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Genealogy in "Zoomland" - Here to Stay?

A four minute radio interview given by our Cathaoir-leach, **John Goggins, MGSi**, to **Dublin's Q102 FM** on the morning of Friday May 7th 2021 with **Aidan Cooney** and **Alison O'Reilly** touched on some fundamental issues facing Irish genealogy as we exit, albeit very slowly, from this pandemic.

John spoke of his mother's stories of family members going to sea and that this sparked his interest in genealogy back in the early 1980s wanting to find out more about these intrepid mariners or, at the very least, to test the veracity of the family lore.

Researching your family history back in the 1980s and 1990s was a seemingly endless foraging exercise, parttime detective and fulltime attic rummager on the trail of any clues as records were centralised in two or three repositories in Dublin or dispersed in local custody. Accessibility depended on mobility and, in many cases, time and cost were huge impediments for the family history enthusiast at the time.

Looking back on the good old days of endless paper-trails, notebooks written in pencil and handwritten charts held together with Sellotape and Tippex, the forager of thirty or forty years ago has been transported nowadays to an online hypermarket of a bewildering array of digitised genealogical resources – all accessible from the comfort of one's own home.

When more and more of the vital records became available online free of charge or, indeed, for a modest fee, there was an explosion in the interest in family history research and, in many cases, this was reflected in the numbers joining genealogical organisations around the world. The increased access to affordable internet services facilitated the growth of one of the world's best-connected international community of hobbyists – family historians sharing research and resources worldwide. The dawning of the age of the "silver surfer" had arrived and thrived, but then along came COVID-19 and "Zoomland".

Traditionally it's the older generation in Ireland that has an interest in family history, and this is the same throughout the world. Whether it's age and a desire to pass the information on to future generations or a

natural curiosity based on a latent realisation of the fragility of family lore or folk memory or both, largely depends on culture and community.

This demographic is well attested in the memberships of genealogical organisations right across the world and, although this cohort in the population is growing in most western nations, including here in Ireland, membership numbers in such organisations are static or falling in most countries. It would appear from contributions to a recent webinar hosted by the UK-based **Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS)**, that the current pandemic has exacerbated the problem for genealogical organisations in the UK, Canada, and the United States.

Inevitably questions arise as to whether the interest in family history has "plateaued" and is now on the wane, or whether a combination of the COVID-19 restrictions and the upsurge in genealogical events and lectures in "Zoomland" has fundamentally undermined the traditional family history society model? These are difficult questions to answer at this stage, indeed, we may have to await the return of a semblance of normality in our daily lives before the situation becomes clear. However, undoubtedly the popular conflation of commercial DNA Testing with "real genealogy" has altered public perceptions of family history and raised unrealistic expectations of research outcomes and methodologies. In short, quick D.I.Y. genealogical research online and a DNA Test, and you're all done!

Another point made by John Goggins in his radio interview echoed back to the '**Principle of Public Ownership & Right of Access**' adopted by this Society's Members at the AGM in 1997. This 'principle' stressed the right of access for the individual to their genealogical heritage and collectively, the public ownership of our genealogical heritage. John stressed the importance of his grandchildren living in Luxembourg having a right to know their Irish genealogical heritage and similarly, his Irish-Polish grandson living in Dublin, to know his Polish genealogical heritage.

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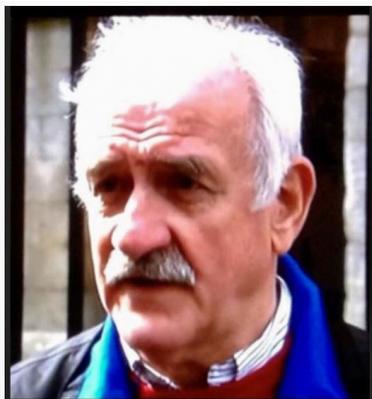
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The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on **May 25th 2018**. The Board, under *Res: 18/05/1380*, advises Members that the Society holds the following records on its Members (1) Name; (2) Address; (3) Telephone 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/GenealogicalSocietyOfIrelandGSI)

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Jim Herlihy, FGSi

'The Black & Tans 1920-1921' a new book by a Fellow of the Society.

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OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute (but for now via Zoom)

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 8 June 2021 (Zoom) —20.00hrs

Tuesday 13 July 2021 (Zoom)—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel (now Zoom)

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 23 June (Zoom) —11.00hrs

Wednesday 28 July (Zoom)—11.00hrs

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“ARCHIVE DROP-INS”

Eddie Gahan, FGSI, Director of the Outreach Programme, is the coordinator of the weekly “Drop-Ins” which are proving to be hugely popular with our Members around the world.

