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## “Sixweeksism” in a Technological Age?

What is happening at the Civil Registration Service? Reports are coming in from Members who ordered BMD certificates online, which, according to the website, should be delivered within 30 working days. Members reported delays of up to 77 working days and complained about the telephone service with callers left in a queuing system, only to be cut off when they reached number three in the queue with the message, too busy, phone back later.

The Civil Registration Service is fully computerised with all items instantly searchable and retrievable. Indeed, the BMD certificates issued are essentially a “cut and paste” and print job. So, is up to 30 working days or, in effect, six weeks of a turnaround justifiable in a 21st century technological era?

What is it with this six-weeks processing period? Who decides that something should take six weeks, irrespective of the issue? Is it some arbitrary assessment based on a quasi-official gestation period for operational matters that no one dares to question?

This “sixweeksism” cannot be based on volume, for such a general application would clearly be nonsensical, so it must be cultural. It seems the ghost of “sixweeksism” survived the infamous benchmarking of the mid 2000s and the much touted eGovernment strategies with their regular political commitments on increased productivity and better “customer service” - yes, we’re “customers” now!

Readers of a particular age will remember the working environment that gave rise to the six-week turnaround in applications or correspondence with State or local government institutions. It was an era way before computers or even electric typewriters.

This was a time when typically, a letter would be received in the mail-room of the organisation, opened and sent for filing and attaching, the process of creating a new paper file for each item of new correspondence and physically retrieving an existing paper file for the attachment of other items. The files would then be physically delivered by office messengers to the various sections for distribution

to the clerical officers concerned. Replies to such correspondence would be handwritten in draft form by the clerical officer, checked by a supervisor, before going to a “typing pool” for typing up with carbon copies for the file. Then again, transported by office messengers back to the various sections for signature and physical attachment of the carbon copies to the paper files before the originals were sent to the mail-room again for despatch by ordinary mail. In that era before computerisation, things regularly took between six and eight weeks to process.

The above description of a working environment may, for younger readers, appear to be rather Dickensian—with images of Bob Cratchit, quill in hand, wading through mountains of paper files. In Ireland this labour-intensive system described above existed up to the late 1980s and early 1990s when automation started to be gradually introduced. However, in this time before computerisation, the public expected and understood the reasons for the six-week turnaround of items of correspondence to government departments.

Administratively a culture of “sixweeksism” prevails as this length of processing time seems to be attached to everything and anything. In an era of electronic communications and highly sophisticated computerised filing and retrieval systems, this culture of “sixweeksism” sustains inefficiencies. It is extremely costly, it stifles innovation and, above all, ignores the obvious potential that exists in a highly educated workforce to dynamically embrace change and to provide an exceptional level of customer service.

Although, we’ve highlighted a problem with the Civil Registration Service, this is a much wider issue that must be tackled by the government. This should be done, not only to deliver value-for-money for the taxpayer, but understanding the potential damage caused to our competitiveness and to our economy by allowing such an anachronistic practice to persist in the twenty-first century. We owe it to the undoubtedly well-educated, dedicated and talented staff in these sectors and to the general public to irretrievably consign “sixweeksism” to the past where it belongs.

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### 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.

### IRISH DNA ATLAS

Checkout the short video clip and the lectures on the *Irish DNA Atlas* project on the Society's YouTube Channel—  
[www.youtube.com/c/](http://www.youtube.com/c/)

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*and*

*throughout the world*

## OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education

Institute (*but for now via Zoom*)

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 14 December 2021 (*Zoom*)—20.00hrs

Tuesday 11 January 2022 (*Zoom*)—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel (*now Zoom*)

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 26 January 2022 (*Zoom*)—11.00hrs

Wednesday 23 February 2022 (*Zoom*)—11.00hrs

Contribution €5.00 p.p.

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## GSi ON YOUTUBE

The Society's lectures and some informational short videos were uploaded to our YouTube Channel.

