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## Centenary of the Anglo-Irish Treaty

The centenary of the signing of the 'Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland' on December 6th 1921 has been marked by some excellent publications and very well produced television docudramas on the Treaty Debates.

The 'Anglo-Irish Treaty' wasn't given much attention by historians over the years as it was largely overshadowed by the Civil War (1922-23) and events leading up to the introduction of the 1937 Constitution and its "republic in all but name" etc.

However, looking at "The Treaty" can also clarify certain matters in relation to the State's authority to deliver heraldic services between 1943 and 2005.

This Society published many articles over the past twenty-five years on the legislative position of Irish heraldry and these have fostered a greater understanding and appreciation of this aspect of our cultural heritage. But some widely held misconceptions persist in relation to the position and powers of the **Ulster King of Arms** from 1922 to 1936 and from 1936 to 1943 when the functions of this office were transferred to the **College of Arms** in London.

The Irish State became involved with the provision of heraldic services from April 1st 1943 when the contents of the office of Ulster King of Arms in Dublin Castle were transferred to the Irish state. However, it wasn't until the enactment of the **National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997**, that the required legislative basis for the State's provision of heraldic services in our Republic was introduced.

Unfortunately, the 1997 Act wasn't commenced (brought into operation) until May 2005, therefore, the effective legislative powers for the State's provision of heraldic services only date from 2005.

The first three articles of the 'Articles of Agreement' signed on December 6th 1921, and given legislative expression by Dáil Éireann and Westminster in 1922, are relevant to our understanding of the position of the provision of heraldic services in Ireland from 1922 to 1943.

The fanciful notion that a "royal prerogative" for

the provision of heraldic services was somehow inherited by the Irish state through the acquisition of the contents of the office of Ulster King of Arms and that successive Chief Heralds of Ireland "personally exercised" such, has wonderful echoes of Flann O'Brien's novel 'The Third Policeman'.

On reading the first three articles of "The Treaty" it is clear that the constitutional position of the Irish Free State was to be the same as that of the Dominion of Canada and, in that regard, we can examine the history of the current provision of heraldic services in Canada.

The last vestiges of a colonial link between the UK and Canada ended with the "patriation of the Canadian constitution" through the repeal by Westminster of the **British North America Act, 1867**, and its enactment of the **Canada Act, 1982**. This was followed with Ottawa enacting the **Constitution Act, 1982**, thus breaking the legislative link with the UK.

As Canada retained its links to the UK monarchy, the establishment of the **Canadian Heraldic Authority—Autorité héraldique du Canada** in 1988 could only have been facilitated by a petition to the monarch. The "royal prerogative" for the provision of heraldic services was not transferred to Canada in 1982 and nor could it be as Westminster had not the power to do so.

The "royal prerogative" for the provision of heraldic services was never devolved by the UK monarch to the executive (government ministers) or to the parliament in the UK, therefore, it was not available to that parliament to transfer or to devolve such to either the Irish Free State in 1922 or to Canada in 1982.

It was, of course, open to the Irish Free State under its **External Relations Act, 1936**, to petition the monarch for such, but that never happened and with the introduction of **Bunreacht na hÉireann** (Constitution of Ireland) in 1937, the likelihood of such a petition to the king in London was gone for good.

So in short, the "royal prerogative" for the provision of heraldic services was never transferred or devolved to the Irish State, at any time, before the office of Ulster King of Arms in Dublin closed on March 31st 1943.

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### DATA PROTECTION

The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on **May 25th 2018**. The Board, under **Res: 18/05/1380**, advises Members that the Society holds the following records on its Members (1) Name; (2) Address; (3) Telephone Number; (4) Email Address and (5) the name of the Associate Member, if applicable, and that such records are **only used** for the purpose of contacting Members on Society matters and for the dispatch of the Monthly Newsletter and the Annual Journal and furthermore, that these records are **only held** by the Director of Membership Services and are **inaccessible to all other persons** and that, the **Society does not share this information** with any other individual or organisation. Records are also held for **contractual necessity** to deliver paid services.