These informal weekly “Drop-Ins” are only for fully paid up Members and they 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 fourth Wednesday 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

DUBLIN’S Q102 FM

The Board of Directors would like to thank **Alison O’Reilly** and **Aidan Cooney** of Dublin’s 102 FM radio station for the live interview with An Cathaoirleach, **John Goggins**, on Friday May 7th 2021.

It was refreshing to hear the genuine interest shown by the two radio presenters in genealogy and, indeed, to hear their own research experiences and discoveries.



John Goggins said he was inspired to embark on his own family history quest by stories told by his mother.

Although a very short slot, it was hugely informative and, at times, inspiring. Well done!

Précis of the May Lecture

Shane Wilson, Director of Internet Services has recently uploaded the March, April and May lectures to the Society’s YouTube Channel. (see link below on this page).

On Tuesday 11 May 2021, the Society was delighted to welcome **Daniel Horowitz** of **MyHeritage.com** as our guest speaker via Zoom from Tel Aviv, Israel.



Daniel delivered a very interesting and wide-ranging presentation on the resources for genealogical research provided on MyHeritage.com as many new features, functions are services have been added over the past few months.

However, this was not just a “signposting exercise” as Daniel took time to demonstrate how each resource helped him in his own research. This was important as viewers could readily see and understand the process and how best to use each facility.

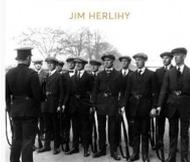
Nevertheless, Daniel got through a great number of the new and existing features. He also demonstrated the photo animation facility and the other photographic enhancements available to users. *Thanks Daniel.*

This lecture is on the GSI YouTube Channel.

Please Stay Safe—We’ll Stay Connected via Zoom & Teams

The Black & Tans 1920-1921

Ireland’s foremost authority on the history of Irish policing and police forces, **Jim Herlihy, FGSI**, has, once again, produced a hugely important resource for Irish genealogy and, indeed, Irish historical research. A Fellow of the Genealogical Society of Ireland since 2005, Jim Herlihy has delivered lectures to our Society and others on the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC), Dublin Metropolitan Police (DMP) and, of course, An Garda Síochána (Irish Police). The depth of his knowledge has astounded his audiences as he effortlessly provides a detailed historical narrative interwoven with case studies, explanations of the source material and, crucially, how to access the information.



Jim combined the history of policing in Ireland with the provision of genealogical resources for those seeking information on ancestors or relatives that served in the RIC, DMP or in the early years of An Garda Síochána. His latest work comes as we mark the events, people and places of the Irish War of Independence and, indeed, the centenaries of the bloodiest years of the conflict. During these commemorative events we naturally hear much of the ordinary combatants on the Irish side, but what of those on the British side of the conflict and, indeed, what of the individual members of the notorious Black and Tans?

‘The Black & Tans 1920-1921—A Complete Alphabetical List, Short History and Genealogical Guide’ by **Jim Herlihy**. ISBN: 987-1-84682-987-1 : 446pp. : B+W Ills. P/bk. €29.95 : published by Four Courts Press in May 2021, is a monumental work of exceptionally detailed research and, without doubt, opens up many avenues for further academic research in several disciplines. This work is highly recommended as an essential resource.

In this volume, Jim provides a brief history of the Royal Irish Constabulary and outlines the resources for researching members of the RIC. This brief history is important as it lays the basis for our understanding of the various divisions of the RIC recruited by the British administration during the War of Independence and became collectively known as the “Black and Tans”. These ranged from the RIC Special Reserve (RICSR), RIC Temporary Constables, Veterans and Drivers Division, Defence-of-Barracks Sergeants to the Auxiliary Division (ADRIC). The recruitment, training, uniforms, function and deployment of each of these divisions is explained as are the resources available to researchers seeking more detailed information on individual members. Very interesting and well explained.

Following the extremely informative brief history, Jim provides 47 appendices of enormous value to the genealogist and all students of the Irish War of Independence. The first appendix is an alphabetical list of 7,684 men who enlisted in the RICSR between January 6th 1920 and July 7th 1921—including, surname, forename, registered number, birth year, native county, native country, recruiting office, army service, previous occupation, marital status, remarks (some relating to family circumstance, including subject to boycotting etc), religion and whether, resigned, disbanded, dismissed, pensioned, discharged etc. Other appendices provide very important and new statistical information.