To view the videos and hopefully, to 'Like' and 'Share' them, and to 'Subscribe' to our YouTube channel—please checkout:

[www.YouTube.com/c/](http://www.YouTube.com/c/)

[GenealogicalSocietyOfIrelandGSi](http://GenealogicalSocietyOfIrelandGSi)

## GSi ON INSTAGRAM

The Society has been expanding its presence across all social media platforms and we're on Instagram!

Please checkout this link:

[www.instagram.com/GenSocIreland](http://www.instagram.com/GenSocIreland)

## "ARCHIVE DROP-INS"

The weekly "Drop-Ins" hosted by **Eddie Gahan**, **FGSI**, Director of the Outreach Programme, are hugely popular with our Members around the world.

These informal weekly "Drop-Ins" are only for fully paid up Members and are designed to allow you to join the Zoom meeting at any time between 11.00hrs and 12.00hrs on Wednesdays—with the exception of the 4th Weds due to the Monthly Morning Open Meeting.

Members receive an email from the Director of Membership Services each week with access details.

Members can send in their research query in advance to [Archivist@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Archivist@familyhistory.ie)

The last "Drop-In" for year will be held on Wednesday **22 December 2021**—normally no meeting is held on the Wednesday before Christmas, this is an exception.

## GSi Board News

The Board of Directors met on **Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021** at 11.00hrs via Zoom and another busy meeting was held with a number of important resolutions adopted.

The General Secretary requested the Board to amend the publication date for the '*Gazette*' in January each year from the second Tuesday to the third Tuesday to allow for the holiday period.

Such a provision has been in place for the monthly Board Meetings since the foundation of the Society and therefore, under **Res: 21/12/1625**, the Board agreed to amend the publication date as and from January 2022.

The publication date remains the second Tuesday for all other months of the year.

The **Presidential Election** was to be held last month under **Res: 20/10/1519**, however, as a meeting of the *College of Fellows* was not convened during the early summer to facilitate the election.

The General Secretary advised the Board that due to a bereavement he was unfortunately not able to make the necessary preparations for the convening of the meeting of the *College of Fellows* in early summer as envisaged. The Board agreed under **Res: 21/12/1626**, to put back the presidential election until November 2022.

Although, the Board conducted the **Annual Review of the Portfolios**, it was agreed to defer the allocation of the portfolios previously held by **Séamus Moriarty**, **FGSI** and **Ann O'Neill**, **MGSI**, and therefore, these portfolios will remain with the General Secretary *pro tem* and with the day-to-day functions of the Director of An Daoncharlann being covered by **Lua Ó Scolaí**, **MGSI** and **Eddie Gahan**, **FGSI**, for the duration. No change to the current portfolios was made.

The Director of Finance, **Lua Ó Scolaí**, **MGSI**, tabled three motions for consideration of the Board in respect of the planned exit from the Irish market of the Society's bankers, **Ulster Bank**. The Board agreed under **Res: 21/12/1630** to open an account with **Allied Irish Banks** to be operative as and from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 and under **Res: 21/12/1631**, to close the Ulster Bank account as and from December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 and finally, under **Res: 21/12/1632**, to adopt a Bank Mandate for the new account.

The need for **more volunteers** was raised at the November meeting and deferred to the December meeting where the General Secretary tabled a motion to formulate and adopt an '**Interim Volunteerism and Projects Strategy**' aimed at establishing a range of projects, in which, Members can participate from the comfort of their own home.

Amongst the projects considered were, enhancing the resources available on the Society's website, including the Member's Only Section; the indexation of the Society's annual journals; the completion and maintenance of the various cataloguing projects and the establishment of a Writers' Group.

The proposal was adopted under **Res: 21/12/1633** and therefore, detailed planning for each element will be finalised in first quarter of 2022.

The Board was advised of the notice placed on social media and on the Society's website on **November 27<sup>th</sup> 2021** by the General Secretary on advice received regarding the unavailability of our usual volunteers to open **An Daoncharlann** on Wednesdays due to heightened concerns regarding the increased incidents of Covid-19 in the community.

