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The President, O Conor Don, the Hon. Vice Presidents, Mr. James Davidson and Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, P.C., our Cathaoirleach Rory Stanley and the Members of the Executive Committee send Seasons Greetings to all GSI Members and to all readers of "The Genie Gazette" - May Peace, Happiness, Health & Prosperity be yours today and in the New Millennium.

GREAT BOOST FOR MARTELLO TOWER PROJECT

The Cathaoirleach (Chairperson) of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Cllr. Larry Butler, MCC, has strongly endorsed GSI plans to restore and refurbish the Martello Tower at Seapoint as a permanent home for the GSI Archive & Research Centre. Cllr. Butler said "the project will receive the County Council's fullest support and all avenues to assist with advice and funding will be explored." The Cathaoirleach went further and stressed the importance of this "educational, cultural and heritage project to the County of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown." The Project, he said, has received all Party support on the County Council. Commenting on the location of the Martello Tower, at one end of the new Linear Park under development at Seapoint, he said, this provides a blend of heritage and environmental amenities for the County. The Cathaoirleach said that the County Council fully appreciated the immense value this development will be to tourism and as, a

national organisation, the Genealogical Society of Ireland's project would complement the other heritage assets of the County including the National Maritime Museum, the Joyce Museum and the Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre. In response the GSI Cathaoirleach, Mr. Rory Stanley, welcomed the swift and proactive support of the County Council and he was confident that with the Council's full support, the Project could be up and running in the first half of next year.

MÍCHEÁL Mac DHÍOMASAIGH AIRE CULTÚR & EALAÍÓN

With the various aspects of the Belfast Agreement finally falling into place, Mr. Michael McGimpsey, MLA, of the Ulster Unionist Party, has been allocated the Culture, Arts and Leisure portfolio in the new Northern Ireland Executive. This portfolio covers promotion of the Irish language and the Ulster-Scots dialect of Scots English. Mr. McGimpsey, it is assumed, will, therefore, be responsible for matters such as genealogical heritage. In this respect the N.I. Representative of the Genealogical Society of Ireland will be seeking an early meeting with the new Minister to both introduce the Society and to highlight the concerns of genealogists. Mr. McGimpsey will be participating in one of the new North/South bodies, presumably, in close liaison with Ms. Síle de Valera, T.D., Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands. The development of an All-Island Policy on the Promotion of an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of our shared genealogical heritage, including the Principal of Public Ownership & Right of Access, should form part of the agenda of this new body. McGimpsey is an unusual name south of the border, however, its origins are firmly amongst the Dempseys of the midlands. The Dempsey or Ó Díomasaigh Sept reputedly sent a band north during the sixteenth century to assist the Ulster Clans of Ó Néill and Mac Aonghussa - they settled and became the McGimpseys. The Society wishes

the new Minister and his colleagues on the new Northern Ireland Executive every success.

THE "RMS LEINSTER"

The "RMS *Leinster*" was sunk by the German U-boat, UB-123, shortly after leaving Dún Laoghaire (then known as Kingstown) on 10th October 1918. 501 people died in the greatest ever loss of life in the Irish Sea. I am researching the passengers, crew and postal workers who were on the ship during its last voyage. My findings will be published by the Genealogical Society of Ireland as part of the "Irish Genealogical Sources" series. I would be grateful for information on anyone who was on the "Leinster" on 10th October 1918. Any assistance given will be acknowledged in the publication. Philip Lecane, 77, Windsor Drive, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

GENEALOGY COURSES UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN

Since 1989 courses have been conducted in genealogy as part of the Adult Education Office Programme of University College Dublin (UCD). While being practically based and designed to assist participants to trace their own ancestry, the courses also lay stress on the principles of genealogy and the importance of the academic or scholarly approach to the subject. Foundation topics include methodology, surnames and place-names, record repositories, use of census, civil, valuation, church and other records, computers and the Internet, and preparation of documented pedigrees. The **Introduction to Genealogy** course is now available only via the Internet, however, a three year course leading to a **College Certificate in Genealogy** is conducted at UCD's Belfield Campus in Donnybrook, and night-time two-hour weekly lectures run from late September to March. In the first (foundation) and second years students are evaluated on the basis of two essays and a written examination, while in the third year they prepare a project on a chosen topic. The first successful group of students have been

presented with Certificates in Genealogy this year, and an idea of the range of their work can be gained from the following selection of project topics: Marriage Settlements in Registry of Deeds, Trust Fund of Thomas Charlton, Nineteenth-Century Crofton Estate Rentals, Monumental Inscriptions from Estersnow Churchyard, Co. Roscommon, History of the Surname Barter. For further details on these courses contact- Mr. Seán Murphy, MA at his E-mail: seanjmurphy@eircom.ie OR write to Adult Education Office, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4, or telephone (01) 706 1695 or (01) 706 1235.