Jim Herlihy, a retired member of An Garda Síochána and a co-founder of An Garda Síochána Historical Society. His many publications include *The Royal Irish Constabulary: a short history and genealogical guide* (2016) and *Royal Irish Constabulary officers: a biographical dictionary and genealogical guide, 1816–1922* (2005).

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GSI BOARD NEWS & UPDATES

The Board of Directors met via Zoom on **Thursday June 3rd 2021** at 11.00hrs where it was decided to retain the morning meeting slot until further notice.

The Board was advised that **Séamus Moriarty, FGSI**, had tendered his resignation from the Board and this was accepted with sincere regret. Séamus had been on the governing body of the Society since October 1995 serving in many roles, including for many years as Leas-Chathaoirleach and as Cathaoirleach. Although, Séamus is stepping down from the Board he will be on hand to assist, from time to time, with events when a semblance of normality returns after COVID-19.

Séamus Moriarty, FGSI, can be rightly proud of his long years service to this Society and to Irish genealogy in general.

The portfolio held by Séamus has been relocated from the Deputy General Secretary and the General Secretary until a co-option is made by the Board.

The Deputy General Secretary, **Paula Jones**, advised the Board on the meetings of the Select Committee on the *Journal of the Genealogical Society of Ireland*. Good progress is being made with further meetings planned with a new publication date of September 2021 agreed.

Paula Jones also updated the Board on the format for the *“President’s Forum on Funding”* where Members and others will consider long-term funding options for

the Society. The forum will look at strategic financial planning to achieve a permanent home for the Society and to provide sustainable revenue streams.

Work on formulating a new *Development Plan* for the Society for the years 2021 to 2026 is continuing, including a workshop planned for September to look at the membership packages and the services provided to Members at home and overseas.

Eddie Gahan, FGSI, Outreach director, updated the Board on the hugely successful *“Archive Drop-Ins”* held each Wednesday morning, except on the 4th Wednesday, Members can drop-in to a Zoom session to seek advice or to discuss their research.

The Board considered the requirements for reopening *An Daonchartlann* and the Leas-Chathaoirleach, **James Walsh**, as Health & Safety Officer & COVID-19 Officer, and the Director of Archival Services & education, **Ann O’Neill**, are currently checking whether the measures put in place are sufficient to allow for the safe reopening soon.

Shane Wilson, Director of Internet Services, advised the Board that three of the past monthly lectures are now up on the **Society’s YouTube channel**, however, unfortunately the February lecture (Gerard White and himself) needs further work to be done on the video before it can be uploaded to YouTube.

The next Board meeting will be on July 1st 2021.

Andrew Gerard Ball, RIP

I wish to very sincerely thank the GSI President, Fellows, Cathaoirleach, Board and Members who sympathised with me on the sudden passing of my partner of thirty-two years, Andrew Gerard Ball, on May 16th 2021 at 57 years of age.

The messages on social media and on rip.ie, letters, emails, telephone calls, texts, sympathy cards, Mass Cards and visits were hugely supportive in an extremely difficult time. I have been overwhelmed by the hundreds of heartfelt messages posted to Facebook and on rip.ie

Andrew was the sole member of the backroom staff at the ‘*Gazette*’ since its publication - collecting the printed copies from ProPrint in Dún Laoghaire, mailing out copies to the Irish and UK Copyright Libraries and supplying DLR Libraries Service with copies each month.

Originally from Brisbane, Australia, Andrew was a very talented art and street photographer. Efforts are currently underway by family and friends to catalogue his enormous collection of stunningly beautiful photographs and to ensure that they remain accessible to the public to enjoy for many years to come.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a nam dílis

Michael Merrigan

GSI ON YOUTUBE

The Society’s lectures and some informational short videos have been uploaded to our YouTube Channel which has seen a huge increase in viewership over the past two to three months.

The Board hopes that the YouTube Channel will be both a resource for genealogists, heraldists and vexillologists and a means to promote the activities of the Society to a worldwide viewership.

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

www.YouTube.com/c/GenealogicalSocietyOfIrelandGSI

GSI ON INSTAGRAM

The Society has been expanding its presence across all social media platforms to get its message out promoting the study of genealogy, heraldry, vexillology and related subjects. We’re on Instagram!

Instagram as a photo and video sharing network owned by Facebook. Is a very vibrant platform, on which, to promote the Society and it’s attracting many new followers. Please checkout this link:

www.instagram.com/GenSocIreland

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.

