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Centenary of a Cancelled Census?

Few of us are in any doubt that the disruption to our daily lives caused the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is likely to continue for several months and, indeed, some experts are predicting that unless and until an effective vaccine is discovered this will be the situation well into next year.

Depressing as that thought may be for many of us, thankfully the Irish government, like most governments in the European Union member states, are prioritising public health and valuing lives over the economy. The economy can be rebuilt, we have done it many times before, and the outlook for the jobs furloughed or lost during the pandemic is far from bleak given the nature of this particular recession.

Due to the pandemic, events marking of aspects of the ‘Decade of Centenaries’ have been cancelled, held without public participation or have become simply virtual events. However, one unexpected centenary may now be marked next year if we still have the virus in our midst—the cancellation of a census.

Although, in a reply to **Deputy Brendan Smith** on June 23rd 2020, the Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach, **Seán Kyne, TD**, assured Dáil Éireann that the Census 2021 will go ahead and that **Central Statistics Office (CSO)** “will also ensure that all necessary steps will be implemented to ensure the safety of the public. Enumerators will be in the field from March to May 2021. Guidelines for public health safety will be adhered to and new practices will be adopted as and when new guidelines are published” - doubts have been raised recently with the possibility of cancelling the census under consideration by government.

During the ‘War of Independence’ in 1921, the UK Census for Ireland was cancelled because of the hostilities and amid fears that the enumerators would be in danger and that the population would not comply with the census taking. So if COVID-19 is still around in the Spring of next year, we may be marking the centenary of the cancellation of the 1921 Census of

Ireland with the cancellation of the 2021 Census of Ireland. This was certainly an unexpected addition to the events within the ‘Decade of Centenaries’. The next Census of Ireland was not taken until 1926, four years after independence.

This 1926 Census was the first undertaken by the new State and, indeed, the first taken since 1911 in Ireland. Although both the 1901 and 1911 Census Returns have been publicly accessible since the 1960s, the release of the 1926 Census is subject to a “100 year rule” imposed by the *Statistics Act, 1993*.

This Society has been campaigning for the early release of this important census before and since the enactment of the 1993 Act. A question was raised on the Society’s behalf in Dáil Éireann on Tuesday July 28th 2020. **Deputy Patricia Ryan** asked the Taoiseach if he will enable the early release of the 1926 census returns as soon as possible? In a written reply, An Taoiseach, **Mícheál Martin, TD**, said – “The Censuses of Population held between 1926 and 1991 inclusive were carried out under the 1926 Statistics Act which did not permit any access to Census records, at any time. However, the 1993 Statistics Act repealed the 1926 and 1946 Statistics Acts and provided for the release of Census forms for these Censuses 100 years after the date of the relevant Census. This retrospective introduction of the 100 years exemption was seen by some as undermining the original guarantee of confidentiality given to householders. However, it was generally accepted that 100 years was a reasonable compromise in all the circumstances, including having regard to increasing life expectancy.

Accordingly, planning is underway between the Central Statistics Office and the National Archives to facilitate the release of the 1926 Census returns in 2026 after the expiry of the 100-year rule.”

So now the focus must be to secure the required resources for the National archives to have the 1926 Census of Ireland release digitally in 2026.

CORONAVIRUS—COVID-19

The President of the Society, **Stuart Rosenblatt, PC**, **FGSI**, and the Cathaoirleach, **Gerry Hayden, MGSI** and members of the Board of Directors, extend their deepest sympathies to the families, friends and colleagues of those who have been very sadly taken by COVID-19.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved and with the many thousands of people fighting this terrible disease in hospitals, care facilities and in their own homes around the world.

The commitment, expertise and care provided by all the first responders, emergency services and hospital staff gives us all the much needed courage to get through these very difficult times—Go Raibh Mile Maith Agaibh.

OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 11 August (Cancelled) —20.00hrs

Tuesday 8 September (Cancelled)—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 26 August (Cancelled) —10.30hrs

Wednesday 23 Sept. (Provisional)—10.30hrs

Contribution €5.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

GENEALOGY

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SOCIAL HISTORY

Heritage Matters

Book Reviews

Open Meetings

News & Events

DATA PROTECTION

The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on May 25th 2018. The Board, under *Res: 18/05/1380*, advises Members that the Society holds the following records on its Members (1) Name; (2) Address; (3) Telephone Number; (4) Email Address and (5) the name of the Associate Member, if applicable, and that such records are **only used** for the purpose of contacting Members on Society matters and for the dispatch of the Monthly Newsletter and the Annual Journal and furthermore, that these records are **only held** by the Director of Membership Services and are **inaccessible to all other persons** and that, the Society does not share this information with any other individual or organisation. Records are also held for contractual necessity to deliver paid services.

GRANT RECEIVED

The Board of the Society is grateful to **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council** for the Community Grant awarded to the Society to cover operational costs. The amount of the grant was €1,000.

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PROGRAMME RESUMPTION?

The relaxation of the Covid-19 restrictions has been very challenging for the voluntary and community sector in Ireland.

The Society's Outreach Programme team headed **Eddie Gahan**, MGSi is currently reviewing the options to travel the country again this year promoting genealogy.

The GSI Health & Safety Officer (Covid-19 monitor) will now assess what measures are required to allow a resumption of the Outreach Programme later this year.

If you wish to join Eddie's team, please email him at eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com

HITTING BRICK WALLS?

This Society operates a "Help Centre" for those re-searching their family history.

Family history need not be a lonely pilgrimage of discovery with many bumps in a very twisty road of pitfalls. Many of these research problems appear as impenetrable "brick walls" but they are rarely new problems. Many have overcome such and progressed their research with the help and advice of others.

The "Help Centre" is open to the public on appointment, however, spaces are limited and early booking is advisable. Strict adherence to the Covid-19 regulations—see panel to the right—is required for ALL visitors to the facility. NO EXCEPTIONS.

An Daonchartlann & Covid-19

An Daonchartlann - Archive & Research Centre is open each Wednesday between 10.00hrs to 16.00hrs (subject to current advice at the time)

The new system for operating the archive due to Covid-19, is as follows.

- (1) All visits to the archive, for members and non-members, is by **appointment only**. All appointments to be made, in advance, to Archivist@familyhistory.ie only.
- (2) Maximum time for each visit, is 1 hour for non-members and 2 hours for paid up members. Maximum number of visitors per appointment is one person.
- (3) Gloves supplied in the archive, must always be used while in the archive.
- (4) Face mask/covering (not supplied) must always be worn while in the archive. You will be refused admission to the archive without a face mask/covering.
- (5) A name and contact phone number will be required from each person visiting.
- (6) All visitors, members and non-members must leave the archive as soon as their allocated time has finished.

Please do **not** visit the archive, if you are feeling unwell or have been in contact with someone, who has been confirmed as having Covid-19 or are waiting for test results. (The Archive cannot be a drop-in centre under the current Covid-19 regulations and we hope to be able to revert at a later stage.)

INCORPOREAL BOARD MEETINGS

The Board adopted a new **Standing Order** to allow for incorporeal meetings of the Board to be held. This new SO has a "sunset clause" with an expiry on July 1st 2021. The text of the new SO is below.

14. Incorporeal Meetings (Res: 20/07/1511)

(i) The Board may convene incorporeal meetings or, in exceptional circumstances and by prior arrangement with the General Secretary, facilitate the remote participation of a Director at an ordinary meeting through video link or such technologies.

(ii) The remote participation of a Director at an ordinary meeting shall only be permissible once a quorum has been established amongst the Directors in attendance in person and the Minutes shall record the entry and exit times of a Director participating remotely.

(iii) The establishment of the quorum at an incorporeal meeting shall be conducted by a roll call at the beginning and the end of each incorporeal meeting.

(iv) The maintenance of a quorum at an incorporeal meeting may be queried by any Director and, at the request of the Cathaoirleach, the General Secretary shall conduct a roll call and the time and result shall be recorded in the Minutes.

(v) All voting at an incorporeal meeting, or at any ordinary meeting where one or more Directors are participating remotely, shall be conducted by a roll call.

