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*Season's Greetings to all our Members,
Friends and Readers from the
President, O Conor Don, the Trustees
and the Executive Committee.*

WHAT'S THE FUTURE FOR C.I.G.O. ?

Following the failure to achieve a quorum at the November 28th Annual General Meeting of the Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations, is it time to review of the role and function of the organisation? The organisation's constitution may need radical overhaul to embrace the actual rather than the aspirational position of Irish genealogical organisations. The non-commercial organisations require a vibrant networking arrangement to ensure that the voice of their members is heard at national level as it is clear that the views of this sector are not always in tune with the requirements of those with a commercial interest in genealogy. Accessibility, and in particular, free and open accessibility, to genealogical records is the concern of our members. This Society will continue to represent the views of our Members on the various issues of concern to genealogists at national level and to offer an alternative "non-commercial" genealogical view. This was never more clearly the case when the Society tackled the much confused issue of the proposed charges at the GRO as highlighted in the November 1998 issue of *"The Genie Gazette"*. Our view, not supported by commercial genealogists, is straightforward, no nonsense, *microfilm copies of all Birth, Marriage and Death records over seventy years to be made available, free of charge, in the National Library and the National Archives leaving the GRO with its core function "registration & certification"*. This follows the practise adopted in most western democracies - *why not Ireland ?* A newly vamped CIGO may be able to advance this view, whereas, the present CIGO could not - *CIGO must change to reflect the views of the vast majority of Irish genealogists or be wound up and the sooner the better.*

MORNING MEETINGS

Due to the sale of R.J. Cooney's and the subsequent expansion and refurbishment of the premises by the new owner, the Society, will relocate the Morning Meetings from January to another location in Dun Laoghaire. Members are requested to telephone the Hon. Secretary at 284 2711 for details of the new venue in early January. We apologise for the inconvenience.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CLOSING

The Society's Archive will not be open on Saturday 19th December and will remain closed until Monday 11th January 1999 reopening at 19.00 hrs on that date.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 10 - Baldoyle, County Dublin 1901 Census Extracts" by *Marie Keogh*. Price IRP2.00 plus .50p p+p Ireland & UK and IRP1.00 elsewhere. (ISBN 1 898471 01 0) This is a very useful heads of household and visitors finding aid to the village of Baldoyle in North County Dublin for the 1901 Census.

"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 11 - Harold (Boys) School, Glasthule, County Dublin - Registers 1904 - 1948" compiled by *Eithne Gullfoyle*. Price IRP9.00 plus IRP1.00 p+p Ireland & UK : IRP2.00 elsewhere. (ISBN 1 898471 06 1). These school registers are very useful to the genealogist and social historian covering the periods before, between and after both World Wars and a period of high emigration from Ireland. Though, this is just the boys school, it can assist in the completion of whole families, siblings, fathers' occupations etc.

BLACKROCK SOCIETY

The proceedings of the Blackrock Society are published annually in a single volume. The 1998 volume - no. 6 includes articles on *"The Ulysses of Blomsday"* by Senator Prof. David Norris; *"Collecting Antiques"* by Brian Coyle; *"John Wesley in Ireland"* by Dudley Levisone Cooney; *"The Irish Jewish Community"* by Raphael Siev; *"The Percy French Society Concert in Trinity College"* by Gladys & Barrie O'Neill; *"The Order of Carmel and the Blackrock Monastery"* by Monica O'Neill and *"The First Commuter Railway in the World"* by Michael Sheil. A very good read indeed. Copies available from O'Neill's Pharmacy, Main Street, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Ireland - price IRP3.50 plus IRP1.00 p+p.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR 1998/9

Tues 08.12.1998	Messines P. Lecane & S. Moriarty
Tues.12. 01.1999	Irish Photographic Archive
Tues. 09.02.1999	Mills & Mill Books Bill Hogg
Tues. 09.03.1999	Bob Bourke
Tues. 13.04.1999	National Library Sources
Tues. 11.05.1999	Military Sources
Tues. 08.06.1999	John Heuston
Tues. 13.07.1999	National Archives Sources
Tues. 10.08.1999	Dr. Eithne Guilfoyle
Tues. 14.09.1999	TBA (poss. Overseas Sources)
Tues. 12.10.1999	Annual General Meeting
Tues. 09.11.1999	Open Meeting Q. & A.
Tues. 14.12.1999	TBA (Short Talk)

A GIFT FOR THE SOCIETY'S ARCHIVE

Calling all our friends and members overseas (and at home) this is your chance to assist us in the creation 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 B.D.Ms from Civil Registration Records. Why not obtain a copy for this Society's Archive in Ireland ? Is there anything published in your area that you might donate to the Society - donations will be acknowledged in *The Genie Gazette*. For example, the Federation's Microfiche of the British Census of 1881 (Member Society price UKP260.00) is an ideal gift to the Society's Archive as it would greatly enhance our collection. 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 !!*

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.

QUERIES RECEIVED

Bernard Breen - E-mail: brnbreen@adan.kingston.net seeks information on Thomas BREEN, son of William BREEN & Anne KEATING - baptised at Tomacork, Camew, Co. Wicklow on Feb.2nd 1838. Thomas went to Canada, married in 1856 and raised a large family - his parents died at sea. Family believed to have been from Ballykelly near Shillelagh, Co. Wicklow - any info. or connections please.

Patrick Jarvis - E-mail: patrick.jarvis@bc.sympatico.ca seeks information on the LOPEMAN family of Dublin, especially, Patrick LOPEMAN who served in the Leinster Regt. in WW1. Also, the birth of Albert LOPEMAN circa 1920. Any info. or connections please.

