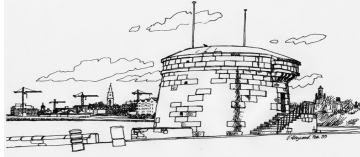


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TSUNAMI – THE WORLD MOVES TO HELP VICTIMS *European Countries in Mourning as Thousands are Dead or Missing*

As the world awoke on St. Stephen's Day morning 2004, already lives and homes were shattered forever in one of nature's most destructive manifestations in decades. The tsunami that struck the coasts of Indonesia, Thailand, India, Sri Lanka, Somalia and many island nations in the Indian Ocean brought with it a death toll that touched the hearts of ordinary people around the world. Governments pledged aid as their citizens rushed to give what they could to assist fellow humans in their hour of dire need and unbelievable distress. Ireland, long associated with generosity towards the needy around the world, moved quickly to pledge financial support. People the length and breadth of the land dug deep to contribute to the nationwide appeal by Irish aid agencies, including the Irish Red Cross.

"Members Urged to Donate"

At the January meeting of the Board of this Society, Frieda Carroll, FGSI, moved to have the Society participate in the great national appeal for funds to help the stricken countries. The Board was quick to support Frieda's initiative and indeed, many would have been aware of Frieda's long association with fund raising for overseas disasters for nearly forty years right back to the Biafra crisis of the 1960s. Though, many Members in Ireland may have already donated to the various appeals organised by local groups of volunteers and over the New Year by the Irish Vintners Association in pubs, restaurants and clubs throughout the Republic, we urge Members to assist the Society's appeal. Frieda has organised a raffle to be held at both Open Meetings in January with all proceeds going to Oxfam in Dún Laoghaire. Members who are unable to attend either of these Open Meetings are encouraged to contribute to their local fund raising endeavours or to their preferred national aid organisation dealing with this disaster.

"A Truly Global Disaster Unfolds"

The days and weeks following the tsunami bring home to us all the truly global nature of

this disaster as more and more of the dead and seriously injured are identified as nationals from countries on every continent. Hardest hit in Europe is Kingdom of Sweden with thousands as yet unaccounted for and along with other European Union countries, for many hundreds of families the unbearable waiting continues as Europeans account for the vast majority of the foreigners dead or missing in south Asia.

"Tsunami Early Warning System"

As the disaster relief gets underway with aid from the international community, naturally minds are slowly turning to the need for a global tsunami warning system. The Americans have led the way in this technology and have an impressive early warning system in place on the Pacific coast. Indeed, according to news reports it was the American seismologists in Hawaii who first detected the undersea earthquake that triggered the tsunami. However, it appears that unfortunately protocols were not in place to facilitate the warning of the authorities in the nations adjacent to the epicentre of the quake. Whether such a warning could have prevented this terrible loss of life is doubtful. But considering the known destructive power of tsunamis, questions will remain on whether the military authorities on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia were alerted and whether a warning could have emanated from there to the military or civil authorities in Thailand, Indonesia, India and Sri Lanka. No doubt, Diego Garcia will be a part of any early warning system that may be put in place for the Indian Ocean area following this tsunami. However, we in Western Europe cannot afford to be complacent as just 250 years ago a similar tragedy befell the peoples of Portugal, Spain and Morocco. The earthquake began at 09:30hrs on the 1st of November 1755 and it was centred in the Atlantic Ocean circa 200km WSW of Cape St. Vincent. It was reported that the total duration of the shocks lasted about ten minutes and was comprised of three distinct

jolts. Following this under ocean earthquake a total of three waves struck the shore, each dragging people and debris out to sea. The maximum height of the waves was estimated at 6 meters produced by an earthquake that approached the same magnitude as the recent Indian Ocean quake. The tsunami of 1755 almost destroyed the Portuguese capital of Lisbon and the force of the tsunami was felt as far north as Ireland. It is estimated that over 100,000 people perished in the 1755 disaster mainly on the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa. As recent events and history show, the world must have an effective international tsunami warning system in place if this terrible loss of life and whole scale destruction of property and livelihoods is to be avoided in the future and next time, it could possibly be in the Atlantic Ocean region. Are we prepared for such an awful eventuality?

