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## How to Honour the Heritage of Red Hugh O'Donnell

By Francis M. O'Donnell.



The past few weeks have seen an explosion of momentary interest in the historic figure of Red Hugh O'Donnell (30th October 1572—10th September 1602). There were deep dynastic intrigues at play during his life, laid bare in my own book, *The O'Donnells of Tyrconnell – A Hidden Legacy*.

The greater part of Red Hugh's mortal remains have already permeated into the clay of his burial place. The few bones that we are left with, to the extent to which they can be identified as his, represent a small fraction, the more durable remainder. But it is by no means evident that his can be identified, even with DNA testing. Prior to the current excavation, it was believed that after the confiscation of the monastery and after several years of abandonment, “all the remains of any tombs that were left there were collected and deposited in an ossuary in the Carmen cemetery, which has been removed at least on a couple of occasions”.

Even if they can be identified, there is some debate about whether his skeletal remains should remain in Valladolid. Those in favour refer to his will, from the Archives of Simancas. But his will was made for him by his Franciscan carers and he was so weak he could not complete his signature. Fr. Florence Conry, OFM, (Flaithrí O Maolchonaire) his confessor, and the King's notary Domingo de Albiz signed it on 7th September 1602, with four seals. It was witnessed by his physician Dr. Juan Nynan (Seán O Naoideánáin), Matthew Tully (Matha O Maolthuile), Maurice Ulltach, and Francisco de Aguilar. The original was penned and translated into Castilian by Fr. Conry, based on what Red Hugh had uttered in Irish. It was later given in an English translation by Fr. John Silke, SJ, in *Studia Hibernica*, no 24 (1984-8).

Most of the material elements of Red Hugh's body

have long permeated the clay of Valladolid and the city will continue to bear that corporeal “signature” of Red Hugh.

My own consultations with other members of the Spanish, Austrian, and Irish branches most closely related to him, largely confirm a desire to see his skeleton returned for honourable burial in Ireland. As for Valladolid, we could contribute to a suitable memorial, including a statue based on his reported physical appearance, and the city authorities could have the area of the former Chapel of Marvels preserved in the manner of the subterranean exposition of the ruins of the former Convento de San Benito.

And if Red Hugh cannot be identified, there is no reason why the renewed interest in his story and in this extraordinary bond that links Donegal to Valladolid, and Ireland to Spain, cannot prompt us to now complete the renovation of Donegal Castle, and also embark on the renovation of Donegal Abbey, as was similarly done when the Oireachtas on its own 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary authorized by special legislation on 21st January 1969 the full restoration Holy Cross Abbey, probably the last place in Ireland where Red Hugh prayed in 1601 en route to Kinsale.

And as the Taoiseach of a latter day said on the enactment of the *Statute Law Revision Act* on 8th May 2007, repealing no less than 3,200 obsolete laws passed during centuries of British rule, that repeal cancelled the multiple attainders of those indicted Irish heroes, such that they are no longer regarded as “traitors”, but exonerated and restored to full dignity.

If we cannot honour Red Hugh with a State Funeral, we can at least follow through by restoring the major monuments that are the vestigial artefacts of our national and cultural heritage.

*Editor:* Francis M. O'Donnell's book *The O'Donnells of Tyrconnell – A Hidden Legacy* is available from [www.books.ie](http://www.books.ie) and [www.irishfamilyhistorycentre.com](http://www.irishfamilyhistorycentre.com)

For other important published works on the links between Ireland and Spain during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries see page 2 of this newsletter.

## OPEN MEETINGS

### Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 9 June (Cancelled) —20.00hrs

Tuesday 8 July (Cancelled)—20.00hrs

### Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 24 June (Cancelled) —10.30hrs

Wednesday 22 July (Provisional) —10.30hrs

Contribution €5.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

## GENEALOGY

## HERALDRY

## VEXILLOLOGY

## 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.

## SOCIETY JOURNAL 2020

The *Journal of the Genealogical Society of Ireland* was published last month in its new electronic format.

