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Resolutions for Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Genealogical Society of Ireland will be held on **Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 20.00hrs** via Zoom.

The AGM will receive the Annual Reports and Members will also elect the Board including the Cathaoirleach (Chair), Leas-Chathaoirleach (Vice-Chair), General Secretary and Director of Finance. Then up to six further directors will be elected and these will receive their portfolios from the Board.

Voting will be conducted electronically at the AGM. The Board appointed **Shane Wilson** as the *Electronic Meeting Controller* and **Barry O'Connor** as *Deputy Electronic Meeting Controller* under **Res: 22/03/1653** to supervise the voting procedures.

Only fully paid-up Members may participate at the Annual General Meeting. If you are not sure of your membership status contact Barry O'Connor on membership@familyhistory.ie

Members will also be asked to endorse the following resolutions adopted by the Board at its meeting of March 3rd 2022 under **Res: 22/03/1654**.

☞ The first resolution marks the 25th anniversary of the enactment of this legislation on March 26th 1997 and its signing by the President on April 2nd 1997. It is a long-running campaign by the Society to regularise heraldic matters omitted by the Act.

1. National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997

Resolution: That, this Annual General Meeting calls on the **Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media** (*An tAire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán*), **Ms. Catherine Martin, TD**, to introduce amending legislation to properly and unambiguously regularise the legal status of the Grants of Arms, including to this Society and also to a number of international and national dignitaries, made by the Chief Heralds of Ireland between April 1943 and May 2005 when the *National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997*, was commenced.

AGM AGENDA

1. 20.00hrs - Registration of Attendees
2. Electronic Meeting Controllers
3. Minutes of the 2021 AGM
4. Matters Arising, if any.
5. Annual Report of the GSI Board
6. Annual Financial Report for 2021
7. AGM Resolution— *Separate Votes*
8. Election of Board for 2022-2023
9. Circa 20.30hrs—Guest Speaker
10. 22.00hrs—Close of Meeting

Regarding no. 8 above, the election is conducted in the following order.

1. Cathaoirleach (Chairperson)
2. Leas-Chathaoirleach (Vice-Chair)
3. General Secretary
4. Director of Finance
5. Six other Directors who will receive their portfolios from the Board.

☞ The second a timely resolution on *Lá Idirnáisiúnta na mBan (International Women's Day)* March 8th.

2. Gender Equality on the Board

Resolution: That, this Annual General Meeting fully supports **Recommendation 22** of the *'Report of the Citizens' Assembly on Gender Equality'* published June 2021 and requests the Board of Directors of the Genealogical Society of Ireland to formulate plans to fully implement this recommendation.

Recommendation 22: *Public funding to cultural, sports, arts and media organisations should be contingent on:*

- (a) A quota of 30% representation of women, and of men, on their Governing bodies by 2025 and 40% by 2030.
- (b) Published plans to advance gender equality in their organisations.
- (c) Annual reporting on progress towards agreed quotas on gender representation and funding.

☞ The third resolution is to condemn the war waged against the people of Ukraine and to encourage all of our Members to support the vitally important humanitarian work undertaken by the Red Cross.

3. Tragedy in Ukraine

Resolution: That, this Annual General Meeting, in support of our colleagues and fellow Members of **FIAB - Fédération internationale des associations vexillologique**, at the **Ukrainian Heraldry Society** (Українське геральдичне товариство, *Ukrayinske Heraldychne Tovarystvo*) and in line with other civil society organisations and cultural, heritage and educational bodies around the world, strongly condemns the war inflicted on the people of Ukraine by the Kremlin and encourages the Members and friends of the Genealogical Society of Ireland to give whatever support they can to the **Red Cross Society** or to the **Red Crescent Society** in their home countries in order to provide urgent humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine and to the refugees seeking protection and assistance in Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and Moldova.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

EVENING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Tuesday 8 March (AGM) —20.00hrs

Tuesday 12 April —20.00hrs

MORNING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Wednesday 23 March 2022 —11.00hrs

Wednesday 27 April 2022 —11.00hrs

Contribution €5.00 p.p.