This temporary closure will be reviewed at the January 2022 meeting. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2022** at **11.00hrs via Zoom**.

## GSi MEMBERSHIP

Did you know that Membership of this Society is open to all with an interest in family history, heraldry, vexillology (study of flags and emblems) and related subjects?

Did you know that Membership is open to anyone living in Ireland or overseas and with Irish ancestry or with ancestors from anywhere in the world? All welcome.

Did you know that Student Membership is also available at 50% off the subscription?

Checkout: [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie)

## Please Stay Safe—We'll Stay Connected via Zoom & Teams

### Dublin City & County, 1930-1990

The Society urges all its Members, friends, and the worldwide readership of the '*Gazette*' to support the Irish publishers this holiday season, whether online or through bookstores, and especially, our academic publishing houses like **Four Courts Press**. Recently, a former Cathaoirleach of the Society, **Séamus Moriarty**, **FGSI**, contacted the '*Gazette*' regarding the imminent closure of the renowned **Chapters Bookstore** in Dublin city. Séamus, as a life-long bibliophile with a deep interest in history and politics, was a very frequent visitor to this wonderful emporium on Dublin's Parnell Street and, like many of us, was greatly saddened by the loss of what became an institution on Dublin's northside since 1983.

As Dubliners say a very sad farewell to Chapters Bookstore, it brings home to us all just how much we have taken these gems of our city for granted. We look around and the city is changing rapidly. The redevelopment of the docklands area, for example, has radically altered the physical fabric and social structure of a large part of the city. This transformation has been thoroughly examined by **Niamh Moore** in '**Dublin Docklands Reinvented – the Post-Industrial Regeneration of a European City Quarter**' (ISBN: 978-1-851-834-0) as part of '**The Making of Dublin City**' series edited by **Joseph Brady** and **Anngret Simms** and published by Four Courts Press.

This series has also examined the development of the city from the 1930s onward and indeed, for those with ancestral connections to the city of Dublin, the following three volumes in the series will be of immense interest. Firstly, '**Dublin, 1930-1950 – The Emergence of the Modern City**' by **Joseph Brady**, edited by Ruth McManus and Anngret Simms (ISBN: 978-1-84682-520-0). This volume examines the serious housing problem with the poor in desperate need of decent accommodation as many were still crammed into crumbling tenements in the city centre and the needs of a burgeoning middle class pushing the growth of the suburbs. Secondly, the volume dealing with '**Dublin, 1950-1970 – Houses, Flats and High-Rise**' again by **Joseph Brady** and the above editors (ISBN: 978-1-84682-624-5) focuses on Dublin's expanding footprint into its suburbs with low-density, semidetached houses with gardens. It examines the "big housing experiment of the period" which was the building of high-rise council flats on the periphery of the city in Ballymun. Previously Dublin Corporation's multistorey construction of council flats was confined to the inner city. These volumes provide excellent local history material for your family history narrative.

In January 2022, Four Courts Press will publish another volume in '**The Making of Dublin**' series '**Dublin from 1970 to 1990 – The City Transformed**' by **Joseph Brady** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-980-2 : 448pp : P/bk : Price €29.95 : Web-Price €26.95). Dublin grew steadily during the 1970s with housing transforming the landscape of the west of the city, especially in Tallaght, Clondalkin and Blanchardstown. It was a time of change with the dominance of the city centre increasingly challenged by suburban shopping centres. The suburban trend in housing, shopping and jobs made the problem of decline and decay in the city centre even more acute. There was much talk about what needed to be done but little happened until the late 1980s. This was the time the Liffey stink was finally tamed after a century or more of complaints and Dubliners had to say farewell to open coal fires. These and other fascinating topics are considered in this, the 8th volume in the '**Making of Dublin City**' series. See: [www.fourcourtspress.ie](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie)

### FOUR COURTS PRESS

*Irish History, Genealogy, Local History and much more. Checkout the 2021 online catalogue and the wonderful special offers at [www.fourcourtspress.ie](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie)*

## THINKING OF SELF-PUBLISHING?

Many genealogists and local historians have found self-publishing as an ideal means of getting their research published.

