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Cabinteely House and Park

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of our Members and readers in Ireland and around the world—time to mark and celebrate our shared heritage, culture and, of course, our ancestral connections with the island of Ireland.

Normally this time of year would be quite busy at the Society's Archive and Research Centre with many visitors from overseas calling in to explore their Irish ancestry. However, since the facility at the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire closed last month, the Society's archival collections have been moved to storage at the beautiful 18th century mansion in the centre of the wonderfully landscaped Cabinteely Park.



Cabinteely House

According to Peter Pearson in his 'Between the Mountains and the Sea' Cabinteely House dates from 1769 and was built by Robert Nugent, Lord Clare, who was twice Lord Treasurer of Ireland. Originally this Georgian mansion was known as Clare Hill and the building was substantially altered in Victorian times.

Nugent's sister married one of the Byrnes who owned the land around Cabinteely and indeed, this Byrne family lived in the house until 1933 when it was bought by Joe McGrath of Irish Hospital Sweepstakes and Waterford Glass fame. On his death in 1969 the McGrath family presented the house and lands to Dublin County Council as part of deal for planning permission for a substantial housing development. In 1994 the house came into the ownership of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council which maintains the house and extensive parkland on behalf of the people of Ireland.

Our built heritage has always been of exceptional interest to genealogists and therefore, a visit to Cabinteely Park is highly recommended as is a visit to Marlay Park which dates from 1794.

The Society received messages of support from societies and individuals across the world, all expressing shock at the news of the closure of the Archives & Research Centre at the Carlisle Pier. We are very grateful for this support.

The Society is currently in negotiations with officials at Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to identify a suitable building from amongst a number of unused Council owned buildings. In the meantime, the Board is looking at ways to have the Society's archival collections and computer resources accessible to Members and the general public again.

Finally, the Board would like to sincerely thank the County Council and Harbour Company staff who assisted with the move to Cabinteely.

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday March 14th 2017 at 20.00hrs in the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. (*Also, please see page 4*)

The AGM and the lecture thereafter are open to the public, however, only fully paid up members can participate in the AGM, vote or stand for election. The Director of Membership Services, Barry O'Connor, will be on hand to check your membership status on request. *General Secretary*

OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 14 March—20.00hrs (AGM)

Tuesday 11 April—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 22 March—10.30hrs

Wednesday 26 April—10.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

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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.

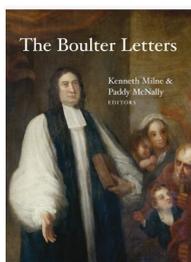
Also, please note that the Eddie and his team travel around the country promoting the study of genealogy. For more information on the Society's Outreach Programme see the article on page 4



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

The Boulter Letters

'The Boulter Letters' (ISBN 978-1-84682-290-2 : 468pp : H/bk : Price €55.00 : Web-Price €49.50) Kenneth Milne and Paddy McNally, Editors. Keeping with the 18th century theme from page 1 of this newsletter, albeit the early decades thereof, this new book from **Four Courts Press** is a very significant addition to the excellent corpus of works published on eighteenth century Ireland. The growing interest in this period of Irish history is providing new insights into the political, ecclesiastical, agrarian, social, philosophical and educational developments in a country becoming increasingly assured about its place in the world. The political and ecclesiastical elites supported by the landed gentry were very consciously aware of the emergence of the Kingdom of Ireland as a "Protestant nation" irrespective of the fact that the disenfranchised Catholics were the overwhelming majority of its population.



Into this society of landed estates comes the London born, Hugh Boulter, appointed as the Lord Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland in 1724. As head of the Church of Ireland, the established church, Boulter had authority and with it, influence, in a society based on preferment and grace and favour. This was no meritocracy, but a social and political system built on marriage alliances, intrigue, skulduggery and opportunism. Boulter was born in or near London on January 4th 1672/3 to a 'reputable and estated family' with lands in Oxfordshire and a rental income from extensive London properties.

During his early childhood, the Catholic James II was deemed to have abdicated, in effect overthrown, to be replaced by William III and Mary II in the "Glorious Revolution" heralding a century of Protestant triumphalism. Boulter received his BA in 1690 and his MA in 1692 and then served in various chaplaincies before, following a bout of palace politicking, accepting the appointment as Bishop Bristol in 1719 and then the Primacy of Armagh in 1724. His rise through the ecclesiastical ranks through connections, politics and opportunity prepared him well for the incessant intrigues of Ireland. Hugh Boulter quickly established himself as a central figure in the government of Ireland and the foremost upholder of the 'English interest' in Ireland until his death in 1744.