JUNE 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 are being held online or via Zoom - donation/charge may apply. Check the websites of each for further information.

GSI OPEN MEETINGS

Due to the restrictions the Society's Monthly Open Meetings are now all held via ZOOM

Tuesday June 8th—Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) James Scannell on 'Published local history—a much overlooked resource for the genealogist?'

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

Tuesday July 13th—Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) Pat Scanlan 'Scanlan Families of Castlemahon, Co. Limerick & USA, famine, emigration, Fenianism, poetry and life'

Wednesday July 28th—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal general discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday August 10th—Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) Francis M. O'Donnell—'The O'Donnells—A Hidden Legacy'

Wednesday August 25th—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal general discussion on family history and related matters.

ZOOM MEETINGS

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

The lectures are open to the public and the access details are available on request by email from Membership@familyhistory.ie

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

Members may send their research queries in advance for the Morning Open Meeting by email to Archivist@familyhistory.ie

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

In addition to the above Monthly Open Meetings, the Society hosts "Archive Drop-In" Zoom meetings each Wednesday, except 4th Weds, for Members only between 11.00hrs and 12.00hrs.



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

James Scannell Reports...

SPECIAL OFFER—MERCIER PRESS

'*St. Stephen's Green - a History of the Green and its Environs, the Sights, Sounds, Characters and Events*' by **Frank Hopkins**. Release Date: June 18th 2021 - Pre-Order €14.99. 'The Green' for several hundred years was effectively the killing fields of Dublin, where the city's criminals were taken to be hanged. High-profile executions and lesser-known ones such as the hanging of the brothel-keeper Darcy Kelly and the barbaric execution of Mary Fairfield the last person to be hanged there [1784]. Also included are Dan 'The Liberator,' who fought a battle with his love rival at Harcourt Fields, the champion archer Celia Betham, and Bridget Hitler, sister-in-law of Adolf. Tales of rioting on the Green, a race in the Iveagh Gardens between a man and a horse called Rover and a host of characters and incidents that you won't find in any guidebook.

PUBLICATIONS

'*A Bloody Dawn - The Irish at D-Day*' by **Dan Harvey**, published by Merrion Press, pb, 190 pages, ills, ISBN 978 1 78537 2414. This is the second in a quartet of books by this author dealing with the involvement of the Irish in WW2 which looks at 'Operation Overlord' the successful June 6th 1944 landings by the Allies on five beaches in Normandy on D-Day. This book focuses on those Irishmen who served with the British, American and Canadian forces on D-Day and tells their story for the first time.

The author opens this fascinating an engrossing work with a description of Festung Europa / Fortress Europe with details of the German defences, their command structures, and the composition of the German ground forces which includes Poles, Romanians, Turks, and renegade Russians made up of Tartars, Armenians, Cossacks and Georgians in their ranks.

When it came to planning D-Day, Irishmen were deeply involved in this operation such as Commander Rickard Donovan, Royal Navy, Michael Morris later Lord Killanin, General Percy Hobart, and General Alan Brook, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, from County Fermanagh, but once the plan was drawn up it was then reviewed and revised as necessary by Irishmen working for the American and British forces before being finalised. Part of the Allied intelligence gathering operation within France was dependent on members of the Special Operations Executive (SOE), one of whom was Maureen O'Sullivan, codename 'Josette', or Mary Herbert, codename 'Claudine', captured by the Gestapo but was released because her cover story stood up to their scrutiny and then went to ground and remained undetected until the war was over. Others involved with the French Underground included Samuel Beckett, radio operator Dubliner Robert Vernon, who was captured and sent to a concentration camp in Germany and killed by the S.S. on Jan. 30th 1945; Sean Murphy from Belfast, and John Pilkington, Dún Laoghaire.

The US forces had a high percentage of Irish-Americans in addition to Irishmen who had emigrated to the USA. who either signed up when war was declared or were subsequently conscripted. One of the key units in the D-Day operation were the para-troops both American and British dropped hours before the landings took place to seize vital installations, deny any German the ability to advance to the beaches and hold these installations until reinforcements arrived. Here the author reveals that the film 'Saving Private Ryan' was based partially on the story of the four Irish-American Niland brothers. Two of the brothers were killed in Normandy, a third, Technical Sergeant Edward Niland was reportedly killed in the Far East so the remaining brother, Sergeant Fritz Niland was returned to the USA only to be discovered at war's end that Edward had been shot

down over Burma, captured by the Japanese but had survived the war.