IN SEARCH OF EVANGELINE

Our Member, Josephine McCambridge of 146, Meadow Grove, Dundrum Heights, Dundrum, Dublin 14, Ireland, has been seeking details on her grandmother, Evangeline Griffiths, for a number of years - without success. It appears that Evangeline was born c. 1867 - but where? She married Thomas John Hickie who was in the British Civil Service and their first child was born in Tralee, Co. Kerry. The second child was born in England and the next six children were born in Ennis, Co. Clare, Ireland. Her husband died following a fall from a horse c. 1899 and she died six years later in 1905. Following the death of her husband, Evangeline, moved to 73, Cabra Park, Dublin. Question: Who was Evangeline Griffiths & where was she born? Secondly, has anyone and information on Thomas John Hickie, possibly related to the Hickies of Kerry. Any information or suggestions please.

THE STANLEY FAMILY IN IRELAND

During the early part of 1999 Fr. Cathal Stanley of Galway contacted your Cathaoirleach and discussed the idea of setting up a Stanley Family Association (Clan). It was decided that it might be a worthwhile option to investigate the feasibility of setting up such an organisation. An initial meeting was organised for the 3rd of October and held in Grant's Hotel Roscrea. The meeting was very successful and 50 Stanleys and near relatives attended. Family Trees were produced and studied. Acquaintances were renewed and new ones made. The meeting ended at 5.30 p.m. and was a great success. A further meeting was held in the Hazel Hotel, Monasterevin on the 21st November and was attended by Stanleys from Clare, Limerick, Dublin and Laois. It was decided that a proper structure of committee and officers be set up at a future meeting to be held in Dublin during January 2000. If there are any Stanleys interested in attending the meeting— Please contact Rory Stanley at 01-2824596 E-mail: rorstan@eircom.ie for details and date of venue.

CHECKOUT THE GSI WEBSITE
<http://www.dun-laoghaire.com/genealogy>

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 14th December 1999

Evening Open Meeting - **Dún Laoghaire Club**, Eblana Avenue, Dún Laoghaire. 20.30 hrs. - 22.00 hrs.. (Travel arrangements below)

Wednesday January 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.

FIRST MEETING OF THE MILLENNIUM MONDAY 10th JANUARY 2000

Dún Laoghaire Club, Eblana Ave., Dún Laoghaire at 20.00hrs. Please note the change from the 2nd Tuesday to the 2nd Monday of each month from Jan. 2000 and the earlier starting time.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

The Society's Archive 14, Rochestown Pk., Dún Laoghaire. will close on Saturday 11th December at 17.00hrs and reopen on Saturday 15th January 2000 at 14.00hrs.

DONATE A FILM/FICHE OR CD

Celebrate the Millennium by donating a source on microfilm/fiche or CD Rom to the Society's Archive - Contact: Hon. Sec., (address below).

JUST OUT IN THE I.G.S. SERIES

"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 16 - Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow, School Registers from 1861" compiled by G. H. O'Reilly, MA, FRSAI (ISBN 1 898471 36 3). Price Ir£5.00 (€6.35) (Ir£1.00 p+p Ireland & UK, Ir£2.00 others & Ir£3.00 airmail) The Kilcoole School Registers, from which the names of over 1,000 boys and nearly 500 girls have been extracted, cover the periods 1861-1938 (boys) and 1864-1918 (girls). The extracts have been combined to make it easier to find family connections. The Registers have an index and pages showing the attendances of the children and examinations passed, etc. The information most useful to family history researchers provided in the Registers is the name of the child, age last birthday, address, occupation of the parents and the school the child came from. The Society is grateful for the kind donation of Ir£100.00 (€126.97) towards the cost of publication received from the Kilcoole Millennium Residents Association.