(vi) At an incorporeal meeting the General Secretary, as the Company Secretary, shall be empowered to sign the Minutes and other such documents or instruments normally signed by the Cathaoirleach at the request of the meeting and with the authority of the Board.

(vii) Incorporeal meetings shall not exceed sixty minutes in duration however, this time limitation shall not apply to an ordinary meeting where one or more Directors are participating remotely.

(viii) The Board may, if it is deemed necessary, appoint from its number an incorporeal meetings coordinator to assist the Cathaoirleach in the management and operation of the technology employed to host the incorporeal meeting.

(ix) The official record of an incorporeal meeting shall be the Minutes agreed by the Board and signed by the Cathaoirleach or in accordance with SO. 14.vi.

(x) The Board may, from time to time, formulate and implement protocols to assist with the operation of an incorporeal meeting and the participation remotely by Directors.

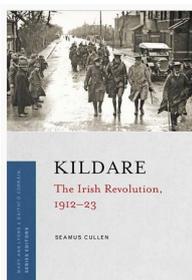
General Secretary

Have you visited An Daonchartlann at the DLR Loughlinstown Leisure Centre?

Kildare—The Irish Revolution, 1912-23

The 'Decade of Centenaries' has just over three years to go with some of the most controversial and divisive anniversaries let to occur, including the establishment of Northern Ireland (1921), Anglo-Irish Treaty (1921), Civil War (1922-23) and, of course, the establishment of the State in 1922.

Four Courts Press has been to the fore in publishing superbly researched and presented works on the revolutionary period (1912-23), including seven county specific studies: Derry, Limerick, Louth, Monaghan, Sligo, Tyrone and Waterford in a series edited by **Mary Ann Lyons** and **Dáithí Ó Corráin**.



'Kildare—The Irish Revolution, 1912-23' by **Seamus Cullen** published by Four Courts Press (ISBN: 978-1-84682-837-9: 224pp : 16 pages illustrations: P/bk : Price €24.95 : Web Price €19.95) is the eighth in this series and, once again, this volume brings the reader through how the national events and movements impacted on Co. Kildare and its people. Although, many historians and commentators have characterised Co. Kildare as a "quiet county" during the revolutionary period, this was not necessarily the case.

The Co. Kildare landscape was heavily militarised. For example, in May 1921 there were 5,348 British soldiers of all ranks spread over the barracks at Naas (68), Newbridge (651), Kildare (452) and, of course, the sprawling Curragh Camp (4,177). This was in addition to around twenty-five RIC barracks located throughout the county. The predominately flat and open terrain of the county was not suited to the type of action seen in other parts of Ireland. Nevertheless, the Kildare people were active in many supporting roles, gathering evidence, frustrating and obstructing the RIC and government officials. In many ways, as the author points out, engaging in revolutionary activities in such circumstances was extremely difficult.

This book is the first comprehensive single volume history of Co. Kildare dealing exclusively with the Irish revolutionary period from 1912 with the Home Rule movement to the end of the Civil War in 1923. This was a period of turmoil, upheaval and political change that touched the lives and livelihoods of the people in the county. These times and the local actors are remembered as either family or local lore. This excellent book allows the reader to understand how and why these events unfolded and crucially, the author through an easily accessible style and flowing narrative provides a sound basis for contextualisation. This is important given the wealth of detailed local information provided, names, places and descriptions of a number of tragic or controversial events.

Local history and family history touching on the events of the Irish revolutionary period can be painfully raw for some, even after almost a century. Therefore, a great debt of gratitude is owed to editors of this invaluable series and the individual authors for the quality of their research and the exceptional presentation of their work in this series.

Seamus Cullen holds a PhD in history from Dublin City University. Among other works, he is the author of *The Emmet Rising in Kildare: conspiracy rebellion and manhunt in County Kildare, 1803-1806* (2004) and co-editor of *Fugitive Warfare: 1798 in North Kildare* (1998). Unfortunately these two works are currently out-of-print, but should be available via your local public library service.