### IRISH DNA ATLAS

Checkout the short video clip and the lectures on the **Irish DNA Atlas** project on the Society's **YouTube Channel**—

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

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### Snippets : Blúiri

#### Right of Access to Birth Certificates

The Irish government has published a bill to give adopted people the right to access their full and unredacted birth certificate and information about their early childhood and medical information, even where their parents object. Groups have been campaigning for this facility for decades and hopefully, the 'Birth Information & Tracing Bill, 2022' will be enacted this year. It will amend the **Civil Registration Act, 2004**, **National Archives Act, 1986** and the **Adoption Act, 2010**. See: [www.oireachtas.ie](http://www.oireachtas.ie)

#### HSE Certificate Service

Update from the main article in Dec. 2021 issue. Certificates ordered online on Oct. 4th 2021 arrived on Jan. 12th 2022. The website states delivery within 30 working days. Actual time for processing the order was 70 days.

#### Twenty-fifth Anniversary

The **National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997**, was enacted twenty-five years ago on March 26th 1997 and signed by the President on April 2nd 1997. It was commenced in May 2005.

## OPEN MEETINGS

### Dún Laoghaire Further Education

#### Institute (but for now via Zoom)

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 8 February (Zoom) —20.00hrs

Tuesday 8 March (AGM) (Zoom)—20.00hrs

### Royal Marine Hotel (now Zoom)

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 26 January 2022 (Zoom) —11.00hrs

Wednesday 23 February 2022 (Zoom)—11.00hrs

Contribution €5.00 p.p.

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## GSi ON YOUTUBE

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

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

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## GSi ON INSTAGRAM

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

Please checkout this link:

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

## "ARCHIVE DROP-INS"

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

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

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

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

The first "Drop-In" of 2022 was held on Wednesday January 5th and, as usual, Eddie and team were on hand to assist Members with their research queries.

## GSi Board News

The Board of Directors met on **Thursday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2022** at 11.00hrs via Zoom as the first meeting of the year is always on the third Thursday unlike all others which are held on the second Thursday of the month.

With only two scheduled Board Meetings left before the Annual General Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2022, the General Secretary advised the Board that co-opting persons to fill the two vacant portfolios for such a short period is not practical administratively. It was agreed to defer the matter.

The Deputy General Secretary, **Paula Jones**, **MGSi** proposed the establishment of a new Select Committee to seek, collect and collate suitable items for publication in the Society's 2022 Annual Journal which will be published in digital format. The Board agreed and under **Res: 22/01/1638**, Paula will now invite Members to join her on this Select Committee.

The Director of Finance, **Lua Ó Scolaí**, **MGSi**, prepared and presented draft preliminary annual accounts for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and these were considered and adopted for submission to the auditor under **Res: 22/01/1640**. The accounts will now be prepared for submission to the Companies Registration Office and to the Annual General Meeting.

Actions to be included in the 'Interim Volunteerism and Projects Strategy' established by the December meeting were considered by Board and work will continue on some with the aim of having such launched before the AGM.

The temporary closure of *An Daonchartlann* – the Society's Archive & Research Centre was reviewed, however, as the Covid-19 situation has not improved, the facility will remain closed until further notice. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 at 11.00hrs via Zoom**.

## MOMENTS TO REMEMBER

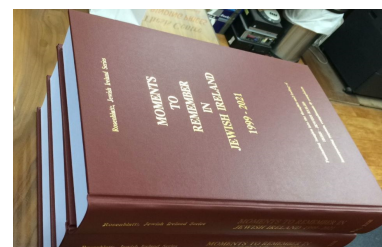
GSi President, **Stuart Rosenblatt, PC**, **FGSi**, presented the latest volumes of his Archival History of Irish Jewry to the Society's Archive last month. This new collection of material is entitled 'Moments to Remember in Jewish Ireland, 1999-2021' and it is actually Vol. 22 of this series.

