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## HERITAGE COUNCIL REPORT

The Society has been advised that an interim report of the long promised Study into Genealogical Practises in Ireland is to be presented to Ms. Sile de Valera T.D., Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands by the Heritage Council at the end of May. Whilst, the Minister has promised to make the contents of the final report public, it's not clear whether publication of this interim report is intended. The Society would urge the Minister to publish the interim report to facilitate public comment, and possibly amendment, prior to its final endorsement by the Heritage Council or the Department. It is hoped that this report will contain an endorsement of the principle of public ownership and right of access to their genealogical heritage, whilst, requiring of service providers (Heritage Centres) value for money and accountability with clear and precise targets and objectives. The Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General (*No. 14 - December 1996 - price IRP5.00 from the Government Publications Office, Molesworth Street, Dublin 2.*) must not be allowed to gather dust as too much public money has been invested, or possibly lost, in the Irish Genealogical Project over the years and yet, if such a report was presented by the auditors of a company it would result in a shareholders' revolt. It will be interesting to see if the Heritage Council and the Department are prepared to safeguard the future of the IGP Heritage Centres by placing them firmly under the control of the County Librarians in each county and finally winding-up Irish Genealogy Limited. This will prove that the Heritage Council's study was worthwhile and aimed at the future prudent development and management of this aspect of our Nation's rich and varied heritage. We await the Report !!!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### *Tuesday May 12th & June 9th 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.

### *Wednesday May 27th & June 24th 1998*

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

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*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*

## FIRST MEETING AT COONEY'S

The first Morning Meeting at RJ Cooney's was held on Wednesday 22nd April with twenty six members present to inaugurate our new venue. When they said that RJ's was a great venue for parties, receptions, morning coffee or just a quiet drink we had to find out for ourselves. Indeed, *Bernie & R.J. Cooney* proved excellent hosts with coffee, biscuits and service with a smile to make this first meeting a memorable occasion. *See you there on the 27th !*

## SPECIAL OPEN MEETING

To mark the visit to Dun Laoghaire by members of the *Anglo-Irish FHS* (Liverpool) the Society will host a Special Open Meeting on **Thursday 21st May 1998** at 20.00 hrs in the **Kingston Hotel**, Haddington Terrace, Dun Laoghaire - All Welcome - **Members, Guests and Friends.**

## INTERIOR DESIGN COMPETITION

**Dun Laoghaire Community College** and the Society organised an Interior Design Competition for Computer Aided Design students at the College to design the interior of An Daonchartlann to be established at the Martello Tower, Seapoint, Co. Dublin. The Society hopes to move its growing archive to this location following its refurbishment for which funding is being sought. The standard was very high and the Adjudication Panel, including the County Librarian, Muiris O Raghail and the Society's Architect, Sean Gaynor, found it extremely difficult to come to a final decision. The prize giving reception will be held in the College on **Thursday 14th May 1998**. The Society wishes to thank Sarah Brock, Kristen Briggs, Barry O'Connor and the Dun Laoghaire Community College, Cumberland Street, Dun Laoghaire, for facilitating this important competition for the students and the Society. The winner will be announced on the night at the ceremony in the College.

## DLGS PUBLICATIONS

The Society has developed a thriving publications department over the past few years and now, in addition to our quarterly journal edited by Liam Mac Alasdair, a total of eleven publications have rolled off the press. Much credit for this goes to Liam Mac Alasdair, George H. O'Reilly, Barry O'Connor and the other members of the Society giving freely of their time to research and produce these volumes. Each publication marks another milestone in Irish genealogy as the Society is now a leading publisher of genealogical material in Ireland and it aims to continue the national focus of these publications by drawing on material covering the island of Ireland and the Irish Diaspora. Copies of these publications may be ordered from Barry O'Connor (tel: 285 4386) or by Email: rorstan@tinet.ie

### IRISH GENEALOGICAL SOURCES SERIES

"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 1 - Shillelagh & Ballinacor South, Co. Wicklow 1837 - A Memorial" (ISBN 1 898471 40 1) price IRP5.00 (postage IRP1.00 - Ireland & IRP2.00 overseas). Memorials were a common form of petition to the authorities in the 19th century. This memorial of 1837, containing the names and addresses of 1,500 people from south west County Wicklow, sought a change in the location of the Quarter Sessions town from Baltinglass in the west of the county to Tinahely in the south. The date of this memorial is intermediate between the Tithe Applotment Survey and the Primary Valuation Survey (Griffith's Valuation) and covers an area which includes the vast Coolatin Estate of the Earl FitzWilliam which witnessed large scale assisted emigration between 1847 and 1856. Compiled & Edited by Sean Magee.