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MOBILE PHONE DEALS FOR MEMBERS

The Board agreed a new mobile phone deal for GSI members similar to the one that brought considerable savings on phones and calls in the past.

This offer is Sim only for First Time Customers: €20 per month inc vat. ☛ 300 off net local ,national and domestic calls. ☛ 300 off net texts. ☛ Unlimited Data. ☛ Unlimited Three to Three Talk & Text.

Are you more of a talker and texter then this is the plan for you: €28.91 per month inc vat. ☛ Unlimited calls to any network in ROI ☛ Unlimited calls to all landlines in ROI ☛ Unlimited Texts to any network in ROI

☛ 100 international minutes & 100 international texts ☛ 13GB of mobile data of which up to 11Gb can be used within the EU for data roaming. ☛ Smart Phones at subsidised rates. ☛ 24 month Contract

Are you more of a data/internet user, then this is the plan for you: €27 per month inc vat. ☛ Unlimited Three/Three calls in ROI ☛ Unlimited Three/Three texts in ROI ☛ 300 Minutes for off net mobile calls including domestic/national landlines in ROI ☛ 300 Texts to off net Irish mobiles. ☛ Unlimited mobile data of which up to 8GB's can be used within the EU for data roaming. ☛ Smart Phones at subsidised rates. ☛ 24 month Contract.

Do you need unlimited national usage for talk text

and data then this is the plan for you: €40.50 per month inc vat. ☛ Unlimited calls to any network in ROI ☛ Unlimited calls to all landlines in ROI ☛ Unlimited Texts to any network in ROI ☛ Unlimited mobile data of which up to 15GB's can be used within the EU for data roaming. ☛ Smart Phones at subsidised rates. ☛ 24 month Contract. Call today to discuss the best plan for you. Ph: 01 6876021 or email Conor.Spencer@threegovstaff.com

DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY

This Society is funded largely by its Membership Fees and the kind donations received from Members and friends at home and overseas.



The Society is a Registered Charity in Ireland and always considers options for fund raising and grant applications.

The possibility of crowdfunding for specific projects is being considered. However, in the meantime it was decided to appeal to our Members and friends. Donations can be made on-line via the Society's website or by cheque payable to the *Genealogical Society of Ireland* and forwarded to the General Secretary at: **11, Desmond Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland, A96 AD76.**

The Board would like to sincerely thank the Members and friends of the Society who have already donated.

In Brief....

GSI MEMBERSHIP

Join 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.

IDEAL GIFT IDEAS

Genealogists and local historians love books! So if you have a 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

MONTHLY LECTURE PROGRAMME

Due to the restrictions imposed by the Irish government during the COVID-19 pandemic the Society's Open Meeting schedule has been suspended until further notice.

CHECKOUT our YouTube Channel for past lectures. www.youtube.com

AUGUST LECTURE PROGRAMME

James Scannell advises that due to the measures announced by the Government to prevent the spread of Covid-19 by restricting public meetings and gatherings, the introduction of social distancing, and the closing of schools, colleges, museums and galleries, all lectures and meetings of local history societies have been cancelled and will not resume until permitted to do so.

Some museums and galleries have reopened, however, prior booking is generally required. Check the websites of the institutions for further information.

PARKING AT DFEI

Car-parking facilities at *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



www.eneclann.ie



Some of the Archival Collections in An Daonchartlann, Loughlinstown. (Photo: Tom Conlon)

James Scannell Reports...

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Will host a special Heritage Week lecture at 20.00hrs on Thursday 20 August 20th via Zoom by Frank Woods recalling '*The Burning of St. Michael's Church, Dún Laoghaire*'. Members of the Foxrock Local History Club will automatically receive a password to view this lecture - Non-Members please send an email to: info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie to receive a password to view this lecture.