Members (fully paid-up) received and email with the JGSI as a PDF attachment and a link.

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## 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.

## PROGRAMME RESUMPTION?

The relaxation of the Covid-19 restrictions from Monday June 8th as Ireland moves to another phase is to be welcomed.

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

Eddie and 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](mailto:eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com)

## WE'RE STILL HERE TO HELP

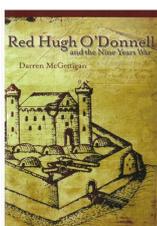
This Society normally operates a "Help Centre" for those researching their family history.

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 currently not open to the public but you can still discuss your research problems with our experienced researchers and get advice by emailing our Outreach Team members via Eddie Gahan on [eddie\\_gahan\\_snr@hotmail.com](mailto:eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com)

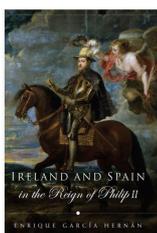
Have you visited An Daonchartlann at the DLR Loughlinstown Leisure Centre?

## Red Hugh O'Donnell and the Nine Years War



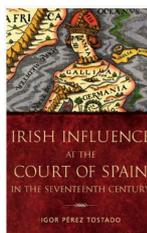
'*Red Hugh O'Donnell and the Nine Years War*' by **Darren McGettigan** published by Four Courts Press in 2005 (ISBN: 1-85182-887-7 : 192pp : ill. : eBook only : Price €9.20). The war fought in Ireland from 1594 to 1603 was one of the most destructive and costly ever to take place on the island. By its end many thousands were dead, large areas were depopulated and a terrible famine stalked the land. Queen Elizabeth I came very close to losing her claim to sovereignty over many of the Gaelic lordships as the kings of Spain poured large supplies of munitions into Ulster and finally landed an army at Kinsale. For much of this war the Gaelic leader Red Hugh O'Donnell was at the very centre of events. His anti-Englishness led to the formation of the Gaelic confederacy and the sending of an embassy to King Philip II of Spain. By 1595 Hugh O'Neill, the earl of Tyrone, has been drawn into the war and for the next five years the Gaelic armies enjoyed astounding success before being ground down and eventually defeated at Kinsale. This book provides a new assessment of O'Donnell's career, utilizing Gaelic, Spanish and English sources, many of them previously unpublished. As a result, Red Hugh emerges as a much fuller historical figure, whose contribution to the success of the Gaelic confederacy was just as crucial as that of the earl of Tyrone. **Dr Darren McGettigan** is the author of '*The Donegal Plantation and the Tir Chonaill Irish, 1610-1710*' (2010); '*The Battle of Clontarf: Good Friday 1014*' (2013) and '*The Kings of Aileach and the Vikings AD 800-1060*' (2020).

Here are two more suggestions, again from Four Courts Press, however, please checkout the publishers website for others on the subject of Spain and Ireland in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.



'*Ireland and Spain in the Reign of Philip II*' by **Enrique García Hernán** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-166-0 : 416pp : H/bk : 2009 : Price €58.50) An important contribution to Irish-Spanish historical studies, this book explores of the close historical ties that existed between both countries, which were forged and reached their zenith in the tumultuous times of 16th and early 17th century Europe. Originally written in Spanish and published under the title *Irlanda y el Rey Prudente* (2 vols, Madrid, 2000 & 2003) it is a revised, synopsis and updated work, translated by Liam Liddy.

'*Irish Influence at the Court of Spain in the Seventeenth Century*' by **Igor Pérez Tostado** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-110-3 : 224pp : H/bk : 2008 : Price €49.50). This study analyses the political activity of the Irish communities who settled in the territories of the Spanish Monarchy during the middle decades of the seventeenth century. Based on extensive original research in several archives across Europe, Irish political activity is set in the context of the dynamics of early modern diplomatic relations. The Irish constructed a strong bond, identified as 'reciproca correspondencia', or mutual support in the name of a shared religion, and of a belief in a common racial origin (the milesian legend). **EDITOR:** Above puts the current excavations in context.



