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THE NINTH EXECUTIVE

The AGM this month will elect the Society's 9th Executive Committee since its foundation. This new committee will, in all probability, be presented with some of the most challenging decisions of any previous administration. The prospect of **incorporation of the society as a company limited by guarantee** is jointly top of the agenda with the commencement of works at the Martello Tower at Seapoint. Both FAS and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council are anxious to see an early start to the restoration and refurbishment of the Tower and both are working closely with the Society to achieve that objective. A **Clerk of Works** has been identified as the commercial sector rolled in to assist with both materials and advice. Adverts for other skilled personnel and labourers are to be placed in the newspapers by FAS, though, with the boom in the building industry, this may cause some delay in obtaining the required workers. The 8th Executive Committee, at its last meeting on Thursday 1st October, created three new positions in order to expedite the transfer of the Archive to the Tower following restoration. These positions are (i) **Director of Archive Planning**, (ii) **Director of Computerisation** and (iii) **Director of the Manuscript Collection**. It is envisaged that this 'expert team' will enable the Society to plan for the provision of the highest standard of service to genealogy in the new Daonchartlann. The appointment of this 'expert team' will enable the Executive concentrate on the restoration of the Tower and to deal effectively with the day-to-day business of the Society. The incorporation of the Society was considered by the Society's legal advisers to be necessary to both protect the assets of the Society and, indeed, the elected officials and trustees, though, the final decision on incorporation rests with the owners of the Society - its membership. Other matters facing the 9th Executive Committee are the Society's participation in the Millennium Celebration - *"The Irish Europeans - A Prelude to our Fourth Millennium"* due to take place in mid-1999 and it will be Ireland's first comprehensive heritage event covering all aspects of our heritage i.e. the built/physical, environmental, historical, genealogical, linguistic, artistic and musical (contact Veronica Heywood, 38, Cross Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin for further information). The further development of closer links with the North of Ireland FHS and the expansion of our publications will be top of the promotional agenda for the 9th Executive. Amongst those seeking to retire from elected positions is **George H. O'Reilly**, Leas-Chathaoirleach of the 8th Executive, George will be remaining as Series Editor of the *"Irish Genealogical Sources Series"* and he has been appointed to the

new position of **Director of Computerisation**. We wish him and the new Executive every success for the coming year. The programme is both exciting and demanding and shows just how much the voluntary sector can and do achieve for Irish genealogy and social history. *A sincere thanks from the 8th Executive Committee to our members and especially, all our volunteers !!*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday Oct. 13th (AGM) & Nov. 10th 1998

Evening Open Meeting - **An Culturlann**, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, Belgrave Square, Monkstown. 20.30 hrs. - 22.00 hrs. Buses 7 & 8 - DART Seapoint or Monkstown stations.

Wednesday Oct. 28th & Nov. 25th 1998

Morning Open Meeting - **RJ COONEY'S**, 88, Lwr. George's St., (Main Street) Dun Laoghaire. 10.30 hrs. - 12.30 hrs. Buses 7, 8, 46A, 59, 111, 75 - DART Dun Laoghaire Station.

Our Society's Archive

Located at 14, Rochestown Park, Dun Laoghaire. Open (**Members only**) **Saturdays** 14.00 hrs. - 17.00 hrs and **Mondays** 19.00 - 21.00 hrs. Closed **Bank Hol. Weekends**.

Wicklow County Genealogical Society.

Please contact Declan Tel: (01) 295 7782 for details etc.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The following publications are newly available since the last issue of *"The Genie Gazette"* - like all our publications, they're available by mail from the Society (see address below) or by **MAIL ORDER** using **Mastercard/Access/Visa** from the Hon. Secretary: Tel: Dublin 284 2711.

"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 8 - Weavers of Prosperous, County Kildare, Balbriggan, County Dublin and Tullamore, County Offaly in Memorials of 1826" (ISBN 1 898471 90 8) by **Sean Magee** (Price IRP3.00 p+p IRP1.00 Ireland & UK. IRP2.00 others) This volume complements the *"Weavers & Related Trades, Dublin 1826"* published by the Society in 1996 and consists of memorials of weavers seeking an improvement in the facilities in the Dublin market for the sale of their goods. The combined lists contain 947 names of weavers from the three towns, **Prosperous** (517), County Kildare, **Balbriggan** (310), County Dublin and **Tullamore** (120), County Offaly (*formerly King's County*), who sent their goods to the Dublin market. The three memorials are in the **Chief Secretary's Office Registered Papers (CSORP)** in the National Archives in Dublin. Some additional information on each town is provided in the extracts taken from Lewis's *Topographical Dictionary of Ireland* published in 1837. This publication covers a period over twenty years prior to the **Primary Valuation Survey** (Griffith's Valuation), therefore, it is a very useful census substitute for genealogists and historians researching early nineteenth century Ireland before the onslaught of *The Great Famine* of 1845-50.

