan.

Please note the advice regarding 'Parking at DFEI' on panel to the left on this page.

Tony O'Hara welcomes any of your comments on the Society's lecture programme as this will help us improve the programme.

Forward any suggestions that you may have for topics or guest speakers by email to **Tony O'Hara**, **MGSI**, Director of the Society's Lecture Programme at toharadsl@gmail.com

#### **GSI ANNUAL JOURNAL**

The cover of the 2017 issue of the *Annual Journal* of the Genealogical Society of Ireland (JGSI) carries an 1859 photo taken from the very spot where the recently evacuated *An Daonchartlann* was later built at the foot of the Carlisle Pier.

The articles inside have a distinctly international flavour with many fully illustrated.

A copy of the JGSI 2017 was despatched to each fully paid-up Members. If you haven't received your copy please make contact. *Tom Conlon, MGSI* 

#### 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].

#### **Précis of the March Lecture**

Ciara Kerrigan, Assistant Keeper, Office of the Chief Herald, National Library of Ireland was the speaker at our March open meeting on the topic of the Library's manuscript collection, particularly on the role of heraldry and pedigrees in genealogy. The Office of Arms, now the Office of the Chief Herald, has been in existence since 1552 and is responsible for the granting of arms to individuals and corporate bodies. All arms granted are recorded in the Register of Arms. The Office has over the centuries evolved from military to civilian functions and its genealogical aspect is of obvious use to family historians. Heraldry had traditionally been associated with medieval knights but this had not been the case in Ireland. In Tudor Ireland on the other hand coats of arms were used to enhance claims to land and property ownership. In turn the acceptance of the principle of lineal descent encouraged heraldry among the Gaelic chiefs. She illustrated her talk with examples of the arms of Gaelic families such as O'Neill, McCarthy, O'Donnell and Fitzgerald. The 1568-1610 visitations recorded such arms but unfortunately only those from three counties around the Pale have survived. Registration of pedigrees was considered an important asset by emigrant and Anglo Irish families, particularly so for the Wild Geese and their progenies. She exampled this with the registered lineage of the Earls of Thomond. She considered William Betham to be a pivotal figure in putting such recording of pedigrees on a professional basis from 1826 and Betham's Will Extracts 1536 to 1800 remain an important source. The Ulster King of Arms continued to create Lands Entries and Baronet's records up to 1943 when these functions passed to the Irish state to prevent abuses. Modern grants of arms now number some 12-14 annually, mainly among the Irish diaspora and their format has changed little over the years. The speaker explained the process of applying for a grant of arms and as to who is entitled to make a claim for same. Applying does not come cheap however and fees vary from €4,000 for an individual to €17,250 for a commercial corporate body. As of now, there is unfortunately no one catalogue that can act as a 'one stop shop' for researchers, but digitisation of the records is planned over the next 18 months which will allow for on line access to the Register of Arms and other Office collections, currently only available in the Manuscripts Reading Room . The Office of Chief Herald can be contacted at herald@nli.ie for enquiries about Coats of Arms. Further information on the Office of the Chief Herald is available under Quick Links on the home page of National Library of Ireland's website at www.nli.ie Séamus Moriarty, FGSI

Checkout the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

#### IRISH DNA ATLAS—UPDATE

The Irish DNA Atlas is collaborative academic project undertaken by Professor Gianpiero Cavalleri and Edmund Gilbert, PhD student, of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), and Séamus O'Reilly, Michael Merrigan and Dr. Darren McGettigan, of the Genealogical Society of Ireland.

The main objectives of the project are 1) to further our understanding of the population history of Ireland, and 2) to help us understand how genes influence disease within Ireland.

The project collected data on persons who had their eight great grandparents originating from a closely defined area i.e. the same general locality in Ireland. Each participant, all volunteers, presented a completed birth brief, which was cross-checked by the Genealogical Society of Ireland, and a sample of their saliva which was then analysed by the team at the RCSI.

Many of the initial findings, all exceptionally exciting, were referenced in a number of academic publications and presented at conferences in Ireland and overseas. The final paper on this unique is now in preparation and is eagerly awaited by genetic genealogists, genealogists, historians and others around the world. Indeed, some are suggesting, based on the initial results, that we will have to re-examine many of our accepted narratives on the ancient settlement of the island of Ireland and its peoples. We'll just have to await publication of the manuscript by the RCSI in a few months!

#### Mobile Phone Offer for GSI Members



The GSI arranges various discounted products for its Members. The Board has agreed to make the following available in conjunction with THREE. two options are as follows:

1. The price plan is NOW only €28.91 including VAT. In the plan you get the following

calls, texts. Unlimited calls to any Irish mobile net-

- Unlimited texts to any Irish mobile network.
- Unlimited calls to Irish landlines.
- 5GB of internet data.
- 100 international minutes and 100 international texts.

This plan is a 24 month contract and would come with a **FREE SMART PHONE**—Samsung Galaxy J3 2016 or a HTC Desire 530.

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- Unlimited texts to any Irish mobile network.
- <u>Unlimited</u> calls to Irish landlines.
- 5GB of internet data.
- 100 international minutes and 100 international texts.

This plan is an 18 month contract.

If you would like to avail of either of the above offers please contact NICOLE DUFF at nicole@threegovstaff.com or by phone on 01.687 6013.

Please Note: Your current membership of the Society will be subsequently verified to THREE by the GSI Director of Membership Services in accordance with RES: 17/04/1302

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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 we're 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)

#### FREE RESEARCH ADVICE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre in Dún Laoghaire is now closed. The Society is currently looking for a new home for its collections and its research

Up to the time of closure, the use of our exten-



sive archival resources was reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership was available for €5.00.

Resources freely available to Mem-

bers include a number of excellent pay-forview websites including Ancestry.com, Findmypast, Forces War Records, Newspapers.com, British Newspaper Archives and Irish Newspaper Archives.

The Board of the Society will continue to search for an alternative venue to provide this very popular and much needed service to Members and the public in Dún Laoghaire, if available space can be found, or in the City of Dublin. Please check the Society's website for updates-www.familyhistory.ie