- New Name Widely Welcomed
- New Four Page Format
- New Overseas Membership provisions

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"Welcome to the Worlto of Senealosy"

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Annual General Meeting Overwhelmingly Adopts New Name

"GSI - A New Era"

At the 9th Annual General Meeting of Dún Laoghaire Genealogical Society, held on Tuesday 12th October 1999 at the Dún Laoghaire Club, Eblana Dún Laoghaire, Avenue, decided membership overwhelming majority to back the Executive Committee's proposals for changes in the Society's Constitution. These proposals included the change of name of the organisation to properly reflect its role in Irish genealogy. The Amendments Constitutional presented as a complete package to the membership following a detailed analysis by the Executive Committee of the Society's future. Upper most in the Executive Committee's consideration of the Society's future was a commitment to prepare the organisation to meet the growing changing needs of a membership at home and overseas. With the focus of the Society's publication programme already, for some years now, based on a national rather than local emphasis, our other activities were rapidly following suit. gathered development had considerable momentum with the ease of communications with and between our members offered by the Internet. Based in Dublin which has seen huge changes over the past century with a great influx of people from all quarters of Ireland, the Society found no comparable "local" organisation in Ireland or Great Britain. Each of the local organisations in Great Britain, for example, serves an area with a relatively large sedentary population with the majority of the membership having

within links genealogical organisation's own area. This was not the case with this Society - only a our members minority of genealogical links with Dún Laoghaire or indeed, Dublin City. The greater majority have their roots in the thirtyone counties outside Dublin. Noting this and following a detailed examination of the situation in Ireland, the Society was left with no option but to be and become what it really is - a "national" genealogical organisation and change its name accordingly. Following the decision of the AGM, the new Executive Committee is putting in place a development plan to expand the functions of the Officers of the Society to embrace the new focus of the organisation. Services to our Irish and Overseas Members are under review. Overseas Members' Officers Annette McDonnell and Marie Keogh and our Archivist, Frieda Carroll, have been requested by the Executive Committee to examine the services to our Overseas Members and report back with recommendations by December 2nd 1999. The expansion of the Archive collections to systematically embrace a national focus is expected to be high on the agenda of the Archive Management Committee being set up by Frieda Carroll and Dr. Eithne Guilfoyle. Whilst, the Publications Programme will be strengthened by the introduction of new and imaginative ways of boosting the Publications Fund to have double the number of titles published by 2001. All in all, the new Executive Committee has much work to do over the next year, however, each of us welcomes the new and exciting era ahead for our Society.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 9th November 1999

Evening Open Meeting - Dún Laoghaire
Club, Eblana Avenue, Dún Laoghaire.
20.30 hrs. - 22.00 hrs. Buses 7, 8, 46A, 75 & 111 - DART Dún Laoghaire station. Speaker:
Dr. James Ryan, Ph. D. - topic "Irish Church Records for the Genealogist"

Wednesday Nov. 24th 1999 & Jan. 26th 2000

Morning Open Meeting - The Port View Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire. 10.30 hrs. -12.30 hrs. Buses 7, 8, 46A, 59, 111, 75 - DART Dún Laoghaire Station. NO MORNING MEETING IN DECEMBER

LAST MEETING OF THE MILLENNIUM

Tuesday 9th December 1999 Dún Laoghaire Club, Eblana Ave., Dún Laoghaire at 20.30hrs.

Our Society's Archive

Located at 14, Rochestown Park, Dún Laoghaire. Open (Members only) Saturdays 14.00 hrs. - 17.00 hrs and Mondays 19.00 - 21.00 hrs. Closed Bank Holiday Weekends.

