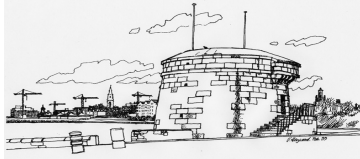


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IRISH HERALDRY STILL IN LIMBO

No Chief Herald of Ireland Appointed & No Grants of Arms since 2003

Despite many promises and with deadline after deadline long passed, the Minister for Arts, Sport & Tourism, **Mr. John O’Donoghue, TD**, has yet to make any firm decision on the future of Irish heraldry and the role, if any, the State should play in the provision of heraldic services.

“New Director Appointed”

At the appointment on January 20th 2005 of the new Director of the National Library, **Mr. Aonghus Ó hAongusa**, Minister O’Donoghue said “I wish Mr Ó hAongusa, who has been Acting Director of the National Library since September 2003, every success in his new appointment. I am confident that Mr. Ó hAongusa’s appointment will ensure the efficient and effective transition of the National Library to autonomous status under the National Cultural Institutions Act 1997 and that, under his stewardship, the Library will continue to grow in international stature.” But the Minister made no reference to the post of Chief Herald of Ireland which had been held by the previous two Directors of the National Library, **Brendan O’Donoghue** and **Patricia Donlon**.

“Abolition – A Long Term Strategy?”

Many viewed the combination of the position of Chief Herald of Ireland and the Director of the National Library as a downgrading of the independence and stature of the office of the Chief Herald. Others questioned the State’s attitude towards heraldry and feared that the abolition of the independent position of Chief Herald was part of a long term strategy to do away with the office altogether. Debate has long raged on the whole issue of heraldry in the Republic and whether it was appropriate for officers of state in a modern republic to perform heraldic functions. Arguments for and against the State’s involvement in heraldry have become very complicated and frankly, leave many totally confused and disinterested. If this was the desired outcome of a long term

strategy to abolish the office it was very effective indeed. All that is now required is for the Minister to amend the National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997 to seal the fate of Irish heraldry for good.

“No Grants of Arms Issued”

Since the retirement of Chief Herald Brendan O’Donoghue in September 2003, it is reported, that no grants of arms have been confirmed by the Office of the Chief Herald in Dublin. It seems that the position of Deputy Chief Herald is only effective should he/she be deputising for an appointed Chief Herald and cannot act in the absence of one. This is a rather strange situation, if true, as it is at odds with normal practice and even more so, in a republic where official powers and functions are bestowed in law on the office holder and not on the individual in his/her own right. This situation is reminiscent of the days of the British Crown appointed Ulster King of Arms who personally held the office by letters patent from the British monarch. Rights, privileges, prerogatives, functions and duties all held personally by the office holder at the behest of the monarch who alone could appoint or remove the office holder. Clearly this is evidence, once again, that the Office of the Chief Herald and the whole issue of the State’s involvement in heraldry is urgently in need of legislative reform.

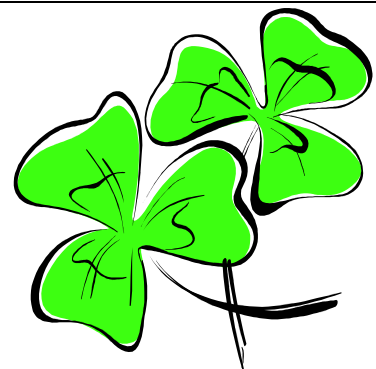
“Muddled Neglect of the Office”

The call for a legislative remedy to the mess created by Section 13 of the National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997 has been made by this society since October 2000 and successive Ministers have promised much and delivered nothing in this regard. Whilst, much of the delay in tackling this problem has been blamed on unspecified legal problems surrounding the issue of the “Bogus Chiefs” mostly it is nothing more than muddled neglect of the Office of the Chief Herald by successive Ministers. Clearly this Section of the Act is fundamentally flawed and should be repealed. This Society has long campaigned for the introduction of an Irish

Genealogy & Heraldry Bill to regulate issues surrounding the State’s involvement in heraldic matters and to regularise certain practises of the Office in line with the requirements of a modern European republic with a rich and ancient cultural heritage.