George O'Reilly - E-mail: ghor@iol.ie recently bought two photo albums at a sale. Most of the photos were taken around 1860-90. They seem to be mainly concerning a CULLEN family from Carlow but many names are mentioned including Johanna McDONALD/CULLEN; John WHELAN; Fr. MAHER, PP.; John WHELAN and wife O'BRIEN; Dotie DOYLE's father & mother etc. There is a memoriam card for Patrick KENNA of Carlow-Graigie who died in 1916. Also, included is a reference from the Commercial Insurance Company of Ireland dated 1898 for John CULLEN. And finally there is a photo of J.E. TOBIN 'previous to his departure to New Zealand in 1866'. Anyone interested please make contact with George O'Reilly.

Patricia Valdastrì, 1221, NW 99 Terr., Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33024, USA seeks information on the 150th Anniversary Souvenir of St. Patrick's Church, Liverpool published by Mersey Mirror Ltd., Liverpool in 1978. Her Co. Mayo great grandparents were married there in 1880. Any info. on this publication please.

James Davidson, 4, Priory Close, Lambeg, Co. Antrim, BT27 4PT seeks information on the Very Rev. John SPRATT, SFM - Carmelite Priest of the 1830s and on Michael SPRATT, a tanner of 105, Cork Street, Dublin in 1824. The enquirer wishes to offer reciprocal research in Belfast for Dublin.

Betty Dwyer, 6, La Vista Avenue, Sutton, Dublin 13 seeks information on Thomas DWYER, Ballyanihan, Co. Cork, born circa 1794, married Mary AHERN 1840 in Glanworth, Co. Cork. Places of origin required. Also, Mary CARTHAY, born circa 1806, married 1826 in Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, Denis CAREY of Killathy, Co. Cork. Info. on her birth, death and place of origin. Also, John CAREY, Killathy, Co. Cork, born circa 1767, married circa 1799, Joanna ROCHE - info. on his birth and marriage. Any information please.

Annette McDonnell, 4, Kippure Avenue, Green Park, Dublin 12 seeks info. on family/descendants of Michael Joseph COLLINS, born 1867, Kingstown, Co. Dublin. Parents: John COLLINS & Catherine TOOLE. He married Nannie DOOLIN in 1898, Waterford. Joined the RIC (Police) in 1889 and retired at Queenstown (Cobh), Co. Cork in 1915. Any info. please on the above.

Dave N. Astel, 67, Foxbury Drive, Chelsfield, Orpington, Kent, BR6 6EJ, England seeks info. on the BLIZZARD family said to have come from Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire) pre. 1900 - Any info. please.

Alan O'Rourke, 34, River Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 5BZ, England seeks info. on his grandparents - Joseph ROURKE (O'ROURKE) & Margaret MITCHELL of 15, Elizabeth st., Clonliffe, Dublin. Their children were George, Mary, William, Joseph, Ned & Kathleen. Family later moved to 5, Irvine Tce., Dublin. George ROURKE (O'ROURKE) enlisted in the Royal Dublin Fusiliers in 1914, served in France or Belgium, was wounded in both legs and discharged in England in 1916. Any info. please.

Michael Merrigan, 11, Desmond Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin seeks info. on the family and descendants of Michael MacMAHON of 43, Meadow Street, Moss Side (?), Manchester, England. This Michael was the elder brother of his grandfather Joseph MacMAHON who died, Manchester 1958. Any info. on present family members please.

Kathleen Grace Morgan, 1, Marine Terrace, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA28 6HX, England seeks info. on her great grandparents Sylvester BYRNE born c. 1849 (son of Myles BYRNE of Brittas, Co. Wicklow) & his wife, Elizabeth MAHON, daughter of James MAHON. Laurence DILLON, b. circa 1853 (son of William DILLON) & his wife Catherine PATRICK (poss. FitzPatrick) daughter of John PATRICK & Bridget SMITH. James SPEIGHT born circa 1856 (son of James SPEIGHT & Mary Ellen ROBERTS nee FAGIN) & his wife Grace LONG born 1849 daughter of Bernard LONG & Ellen ?? Owen CONFREY, born circa 1841 (son of Edward CONFREY & Elizabeth LEESON) & his wife Elizabeth McGARRY, born circa 1842 daughter of Patrick McGARRY & Elizabeth MARTIN (?). Any information on the above and their descendants please.

Donald G. Dickason, 64, Mason Drive, Princeton, New Jersey, 08540, USA seeks information on his wife great great grandparents Peter WISELY, born 1806 near Belfast. He married in 1828 Sarah LINDSAY, born 1808 in Aghanloo near Limavady, Co. Derry. They went to Pennsylvania and then to Illinois. Any info. please. E-mail: Dickason31@aol.com

DAONCHARTLANN PROJECT

Your help is urgently needed for 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 "Daoncharlann" 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 *Daoncharlann* (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 *Daoncharlann*. 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 *Daoncharlann*. 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.*

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The Archivist thanks the following for their kind donations of items to the Society's Archive: Dr. Eithne Guilfoyle for "An Index to Irish Emigrants in the New Brunswick Census of 1851"; Des O'Connell for fifty copies of "The Dublin Historical Record" and Mr. Jim Coyle for "The Irish Parish - St. Paul's R.C. Church, Brooklyn, New York"; Ken Lennan for hundreds of photocopies of GRO entries for his family in the Greater Dun Laoghaire area and Kathleen Morgan for the listing of the WW1 Dead of Cleator Moor, Cumbria, England. Archive seeking BDMs & Death Notices (Irish) from all over the world to augment its collection - if you would like to help contact FRIEDA CARROLL at the address below. Thanks.