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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.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The President, Cathaoirleach & Board of the Society wish all GSI Members, family and friends, a very Happy St. Patrick's Day wherever you are in the world. Enjoy!

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GSi ON YOUTUBE

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

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

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

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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

“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.

The “Drop-In” on the 4th Wednesday is a publicly accessible ‘Drop-In’ for Members and visitors alike. Visitors can email membership@familyhistory.ie for the link to this Zoom meeting on the 4th Wednesday.

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

Report continued...

The Society's is very grateful to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for the level of grant aid provided to the Society to assist with running costs of the Society.

The Society continues to campaign for the establishment of an 'Irish Institute of Genealogical and Heraldic Studies – incorporating a Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies' in Dún Laoghaire and the Society will resume our contacts with the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on this proposal following the relaxation of the Covid-19 restrictions.

The Society's Annual Journal was produced by a Select Committee for the first time this year and this collaborative method of productions was so hugely successful, that it has been agreed to establish a Select Committee for JGSI 2022 under the direction of the Deputy General Secretary.

In addition to the Annual Journal, which is published in electronic format, the Society published twelve issues of its newsletter 'Ireland's Genealogical Gazette' and its readership figures continued to be very strong throughout the year especially on-line where it was available in pdf format. It is Ireland's longest running monthly genealogical newsletter and it is fully indexed online in the “Hall's Index” on the Society's website.

On legislative matters, the Society continued to work for the release of the 1926 Census of Ireland through the amendment of the *Statistics Act, 1993*. The Society also redoubled its endeavours to have section 13 of the *National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997* amended to regularise the position of heraldic grants made in Ireland prior to May 2005.

The Society's two branches, Vexillology Ireland and Heraldry Ireland, continue to deal with these specific aspects of the Society's many and varied activities. The Society is Ireland's only member of FIAV – the International Federation of Vexillological Associations.

The Society website is undergoing some major restructuring to host a Members Only Section and to greatly expand the range of archival holdings available online. Electronic voting for the Annual General Meeting has been added as a facility to our website. The Facebook page and Twitter account continue to be valuable components in the promotion of the activities of the Society, its legislative campaigns and Irish genealogy in general. The Irish DNA Atlas Project, operated in conjunction with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, continues to provide very exciting and ground-breaking data from this unique academic genetic genealogy research project was welcomed by genealogists, geneticists, historians, and others from around the world.

The 2021 Annual General Meeting elected nine Directors to the Board. There were two resignations in the past year, however, no co-options were made during the year.

As with the 2021 AGM, this year the draft Annual Accounts were delivered to the Society's auditor in January, however, due to the disruption caused by Covid-19 we are unlikely to have the Audited Financial Report back in time for presentation at the Annual General Meeting on March 8th 2022.

In addition to the above, the Board dealt with matters relating to the Society's membership of the Federation of Family History Societies, The Wheel, DLR PPN, INAR and FIAV. The Board also complied with its statutory obligations in respect of the *Companies Act, 2014*, *Register of Beneficial Ownership* (SI 110/2019), the *Charities Act, 2009*, the Charities Regulatory Authority, the EU GDPR and as a Nominating Body for Seanad Éireann.

The Board requested the Society's President, Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI, to remain in office until the end of 2022 and he has very graciously agreed to do so. It is hoped that the 'Presidential Forum on Funding' will be convened over the coming months.

The past two years have been extremely challenging for the Board and the Society with membership numbers down on previous years and with revenue streams under considerable pressure due to Covid-19 restrictions, however, timely restructuring and readjustment to these new circumstances has stabilised matters and provided considerable optimism for growth over the coming months.

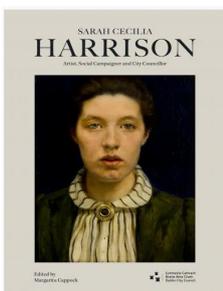
Finally, our thoughts are with all those who were bereaved by the loss of family, friends, or colleagues due to Covid-19 and we wish all those still struggling with this disease a speedy and full recovery. Furthermore, our thoughts are with the families of Members and friends of the Society who passed away since our last Annual General Meeting.

