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## WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR OF GENEALOGY ON "DUBLIN'S RIVIERA"

The final year of this millennium is set to be an exciting period for the Society. Starting the works at the Martello Tower is foremost in the minds of the members of the Executive Committee and hopefully, by February all the pieces of the jigsaw will be in place and work can finally commence to restore and refurbish this historic building as a permanent base for the Society's growing Archive. This year also sees the Society's Morning Meetings return to The Port View Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire and a full programme of lectures and workshops for the Evening Meetings in Comhaltas in Monkstown. Links with the North of Ireland FHS, the Anglo-Irish FHS (Liverpool) and possibly, T.I.A.R.A. in Boston, USA., will be strengthened during the year to provide more research opportunities for our Members. The Archive will re-open on Monday 11th January and our Archivist, Frieda Carroll, will be on hand to assist Members with their research queries. However, Frieda has requested that copies of each Member's Birth Brief be lodged with the Archive to facilitate cross referencing. The detailed planning and computerisation of the Archive for transfer to the Martello Tower has been placed in the very capable hands of Dr. Eithne Guilfoyle and George H. O'Reilly MA. The Society intends to develop a state-of-the-art facility at the Martello Tower for Irish genealogical research and education. This facility, *An Daonchartlann*, will be the first of its kind in the Republic and will, no doubt, become a major attraction for visitors to Ireland tracing their "Irish roots". Indeed, our computerisation programme (and other services) would be greatly advanced by the acquisition of a multi-media Pentium Computer should a kind sponsor be

found to donate one to the Society. The Deansgrange Cemetery Project may well enter its final phase this year with each of the pre-1950 sections transcribed and ready for publication. The Society's range of publications will continue to expand during the year with many more titles in the *"Irish Genealogical Sources Series"* planned or in production. Orders for the eleven already published in this series are being received from all quarters of the globe. Mail Orders via the Internet will soon be available on <http://www.dun-laoghaire.com> the website developed to promote the greater Dun Laoghaire area as *"Dublin's Riviera"*. As 1999 promises to be an exciting year for the Society, volunteers for the various projects are most welcome - contact Roisin Lafferty on tel: 01. 280 0894.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Tuesday Jan. 12th & Feb. 9th 1999

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 Jan. 27th & Feb. 24th 1999

Morning Open Meeting - The Port View Hotel, Marine Road, 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 Holiday Weekends i.e on both days.

#### Wicklow County Genealogical Society.

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

### LOCAL HISTORY JOURNAL

The latest issue, No. 8., of the "Dun Laoghaire Journal" (ISSN 0791-3680) published by the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society has just hit the shelves. It's a bumper issue with articles on "Charles Haliday" by Colin Scudds; "The Atmospheric Railway" by G.N. Belton; "Madam Tussaud in Dublin" by Mary Grogan; "Memories of Mrs Healy"; "The Lehaunstown Camp 1795-99" by James Scannell; "Who was Samuel Sproule?" by Alex Maguire; "June 1798" by Freda Agnew; "Dr. Joshua Pim, Crosthwaite Park - Wimbledon Champion" by Brian Smith; "Surgeon J. H. Reynolds, Kingstown in Defence of Rorke's Drift" by David Murphy MA; "The Doctor and the Wolf" by Dr. J. B. Keams; "The Parsons of Monkstown, Birr and Newcastle-upon-Tyne" by Tony Quinn; "From Patrick St. to the Dardanelles - The Bernard Mahony Story" by Philip Lecane and a report on the visit to Messines in Belgium. Copies of the journal are available from Colin Scudds, 7, Northumberland Park, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Price EURO4.44 (IRP3.50) plus p+p EURO1.27 (IRP1.00).

### IRISH JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Congratulations to our Member, Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, who has just founded the above society to promote an interest in Irish Jewish genealogy amongst the community in Ireland and amongst those with Jewish connections in Ireland and overseas. The Society will be based at the Irish Jewish Museum, 3-4, Walworth Road, Portobello, Dublin 8. Stuart would welcome suggestions on the development of the IJGS and, of course, new members from home and overseas. Stuart is presently assisting Barry O'Connor with DLGS's project at the Jewish Cemetery, Dolphin's Bam, Dublin. DLGS wishes the IJGS every success.

Published by DLGS, 14, Rochestown Park, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

## THE IRISH HERITAGE & ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORY 1999

A new publication from *Archaeology Ireland* and *The Heritage Council* is now available. It provides up-to-date information for people interested in heritage and the environment, in the Republic and Northern Ireland, including: current legislation both in the Republic and the North; heritage & environment organisations at national and local level; museums, interpretative centres & heritage gardens open to the public; educational opportunities at all levels in heritage areas; and listings of resources including specialist libraries and genealogy centres. Price **EURO24.75 (IRP19.50)** from Una MacConville, Archaeology Ireland, P.O. Box 69, Bray, Co. Wicklow - Tel./Fax (353.1.) 286 2649 or E-mail: wordwell@indigio.ie. Please mention the Society when ordering your copy of this very useful directory - a must for all interested in heritage and environmental issues in Ireland. At just under 25 Euros this publication is definitely value for money.

