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## INCREASED DEMAND FOR THE SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS

With orders flowing in from all corners of the globe for the Society publications, and with another ten or so titles in the pipe line, the Society's publishing activities are increasingly seen as a real source of revenue to be developed over the next few years. Both the Deansgrange Memorials and the Irish Genealogical Sources Series are attracting sales in excess of expectation over the past nine months according to an audit conducted by the Society's Auditor, Declan Byrne, FCCA.. Whilst, acknowledging the great work undertaken by Liam Mac Alasdair, Barry O'Connor and George H. O'Reilly in the production of these publications, Barry's contribution to the very successful sales and distribution of the Society's publications has certainly been reflected in the latest figures from the Acting Hon. Treasurer. The Hon. Secretary is dealing with around twenty requests each week for information on the Society's publications. These requests are from individuals and societies from all over the world. In Ireland, the Genealogy Bookshop, 3, Nassau Street, Dublin, has proven to be a very successful outlet for the Society's Quarterly Journal, Deansgrange Memorials (3 vols.) and the Irish Genealogical Sources Series (6 titles) and others. The authors/compiler of these publications including Sean Magee, Brian Smith, George O'Reilly, James O. Coyle, Marie Keogh, Frieda Carroll and Barry's team of fieldworkers and typists must be congratulated for their great contribution to Irish genealogy and we look forward to new titles from Eithne Guilfoyle, Frieda Carroll, Mary Barrington and Sean Magee before the end of the year. Also, in production are Deansgrange Vol. 4 and the Memorials of the Jewish Cemetery, Dolphins Barn, Dublin. The publication of genealogical and biographical material is possibly one of the most important functions of any family history society. The Executive Committee views the Society's role in this regard as essentially "national" and therefore, it will continue to seek out and publish genealogical information from counties outside Dublin and, where available, from the Irish Diaspora throughout the world.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Tuesday August 11th & September 8th 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 stations.

### Wednesday August 26th & September 23rd 1998

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

### Wicklow County Genealogical Society.

Please contact Declan Tel: (01) 295 7782 for details etc.

### Our Society's Archive

Located at 14, Rochestown Park, Dun Laoghaire. Open (Members only) Saturdays 14.00 hrs. - 17.00 hrs and Mondays 19.00 hrs. - 21.00 hrs.,

Closed Bank Holiday Weekends.

## DUN LAOGHAIRE 1500 WELCOMES AUSTRALIAN GROUP

On Monday 17th August 1998 the Society will host a visit by a group of twenty-five genealogists from Kiama, New South Wales, Australia to Dun Laoghaire. The group will be lead by Ray Thorburn who very kindly provided our Cathaoirleach, Rory Stanley, with a tour of their Research Centre and Archive in Kiama during his last visit downunder. The programme for the visit is arranged in conjunction with *Dun Laoghaire 1500* to include a lecture by Mr. James Davidson, Vice-Chairman of the North of Ireland FHS and Cheese & Wine Reception at the Kingston Hotel, Haddington Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin at 20.00 hrs. *All members welcome to attend.*

## DAONCHARTLANN PROJECT

*Like to help establish our new archive?*

Following the great news that The American Ireland Fund is to contribute 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 "*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 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 for this important project.*

## 1848 RISING REMEMBERED

Congratulations to the Slieveardagh Rural Development Group, Ballingarry, Co. Tipperary, on the announcement by An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, TD, that the State is to purchase the Widow McCormack's House in Ballingarry, Co. Tipperary, the scene of the Young Ireland Rising of 1848 led by William Smith O'Brien and Thomas Francis Meagher. This Society supported the purchase of this building in letters to Tipperary County Council and to Noel Davern, TD, Minister of State, on November, 17th 1997 as follows: - *it has come to our notice that next year is the 150th anniversary of the 1848 Rising at Ballingarry, Co. Tipperary. This event, as you may appreciate, is of European significance as it represented an Irish link with the political thought emerging on the continent during 1848 where many cities and states were gripped by revolutions. As the local authority / Teachta Dala for the Ballingarry area, we would appreciate your advice as to whether the County Council is planning to mark the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the 1848 Rising and what measures, if any, have been taken to declare the Widow McCormack's House in Ballingarry, the site of the Rising, a building of national historical significance. Possibly facilitating the County Council or the local Parish to acquire and restore the building as monument to an important link in the tradition that stretches from the United Irishmen of 1798 to the Irish Volunteers of 1916 and to those who participated in the Rising like William Smith O'Brien and Thomas Francis Meagher.* Congratulations Slieveardagh !!