Choosing to self-publish rather than submitting a manuscript to an established publishing house is usually down to two factors, subject matter and limited print-run. The subject may be such that it wouldn't normally attract a large enough readership so as to warrant the normal print-run of a publishing house and therefore, not commercially viable.

Whilst some publishing houses offer a 'print-on-demand' service, this tends to be on contract to academic institutions and the retail price of such publications can be quite high. Most large universities have their own in-house publishing companies which is ideal for academic works and highly specialised publications.

So self-publishing is becoming an increasingly attractive way of getting your research work into print and out to the public. Although, self-publishing as an option doesn't come cheap, that largely depends on the size, binding, cover and print-run. Nevertheless, it usually involves a significant upfront investment by the author.

But on the flipside, the author has greater control over the design, layout and the overall production process than would normally be the case using an existing publishing-house.

A wonderful example of self-publishing was launched in September 2021 at the Forty Foot Bathing Place in Sandycove, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. '**From Dirt**

**and Dips to Dryrobes—Bathing in Dún Laoghaire through the ages**' by **Eileen O'Duffy**, is a hardback, 132 page, high-quality production with photographs, black and white and colour, throughout. The graphics for the design and layout were sourced through the printers **Lettertec Ireland Limited** of Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork—see [www.lettertec.com](http://www.lettertec.com)

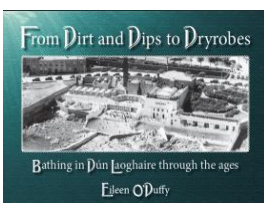
Eileen O'Duffy has produced a fascinating history of sea-bathing along the coast from Blackrock to Killiney and, especially at the Dún Laoghaire Baths and the famous Forty Foot Bathing Place.

For the local residents and, especially, the many hardy regular or daily swimmers along this stretch of the

Dublin coastline, this book is a treasure trove of memories, photographs of locals and, of course, their stories.

It must be one of the finest examples of quality Irish self-publishing available and it's a huge encouragement to anyone who may be considering the self-publishing option.

Retailing at €35.00 from local bookstores in the Dún Laoghaire area or online from [www.dubraybooks.ie](http://www.dubraybooks.ie) - it is a must for those with an interest in local history or anyone with connections to the town of Dún Laoghaire and its hinterland. (ISBN: 978-1-914488-19-1)



## 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.

### DECEMBER LECTURES

*James Scannell* advises that due to current Government restrictions and public health measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the events listed in his report may be held online or via Zoom - donation/charge may apply. Check the websites of each for further information.

### GSI OPEN MEETINGS

Society's Monthly Open Meetings are now all held via ZOOM due to Covid-19

**Tuesday December 14th** —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - *'Two Brothers, One Mother. One Big Question. —Mr. Wizard—A Novel'* Jeff Wallach, Portland, Oregon, USA

**Wednesday December 22nd**—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal general discussion on family history and related matters.

**Tuesday January 11th** —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - *TBA*

**Wednesday January 26th**—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal general discussion on family history and related matters.

**Tuesday February 8th** —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - *TBA*

**Wednesday February 23rd**—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal general discussion on family history and related matters.

### ZOOM MEETINGS

Membership Director, **Barry O'Connor**, FGSI, will email Members to log in to ZOOM for the two Open Meetings.

The lectures are open to the public and the access details are available on request by email from [Membership@Familyhistory.ie](mailto:Membership@Familyhistory.ie)

The Board of Directors would welcome your comments or suggestions on the Society's Monthly Lecture Programme, email: [DepGenSec@familyhistory.ie](mailto:DepGenSec@familyhistory.ie)

Members may send their research queries in advance for the Morning Open Meeting by email to [Archivist@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Archivist@familyhistory.ie)

The GSI Lecture Programme is recorded for the Society's YouTube Channel as a free, publicly accessible educational and research resource.