Michael Merrigan, MA, FGSI, General Secretary

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

As featured on RTÉ's 'Nationwide'

On Friday March 4th 2022, RTÉ's very popular news magazine programme 'Nationwide' presented by **Anne Cassin** and **Blathnaid Ní Chofaigh** featured the life and work of one of Ireland's greatest portrait artists whose work can be seen in government buildings and galleries in Dublin. This Irish TV programme, which is available on *RTÉ Player*, was based on a wonderful book 'Sarah Cecilia Harrison – Artist, Social Campaigner and City Councillors' by **Margarita Cappock** (ISBN: 978-1-8384635-0-2 : 266pp : illustrations : full colour : P/bk : Price: €22.95 : Web Price €20.65) published by **Dublin City Council** last month.



Sarah Cecilia Harrison (1863-1941) was one of Dublin's finest portrait painters but she also immersed herself in the political and social fabric of Dublin life, becoming the first female elected as a Dublin City Councillor in 1912. Deeply involved in philanthropic, political, civic and artistic efforts, she was an activist for votes for women who also committed her time to the issues faced by tenement dwellers and the unemployed and was an early promoter of the allotment movement. A staunch supporter and ally of Hugh Lane in the establishment of a modern art gallery for Dublin, she worked tirelessly for this cause. In tandem with her artistic talents, Harrison was a progressive and enlightened woman but her contribution to the cultural and political life of Dublin has previously been overlooked. This publication, generously illustrated with paintings by Harrison, will restore and champion Harrison's rightful position in the history of Dublin. The authors will focus on her work as a councillor with Dublin Corporation,

her professional training in the Slade School of Fine Art in London, her involvement in the campaign for women's suffrage in Ireland and her friendship with Hugh Lane with essays by Ciarán Wallace, Hannah Baker, Senia Pašeta and Margarita Cappock. This new book includes a timeline, a catalogue of Sarah Cecilia Harrison's paintings, a bibliography and index.

Margarita Cappock is an art historian, curator and writer based in Dublin City Arts Office. A graduate of University College Dublin, she was Project Manager of the Francis Bacon Studio Reconstruction and subsequently Head of Collections at the Hugh Lane Gallery from 1999 to 2018. She is the author of *Francis Bacon's Studio* (2005) and *A guide to the Hugh Lane Collection*. She is a regular contributor of scholarly articles and essays on Irish and British artists to national and international exhibition catalogues, publications, and art journals. (Information from www.fourcourtspress.ie)

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GSI BOARD

The following is the *Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Genealogical Society of Ireland CLG* adopted by the Board at its meeting of March 3rd 2022 under *Res: 22/03/1652*.

As usual the Annual Report covers the period from AGM to AGM, however, the Annual Financial Report is for P.E. 31.12.2021.

The past year was, once again, a very challenging year with the Covid-19 restrictions, however, the Board made provision at its March 2020 meeting for these restrictions on physical meetings to allow for certain administrative matters, including payments, to be agreed and processed by incorporeal meetings. These provisions must be renewed at each Board meeting, although, it is envisaged that they may be soon allowed to lapse.

The Board elected at the AGM in 2021 met eleven times incorporeally throughout the year, commencing in April 2021 where the various portfolios were allocated. Each newly elected director signed the 'Director's Code of Conduct' and the documents for the Companies Registration Office which were forwarded to each in advance of the meeting.

The meetings of the Board of the Society deal with the day-to-day business of the Society, policy matters, planning, corporate governance, and finance. In addition to these meetings each of the directors undertook duties associated with their various portfolios. A

database of all the resolutions adopted by the Board since incorporation in 2000 has been created offering a fully indexed resource to the Board on previous decisions cover every area of its operation.