DLGS, 14, Rochestown Pk, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland

### QUERIES RECEIVED

Josephine Conray, 41, Springlands Drive, Slacks Creek 4127, Queensland, Australia seeks information on Philip a.k.a. John Hogan, born 1766, tried at Clonmel, July 1797, as a member of the United Irishmen and sentenced to transportation to Australia for life. Mary McMahon, daughter of Denis McMahon, born 1777 at Ennis, Co. Clare, convicted at Ennis, Co. Clare in June 1800 and sentenced to seven years transportation to Australia. James Kane a.k.a. Kean, born in Ireland c. 1836 the son of Dorbie (Darby) Kane & Mary Griffen. He died in Scotland 2nd Dec. 1878. James married Ann Smith, daughter of Patrick Smith & Bridget McShane, on 31st Oct. 1857 in Armagh. Peter McIntyer, born in Ireland c. 1841 - married Sarah Smith, Dec. 1863 in Newry. Josephine has a photograph by P. Eily, Photographer, Mary's Street, Newry. Any information please.

Ted Pearce, 45, Carnegie Crescent, Narrabundah, ACT 2604, Australia (E-mail: ted-pearce@rocketmail.com) seeks information on the family of David Scanlon & Margaret Hayes of Bandon, Co. Cork or New Mill, Co. Cork, circa 1840 - children: John; James; Ellen; Margaret; Michael and Mary. Most of the children went to Australia - any connections still in Bandon/New Mill, Co. Cork. Any information please.

P.M. Owen, 11, Grasscroft, Brinnington, Stockport, Cheshire, SK5 8LE, England seeks information on the family of Prole/Prolje of Dalkey, Co. Dublin - occupation: bakers. Also, Kinsella and Doherty connection to same. Any information please on Prozelle/Perolze/Perolts or Perolz families.

Rhoda M. Wilkins, 164, Dunning Avenue, Rosebery, NSW 2018, Australia seeks information on Martin Gill, silk weaver, William & John Gill, weavers - of Dublin circa 1826. Also, John Madden, son of Patrick Madden from County Meath.

R.A. Franklin, 9, Walnut Leys, Cosby, Leicester LE9 1TY, England seeks information on the whereabouts of the records of the following photographers of Dublin City:- Lauder Brothers, 32, Westmoreland Street; P. Charleton, Park Studios, 10, Sarsfield Quay; Hastings Brothers, 10, Pembroke Quay; M. Glover, 124, St. Stephen's Green West.

John Perkins, 24, Withens Ave., Sheffield S6 1WE, England seeks information on James McKay, born c. 1860, son of Owen McKay son of Lawrence McKay & Mary Rafferty both dead by 1881. James married Jane Sweeney in Rutherglen in 1882. George Sweeney born Coleraine. E-mail: perkins@legend.co.uk.