PRESIDENT OF THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Board of the Society has instructed the Cathaoirleach, **Rory Stanley, FGSI**, to convene a meeting of the College of Fellows of the Genealogical Society of Ireland on Saturday 22nd January at 12.00hrs to elect a President of the Society. The newly elected President will be only the second person to hold the highest position in the Society following the death in 2000 of our first President, **Denis, O Conor Don**. The Board has given the Fellows the names of six nominees from which to elect the new President of the Genealogical Society of Ireland. At the January meeting of the Board the method of election was agreed and will follow the Single Transferable Vote system normally employed in Ireland with each elector voting for candidates on the ballot paper in order of his/her preference. Each elector must complete the Ballot Paper casting a vote for each of the nominees. Though, the names of six nominees were provided by the Board, it was decided that the result declared will only

be for the runner-up and the President elect. The result of this ballot will be known in time for the February 2005 issue. The President, if not already a member of the College of Fellows, will on his/her election become a Fellow of the Genealogical Society of Ireland. The date and manner of the ceremonies to mark the election of our new President will be decided by the College of Fellows.

IRISH BASED MEMBERS Renewals Now Due

Irish based members living in the Republic of Ireland or in Northern Ireland are reminded that their Annual Membership Subscription fell due on **January 1st 2005**. Membership Packages are detailed below. Members may up-grade their Membership Package at any time on the payment of the difference between the costs of each.

New Membership Cards

All new Membership Cards issued after January 1st 2005 have the Membership Number followed by a letters indicating the type of Membership Package chosen.

a. Basic Membership (Ireland)

Offering ordinary membership of the Society, Membership Card, voting rights, use of the Society's Archive, monthly newsletter (not by mail) and the right to purchase the Society's publications at Members' prices. Cost €20.00 per annum.

c. Premier Membership (Ireland)

Offering ordinary membership of the Society, Membership Card, voting rights, use of the Society's Archive, monthly newsletter by mail, quarterly Journal by mail, and the right to purchase the Society's publications at Special Premier Members' prices of up to 50% off selected publications. Cost €30.00 per annum.

e. Household Membership (Ireland)

Offering ordinary membership of the Society for two persons residing at the same address, two Membership Cards, voting rights for each, use of the Society's Archive, one copy of the monthly newsletter by mail, one copy of quarterly Journal by mail, and the right to purchase the Society's publications at Special Premier Members' prices of up to 50% off selected publications. Cost €40.00 per annum.

OVERSEAS MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES AVAILABLE

The renewal date for Overseas Members falls due on the anniversary of their joining the Society. This renewal date is contained on the Membership Cards.

New Membership Cards

All new Membership Cards issued after January 1st 2005 have the Membership Number followed by a letter indicating the type of Membership Package chosen. The Society's Overseas Members have now a wider range of Membership Packages available.

b. Basic Membership (Overseas)

Offering ordinary membership of the Society, Membership Card, voting rights, use of the

Society's Archive, monthly newsletter by mail and the right to purchase the Society's publications at Members' prices. Cost €25.00.

d. Premier Membership (Overseas)

Offering ordinary membership of the Society, Membership Card, voting rights, use of the Society's Archive, monthly newsletter by mail, quarterly Journal by mail, and the right to purchase the Society's publications at Special Premier Members' prices of up to 50% off selected publications. Cost €40.00 per annum.

f. Household Membership (Overseas)

Offering ordinary membership of the Society for two persons residing at the same address, two Membership Cards, voting rights for each, use of the Society's Archive, one copy of the monthly newsletter by mail, one copy of quarterly Journal by mail, and the right to purchase the Society's publications at Special Premier Members' prices of up to 50% off selected publications. Cost €40.00 per annum.