Ireland and especially, the Irish-Jewish community and its diaspora, have been gifted a wonderfully unique resource for the study of the history and genealogy of this community.

No other country in Europe can claim to have such a comprehensive collection of the archival history of its Jewish community.

Stuart Rosenblatt's dedication and commitment to the sourcing, recording, collation and production of this twenty-two volume resource over the past twenty-five years has provided Ireland with a treasure trove of enormous cultural, social and historical significance.

Undoubtedly, Stuart's exceptional contribution to our archival and heritage resources is deserving of Irish and European recognition.



## GSi MEMBERSHIP

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

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

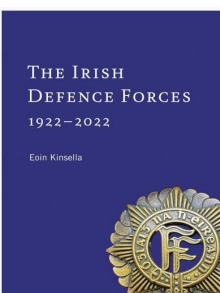
Did you know that Student Membership is also available at 50% off the subscription?

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## The Irish Defence Forces, 1922-2022

**FORTHCOMING PUBLICATION—'The Irish Defence Forces, 1922-2022—Servant of the Nation' by Eoin Kinsella** (ISBN: 978-1-80151-036-3 : H/bk : 304pp : Illustrated : Large Format : Price €30.00 : Web-Price €27.00) - due August 2022. Although, this publication is not due until the autumn, it is very likely to be in high demand.



Tracing its history to the foundation of the Irish Volunteers in 1913, the Irish Defence Forces has evolved beyond recognition from the force that emerged in tandem with the new state in 1922. Plunged immediately into chaos of a bitter civil war, the path to a modern, professional defence force during the 1920s and 1930s was rarely smooth, with progression hampered by internal dissent, political manoeuvrings and limited financial investment.

The difficulties of creating and maintaining a force capable of defending the neutrality of a small island nation, with a geopolitical and strategic importance that belied its size, were brought home during the "Emergency". Nonetheless, the State's desire to maintain its neutrality as global politics became increasingly polarised in the post-war years allowed new opportunities to develop.

Following Ireland's accession to the United Nations in 1955, the Irish Defence Forces emerged as a core member of the UN's peacekeeping efforts, concurrently developing as a vital element of Ireland's international relations. Beginning in 1958 and in every year since, members of the Irish Defence Forces have served overseas on peacekeeping missions with the United Nations, and later with EEC/EU military operations.

At home, the Irish Defence Forces' duties in aid of the civil power became ever more vital with the outbreak of violence in Northern Ireland in 1969. In recent years a number of important challenges have emerged, both internally and externally, with the Irish Defence Forces compelled to adapt to changing demands at home and abroad.

This richly illustrated book explores the landmark successes and achievements, struggles and missteps of the Irish Defence Forces over the past century. Highlighting the men and women of all components of the Forces - Army, Air Corps, Naval Service and Reserve - and their operational roles both in Ireland and internationally, the book offers the first complete overview of the development of the Irish Defence Forces from the foundation of the Irish Free State in 1922 to the present day.

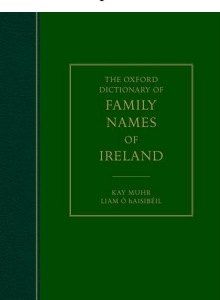
**Eoin Kinsella** is the founder and director of historyworks, providing historical consultancy and research services in the fields of heritage and public history. He holds a PhD in Irish history from UCD and is the author of *Dublin City University, 1980-2020: designed to be different* (Dublin, 2020), *Catholic survival in Protestant Ireland, 1660-1711* (Martlesham, Suffolk, 2018) and *Leopardstown Park Hospital, 1917-2017: a home for wounded soldiers* (Dublin, 2017).

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## FAMILY NAMES OF IRELAND

'*The Oxford Dictionary of Family Names of Ireland*' by **Kay Muhr** and **Liam Ó hAisibéil** (ISBN: 978-0-19-880326-3 : 770pp : H/bk : Price: Stg£125.00) published in November 2021. This weighty hardback volume contains more 3,828 entries covering most of the family names that are established and current on the island of Ireland, including those of indigenous Gaelic origin and others with origins on the neighbouring island of Britain or more widely on the mainland of Europe.