“Clear Statement Required Now”

With the unspecified legal issue surrounding the “Bogus Chiefs” now presumably resolved, there can be no excuse now for the Minister not to issue a clear and unambiguous statement on the future of the State’s involvement in heraldic matters. However, merely tinkering at the edges of the problem by amending Section 13 will only exacerbate the long running problem of the absence of a sound legislative basis for the State’s heraldic functions. The present situation will result in the abolition of the State’s heraldic functions by default. Is this what Minister really wants, if so, he should clearly say so in a statement on the matter.



happy St. PATRICK’S DAY
To all our Members &
Friends from the Society’s
President,
Mr. Tony McCarthy,
Vice-Presidents,
Cathaoirleach & the
Members of the Board

DIARY DATES

Tuesday March 8th 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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Topic: *"Irish Deeds & Indentures"*
Speaker: **Desmond Norton**

Tuesday April 12th 2005

Venue as above
Topic: To be Advised
Speaker: *Check GSI Website*

Weds. Mar. 23rd & April 27th 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*

JAMES SCANNEL REPORTS

DUBLIN CITY LIBRARIES On Saturday March 12th, Dublin City Libraries will hold a Family History Day: Starting the Search in the Dublin City Library and Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Following registration, the programme for the day includes: - 'Family history resources at Dublin City Library and Archive', Dr. Máire Kennedy, Divisional Librarian, Dublin City Public Libraries and Olive McCormack, Archivist, Dublin City Council. 'Sources for Dublin family history at the R.C.B. Library', Dr. Raymond Raffause, Librarian and Archivist at the Representative Church Body Library, Dublin. 'Using a computer for family historians', Douglas Appleyard, author, local historian and genealogist. 'Getting started on your family history', Mary Belgan, member of the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland and chairperson of the Irish Family History Society. 'Case study of a Dublin family with Cork ancestors', Patricia Moorehead, member of the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland and a member of the Genealogical Advisory Service at the National Library and the National Archives. Discussion & Visit to the Research Reading Room. Admission is free but booking is essential - tel. 01-674 4873 or 01-674 4806

KNOCKLYON The April - May lectures of the Knocklyon History Society which meets at 19.45hrs on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month in the Iona Centre, Idrone Avenue, Knocklyon, Dublin 16, are as follows - April 13th. AGM from 19.45hrs to 20.30hrs followed by 'Remembering the 400th anniversary of

Adam Loftus, once connected with Rathfarnham Castle and also Knocklyon Castle' by Rev. Patrick Commerford. May 11th 'Forts and Monuments including Martello Towers' by Arnold Horner.

DÚN LAOGHAIRE The April - May lectures of the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society which meets at 20.00hrs on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month in the Kingston Hotel, Adelaide Street, Dún Laoghaire are as follows - April 20th AGM & Short Talk to be announced. May 18th 'Dublin Fire Brigade and the Pearse Street Tragedy of 1936' by Tom Geraghty.

RATHMINES The April - May lectures of the Rathmines, Ranelagh and Rathgar Historical Society which meets at 20.00hrs on the last Thursday of the Month in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines, Dublin 6, are as follows - April 28th 'Patrick Kavanagh in Dublin' by Dr. Antoinette Quinn. May 26th 'Martello Towers around Dublin Bay' by Colin Scudss

WEXFORD Wexford Historical society will hold their 60th Anniversary Conference 'Digging Wexford' in the Riverbank Hotel, Wexford from Friday March 11th to Sunday March 13th. As many as 70 archaeological investigations have been carried out in Wexford town during the past 30 years. The majority of these were not very productive but some yielded potentially significant artifacts and information. Vital evidence relating to the town's medieval origins recovered in many of these excavations is not readily available for the academic research which could begin to provide a clearer picture of Wexford's establishment as a Viking settlement and evolution as an Anglo-Norman town. As a first step towards resolving this situation, Wexford Historical Society, in conjunction with the Heritage Council, Wexford County Council and Wexford Corporation, is organising this Conference to explore the wealth of information that has been archaeologically recovered in recent years and to prioritise the need for correlation and publication. It is also opportune at this time of significant commercial development to evaluate the significance of Wexford's medieval and to focus on the town's Viking and Anglo-Norman heritage. The Conference fee is €30 (including lunch) and should be made payable to Wexford Historical Society. Application forms and fees should be returned to Bernard Browne, Millquarter, Old Ross, Foulksmills, Co. Wexford. Further information from Billy Colfer at e-mail: dovecote@eircom.net

HISTORY IRELAND Readers of History Ireland Magazine will be pleased to learn that this excellent publication will now be published 6 times a year instead of 4. Articles featured in the January / February issue include - Using and Abusing the dying and dead in early Modern Ireland by

Clodagh Tait; The Yelverton Affair: a 19th century sensation by Helen Kelleher Kahn; Field Marshall Sir Henry Wilson; imperial soldier, political failure by Mark Coulter; 'The Londonderry Herr': Lord Londonderry and the appeasement of Nazi Germany by Niel Fleming; In the Curriculum Feature, John Horne looks at The origins and nature of Fascism and Nazism in Europe; In the Sources Feature Michael de Nie looks at Pigs, paddies, prams and petticoats, Irish Home Rule and the British comic press, 1886-1893; plus all the regular features. The price has risen by 50c to €5.50 still excellent value.