Publications

'*Dublin Historical Record 2020*', Editor **Séamas Ó Maitiu**, assisted by **Ms. Bernardine Ruddy**, published by the Old Dublin Society. The striking cover image for this issue of the Dublin Historical Society features grinning serpents and bemused dodo-like creatures from the Oratory, Dún Laoghaire from a photograph taken by Alistair Smeaton, courtesy of dlr Libraries. Articles featured in this issue include –

Noel Carolan in '*Fairview Park 1900 - 1930: forgotten achievements and landscapes*' recalls the major accomplishment by Dublin Corporation of transforming the Clontarf Sloblands into a major public amenity during three decades of great national turbulence.

Elizabeth Pilkington in '*The Oratory, Dún Laoghaire*' provides a history of the oratory, built in 1919, dedicated to the Sacred Heart, which stood in the shelter of the garden of the Dominican Convent, Dún Laoghaire. Though the convent was demolished in the 1980s, the oratory stands on its own in a peace garden on Library Road and is noted for a unique work of Celtic revival art produced single-handedly by Sister Concepta Lynch between 1919 and 1936, who died in 1939 after three years of serious illness.

Colm Lennon in '*Richard Stanihurst (1547- 1618): Dublin's earliest historian*' provides a biography of this noted early historian and one of the most distinguished and famous scholars of his era and whose account of Dublin in 1577 is a valuable source of topographical and historical information about the city. He also recorded the welfare extended to the sick and poor of Dublin by the population. For 'Holinhead's History of Ireland, 1577', Stanihurst contributed the history of Dublin which presented Dublin in an era of transition from a mediaeval regional town to a real national capital and was one of the first histories of the city. At the end of the 1570s Stanihurst was forced to emigrate to Europe for a variety of reasons. He died in Brussels, aged 71, in 1618.

In '*130 Thomas Street, Dublin's oldest house and one family there*' John Hussey contributes a history of what is considered the earliest domestic dwellings to survive in Dublin, starting when it was built in 1765, listing some of the alterations that have been made down through the years to the building, and then progresses to provide his family's involvement with this building starting in 1919 when the author's grandfather James Hussey, saddler and harness maker, purchased the building and operated from there until 1949.

Francis Devine in '*The Ancient Home of Trade Unionism - Glimpses of the National Society of Brushmakers in Ireland, 1839-1955*' traces the history of this trade union which began in the 1830 when brushmakers became organised to improve pay and working conditions in an industry characterised by low pay, precarious employment and hazardous work in the face of great hostility from employers. Areas covered in this article include employers, conditions and disputes, the 1913 Lockout and World War One. Post World War Two changes in cleaning technology, mechanisation and cheap imports led to a decline in the industry and post 1955 after members joined the Workers Union of Ireland brushmakers vanished from view.

Brian McCabe in '*Some notes on the history of Kilbride church and graveyard, Co. Dublin*' provides a brief history of this ruined church and graveyard which lies just outside the gates of Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnell, Co. Dublin. It dates from 1228. He details the graveyard's memorials currently remaining in addition to several of those which have vanished which were recorded by J.R. Fowler in the Journal of the Society for the Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead, Vol. ix, 1921-5.

Raymond Gillespie in '*Dublin History and Four Courts Press*' writes about the great contribution made to the publication of Dublin history by this publishing house, and those which preceded it, which continues to publish a great number of books on various aspects of the city's history and the contribution made by Michael Adams who died in 2009, the driving force behind this publishing house.

Tom Conlon in '*The Foundation of St. Michael's Hospital, Dún Laoghaire*' reveals how this hospital, now part of the St. Vincent's group of hospitals, and one of three on Dublin's southside, was established in 1876, and provided a major boost to the health facilities available in the town, then called Kingstown, as there had been a number of disputes about the operation of the local dispensary. Tom also traces how the hospital was established, planned, designed, constructed, opened, and operated.

Patrick Salmon in '*The Hunt family and Milltown Castle*' traces the history of Milltown Castle, of which no trace remains today, first recorded as far back as 1720 and lastly in 1892 when it is believed that it was demolished or absorbed into the building of Milltown House which was renamed Mount St. Anne's. Hunts were first mentioned in Milltown as early as 1754 with death of the last of the Misses Hunt in 1873 marking the end of this family in the area.

