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Maynooth Studies in Local History

Five more volumes in the Maynooth Studies in Local History series were published by Four Courts Press on August 20th 2021 and the series now has 153 volumes published to date under the General Editor, **Dr. Raymond Gillespie** of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM).

The studies presented in these five volumes, along with their predecessors, are at the forefront of Irish local history academic research and represent some of the most innovative and exciting work being undertaken in Irish history today.

Local historians and genealogists have been provided with an enormous and hugely important resource through the painstaking research undertaken by the authors of these 153 short volumes covering topics, events, and individuals from every county, often at local parish level, and spanning several centuries.

The research methodologies and the presentation formats employed have ensured that very consistent high standard of production was maintained throughout these volumes. The research is presented in a very accessible manner suitable for both an academic and a wider readership. This point is crucial as it has created a template for others to adapt to their research on Ireland's past and, of course, to publish such research to both enhance our knowledge and understanding of local history and to encourage others to follow.

Local history studies in Ireland provide a wealth of information on our very interesting regional diversity, in some areas very subtle and in others very much to

the fore politically, socially, culturally or in terms of religious affiliation, inclusion and exclusion.

The authors of these volumes, in many cases, had access to local archival material not readily available to the public and, of course, many may have interviewed local people with specific knowledge or lore about events, people, places and their own family's past in that area. Note the title of the publication itself may not adequately convey the wealth and breadth of the research contained within the publication. The bibliographies and footnotes provided are of considerable use to local historians and genealogists, especially if the sources are in private or little known collections.

‘The impact of the Great Famine on Sir William Palmer's estates in Mayo, 1840-69’ by David Byrne (No. 149) (ISBN: 978-1-84682-973-4 : 56pp : Ills. / P/bk : Price €9.95)

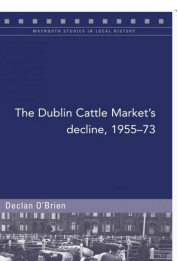
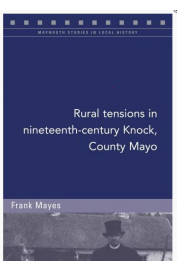
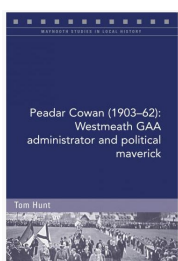
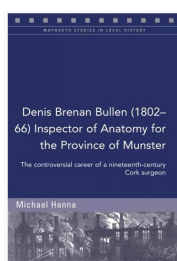
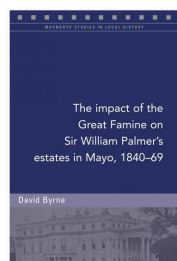
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‘The Dublin Cattle Market's decline, 1955-73’ by Declan O'Brien (No. 153) (ISBN: 978-1-84682-972-7 : 58pp : Ills. / P/bk : Price €9.95)

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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/GenSocIreland)

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CULTURE NIGHT

The Society usually provided a ‘*Family History Advice Desk*’ at the DLR Lexicon for Culture Night. But due to the Covid-19 restrictions, this year we'll host a **Zoom** session with our experts to assist members of the public with their research or to get started.

The Zoom session will be from 18.00hrs to 20.00hrs UTC+1 (Irish Summer Time) on Friday 17th Sept..

For access, simply start Zoom on your computer, laptop, iPad etc and use Meeting ID: 890 4469 9037 or try:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89044699037>

Please note that there is **no password** required, however, if we are busy we may ask you to remain in the ‘**waiting room**’ for a few minutes.

OPEN MEETINGS

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

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 14 September 2021 (Zoom) —20.00hrs

Tuesday 12 October 2021 (Zoom)—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel (*now Zoom*)

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 22 September (Zoom) —11.00hrs

Wednesday 27 October (Zoom)—11.00hrs

Contribution €5.00 p.p.

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TONY DALY, FGSI, RIP

The GSI President, **Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**, and the Cathaoirleach, **John Goggins, MGSI**, on behalf of all of our Members and the members of the College of Fellows, extend their sincerest condolences to the family and friends of **Tony Daly, FGSI**, who passed away on September 8th 2021.