The Open Meeting schedule was delivered via Zoom due to the Covid-19 restrictions and included, eleven Morning Open Meetings, twelve Evening Open Meetings with lectures and from April 2021, around forty weekly “Archive Drop-In” Zoom meetings for Members only. The “Archive Drop-Ins” provide Members with weekly research advice and information exchange sessions which have become extremely popular. The monthly lectures are uploaded to the Society's YouTube channel, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

The Society's Archives and Research Centre – *An Daoncharlann* – at the DLR Leisure Centre at Loughlinstown was closed for most of the year due to the Covid-19 restrictions despite making all the necessary structural changes to permit the safe use of the facility. Nevertheless, a very successful “appointments only” system was put in place that worked reasonably well for several months, however, with the emergence of Omicron this too was suspended. It is hoped to resume the “appointments only” system for visitors to the facility in the very near future.

The Society's Outreach Policy was suspended due to the cancellation of events throughout the country due to the Covid-19 restrictions, however, plans are being formulated to resume this programme over the coming months.

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.

GSI OPEN MEETINGS

Society's Monthly Open Meetings are held via ZOOM to allow the fullest access to our activities by Members from around Ireland and overseas.

Tuesday March 8th—Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (AGM) (Zoom) - Chris Paton - *Tracing your Irish Ancestors through Land Records*' (see page 2 of the October 2021 issue of this newsletter).

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

Tuesday April 12th—Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - *A Panel Discussion on One-Name Studies & DNA*

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

Tuesday May 10th—Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - *TBA*

Wednesday May 25th—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

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 some technical issues arise.

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/GenealogicalSocietyOfIrelandGSI



www.eneclann.ie



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

James Scannell Reports...

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Shabnam Vasisht will give a Long Talk: *'Digging up the Raj in Deansgrange Cemetery'* at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 15 March in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, admission €5.00, and on Zoom.

Michael O'Flaherty will give Short Talk: *'Dún Laoghaire Street Names'* at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 12 April on Zoom. Email: info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie for link.

RATHMICHAEL HIST SOC

Dr. Conleth Manning will present *'Dublin Castle Excavations Publications Project'* at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 06 April in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, and on Zoom - admission €5.00 - masks must be worn. - log onto www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie for further information.

MALAHIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Clifton Flewitt will present *'The Dublin Tramways'* at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 12 April on Zoom see malahideheritage.ie to obtain a link.

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

Tim Carey will present *'Dublin since 1922'* at 19.30hrs on Wednesday 09 March on Zoom. Joan Sharkey will present *'Raheny Footprints - a selection of people who left their footprints in Raheny'* at 19.30hrs on Wednesday 23 March. Free. Email registerwitholddublinsociety@gmail.com by 14.00hrs each lecture day for link.

DÚN LAOGHAIRE BORO HIST SOC

David Gunning will present *'F.M. O'Flanagan, Recorder of Dalkey'* at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 16 March on Zoom.

KILMACUD-STILLORGAN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Brendan Kelly *'Hearing Voices: The History of Psychiatry in Ireland'* at 20.00hrs on Thursday 10 March in the Function Room, Glenalbyn, Stillorgan. Admission €3.00 – the wearing of masks is optional.

MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Dr. Seán Duffy will present *'The Bruce invasion of Ireland: the Irish perspective'* at 20.00hrs on Friday 11 March on Zoom. The AGM will take at 11.15hrs on Saturday 12 March on Zoom - members only.

BRAY CUALANN HIST SOC

Brian White will present *'The Newcourt Townland of Bray'* at 20.00hrs on Thursday 24 March in the Royal Hotel, Bray. Members free - non-members/visitors €6.00

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM OF IRELAND

Cormac Lowth will present *'The Sailing Trawlers of Ringsend'* at 19.30hrs on Thursday 24 March in the National Maritime Museum of Ireland, Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire. Admission €5.00 + booking fee via eventbrite.ie/e/the-sailing-trawlers-of-ringsend-tickets-269534313387.

James Scannell

Editor: Due to the requirement to publish the Annual Report of the Board of Directors in this issue of the newsletter, certain items, including some book reviews, have been withheld for publication at a later date.

CENSUS NEWS

The **1950 US Federal Census** will be published online on April 3rd 2022 and be publicly accessible worldwide. This means that all the US Federal Census Returns from 1790 to 1950, with the exception of the 1890 census which was destroyed by fire, will now be available to researchers.