Other School Registers available in the Irish Genealogical Sources Series include Newcastle, Co. Wicklow, 1864-1947 (Irish Genealogical Sources No. 3), Booterstown, Co. Dublin, 1861-1931 (Irish Genealogical Sources No. 6), Harold Boys School, Glasthule, Co. Dublin, 1904-1948 (Irish Genealogical Sources No. 11) and St Patrick's School, Dalkey, Co. Dublin, 1894-1970 (Irish Genealogical Sources No. 13).

Check the GSI Website to Order.

QUERIES RECEIVED

George D. Donovan, PO. Box 146 Remer, Minn. 56672, USA is searching for Marriage of his Grandparents Michael (or Patrick) Donovan born in Dublin c1829 and Kathleen O'Rourke born in Dublin c1836. Their son Harry Patrick (George's Dad) was born in Buffalo, Erie County, New York between 1882 and 1884 shortly after Michael & Kathleen migrated to the United States. There was an older son Michael and another son Burton also a daughter Blanche. George has a Baptism Certificate for Michael Donovan born 1831 and christened at Glasthule. Father Joseph Donovan. Mother Mary. Sponsors Lawrence Donovan and Mary Rourke. He believes this Certificate relates to his Grandfather. Patricia Daly Harrity - E-mail: Leo.Dolan@villanova.edu seeks information on Henry Daly, father of Henry M. Daly died in Ireland October 2, 1838 presumably in the Dublin area. Henry M. Daly, b December 23, 1829 d November 3, 1900 m November 25, 1856 to Eleanor B. Cluley. Eleanor B. Cluley b September 15, 1832 d December 15, 1909. Their children: Ellen Daly b May 15, 1861 d June 8, 1862 (just over a year old) Henry Daly b April 15, 1863 d Sept 26, 1863 (just over 5 month's old); Henrietta M. Daly b Nov 16, 1864 d June 17, 1946 m November 16, 1887 James T. Harrity (died in Pennsylvania); James T. Harrity b Sept 3, 1852 d Nov 16, 1887. Their children: (all believed to have been born in Long Branch, N.J, USA); Helen M. Harrity b Aug 28, 1888 d June 7, 1946; James T. Harrity, Jnr. b Dec24, 1889 d Dec26, 1956; Beatrice M. Harrity b Oct. 27, 1893 d ? Francis J. Harrity b June 17, 1896 d June 1, 1973 m. Gertrude Ellison Miller d 1944 Bryn Mawr, PA (in Colorado, US) Children of Francis and Gertrude: Peter Harrity b circa 1933; Patricia Daly Harrity, b May 15, 1935; William F. Harrity had been Secretary of State for Pennsylvania, and Chairman of the Democratic National Committee during the 1892 Presidential Campaign. The village of HARRITY located in Carbon County, PA was named after him. The direct link to KILLINEY and the Daly family is a silver loving cup in the possession of Patricia Daly Harrity which is engraved: "Presented to my nephew, Harry M. Daly, of Philadelphia as a lasting record of the love I had for his father and the affection with which I still cherish his memory." Uncle William, Killiney, Dublin - September 1875. Uncle William was the uncle of Harry M. Daly and the brother of Henry M. Daly 1856 -1900. Apparently at least one of the Daly family, William Daly was still living in Killiney as of 1875. We are hoping to trace this Daly family as far back as possibly and to establish the Harrity family roots in Ireland as well. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Leo A. Dolan (for Patricia Daly Harrity)

MARTELLO TOWER PROJECT

New Genealogical Archive - The Society plans to restore the *Martello Tower* at Seapoint, Co. Dublin, to house its 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£, AU\$, NZ\$ or Euros) payable to GSI Building Fund and send to: Michael Merrigan, Hon. Sec., GSI, - address below.