"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 2 - Corn Growers, Carriers & Traders, County Wicklow 1788, 1789 & 1790" (ISBN 1 898471 50 9). price IRP3.00 (postage IRP1.00 - Ireland & IRP2.00 overseas). The information contained in this publication has been extracted from documents covering the period-before The Great Rebellion of 1798 and therefore, provide a valuable census substitute almost fifty years before the Tithe Applotment Books. Compiled by George H. O'Reilly.

"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 3 - Newcastle, County Wicklow - School Register 1864-1947" (ISBN 1 898471 70 3) price IRP5.00 (postage IRP1.00 - Ireland & IRP2.00 overseas). George H. O'Reilly has compiled and edited this valuable genealogical source as a census substitute for this area of north County Wicklow.

"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 4 - Croasdaile's History of Rosenallis, Co. Laois, Ireland" (ISBN 1 898471 10 X) price IRP5.00 (postage IRP1.00 - Ireland & IRP2.00 overseas) is an account of the turbulent history of the Civil Parish of Rosenallis in North County Laois (Queen's County) by Fr. L. H. Craosdaile, s.j.. Dedicated to Sean & Ina Wisely - custodians of the manuscript, the publication includes an index to the Primary Valuation Survey for the Parish, including the Town of Mountmellick, and sources for the genealogist and local historian. Edited by Michael Merrigan.

"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 5 - Dublin City 1901 - Census Index to the North Strand, Clonliffe Road & Summerhill District" (ISBN 1 898471 75 4) price IRP5.00 (postage IRP1.00 - Ireland & IRP2.00 overseas). Extracted and indexed alphabetically by Marie Keogh, this provides the names, surnames and addresses of each householder and visitor in the district. It's a very useful guide for the researcher.

### DEANSGRANGE MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS

"Memorial Inscriptions of Deansgrange Cemetery, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Ireland Vol 1 - South West Section" (ISBN 1 898471 20 07) price IRP6.00 (postage IRP1.00 Ireland & IRP2.00 overseas). Publication aimed at the genealogist, social historian and local historian contains transcriptions of the memorials in a predominately non-Catholic section of this cemetery, the largest in south. Co. Dublin. Co-ordinator: B. O'Connor

"Memorial Inscriptions of Deansgrange Cemetery, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Ireland Vol. 2 Lower North Section" (ISBN 1 898471 30 4) price IRP7.00 (postage IRP1.00 Ireland & IRP2.00 overseas). Publication aimed at the genealogist, social and local historian contains transcriptions of the memorials in the oldest Catholic section of south County Dublin's largest cemetery opened in 1864. Co-ordinator: Barry O'Connor.

"Memorial Inscriptions of Deansgrange Cemetery, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Ireland Vol.3 Upper North Section" (ISBN 1 898471 55 X) price IRP7.00 (postage IRP1.00 Ireland and IRP2.00 overseas). Publication aimed at the genealogist, social and local historian contains transcriptions of 1400 of the memorials in the Catholic section of south County Dublin's largest cemetery opened in 1864. Co-ordinator: Barry O'Connor.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

An tEOLAI - Research Directory - an occasional publication on members' queries & interests, though, it is slowly being overtaken by the wider use of the Internet. Members may submit queries free of charge. Queries are also published in the journal.

"Weavers & Related Trades, Dublin 1826 - A Genealogical Source" (ISBN 1 898471 15 0) price IRP5.00 (postage IRP1.00 Ireland & IRP2.00 overseas). Sean Magee has skilfully researched the Op 726 and OP 727 series of records in the National Archives in Dublin and extracted the names, addresses, family details and trades of the persons applying for relief of distress due to the collapse of the Irish textile industry in 1826. This is not only a genealogical source, but a very valuable publication for the social historian.

"A Guide to the Articles and Sources Published by the Dun Laoghaire Genealogical Society 1992 - 1996" (ISBN 1 898471 45 2) price IRP2.00 (postage IRP1.00). The essential reference source for the genealogist and social historian researching aspects of County Dublin's history and genealogical heritage. Compiled & Edited by Brian Smith, the author of the much acclaimed "*Tracing Your Mayo Ancestors*" published by Fylleaff Press.

### CLANS OF IRELAND

Dr. Margaret A. Tierney, the newly elected Chairperson of the Clans of Ireland, now a voluntary organisation *without* government assistance, has invited all family historians considering 'clan' gatherings to become members of Clans of Ireland. The Registrar, Ms. Nuala Cassidy-White is contactable by e-mail: Families.United@connect-2.co.uk or alternatively write to Dr. Tierney, Grange Clare, Kilmeeague, Naas, Co. Kildare. (tel: 045-860623). The Society wishes Dr. Tierney and the Clans every success with their endeavours. The e-mail address above was carried incorrectly in last month's issue of *The Genie Gazette* - apologies for any inconvenience caused - MM.