I.G.R.S. - IRISH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY (Ireland Branch) Weds. 17th November 1930hrs at the National Library of Ireland - The Dermot Blunden Memorial Lecture by Séamus Ó Maitiú on "Dublin Middle Class Enclaves: The Suburban Townships 1834-1930"

Wicklow County Genealogical Society Contact Declan Byrne for further details Tel: (01) 295 7782

CHECKOUT THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE

http://www.dun-laoghaire.com/genealogy

CHANCE ENCOUNTERS OF A GENEALOGICAL KIND

Tony Quinn (E-mail: rosbeg@iol.ie) and his wife Ann, recently visited Canada. Tony represented the Irish Writers' Union at an international conference in Ottawa. There by chance he met Patricia Kavanagh, a poet of Irish ancestry and a member of the Newfoundland Writers' Union. Tony Quinn also met John (Jack) Cunningham in Ottawa. Prior contact had already been made by Internet when Tony by chance noticed Jack's E-mail address in the newsletter of the Kavanagh Clann (of which both Tony and Jack are members). Dining in Capone's cafe, Tony and Jack exchanged information on genealogies. By coincidence Jack like Tony has both Quinn and Wexford Kavanagh lines in his family tree. The Irish immigrants to Canada, including the Ouinn and Kavanagh families, settled in Quebec province not far from Ottawa, in Pontiac county. Ann and Tony Quinn wishing to explore the wooded hills near Ottawa, hire a car which happened to be called a Pontiac.

MARTELLO TOWER PROJECT

New Genealogical Archive - The Society plans to restore the Martello Tower at Seapoint, Co. Dublin, to house its growing archive. This new facility - An Daonchartlann, will be a major visitor attraction just south of the City of Dublin complementing the Joyce Museum, Dalkey Heritage Centre and the National Maritime Museum. If you would like to make a donation to the Building Fund possibly, in the name of an ancestor or loved one, please make cheques (Ir£25.00 or equivalent in US\$, CAN\$, Stg£, AUS\$, NZ\$ or Euros) payable to GSI Building Fund and send to: Michael Merrigan, Hon. Sec., GSI, 11, Desmond Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

QUERIES RECEIVED

Mr. J. Wallace, 57, Northgate, Barnsley, Yorkshire S75 2QH, UK seeks information on the birthplace of his grandfather John Robert Wallace born 1870/1. He attended "The Royal Hibernian Military School" in the Pheonix Park, Dublin up to 1887 and went on from there to the East Indies for five years. It is thought that Robery was born in Ireland, his father's name was John Wallace.

Mrs. Jacqueline Whitfield, Kingsclere, The Steple, Caldy, Wirral, CH48 1QE, UK seeks information on the family of Denis Peter Mooney, possibly of Dalkey, Co. Dublin. Denis b. 1850, d. 1900. His wife was Ellen b. c. 1853, d. 1893. Denis Peter Mooney went to England as a young man but returned to Dalkey to marry Ellen. They had a daughter Georgina b. c. 1875 (Ireland) and Denis b. c. 1880. Denis Peter is known to have returned to England after birth of Georgina, but later returned to Ireland and took his wife and children to England. The family was in Liverpool (1881) and Denis Peter's family, it is said, had a quarry in Dalkey.

Mrs. Brenda Saul, The Orchards, Mytton, Clitheroe, Lancs., BB7 9PH, UK, seeks information on: (1) Her great grandfather James McClelland, b. Belfast c. 1835. Married Margaret Jordan, bap. 1850 in Drumcliff and Magheron Church, Sligo. Lived in Battersea, London (1881) but it is believed they later moved to Liverpool. (2) Elizabeth (Betty) Vaughan, b. c. 1812. She was a linen worker who just gave "Ireland" as her place of birth. Her mother was Nancy Marshall b. c. 1788. Her children, born Ireland, were: Eliza (1833), George (1834), Margaret (1840), Ann (1842), Catherine & Jane (1846, Matthew (1850). The moved to Bentham in the 1850s to work in the Yorkshire linen industry.

Marcus McCallum (E-mail with Hon. Sec.) seeks information on Michael Clifford and Mary Ashe from Co. Kerry (Scarta Glen). James and Teighue emigrated to Australia late 1800s searching for information or any help available.