Tony was Member No. 9 when he joined the Society back in 1991. He was an extremely knowledgeable genealogist and a very capable researcher who spearheaded the Society's census transcription project in the early 1990s. He was made a Fellow in 1992 for services to genealogy. He will be very sadly missed. RIP.

"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.

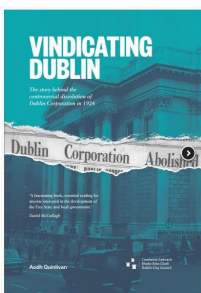
Members receive an email from the Director of Membership Services each week with access details.

Members can send in their research query in advance to Archivist@familyhistory.ie

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

Vindicating Dublin

'Vindicating Dublin – The story behind the controversial dissolution of Dublin Corporation in 1924' by **Aodh Quinlivan** (ISBN: 978-0-9505488-3-8 : 288pp : Ills. : H/bk : Price: €25.00 Web-Price: €22.50) published by Four Courts Press for Dublin City Council on August 20th 2021.



It is often said that there is no real local government in Ireland – just the local administration of the Department of Local Government in Dublin. This would appear to be true when one compares the Irish local government system and its powers with the local government systems right across the European Union and, indeed, in the United Kingdom. This was not exactly how Irish local government was originally envisaged by the *Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898*. This Act was introduced by Westminster in what has been described as a policy of endeavouring to "killing Home Rule by kindness" by creating local democratically accountable structures for the deliverance of local services throughout Ireland. The UK government's policy backfired and only increased the political temperature in Ireland in favour of Home Rule. The new County Council structure created by the 1898 Act, coupled with the earlier foundation of the county-based Gaelic Athletic Association, provided a mechanism for unifying and reinforcing local identities and political loyalties in the cause of Irish nationalism. The national question had now a democratically elected forum at county level throughout Ireland and this was to come to the fore during the revolutionary period 1912 to 1923.

With the turbulent birth of the Irish Free State and during the subsequent bitter Civil War (1922-23), Irish local government continued to be the used as the local stage for national issues and thus, conflict with central government was inevitable. Ministers wanted local government to concentrate on local issues as was intended by the 1898 Act, but as Aodh Quinlivan details in this excellent work, that a highly politicised chamber like Dublin Corporation was always going to be viewed as challenging the authority of central government. There was a determination on the part of the Irish Free State government to divorce local government from national issues and thus, battle lines were drawn. Dáil Éireann enacted the *Local Government (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1923* which gave the Irish Free State government of W.T. Cosgrave, TD, the power to dissolve local authorities. Accordingly, on 20th February 1924 the Department of Local Government and Public Health announced a public inquiry into Dublin Corporation.

Vindicating Dublin uncovers the story of this 14-day inquiry, chaired by Nicholas O'Dwyer, which culminated in the dissolution of the Corporation. The elected City Councillors no longer held power in their city, instead three Commissioners were appointed to oversee municipal government. This arrangement was in place from 1924 until 1930 when the *Local Government (Dublin) Act, 1930* created the position of a city manager and set in motion Dublin's first local elections in a decade.

It could be argued that, despite various attempts at reform, Irish local government has never recovered the powers lost in the first few decades of independence and, although we have democratically elected councillors, the real power resides with the unelected Chief Executives (formerly City and County Managers). Quinlivan provides an excellent account of this important first episode in the systematic erosion of the powers of local government and the emergence of the highly centralised State we have today—an outlier amongst European Union Members States.

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INFORMATION SOUGHT & NEW PUBLICATION

MYLES DELAHUNTY (1920-1940)

During the afternoon of 7 May 1940, Bristol Beaufort L4472, No. 22 Squadron, Royal Air Force, crashed in the North Sea. All four crewmembers were killed in action and one of the crewmen still missing in action is the plane's air gunner Myles Joseph Delahunty. Myles Delahunty was born in Dublin on 7 February 1920. In the 1940s his parents Michael Delahunty and Kathleen Molloy McDonnell lived on 116 Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow, and owned a public house, The Anchor Tavern. Myles had at least one brother, James Anthony Delahunty, born in 1918. The **BRAY CUALANN HISTORY SOCIETY**, the local history society for Bray & North Wicklow, would welcome any information readers can provide about Myles Delahunty or his family, for instance if Myles had any brothers or sisters and if there are still living relatives. Please email any information you may have to: brayhistory@gmail.com.