## FOUR COURTS PRESS

Irish History, Genealogy, Local History and much more. Checkout the 2020 catalogue and the wonderful special offers at [www.fourcourtspress.ie](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie)

## 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

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## 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.

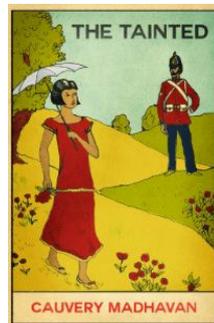
The possibility of crowdfunding for specific projects is being considered. However, in the meantime it was decided to appeal to our Members and friends. Donations can be made on-line via the Society's website or by cheque payable to the *Genealogical Society of Ireland* and forwarded to the General Secretary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

## Irish Ancestors & British India

The publication of '*The Tainted*' by **Cauvery Madhavan** has been very deservedly greeted with praise for the quality of writing, the extensive historical research and, of course, for the wonderfully moving and captivating story.

'*The Tainted*' is a historical fiction based on the events of June 1920 when companies of the Connaught Rangers mutinied in the Punjab, India, on hearing of British atrocities in Ireland during the War of Independence (1919-1921).



The story touched a nerve or resonated with Irish readers and presumably, it will do likewise in India and Pakistan, which brought back memories of family stories of people who served in India whether in the British Army or the Indian Civil Service.

The review by **June Brady** published in our February 2020 issue of the '*Gazette*' encouraged many of our Members to embark on a quest to discover these family connections with the subcontinent.

India under the British Empire was vast area covering what is now the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and the Kingdom of Bhutan. This landmass was the "jewel in the British Empire" and although it contained a myriad of different administrative units from directly administered "British India" to Indian States with varying degrees of autonomy to areas administered by Crown agencies.

Ethnically diverse with hundreds of different languages and dialects and, if course, professing many religious beliefs from the two main ones Hinduism and Islam, to Sikhism, Jainism, Buddhism, Christianity and Judaism.

Ancient cultures with sophisticated polities based on their own laws and values were subjected to imperial control and exploitation and yet, existed in an almost parallel state heavily segregated on racial grounds.

British imperial control was maintained by a large standing army, imperial police service, vast civil service, commerce and trade. To each of these areas the Irish were attracted and, of course, there were the areas of education and Christian proselytization, both Catholic and Protestant. So as you can imagine, thousands of British and Irish people served the Raj from 1858 to 1947 and possibly as far back as the 1750s in the East India Company.

To start researching ancestors in "British India" please checkout these two websites [www.fibis.com](http://www.fibis.com) and [www.basca.org.uk](http://www.basca.org.uk) for extensive listings of available resources.

## SOCIAL DISTANCING

The GSI Board will consider the introduction of supplementary bye-laws for the Society's Archive and Research Centre in order to comply with the government's Covid19 regulations.

Besides the stringent implementation of the 2m social distancing rule, the mandatory wearing of face masks in the facility will be become of feature of the "new normal" for us all.

The venues used for the Open Meetings will be carefully examined to ensure that, once the meetings recommence, social distancing can be assured for the health, safety and comfort of all of our Members and visitors.

A detailed update will be published next month.

## In Brief....

### GSI MEMBERSHIP

Join on-line at [www.familyhistory.ie](http://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.

The schedule of lectures is currently under review to rearrange the slots in line with the availability of the guest speakers.

The Board very much appreciates the wonderful cooperation and encouragement received from the guest speakers as we endeavour to reschedule talks over the coming months.

The next issue of this newsletter will have more information on the rescheduled lecture programme.

