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EGO PATRICIUS

"Ego Patricius peccator rusticissimus et minimus omnium fidelium et contemptibilissimus apud plurimos patrem habui Calpornium diaconum filium quendam Potiti presbyteri " (*"Patrick, in his own words"* by Joseph Duffy, Dublin 1972 - ISBN 0 901810 89 4). Thus begins the "*Confessio*" of St. Patrick, whose feast day, March 17th, is celebrated by the Irish throughout the world. Time to think of home and friends and family overseas. In Patrick's own words we have him affirming his genealogy, possibly, all too aware of the importance his Irish hosts paid to such matters. "*I am Patrick, a sinner, the most unlearned of men, the lowliest of all the faithful, utterly worthless in the eyes of many. My father was Calpornius who was a deacon and a son of the priest Potitus*" Indeed, to the early Irish he was "*Mac Calprainn*" (son of Calpornius) the man who confronted High King Laoghaire mac Niall Noigialaigh on the Hill of Slane in 432 AD. This Laoghaire was the founder of the fortress from which our town derives its present name of *Dun Laoghaire* and the great grand uncle of Columcille (Columba) who brought Christianity to Scotland. Whilst, celebrations to mark the foundation of Dun Laoghaire are being held throughout the year (info: tel. 205 4818 or fax 230 1656), as genealogists, St. Patrick's Day has a special significance for our Diaspora and the contribution to Irish genealogical research made by people like the late Dr. Eduardo Coghlan of Argentina. Dr. Coghlan, who died last August in Buenos Aires, researched the Irish contribution to Argentina for over fifty years culminating in his excellent publication "*Los Irlandeses in La Argentina*" which gives the genealogical background to over 4,000 families of Irish origin who emigrated to Argentina. A

copy is available in the National Library of Ireland and the Society's Archive. An appreciation of the life of Dr. Coghlan was published in *The Irish Times* on Monday March 2nd, 1998 by "J.R.". "*His work will ensure that the Latin-American component of the Irish diaspora is recorded for posterity*" (J.R.) It is the memory of "*Mac Calprainn*" that unites all Irish people, including those 500,000 or so in Argentina, once each year, in the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. On behalf of our Society's President, O Conor Don, the Executive Committee wishes all members, their families and friends a very happy *St. Patrick's Day*.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday March 10th & April 14th 1998

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

Wednesday March 25th & April 22nd 1998

Morning Open Meeting - Port View Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire. 10.30 - 12.30 hrs.

Buses 7, 8, 46A, 59, 111, 75 - DART Dun Laoghaire Station.

Wicklow County Genealogical Society - Further information contact Maeve Flannery Tel: (0404) 67442

DLGS Archive, 14, Rochestown Park, Dun Laoghaire. Open (Members only) Saturdays 14.00 - 17.00 hrs and Mondays 19.00 - 21.00 hrs., however, closed on Bank Holidays.

AMENDED PROGRAMME

Our P.R.O., Heather Jeffery (tel: 288 3777) has outlined the Evening Meetings for the coming year as follows: Mar. Members' Night & Computer Group; Apr. John Heuston; May Tony Quinn (Garda History); June Members' Night & Computer Group; July John Dyer (Newfoundland Irish); Aug. Peter Cassells (Valuation Office); Sep. Joan Kavanagh (Wicklow 1798); Oct. A.G.M. (Guest Lecturer); Nov. Members' Night & Computer Group; Dec. TBA.

NEW ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER

The Hon. Secretary has moved to 11, Desmond Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, though, the Society's registered address will remain as below, contacting the Hon. Secretary may be expedited by utilising the new address. The telephone number has been changed to (01) 284 2711.

STOCKTON ON TEES CALLING

Jane Dobson of the Old Billingham Community Centre, East Avenue, Billingham, Stockton on Tees, TS23 1BY, England has advised us of the formation of a new group in Stockton on Tees and she seeks contact with genealogists and societies in Ireland. Jane would welcome newsletters etc. from genealogical organisations in Ireland and overseas to assist their members

150th ANNIVERSARY

March 27th 1998 marks the 150th anniversary of the death in 1848 of John Burke at the age of 61 years, genealogist and author of "*Burke's Peerage*".

CLAN GATHERING IN DUN LAOGHAIRE

As part of "*Dun Laoghaire 1500*" a family history night and Clan gathering will be held on Monday 16th March in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire at 20.00 hrs. Members & friends are most welcome. The Society will have a help desk on the night for visitors and beginners.

JOURNAL EDITOR BY E-MAIL

Liam Mac Alasdair, Editor of the Society's quarterly journal may be contacted by e-mail on Liam@indigo.ie with items for inclusion in forthcoming issues of the journal.