SEÁN Ó RIADA ARCHIVE

John O'Donoghue T.D., the Irish Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism and the President of University College Cork (UCC) Professor Gerry T. Wrixon, announced, in a joint statement on Wednesday, 22nd December, 2004, the acquisition by UCC of the Seán Ó Riada Archive with special financial assistance from the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism. Minister O'Donoghue announced the provision of a grant of €500,000 to UCC towards their acquisition of the archive and a supplementary €100,000 is being made available to the University towards security, conservation and public exhibition of the collection. The Ó Riada Archive comprises a vast collection of documents, papers and correspondence together with some personal artefacts of the late Seán Ó Riada - eminent musician, composer, playwright and revivalist of Irish music. Minister O'Donoghue said "I am very pleased to join with the President in this announcement that the archive of this outstanding Irishman has been acquired. It is timely that his work and legacy will be permanently safeguarded and displayed in UCC as Cork begins its period at the centre of Europe's cultural life, as European Cultural Capital 2005. I applaud the College for making the acquisition and I am pleased to have been able to assist." The University President said "It is entirely appropriate that UCC should become the final repository of this collection of Seán Ó Riada's own material as it was here that he formally studied music, graduating with a B. Mus. in 1952. Later, in the Sixties, he held the post of Lecturer in Irish Music in the College." Prof. Wrixon added: "I am very pleased to be able to announce this major acquisition by the College with Minister John O'Donoghue. This is a collection that is immensely important in the cultural and musical history of this country. The acquisition has been facilitated by the UCC Foundation and with the partnership support of the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism." (DAST Press Release 22.12.2004)

GSI MEMBERS' E-MAIL ADDRESSES

As part of the new Membership Packages on offer from the Society, the Board has decided to provide special e-mail addresses for Members. The e-mail address yourname@familyhistory.ie is only available to Members for a nominal **€10.00 per annum**. Contact the Membership Officer, Annette McDonnell, MGSI, 4, Kippure Avenue, Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland or contact the Hon. Secretary, Michael Merrigan, FGSI at E-mail: GSI.Secretary@familyhistory.ie or at the address below.

USD & UKP CURRENCY RATES

The exchange rate for persons paying by check or cash in US dollars **€1.00 = US\$1.35** and similarly for those wish to pay by cheque in British pounds **€1.00 = 0.70p**. The Society will keep these exchange rates under constant review to ensure acceptance of payments in these currencies. These rates apply to all purchases and membership subscriptions transacted in the currencies concerned. Alternatively why not pay by Credit Card – MasterCard or VISA via the Website?

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all Members of the Genealogical Society of Ireland that the Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held on Tuesday March 8th 2004 at the Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin at 20.00hrs. The purpose of the AGM is to elect the Board of Directors of the Society and to receive the Annual Financial Report and the Report of the Directors of the Society. A Guest Speaker will also deliver a talk at the AGM.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday January 11th 2005

Evening Open Meeting, 20.00hrs
Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education,
Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire
Bus: 7, 7A, 46A, and 75.
DART Monkstown/Salthill Station.

Topic: "*Illustrated Talk on the Massy Family*"
Speaker: **Frank Tracy**

Tuesday February 8th 2005

Venue as above
Topic: *TBA*
Speaker: *Please see GSI Website for details*

Weds. Jan. 26th & Feb. 23rd 2005

Morning Open Meeting 10.30hrs
The Port View Hotel
Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire
Discussion Group on Family History

*Contribution of €3.00 at each meeting
Coffee/Tea served at Morning Meetings*

AN DAONCHARTLANN *Family History Tower*

It is with sincere regret that we have to report that plans by the Board of the Society to have the facility open to Members are still on hold as telephone services to the Tower have not been connected. Whilst, in ordinary circumstances the lack of a fixed line telecommunication service would not, in the short-term, pose a serious problem, but in a building like the Martello Tower with very thick defensive walls mobile phones (cell phones) cannot pick up a signal. Despite ordering the phone lines well in advance of the Official Opening in September 2004, the Board has been advised that the works to bring the telephone line under the roadway have recently been put out for tender by Eircom. The Project Director, **Liam Mac Alasdair, FGSI**, has been in constant touch with officials at Eircom to have this matter resolved as soon as possible. On the day-to-day operation of the Archive a Working Group under the direction of the Society's Archivist, **Frieda Carroll, FGSI**, has been established to formulate a plan of action to attract volunteers to operate the Archive each week and to make our collections accessible. The Board of the Society established a daily rate for visitors to the Archive at Seapoint offering ordinary membership of the Society for one calendar day, the use of the Society's Archive for a maximum of three hours, including, the right to purchase the Society's publications at Members' prices within the period of membership. Cost €8.00 per day. However, in anticipation of an early resolution of the telephone problem, the Board moved to formulate plans to encourage the greatest use of this new facility by Members. It was agreed at the January meeting of the Board to facilitate the organisation of small Group Meetings at the Martello Tower under a Resolution adopted by the Board as follows: - **Res: 05/01/384** That, the Board formulates a programme to encourage the greatest use of An Daonchartlann by Members through the establishment of small group meetings dealing with, amongst other matters, One-Name Studies, Military History, Heraldry, Area Research Groups, Writers' Groups and Project Groups etc.; and in order that proper insurance cover be provided, currently the only authorised meetings organised by the Society shall be the monthly Open Meeting held in the Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education and the monthly Open Meeting held in the Port View Hotel, Dún Laoghaire and such Group Meetings as may be held in the Martello Tower, Seapoint. In the case of each Open Meeting and each Group Meeting, it shall be duty of the organiser, convener and/or each Board Member or Society Officer present to ensure that the names and addresses of all in attendance are properly recorded. To facilitate the recording of attendees at Group Meetings held in the Martello Tower a single Attendance