MORE QUERIES RECEIVED

Thomas A. Logan (E-mail with Hon. Secretary) writes:- From Australia my research has led me to Dublin can you advise me what I need to do now that I have to a stop in your fair city. My Great Grandfather John Logan was born in Dublin on his death certificate it said 1820 on his immigration shipping records it says 1823 he was a Blacksmith and his father also was a Blacksmith his name was Daniel Logan his mother was Margaret Hand it is his parents I wish to find out more about, can you help me with my research I am quiet happy to pay a fee for this service and I do not know how to proceed. Your Society was advertised in November edition of the *Australian Family Tree Connections* and I would like to know if you can please assist me with my family research. I have researched the family from when they left Ireland in 1856 to their descendants still living to day in Australia. Any help for Thomas - please pass to Hon. Sec. GSI
Lindsey Davis - E-mail: Linzilex@hotmail.com writes:- My grandmother was married at Prior Park, marriage cert states Taney Parish. I was in Dublin last year but couldn't find anyone or anywhere related to Prior Park. My grandfather also worked for Sir John Nutting, but I couldn't find anything in the census they lived in Booterstown, area. Is there somewhere or someone that kept a record of who worked for Sir John Nutting at St Helens. I did find my aunts and uncles through the Church of Ireland but no one else. Also, I have other ancestors why were married in Bow, is there a n area in Dublin related to Bow.

Noeline Westwood, Palmerston North, New Zealand - E-mail: rovon@inspire.net.nz writes:- My G/Grandmother was Margaret Ann GIBSON from County Cavan. She would have emigrated to New Zealand 1840/1870. Any information please for Noeline on Gibsons.

Heinz Paryas - (E-mail with Hon. Secretary) writes:- My children's ancestor, Henry Fitzsimmons, indicated that he was born July 9th, 1843, in Ireland. Oral tradition has it

that he came from Dublin. His first official record in Canada appeared in a marriage entry in 1865 in the Anglican Cathedral where he married a Susanna Jane Binks from Perth, Ontario, originally from Woolwich, England. In the marriage entry, Henry parents are listed as Hugh and Matilda. On Henry's death certificate in 1896, the word Protestant appeared under religious denomination. He died in Ottawa. I have been unable to trace any blood relatives, except descendants, of Henry Fitzsimmons. He was an active Anglican all his life, I understand, who had married into a Methodist family. I do not know when Henry arrived in Canada. Thanks for any help.

Ralph Giles - E-mail: gilesr@senet.com.au seeks information on Doyly William Battley esq. of Belvedere Hall Co Wicklow (born 1808). He had built Belvedere Hall evidently. Belvedere Hall was his family home from 1856 to 1947 when it was transferred to a Henry O'Keilly on 22/11/1947. I understand that at the present time it is used as an exclusive school to teach either Spanish students or students who want to learn Spanish. Ralph has also a Bury St. Edmunds connection in his great-great-great-great grandfather William Battley 1605 attended St Mary's church in Bury. St. Edmunds and some of their records evidently show the family line etc. Any information please.

Angela Sheppard, Co. Limerick, E-mail: angshep@oceanfree.net writes:- I look forward to your Monthly News letter and snippets of information. I am at presenting seeking information on Margaret Coffey b. 29th March 1857. She was baptised at Dun Derry Church Co. Meath and died in Jan.1941.at Dun Laoghaire. Information on Parents and siblings sought. Also John (Heber) Mc Guinness from the Merrion/ Blackrock area. News of grave sought, died maybe 1917 or 1918. Any help please.

GSI PROGRAMME 2000

At the December meeting of the Executive, Róisín Lafferty, PRO, (tel: 01. 280 0894) unveiled an exciting programme of lectures for the New Year. The first six months will feature:- January, John Sturgeon - Quaker Records; February, James Davidson - 2nd Oldest Profession; March, Prof. Richard Mulcahy - Life & Times of his father; April - Pat Callery (topic title TBA); May - Brian Scott - Maritime Dublin & the Genealogist; June, Aoife Crowley - Families of South Leitrim; July, Liz Lynch - Conservation of Paper Records. In addition to this Lecture Programme, Róisín has plans for Exhibitions, Workshops, Tours and the Annual Seminar.

CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL

The Society would like to thank the Cathaoirleach, Mr. T.P. Smith and the Cavan County Manager, Mr. Brian Johnston, for the

kind donation of Ir£250.00 towards the publication of the "Index to the 1821 Census of Crosserlough, Co. Cavan". This volume by Marie Keogh is due for publication early in the New Year as part of the Irish Genealogical Series edited by George H. O'Reilly, MA



Seán Kane, Membership Officer, reminds members that 1999/2000 Annual Subscriptions are now due - Ir£10.00 (Irish based) and €15.00 (Euros - Overseas Members). Please drop your cheque in the post to the Hon. Secretary. Credit Card payments most welcome - send number & expiry date to the Hon. Secretary - address below OR use the secure server on the GSI Website:- <http://www.dun-laoghaire.com/genealogy>

GSI REGISTER OF RECIPROCAL RESEARCH

The Society is inviting all its members at home and abroad to place their names on the GSI Register of Reciprocal Research. The purpose of the Register is help each other in our research, especially, when members cannot get to the various repositories in Ireland or indeed, Irish based members who are researching links overseas. Costs, if any, associated with this type of research would only be for postage and photocopies etc. and would be agreed, in advance, by the members concerned. The Register is for *voluntary research assignments only*. It is the policy of the GSI to direct persons seeking commercial research assignments to APCI or AUGRA. Should you like to help out as *RRR Volunteer* - just send your name, address and E-mail (if you have one) to the Archivist, **Frieda Carroll, FGSI, 14, Rochestown Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland**. Don't forget to indicate the area (i.e. County) in which you offer to do research AND the area in which you would like research done. **Frieda Carroll**

MORE QUERIES RECEIVED

Val Lacey -E-mail: lacey@nor.com.au - writes:- I am looking for details of my husband's great grandparents, but am at a loss to know where to start, so would be pleased if you can help me. The names are Henry Smith who, we think, was born in Lucan, Co. Dublin, somewhere between 1797 and 1807. We think he was in the British Army in India and probably came out to Australia from there. His wife was Ellen Wall who was born in 1833 in Co. Cork. We do not know if they came out together nor when they came. They were married in the Burnett River district of

Queensland, (Gayndah) on 22nd November 1853. I would be grateful if you could give me any information

Lorraine West - Sydney Australia E-mail: lwest@idx.com.au writes:- I am trying to find living ancestors of a William Houston King who died in Garranvabby, civil parish Rower County Kilkenny 17.3.1870 husband of Elizabeth Ronaldson b1812 - d1878 NZ they had seven children. Also how could I get a copy of his will? Thank you in anticipation.

Kevin Holmes, E-mail: kevin.holmes@virgin.net writes:- I have Anna Maria Lee who married John Holmes at Clonsast parish church (Co) in September 1873. Her father was George Lee and brother Sam. I am looking for more info on the Lee line. Any help for Kevin please?

Kim Galbraith - E-mail: moon_baby2@hotmail.com Writes:- Great Website. I am trying to find out information on a Margaret Agnes Warwick born in 1876 Ireland Ballyclare. I believe Margaret or Maggie married James Thomas. Also Scott born in 1876 Ballyclare. Maggie had 2 Sisters and 2 brothers that I know of possibly more. Bella Warwick and Lizzie Warwick in 1939 Lizzie lived at 14 Avondale Terrace. Lizzie Also Had Children names unknown? Maggie's brother David Warwick died around 1939. Robert Warwick also died around 1939 He Drowned at the New Mill Dam. Leaving behind a wife and 3 daughters, Margaret, Ellen Jane and Mary Warwick. Ellen Jane married Andrew Ferguson. Ellen Jane died at her residence Fairview, Ballyclare on Monday January 30 1911 at age 43 & was put to rest at the Kilbride Burial ground on Wednesday, February 1st at 2 P.M. If anyone can be of any help to me on this it would be greatly appreciated. God Bless and may Peace and Love be with you. I would also love to have Pen Pals from Ireland in the Ballyclare area or any part of Ireland. Any help please.

JONATHAN Ó MUIRCHÉARTAIGH

The Society and the members of the Executive Committee wish to express our deepest and sincere condolences to our friend and Leas-Chathaoirleach, Séamus Moriarty, on the death of his father, Jonathan, who died on Friday November 26th 1999. Jonathan Moriarty was an ex-National School Teacher of Bree, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford and formerly of Ventry, Co. Kerry. Husband to the late Nancy and father of Seán, Tom, Séamus and Paud. Jonathan Moriarty was laid to rest in the New Cemetery at Bree on Sunday 28th November 1999. *Requiescat in Pace.*

THE LOCAL SOCIETIES WITH MONTHLY MEETINGS IN IRELAND

Ballinteer FHS, Co. Dublin -Information. Chris Ryan, 29, The View, Woodpark, Ballinteer, Dundrum, Dublin 16.