GALWAY The Galway County International Genealogical Conference takes place in the Oranmore Lodge Hotel, Oranmore, Co. Galway on March 19th & 20th 2005 and offers an interesting array of speakers and workshops.

IRELAND'S MEMORIAL RECORDS

Another great contribution to research now available on CD Rom has been released by ENECLANN Publications and launched recently by the Minister for Arts, Sport & Tourism., **Mr. John O'Donoghue, TD.** *"Ireland's Memorial Records - World War 1 1914-1918"* ISBN 1-905118-01-5 - Price €95.00 - available by mail from Eneclann, Unit 1, Trinity Enterprise Centre, Pearse Street, Dublin, 2, Ireland or via the website www.eneclann.ie This is certainly one CD Rom that anybody researching the Irish roots should have. The original volumes containing the names of circa 49,000 Irishmen who lost their lives in the First World War were published in 1923 with beautiful artwork by the renowned Irish artist Harry Clarke. The information contained alphabetically in each volume has the surname, forename, service number, rank, regiment, age, where born, date and place of death and in most cases next of kin, parents or wife etc. These original volumes are available for inspection in the National War Memorial, Islandbridge, Dublin and in certain libraries. Now here in one CD Rom researchers have all the detail of the original volumes, including Harry Clarke's illustrations, at their fingertips. Simply, this is a must for all genealogists, social historians and must be on the shelves of any library with an Irish interest section. Eneclann must be congratulated for this excellent production.

GSI MEMBERS' E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The new Membership Packages on offer from the Society provide special e-mail addresses for Members. The e-mail address youname@familyhistory.ie is only available to Members for a nominal **€10.00 per annum**. Contact the Hon. Secretary, at E-mail: GSI.Secretary@familyhistory.ie or by writing to the Hon. Secretary 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?

IRISH BASED MEMBERS *Renewals Now Overdue*

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**. Members may upgrade 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

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 have the Membership Number followed by a letter indicating the type of Membership Package chosen. Overseas Members have the choice of the following:-

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)

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL REPORT

In previous years, the Hon. Secretary has provided the Annual Report covering the calendar year to coincide with the Annual Accounts, however, for the sake of currency and general interest, this year's report runs from AGM to AGM. The financial report will remain for the year up to 31st December 2004. The Society has just completed one of the most momentous years in its near fifteen year history. Our most ambitious and exciting project was finally completed and officially opened in September 2004. The work on the Martello Tower at Seapoint was in fact a seven year project from the allocation of this historic building to the Society by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in 1997. The problem of the telephone landline to the Tower has delayed the accessibility of the facility to members. It is hoped to have this position resolved this month. The Martello Tower Project Director would like to thank all those who assisted with the work or contributed to the Building Fund. With fund raising, planning and the execution of the restoration and refurbishment works, this was a time consuming project, especially nearing its completion. Members of the Board, all volunteers, gave of the time generously throughout the year to attend twelve ordinary Board Meetings and two Special Board Meetings in addition to some Board Members attending each of our Open Meetings each month. The Society held twenty-two Open Meetings in the period from March 2004 to February 2005. However, despite the quality of speakers and the excellent information gathering and exchange opportunities provided by these Open Meetings, the general attendance is down on the previous year. Whilst, this is in line with the experiences of similar voluntary and community organisations in Ireland, the Society has been fortunate enough to see attendance at its Open Meetings remaining remarkably steady throughout the

