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## IT'S THE GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE AGAIN

Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> will see CIGO launch its public campaign regarding the service at Dublin's General Register Office in Lombard Street East. Readers may be forgiven for the sense of *deja vu* they might feel on this issue. This Society has campaigned for years for a more progressive and open approach to the problems of overcrowding, charging and service delivery at the GRO. Indeed, the Society's solution was not supported by CIGO at its 1997 Annual General Meeting. No support was forthcoming either when this Society proposed a simple cost effective solution to the problems at the GRO in the December 1997 issue of "The Genie Gazette". At the time the main issue was a proposed price increase at the GRO. The Society dismissed the linking, by the Department, of the proposed price increase in Public Search Room to an increased workload in the other services provided by the G.R.O. as users of the Public Search Room could not be expected to fund other services. However, this Society's proposal to provide greater accessibility to the records of the GRO found no support from CIGO and yet, had the proposal received support and had been adopted by the Department, the problems experienced by researchers at the GRO today would not exist. The solution was simple - make microfilm copies of the indexes and the registers (all records over seventy years of age) and place them on open access in the National Archives and the National Library in Dublin and in Central Public Libraries in Waterford, Cork, Limerick, Galway, Sligo and Dundalk, and any other repositories wishing to have them. These are public records. This would provide more opportunities to consult these records and eliminate overcrowding in Dublin - but importantly, it leaves the Registrar General with his core functions of registration and certification and custodian of the original records. Technological advances since the Society made this proposal in 1997 would permit the placing of such records on CD Rom to be sold at a reasonable rate to researchers and archives throughout Ireland and abroad. Worries regarding a possible decline in overseas visitor levels should the GRO records be provided on CD Rom are completely without

foundation, indeed, more unrestricted information will lead to a more accessible awareness of the tourist product called "Ireland". Maybe, this time CIGO will support this view and resist any attempt to link a solution to the problems at the GRO with the Heritage Council's proposal that would, if ever adopted, mean less accessibility through a fundamental shift from free public access to most genealogical records to a pay for view service operated by Irish Genealogy Limited. This Society fully supports the Minister Sile de Valera T.D. in her total rejection of this proposal by the Heritage Council. Hopefully, following the spending of Ir£10,000 of public money by the Heritage Council on a report, outside their brief, detailing this "pay-for-view" proposal, the Minister will seek immediate and wide ranging changes at the Heritage Council.

### CHANGE OF VENUE

With a marked increase in the cultural and Irish music activities in An Culturlann attracting many more overseas visitors during the summer each year, the Society has little room to accommodate the increase in our own numbers attending our monthly meetings in Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Monkstown, Co. Dublin. Therefore, with sincere regret we must relocate the next Monthly Open Meeting to another venue. Many sites were considered and we were delighted to accept the invitation by Mr. Edward Confrey, President of the Dún Laoghaire Club, to avail of their premises on Eblana Avenue in Dún Laoghaire. The Club is located to the left of the entrance to Dún Laoghaire Market on Eblana Avenue (avenue just behind St. Michael's Church, Dún Laoghaire). Bus 7, 7a, 8, 46A, 75 and 111 & DART - Dún Laoghaire Station. The next meeting will be held there on August 10th and on the second Tuesday of each month thereafter. The Executive Committee greatly appreciates all the kindness and hospitality received, since Feb. 11th 1992, at Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Monkstown - we'll continue to promote the fine work undertaken by CCE in future publications.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Tuesday August 10th & Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Wednesday August 25th & Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Co. Gen. Soc.. Contact Declan Tel: (01) 295 7782 for details

### Volunteers Required

Barry O'Connor (tel: 2854386) is seeking volunteers for a team to visit and check the records of the Jewish Cemetery for publication - call him !!

### ONE DAY CONFERENCE

A one day conference will be organised by the Society for Heritage Week. To be held on Saturday 11th September in the Rochestown Lodge Hotel, (Victor

Hotel), Rochestown Ave., Dún Laoghaire it's open to members and non-members alike. The theme of the conference will be "Genealogy, Computers & the World Wide Web" - speakers, including John Grehan, author, genealogist and genealogical webmaster at The Irish Times site <http://www.ireland.com/ancestors> will cover a range of topics and suppliers will be on hand to introduce the best packages and equipment available in Ireland. The cost of the event will be dependent on sponsorship, however, it will include Morning & Afternoon Coffee, Lectures, Starting Pack etc. Lunch will be available at a special rate for participants. Bookings and further information contact Michael Merrigan on tel: 284 2711

#### QUERIES RECEIVED

**Tony McFarlin** (e-mail with Hon. Sec.) seeks info. on his mother's family, her maiden name was **Gregson** and was the first of her family to live in England. Her parents were farmers from the Dublin area. However, she was born in England - her birthday was May 1916. He thinks her parents were Mary and John Gregson. Any information about them or where else to go would be much appreciated by Tony - via the Hon. Sec..