Jim Clinton of the USA (E-mail:iclinton@autocyte.com) wrote:- I am researching my Irish roots. My great grandfather was born in Co. Leitrim and emigrated from Ireland to the US in 1851. What is the best way (fast and economical) to research his Irish ancestry? Is the Co. Leitrim Genealogy Centre the best or is there another better source available? Elaine Welk (E-mail with Hon. Sec) wrote: I am wondering what would be the best place to find information on a John McKay, born in 1816 at Brawl, Halkink (sp) Parish in Co. Caithness. If you have any addresses or links that might help. Claire Crossdale (E-mail with Hon. Sec.) wrote:- I have no experience of Irish Records and hoped you could point me in the right direction to find the marriage entry of William Wandless and Matilda Martin in Cork 27 March 1872. Any help/refs you can give me will be much appreciated.

Linda Thompson Worley: (E-mail:-edlinda@hrfn.net) wrote:- My great-great grandmother Mary Eliza Jane **McLeanon**

was born in Glasgow (records from Scotland show this spelling) her parents were Hugh and Mary Ann (McKay) McLeanon, whose parents were Hugh and Jane Walker McLeanan (also Scotland records show both spellings on one paper) whenever Mary Eliza came to the USA, she started using "McLean" and married Robert Buchanan Campbell in Pittsburgh, PA between 1901-10. they had three children, Walton, Margaret and Robert Earl. Walton was my grandfather.

Deborah Reid, 745 Bennett Crescent, Oshawa, Ontario, CANADA wrote:- I am searching for information for my family tree. I wonder where I can find some information on James Hamilton, of Sheephill. James married 3 times and had 39 children, known as the 39 articles. The time frame I am going by is as one of James younger sons, Richard Hamilton, (married to Catharine Tipping) died in 1842. One of Richard's son's, Edward James Hamilton, was born in 1819. I am in Canada, and need to find my information in books, or on-line. Any information or advice is welcome!

Geoff Fielding of Wales/Cymru (E-mail:gfielding@mcmail.com) (Grandson of Annie Gabbett) wrote:- I live in North Wales UK and have recently been over to Ireland researching the "Gabbett" Families to some small success. I now realise that I did not have the time to carry out all that I needed. The Families in question all lived (and live) along the East Coast from Dublin to Wexford. Do you or any of your society carry out private research on others behalf. Can you put me in touch with anybody to undertake commercial genealogical research for me?. Steve Duke from Australia (E-mail with Hon. Sec.) wrote:- I ascertained Mary Brennan (Monkstown, Co. Dublin) is an ancestor is because my maternal grandfather HR Clark is the grandson of Elizabeth "Brown" whose mother was Eliz. Baker daughter of Mary Brennan. Mary Brennan married Samuel "Baker" in Tasmania circa 1817. Actually they were de facto. Mary had come from NSW on H.M. Brig Kangaroo in 1814. She had just arrived there from IRL on board the convict ship "Catherine". She was tried in Dublin in 1813. At her trial she was 35 years of age. I found a baptismal date of 1779 exactly 35 years before 1813. Mary was called Anne in some of the Transportation papers here. Any connections or further information please drop me a line. Thanks. Nick Brady of New Zealand (E-mail:nabrady@xtra.co.nz) wrote:- Info. wanted on William Brady who lived at 113, Phibsboro Road, Dublin. His father was Thomas Brady and I think his brother was

John. There is another William Brady mentioned in 1854 but it might have been his Grandfather. He was apprenticed to John De Courcy Franklin, a Painter Decorator of Jervis St and The Strand. Dublin. During this time he lived with John Franklin at 11 College Green, The Royal Commercial Hotel, where John Franklin was the Proprietor. William married Mary Jane Holmes of Belfast, in 1870 and after marriage they lived at 1, Clonliffe Road, Dublin. They left Ireland and came out to New Zealand in 1876. I was in Ireland, October and November 1998, and tracked down where they lived, but did not have time to do a wider search. Would love to contact other Brady's of Dublin who may be connected.

