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## FIVE YEARS A GROWING ?

This year as Dublin's Riviera will be swinging between the two great annual festivals of Ireland's "official" American Independence Day celebration and Bastille Day & "The Taste of France", the little known and possibly, unmarked fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations will fall on July 9th 1999. Yes, just five short years ago in the regal splendour of the Royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoghaire C.I.G.O. was born with the adoption of its constitution by four of the six organisations present at the inaugural meeting. Hopes were high to develop an organisation worthy of becoming a truly national representative body for genealogists. However, its birth was far from smooth and the meeting was a tense and difficult exchange of very differing views on the role of family history societies and the Heritage Centres. Differences ran deep and, in many cases, remain so to this day hampering the development of an Irish equivalent of the Federation of Family History Societies in the United Kingdom. Many observers thought that CIGO's birth was a number of years premature and, in retrospect, there is possibly some truth in this view. However, five years on, with the benefit of hindsight and a greater public awareness of genealogy in Ireland, thanks to publications like "Irish Roots" magazine, does wiser counsel on the way forward exist? It's hard to know. Have those with a commercial interest in the subject, including Irish Genealogy Limited and the Heritage Centres, come to understand the voluntary sector or, indeed, vice versa? Possibly not, though with just four months to go to CIGO's fifth birthday, should all concerned with Irish genealogy not reflect on the past five years, the set backs, the developments, the endless reports and studies and now, earnestly consider the way forward? If CIGO is past its "sell by date", as some may think, it never achieved its goal of representing ALL Irish genealogical organisations and those it did represent, rarely permitted it to function as envisaged on July 9th 1994. Is it time to start again???

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday Mar. 9th & Apr. 13th 1999**

Evening Open Meeting - An Culturliann, Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann, Belgrave Square, Monkstown. 20.30 hrs. - 22.00 hrs.  
Buses 7 & 8 - DART Seapoint or Monkstown stations.

**Wednesday Mar. 24th & Apr. 28th 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 Byrne Tel: (01) 295 7782 for details etc.

## QUICK UPDATE ON GRO

Wednesday 17th February 1999 in answer to a Parliamentary Question in Dail Eireann, Mr. Seamus Brennan, T.D., Minister for State, indicated that "Heads of a Bill" to modernise the General Register Office in Dublin will be published in late 1999. The Society welcomes this new opportunity to examine the functions of An tArd Chlaraitheoir (Registrar General) and the General Register Office and to seek greater accessibility to the microfilm records of pre-1928 Births, Marriages and Deaths through the National Library and the National Archives.

## "THE GENIE" BY MAIL

The Society forwards copies of "The Genie Gazette" free of charge to all our Overseas Members keeping them in touch with the "world of genealogy" in Ireland on a monthly basis. Irish based members receive the newsletter free at each of the two Open Meetings held each month. However, Irish based members can also receive "The Genie" by mail to their homes each month for the special rate of just IRP2.50 (twelve issues). Make sure you'll never lose touch - why not pop a cheque for IRP2.50 in the post today to the Hon. Secretary, DLGS, 11, Desmond Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

### DUN LAOGHAIRE BORO. HIST. SOCIETY

Lecture: Weds. 24th March 1999 at the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin - 20.00 hrs - Charles V. Smith  
*"Dalkey, the Medieval Town"*

### IRISH GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY

Lecture: Weds. 24th March 1999 at the National Library of Ireland, Kildare Street, Dublin 2 - 19.30hrs - Dr. David Dickson, TCD  
*"The Forgotten Famine of 1740-1741"*

### DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE

Exhibition: Sun. 7th - Fri. 19th March 1999, in conjunction with the Goethe Institute "EINBLICK" - interactive models etc. of great appeal to adults and kids.

Tel: 285 8366 or E-mail: diht@indigo.ie

## PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

"100 years of Local Government in Ireland" will be celebrated by the north County Dublin local authority Fingal County Council with an exhibition in the County Council Offices at 11, Parnell Square, Dublin 1 (tel: 872 7777 ext. 2924) from 10.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs Monday to Saturday from 2nd to the 12th March 1999. This exhibition has been co-ordinated by the National Archives and jointly funded by the Dept. of the Environment & Local Government and the Dept. of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands. The County & Urban Councils in Ireland were founded under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 and the first elections to these new authorities were held in January 1899.

### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR DATA INPUT FOR THE JEWISH CEMETERY, DOLPHIN'S BARN, DUBLIN

Work in your own home on your PC at times that suit you and assist in the publication of this valuable genealogical source. Discs supplied and format set - advice always to hand - go on give it a go !!

Contact Barry O'Connor on Tel: 285 4386 or

Roisin Lafferty on Tel: 280 0894



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**QUERIES RECEIVED**

Joyce Tunstead, 17, Sycamore Crescent, The Park, Cabinteely, Dublin 18 (Tel: 01. 285 9496) seeks information on the descendants of William & Julia Ann Henderson (nee Scott) who lived in Bruff, County Limerick in the 1880's. William retired from the R.I.C. (police) in 1888 and is believed to have had at least six children (Jane, George Francis, Ellinor Adelaide, Eliza Anne, Helen and Irene) ALSO seeking information on Alexander Scott, lived Drumkilrooske, County Cavan in 1841 - looking for his baptism circa 1790 and his marriage to Ellen in 1811. Any info. please. [Ed. Thanks Joyce for info. re. Thom's Directorics - most helpful]

Geraldine McGettigan, E-mail: gmecg@pop3.ucd.ie seeks information on an American ship in Dublin on the 10th June 1818, its name was "Ontario" and its Master was Captain William Gold. Any assistance on where to find further information much appreciated.