One of the key strengths of this book are the excellent maps which show very clearly and simply the D-Day Assault Invasion Plan, the D-Day landing and its five phases including the number of troops landed at each of the five beaches, the leading units involved, their objectives and casualties sustained, and the Allied Breakout Plan for the Battle of Normandy. What happened at each of the landing beaches is covered in individual chapters with the names of the numerous Irish or Irish-Americans mentioned - who they were, where they came from and what happened to them, and these chapters make for gripping reading given the amount of information and detail about them and reminds us that these landings were a very bitter and bloody affair.

In post D-Day operations members of the British S.A.S. dropped behind enemy lines to carry reconnaissance and sabotage operations captured by the Germans were summarily shot after being tortured even though they were uniformed combatants and the author provides a list of these and what part of Ireland they came from citing the case of Pte. Christopher Ashe, who after capture, was held in Germany for two months before he was shot, and the badly injured Pte. Howard Hutton, taken to Paris, and murdered by lethal injection after interrogation. 'Telling the D-Day Story' discussed several good books which have covered D-Day and has a very good bibliography of works consulted by the author followed by a Glossary of Terms and explanation of Abbreviations etc.

'Second World War Operations', 'Ireland's British Army Generals in WW2 a Chronology of the Second World War, and an Index. The D-Day landings was a massive gamble as if the Allied troops did not get off the beaches, it would have failed but luckily the Allies were able to establish their bridgehead and move inland and began the task of ending the German occupation of Europe. One of the key pieces of information which guided General Eisenhower in taking the decision to proceed with D-Day was the weather forecast provided by Ted Sweeney and his wife Maureen from Blackscod Point lighthouse in Co. Mayo which advised that there a 36-hour window of good weather which would enable the landing to take place which he acted on. One of the statistics provided by the author is that upwards of 120,000 Irishmen fought with the British during World War 2 and that on D-Day at least 301 Irishmen were killed while serving with the British and Canadian forces.

The unknown and unrecorded graves of many of those who fell in Normandy cover the area and from time to time these are uncovered, one which was that of Rupert Tupper Ferns, born in Cahir, Co. Tipperary, on June 18th 1919. Having grown up in Toronto, Canada, he enlisted as a private in the Royal Regiment of Canada in 1941 and on August 14th 1944 was reported as 'missing in action.' During the summer of 2005 his remains were discovered by a treasure hunter and after three years work by the Canadian Department of Veteran Affairs, were positively identified and he was buried with full military honours in the Bretterville-Sur-Laize Canadian War Cemetery on November 14th 2008.

This work is highly recommended for all interested in the Irish in WW2 and, indeed, in military history in general.

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].

Genealogy in “Zoomland” - continued from page 1

The emphasis of this Society’s promotion of the study of genealogy has always been on the universality of the subject – anyone, irrespective of their background, ethnicity, country of origin or social class, has a right to access their genealogical heritage. The Society’s Deputy General Secretary, **Paula Jones, MGSI**, plans to address this very point in a future presentation to a member organisation webinar hosted by **INAR – Irish Network Against Racism**.

As the Society that hosted Ireland’s first ever conference on *‘Genealogy and the World Wide Web’* back in 1999, we have always embraced the challenges and opportunities presented by technology and indeed, steadfastly advocated for greater public access to our genealogical heritage online. The COVID-19 pandemic has necessarily reoriented the way we deliver our services to our Members and, irrespective of an eventual return to normality with the rollout of the vaccines, the model of operation has irreversibly changed to a hybrid of incorporeal and ordinary Open Meetings along with maintaining our Archive and Research Centre in Loughlinstown for physical research and as a broadcast base.

With “Zoomland Genealogy” here to stay, the Board of Directors is currently assessing the most effective ways of delivering our services and, of course, considering the inevitable changes to our funding model to take account of the new circumstances. These are challenging times, but with hugely exciting opportunities to develop and utilise new ways of increasing our interaction with our Members around the world, including webinars, podcasts and online conferences in addition to our two Open Meetings each month and the weekly “Drop-Ins” via Zoom.

An Daonchartlann & COVID-19

While we are awaiting further advice on the possible reopening of *An Daonchartlann - Archive & Research Centre* on each Wednesday as we did before the pandemic, please note that the system for operating the archive due to Covid-19 restrictions will be 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 to such at a later stage.)

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

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“HALL’S INDEX”

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