KILDARE WW1 DEAD

'REMEMBRANCE - The World War 1 Dead of County Kildare' is a new publication that contains the names and biographical details of servicemen and some non-combatants who were born or lived in Co. Kildare, and who lost their lives as a result of the First World War. The Kildare war dead lie in Flanders,

France, Turkey, Africa, India, and Britain, as well as in the county of their birth. The book is beautifully illustrated with photographs of many of the participants, their graves and war memorials in Co. Kildare.

This important new publication, which has been produced as part of the Co. Kildare Decade of Commemorations programme, assembles the available biographical information on each of these fatalities.

Compiled and edited by Karel Kiely, James Durney and Mario Corrigan of the Kildare Library and Arts Service; many family members and local historians assisted their research by providing information and images.

The book is available to purchase in local independent bookshops and the Kildare Town Heritage Centre. For further information contact: cilldara2016@gmail.com

James Scannell

Dr. MICHAEL EGAN, RIP

The GSI President, on behalf of the Society, sends our condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Michael Egan who passed away on September 9th 2021. Our deepest sympathies are with his friends and former colleagues in the Irish Genealogical Research Society, the Irish Family History Society, the Clans of Ireland, the Egan Clan Association and the Irish Family History Foundation. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh uasal*

Board News & Updates

We are deeply saddened by the news that our good friend, former colleague, veteran researcher, hugely experienced genealogist and esteemed Fellow of the Society, **Tony Daly, FGSI**, had passed away on September 8th 2021. Tony will be remembered with great fondness by all who had the pleasure of knowing this thoroughly decent and wonderfully kind and generous gentleman. Our sincerest condolences to his family and friends. RIP

The Board of Directors had its first meeting after the summer on **Thursday September 2nd 2021** at 11.00hrs via Zoom and it was a very busy meeting.

The Board received, and accepted with regret, the resignation of **Ann O'Neill, MGSI**, from the position of Director of Archival Services & Education. Ann cited pressures of work which prevented her from devoting the time needed to the position, however, she is happy to volunteer and assist as required from time to time. The Board thanks Ann for her services. The portfolio has been transferred to the General Secretary *pro tem* and with the day-to-day functions being covered by **Lua Ó Scolaí** and **Eddie Gahan** until the October Board Meeting.

The Board received a report on the successful operation of an "Archive Drop-In" style Zoom meeting every day during Heritage Week. **Eddie Gahan, FGSI**, Director of the Society's Outreach Programme, in conjunction with **Shane Wilson, MGSI**, Director of Internet Services, held these drop-in family history advice sessions every lunchtime during Heritage week (Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd August) from 13.00hrs to 14.00hrs UTC+1 (Irish Summer Time).

The Board agreed to the recommendation submitted by the Deputy General Secretary, **Paula Jones, MGSI**, that the Society's participate in a virtual conference on the theme *'Irish Lines and Female Finds: Exploring Irish records, female ancestors and genetic genealogy'* organised by the **British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa (BIFHSGO)** to be held virtually from 19th to 26th September 2021. Fourteen distinguished international speakers, all experts in their own fields, are featured in fifteen presentations over eight days. **Lua Ó Scolaí** and **Shane Wilson** will organise the Society's volunteers for the event which will be conducted via Zoom.

Meetings of the **JGSI 2021 Select Committee** under the direction of the Deputy General Secretary, **Paula Jones, MGSI**, are continuing with a huge amount of work already completed by her Editorial Team (**Aiden Feerick, Charles Egan** and **Gerard Corcoran**) on the *Journal of the Genealogical Society of Ireland 2021* which is on course for publication to coincide with the anniversary of our foundation on 25th October 1990.

An Daonchartlann—the Society's own 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.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 7th 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

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.

SEPTEMBER 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

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

Tuesday September 14th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - *'The East Wall School Boys Strike of 1911'* - Joe Mooney.

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

Tuesday October 12th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - *'Cavan Townlands.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

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.

In addition to the above, we host "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...

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Padraig Laffan will present *'The 80th Anniversary of Dublin's North Strand Bombing'* on Zoom at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 14 September; Donal O'Sullivan will present *'The National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire'* on Zoom at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 21 September 2021. To obtain a link to these lectures please email: info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie.

