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NO PUBLICATION OF REPORTS

"The monitoring of progress in implementing the Project has been ineffective. No budget or measurable targets were set and the gathering of relevant management information was sporadic and generally incomplete" and in an evaluation of the effectiveness of the I.G.P., the C. & A.G. states *"No targets have been set for these objectives and no mechanism is in place to measure the tourism impacts attributable to the IGP. Consequently, the likely effectiveness of the project in contributing to tourism growth cannot currently be established."* Yes, the Comptroller & Auditor General's Value for Money Report on the Irish Genealogical Project - how could anyone forget these damning remarks on how over Ir£14,000,000 was spent? It prompted another report by the Heritage Council on Genealogical Practises in Ireland - to which, the public was invited to make submissions and an internal Departmental report on the Heritage Centres and the Irish Genealogical Project. Like most, this Society, expected the reports to be published and the conclusions used as a blue-print for the future planning of genealogical services in Ireland. It was no secret that the DLGS view was to bring the Heritage Centres under the control of the County Library Service throughout Ireland and to wind-up Irish Genealogy Limited, the Irish Genealogical Project and the Irish Family History Foundation. Treating the C.&A.G.'s Report, as it would be treated in a truly commercial environment, would demand nothing short of a complete overhaul of the existing situation and the publication of proposals to do so. Well forgetfulness seems to be in the air because a further Ir£210,000 was made available to Irish Genealogy Limited by the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands, Ms. Síle de Valera T.D. on Thursday April 29th 1999 for the period 1999-2000. Surely the Minister would only be committing further public money to the IGP if new and binding measures to ensure "Value for Money" and the fullest accountability were put in place by her Department and Irish Genealogy Limited? If these safeguards are now in place, resulting in this grant, the Minister has a duty to publish the reports outlining these measures to reassure the Irish public, our Diaspora and, more importantly, the good people involved in the Heritage Centres that a particular future exists for them and the Irish Genealogical Project.

CLANS OF IRELAND Ltd.

The May issue of the Clans of Ireland newsletter has just arrived packed with information on the forthcoming Clan Rallies in Ireland and the foundation of Clan/Family Associations. Subscriptions to their newsletter is open to all for just Ir£5.00. It's a very good read, indeed. Clan Rallies are great to make contacts for your research. Contact Dr. M. A. Tierney, Grange Clare, Killeague, Naas, Co. Kildare, Ireland. Tel: 045-860623. The Clans of Ireland Ltd. is a registered charity in Ireland (ref: CHY 11585) and is a voluntary organisation. E-mail: coolavin@indigo.ie OR Families.United@connect-2.co.uk

"GWREIDDIAU GWYNEDD"

As part of the "Dún Laoghaire-Holyhead Link" the Society is developing contacts with *Cymdeithas Hanes Teuluoedd Gwynedd* in North Wales. The Gwynedd FHS was founded in 1980 and like DLGS, it's a registered charity, bilingual and open to all interested in its activities. It has been suggested that a meeting to explore the possibility of a visit to Ireland by members of the society be convened at the next session of the "Dún Laoghaire-Holyhead Link". At the AGM of Gwynedd this month, Mrs. Joyce Hinde, their Secretary for many years will retire - on behalf of all in Dún Laoghaire, we send her every good wish in her retirement.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday May 11th & June 8th 1999

Evening Open Meeting - An Culturlann, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Belgrave Square, Monkstown. 20.30 hrs. - 22.00 hrs.
Buses 7 & 8 - DART Seapoint or Monkstown stations.

Wednesday May 26th & June 23rd 1999

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.

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.e. on both days.

Wicklow County Genealogical Society. Please contact
Declan Byrne Tel: (01) 295 7782 for details etc

"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, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR DATA INPUT

Work in your own home on your PC at times that suit you and assist in the publication of valuable genealogical sources. Discs supplied and format set - advice always to hand - go on give it a go!
Contact Barry O'Connor on Tel: 285 4386 or
Róisín Lafferty on Tel: 280 0894

QUERIES RECEIVED

Sheryl Kaye Roark, 11781, Elkhead Range Road, Littleton, Colorado, USA 80127 seeks information on the Doyle, Downey & Rogan Families of Kingstown (Dún Laoghaire) 1750-1865.