The **1921 UK Census for England and Wales**, covering 38 million individuals, was published by the National Archives in the UK on January 6th 2022.

There was no census taken in Ireland in 1921 due to the War of Independence. The first census after independence in 1922 was taken in 1926, however, it was closed for 100 years by the *Statistics Act, 1993*. A long-running campaign by this Society and others to have the early release of the **1926 Census** has been unsuccessful.

Ireland's 2021 Census which was delayed due to Covid-19 will be held on **Sunday night April 3rd 2022** and a new feature has been included that should be of considerable interest to genealogists.

A *"Time Capsule"* section is a dedicated space at the end of the census form for you to leave a message for your descendants / future generations / historians. Your message can be about anything you want, to anyone you want. Like the rest of your form, it will remain confidential until all of the **Census 2022** forms are released to the public in 2122. So, why not include a "family tree" or references to the 1901 and 1911 Census Returns?

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 FEBRUARY LECTURE

At the Monthly Evening Open Meeting on Tuesday February 8th 2022, **Dr. Edmund Gilbert** of the **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)** and a lead researcher with the *Irish DNA Atlas* delivered a very interesting talk on the subject 'Newfoundland and Labrador: A mosaic founder population of an Irish and British diaspora from 300 years ago'. Newfoundland has historic connections with areas in the south east and south of Ireland.



Dr Gilbert presented an update of the work currently carried out with the *Irish DNA Atlas* research project. The two main research efforts that Dr. Gilbert focussed on was an update on the research into the demographic history of Ireland carried out by a new PhD student in the group, **Ashwini Shanmugam**, and the second was a progress update on the collaboration with some industry researchers investigating the role of Irish and British genetic ancestry in Canada – which the *Irish DNA Atlas* provided invaluable regional Irish references.

Dr. Gilbert explained that, as is always the case with such updates, some information was embargoed until the publication of the academic paper, however, he did provide a very interesting overview of this ground-breaking and fascinating research. The paper has been submitted for publication and, hopefully, it will be publicly available shortly.

Dr Gilbert completed his combined undergraduate and MSci in Biochemistry and Genetics at the **University of the Nottingham**, England, in 2013. After spending a year in industry, Ed joined the *Irish DNA Atlas* project as a PhD student in 2015 and contributed to two research reports utilising the "Atlas" in understanding the population genetics of Ireland and neighbouring Britain. Ed is currently a holder of the **National University of Ireland Fellowship in Sciences and Engineering** and is currently investigating the distribution of rare genetic variation in Ireland and how that informs Irish history and health.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY—DID YOU KNOW?

- ☛ 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 are most welcome.
- ☛ Did you know that Student Membership is also available at 50% off the subscription?
- ☛ Please checkout: www.familyhistory.ie ☛ Email: membership@familyhistory.ie

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

If you have already donated—Many Thanks!



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Board of Directors (2021-2022)

John Goggins (*Cathaoirleach : Chairperson; Oifigeach na Gaeilge*) **James Walsh** (*Leas-Chathaoirleach : Vice-Chairperson, Building & Utilities, Health & Safety, COVID-19 Officer*) **Michael Merrigan** (*General Secretary, Company Secretary, 'Gazette' Editor; & Irish DNA Atlas*); **Lua Ó Scoláí** (*Finance & pro-tem ADF, Philanthropy*); **Paula Jones** (*Vexillological & Heraldic Services & Diaspora Outreach; & Deputy General Secretary*) **Eddie Gahan** (*Outreach*); **Shane Wilson** (*Internet Services & Online Publications*); **Barry O'Connor** (*Membership Services & Cemetery Projects*); - **vacancy** - (*Open Meetings Convener*) and - **vacancy** - (*Archival Services & Education*); Please note vacant portfolios are administratively allocated "pro-tem" to the General Secretary.

"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, MGSi**. 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 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

However, the facility is **temporarily closed** until a new volunteer roster is completed.