OFFALY HIST. & ARCH. SOCIETY

Dr. Judith Hill will present *'Catherine Maria Bury and the design of Charleville Castle, Co. Offaly 1800-1812'* on Zoom at 19.30hrs on Monday 20 September - to access email: info@offalyhistory.com.

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

Professor Paula Murphy will present *'Historic Sculptures in Dublin'* on Zoom at 19.30hrs on Weds. Sept. 22nd; Dr. Mary Muldowney will present *'Retail Shopping in Dublin'* on Zoom at 19.30hrs on Weds 13 Oct. Email: registerwitholddublintsociety@gmail.com by 14.00hrs each lecture day to receive a link to it.

RATHMINES, RANELAGH & RATHGAR

Max Cannon will present *'Thomas Earley, manufacturer of ecclesiastical furniture and stained-glass windows, Upper Camden Street'* at 19.30hrs on Thursday 30 September - email rathmineshistoricalsociety@gmail.com to receive a link to it.

RATHMICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Joe Joyce will present *'1691: The Year that Sealed Ireland's Fate'* on Zoom at 20.00hrs on Weds Oct. 6th - log onto www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie for further information.

PUBLICATIONS (See also page 2)

'A Bloody Week - The Irish at Arnhem', published by Merrion Press, pb, 136 pages, ill., ISBN 978 1 78537 2735.

This is the third book in a quartet of four books by this author looking at the participation of Irishmen in various major military operations during World War 2 in which this time the author looks at the Irish involvement in the week long Battle of Arnhem known as 'Operation Market Garden' from 15 September to 25 September 1944 and was the next major military operation mounted by the Allies after the success of 'Operation Overlord', the Allied landings on the Normandy coast on 6 June 1944 - D-Day.

'Operation Market Garden' was imaginative, daring and simple but a type of operation never been attempted before and the first time that airborne troops were used strategically by the Allies - 35,000 airborne troops were flown 300 miles from England, and dropped behind enemy lines to seize and hold a series of nine bridges in Holland that might provide an Allied invasion force an entry route into Germany, and enable an Allied armoured column of Corps strength to advance 64-miles into enemy-held territory in order to consolidate a bridgehead from which the Allies could launch a further offensive against the Germans.

'Operation Market Garden' was divided into two elements - the Market element of the operation relied on paratroopers and glider borne troops to seize and hold nine bridges and the Garden element in which the armoured column had to move quickly through enemy held territory to join up with them. Conceived by Field Marshall Montgomery, the operation had every prospect of success on paper but when executed ran into a number of problems including insufficient intelligence on the strength and disposition of German forces in the immediate landing areas, troops dropped or landing

too far away from their designated targets, the failure of radio equipment to operate properly, operation plans falling in the hands of the Germans, issues with the delivery of supplies from the air to beleaguered troops, much of which in the latter stages of the battle fell into the hands of the Germans as by then they had overrun the scheduled landing zones, and the inability of the armoured column to reach the troops at the bridges who found that day by day their operational areas were being reduced in size by superior German forces possessing an in exhaustive reserve of men, equipment and supplies.

The scale, nature and planning of this operation is outlined by the author in a series of chapters some of which cover events on a daily basis, each of which provides the reader with a graphic account of that day's fighting focusing primarily on the activities of the Irishmen who were caught up in it with many of these named and where they came from.

In addition to providing a daily account of the fighting in a very clear, concise, and graphic manner which shows how intense the fighting was, the author focuses specifically on the Irish who took part in the fighting such as Private William (Billy) Saunders who destroyed a German half-track using a mortar as an improvised anti-tank weapon; Captain Kavanagh who laid down suppressive fire with a Bren-gun to enable his men escape from a German ambush only to be killed as the last man left the ambush site; Sergeant Joe Bermingham from Dublin who died from wounds received from German 20mm anti-aircraft guns being used as heavy machine guns as part of German counter attacks; the Conway brothers from County Dublin who were taken prisoner and wound up in the same prisoner of war camp while in the case of County Armagh brothers Robert and Norman Dougan, Robert was killed in action but Norman was captured and spent the remainder of the war as a prisoner of war and later emigrated to Australia - just a tiny few of the numerous Irishmen mentioned in various chapters.