This volume provides reliable and accurate explanations of the historical origins, etymologies and variant spellings for each name; its geographical distribution, and for most entries, very interesting genealogical and bibliographical notes.

Only family names that have more than 100 bearers in the 1911 census of Ireland have been included. Whilst,

this is unfortunate and maybe the bar should have been lowered to 50 entries to provide more accurate statistical analysis. Nevertheless, the authors are careful to point out the problem with the adoption of Anglo-Norman, English or Scottish names for some indigenous Gaelic names over the centuries. The 1911

census provided the authors with an overall normalised headword listed 23,798 names, many of which, were minor variants of more established spellings.

The extensive introduction gives the history and formation of Irish family names of various origins and outlines, in some detail, the research methods and sources used to compile this etymological dictionary. Each entry contains the name's frequency in 1911, its main locations in both 1847-64 and 1911, its language/culture of origin, and an explanation of its meaning. Many entries also include extensive lists, in historical order, of early bearers as recorded in major Irish-language and administrative sources, ranging from the medieval period to the nineteenth century.

For the genealogist or one-name researcher, of particular value are the lists of early bearers of family names, extracted from sources ranging from the medieval period to the nineteenth century. This provides, for the first time, the evidence on which many surname explanations are based, as well as interesting personal names, locations and often occupations of potential family forbears throughout the island of Ireland.

This exceptionally well researched and presented volume will be of the huge interest to all students of Irish history, Irish language, genealogists, and geneticists, and the general public in Ireland and the Irish diaspora in North America, Australia, and elsewhere.

**For more info:** <https://global.oup.com/academic>

**Sponsorship:** If you would like to sponsor the purchase of a copy of this book for *An Daonchartlann*—the Society's Archive & Research Centre, please email the General Secretary on [colas@familyhistory.ie](mailto:colas@familyhistory.ie)



## In Brief....

### GSI MEMBERSHIP

Join on-line at [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie)  
Please note that GSI Membership is open to all interested in genealogy and related subjects. Discounted membership rates available for under 25s and students at recognised genealogy courses.

### JANUARY 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 January 11th** —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - James Scannell—*'The Decade of Centenaries in Local History Society Publications'*.

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

**Tuesday February 8th** —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) Dr. Edmund Gilbert - *'Newfoundland and Labrador: A mosaic founder population of an Irish and British diaspora from 300 years ago'*.

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

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

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

### ZOOM MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

## James Scannell Reports...

### FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Ciaran Wallace will present a long talk *'Beyond 2022 - The National Archives'* at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 18 on January Zoom. Joe McGlynn will present a short talk *'Irish Teachers in Africa - a personal experience'* at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 08 February on Zoom. Email: [info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie](mailto:info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie) for further information.

### NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM OF IRELAND

David Sullivan will present *'My search for the Du Teillay - the ship that brought Prince Charles Edward Stuart to Scotland for the 1745 Jacobite Rebellion'* at 19.30hrs on Thursday 20 January on Zoom - €5+booking fee - tickets from [www.eventbrite.ie/e/my-search-for-du-teillay-tickets-228539577027](http://www.eventbrite.ie/e/my-search-for-du-teillay-tickets-228539577027).

### RATHMICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Elizabeth O'Brien will present *'Mapping Death: Burial in the Late Iron Age and Early Medieval Ireland'* at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 02 February on Zoom - see [www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie](http://www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie) for further info

### MEDAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

A *'Medals, Militaria and Collectibles Fair'* will take place in Knox Memorial Hall, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, from 10.00hrs to 15.00hrs on Saturday 05 February.

### MALAHIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dara McGivern will present *'Schools in Malahide'* at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 08 February on Zoom - log onto [malahideheritage.ie](http://malahideheritage.ie) to obtain a link.

### THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

Dr. Seamas Ó Maitiú will present *'Mapping Rathmines for the Irish Historic Towns Atlas'* at 19.30hrs on Wednesday 09 February on Zoom - please email: [registerwitholddublinsociety@gmail.com](mailto:registerwitholddublinsociety@gmail.com) by 14.00hrs that day to receive a link to it.

### PUBLICATIONS

Special issue of *History Ireland* magazine *'From Treaty to Civil War 1921-23: The Split'*, Editors **Tommy Graham, Brian Hanley, Darragh Gannon** and **Grace O'Keefe**, published by Wordwell Ltd. 2021, ISBN 978-1-913-934-64-4.

Modern Ireland was shaped by the tumultuous events of a century ago - Partition, Truce, Treaty, and Civil War with these continuing to divide opinion today. Mary still see the Civil War (1922-23) as arising from differences between leaders such as Michael Collins and Eamon de Valera, while the role of Britain and its threat of war, the importance of the North and how other parts of the British Empire viewed Ireland's settlement are often forgotten.

All these issues are explored in this special supplement. In the section *'From Truce to Treaty'* **David McCullagh** looks at *'Hanging on to their coat-tails - de Valera and the plenipotentiaries'*; **Mary McAuliffe** discusses *'Enthusiasts to destroy the Treaty? Women's responses to the Anglo-Irish Treaty'*; while **John Gibney** discusses *'The Treaty (1921) v Home Rule (1914); what was on offer?'*

Contributors to the section *'Civil War'* are **Bill Kissane** - *'Why did the pro-Treaty side win the Civil War? A geographic perspective'*; **John M. Regan** - *'Michael Collins - military dictator'*; **Robert Gerwarth** - *'Violence in Europe, 1917-*

*1923'*; **Elizabeth Malcolm** - *'Creating a police force during a civil war - An Garda Síochána, 1922'*; **Niamh Puirseil** - *'Held in contempt by both sides? Labour and the Treaty'*; **Alison Martin** - *'Taking aim with her pen - Countess Markievicz's propaganda cartoons'*; and **John Dorney** - *'The dead of the Irish Civil War'*.

Contributors to the section *'Epilogue'* include **Margaret O'Callaghan** - *'Partition happened in stages - it was a process'*; **Ciara Chambers** - *'Cinema as history and history as cinema - "Michael Collins" (1996) and "The Wind that Shakes the Barley" (2006)'*; **Lar Joye** - *'The greatcoat worn by Michael Collins when he was killed'*; **Caitlin White** - *'Do Chum glóire Dé agus onóra na hÉireann - Irish Civil War memory in Stone'*; **Frank Barry** - *'From the Treaty to Brexit - the evolution of Ireland's export dependence on the UK market'*; **Lar Joye** - *'The uniform worn by Liam Lynch at the time of his death'*; and **Brian Hanley** - *'The end of Civil War politics?'*

*'The Scariff Murders - War, Murder and Memory in East Clare'*, by **Tomás Mac Conmara**, published by Mercier Press, pb, ISBN: 9781781177259

In November 2008, Tomás Mac Conmara sat down with a 105-year-old woman at a nursing home in Clare and while gently moving through her memories, asked the east Clare native - 'Do you remember the time that four lads were killed on the Bridge of Killaloe?' Almost immediately, the woman's countenance changed to deep outward sadness.

Her recollection took him back to November 17<sup>th</sup> 1920, when news of the brutal death of four men, who became known as the 'Scariff Martyrs', was revealed to the local community. Late the previous night, on the bridge of Killaloe they were shot by British Forces, who claimed they had attempted to escape. Locals insisted they were murdered. A story remembered for 100 years is now fully told.

This incident presents a remarkable confluence of dimensions. The young rebels committed to a cause, their betrayal by a spy, followed by torture and their evident refusal to betray comrades, the loneliness and liminal nature of their site of death on a bridge, the withholding of their dead bodies, and their collective burial.

All these dimensions bequeath a moment which carries an enduring quality that has reverberated across the generations and continues to strike a deep chord within the local landscape of memory in east Clare and beyond.