Mick Mongey of Dublin (E-mail:mickmongey@eircom.net) wrote: the Mongey family in Ireland has been traced back to the first Mongey in Ireland a Nicholas Monguy who died in 1727 aged 71 and buried on the Hill of Slane. Whilst I would be interested in any information on the surname 'Mongey' I am particularly interested in trying to establish whether the family originated from France or the UK where the variation of the name 'Mungey' exists in parish records in Devon in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Orin Davis, 203 Salmon Falls Rd, Rochester, New Hampshire, USA (E-mail: odavis6951@aol.com) wrote:- I am seeking to make contact with Jimmy and Neula Lloyd, last known of 156, Springdale Rd., Raheny, Dublin. Jim had a wood turning business in Dún Laoghaire -they had a boy Neil and a girl Barbra. Neula had a brother named Jarrod Burns (Gerard Byrnes?)

MEMBERSHIP FEE CHANGES

The Annual General Meeting adopted a new clause in the Society's Constitution regarding the Annual Subscription for Overseas Members. The main aim of the change is to facilitate Overseas Members by permitting membership to be held for a calendar year from the date of payment rather than, as now, due on November 1st in each year. This provision is especially designed to be of benefit to new members from outside Ireland who now don't have to worry about the time of the year when they join - they'll still get membership for twelve months, including copies of "The Genie Gazette" direct to their homes each month, all for just €15.00 (€uros). There is no change to the existing rates and provisions for Irish based members. This only applies to Overseas Members. The views of our Overseas Members are always welcome, especially, when we are seeking to both improve and expand our range of services to our membership at home and amongst the great Irish Diaspora. Please send your comments, ideas or suggestions to the Hon. Secretary, GSI, 11, Desmond Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland or by E-mail: dlgs@iol.ie

LAST ISSUE OF DLGS JOURNAL

The last issue of the Quarterly Journal of Dún Laoghaire Genealogical Society is due out around Christmas 1999. This will be Vol. 8 No. 4. and will complete the 1999 issues making way for a new Quarterly Journal of the Genealogical Society of Ireland to be published in the Spring of 2000. Articles and queries are most welcome by mail to the address below or by E-mail: lmac@dna.ie The last issue of the DLGS will publish retrospectives on the research experiences of members over the past ten years or so since the foundation of Dún Laoghaire Genealogical Society. Should you like to submit a piece (200 words only) please forward it to the address below or to E-mail: dlgs@iol.ie

GSI HON. VICE PRESIDENTS

At the November meeting of the Executive Committee two of the three positions of Honorary Vice Presidents of the Genealogical Society of Ireland were chosen unanimously. Mr. James Davidson of the North of Ireland FHS for his sterling work in fostering cross community and cross border co-operation in Irish genealogy and Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, P.C. for his pioneering work on Irish Jewish genealogy and his foundation of the Irish Jewish Genealogical Society this year. The Society is honoured by their acceptance of their nominations as GSI Hon. Vice Presidents.

LATEST IN THE LG.S. SERIES

"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 14 - The People of the Rebellion - Wicklow 1798" (ISBN 1 898471 26 6) Price Ir£8.00 (p+p Ireland Ir£1.00 and others surface mail Ir£2.00 - airmail Ir£4.00) compiled by Pat **Power** of Arklow its the first attempt to list all those involved in the Rebellion in Wicklow from existing records. It has a reproduction of a 1760 map of the county to assist readers. The names listed have probable addresses coupled with information on other aspects of their lives. A must for all with connections with County Wicklow and bordering counties.

"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 15 - The Officers and Recruits of the Louth Rifles 1854-1876" by Brendan Hall (ISBN 1898471 31 2) Ir£8.00 (Ir£1.00 P+P - Ireland & UK : Ir£2.00 elsewhere surface

mail Ir£4.00 airmail) This book concentrates on those persons who served with the Louth Rifles from its formation from the Louth Militia in 1854 until 1876. As well as nominal lists, historical and contextual background information extracted from the Regimental History, local newspapers, etc. is provided. With about 38 pages of text and about 3,900 names on the list this publication is a must for anyone researching their County Louth roots possibly from Drogheda, Dundalk etc.