Vickie Brady Hakason, 3127 Don Salvador Ave, (8170 South), Tulyorsville, Utah, USA 84118 seeks information on Benedict Cambron b. 1810 in Ireland, married Josephine b. 1814. Their son Joseph Cambron b. 16. July 1836. Joseph had a son named Patrick Henry Cambron born USA. Also Charles Anderson Brady b. 1750, his son Thomas Anderson Brady born 18. April 1774. Both families believed to be from Ireland & may be from the Dublin region.

Jean Maudsley, 12, Berrow Drive, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3UB, England seeks information on David Clarke b. 1799/1800, married Jane Fox in Church of Scotland, Kingstown 19. December 1825, died 20. June 1840. any info. on Clarke and Fox families please.
Annette McDonnell, 4, Kippure Ave., Green Park, Dublin 12 seeks information on the family/dependants of Michael Joseph Collins born 1867 Kingstown, Co. Dublin, parents John Collins & Catherine Toole, married Nannie Doolin, 1898 in Waterford. Joined the RIC (Police) 1889, retired 1915 in Cork. 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. Frieda seeks and collects items for the Society's Library including Thom's Directories, Obits., Maps, Historical & Genealogical Journals, group & school photographs, Memoriam Cards - can you help?

Peter Geoghegan 5 Lawnsdale Delamere Park Northwich Cheshire CW8 2UT England. His Great Grandparents Michael Geoghegan and Mary (nee Daly) came from Westmeath but he does not know the Parish. They emigrated to Liverpool. They had two children in Ireland. Mary born c1859 and Joseph c1861. Any information appreciated.

Carol Hopkins 118 Pound Bank Rd, Malvern Worcs. WR14 2NU England seeks information on James Henthorn(e) and Anne Grey married at Loughcrew Co. Meath 6th July 1855. Would like information on children born before 1864 Any information on the name Henthorn(e) would also be appreciated.

James Twycroff, 9, Wallara Cres., Croydon, Victoria 3136 Australia seeks information on Catherine Martin born 1836 approx. in Kingstown Co. Dublin. Parents John Martin, Ships Carpenter, and Alice King. Member of Church of Ireland. Catherine emigrated to Australia via Plymouth in 1855 with sister Anna who was a year or two younger She married in Australia in 1857 and died there in 1872

Teresa Truman, E-mail: truman@bellsouth.net seeks information of a Michael Devine, b. Oct. 1865 son of Louis Devine & Maria Byrne. He had brothers Luke & Patrick. Any information please, this Michael was her great grandfather.

Pam Sluss, 249, Chestnut St., Apt. 202, Wyandotte, MI 48192, USA is seeking information on the family Parvin (Parlin) from Westmeath who went to America in the 18th century, including Francis, b. 1700, Thomas b. 1724, Francis jr. b. 1726, Benjamin b. 1728 - all believed to have been born in Ireland. They were Quakers. Any info. please

IRISH STRAYS IN HOLYHEAD 1851

The Society has received the list of the Irish based in Holyhead, though, born in Ireland and recorded in the Census of 1851. The list was compiled by Mrs. Joyce Hinde of Gwynedd Family History Society, North Wales and will be published in the Summer edition of the Dún Laoghaire Genealogical Society Journal. Diolch-yn-fawr, Joyce - the Archivist seeks this information from all our Overseas contacts.

BOOK AUCTION FOR FUND

The Society will hold a book auction for the Building Fund on May 11th in Comhaltas - just before the ordinary meeting. "Books that you'd like to buy yourself" was how one of the organisers described the event - so no magazines (except genealogical ones). If you can't attend and would like to contribute "just drop a wee cheque in the mail". You'll be helping the project to restore the Martello Tower. Thanks.

NO RESPONSE TO "DUBLIN DAY"

In our March issue we announced that our dear Molly Malone was dead three hundred years next month. 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 recalled at all sporting occasions where teams from Dublin compete in Rugby, Soccer and yes, Gaelic Football. Isn't time that the City Fathers (and Mothers !!) of Dublin, Ireland's Capital City, 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. The Society calls on Dublin City Councillors and Teachtaí Dála to honour Molly Malone by making this gesture on behalf of all the citizens of Dublin & her Diaspora.