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

## PAULA JONES REPORTS...

### PRÉCIS OF THE DECEMBER LECTURE

Our December evening meeting featured a talk by author, Jeff Wallach who joined us all the way from Portland, Oregon, USA. Jeff is the author of Mr. Wizard and during his talk he detailed the research he undertook for his book as well as the differences between writing journalism and fiction. This debut novel follows Phillip and Spencer Elliot, two Jewish brothers on Long Island who learn via DNA testing that their supposed father is not who they thought. Jeff delighted us with reading passages from Mr. Wizard during his talk where the story has scenes set in Ireland, and although they were fictional, it was relatively easy to relate those areas to actual locations from where Jeff drew inspiration. The full talk can be viewed on the GSI YouTube channel (see page 2).

### UPDATE ON CAVANTOWNLANDS.COM

Following on from his well-received presentation on Cavantownlands.com last October, Michael McShane has advised that a new dataset of census as well as census substitute records have been uploaded to the website with particular emphasis on the towns of County Cavan. Michael and his wife, Catherine Kerr have created a homepage for each town where all the available 19th century records can be viewed in one location. Included in the records are the 1821 census covering the towns of 17 of the 36 parishes, Tithe Applotment Book records of c.1832 which cover most towns in the county, the 1841 census of Killashandra parish covering the towns of Killashandra and Arvagh, and lastly, Griffith's Valuation which also covers the majority of the towns. A historical map of most towns with townland boundary overlays has been included to help in locating records and a list of population and number of houses for each town covering every decade from 1821 to 1911 has also been compiled. I'm sure the members will be very keen to investigate this extensive body of work undertaken by Michael and Catherine which is of enormous benefit to anyone researching their Cavan heritage.

### DR. SANDRA COLLINS MOVES FROM THE NLI TO UCD

A valued contributor to the JGSI 2021, it was announced on 20th December that Dr Sandra Collins will be leaving her position as Director of the National Library of Ireland as she has been appointed Librarian to UCD (University College Dublin) and will undertake her new post in March 2022. We wish her well in her new role.

### NATIONAL ARCHIVES: RESEARCHING YOUR ROMAN CATHOLIC ANCESTORS

For those starting their family history research and who want to find out more about available records, the National Archives is hosting an online talk on 'Researching your Roman Catholic ancestors' at 18.00hrs on Thursday 27 January. The lecture will be given by professional genealogist Joan Sharkey who will discuss the compilation of parish records as well as providing the historical context and background to the administration of the Catholic church.

## An Daonchartlann & COVID-19

*An Daonchartlann - Archive & Research Centre* operates these rules when open (*temporarily closed*). 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](mailto:Archivist@familyhistory.ie) only.
- (2) Maximum time for each visit, is 1 hour for non-members and 2 hours for paid-up members. Maximum number of visitors per appointment is one person.
- (3) Gloves supplied in the archive, must always be used while in the archive.

- (4) Face mask/covering must always be worn while in the archive. You will be refused admission to the archive without a face mask/covering.
- (5) A name and contact phone number will be required from each person visiting.
- (6) All visitors, members and non-members must leave the archive as soon as their allocated time has finished.

Please do not visit the archive, if you are feeling unwell or have been in contact with someone, who has been confirmed as having Covid-19 or are waiting for test results. (*The Archive cannot be a drop-in centre under the current Covid-19 regulations and we hope to be able to revert to such at a later stage.*)

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

## Our Society is a Registered Charity

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

The Society is a Registered Charity in Ireland and always considers options for fund raising and grant applications. The possibility of crowdfunding for specific projects is being considered. However, in the meantime it was decided to appeal to our Members,

friends and social media followers around the world.

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

*If you have already donated—Many Thanks!*



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## GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE

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

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

The facility is normally open each Wednesday from 11.00hrs to 15.00hrs but with **prior booking** on [Archivist@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Archivist@familyhistory.ie)

However, due to the increased prevalence of Covid-19, it is **closed until further notice**.