Blessington FHS, Co. Wicklow (west of the county) Info. etc. Maureen Phipps, Blackrock, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

Cork Gen. Soc., Cork City - Information: 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 (north of the city of Dublin) -Information:- Mrs. Joan Sharkey, 68, Raheny Park, Raheny, Dublin 5.

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

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

LETTER FROM CANADA

Dear Editor, Why take out membership in a society? Why do they not renew the membership? These are questions that we are addressing at the Executive meetings of the Alberta Genealogical Society, Edmonton Branch, of which I am a Past President. By joining: We are encouraged to record and preserve historical information for future generations. We have a quarterly publication which is a benefit of membership; we encourage articles for the publication. We record cemetery headstones and church records for preservation of the information (we are a young country; but there are cemeteries located in farmers' fields, or wooden crosses that are unreadable, as well as headstones that are written in a foreign language, and sometimes the only records are from the headstones as records have been lost - much of early Alberta was served by church ministers/priests on rotating sporadic visits.) AND we all hope to get our family trees just handed to us on a silver platter! I have been impressed with your quarterly publication. We may not like what is happening with Irish records and the accessibility of them, but we do need to be kept informed. My tree has been handed to me on a paper platter but it needs strengthening. I am renewing my subscription and would like to post a query - I am in the process of going through inherited old documents, many are originals from the 1800's. I have plans to publish the information for future generations but it will take time. I am seeking-HANDCOCK and KENT information. John Stratford Hancock (b. Queens Co. 1804 - d. Co. Galway 1871) was married at Monkstown Parish Church 30. Jan. 1857 to Elizabeth Penelope Blair Kent (b. Channel Islands 1831 - d. Co. Westmeath). Both residents of Kingstown. Elizabeth was probably residing with parents on Newtownsmith road. Capt. Wm. Geo. Carlile Kent (b. Scotland 1787 - d. Ireland 1871) served with Capt. Bligh by whom he was court-martialled and then acquitted. He is buried at Monkstown Cemetery. His wife Susan E. (1798-1877) was brought back in a lead-lined box from Algiers to be interred in Monkstown Cemetery. John's

son Herbert (1860-1865) is buried in Monkstown Cemetery. John was educated at Trinity College. Was he going in for Law? What was his profession at the time of his marriage? Information on all Handcocks and/or Capt. Kent's family would be appreciated. Claudine Nelson, 7320-156 St., Edmonton, Alberta, T5R 1X3, Canada. E-mail: cbn@powersurfir.com

THE SCOTTISH GENEALOGY SOCIETY

Recently, with the first official visit by the President of Ireland, H.E. Mrs. Mary MacAleese, to Scotland the opportunity to explore our common heritage was explored in many of our daily newspapers. For genealogists, however, we can look to many links between Ireland and her Celtic Cousin Scotland. Though, unlike Ireland there is a National Association of genealogical organisations (SAFHS), the main organisation, *The Scottish Genealogy Society*, was founded in Edinburgh on 30 May 1953 by a group of historians and genealogists and, in many respects, it is what the Genealogical Society of Ireland hopes to provide for its members in the Martello Tower at Seapoint. The aims of the SGS are to promote research into Scottish family history and to undertake the collection, exchange and publication of material relating to genealogy. In accordance with the wishes of the original members, the Society remains academic and consultative and does not engage itself professionally in record searching. The quarterly journal *The Scottish Genealogist* is issued free to members, who may insert queries free of charge. Since the Society does not engage itself professionally in record searching, the SGS has established a Library and Family History Centre, at a charge for non members of Stg£5 per day. At present, printed books, manuscripts, periodicals, journals, microfilm and microfiche are collected. The Library and Family History Centre is in the heart of the Old Town of Edinburgh, just off the Royal Mile, close to the Castle, National Library of Scotland and the Edinburgh Central Library. From its foundation the Society has collected books and associated genealogical material. It has been actively engaged in transcribing gravestone inscriptions and has built up the largest collection of Scottish monumental inscriptions in the world. Published lists for many areas are on sale and photocopies of unpublished lists are available. The Society has a large collection of microfilm, comprising about 70% of the Old Parish Registers of Scotland. The Society has an active publishing programme. Contacting the Society enclose two IRCs. *Scottish Gen. Soc., 15 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2JL, Scotland. Tel / Fax: 0131 220 3677 Website: http://www.sol.co.uk/scotgensoc*