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, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland. Sort Code: 98-59-50 - A/c number: 52252212 *Thank you for your support for this important project & the development of our Daonchartlann.*

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Articles in the latest issue of the Society's quarterly journal include the full index to Seán Kane's "American Civil War 1861-65". 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-MasterCard/Visa, Number & Expiry Date required.

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APOLOGY

The Executive Committee would like to extend its sincere apologies to both our Overseas Members and the Anglo-Irish FHS in Liverpool for any inconvenience caused by the Society's non-attendance at the Liverpool Family History Conference last month. This was due to factors beyond its control and hopefully, arrangements will be made to meet again during this year.

THANKS TO BORO' HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society acknowledges with sincere thanks the donation of a portable fiche reader by the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society. The Historical Society has campaigned for nearly twenty years for the establishment of a Civic Museum in Dún Laoghaire - checkout details on the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical under "societies" on Dublin's Riviera website: <http://www.dun-laoghaire.com>

"THE MUST GO TO LIST"

Members may suggest useful websites by contacting dlgs@iol.ie and they'll be posted here in future issues of "The Genie Gazette". Here are a few: <http://www.sog.org.uk> (Society of Genealogists, London); <http://www.familysearch.org> (Mormon Records on line); <http://www.dun-laoghaire.com/genealogy> (Dún Laoghaire on line); <http://www.cwgc.org> (Commonwealth War Graves); <http://www.ireland.com/ancestors> (Irish Times site "a must"); <http://www.cyndislist.com> (Cyndi's List - have a look). Should you have found a great site, don't keep it to yourself - tell us!

TRACING MEDICAL ANCESTORS

The Mercer Library at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Mercer Street Lower, Dublin 2 has resources including directories, historical documents, biographical details of those associated with the history of medicine in Ireland. If you're unable to visit in person, a researcher will undertake a genealogical search on receipt of sufficient information and a fee of Ir£25.00, however, you can undertake your own search for free should you visit the Library. Opening times etc. contact the Archivist tel: (353 1) 402 2439 or E-mail: archivist@rcsi.ie

CENSUS OF 1881

The Federation of Family History Societies in the UK has produced the complete index to the 1881 Census of England, Wales, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and the Royal Navy at Sea on microfiche. This would be a valuable asset for the Society's Archive and at circa UK£280.00 including VAT and handling charges, the Society seeks a kind benefactor for the purchase of same. It could be purchased in memory of a loved one or ancestor. Interested? Contact the Hon. Secretary at the address above for further details.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE CAMPAIGN

The Society is delighted that mature students, taking the genealogy course at University College Dublin, have taken up the baton and are actively pursuing the campaign to have microfilm copies of the Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths placed in the National Library and the National Archives. This campaign is gathering momentum with the genealogical community at home and abroad with Mr. Enda Kenny T.D. (e-mail: enda_kenny@oireachtas.irlgov.ie) to the fore in Dáil Éireann (Irish Parliament) on the issue. As readers will readily acknowledge, this particular policy was initiated by this Society at our Annual General Meeting of 14th October 1997 with three resolutions on the GRO adopted and one on the "*Principle of Public Ownership & Right of Access*" to their genealogical heritage. The "Principle" was included in the *Interim Report of the Heritage Council on Genealogical Practises in Ireland*. Progress has been slow until a deterioration of the situation at the GRO in Dublin convinced all of the merit in this Society's proposals for access to the GRO records. If readers wish to support this campaign, and all genealogists should, write to your Teachta Dála or the Minister for Health & Children, Mr. Brian Cowen, T.D., Dept. of Health & Children, Hawkins House, Dublin 2 - copy your letter to Ms. Síle de Valera T.D., Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands, "Dún Airmhígin", Mespil Rd., Dublin 4.. The message is simple "microfilm copies of the GRO records (over 70 years) for the National Library & National Archives for free public access". There's no need for new legislation nor Ministerial Order, just action by the Registrar General and the Directors of the National Library & National Archives.