We welcome comments and suggestions on the lecture programme. Please contact **Tony O'Hara**, MGS, Coordinator of the Society's Monthly Lecture Programme by email at [toharads1@gmail.com](mailto:toharads1@gmail.com)

CHECKOUT our YouTube Channel for past lectures. [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

### 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](http://www.dfei.ie)



[www.eneclann.ie](http://www.eneclann.ie)



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

## James Scannell Reports...

### JUNE LECTURE PROGRAMME

*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.*

### Publications

'*Journal of the Federation Local History Societies 2019 - Volume 24*', Hon. Editor **Larry Breen**, published by the Federation of Local History Societies - €10.00

The Federation of Local History Societies [FOLHS] was established in 1981 to promote the interests of amateur historian and voluntary museums in the Republic of Ireland, and to represent their views. Every year it publishes an annual journal containing activity reports from member societies and articles covering a variety of local history subjects. Articles in this year's journal include -

'Editorial' by Larry Breen which provides an overview of FOLHS activities during 2019.

'A Summer Visitor to Ireland (Continued)' by Denis G. Marnane recalls an 1840 visit to Ireland by a Mrs. West in 1846.

'Bantry's Hotels, Past and Present' are recalled by Colum Hourihane.

'Belfast and Limerick: A Tale of One Town, One City and Two Families' by George McBride.

'Ireland's Atlantis: Fact or Myth' by Noelene Crowe.

'Death of a Local Shop in Youghal - A Local History Treasure Trove' by Kieran Groeger.

'The Curragh of Kildare - A Unique Landscape' by Hugh Crawford.

'Thomas Larkin - An Early Telephone Pioneer of America' by Michael Larkin

'Passing It On' by Doreen McBride.

'Memories of Rural E and the Arrival of the 'Electric' in County Offaly: An Oral History Project' by John Gibbons.

'Slaughter in the Setting Sun. Which was the Battle of Benburb?' by Art Ó Dálaigh.

'Remembering the RMS Leinster: The Centenary' by Philip Lecane.

'The Life and Times of Rev. James Colgan, Priest and Politician' by James Colgan.

'The Irish Mesolithic Period' by Keith Murphy.

'The Path to Glasnevin Cemetery' by Myles Duffy.

'Viking Objectives in 9th Century Ireland' by Keith Murphy.

There is also a report on the North-South Exchange Visit to Armagh City on September 28th - 29th 2019 between the FOLHS and its Northern Ireland counterpart, the Federation for Ulster Local Studies.

Individual reports from - Clane Local History Group; Cloyne Literary & Historical Society; Cork Non-Fiction Writers; Celebration Cork Past Exhibition held on Saturday October 28th 2019; South East Galway Archaeological and Histori-

cal Society; Passage West Maritime Museum; Bray Cualann Historical Society; The Old Dublin Society; Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society; Cave Hill Conservation Campaign; FOLHS 2019 AGM, Minutes & Secretary's Report; The FOLHS Visit to Northumbria, U.K. from April 8th to April 12th 2019 and an Obituary to Joe Kelly, Galway Archaeological & Historical Society.

There is also a listing by county of the societies who are members of the FOLHS with a contact address for each of them. Copies of this excellent publication are available by post for €10.00 and ordered from Larry Breen who can be contacted at: [larrybreen8@outlook.com](mailto:larrybreen8@outlook.com). **James Scannell**

### CORONAVIRUS—COVID-19

The national containment measures introduced by the government, health authorities or the local authority currently prevent the Board from meeting as scheduled in order to conduct the normal day-to-day running of the Society, however, the Board agreed to the following under **Res: 20/03/1497** at its meeting on March 5th 2020.

The Company Secretary shall be **authorised to process payments** that would normally be submitted to the Board Meetings for approval and processing.

The Company Secretary, in consultation with An Cathaoirleach, shall liaise with the managements of the following venues in respect of the **Open Meetings - Royal Marine Hotel** and the **Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute** - in order to be in a position to advise our Members in the event of either venue being rendered unavailable due to the current situation with COVID-19.