"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 9 - Petitioners Against Closure of Kill O' The Grange Cemetery, Co. Dublin, 1864" (ISBN 1 898471 95 9) by **Annette McDonnell** (Price IRP7.00 p+p IRP1.00 Ireland & UK. IRP2.00 others) This volume lists nearly 2,300 names of persons from the area protesting at the British Authorities decision to close the ancient cemetery at **Kill O' The Grange** which was used for centuries by the local Catholic population. Though, few headstones exist in the remaining section of the cemetery, the old cemetery covered a much larger area with each grave marked only by a rock or a tree. This type of listing is invaluable when census returns do not exist for the period. Readers with local roots are bound to find their ancestors names on this petition signed, or we should say, collected, outside the local Catholic Churches of Blackrock, Glashule, Dalkey and St. Michael's (Kingstown). The petition failed and **Deansgrange Cemetery** was opened in 1864 as the new municipal burial ground.

VOLUNTEERS

Barry O'Connor seeks volunteers to complete sections in Deansgrange Cemetery and for the transference of the data on to computer discs for publication. Please give him a call on Dublin 285 4386 or Roisin Lafferty on 280 0894.

Think you can help ? - Call to discuss the project !!

COMPUTERS IN FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

Our friends in the Manchester & Lancs. FHS and the Society of Genealogists' are organising a One Day Conference on the above on Saturday 24th April 1999 in the University of Salford. Info. send 2 x IRCs to: The Conference Manager, Manchester & Lancs. FHS, Clayton House, 59, Piccadilly, Manchester, M1 2AQ, England. Cost UKP18.50

DAONCHARTLANN PROJECT

Like to help establish our new archive?

Following the great news that **The American Ireland Fund** contributed USD14,000 (IRP10,000) to the project to restore and refurbish the Martello Tower, once again, we appeal to all our members and friends to assist our fund raising endeavours for the project to provide a permanent home for our Society's Archive. The Society will erect a lasting memorial to all those who, by their kind and generous subscriptions, enabled Ireland's first "*Daonchartlann*" to become a reality. This memorial will be placed in a prominent position in the Martello Tower as a mark of gratitude and respect. This memorial is an unique opportunity for members and friends of the Society to mark the life of a loved one or that special ancestor by having their names inscribed on this memorial. What better way to commemorate their lives than on this memorial in Ireland's *Daonchartlann* (Ir. "peoples archive"). The Society will publish a full list of subscribers, though not the amounts of each subscription, in the commemorative booklet to accompany the opening of the *Daonchartlann*. As this special memorial has limitations as to the number of names that may be inscribed thereon, only subscriptions in excess of twenty five pounds or fifty dollars will qualify for inclusion on the memorial, though, all subscriptions will receive a certificate to mark the donation and the official opening of the *Daonchartlann*. Payments by mail to the address below or by **Bank Transfer** to: D.L.G.S. Building Fund, c/o **Ulster Bank**, Rochestown Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland. **Sort Code:** 98-59-50 - **A/c number:** 52252212 *Thank you for your support for this project*

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The Society may now accept payments by Credit Card (MasterCard/Access/Visa) for all our services - including: Membership Fees, Donations to the Building Fund and, of course, your copies of our publications by Mail Order - Telephone: Dublin 284 2711 (Intl. code 353.1)

NATIONAL HERITAGE PLAN

On September 10th, Ms. Sile de Valera, TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands, launched the public consultation process on the National Heritage Plan for the new Millennium. "*I believe very strongly in the need for a partnership approach which will both acknowledge and promote a real sense of public ownership of our shared heritage and encourage the active involvement of individuals and communities throughout the Country*" said the Minister. The areas under consideration are: Natural Heritage; Archaeological Heritage; Architectural, Artistic and Historic Heritage; Natural & Cultural Landscapes; Inland Waterways and Documentary & Archival Heritage - including traditional music archives. Indeed, it's the latter that most concerns genealogists and researchers generally. Submissions from home and abroad are invited by **16. November 1998**.