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FENNESSY FAMILY HISTORY MEETING

The Fennessys will gather in the Clonmel Arms Hotel, Sarafield Street, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary from Saturday 22nd August to Thursday 27th August 1998. Contact Dr. Mike Fennessy, Tamarisks, Warefoot Drive, Creddon, Devon, EX17 2DG, England - Tel: 44. 1752 226675 or E-mail: mfennessy@coastres.co.uk

PROJECTS LIAISON OFFICER

Roisin Lafferty, Projects Liaison Officer of the Society will be attending a special conference on Projects and Strays organised by the Federation of Family History Societies in Birmingham this month. Roisin has endeavoured to establish a register of the projects, both group and individual, being undertaken by members. The aim is to act as a contact point for those engaged in projects or wishing to embark on a project and encourage such amongst the membership. Roisin can be contacted on tel: 280 0894.

IRISH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

Ireland Branch

Lecture: Weds. 25th March 1998 19.30 hrs National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin. "An Irish Military Museum and the Military Diaspora" by Col. Desmond Travers, Curragh Camp, Co. Kildare.

DAONCHARTLANN PROJECT

Like to help establish our new archive?

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 *Bank Transfer* to: D.L.G.S. Building Fund, c/o Ulster Bank, Rochestown Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Sort Code: 98-59-50 Building A/C No. 52252212. *Thank you for your kind support.*

LOSS OF MANUSCRIPT REGRETTE

As reported in "*The Genie Gazette*" in January 1998, the following appeared in *The Irish Times* of Friday February 20th 1998.

The Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands expressed regret yesterday that it was not possible for the National Library to buy the Nugent Manuscript at Sothebys last December because of lack of resources. Ms. de Valera said that the manuscript was sold for 140,000 sterling. Allowing for auctioneer fees, currency conversion and other costs, an outlay of about 180,000 (UKP ?) would have been involved. She said the library's agent at the auction was authorised to incur a total expenditure of 150,000 (UKP ?) to acquire the manuscript. A substantial supplemental grant was earmarked by the Department for this purpose. While she regretted it was not possible to acquire the manuscript, she believed the approach adopted was the correct one, having regard to all the circumstances. (I.T. 20/2/98)

CALLING ALL CROZIERS

Martin Crozier of The Old Huntsman's House, Milton Park, Peterborough, PE6 7AB, England has collected details of over 4,000 persons of the name Crozier and would like to hear from others researching this name. Martin can be contacted by telephone on 0044-1733-380455.

CIGO MATTERS

The Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations - CIGO, will meet on Monday March 9th in Dublin and hopefully, resolve the matter of this Society's resolutions deferred at the November 1997 A.G.M. of CIGO for consideration by the constituent member organisations and the DLGS proposals for Standing Orders, deferred at the January meeting for consideration by the constituent member organisations. The text of the proposals for Standing Orders was despatched by An Cathaoirleach, Rory Stanley, to each constituent member organisation on December 4th 1997. Whilst, *Raheny Heritage Society* has advised DLGS that it does not support the proposals, the *North of Ireland FHS* has indicated its support for the proposed Standing Orders aimed at structuring the business of CIGO in order to facilitate the fullest consideration of any proposals brought before CIGO. Members will be informed of the outcome of this important meeting in the April issue of "*The Genie Gazette*".

WORLD WAR I ANCESTORS & THEIR STORIES

Philip Lecane is researching the above for a possible publication. Philip would welcome comments, suggestions and any information on the topic. Tel: 01. 230 1489 or write to Philip at 77, Windsor Drive, Monkstown, Co. Dublin.

COPY BIRTH BRIEFS WANTED

Frieda Carroll, Archivist, reminds all members that they should deposit a copy of their birth brief with the Society's Archive. Each birth brief will be published in the journal, though, should you not wish your birth brief published, please mark "not for publication" at the top before depositing it with her at 14, Rochestown Park, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

CONTACT SOUGHT

Contact with Bryan Bannon, born in England in 1940, left for Ireland circa 1944 (possibly Co. Tyrone), the son of Patrick George & Amy Bannon, is sought by his niece in County Durham, England. Information to the Hon. Secretary, tel: 284 2711 who will forward same.

MONKSTOWN, Co. DUBLIN

Dennis Allen is currently researching the Monkstown area of County Dublin, especially, those buried in Carrickbrennan Cemetery. Denis hopes to include photographs of the more interesting memorials with details on the lives etc. of persons recorded on the headstones. Dennis can be contacted by E-mail: allend@iol.ie

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