The Company Secretary, in conjunction with An Cathaoirleach, shall liaise with the managements of **Park House** and the **DLR Leisure Centre at Loughlinstown** in respect of the availability of these premises.

The Company Secretary, in conjunction with An Cathaoirleach, shall be **authorised to cancel any scheduled meeting, event or service provision** in line with the professional advice received in respect of COVID-19.

These measures shall remain at the disposal of the Company Secretary for the duration of the current containment period in respect of COVID-19, however, the Board shall be required to give effect to their continuance by a simple resolution at each subsequent Board Meeting following the adoption of this resolution. Also see: [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)

### BOARD ELECTED FOR 2020-2021

The **Annual General Meeting** was held on Tuesday March 10th 2020 which elected the new Board of Directors of the Society for 2020-2021.

An Cathaoirleach (Chair), **Gerard Hayden**; Leas-Chathaoirleach (Vice-Chair), **James Walsh**; General Secretary, **Michael Merrigan** and Director of Finance, **Lua Ó Scoláí** and the following without portfolio: **Barry O'Connor**, **Séamus Moriarty**, **Eddie Gahan** and **Shane Wilson**. The portfolios will be allocated at the first Board Meeting after the AGM. (see page 4)

### TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS

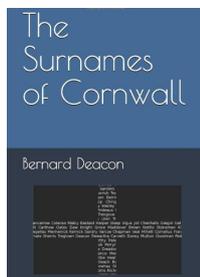
by **John Grenham, MA, MAPGI, FIGRS, FGSI**

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](http://www.gillmacmillan.com) Price €24.99 [RRP].

## So You Have Cornish Ancestors?

Through the Society's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/familyhistory.ie](http://www.facebook.com/familyhistory.ie)) we have always endeavoured to connect people with the culture, heritage and languages of the places of origin of their ancestors. This includes providing links for information on genealogical resources, local history and culture. One such place was Cornwall or Kernow in the Cornish language (Kernowek), a Celtic language closely related to Welsh (Cymraeg) and Breton (Brezhoneg) and more distantly related to Irish (Gaeilge), Scottish Gaelic (Gàidhlig) and Manx (Gaelg).

Some have questioned the need to know anything other than the details of births, marriages, deaths and burials. This Society has always promoted a more holistic and much more rewarding approach to family history research. Understanding the life and times of an ancestor brings us closer to their lived experience and expands our knowledge of who we really are. An awareness and appreciation of the language spoken by our ancestors greatly enhances our connectivity with our past, its sounds, its creativity and its deep meaning – an insight into the world of our ancestors through their own language. This is particularly poignant in respect of the Celtic language family and the long history of emigration from their homelands.



Cornwall situated on the extreme southwest of the island of Britain bounded landward by Devon and seaward by the English Channel, Bristol Channel and the Celtic Sea, is considered to be one of the five Celtic nations in the archipelago and like Wales strongholds of the Brythonic Celtic speaking peoples. Unlike Welsh, the Cornish language (Kernowek) ceased to be a community language in the late eighteenth century, although it has been revived during the twentieth century with circa 3,000 speakers today, including circa 600 fluent speakers. Cornish is currently recognised under the *European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages*, although, the UK government has refused to include Cornish ethnicity as an option in the 2020 census. If you want to hear what Kernowek sounds like, checkout—**Cornish Television** on <https://anradyo.com/pellwolok-tv/>

Turning to Cornish emigration. Cornish miners were much sought after for their expertise which brought them to the USA, Canada, South Africa and Australia. Although relatively rare, Cornish surnames exist in Ireland and indeed, Irish people with Cornish ancestry usually had families connected with the mining industry that was reasonably extensive from the late eighteenth to the late nineteenth century. Mining operators frequently brought over experienced Cornish miners as specialists or overseers. When we hear of surnames beginning with *Tre*, *Pol* and *Pen*, as the old saying goes, we immediately think, there goes a Cornish person. Surnames with these beginnings and, of course, others like *Bos*, *Car* and *Ros*, are toponymic surnames derived from place names (locative names) and typical of Cornwall. Along with these toponymics, Cornwall has many patronymics, occupational surnames, ones derived from nicknames and it has many of ambiguous derivation.