year. The Public Relations Officer would like to thank all the Guest Speakers who gave of their time to attend our Open Meetings during the year. The Board would like to thank the Principal and Staff at **Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education** and the Proprietor and Staff at **The Port View Hotel**, Dún Laoghaire, for facilitating our Open Meetings during the year. On the publications front, the year to date has been disappointing with only one volume in the Irish Genealogical Sources published, in addition to the quarterly journal and monthly newsletter. The Editor of the Society's Quarterly Journal would like to thank all those who contributed articles for publication during the year. The official opening of An Daonchartlann on September 15th 2004 was also accompanied by another milestone in the history of the Society – the launch of its own website at the County Hall in Dún Laoghaire. This website has been beautifully designed and judging from the numbers of visitors to the site, it's extremely popular at home and abroad. Also, at the ceremonies to mark the Official Opening of An Daonchartlann, the Society awarded the Genealogical Society of Ireland Medal to its first recipients, amongst whom was the President of the North of Ireland Family History Society, **Mr. Randal Gill**. A further ceremony was held in January 2005 in Albany, New York, to mark the presentation of the GSI Medal to one of our Vice-Presidents, **Sr. Bernadette de Lourdes Wisely, O.Carm.** During the year, the Society has developed a very strong working relationship with Menter Mon in North Wales and both organisations have submitted a joint-project for INTERREG (interregional) funding from the European Union. Speaking of INTERREG funding, the Board noted with great satisfaction that an initiative launched through the pages of this newsletter in May 2004 involving the Irish Sea Basin has been taken up by marine and port interests on both sides of the Irish Sea and that an INTERREG funding application has been made to develop the initiative. In line with this Society's national profile as the most significant Irish non-governmental organisation promoting genealogy, heraldry, vexillology and social history, our Vice President, **James Davidson**, has represented the Society at a number of functions in Northern Ireland over the past twelve months. Regarding membership, in response to representations from an Overseas Member in Canada, the Board finally brought forward major changes to the Membership Fee structure aimed at providing choice and a better service to our Members. Work on several graveyards was completed during the year and a third volume in the series Memorial Inscriptions of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown is due out this month. The Cemetery Projects Director would like to thank all those who assisted with this project. The Board had two resignations during the year as the members concerned wished to take up university courses and the Board, whilst thanking them for their services, wished them

every success in their endeavours. With these resignations, the Board redistributed its workload on an interim basis until the Annual General Meeting this month. The Archive continued to grow over the year with many new acquisitions covering a range of genealogical and heraldic topics. The Archivist would like to thank everyone who donated items to the Society's Archive during the year, especially, our Vice-President, **Stuart Rosenblatt**, for his beautifully bound collection of Jewish records. The College of Fellows of the Genealogical Society of Ireland met earlier this year to elect a new President of the Society. The position of President had been vacant since the death in 2000 of Denis O'Connor Don – our first President. The Board was delighted with the election of **Mr. Tony McCarthy** of Cork as President of the Genealogical Society of Ireland and indeed, on his election, Mr. McCarthy became the newest Fellow of the Society. The Board wishes our new President every success. Arrangements for the inauguration of our new President are in hand and a new Chain of Office for the President has been commissioned from Facet Jewellers in Dún Laoghaire. The Society continued to make representations at both national and international levels in respect of access to our genealogical and heraldic heritage and the preservation of such records. In conclusion, the Hon. Secretary would like to thank his fellow Board members for all their kind assistance and advice and, especially, to commend them for all their hard work during what was a very busy and sometimes, stressful year – the most important year in the history of the Genealogical Society of Ireland.

BOOK REVIEWS

'Civilizing' Gaelic Leinster – The Extension of Tudor Rule in the O'Byrne and O'Toole Lordships by **Christopher Maginn** and published by the **Four Courts Press**, 7, Malpas Street, Dublin 8. ISBN 1-85182-803-6 - 224pp hardback - Price €45.00. This is another fine publication from Four Courts Press and represents an important contribution to the resources available in print for the study of Gaelic Leinster. There has been a dearth of published material on the subject of Gaelic Leinster and Maginn has certainly provided a much needed insight in to the political and social turmoil of struggle and final submission of a Gaelic stronghold just south of Dublin. Whilst, many a student of Irish history will have heard of the sixteenth century chieftain, Fiach Mac Hugh O'Byrne, few if any would be able to describe his world – an Ireland in transition and a civilisation in freefall. Starting in the late fifteenth, Maginn traces the development of a survival strategy amongst the O'Byrne and O'Toole clans of present day Co. Wicklow. This survival strategy, constantly under pressure, was gradually disintegrating during the sixteenth century as the English grip on Gaelic Ireland began to take a firm hold. No longer could the fastness of their

mountainous terrain shield them from the advance of Tudor power in Ireland. Peaceful coexistence was never an option and alliances were fragile, skirmishes frequent and bloody. The Leinster made wonderfully accessible by Maginn is a land divided politically, culturally, linguistically and increasingly religiously from the mid sixteenth century. Gaelic Ireland was by this time also Catholic Ireland – simply by religion enemies of the Crown following the Protestant reformation in Tudor England. The factions and splits amongst the various branches of these two clans, many of which, adopted opposite strategies in response to the encroachment of Tudor administration in Dublin, made the final capitulation inevitable. The network of alliances, many sealed by marriage, amongst the Gaelic families in Leinster and indeed, between Gaelic and Anglo-Norman or "Old English" families is described in detail with genealogical tables provided for the branches of the O'Byrne and O'Toole clans. The intermarriage between the O'Byrne and O'Toole clans cements a special relationship that is increasingly strained as the sixteenth century draws to a close. For those with O'Byrne or O'Toole ancestors or indeed, for those with connections to Co. Wicklow, this book opens up new research and along with another fine publication from Four Courts Press – *"War, Politics and the Irish of Leinster 1156-1606"* by **Emmett O'Byrne** ISBN 1-85182-690-4 – Price €55.00 - these publications are certainly recommended. For further information checkout the website www.four-courts-press.ie. (MM)

"Differently Irish – A Cultural History Exploring 25 Years of Vietnamese-Irish Identity" by **Mark Maguire** with photographs by **Thai Van Nga** – published by **The Woodfield Press**, 17, Jamestown Square, Dublin 8. ISBN 0-9534293-9-3 184pp - Price €22.00. This publication is an excellent example of hopefully many more studies into the history, culture and experiences of the many ethnic groups now resident in Ireland. As this Society adopted a resolution in 2003 on social inclusion to facilitate the expansion of our services to cater for Ireland's minority groups by providing a base for the study of international genealogy, the Society warmly welcomes this publication on the Vietnamese-Irish. Their story begins back in August 1979 when the first of a small number of refugees from Vietnam arrived in Dublin. They came to Ireland via camps in Hong Kong and Malaysia with harrowing tales of escape and of long periods of travel across the South China Sea. These were the so-called *'Boat People'* whose plight captured newspaper headlines from the late 1970s onwards. Those who came to Ireland, some 212 persons in the first instance, were invited to do so by the Irish Government. Religious and non-governmental organisations carried out much of the resettlement work. The majority of the refugees were dispersed to a variety of locations throughout Ireland and in the early 1980s most relocated back to Dublin

City and County and now comprise an ethnic minority of well over 1000 people spread across several generations. This is the story of the Vietnamese-Irish, of takeaway businesses, achievement in education, family, Diaspora and identity. Much of this story is told in the words and through the eyes of the people themselves. What emerges is an image of a minority confronting its own identity in a fast changing Irish society. For further information checkout www.woodfield-press.com

GSI JOURNAL – WINTER 2004/5

The Winter 2004/5 issue of Society's quarterly journal is now available and, once again, it's a great read – congrats to Margaret Conroy, Editor. The contents of this issue are as follows; Extracts From "The Book Of Dead Names." by **Adrian Martyn**, Captain Herman Goertz - Activities Of A German Secret Agent During WW2 In Ireland by **James Scannell**, Book Preview - Carrickbrennan Cemetery Inscriptions, Write Now! Publishing A Family Newsletter by **Philip Lecane**, A Cook Street Lease From 1689 by Rory Stanley, Deansgrange Index of Burials From 1865 To 1869 by Margaret Conroy, Some Facts And Myths Of Heraldry by **Seán MacBrádaigh B.A.**, School Register Records - C.B.S., Dun Laoghaire 1927 To 1931 (Part 2) by **Margaret Conroy**, Cornelius Fennessy And The Need For Corroboration by **Ignatius Fennessy OFM**, Sgt. Major Cornelius Coughlan VC. by **James Scannell**, List of Contributors To "An Daonchartlann" Fund (Updated). Price €5.00 (Members €4.50). Margaret welcomes comments and suggestions on the journal e-mail: mmeconroy@eircom.net

SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS'

The Society of Genealogists' in London, England, will host its **Annual Family History Show** on Friday 29th and Saturday 230th April 2005 at the Royal Horticultural Society, New Hall & Conference Centre. For further details contact the Society of Genealogists', 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA, England or via the website ww.sog.org.uk

TERENCE MAGUIRE RIP

Mr. Terence Maguire – The Maguire of Fermanagh, died on the 19th February 2005. He was recognised as a Gaelic Chief in 1991 by Chief Herald Begley. It was reported that his claim to chiefship cannot be properly substantiated. Counter claims to the chiefship were submitted by Hugh A McGuire of New Zealand and Robert C Maguire of South Carolina. He was the grand uncle of Terence McCarthy – the derecognised Mac Carthy Mór

JOINING THE SOCIETY

The Society always welcomes new Members from Ireland and overseas. If you wish to join the Society please contact the Hon. Secretary GSI.Secretary@familyhistory.ie Membership of the Society is open to all with an interest in genealogy, heraldry or Social History.