Write to: Moling Ryan, Heritage Policy Division, Dept. of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands, "Dun Aimbhirgin", 43-49, Mespil Road, Dublin 4, Ireland.

PREPARING FOR THE EURO

The Society is preparing for the introduction of the Euro on January 1st 1999 (when non-cash transactions will be possible) with the appointment of our **Euro Officer**, Rory Stanley, to oversee the required changes and to prepare to maximise our sales potential in the new single currency. - the **EURO**.

QUERIES RECEIVED

R. David Locke, 4, Rathmore Road, Cambridge, CB1 4AD, England - seeks information on Henry Locke, second son of John Locke & Sarah Hanlon born 1821, Dublin. His siblings included: James, John & Sarah. His mother was the daughter of Laurence Hanlon & Jane Lacy and she was baptised at Clondalkin in March 1796. It is possible that John Locke was a farrier in the British Army Barracks at Rathmines, though, details of his marriage, abode and burial are, as yet, unknown. Any assistance or information please.

Llewelyn F. Kimmins: E-mail: wa953@victoria.tc.ca - seeks information on Thomas Kimmins, born 1824, & Margaret McGready, born 1828. They were married in 1847 and had one daughter, Jane, born 1848. They were all born in Ireland and went to Canada, according to the 1851 Census, though, no details of where in Ireland. Any info. please

Tony Miller, 79, Abbotsbury Gardens, East Cote, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 1TB, England - seeks information on the death of Thomas William Millar, died 1964, aged 73 in Kilkenny and his family. Tony's father was John Christopher Miller, born Wicklow Town, 19. Dec. 1897, who on the death of his mother, Mary Ann Miller (nee Foulkes) in 13. Oct. 1907 was sent to his aunt, Martha Ann Tothill of Mulgrave Street, Kingstown. John Christopher's brothers, Thomas William, born 1891 and Denis Patrick, born 1894, also lived with the aunt. Any information, especially, the marriage of Martha Ann Tothill, please. Also, any family connections. Tony is on the Net on E-mail: AMiller494@aol.com

Rhoda Wilkins, 164, Dunning Ave., Rosebery, 2018, NSW, Australia - seeks information on John Madden son of Patrick and Rosanna, nee Riley, born c. 1804 in Co. Meath. He married in 1840 in Australia Roseanna Brennan, daughter of John & ?, born c. 1822, Rochetown, near Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. She may have been related to Fr. Michael Brennan who went to Australia in 1838. Any info please.

Miss A. Ridley, 54, Newlands Pk., Sunderland, Tyne - Wear, SR3 1XW, England - seeks information on her great grandfather, Michael Tyghe (poss. Tighe), born in Fermoy, Co. Cork and fought in the Crimean War, to which, he was accompanied by his wife, Mary, and according to the 1871 Census he had a child, Mary, born in Turkey in 1854. After the War they returned to Ireland where two daughters, Elizabeth & Susan were born before the family moved to Sunderland approx. 1868. Any information please.

David J. Ball, 50, Park Ave., Redcar, Cleveland, TS10 3LD, England - seeks info. on Henry Linch, married Exmouth, Devon, 1887. The adopted (?) son of Joseph Linch, British Army Sgt. stationed in Cork. Any info. re. Regt. or family please.

THE IRISH OVERSEAS

Calling all our friends and members in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Great Britain, USA, South Africa, Argentina and Mainland Europe - this is your chance to assist us create a new facility here in Ireland. Many overseas societies and organisations publish very valuable information concerning the Irish Diaspora on either microfiche, microfilm, CD Rom or in print. These cover gravestone inscriptions, census records, shipping lists, parish registers, immigration records or Births, Marriages and Deaths from Civil Registration Records. Why not obtain a copy for this Society's Archive in Ireland? The Society welcomes donations of such material from all over the world for its growing Archive to be located at the Martello Tower, Seapoint, Co. Dublin. Is there anything published in your area that you might donate to the Society - donations will be acknowledged in *The Genie Gazette*. Donations of material for the Archive can be made in honour of an ancestor or a loved one - the names will be recorded in the Archive and acknowledged in *The Genie Gazette* at the time of receipt. This is an easy and yet, very tangible, way overseas members and friends of the Society can contribute to the development of genealogical research in Ireland. *Think about it & Thanks !!*