In his excellent work *'The Surnames of Cornwall'* (ISBN: 978-0-9513918-5-3 — UK£9.99—P/bk—194 pp—Published by CoSERG, 2019) **Dr. Bernard Deacon**, a retired Senior Lecturer in Cornish Studies at the University of Exeter, explains the origin of over 700 surnames that are found in Cornwall and discusses whether the name originated in the English or the Cornish language. See also: [www.bernarddeacon.com](http://www.bernarddeacon.com) for other publications on Cornwall's fascinating history. The **Cornwall Family History Society** ([www.cornwallfhs.com](http://www.cornwallfhs.com)) was founded in 1976 and has a great many active members. Many live outside Cornwall with members in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA and other countries. The society maintains a Research Library in Truro for society members and the general public. Besides encouraging research into Cornish family history, the Society is involved in the coordination, transcribing and indexing of original records by volunteer members. Contact: Hon. Secretary, Cornwall FHS, 18, Lemon Street, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 2LS, United Kingdom. Email: [secretary@Cornwallfhs.com](mailto:secretary@Cornwallfhs.com)

Checkout the Society's website [www.familyhistory.ie](http://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](http://www.dlrleisure.ie/Loughlinstown)

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The "lockdown" suspended all the **Open Meetings** and the **Outreach Programme** until further notice and although, there has been a relaxation in the restrictions since Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> 2020, it is difficult to say at this stage when these are likely to resume at our normal venues.

The *'Journal of the Genealogical Society of Ireland'* was published in an electronic format last month and was forwarded by email to all Members.

The Society's **Archive & Research Centre** remains closed and the Board will liaise with the management of the DLR Leisure Centre in Loughlinstown about the introduction of safety measures that are required for social distancing at the facility.

In the meantime, the Society has increased the number of daily postings to the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/familyhistory.ie](http://www.facebook.com/familyhistory.ie) and Members are encouraged to follow the Society on **Facebook** and **Twitter**—@GenSocIreland

The Board couldn't meet as scheduled on Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> and it is very likely that the next meeting scheduled for Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> will go ahead.

It is hoped that the **new Board of Directors** that was elected at the AGM on Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 will be able to have its first meeting next month. The Board must meet to complete the registration of the new

Directors and for each to sign of the *'Director's Declaration'*. The statutory forms for the **Companies Registration Office** must be signed by the two newly elected Directors, **Shane Wilson** and **James Walsh** and, of course, no co-options can be made without a meeting.

The first meeting of the new Board may consider an amendment to **Res: 20/03/1497** (see page 3) to facilitate incorporeal meetings in exceptional circumstances. Although, this may only be possible if the Cathaoirleach and General Secretary jointly host such an incorporeal meeting from the same location with all other Directors participating by Zoom or whatever.

The day-to-day administrative functions are covered by **Res: 20/03/1497** (see page 3) and on May 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 the Audited Annual Accounts for the P.E. 31.12.2019 were submitted electronically to the Companies Registration Office.

This **newsletter** was only available in electronic format for the last two months, it will be published in hardcopy again from this month.

In these extraordinary circumstances the current Board (see panel above right) remains in place in a caretaker capacity until the first meeting of the new Board. **General Secretary**

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\*\* SEE: 'News from the Board' below. \*\*

(Journal Editor & Video Production—**Tom Conlon** as  
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Board limited to ten Members with a quorum of six.

## "HALL'S INDEX"

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 the late **Brendan Hall, MGSI** and they are available in pdf format to read or to download free of charge on [www.familyhistory.ie](http://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/](http://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](http://www.familyhistory.ie))

## GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE

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

**CLOSED due to the COVID-19 situation.**

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