Over 500 Dutch civilians were killed in the fighting, hundreds of others had their houses destroyed and were rendered homeless as the result of the fighting and then had to ensure an extremely harsh Winter as refugees and homeless people trying to try to exist on the very little food available.

The closing chapter 'Epilogue' reveals what subsequently happened to some of those mentioned in the text and overall is an excellent book on 'Operation Market Garden' and all about all the Irishmen from both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland who took part in it and is an excellent account of this event and one of the clearest books on 'Operation Market Garden' that I have read.

All the detail is there and imparted to the reader in a very clear and concise style and of course the great Irish involvement in it which tends to be absent from other titles on this event.

This excellent book is an essential acquisition for anyone interested in military history,

Irish military history and Irishmen at war and is an excellent companion to the author's two earlier books from the same publisher looking at the participation of Irishmen in the Battle of Britain and the Normandy D-Day landings.

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 AUGUST LECTURE

Amb. (ret.) Francis M. O'Donnell gave a lecture to the Society by Zoom on 10th August 2021. The subject focused on the forgotten story of a family of Wild Geese, the **O'Donnell Counts in France**, extracted from his book *'The O'Donnells of Tyrconnell - A Hidden Legacy'*, released in 2019 by Academia Press, Washington DC. The lecture began with an anecdote of the ancestral Ulster connections of the Swedish Royal Family, descending from Desirée Clary, who, jilted by Napoleon for Josephine, became first Queen of the Bernadotte dynasty, and was of apparent O'Clery origin, and with an O'Donnell lady in their ancestry too – and now that monarchy's youngest daughter married an O'Neill. The lecture then pivoted to the ancient extent of the O'Donnell's own realm, Tyrconnell, at its maximum extent about the size of Cyprus or Lebanon. It entertained its own diplomatic ties and treaties abroad, along with trading links that bypassed Britain to trade directly with the coastal ports of the Continent, spread from La Coruña to Gdansk. While Tyrconnell's kings exported salmon, herring, tallow, hides, rugs timber and livestock, they imported armour, artillery, firearms, gunpowder, iron, salt, silk and wine – but alas, very little of the Renaissance developments in science, institutions, and learning. Amb. O'Donnell continued that, confronted with English encroachment, political compromises designed to ensure Tyrconnell's survival were undone by internecine rivalries, and dynastic intrigues. The ruling family was sundered by the machinations of its Scottish queen, Iníon Dubh, leading to the systematic elimination of her husband's first family, omitted even from the genealogy chart that once hung in the former Heraldic Museum since the 1940s. But indications of a lineage that survived in obscurity have come to the fore, evidenced by the now-extinct family of O'Donnell Counts in France, originally Jacobite exiles. The O'Donnell Count of the day, Colmban-Hyacinthe served Charles Edward Stuart, aka Bonnie Prince Charlie, at Culloden in 1745, and later by escorting him into exile from Vincennes to Avignon. His wife, the O'Donnell Countess, Marie-Anne de Cartigny, served that prince's daughter Charlotte, Jacobite Duchess of Albany, as dame d'honneur and eventually catering both to the bonnie prince on his deathbed, and to his ailing daughter, who died two years later. That count's son, Jean Louis Barthélemy O'Donnell, served as Napoleon's superintendent in Valladolid (where Red Hugh lies buried), and later coordinated epidemic relief during an outbreak of cholera in Paris. Based on these experiences, he developed what became known as the Code Vicinal, an early precursor of a regional development plan. He and his own son, the last count, Sigismond Anatole O'Donnell, became members of the Conseil d'Etat. The latter died in 1879, without progeny. Their tomb lies in France's most famous cemetery, Père La Chaise, not far from the tomb of Oscar Wilde.

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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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, MGSJ**. The "Hall's Index" now includes all issues right up to date and is available on www.familyhistory.ie

Although we're not members of the **National Union of Journalists (NUJ)**, the team at the "Gazette" always endeavour to operate in accordance with the **NUJ Code of Conduct** www.nuj.org.uk/about/nuj-code/ and in line with the 'National Policy Statement on Ensuring Research Integrity in Ireland' which was endorsed by the Genealogical Society of Ireland back in June 2014 soon after its launch at the **Royal Irish Academy**. (see the June 2014 issue of the "Gazette" at www.familyhistory.ie)

GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE

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

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

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

