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MINISTER PUBLISH REPORT

The Minister for Arts, Culture, Islands & The Gaeltacht, Ms. Sile de Valera TD, is finally to receive the "Report on Genealogical Practises in Ireland" prepared by the Heritage Council. It is reported that the Council will deliver the document during this month and that the Minister will view it before deciding when to publish it as promised earlier this year. The Society made several submissions to the Heritage Council and we eagerly await its publication and the recommendations of the Council. Understanding the varied and sometimes conflicting interest groups involved in genealogy in Ireland, this report should make very interesting reading. However, any failure by the Heritage Council, in this report, to comprehensively and decisively tackle the problems associated with the public accessibility of records and the future of the Irish Genealogical Project (Heritage Centres) will certainly call into question its ability to deal with genealogy at all. The report was commissioned by the previous Minister, Mr. Michael D. Higgins, TD following the debate on *The National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997*. We await the early publication of the report - as promised by the Minister Sile de Valera, TD.

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES

Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has facilitated the nomination of the following, drawn from the Environment/Conservation/Cultural Sector, for membership of the five SPCs:- Roads & Transport, David Rowe, An Taisce; Environment, Stuart Wistow, Birdwatch Ireland; Housing, Anne Brady, An Taisce; Planning, Development & Tourism, Michael Merrigan, An Foram Oidhreachta; Culture & Amenities, Veronica Heywood, An Foram Oidhreachta and Karen Carleton, Drama League of Ireland. These SPCs will comprise of elected County Councillors and sectoral representatives to assist, advise and participate in policy formulation at County Council level in accordance with a new Government initiative aimed at improving local government. Of the six nominees, five belong to organisations represented on An Foram Oidhreachta - Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Heritage Forum, of which, this Society is a member and co-founder.

CIGO SEEKS DLGS RETURN

The Executive Committee is to consider the request from CIGO to overturn the Society's decision to withdraw our delegates to CIGO until that organisation's AGM in November. However, it is unlikely that the Executive Committee will make that decision before the Society's Annual General Meeting in October where the membership may be invited to debate the Society's continued membership of the Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations. Currently, this Society is committed by its Constitution to membership of CIGO and the international Federation of Family History Societies, however, any future arrangement with CIGO may well depend on the will of our members as expressed at the October AGM and attitudes towards the Heritage Council's Report on Genealogy.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday Sept. 8th & Oct. 13th (AGM) 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 Sept. 23rd & Oct. 28th 1998

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

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 - 21.00 hrs. Closed Bank Hol. Weekends.

Wicklow County Genealogical Society.

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

DUN LAOGHAIRE 1500 WELCOMED

AUSTRALIAN GROUP

On Monday 17th August 1998 the Society, in conjunction with "Dun Laoghaire 1500" hosted a visit by a group of twenty-five genealogists from Kiama, New South Wales, Australia to Dun Laoghaire. The group was 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. Rory presented the visitors with a complete set of the Society's publications, including the special edition - Irish Genealogical Sources No. 7 - published to commemorate the visit by the Australians to Dun Laoghaire. The event included a lecture by Mr. James Davidson, Vice-Chairman of the North of Ireland FHS and Cheese & Wine Reception at the Kingston Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. Nearly ninety people attended including *His Excellency, The Maguire, Prince of Fermanagh; Breasal O Caollai, Cathaoirleach Dun Laoghaire 1500; Rob Davison, General Secretary, NIFHS; Veronica Heywood, PRO, An Foram Oidhreachta; John Dyer, Cathaoirleach, and Des Clarke, Hon. Secretary of the Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations and RJ and Bernadette Cooney of RJ Cooney's.* The Society's sincere thanks to Breasal O Caollai and Dun Laoghaire 1500 for their kind support.

IRISH GENEALOGICAL SOURCES NO. 7

DUBLIN STREET INDEX 1798

extracted from WHITELOW'S CENSUS

by Sean Magee

(ISBN 1 898471 85 1 Price: IRP3.00 - p+p IRP1.00 Ireland & UK : IRP2.00 others) available from DLGS Publications, 14, Rochestown Park, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin)

Sean Magee, in his second volume in the *Irish Genealogical Sources Series*, provides an excellent research aide to family and social historians with an interest in Dublin City at the end of the eighteenth century. This index is taken from a census conducted by the Rev. James Whitelaw and contained in the appendix to the "History of the City of Dublin" by Whitelaw, Werburton & Walsh - published in 1815. Though the census itself has, unfortunately, not survived this index is a fascinating source. This is a valuable reference book as many of the street names are no longer in use today and therefore, may have been difficult to locate - Sean has made the task of cross referencing street and parish much easier. This index enables the researcher to identify the parish in each case for the year of *The Great Rebellion of 1798* and just before the *Act of Union of Great Britain and Ireland in 1801*.