THE LOCAL SOCIETIES WITH MONTHLY MEETINGS IN IRELAND

Ballinteer FHS, Co. Dublin - meeting 3rd Thursday each month - St. John the Evangelist Church, Ballinteer at 20.00hrs Info. Chris Ryan, 29, The View, Woodpark, Ballinteer, Dundrum, Dublin 16.

Cork Gen. Soc., Cork City - meeting 2nd Tuesday each month - Moore's Hotel, Morrison's Island, Cork City at 20.00hrs Info: Michael O'Connell, 4 Evergreen Villas, Evergreen Road, Cork City.

Dún Laoghaire Gen. Soc. - meetings now organised by the Genealogical Society of Ireland - see front page.

Raheny HS, Co. Dublin - meeting 2nd Wednesday each month - St. Anne's Court, Raheny, Dublin 5 at 20.00hrs. Information: Joan Sharkey, 68, Raheny Park, Raheny, Dublin 5.

Wexford FHS, Co. Wexford - meeting information contact: Mr. Hilary Murphy, 24, Parklands, Wexford Town, Co. Wexford.

Wicklow County Gen. Soc., - meeting information: Declan Byrne, 22, Wesley Lawns, Dublin 16.

SLABHRA OIFIGE

A new Chain-of-Office was conferred on the Cathaoirleach (Chairperson) of the Genealogical Society of Ireland, Rory Stanley, at the Annual General Meeting by Mrs. Joan Merrigan in memory of her late husband Michael who died on November 10th 1994 in Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

"PAY-FOR-VIEW - SCRAPPED?"

The Heritage Council's proposed "Pay-For-View" facility for genealogists was raised in Dáil Éireann by Deputy Seán Barrett T.D. (Dún Laoghaire) on 20th October 1999 when he asked the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands, Ms. Síle de Valera, T.D. the plans, if any, she has to introduce pay for view facility for genealogists in Ireland. In a Written Reply from the Minister, she said - "The bodies under my aegis which hold records of interest to genealogists are the National Library and the National Archives. There

are no plans for the introduction of pay-forview charges in these institutions." Ms. de Valera continued "The Deputy's Question may be prompted by the Heritage Council's Report presented to me at the end of 1998 on the provision of genealogical services in Ireland and to the recommendation therein which provides for a usage charge in the context of a proposal for a new Irish Family History Research Centre. I have informed the Heritage Council that I have not accepted the principle of this proposal." The Society is grateful to both Deputy Barrett and the Minister for clarifying the matter for all concerned at the introduction of charges for services that are mostly free.

Ma nga kaumatua koe e ako ki tou whakapapa.

Yes, the Maori of New Zealand got it right "the elders will teach you your genealogy." But, alas, many of us take up genealogy only when those nearest to us with the information pass on, possibly, to meet those we now seek in our research. No matter how hard we try to locate details of that allusive ancestor, without oral information or family lore, many of us will flounder. Indeed, much the same thought must have been in the minds of the founders of the Irish Folklore Commission. The IFC had men, like the late Séamus Ennis, travelling around Ireland by bicycle collecting songs, music and stories from all quarters in both Irish and English. Séamus is probably best remembered as one of the country's finest pipers, but it was his love of people and his knowledge of the Irish language and deep interest in culture and lore, that made him a fine collector for the IFC. This fine resource is now held in the Department of Folklore at University College Dublin. Genealogists too have a duty to future generations to collect and record, and possibly publish, the life stories of the subjects of our research. We know that those with no interest in Family History regularly cite our devotion to dates and the dead as the main turn-offs for them. But have they a point? Has Family History become so sterilised as to forget the human side of the story? Indeed, it was this very point that encouraged the Dún Laoghaire Genealogical Society to publish a quarterly Journal as a vehicle to both record and publish the life stories of our ancestors. This objective was not always met, however, a renewed vigour must be found to meet this need in the new Quarterly Journal of the Genealogical Society of Ireland. But it's up to the Members to utilise the pages of the Journal to preserve their family story for future generations. Short biographies of family members or, should the information be available, your full family history could be published. The Society has offered two opportunities to its members in this regard. Firstly, through the pages of the Journal and secondly, through the Irish Genealogical Sources Series. If these avenues are utilised to the fullest by our members a great service to Irish genealogy would be fulfilled for future generations. Pieces for the Journal should be forwarded to Liam Mac Alasdair, Editor, E-mail: lmac@dna.ie and for the I.G.S. Series to George H. O'Reilly, Editor, E-mail: ghor@iol.ie - or by mail to the Hon. Secretary.