Originally published in 1769-70 as '*Letters Written by His Excellency, Hugh Boulter, DD, Lord Primate of All Ireland*' this collection of letters represents one of the most important printed sources for the political and ecclesiastical history of Ireland in the early Hanoverian period. This collection reproduces for the first time the originally published correspondence in its entirety, includes previously unpublished letters written by and to Boulter, and contains an extensive introduction to the collection. Taken together, this reprinted, expanded edition offers a fascinating insight into the political and ecclesiastical history of Ireland in the first half of the 18th century.

Kenneth Milne is Historiographer of the Church of Ireland and Keeper of the Archives at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. **Paddy McNally** is Principal Lecturer in History at the University of Worcester.

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Annual Report of the Board of Directors

The following is the Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Genealogical Society of Ireland Limited adopted by the Board at its meeting of March 2nd 2017 under *Res: 17/03/1295*.

As usual the Annual Report covers the period from AGM to AGM, however, the Annual Financial Report is for P.E. 31.12.2016. The Board of the Society met twelve times during the year to deal with the day-to-day business of the Society. In addition to attending these meetings each of the directors undertook duties associated with their various portfolios including organising eleven Morning Open Meetings and twelve Evening Open Meetings, the latter with guest speakers arranged by the Director of the GSI Lecture Programme. The monthly lectures are now uploaded to the Society's website, YouTube and social media.

In addition to the Annual Journal which was published in March 2016 the Society published twelve issues of its newsletter '*Ireland's Genealogical Gazette*' and its readership figures continued to be very strong throughout the year especially on-line where it was available in pdf format. The newsletter has been central to all the Society's legislative campaigns.

The Society's Archives and Research Centre – *An Daonchartlann* - located at the Carlisle Pier, Dún Laoghaire, was extremely busy throughout the year. The facility was open to the public two days each week during the year, with the exception of the Christmas / New Year period, and open all through Heritage Week. However, after six years at the Carlisle Pier, the Society received a '*Notice to Quit*' on November 14th 2016 from the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company as the premises was required for commercial letting.

The final day of operation at the Carlisle Pier was Wednesday February 9th 2017. Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council arranged for the storage of the collections at Cabinteely House and the transport was provided by the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company on Wednesday March 1st 2017.

The Society continues to campaign for the establishment of an '*Irish Institute of Genealogical and Heraldic Studies – incorporating a Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies*' in Dún Laoghaire and the Society will continue to work with the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on this proposal. *[Continued in next column]*

Report Continued

The Society's Outreach Policy involved the Society's participation in a number of exhibitions, including the *Back to Our Past* event at the RDS and several others around the country, both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic. The Society had stands at various community festivals and local history events including the very successful National 1916 Rising Centenary Commemorations.

The Society's nominee for election to Seanad Éireann, Cllr. Fintan Warfield, and GSI Member, Cllr. Victor Boyhan, were both elected to Seanad Éireann (Irish Senate) in April 2016. On legislative matters, the Society was instrumental in having the *Statistics (1916 Rising Centenary) Bill, 2016*, introduced in Dáil Éireann and will continue to work for the release of the 1926 Census of Ireland,

The Society's two branches, *Vexillology Ireland* and *Heraldry Ireland*, continue to deal with these specific aspects of the Society's many and varied activities. As Ireland's only member of FIAV – the *International Federation of Vexillological Associations*, the CEO of Vexillology Ireland attended the inaugural Georgian National Congress of Vexillology and Heraldry in the Republic of Georgia in September 2016 and the General Meeting of The Flag Institute in Birmingham, England in November 2016. Both of these meetings were important opportunities to network and campaign for the bringing of the prestigious International Congress of Vexillology to Ireland in 2021. Attendance at these meetings was facilitated by financial support received from Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

The Society's website, our Facebook page and Twitter account continue to be valuable components in the promotion of the activities of the Society, its legislative campaigns and Irish genealogy in general. The *Irish DNA Atlas Project*, operated in conjunction with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, will soon publish very exciting and ground-breaking data from this unique academic genetic genealogy research project.

The 2016 Annual General Meeting elected eight Directors with two further Directors appointed during the year, however, one resigned due time constraints and commitments elsewhere. The AGM sanctioned the Board to formulate a new governing instrument for the Society in accordance with the *Companies Act, 2014*. This task was undertaken by the Board and the new Memorandum and Articles of Association were lodged with the Companies Registration Office.

In addition to the above, the outgoing Board dealt with matters relating to the Society's membership of the Federation of Family History Societies, The Wheel, DLR PPN and FIAV and such matters relating to the Society's Sectoral Representation on the Strategic Policy Committee on Community Development, Culture & Ageing of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. The Board also complied with its statutory obligations in respect of the *Companies Act, 2014*, the *Charities Act, 2009*, the Charities Regulatory Authority and as a Nominating Body for Seanad Éireann.

Michael Merrigan, MA, FGSI,
General Secretary / Company Secretary

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



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

JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS...

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY DAY

On Saturday 25 March Dublin City Library and Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, will hold its annual Local History Society Group between 10.00hrs a.m. and 13.30hrs p.m. at which the following presentations will take place : 10.05hrs - *'The Fruit & Vegetable Market'* – John Conroy; 10.45hrs - *'The Asgard'* – Par Murphy, Howth Peninsula Society; 11.45hrs - *'From Village to Suburb: The building history of Clontarf since 1960'* – Claire Gogarty, Clontarf Historical Society; 12.25hrs - *'The Flight That No-One Missed'* – James Scannell, The Old Dublin Society; 13.00hrs - *'An Introduction to the New Digital Depository at the Dublin City Library & Archive'* - Enda Leaney, Dublin City Library & Archive; 13.30hrs - close. All welcome – admission free.

DÚN LAOGHAIRE BORO HIST SOC

At 20.00hrs on Wednesday 22 March Cormac Lowth will present his lecture *'The History of Dún Laoghaire Harbour – great many aspects of the Harbour over the past two hundred years, 1817-2017'* in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €3.00

ROGER CASEMENT

At 20.00hrs on Thursday 16 March Dr. Charles Hannon will present his lecture *'Roger Casement and 1916'* to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission €5.00

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

At 18.00hrs on Wednesday 22 March Ms. Sheila Fleming will present her lecture *'How to use the Old Dublin Society's website and library'* to the Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free. This lecture will be followed by the Society's annual *'Open Night'*. At 18.00hrs on Wednesday 12 April James Scannell will present his lecture *'The Light That Failed: The 1957 Dundrum Railcar Collision'* in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive. All welcome – admission free.

FAMINE ROADS

At 20.00hrs on Tuesday 04 April Charles Egan will present his lecture *'The Irish Famine Roads'* to the Kilmacanogue History Society in the Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission €3.00

RATHMICHAEL HIST SOC

At 20.00hrs on Wednesday 05 April Rob Goodbody will present his lecture *'Dublin Bay'* to the Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €4.00

MILITARY HIST SOC OF IRELAND

At 20.00hrs on Friday 07 April Tom Burke will present his lecture *'From Malahide to Messines: Letters from Flanders of an Irish soldier to his mother'* to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

KILMACUD STILLORGAN

At 20.00hrs on Thursday 13 April David Doyle will present his lecture *'The Reverend Thomas Goff, 1772-1844: Property, Propinquity and Protestantism'* to the the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome. Contribution €3.00

GSI Lecture Programme

On **Tuesday March 14th** the topic will be *'National Library Ireland : The Manuscript Collections of the Genealogical Office'* by Ciara Kerrigan of the National Library of Ireland.

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 will be provided to all fully paid-up Members attending the AGM and mailed out to others soon. **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 February Lecture

Captain Daniel Ayiotis of Ireland's Military Archives was the guest speaker at our February Open Meeting. The Military Archives located at Cathal Brugha Barracks in Rathmines, Dublin has been the official depository of records for the three arms of the Defence Forces – army, navy and air corps – since 1990. Capt. Ayiotis emphasised at the outset that he is neither a historian nor a genealogist and that his expertise lay in archive storage and retrieval.

The new archive which comprises a newly constructed building, as well as a renovated hospital block, has been built to international archival storage standards. Staffed with six military personnel, all with qualifications in archives and records management, it is also supported by five volunteers with a defence forces background and consequently with a invaluable knowledge of its forms and processes.

The 67,000 climatically controlled archive boxes on 21.6 km of shelving contain 300,000 claim files and the records of some 167,000 Defence Forces personnel. While the Archive is developing its website, and has an ongoing programme of digitising and uploading material to facilitate online research, the vast majority of its material is available in their reading room only. An appointment will be necessary to view their finding aid or original records.

Capt. Ayiotis outlined the nature of the various collections that make up the Archive. These include the Military Service (1916-1923) Pensions Collection, the 1922 Army Census with its 36,500 names, some 16,500 civil war prisoner records and the 1,773 Bureau of Military History witness statements. For data protection reasons, personnel files are available to the subject or next of kin only. An unusual innovation is the development of a 'noisy room' in the Archive. This space recognises that groups or families may have need to discuss their research on site as they consult the records.

State investment of €5.5m in developing the archive must represent the largest such endowment in Irish state archives in a generation. Opened in April 2016, this country must now possess one of the best depository of military records anywhere and a model for other countries to follow. Indeed, the very extent of our military records from 1916 to the present day must be the envy of many other nations.

The Military Archives can be contacted for further information, not least for a list of further collections than are listed above, at www.militaryarchives.ie It is recommended that this website should be the first port of call for anyone intending to carry out research in the Military Archives.

A webcast of this lecture is available on the Society's website.

Séamus Moriarty, FGSI

Checkout the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

GSI Outreach Programme Volunteers

The Society's Director of the Outreach Programme, **Eddie Gahan**, MGSi, would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted with the recent workshop held at the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dún Laoghaire, and at the very successful event hosted by the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society at Glenalbyn, Stillorgan.

Over the coming months, although, the Archive and Research Centre is closed and the collections and shared online resources currently inaccessible, Eddie and his very dedicated team will continue to roll-out an ever-expanding Outreach Programme.

Local History Societies, Ladies' Clubs, Active Retirement Clubs and others are constantly seeking the Society's presence at events or to give talks on genealogy and related subjects.

The Society considers its Outreach Programme to be an essential free service offered by the Society to the public promoting the study of genealogy.

If you would like to help out with the Society's Outreach Programme contact Eddie Gahan by email on eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com

Annual General Meeting

The 27th Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at 20.00hrs at the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire.

The Genealogical Society of Ireland is incorporated in Ireland as a Company Limited by Guarantee under the *Companies Act, 2014* and it is also a registered charity under the *Charities Act, 2009*.

The Society is governed by a Board of Directors, consisting of up to ten Directors, which is elected annually by the Members at the AGM. Any fully paid up Member is entitled to vote at the AGM and, if they wish, stand for election to the Board.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of the last AGM
2. Matters Arising
3. Annual Report of the Board
4. Annual Financial Report
5. Resolution— *Companies Act, 2014*

6. Election of 2017/2018 Board
 7. Installation of the Cathaoirleach
 8. Guest Speaker (see page 3)
 9. Questions / Discussion
 10. Close at 22.00hrs
- Copies of the JGSI available for collection.

IRISH DNA ATLAS

The Irish DNA Atlas is collaborative academic project undertaken by Prof. Gianpiero Cavalleri and Edmund Gilbert, PhD student, of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and Séamus O'Reilly, Michael Merrigan, Dr. Darren McGettigan from 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. Contact **Séamus O'Reilly**, FGSI by e-mail on Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie Please check-out the project newsletter on the website.

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Gerry Hayden (Cathaoirleach : Chairperson); **Tony O'Hara** (Leas-Chathaoirleach : Vice-Chairperson, Lecture Programme); **Michael Merrigan** (General Secretary, Company Secretary, 'Gazette' Editor, RF:- Oifigeach na Gaelige, Vexillological and Heraldic Services, and Irish DNA Atlas); **Billy Saunderson** (Finance and pro tem An Daonchartlann Foundation, Philanthropy); **Eddie Gahan** (Outreach Programme, GSI Exhibitions); **Tom Conlon** (Internet Services, Sales and Marketing, and the Annual Journal); **Barry O'Connor** (Membership Services & Cemetery Projects); **Séamus Moriarty** (Building and Utilities, Health and Safety Officer); **Lua Ó Scoláir** (Archival Services, RF:- Education Services)

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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 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 facilities.

Up to the time of closure, the use of our extensive archival resources was reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership was available for €5.00.



Resources freely available to Members include a number of excellent pay-for-view 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