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## CUIMHNIGÍ ar ÁR SINNSIR

*"New Motto for the Society – Remember Our Ancestors"*

To celebrate the organisation's first ten years on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2000, members gathered on Killiney Hill overlooking Dublin to witness the planting of an Irish Oak tree and, in doing so, to remember our late President O Conor Don. The Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Cllr. Mary Elliott, MCC, as first citizen of the County, officiated at the event and spoke of the importance of genealogy in Ireland. Our Cathaoirleach, Rory Stanley, planting this fine Oak, remembered Denis O Conor Don, the Society first President who died in July. The Irish Oak is the symbol on the Arms of the ancient O Conor Don family descended from Kings of Connacht and High Kings of Ireland. Members braved a very windy day and thankfully, the torrential rain of the early morning cleared to a fine dry noon for the ceremony. The ceremony also marked October as "Family History Month". Speaking at the planting, Cllr. Elliott said "Genealogy is the real link between us all. It unites all humankind, however, not in a boring homogenous manner, but as a rich tapestry involving the many races on this planet, including the Irish. Not just the "old Irish" but we must remember that our new Irish citizens, drawn from many nations and races around the world, also make up this fine tapestry we call genealogy". Referring to the choice of Killiney for the planting, Cllr Elliott pointed out that "we link generations and acknowledge our ancient association with the land of Ireland. In our Celtic Mythology, the Irish Oak is a sacred tree to be revered and protected. The Oak is a

very poignant symbol of genealogy throughout western Europe". Later on the same day the Genealogical Society of Ireland was issued with a Warrant by the Deputy Chief Herald of Ireland, Fergus Gillespie, for Letters Patent granting a coat-of-arms and heraldic badge to the Society. The Letters Patent, due early in the New Year, are painted by hand depicting the Arms, Banner and Badge with a citation in both Irish and English issued under the Seal of the Chief Herald of Ireland. As the first genealogical organisation in Ireland to receive a Grant of Arms, the Society is very proud of this important occasion in the life and history of the Society. The Irish Oak is also depicted on the Society's new coat-of-arms under which, the motto is "Cuimhnigí ar Ár Sinnsir" – Remember Our Ancestors.

### "MUNGOVAN BADGE"

As part of the Grant of Arms to the Genealogical Society of Ireland, we're very proud to receive a grant of a Heraldic Badge for the Society. This grant was made possible through the kind sponsorship by one of our American Members, Barbara Mungovan Koch, who dedicated the Heraldic Badge in honour of her father Joseph Mungovan of Illinois. The Badge, when manufactured in enamel, will be the Membership Badge for the Genealogical Society of Ireland. The rich and beautiful design of the Heraldic Badge is by Mícheál Ó Comáin, Consulting Herald, at the Genealogical Office in Dublin. It is described in heraldic terms as "on a hurt fimbriated a hungerford knot the ends acorned or" - a

blue disc with a gold rim with a golden rope in a knot shaped as a trefoil with golden acorns at each end. The Society is very grateful to Barbara and her family for this wonderful gift that will be a lasting and very memorable symbol of the Genealogical Society of Ireland.

### INCORPORATION

The Society was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2000 – exactly ten years to the day since the Constitution of the Society was adopted in 1990. The name of the incorporated organisation is the "Genealogical Society of Ireland Limited" with the Company Registration Number 334884. The registered address of the Society will remain at 14, Rochestown Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland until the Martello Tower is ready for occupation. Arrangements are being made for the Trustees of the Society to assign the assets of the organisation to the new company in accordance with the resolution adopted by our Members at the 1998 AGM of the Society.

### DIARY DATES

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2000**

Evening Open Meeting  
Dún Laoghaire Club, Eblana Avenue,  
Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin  
20.00 hrs – 22.00hrs  
Bus: 7, 7A, 8, 46A, 75, & 111.  
DART Dún Laoghaire Station.

*"Open Forum on Aspects of Irish Family History Research"*

**Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2000**

Evening Open Meeting. Venue: as above  
**Speaker: Frank Pelly**

**Topic: "Family History Charts"**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2000 & Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 2001**

Morning Open Meeting 10.30hrs  
The Port View Hotel, Marine Road,  
Dún Laoghaire.

Discussion Group on Family History

## OVERDUE MEMBERSHIP FEES

The newly appointed Membership Officer, Annette McDonnell, will be transferring all the membership data to a new program. Annette succeeds Seán Kane who takes over the Education portfolio on the Executive Committee. Members in Ireland are reminded that the annual Membership Fee falls due on November 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Have you paid yet? Overseas Members have their fees calculated on a twelve month calendar basis. Annette may be contacted e-mail to [mcdonnellanette@hotmail.com](mailto:mcdonnellanette@hotmail.com) or by mail to 4 Kippure Avenue, Green Park, Dublin 12.