### INCORPORATION OF THE SOCIETY ?

A Cathaoirleach's Review Group or CRG was established by the Executive Committee in accordance with the *CRG Rules & Regulations* adopted by the Executive Committee on the 9th January 1997, to examine the matter of the incorporation of the Society as a Company in order to better protect the interests of our members, officers and any property or funds presently in the ownership of the Society or accruing to the Society in the future, including the Martello Tower at Seapoint, Co. Dublin. This CRG was designated *CRG No. 4 (1998) - Incorporation* and it has a report date of September 3rd 1998. The CRG will formulate proposals for consideration by the Executive Committee to facilitate the presentation of a composite proposal on incorporation to the Annual General Meeting in October 1998 sponsored by the Executive Committee. Members of the Society wishing to make written submissions to the Cathaoirleach on the above should do so before Friday, August 28th 1998 to Rory Stanley, 94, Cherrywood, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin or E-mail: rorstan@tinet.ie *Your views are important & most welcome !!*

### 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](mailto:Liam@indigo.ie) with items for inclusion in forthcoming issues of the journal. Copy should be received no later than August 30th 1998 for the next edition. Advertising rates are as follows:  
Full Page (A5) IRP50.00; Half Page IRP30.00 and Quarter Page IRP18.00 Tel./FAX: 01. 285 4020 - by mail to the address below.

### COLLECTING GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL ON THE IRISH DIASPORA

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 Births, Marriages and Deaths from Civil Registration Records. Why not obtain a copy for this Society's Archive in Ireland ? The Society welcomes donations of such material from all over the world for its growing Archive to be located at the Martello Tower, Seapoint, Co. Dublin following the refurbishment of the Tower, dating from 1804, as our *Dáonchartlann* (Irish - 'peoples' archive'). Is there anything published in your area that you might donate to the Society - donations will be acknowledged in *The Genie Gazette*. 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 can contribute to the development of genealogical research in Ireland.

### COUNTY COUNCIL STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

*An Foram Oidhreacht* - Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Heritage Forum, has been invited by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to a meeting on 31st August 1998 to facilitate the filling of the vacancies on the County Council's Strategic Policy Committees. This Society is a founder member of An Foram and wishes both An Foram and the SPCs well - possibly to ensure that rumours reported by Peter Pearson in *"Ireland of the Welcomes"* magazine (vol. 47, no. 4 July/Aug. 1998) regarding the possible relocation of the National Maritime Museum out of Dun Laoghaire don't become a reality due to the lack of State funding for the Museum. This Society views such rumours as very disturbing and we will, through An Foram and the SPCs, seek assurances on the future of the National Maritime Museum at the Mariners' Church, Dun Laoghaire.

### CLANS OF IRELAND

The August Newsletter of the Clans of Ireland announced the appointment of Ms. Nuala Cassidy White, Ms. Siobhan MacDermot and Dr. Eugene McManus as Clans of Ireland Enquiries Secretaries. They can be contacted by E-mail at: [Families.United/connect-2.co.uk](mailto:Families.United/connect-2.co.uk) or by telephone at Enniskillen (01365) 322353. Amongst the up coming Clan Gatherings are MacManus Clan (Aug. 14-15th), Co. Leitrim; Farrell Clan (Aug. 29-30th), Co. Longford; Cassidy Clan (late Aug. contact tel: 080-1762-336272) and in September (18-20th) O'Toole Clan, Louisburg, Co. Mayo. Further details: Clans of Ireland, Grange Clare, Kilmeague, Naas, Co. Kildare, Ireland or your local Bord Fáilte/Irish Tourist Board Office. Check out: <http://www.irishclans.com/> for Clans on the net.

### TRAGIC DEATH OF LITTLE CRAIG

The Society offers its sincere condolences to the parents, brothers and sisters of 5 year old Craig O'Connor the nephew of our last Hon. Treasurer, Joe FitzGerald and Cllr. Patrick FitzGerald of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. Craig was killed in a road accident on Wednesday 22nd July near his home in Sallynoggin. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

### SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS' - London

The Society has just launched a newsletter to meet the many queries received on events, publications and workshops. The Editor is Rob Thompson, Sales & Marketing Manager at the Society of Genealogists', 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA, England. E-mail: [sales@sog.org.uk](mailto:sales@sog.org.uk)

### 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 Róisín Lafferty on 280 0894. *Thanks !!*