Patricia Herrigan, PO Box 8203, Bonney Lake, W.A. 98390, USA seeks information on her 4th great grandfather, Noble Moore, he had three brothers:- James, Alexander & George and a half brother and sister, John & Isabella. Isabella married James Findly. 3 sons & 2 daughters of Noble Moore went to the United States, however, the family originated near Dublin.

Mrs. Pauline H. Martin, 33, Allan Park Crescent, Edinburgh, EH14 1LF, Scotland seeks information on her grandmother Lucy Emma Farrell born in Ireland about 1883. Father's name William Lawrence Farrell, an engineer. Lucy had a brother William who was killed in WWI. She was married in London 29th July 1906 to Albert Charles Haynes.

Mrs. Brenda Purvis, 108A, Mill Street, Kidlington, Oxon, OX5 2EF, England seeks information on her mother's great grandparents - Charitie Collies & Edward Rooney who were married in 1828 in Dublin. Charitie was born in 1807 and is thought to be from Dame Street in Dublin, her family may have had something to do with the Law Courts. Edward Rooney is thought to have come from a bristle making family.

Beverly Rosser, Unit 1/77, Victoria Street, Williamstown, Vic. 3016, Australia seeks information on her great great grandmother Elizabeth Maitland who arrived in Australia from Ireland in July 1857. Her parents were James Maitland and Annie Campbell. James was a Captain in either the East India Company or the British Army and served in India. Elizabeth was born 1833/4. After the deaths of both parents, Elizabeth & her sister were sent to an orphanage for soldiers' children in Dublin where her sister, name unknown, died. Any info. please.

The Society's Archivist, Frieda Carroll, requests members, and others, to submit a copy of your Birth Brief to the Society's Archive. Such copies will greatly assist future research and your fellow members.

**CARNMONEY BAPTISMS & BURIALS**

Our friends in the *North of Ireland FHS* have just published on microfiche the above from the registers of the Church of Holy Evangelists in Carnmoney, County Antrim. For just UKP5.00 both can be obtained from Mrs. F. Jackson, 19, Norwood Crescent, Belfast, BT4 2DZ, N. Ireland. Cheques payable to "North of Ireland FHS" in UK Pounds only accepted.

**INTERESTED IN VINTAGE RADIO ?**

Why not join the Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society for further information contact Henry Moore, Secretary, 9, Auburn Close, Killiney, Co. Dublin. Tel: 285 6240

**SHE DIED OF A FEVER & NO ONE COULD SAVE HER ....**

Yes, our dear Molly Malone will be dead three hundred years this June. She was buried in Dublin on 13th June 1699, aged 29, possibly the most famous Dublin fishmonger and the only one to have had her fame and sad fate belloved from terraces at football matches from Europe to New Zealand (and many places in between) all with great gusto by supporters of Rugby, Soccer and yes, Gaelic Football. Isn't time that the City Fathers (and Mothers !!) of Dublin declare June 13th as "Dublin Day" in her honour and let all "Dubs" (true & otherwise) toast dear Molly Malone throughout the world on June 13th.

**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 for this important project.*

**NEW PUBLICATION**

"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 13 - St. Patrick's School, Dalkey, County Dublin - School Registers 1894-1970" (ISBN 1 898471 21 5) price Euro7.00 (IRP5.50) (postage Ireland & UK Euro1.27 (IRP1.00) others Euro2.54 (IRP2.00) compiled by *Annette McDonnell*. This publication covers the School Registers for the Girls Primary School 1894 - 1970 and the Boys National School 1894 - 1968. Though, this school was a Church of Ireland National School (Anglican), the pupils come from all religious denominations. This publication follows that of *Boosterstown* (IGS 6), *Glasthule* (IGS 11) and *Newcastle* (IGS 3) National Schools Registers published by the Society. Others in the pipe line include *Kilcoole, Co. Wicklow* and *Christian Brothers National School, Eblana Avenue, Dun Laoghaire*. ALL DLGS publications available by mail order (MasterCard/Visa) - Telephone: Dublin 284 2711 with Credit Card Number & Expiry Date.

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Articles in the latest issue of the Society's quarterly journal include "Minister Answers Points on GRO"; "Vital Records Index for the (sic) British Isles"; "Index to the 1851 Census for Dublin"; "Wicklow People in Cumbria"; "Good News for the National Library" "Clann Chaomhanach Rally"; "American Civil War 1861-65" and "Ireland Before 1700". With news, view and reviews this issues proves to be, yet another, very good read for genealogists at home and overseas. Price IRP3.50 plus postage & packing IRP1.00 from address above. Credit Card payments accepted- Number & Expiry Date required.

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