Book shall be maintained at An Daonchartlann for all visitors. The foregoing shall not prevent the Board from organising other events or meetings as it deems appropriate. (end text). In another resolution adopted by the Board at its January meeting it was agreed to expand the **DAONCHARTLANN FUND** to include an appeal for funding archive acquisitions. This initiative will enable the Society to fully equip its Archive for the benefit of our Members and Irish genealogy in general. Members and friends of the Society are invited to make donations to the Fund or to purchase items for the Archive from a list being prepared by the Archivist, Frieda Carroll, FGSI, for consideration by the Board.

JANUARY REVIEWS

"THE IRISH ANCESTOR 1969-1986"

Edited by **Rosemary ffoliott**
Price: €74.90 or US\$79.95 (plus postage & packing) ISBN 0 9537557 9 7. Once again Eneclann must be congratulated for their pioneering work in making accessible valuable material for the genealogist and social historian. This new CD publication is a reproduction of the successful series *The Irish Ancestor*, which was published from 1969 to 1986. The aim of the journal was the collection and publication of original source material and other items of interest concerning Irish genealogy, biography and items roughly described now as local history. *The Irish Ancestor* was generally published twice yearly, in spring and autumn. Plus in several of the earlier years a supplemental edition was produced. For example in 1969 as well as the usual two issues, a third volume, *An Index to Raphoe Marriage Licence Bonds, 1710-1755 and 1817-1830*, was also published. Whilst, many would view the articles contained in these volumes as predominately concerning the Anglo-Irish families of Ireland, much else of general interest was also published. It must be remembered, however, that *The Irish Ancestor* was published long before ancestry research became popular in Ireland. In that alone, this new CD represents a major contribution to Irish genealogy by Eneclann and hopefully, with their association with Archive CD Books, further gems may be made more accessible to researchers by Eneclann. Until now, *The Irish Ancestor* was only readily available to researchers in major repositories and genealogical libraries. Articles contributed to the main volumes varied from *Christian Names in Ireland* by Brian de Breffny to *Some Irish Weddings in Nova Scotia 1834-1840* by Terrence M. Punch to *Tombstones in Killbride Graveyard, Callan Parish, Co. Kilkenny*, edited by Joseph Kennedy. This CD publication is in an easy to use PDF format making each volume effortlessly accessible with each page is reproduced in its original rather quaint format. Through the Table of Contents the user can browse or simply jump straight to an article. The journals have also

been fully indexed allowing users to search for the names and places. In total there are: 33 issues over 18 years; 4 supplements; over 2,500 pages and over 320 pages with images or photographs. Long regarded as an important source for Irish genealogical and historical research and now on CD, this publication is a must for all Irish genealogists and social historians. **System Requirements** Windows 95, 98, NT 4.0, SE, ME, 2000, XP or higher. Minimum IBM compatible Pentium 166MHz with 32MB RAM. Copies available from **ENECLANN Ltd.**, Unit 1b, Trinity College Enterprise Centre, Pearse Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. Tel + 353 1 6710338 Fax + 353 1 6710281 or via the Website: www.eneclann.ie
NEXT MONTH This newsletter will carry details of another very interesting CD publication by Eneclann and two fascinating publications from Woodfield Press.

JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS....