## KINSALE 1601-2001

Next year the Kinsale Urban District Council will organise events to commemorate the Battle of Kinsale in 1601 that involved the Irish and Spanish forces on one side against the victorious English on the other. This battle marked the collapse of the old Gaelic Order in Ireland and, traditionally, it gave birth to the Wild Geese or Irish mercenary soldiers on the continent. However, who would have thought that the first Wild Geese were recruited for service on the mainland of Europe by a man named Stanley?. Sir William Stanley recruited a regiment of Irish swordsmen to fight in the Spanish Netherlands in 1585. Following his defection from the Anglo-Dutch forces to the Spanish in 1587, he laid the foundation for nearly three hundred years of service by Irishmen in the armies of Spain, France, Austria and the Holy See. This military service was to see bloody battles, honours bestowed and the emergence of many titled families of Irish descent on the continent. Hopefully, many of the descendants of the Wild Geese will make their way to Kinsale for this important commemoration. The GSI will be organising a Spring event to mark the occasion. Further information from Dermot Collins, Kinsale UDC, Kinsale, Co. Cork, Ireland. Website: <http://www.kinsale2001.com> or E-mail: [saile@unison.ie](mailto:saile@unison.ie)

## CONGRESS COMES TO DUBLIN

The 25<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Genealogical & Heraldic Sciences will be held in Dublin between the 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> September 2002. This important congress was held this year in Besancon, France, in May and attracted participants from over fifty countries. Previously held in Turin (1998), Ottawa (1996) and Luxembourg (1994), this will be the first time in Ireland. The Besancon Congress was co-ordinated by the French Genealogical Federation, however, since none exists in Ireland, it's up to each of the organisations here to

promote the fullest participation in the 25<sup>th</sup> Congress in 2002. Dublin Castle, the scene of many important events in Irish history and certainly the most prestigious venue in the Capital, will host this very important event in Ireland. Though, previously invited to participate in this Congress on the mainland of Europe, the Society is delighted with this opportunity to participate in the activities of this Congress at home in Ireland. Congratulations to the Chief Herald, Brendan O'Donoghue, Deputy Chief Herald, Fergus Gillespie and all concerned with attracting the Congress to Dublin in September 2002. Further details when available.

## OUR GENIE UPDATES....

**BIOGRAPHIES** ..... Keep those biographies rolling in! A big "thank you" to all those who have submitted their ancestors' stories, all of which will be published in forthcoming issues of the quarterly journal of our Society. Don't miss this opportunity to tell the stories of those brave Irish men and women who left these shores to seek a life in a foreign land. Many of them made a huge impact on their adopted country and community but all instilled in their children a love of the "old country", a love which has survived for generations. Now it is your turn to make their achievements known in the country of their birth. The biographies must be unpublished and can be as short as you like but no longer than 2000 words and be submitted to the Society for publication by either the author or the family of the author. A reasonable number of references and sources should be supplied if at all possible. Send the biographies to Annette McDonnell by e-mail to [mcdonnellanette@hotmail.com](mailto:mcdonnellanette@hotmail.com) or by mail to 4 Kippure Avenue, Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland.

## LIVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND?

.. Members and persons wishing to join the GSI living in the six counties of Northern Ireland are advised that the Society has appointed James Davidson as the Society's Representative in Northern Ireland. James may be contacted at 4, Priory Close, Lambeg, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland. The Northern Editor of "The Genie Gazette" is John Sturgeon, 37, Nettle Hill Road, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland. John welcomes comments, news and suggestions for readers north of the border on matters concerning genealogists in Northern Ireland.

## MARTELLO TOWER PROJECT...

The Society's Architect, Mr. Seán Gaynor, with the kind assistance of experts in the fields of archaeology, historic buildings and stonework, is due to present an important and comprehensive report on the Tower and the works required to restore this historic building and to refurbish it for our Society's Archive.

The Tower's situation on the DART line, equidistant from Salthill/Monkstown and Seapoint Stations, is ideal for our Members as there are no parking facilities at the Tower. Dublin Bus services are a mere 8 minutes walk from the Tower on Monkstown Road. Donations to the Building Fund are still sought and most welcome.

**CLANS OF IRELAND ....** The Autumn edition of the Clans of Ireland Ltd. Newsletter reported on the election of new members to its Board of Directors. The Society sends its congratulations to GSI Member, Dr. Lorcán O'Flannery, on his election to the Board. Others elected were Conor MacHale and Nora Keohane Hickey. A new sub-committee of the organisation was set up to assist fledgling Clans and to establish a framework for co-ordinated research. The Newsletter carries news on the various Clan Rallies throughout Ireland and the Clans participation in the commemoration of the Battle of Kinsale next year. Dr. Lorcán O'Flannery can be contacted at E-mail: [oflannery@eircom.net](mailto:oflannery@eircom.net) or by mail: 81, Woodford Drive, Clondalkin, Dublin 22, Ireland.

## 1861 DEANSGATE DIRECTORY ...

Jacqueline Sutton of 13 Belmont Close, Abergavenny, Mon. NP7 5HW writes "Work is progressing on our project of compiling directories of all Irish-born people living in Manchester at the time of the 1861 census. Volume 3, which covers Deansgate, is hot off the presses, price £5.50 plus postage. Work is under way on volume 4, which will cover Hulme. Volume 1 (Ancoats sub-district) & Volume 2 (Ardwick, Beswick, Bradford & Newton and Cheetham sub-districts) are available from the book-shop."