The late Mary O'Connell, who died earlier this year, in '*Prudence Brice and the Clothes Brothers of Dublin*', in what was her last paper submitted to the Old Dublin Society, in what is partially a family history, provides a valuable account of aspects of social conditions in the inner-city of 19th century Dublin which although it suffered from great deprivation principally in the form of malnutrition and food, also suffered from clothing poverty, something that was often mentioned by travellers to Ireland in their comments about the semi-naked conditions. This article provides a remarkable insight in sight in the second-hand clothing trade in 19th century Dublin and reminds the reader that those who engaged in clothing theft, especially servants from their employers, were liable to severe penalties when convicted by the courts. It also provides a valuable insight into the second-hand clothing market, how it operated, who the principal operators were, where they sourced and obtained their clothing from, and reveals that many people considered clothes brokers as dishonest and on the edge of criminality.

Copies of the 142 page journal, which contains the above selection of articles, can be obtained at the post paid price of €14 from - The Old Dublin Society, 1 Grange Court, Dublin D16 AE00. *The Dublin Historical Record* is also available from Hodges Figgis, Dawson Street, Dublin, and Books Upstairs, D'Olier Street, Dublin 2.

James Scannell

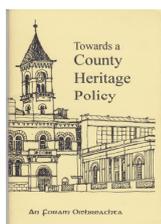
TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS

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 *FIFTH* edition of '*Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*'. Please checkout the website www.gillmacmillan.com Price €24.99 [RRP].

Our History or Our Heritage? - Update on Feedback

The feedback from the main article on 'Our History or Our Heritage' published in last month's edition of this newsletter has been very interesting and may prove that this is a public conversation that we must have in Ireland. Many people are confused as to why such a question is asked in the first place, whilst others see no problem with conflating history and heritage, although they do it selectively. This over simplification has unfortunately allowed for the manipulation and polarisation of the public discourse for political, sectarian or ethnocentric reasons.



The use of the public realm to memorialise has long been a feature of our cities, towns and villages both in Ireland. To speak of each generation as being "custodians" of the public realm would suggest that it is received from our forebears in a particular state and must be passed on intact as our heritage. It would suggest that we are never "owners" of our public realm, merely its "caretakers" without agency to change its character in any meaningful way. This view of the public realm has ensured that it will remain a deeply contested space in respect of memorials and nomenclature, but does it need to be a site of conflict also?

This year is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the enactment of the *Heritage Act, 1995*, which established the Heritage Council. The localisation of the objectives of the Heritage Council was heavily influenced by a report published in 1997 by this Society on behalf of **An Foram Oidhreacht / Heritage Forum of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County**. This report was the culmination of the deliberative work of a voluntary forum meeting throughout 1996 where delegates from heritage and cultural organisations teased out the objectives of the Act. The Forum proposed the formulation of local heritage policies to be implemented and overseen by County Heritage Officers. As the care of the public realm is the responsibility of the local authorities in Ireland, maybe the question 'Our History or Our Heritage?' in relation to the public realm is a topic that could be explored by a Heritage Forum?

Genealogical.com New Pocket Guide to Irish Genealogy

The publication by the Clearfield Company, Baltimore, Maryland, of the 'New Pocket Guide to Irish Genealogy' by **Brian Mitchell** is a very welcome and timely addition to the published resources for Irish family history.

This well known and much respected guide has been completely revamped and enlarged to meet the needs of researchers delving into archival records at libraries and other repositories and, of course, online.

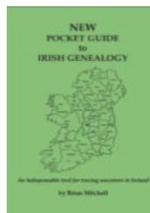
The guide is divided into sections like, 'Background and Getting Started', 'Major Sources and 'Other Record Sources'. Each of these sections will familiarise the reader with the sources available. Setting the scene, letting you see the lay of the land—an overview of what you can access in your quest for those, sometimes, elusive ancestors.

Brian Mitchell has provided case studies to accompany the information on many of the sources. This is a very useful and effective way of bringing the researcher

through the process, step by step, in order to achieve the best results for time, effort and accuracy. This allows for a more thorough understanding of the source and, crucially, in the case of Irish resources, their limitations. Most records were not created with the genealogist in mind and therefore, they may seem to be of little use and frustrating to navigate.