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.

Think you can help? - Call to discuss it today - Thanks

DAONCHARTLANN PROJECT

Like to help establish 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 "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.

PRESIDENT VIEWS THE PROJECT

H.E. Mrs. Mary McAleese, President of Ireland, viewed the Society's stand at the Adult Education Exhibition held in The County Hall on Thursday 27th August. Mrs. McAleese discussed the Daonchartlann Project with our Cathaoirleach, Rory Stanley, and she expressed great interest in the restoration and refurbishment of the Martello Tower at Seapoint. Rory was accompanied by his wife Roz, Roisín Lafferty, Projects Liaison Officer and Sean Kane, Membership Officer. The stand attracted much attention from the assembled guests, educators and dignitaries. The Society's participation in the event is thanks to Liam Mac Alasdair and Michael Riordan of the Dun Laoghaire V.E.C. and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Co.

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 Daonchartlann (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.

MONUMENT TO KING LAOGHAIRE

The Dun Laoghaire 1500 Committee is to erect a monument to Ard Ri Laoghaire, founder of Dun Laoghaire, on a site near the original site of his Dun or stone fortress on the seaford. Members of the public will be asked to subscribe to the fund.

Further details: Dun Laoghaire 1500, Avoca House, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR EDITOR

Liam Mac Alasdair has changed his e-mail address from Liam@indigo.ie to lmac@clubi.ie. Please change your records and forward items for the next journal to him before August 31st 1998 or write to the Society's Hon. Sec., address above.

QUERIES RECEIVED

PETER BIRD, 38, Mayfield Crescent, Stevenston, Ayrshire, Scotland, KA20 4AJ - seeks information on John (Patrick) Bird, b. 1831 in Co. Roscommon son of Michael Bird, a hand loom weaver, and Ann Dolan. John married Catherine O'Dyer or O'Dwyer circa 1852. The family were known to have lived in or around Fournilehouse, Kilbride Parish, Co. Roscommon. John moved to Kilburn, Derbyshire in 1867 where he, now a widower, married Catherine Feeny. Peter is also interested in a County Down connection: James Gallagher, b. 1827 at Benagh, Newry son of John Gallagher & Margaret Downey. James married Mary Moore in 1856 and had issue: William Gallagher, b. 1866 (moved to Scotland). Also, John O'Hare, b. Kilcoo, Castlewelan, Co. Down (moved to Scotland) son of Peter O'Hare & Mary McVey. He married Rose McCrickard daughter of Hugh McCrickard and Alice Munn. *Any info. please.*

PATRICK MOLLOY, 16, Coppinger Wood, Blackrock, Co. Dublin - seeks information on and connections with the families of Giles, Rogan and Molloy of Dun Laoghaire and Blackrock and Murphy of Main Street, Blackrock. Molloy also from Athboy area of County Meath. Also, information regarding a Capt. James Giles, buried at Kavack, Turkey on the 04. Feb. 1894. *Any information please.*

KEN LENNAN, 39, Rue de la Chase Royale, Auderghem, 1160, Brussels, Belgium - seeks information on the origins of Newtownpark near Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Also, persons having connections with the Lennon, Lannen, Glennan etc. families of Dun Laoghaire, Blackrock and general area. Anybody researching the name Austin from Greater Dun Laoghaire ?? - he has collected some information.

JOSI BIRKBECK, 330, Dereham Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 4DL, England is undertaking a one name study on the name Geoghegan and variants of the name. Any and all information please on connections etc. E-mail: richard.birkbeck@virgin.net

RUTH HUSSING, 6071, Village Bend, Apt. 504, Dallas, Texas 75206 USA - seeks information on the parents etc. of a John Merrigan and Margaret Lee, both said to have been born in Ireland, though possibly married in Scotland circa 1854 in Dalry, Ayrshire where their children were born and raised. What is the Catholic Church covering that area and its address? Ruth's E-mail address: RHussing@FDIC.gov

DUN LAOGHAIRE 1500

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The Committee of *Dun Laoghaire 1500* has organised an exhibition of photographs depicting Dun Laoghaire prior to 1970 to run during the month of October. Not just photographs of the Mail Boat etc., but ones showing the "real" life of the town and its people. Roisín Lafferty is our Society's contact for this exhibition should you like to have your pictures displayed give her a call on tel. 280 0894 - good quality photocopies of photographs also accepted.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The eight Annual General Meeting of the Society will take place on Tuesday 13th October 1998 in An Culturlann, Belgrave Square, Monkstown, Co. Dublin at 20.00 hrs. Members are encouraged to make a special effort to attend this AGM as very important matters concerning the future of your Society are up for consideration and decision, including, the possible incorporation of the Society. Remember it's your Society and your views count !!