We endeavour to have each lecture up as soon as possible after the event, however, delays may occur where editing or technical issues arise.



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



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

## James Scannell Reports...

### NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM OF IRELAND

**Ellesa Rushby, MA**, will present *'SS Isolda: Censorship, Secrecy and Grief in Emergency Ireland'* at 20.00hrs on Thursday 16 December on Zoom - tickets €5.00 - book via [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

### FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

**Martin McCarthy** will present a short talk *'The history of Christ Church lands in and around Deansgrange, Co. Dublin'* at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 11 January 2022 on Zoom - please email: [info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie](mailto:info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie) for further info.

### PUBLICATIONS

*'Faith & Fury: the Evangelical Campaign in Dingle and West Kerry, 1825-45'* by **Bryan MacMahon**, published by Eastwood Book.

This excellent study by Bryan MacMahon provides the reader with a comprehensive account of the Church of Ireland evangelicals in the Irish speaking Dingle peninsula which was hailed as a model of a successful conversion policy during which they aimed to entice the Irish speaking community away from the Roman Catholic Church. Part of the campaign involved supplying bibles and literature in Irish, something which the Catholic Church had not done, and providing at the same time Irish speakers to preach and explain the bible to them.

The campaign attracted great hostility from the Catholic clergy with those who converted to the Church of Ireland facing ostracism and hostilities within their community where they lived. The evangelicals built schools, churches and parsonages and as they continued with their mission, a bitter war of words broke out between the clergymen, fomented by rival newspapers, culminating with a notorious libel case in 1845 in which the Patrick Robert Byrne was sued by Rev. Charles Gayer over remarks he made in an highly intemperate assessment of the Protestant mission in west Kerry in response to a report of meeting in the *'Belfast Commercial Chronicle'* at which Rev. Gayer was due to speak but was unable to attend due to illness. Byrne continued to criticise Rev. Gayer and eventually when Byrne failed to settle the dispute between them by making an apology to Rev. Gayer, Rev. Gayer sued Byrne with the case being heard in Tralee courthouse in March 1845 where the jury found in his favour.

This is a detailed account of this episode of Kerry history, with a vast amount of information provided on those involved in the evangelical mission, those who supported it and those who opposed it.

In the *'Afterword'* Bryan tells the readers what subsequently happened to all those mentioned in the text, the places where the evangelicals set them up and subsequently happened to them and what remains on the ground today. On a more positive note, Bryan reveals that during the Fam-

ine Catholic and Church of Ireland clergy worked together to ease the distress suffered.

An essential book to add to one's collection.

### LOCAL HISTORY JOURNAL

*'Obelisk 2022 - Journal of the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society, No 16'*, published by the Society, pb, 182 pages, ills, ISBN 978-0-9932782-7-3, €7.00

Articles featured in the latest issue of this annual publication include:

*'The beautiful grounds of Mount Merrion in the Late Nineteenth Century'* by Mary Forest;

*'Precious Memories of the Old Kilmacud Church'* by Matt Cahill;

*'Leo Broe, Sculptor'* by Bryan MacMahon;

*'Newman House History and Associations'* by Vivien Igoe;

*'Teresa Reddin: My Great-Great-Grandmother and her Family'* by Dara Connolly;

*'Mary Mulligan, Neighbour to Countess Markievicz'* by Peadar Curran;

*'Conor F. McGinn; Stillorgan's National Motorcycle Champion'* by Declan Edward McGinn;

*'Lamb Doyles, Sandyford'* by Margaret Smith;

*'The Obelisk - a Testament over Time'* by Liam Doyle;

*'UN Peacekeeping - Irish Defence Forces in the Congo 1960 to 1964'* by Andrew Kelly;

*'Bolands Mills Ringsend'* by Niall Kerney;

*'Memories of the Kilmacud Stillorgan Summer Project'* by Leonard Kaye;

*'A Captain's Story, a Sailor Ashore'* by Liam McDermott;

*'Stillorgan Schoolboy Abducted and Induced into Marriage'* by Peter Sobolewski;

*'My Huguenot Ancestors' Odyssey'* by Micheál Nelson;

*'Exceeding the Speed Limit, 1919'* by James Scannell;

*'Massey Project 2021'*;

*'Knockrabo School Photo from 1951'*;

*'Recent Publications by our Members'*;

*'New Aids to Research in Local History'*;

and finally *'Society Monthly Talks 2021'*.