**Bill O'Crotty** (e-mail with Hon. Sec.) has a **John Mc Mahon** in his family history. He was his Great great grandfather. They were from Limerick. His daughter Rosanna married his great grandfather Michael Crotty in Limerick in 1873. He seeks info. on any brothers of this John Mc Mahon? The only information he has on his Great great grandfather John Mc Mahon was that he was deceased before Rosanna was married in 1873.

**Adré Ellis**, e-mail: [ellis@iafrica.com](mailto:ellis@iafrica.com) writes - My family progenitor was Patrick (Henry?) Ellis who married a lady in South Africa about 1803. This is some 17 years before the major group of British Settlers came to South Africa. Family lore has it that Patrick Ellis was an Irishman. Apparently there were three brothers and "two went back". "Back" may be Ireland or anyplace for that matter. Patrick Ellis's death notice (8 Aug 1850) simply states that his parents were Ellis and that he was 75 years old and "Place of Birth: Dublin". This makes his DoB about 1775. SA record on shipping is atrocious and I have no way of getting any further. Family names that appear in the line are Patrick, Henry (that was changed to the Dutch version of Hendrik), Daniel and Eduard. In IGS No. 14 there is a Patrick Ellis, from Wicklow, transported to Australia, however, it seems that this Patrick Ellis arrived in Oz. See website <http://users.bigpond.net.au/convicts> Any info. or suggestions for Adre.

**Teresa (nee Peard) and Ron Ball** e-mail: [tarabee@acay.com.au](mailto:tarabee@acay.com.au) seeks information on Richard Peard arrived in Dublin in Jan 1832 and whilst there his wife gave birth to a son JOHN. John would have been baptised in a Roman Catholic Church in close proximity to Dublin Castle. Would records of baptisms be held this early? Richard Peard was a descendant of Richard Peard who went to Ireland in 1641 and the

Peard families who resided at "Coole Abbey Castlelyons, Cork from 1720 to the 1870's. They would greatly appreciate contacting Peard family researchers of both male & female lines. Any information on any of the above for Teresa & Ron. **John Russell**, e-mail: [GENIRE-1@rootsweb.com](mailto:GENIRE-1@rootsweb.com) seeks info. on BULLOCK HARBOUR ROAD PILOT'S HOUSES and a Lawrence Murphy listed in Griffith's Valuation (1849) for this area. Family connections sought for Murphys in Dalkey.

**Mrs Pat Rees & Mrs. Joan Baynton**, 12, Thistleboom Gardens, Mumbles, Swansea, South Wales, SA3 4HH seek information on an Elizabeth Daly, born 9<sup>th</sup> December 1894 in no. 1, Crampton Buildings, Dublin. Her parents were James & Matilda Daly (nee Maneely) - it's believed that Elizabeth had one older sister. Also, seeking information on Matilda Maneely (father William Maneely) possibly from Co. Tyrone. Any information on the above please.

**Jack Norton Terrell**, E-mail, [text@swbell.net](mailto:text@swbell.net) writes - It is my understanding that that Castleknock is North of Dublin. Obviously, I am Irish and not English. And do understand that an alleged ancestor of mine held the castle for King John? I also understand that an ancestor was the Lord Mayor of Dublin. Of course I have to claim him and well as the Tyrrells of Westmeath and Capt Richard Tyrrel. Irish genealogy is a hard nut to crack. So since my ancestor were Roman Catholic I take the position they are Irish and had to have fled in the wake of either QE1, Cromwell, the Revolt of 1798 or the Famine years. If you all have any suggestions it would be appreciated. Thank you very much. Regards, Jack Terrell

**Colly Tettelbach**, e-mail: [ctettelb@hartnell.cc.ca.us](mailto:ctettelb@hartnell.cc.ca.us) seeks information on her g-grandmother Catherine O'Keefe, b. May 20, 1847 in Dublin County. The tombstone reads \_\_\_\_\_ Co Dublin The \_\_\_\_\_ looks like Aulinc or Nulinc (?) and she seeks her parents names and any info about them Is there a town (or was there) by the name of Aulinc or Nulinc or anything similar? Any suggestions folks for Colly on this placename? Address: Colly A. Tettelbach, Director, Regional Health Occupations Resource Centre, Hartnell College, 156 Homestead Avenue, Salinas, California 93901, USA

**HOLOCAUST CONFERENCE** - Vienna Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>. 1999 checkout the conference website: <http://www.arche.or.at/arche/conf> for further details. Info. supplied to DLGS by organisers.

**CONGRATS NORMAN** - The Society congratulates Mr. Norman Duffy, CEO of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Tourism Company for the production of a fine map and tourist information folder "A Taste of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown - The Choice for all Seasons" - copies available from DLR TOURISM, Avoca House, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Tel: (353.1.) 205 4855 E-mail: [info@dlrtourism.com](mailto:info@dlrtourism.com)