BYE BYE BEWLEY'S

At the end of November, Bewley's Oriental Café's in Grafton Street and Westmoreland Street in Dublin, operated by the Campbell Bewley Group, finally closed their doors. With this closure another great Dublin institution vanished from the landscape. A number of reasons for their closure were cited including competition from various other specialty coffee outlets and high rents. Famed for its great ambience, sticky buns and coffee, Bewley's was a place that most Dubliners used especially students, considered part and parcel of the city. The Bewley family were leading members of the Society of Friends (Quakers) who came to Ireland in 1770. The first Bewley shop was established in 1840 by Joshua Bewley in Sycamore Alley off Dame Street, Dublin. It initially sold coffee only but later evolved into a café and shop in nearby Great George's Street. During the 19th century, Dublin had a large number of Bewley companies involved in variety of activities including shipbuilding in Dublin port with their common thread being the scrupulous application of Quaker principles of fairness to the way they operated their businesses. Ernest Bewley, one of Joshua Bewley's sons, had greater entrepreneurial ability than his father and developed the Westmoreland Street café which he opened in 1900. Ernest had intended to open a bicycle shop at this location but his business partner proved to be unreliable so he opted to open café instead. In 1927, he opened his Grafton Street café but the cost of developing the Grafton Street café with its characteristic strained glass windows executed by Harry Clarke nearly bankrupted the business and it was not until the end of the 1930's that the firm managed to overcome the massive debts incurred by the creation of the Grafton Street café. Bewley's had a famous reputation for baking bread and cakes and for many years had a bakery in Long Lane, near

the old Meath Hospital while its chocolates were made in Grafton Street. In 1932, the 20 year old Victor Bewley, eldest son of Ernest Bewley, with the assistance of other family members, including his brother Alfred, had to take over the running of the business following the sudden death of his 72 year old father. During the austerity and food rationing of the World War 2 period, Bewley's was renowned for feeding poor children living close to Dublin city centre. In the 1960's the firm expanded by opening cafes in suburban locations. Later Victor Bewley, who was an early champion for the rights of the Traveller Community, handed over the firm to his employees complete with a profit sharing scheme. For a while it was radical move, but over the years the profits dwindled and the firm was only saved by Campbell Catering which acquired the company and kept it operating as a going concern. Gradually the Grafton Street and Westmoreland Street cafes were no longer viable and it was decided to close them. The closure of the Bewley's shops received extensive coverage in the national media with one of the side effects being the re-issue of Hugh Oram's book on Bewley's which he had written in the 1980's.

THATCHED COTTAGES

Sligo County Councillors has voted to de-list a number of number of thatched cottages in the county given the financial implications of having properties on the list of protected structures and the lack of funding available for their maintenance. A survey in 2003 noted 33 thatched cottages remaining in County Sligo, of which 21 were owner occupied, most of whom were older people. A thatched cottage at Dúnmore West was de-listed after officials had refused a grant for repairs as the building was considered structurally unsafe. Another thatched cottage near Riverstown was removed from the list after councillors were told that the 89 year old woman who had occupied for all her life had the cottage thatched recently and was worried about the implications of protected status. One councillor had urged the meeting that they should address the woman's concerns and not delist her cottage pointing out that they had a responsibility to ensure that the few remaining thatched cottages in the county (Sligo) are protected.

THE LA TOUCHE FAMILY

On Monday 6 December 2004, the **Most Rev. Dr. John R.W. Neil**, Church of Ireland (Anglican) Archbishop of Dublin and Glendalough, formally launched Michael McGinley's 500 copy limited edition of 'La Touche Family in Ireland' in the La Touche Conference Centre at a special function organised by the La Touche Legacy Committee. This book traces the history of this great Huguenot family from its antecedents in France though its 'golden era' in Ireland which lasted for 150 years from the arrival of David Dignes La Touch to fight for King William at the Battle of the Boyne. Michael McGinley then proceeds to chronicle

the decline of the family in Ireland and the dispersal of the different Irish branches throughout the world. Michael McGinley managed to access an impressive assembly of family papers from the 18th and 19th centuries, including letters and diaries, in addition to contemporary civil and religious records, newspaper reports and a range of highly regarded secondary sources. Copies were on sale at the launch and anyone seeking a copy, price €35 + postage, can order them from the Greystones Town Council offices - contact Kay at Tel: +353.1-287 7122.

BRAY HISTORY

'*A History of Bray*' by **Arthur Flynn**, published by Tempus Publishing, ISBN 0-7524-3269-9. Bray, Co. Wicklow is the largest town by population and area in Co. Wicklow and the nearest Co. Wicklow town to Dublin. Up to around 1986, there were only two or three books on the subject written in the early years of the 20th century. Arthur Flynn's '*A History of Bray*' published by the Mercier Press was one of the first to come on stream and since then there have been several additional books and articles published in the Bray Cualann Historical Society's journals and the several issues of the 'Bray Historical Record' produced by the Old Bray Society which no longer holds meetings. This new edition of '*A History of Bray*' is not a reprint of the 1986 titles but an entirely new edition commissioned by leading British publisher Tempus Publishing. Bray's reputation as holiday resort began during the later half of the 19th century and continued in it this role until the 1950's when changing holiday patterns and marked the end for this type of seaside resort. The arrival of the railway in 1854 transformed the town from small village to a once fashionable resort. The comprehensive volume recalls the shops, businesses churches in the town as well as recalling some of the events ranging from smuggling in the 18th century, the transformation of the town into a garrison town during the Emergency, the opening of Ardmore Studios in the 1950's and the building of industrial estates followed by the building boom of the 1970's which is still taking place in the town. Also included are the lives of the people who have lived, worked and visited the area over the centuries.

JOINING THE SOCIETY

The Society always welcomes new Members from Ireland and overseas. If you wish to join, contact the Membership Officer, **Mrs. Annette McDonnell**, MGS, 4, Kippure Ave., Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland. You may also contact Annette by E-mail via the Hon. Secretary GSI.Secretary@familyhistory.ie Membership of the Society is open to all with an interest in genealogy or heraldry. A laminated Membership Card featuring the Society's heraldic badge "*the Mungovan Badge*" will be forwarded to you by mail. Check out the great range of Membership Packages available on page two of this newsletter.

DEATH OF GAELIC CHIEFTAIN

Richard Denis Wyer McGillicuddy, the Irish Gaelic Chieftain, **The MacGillicuddy of the Reeks**, died peacefully after a short illness on Thursday December 30th 2004. He was born on October 4th 1948 and was educated at Eaton and at Aix-en-Provence University in France. The MacGillicuddy is survived by his wife Virginia and daughters Tara and Sorcha, his sister Sarah and mother Betty. A private cremation has taken place and a Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Friday January 14th 2004 at All Saints Church, Mullingar at 16.00hrs. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers that donations should be forwarded to the **Irish Red Cross** for the Asia Disaster Appeal at www.redcross.ie The McGillicuddys were a junior branch of the O'Sullivans and eventually emerged as a separate sept or clan. Madam McGillicuddy is the granddaughter of the first Baron Astor of Hever Castle in Kent, England and the eldest daughter of the Hon. Hugh Waldorf Astor, the Baron's second son. The chieftaincy now passes to his first cousin Donough MacGillicuddy. The Board extends its condolences to Madam McGillicuddy and the late Chieftain's family.

QUERIES RECEIVED

C. T. McCRAE, 203, Forest Avenue, Aberdeen, AB15 4LL, Scotland, UK. Wrote: Seeking information on George **Woods** born/baptised 12th March 1804 in Carlow. Nothing is known of his parents. He was a Military Surgeon with the 94th Foot from March 15th 1827 to Sept. 1832 in England and Gibraltar. Died 1832 burial place is unknown. Married Frances (Fanny) **Gilbert** in March 1827 at St. Pancras New Church, London, had issue Henry George (b. 1827) and Frederick Charles (b. 1828). Fanny died in Teignmouth, Devon, in 1870. Any info. much appreciated.

JAMES BLAKELY KENNEDY, 4035, Poste Lane Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43221, USA. E-mail: jbellehead@yahoo.com Wrote: Seeking information on Kathleen **Dunne**, daughter of William (perhaps James) Dunne and Mary (perhaps Winifred) **Merrigan**. Kathleen was born Feb. 14th, 1875 It is believed that William (or James) Dunne served as a Water Commissioner in Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire), Co. Dublin. Any information on this family much appreciated.

DAVID OAKLEY, (address with Editor). Wrote: Seeking information on the family of **Conway Knox Fletcher**, Assistant H.I.Ch.M's Custom Service, born March 14th 1859 and died at Takow (Kaohsiung) in Taiwan March 2nd 1893. He died of malaria at the age of 23. He was survived by three sisters, Esther Emily, Meta Helena and Stella Fletcher. Their address was given as 3, Irdugreena (?), Kingstown, Co. Dublin as of April 26th 1893 - possibly Ardnagreena. Having located his grave here in Taiwan, I would like to contact any surviving relatives of this gentleman. Any help very much appreciated.