Comdt. Peter Young - RIP

News of the sudden death of Comdt. Peter Young on October 28th at his home came as a great shock to many of our Members. Comdt. Young was, for many years, the Director of the Irish Military Archives in Cathal Brugha Barracks, Dublin. Peter was a Guest Speaker at our Evening Meetings and he hosted a visit to the Irish Military Archives by members of the Society. The Society was represented at his funeral in Leixlip on Saturday 30th October by Katherine Gilmartin. Our sincere condolences to his wife and family.

The Genie Gazette

The Monthly Newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Ireland is free of charge to our members at the Open Meetings or for just Ir£3.00 by mail each month to the Members home. Overseas Members receive their copies by mail each month as part of their membership fee. Non-members in Ireland may copies (12 issues) by mail for Ir£6.00. Future issues of "The Genie Gazette" will feature snippets from the various Journals received each month by the Society's Archivist, Frieda Carroll. Frieda will be extracting information on Irish topics published by other societies overseas. Also, short articles (maximum 200 words) on research tips or sources found will be most welcome. However, more importantly, I would like to hear the views of our Members on their Newsletter and especially, how it may be improved. It has been suggested that a panel of regular contributors on various topics may also widen the scope and the appeal of the newsletter. For example, someone may keep us all up-to-date on the Irish repositories - acquisitions, problems and accessibility of records. Another may deal with specific areas like Military Records, Estate Records etc. If you have any view on the matter - drop me a line at the address below or E-mail me at Michael Merrigan dlgs@iol.ie



MEMBERSHIP OFFICER - STOP!

It's Seán Kane, Membership Officer, reminding Members that their Annual Subscriptions are now due for 1999/2000 Ir£10.00 for Irish based members and, since the AGM, £15.00 (£uros) for Overseas Members. New Members - just write with details, name, address, telephone number and E-mail address (if you have one) to the Hon. Secretary, GSI, (address below). Credit Card payments are most welcome MasterCard or Visa. Payments may also be made through the secure site on the Internet at http://www.dun-laoghaire.com/genealogy

"WICKLOW ROOTS"

The fourth issue of Wicklow County Genealogical Society's Journal "Wicklow Roots" was published in October. The Journal is very well produced with articles on "Researching Your Wicklow Ancestors" by Donald Sheane; "Bulbous Noses and Bagpipes- A Scottish Inheritance" by Declan Byrne; A list of the Wicklow WWI Dead by Philip Lecane; "Description of Wicklow..." by Brian Smith;"The Search" by Tom O'Keeffe and with a range of other very interesting smaller pieces making this issue an exceptionally good read for those with "Wicklow Roots". Copies availbable by mail price Ir£3.00 (postage Ir£1.00 Irl. & UK: Others Ir£2.00) from Declan Byrne, 2, Wesley Lawns, Sandyford, Dublin 16.

CEMETERY VOLUNTEERS

Barry O'Connor and Stuart Rosenblatt are seeking volunteers to come out to the Jewish Cemetery at Dolphin's Barn, Dublin on Sunday 28th November 1999 to re-check the transcription of the Memorial Stones. Volunteers are asked to call Barry on (01) 285 4386 to register. Volunteers will meet outside the cemetery at 10.00hrs on Sunday 28th - weather permitting!!

ARCHIVIST CALLING

Frieda Carroll, the Society's Archivist, calls on all members to place a copy of your Birth Brief in the Society's Archive. Also wanted - copies of BDM photocopies; copies of Census Returns; Family Histories; Photographs; Thom's Directories; School & College Year Books; Local History Journals; Ordnance Survey Maps and Parish Histories etc. Please forward same to: Archivist, GSI, 14, Rochestown Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland.