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30th Anniversary of First AGM

October is recognised as "*Family History Month*" especially in North America. It is also a special month for this Society as its 31st birthday falls on October 25th. However, this year we also have the 30th anniversary of the holding of our first Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 8th October 1991.

At that AGM, Rita Madden was elected as Cathaoirleach (Chairperson) and Frieda Carroll as Leas-Chathaoirleach. Frieda was the Cathaoirleach of the committee that founded the Society in 1990. So in its first year the first Monthly Open Meetings were held and an ambitious work programme initiated.

The first AGM was held in the Hotel Victor on Rochestown Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, at which, the guest of honour was the Society's first President, Denis O Connor Don, a direct descendant of the Kings of Connacht and High Kings of Ireland.

The governance framework established for the Society by the founding committee was endorsed by the AGM. The election of the first Executive Committee by the Members, most of whom only joined over the previous few months or on the night, clearly demonstrated that the ownership of the Society lay with its Members.

The first Executive Committee firmly established the Society as a "rules based organisation" and promoted a "culture of governance" for and on behalf of the Membership. This was based on a constitution which could only be amended by the Membership. This culture of governance shunned "ad-hockery" - the scourge of so many Irish voluntary and community organisations. It was firmly understood that ad-hockery dissipates effort, creates mistrust, discourages initiative, ferments factionalism and ultimately, seriously damages voluntary and community organisations or movements.

Transparency and accountability are expected of the governing bodies of charitable organisations in Ireland and indeed, the Charities Regulator and networking representative bodies like *The Wheel* continue to promote good corporate governance in



First Annual General Meeting—Tuesday 8th October 1991 at the Hotel Victor. From left: Mrs. Frieda Carroll, Cathaoirleach; Mr. Denis O Connor Don, President; and Mr. Michael Merrigan, Hon. Secretary of the Society.

this sector. Local Authorities and Public Participation Networks throughout our Republic regularly organise workshops and training sessions on governance for the voluntary and community sector.

The GSI's "culture of governance" includes a "cabinet style" structure where each Member of the governing body has a specific portfolio, so there can be no room for "passengers with opinions". Everyone takes their responsibilities very seriously and work cooperatively. From 1991 until 1999, the AGM was held in October and on incorporation in 2000, the date was changed to the second Tuesday in March each year. All Members of the governing body stand down at each AGM and elections are held, at which, any fully paid-up Member is entitled to vote, nominate a candidate or stand for election at the Annual General Meeting.

So on this 30th anniversary of our first Annual General Meeting, Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSi, President of the Society, on behalf of the Members, sincerely thanks all those who served on the Executive Committees or on the subsequent Boards of Directors at anytime over the past three decades for their deep commitment, hard work and service to this Society.

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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—

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OPEN MEETINGS

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

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 12 October 2021 (Zoom) —20.00hrs

Tuesday 9 November 2021 (Zoom)—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel (*now Zoom*)

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 27 October (Zoom) —11.00hrs

Wednesday 24 November (Zoom)—11.00hrs

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BIFHSGO CONFERENCE

September 22nd and 23rd saw the Society take part in a virtual genealogy conference hosted by the BIFHSGO of Ottawa, Canada, the first such virtual international conference that the GSI has been involved with.

Volunteers from the Society provided advice and assistance to members of the Irish diaspora in Canada and the United States at two online Exhibitor Sessions which were very well attended and generated further queries to the Society which we've been delighted to assist with.

Our many thanks go to the volunteers for their time and sharing their valuable expertise.

Many of these volunteers join **Eddie Gahan, FGSI** for the weekly Members only "Archive Drop-Ins" hosted by the Society each Wednesday. **Paula Jones, MGSI**

"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

Board News & Updates

The Board of Directors met for its twelfth incorporation meeting on **Thursday October 7th 2021** at 11.00hrs via Zoom and, as usual, it was a quite busy meeting.

The Board was advised by the General Secretary that the first Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday 8th October 1991 with two existing Board Members having served continuously over the past thirty years.

Michael Merrigan, FGSI, was elected at the first AGM and **Barry O'Connor, FGSI**, was co-opted early in 1992 to this first elected governing body of the Society.

The Board deferred the allocation of the portfolios previously held by **Séamus Moriarty, FGSI** and **Ann O'Neill, MGSI**, until the November meeting and therefore, these portfolios will remain with the General Secretary *pro tem* and with the day-to-day functions of the Director of An Daonchartlann being covered by **Lua Ó Scoilá, MGSI** and **Eddie Gahan, FGSI**, for the duration.

The Board received a report on the successful operation of an "Archive Drop-In" style Zoom meeting on Culture Night on Friday 17th September, once again, hosted by **Eddie Gahan, FGSI**, Director of the Society's Outreach Programme, in conjunction with **Shane Wilson, MGSI**, Director of Internet Services.

The Deputy General Secretary, **Paula Jones, MGSI**, reported on the very successful participation by the Society's virtual conference organised by the **British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO)** on the theme 'Irish Lines and Female Finds: Exploring Irish records, female ancestors and genetic genealogy'. *See report on page 2.*

The **JGSI 2021 Select Committee** under the direction of the Deputy General Secretary, **Paula Jones, MGSI**, delivered its final report to the meeting. The Board adopted the report under **Res: 21/10/1613** (with amendment) and agreed to publish the Annual Journal on Tuesday 12th October 2021 on the recommendation of the Deputy General Secretary. *See report on page 4.*

Barry O'Connor, FGSI, Director of Membership Services, will send out copies of the Society's Annual Journal to all currently fully paid-up Members and to the Copyright Libraries in Ireland and the UK over the coming week.

Since its reopening **An Daonchartlann**—the Society's Archive and Research Centre based at the **DLR Leisure Centre in Loughlinstown** has been quite busy with appointments each Wednesday between 11.00hrs and 15.00hrs.

No "walk-in service" is currently available and strict Covid-19 restrictions apply to all visits, including **Res: 20/07/1599** requiring all persons entering onto the premises at Loughlinstown to produce proof that they are **fully vaccinated**. *No exceptions to this rule.*

The Society's two **Open Meetings** each month—Evening Meeting on the Second Tuesday and Morning Meeting on the Fourth Wednesday—continue to be held via Zoom which has assured greater accessibility and inclusivity for our Members and visitors from around the world.

In addition, the Society's Members have their own weekly exclusive Archive "Drop-In" via Zoom each Wednesday at 11.00hrs to 12.00hrs. *See the report on the top of this page.*

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 4th 2021 at 11.00hrs via Zoom.

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/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

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

Roscommon—The Irish Revolution, 1912-23

We've seen over the "Decade of Centenaries" of the events leading up to the establishment of the Irish Free State and indeed, the Civil War that followed, that there is an increasing awareness that many of these events were in the living memory of many of our grandparents or parents. As genealogists and local historians, we are the custodians of much family and local lore about the people, places, and the local events of the revolutionary period and, as such, this series from Four Courts Press is of enormous value to our research. **'Roscommon—The Irish Revolution, 1912-23'** by **John Burke** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-807-2 : 224pp : Ills. : P/bk : Price: €24.95 Web-Price: €22.45) published by **Four Courts Press** on September 17th 2021 and it is the eleventh in this very important series where previous volumes covered Sligo, Tyrone, Waterford, Monaghan, Derry, Limerick, Louth, Kildare and Leitrim.

This study of County Roscommon in the revolutionary period is particularly important as it provides not only a fascinatingly detailed account of the situation on the ground in the county, but an insightful analysis of the impacts such had on the national scene. After the Easter Rising of 1916, the political tide was steadily and irreversibly turning away from the old order of Irish nationalism as represented by the Irish Parliamentary Party (IPP) supported by the Catholic church and the growing Catholic middle, mercantile and professional classes, small farmers, and local businesses. This shift in the political order became abundantly clear when Ireland's first Sinn Féin MP, Count George Noble Plunkett, was elected for North Roscommon in 1917 defeating the Irish Parliamentary Party candidate with the aid of "the exceptional energy of the loquacious Fr. O'Flanagan" catapulting radical republicanism into electoral politics for the first time. What happened locally in North Roscommon was to be repeated in the General Election of the following year which almost wiped out the IPP nationally.

Burke captures the devastating impact that this radical shift in the political landscape had on the old order in chapter 1 as he pictures J.P. Hayden, the former IPP MP for Roscommon South, in January 1922, as possibly looking "bewildered" as he sat composing an editorial for the 'Roscommon Messenger' on the Anglo-Irish Treaty. Burke poses the question "how could a man so central to Roscommon's political life in 1912 be so peripheral just ten years later?". Hayden was certainly a stunned casualty of the first upheaval, but his radicalised successors were soon to find their own upheavals in the Civil War that followed the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty.

As with each of the volumes in this series, the reader is given a unique insight into the ordinary life of the people of the county, both rural and urban, as they were drawn willingly or otherwise into the events that shaped the political future of the country and, indeed, determined the fractious and polarised nature of local politics for a century.

For those with ancestral or familial connections to the county and for students of the Irish revolution generally, Burke describes the local scene with clarity and objectivity. Indeed, irrespective of one's party-political allegiances at this remove, his account is empathetic as revolutions are messy, unforgiving, and occasionally horrifying brutal on local communities, splitting families and inflicting societal wounds that may take generations to heal, if ever.

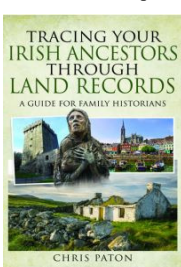
John Burke holds a PhD in history from National University of Ireland, Galway. Among other works, he is the author of 'Athlone, 1900–1923: politics, revolution and civil war' (Dublin, 2015).

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IRISH LAND RECORDS

'Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Through Land Records - A Guide for Family Historians' by **Chris Paton**. (ISBN: 9781526780217 : 176pp : P/b : Stg£14.99 from Pen & Sword Books—Website: www.pen-and-sword.co.uk)



This is a practical introduction on various historic land records kept across the island of Ireland. Explores the use of such documentation for genealogical research and house histories. Identifies the key archive repositories and online resources hosting the relevant records. Packed with case studies and tips to help you get the best from your ancestral pursuits.

The history of Ireland is one that was long dominated by the question of land ownership, with complex and often distressing tales over the centuries of dispossession and colonisation, religious tensions, absentee landlordism, subsistence farming, and considerably more to sadden the heart. Yet with the destruction of much of Ireland's historic records during the Irish Civil War, and with the discriminatory Penal Laws in place in earlier times, it is

often within land records that we can find evidence of our ancestors' existence, in some cases the only evidence, where the relevant vital records for an area may never have been kept or may not have survived.

In **'Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Through Land Records'**, Northern Ireland born genealogist and best-selling author **Chris Paton** explores how the surviving records can help with our ancestral research, but also tell the stories of the communities from within which our ancestors emerged.

He explores the often controversial history of ownership of land across the island, the rights granted to those who held estates and the plights of the dispossessed, and identifies the various surviving records which can help to tease out the stories of many of Ireland's forgotten generations. Along the way **Chris Paton** identifies the various ways to access the records, whether in Ireland's many archives, local and national, and increasingly through a variety of online platforms.

Chris Paton is based in Ayrshire, where he runs a research service at www.scotlandsgreateststory.co.uk.

His previous Pen and Sword publications include **'Tracing Your Irish Family History on the Internet'** (2nd edition), **'Tracing Scottish Ancestry Through Church and State Records'**, **'Tracing Your Scottish Family History on the Internet'**, and **'Sharing Your Family History Online'**. (Info. Pen and Sword)

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.

OCTOBER 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 October 12th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - 'CavanTownlands.com' Michael McShane

Wednesday October 27th—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal general discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday November 9th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - 'The Irish Soldier in the Great War' - Chris Baker

Wednesday November 24th—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal general discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday December 14th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - TBA

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

ZOOM MEETINGS

The 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

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.

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

"Archive Drop-In" Zoom meetings for Members only—see top of page 2.



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

James Scannell Reports...

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Frank Woods will present 'George IV - his 1821 to Ireland' at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 12 October; Finola O'Kane will present 'UCD and the Development of Belfield' at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 19 October; the AGM will take place at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 9 November. To obtain a link to these lectures email: info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie

ST. ANNE'S PARK COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY

Simon Lincoln will present 'Guinness Houses from the collections of the Irish Architectural Archive' at 19.30hrs on Tuesday 12 October; Professor Colm Lennon will present 'St. Anne's Estate and Victorian Clontarf' at 19.30hrs on Tuesday 02 Nov. Tickets available from Eventbrite - St. Anne's Park Community Archaeology.

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

Dr. Mary Muldowney will present 'How the retail industry changed the face of Dublin's city centre (1800-2000)' at 19.30hrs on Wednesday 13 October; Timothy Murtagh will present 'Spectral Mansions: the making of a tenement, Henrietta Street 1800-1914' - please email: registerwitholddublintsociety@gmail.com by 14.00hrs each lecture day to receive the link.

OFFALY HIST & ARCH. SOCIETY

Laura Price will present 'Shannonbridge, valuation records and family history' at 19.30hrs on Monday 01 November - to access please email: info@offalyhistory.com

RATHMINES, RANELAGH AND RATHGAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Seamas Ó Maitiú will present 'Mapping Rathmines for the Irish Historic Towns Atlas' at 19.30hrs on Thursday 28 October - please email: rathmineshistoricalsociety@gmail.com for link.

RATHMICHAEL HIST. SOCIETY

Dr. Joseph Connell will present 'The Shadow War: Michael Collins and the Politics of Violence' at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 03 November - log onto www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie for further info.

PUBLICATIONS

'Dublin Historical Record 2021 - No.74, published by The Old Dublin Society, Editor Dr. Séamas Ó Maitiú, pb, 164 pages, ills, ISSN 0012-6861.

Not published annually, articles featured in the latest issue of this publication, first published in 1938, include : ■ From the Editor ■ Notes on Contributors ■ Around the town ■ 'Stories of St. James's Gate: the gate, not the brewery' by Bernadette Cunningham ■ 'Excerpts from The Diaries of Michael J. Tutty relating to The Old Dublin Society 1949 - 1952' compiled by Michael G. Tutty ■ 'Warrenmount House through time - One house's story through three years of Liberties history' by Maria O'Reilly ■ 'Dublin fire fighters and the Easter 1941 Belfast Blitz' by James Scannell ■ 'Thomas Earley, manufacturer of ecclesiastical furniture and stained-glass windows, Upper Camden Street' by Max Cannon ■ 'The Park 'Without Care', San Souci, Booterstown' by Ciarán Clancy ■ 'The Dublin North Strand Bombing, 31 May 1941' by Pádraig Laffan ■ 'Some early maps featuring the environs of Dublin' by

Arnold Horner ■ 'Dublin's greens under colonial rule and the exclusions of foreigners' by Michael Cregan ■ 'The Evolution of a Dublin Street, Blackhall Place, 1846-1901' by Charlie O'Reilly ■ 'Swells and labourers: Did the well-off and powerful help the poor of Raheny (1800-1850)?' by Mary O'Callaghan ■ Society News ■ Book Reviews ■ Obituaries to Anthony (Tony) P. Behan, Brian M. Siggins, Sheila Carden, and Noel Healy. ■ Autumn 2021 programme

Copies can be obtained from Books Upstairs, 36 College Green, Dublin 2, and Hodges Figgis, 56/58 Dawson Street, Dublin 2.

'The Irish War of Independence and Civil War' by John Gibney, published by Pen & Sword History in their Irish Perspectives series, ISBN: 9781526757982, 176 Pages with 50 Illustrations.

In the aftermath of the First World War, a political revolution took place in what was then the United Kingdom. Such upheavals were common in post-war Europe, as new states came into being and new borders were forged. What made the revolution in the UK distinctive is that it took place within one of the victor powers, rather than any of their defeated enemies.

In the years after the Easter Rising of 1916 in Ireland, a new independence movement had emerged, and in 1918-19 the political party Sinn Féin and its paramilitary partner, the Irish Republican Army, began a political struggle and an armed uprising again.

By 1922 the United Kingdom had lost a very substantial portion of its territory, as the Irish Free State came into being amidst a brutal Civil War. At the same time Ireland was partitioned and a new, unionist government was established in what was now Northern Ireland. These were outcomes that nobody could have predicted before 1914. In 'The Irish War of Independence and Civil War', experts on the subject explore the experience and consequences of the latter phases of the Irish revolution from a wide range of perspectives.

SCHOOLDAYS IN STILLORGAN

This book about St. Laurence's Boys National School Stillorgan has been published by the **Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society** and tells of the determination of local people to establish a national school in Stillorgan village in the 1830s. The school was located on what is now the Old Dublin Road and moved to its present location in 1931. Since then it has grown to meet the needs of the expanding suburb. Written by Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society committee member and historian Margaret Smith, the book contains interviews with past pupils, teachers and others associated with the school. It also casts an eye on the changes that have taken place in Stillorgan. You might be surprised to find yourself in one of its large collection of photographs. Are you a past pupil of St Laurence's Boys National School? Perhaps you were a teacher, a member of the Board of Management or the Parents' Association. Have you an interest in primary education or in your local history? If so, this book is for you. The book costs €15.00 and is also available in South Dublin Credit Union in Stillorgan and from the Kilmacud-Stillorgan History Society's Online Shop at www.kilmacudstillorganhistory.ie. For further details email: stillorganlocalhistory@gmail.com

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].

PRÉCIS OF THE SEPTEMBER LECTURE

On 14th September, **Joe Mooney** delighted us with his talk, *'The East Wall Schoolboys Strike of 1911'* at the Wharf School near Dublin Port. The events took place against the background of significant industrial unrest within the Docklands and during a national rail strike, foreshadowing the great lockout and Easter Rising. The pupils' strike was plotted in secret meetings held in a local field and the boys even identified themselves as trade unionists.

Joe gave a detailed background to the strike, what the boys were demanding - in their own words - and how the strike was organised and reported in the press. As Joe highlighted, the strike was short lived; the alleged ringleaders were punished and one newspaper dismissed it as an *'act of comedy'*. However, the pupils' demands were well articulated and fully investigated afterwards which brought the school under continued monitoring by school inspectors.

Finally, Joe followed the lives of several of the strikers and what they did when they left school, some continuing on as trade unionists, others involved in the Easter Rising and the War of Independence. *This lecture will be uploaded to the GSI YouTube Channel.* **Paula Jones, MGS**

JOURNAL OF THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

The Annual Journal of the Society will be released on October 8th 2021 as an A4 digital publication building on the Society's experience in the digital delivery of services and materials over the past eighteen months. The Select Committee worked over many months, working with authors from both within and outside the Society, at home and abroad to bring a diverse range of articles to this year's Journal. On completion of their work, the Chair **Paula Jones**, thanked the Committee members, **Aiden Feerick**, **Charles Egan** and **Gerard Corcoran** for their valuable assistance, knowledge and expertise. The successful completion of the Journal in 2021 is a testament to the Select Committee approach which will continue for future editions. Copies of the JGSI will be despatched by email to all currently paid-up Members of the Society.

An Daonchartlann & COVID-19

An Daonchartlann - Archive & Research Centre will be open on each Wednesday from July 28th, initially from 11.00hrs to 15.00hrs.

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

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 at: **11, Desmond Ave., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland, A96 AD76.**

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"HALL'S INDEX"

The "Gazette" is Ireland's longest running monthly genealogical newsletter and it is read by thousands each month around the world.

The past issues of the Society's newsletter from 1996 to 2016 had been fully indexed by the late **Brendan Hall, MGS**. The "Hall's Index" now includes all issues right up to date and is available on www.familyhistory.ie

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The facility will be open each Wednesday from 11.00hrs to 15.00hrs but with **prior booking** on Archivist@familyhistory.ie

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