*'Obelisk 2022'* is now available from the Society's online shop on [www.kilmacudstillorganhistory.ie](http://www.kilmacudstillorganhistory.ie) Due to popular demand, a special reprint of the Society's first journal - *'Obelisk 2006'* - is now available for €3.00 plus postage from the website.

**James Scannell**

**EDITOR:** Once again a very sincere thank you to James Scannell for all of his wonderful contributions to the *'Gazette'* throughout the year.

Local History Journals are an excellent resource for family history as they provide insights into the local areas and events known to your ancestors.

### 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].

## PRÉCIS OF THE NOVEMBER LECTURE

On Tuesday 9th November 2021, the Monthly Evening Open Meeting welcomed **Chris Baker** who delivered a very interesting talk (via Zoom) on the subject of *'The Irish Soldier in the Great War'*.

In his talk, Chris gave a detailed overview of the regiments and theatres of war in which Irish soldiers served in the First World War, and went on to explain how men came to be in the British Army and the conditions under which they served. In this highly informative presentation, Chris illustrated where the recruitment bases were for the various regiments across the country. He then explained the enlistment process and terms of engagement which was highly relevant from a genealogy research point of view.

Of particular interest was where the regiments were stationed before the war in Aden in the Middle East, India, Burma and England. Chris then discussed where the regiments served during the Great War including Turkey, the Middle East, East Africa and of course, France and Belgium.

He then focussed on the 10<sup>th</sup> Irish Division and the theatres of war it served, in Gallipoli, Salonika, Egypt and Palestine. The 10<sup>th</sup> Division suffered 9,363 casualties, about forty-five percent of its original complement. In contrast, the 16<sup>th</sup> Irish Division fought in France with 28,398 killed, wounded or MIA and the 36<sup>th</sup> Ulster Division also served in France with 32,186 casualties.

Chris went on to provide a detailed explanation of the extensive paper trail that was created during a soldier's service and how family historians can access it today. Checkout the GSI YouTube channel. **Paula Jones, MGSJ**

## COVID-19—INCREASED RATES & NEW MEASURES

Please be advised that **An Daonchartlann, Archive & Research Centre**, at the DLR Leisure Centre, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, will be CLOSED until further notice.

Therefore, all appointments for on-site visits have been suspended and those with research queries are advised to email them to **Archivist@Familyhistory.ie**

This position will be reviewed in line with any national guidelines at the Board Meeting to be held on Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Members are also advised that the **Zoom "Drop-In"** meetings will be held each Wednesday until December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 at 11.00hrs. Members receive the access details by email each week.

**Michael Merrigan, MA, FGSI, General Secretary, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

## An Daonchartlann & COVID-19

**An Daonchartlann - Archive & Research Centre** operates these rules when open (*see above*).

Members and visitors please note that due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the following shall apply.

- (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 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 to such at a later stage.*)

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

## Our Society is a Registered Charity

During the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, many charities in Ireland and overseas are finding it difficult with reduced funding streams. This Society is funded largely by its Membership Fees and the kind donations received from Members and friends at home and overseas, without which, it simply couldn't exist.

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,

friends and social media followers around the world.

Donations can be made via the Society's website or by cheque to the **Genealogical Society of Ireland** and forwarded to the General Secretary: **11, Desmond Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland, A96 AD76.**

*If you have already donated—Many Thanks!*



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Smartphones <b>from FREE</b>	Smartphones <b>from FREE</b>	Smartphones <b>from FREE</b>
All You Can Eat Data (ROI)	<b>13GB</b> of data, all of which can be used at home or when roaming in the EU.	All You Can Eat Data (ROI)
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