### DAONCHARTLANN PROJECT

*Your help is urgently needed for 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.*

### THANKS JOSI

The Society wishes to acknowledge and thank our Member, Josi Birkbeck of 330, Dereham Road, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 4DL, England for her letter published in "*Family Tree*" magazine recently encouraging readers to join this Society. Josi's main interest is a one-name study of the surname Geoghegan. Any and all info. to E-mail: josi@familynet.co.uk

### TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS

The Society of Genealogists' in London has organised a course designed to help people with Irish ancestry but who are removed from the primary source material in Ireland. The course will be held on Saturday May 15th 1999 at the Society of Genealogists', 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London, EC1M 7BA. The Course Fee is UKP14.40 for SOG Members and UKP18.00. Credit Card bookings tel: London 0171 251 8799

### QUERIES RECEIVED

April Veronica Holder, 9, Gregory Court, Two Rocks, 6037, Western Australia seeks information on Peter McGuire, born c. 1854, Cavan, son of John McGuire. His wife, Mary Ann Mullen, born c. 1856 in Cumberland, England, daughter of Edward Mullen of Ireland; William Darcy, born c. 1820, Ballykine, Co. Wicklow and his wife, Bridget Carty, born c. 1820 of Bahana, Co. Wicklow. Any info. please.

Kay Lowdon, 105-203-8th Ave. S, Swan River, MB, Canada, R01 1Z0 seeks information on the family of William Darragh, farmer, of County Wicklow and his wife (name unknown). They had a daughter Agnes Mary, born 1855, married 1879 to Alexander Anderson in Dublin, moved to Canada 1880. William Darragh and his wife had other daughters, Martha and possibly, Margaret, grandchildren, Georgina Wilson, Thomas William Booth and possibly, Cecilia and Sam Booth. Any info. please.

T. McEwen, 15, West Street, Hertford, Herts, SG13 8EX, England, seeks information on John Doherty, a solicitor of 7, De Vesci Tce., Monkstown, Co. Dublin, brother-in-law of James McKone of Dundalk, Co. Louth. His wife Alicia died prior to 1901. Any info. on baptism of Alicia (nee McKone ??) or on the marriage of John and Alicia please.

Mrs. S. Francis, 1 Coed Bach, Pontardulais, Swansea, SA4 1RB, Wales, is trying to trace a Mr. O'Brien whose Christian name is possibly Danny. He would now be about 80 or 85 years old. Mr. O'Brien worked in a cobbler's shop in Harrow, Middlesex (North London area) in 1939/40 where it is thought he had a brother or brothers. He was Roman Catholic and may have returned to Ireland or Northern Ireland in 1940/41. It is not known if he subsequently emigrated, returned to the Harrow area or remained in Ireland. Any info. please.

### FOUND IN 1891 CENSUS

Kathleen Morgan, 1, Marine Tce., Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA28 6HX, England found the following in the 1891 Census of Frilington near Cleator Moor, Cumberland, England - William Burns (single), 50 years of age, Ironore Miner, born Wicklow, Ireland and James McHenry (married) 57 years of age, Labourer, born Dundrum (Dundrum ??), Ireland.

### EURO RATES

For the information of our Overseas Members and readers, Ireland was one of the eleven European Union countries to join the Euro Currency on January 1st and non cash transactions have commenced in the Euro. Cash transactions will be possible by 2002. Each of the Society's publications will be priced in Euros and Pounds. The rate of the Pound is now fixed at **EURO1.27 (.787564 conversion rate)**, therefore, the following rates now apply: Membership Fee **EURO12.70 (IRP10.00)**; Four issues of the Journal **EURO22.32 (IRP16.00)** for UK & Ireland and **EURO25.40 (IRP20.00)** for others. Cheques in Euros are available in most banks, however, Sterling, Australian, Canadian, American and New Zealand Dollar cheques will also be accepted by the Society at the equivalent rate to the EURO. At the next AGM, hopefully, the rates for membership etc. will be fixed at new EURO rates avoiding cents in each case for ease of transaction. *R. Stanley, EURO Officer.*

### CIVIC OR LOCAL MUSEUM FOR DUN LAOGHAIRE

With the adoption of the Development Plan for the County of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown and the inclusion of the following in the written statement: 4.4.7. *It is an objective of the Council to provide an art gallery, a local museum and a theatre.* (page 71) is it possible that the County Town of Dun Laoghaire may join its counterparts around Ireland by having its own museum?. If so, this will bring to a close nearly twenty years of campaigning by local historians and the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society. The Historical Society set up a Local Museum Trust to receive items for inclusion in the museum. An **Foram Oidhreachta** (The Heritage Forum) included the provision of a local museum in its Jan. 1997 publication "*Towards a County Heritage Policy*" and in its submission on the Draft Development Plan. With this commitment now in place, should we not make the provision of a Local Museum a countywide Millennium Project. Artefacts are being collected by the Museum Trust now. Should you like to donate items for exhibit in a Local Museum please contact Colin or Anna Scudds, 7, Northumberland Park, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Official Receipts will be issued for all items donated.