By using case studies, this guide can more easily explain the strategies and research tips that are essential if you are to get the best out of your research. Brian Mitchell, a Fellow of this Society, provides invaluable insights into the resources and the most appropriate methodologies to utilise for each.

This 122 page guide is available for US\$25.00 from www.genealogical.com and highly recommended.



Checkout the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

AN DAONCHARTLANN IN LOUGHLINSTOWN

Travel Information for visitors to the An Daonchartlann, Loughlinstown Leisure Centre, Loughlinstown Drive, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, A96 XP60.

DART & DUBLIN BUS—Dún Laoghaire DART Station—Bus 111 & 7A from Crofton Road, Bus Stop no. 2036 to Loughlinstown Park, Bus Stop no. 3222

LUAS & DUBLIN BUS—Bride's Glen (Green Line) - Bus 111 from outside the Luas station, Bus Stop no. 7639 to Loughlinstown Park, Bus Stop no. 3222

DUBLIN BUS from City Centre—O'Connell Bridge, Bus Stop no. 273 or Nassau Street, Bus Stop no. 405—Bus 7A to Loughlinstown Park, Bus stop no. 3222

DRIVING—From the **M50** - at Junction 16 follow the signs for Loughlinstown. Straight on through Cherrywood and over the N11 flyover. **Signposted** at the second traffic lights beyond the flyover on Wyattville Road turn right into Loughlinstown Drive. Follow this twisty road for about 1km to Loughlinstown Leisure Centre (very large buildings on right). GSI is behind these buildings. **From N11 southwards** - after Cabinteely junction, and Topaz garage move to left lane and exit left to Wyattville Road. At the second traffic lights on Wyattville Road, turn right into Loughlinstown Drive and follow as above. Checkout www.dlrleisure.ie/Loughlinstown

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

On **Thursday July 16th 2020**, the Board held its first meeting since the Annual General Meeting on March 10th 2020. However, as the normal venue for the Board Meetings was not yet available, the Board held an outdoor meeting in the carpark outside the GSI Archive and Research Centre in Loughlinstown. All social distancing rules were strictly adhered to by all in attendance.

This first meeting completed the Society's statutory obligations as an incorporated body including the registration of the new Directors and all in attendance signed the 'Director's Declaration'. The Board also co-opted **Gerard White** as a Director.

It was agreed to allocate the vacant portfolios to the new Directors as follows: **Gerard White** - Archival Services; **Shane Wilson**—Publications & Website; **James Walsh**—Open Meetings. All portfolios will be reviewed as normal at the December meeting.

An additional Standing Order was agreed to facilitate **incorporal meetings** of the Board. (see page 2—left panel). **Res: 20/07/1511** includes a "sunset clause" whereby, the new Standing Order will lapse and be automatically rescinded from Standing Orders, unless renewed, by a certain date, for example, July 1st 2021.

The continued suspension of all of our **Open Meet-**

ings is determined by the venues and the current public health advice based on the COVID-19 infection rate in the country and the guidelines issued by government.

Work to make the Society's **Archive & Research Centre** at **DLR Leisure Centre**, Loughlinstown, safe for reopening was completed with a protective clear shield between each workstation. Hand sanitation gels, gloves and a supply of masks were purchased for the use of volunteers and visitors.

The facility reopened on Weds Aug. 5th at 10.00hrs to 16.00hrs with strict adherence to the regulations (see page 2) required for all Members and visitors with a prior booking necessary.

The **Director of Finance** advised the Board on the negative impact on the Society's finances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Urgent funding options are being considered, including seeking donations from Members and applying for grants.

The increased number of daily postings to Facebook www.facebook.com/familyhistory.ie will be maintained during the crisis. Members are encouraged to follow the GSI on **Facebook** and **Twitter**—@GenSocIreland

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GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre is located at the **DLR Leisure Centre, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin**.

The facility will be open each Wednesday from 10.00hrs to 16.00hrs with prior booking.

The use of our extensive archival resources is reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership is always available on request.