## 2001-A GENEALOGICAL ODYSSEY

The 4<sup>th</sup> Irish Genealogical Congress will be returning to Trinity College Dublin between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2001. A member of the Congress Committee and GSI Member, Betty Dwyer, has urged members at home and overseas to checkout the Congress website: <http://indigo.ie/~irishgc> and more importantly, to book early to attend what will be a most exciting and informative occasion.

Mail enquiries: Irish Genealogical Congress, c/o NAI, Bishop Street, Dublin 8, Ireland.

## GUILD OF ONE NAME STUDIES...

The Autumn 2000 issue of the Guild's Journal is now available for Stg£2.00 (postage .50p) from the Guild of One-Name Studies, Box G, 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA, England. This issue features articles on Irish One Studies; Lloyd George's "Domesday" Act, 1910; Computer programs for One-Namers and much else besides. Website: [www.one-name.org](http://www.one-name.org)

**1901 CENSUS INDEX ...** Work in nearing completion on the first volume of the Index to the 1901 Census returns for the Greater Dún Laoghaire area. This area includes what was then the Kingstown, Blackrock, Dalkey and Killynery/Ballybrack Urban District Council

areas. The first volume will cover the Blackrock area and contain the names, addresses, ages and areas of birth for over 4,500 people being the heads of households, visitors and lodgers in the area. The original transcription was undertaken by a number of members from the Census Returns and the computerisation was undertaken by Marie Keogh and each entry was checked by Annette McDonnell. It will be published before Christmas as part of the Irish Genealogical Sources series. Expected retail price Ir£7.00.

**NUNS REGISTER....** Sister Eileen Burrell, Archivist of the Sisters of Mercy in the Diocese of Christchurch (Otautahi) in New Zealand (Aotearoa), has become the latest Congregation to participate in the project to record the names of the many thousands of Irish women who joined Religious Orders during the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The GSI co-ordinator, Clare Malone, 90, Parnell Road, Dublin 12, Ireland, welcomes the participation of other Congregations and individuals from around the world in this important project.

### NORTHERN NEWS

Whilst in Belfast GRO on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, I was given the opportunity to be the first member of the public to 'test drive' the new computerised Index system. A room has been made available on the first floor of the Chichester Street building close to where the Indexes are presently housed. There were six computer terminals available and on each one the following indexes can be searched:- 1. Northern Ireland Birth Indexes 1922-1996. 2. Northern Ireland Death Indexes 1922-1996. 3. Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry and Tyrone Marriage Indexes. 1864-1921 and Northern Ireland Marriage Indexes 1922-1997. The various search fields enable you to search on names, years, locations, etc. The big innovation is having the 'pre-partition' marriage Indexes for the Six Counties available for search. However, the actual Registers for those are still held at the Local Registrars Offices, so you still need to go through them to get the actual details of an entry. It's easy to use the system and it's far quicker than getting all those Index books off the shelves and going through them! There is still some 'fine tuning' to do but I believe the system will be ready for use within the next two weeks. However, please note that A) the current charges to use the facilities at Belfast GRO remain unchanged and B) this is NOT an on-line service. You still have to go to Chichester Street to do the business! Robert C Davison, Hon. Secretary, Clan Davidson Association (UK). Visit us at <http://www.phdavison.com/clandavidson>

### QUERIES RECEIVED

**Margaret McBride**, No. 67 - 9000 Ash Grove Crescent, Burnaby, B. C. Canada V5A 4M6, Wrote:- My great-great-great grandparents, James and Bridget (nee Flynn)

Millane, left Co. Clare, Ireland to sail to Australia via Birkenhead in 1852 with four sons Michael, Patrick, Thomas and John. Its believed James Millane was born or lived somewhere called Clountrae (spelling is not clear?) near Limerick. The four sons and a daughter Mary were born in Ireland circa 1835 and 1845, possibly in Ennis. Mary died young before they left for Australia. There may have been other older children who stayed behind. I'd appreciate any assistance in finding research sources particularly those that are available on the Internet and those that might be specific to the general area (Ennis, Co. Clare). Also looking info. regarding the death of a Harry McBride in the Irish Sea around 1900. Thanks for any help.

**Marie Russell** of 20 the Birches, Stockbridge Village, Liverpool L28 7RQ, England is seeking information on Jane Collins of Portarlinton, born about 1890.

**Jacqueline Sutton** of 13 Belmont Close, Abergavenny, Mon. NP7 5 HW, Wales seeks information on Delia Hely (or Healey), born in 1846 in Kingstown, Co. Dublin.

**Jeannie Hardie**, E-mail: [JeannieHardie@aol.com](mailto:JeannieHardie@aol.com) Wrote:- I need info. on the parents of James Taylor, born June 27, 1829, Bellfounte, County Down, had brother William born 1831, younger sister Isabelle, the boys came to United States around 1850, saved money & brought Isabelle over, they lived in Benton Co, Missouri, USA.

**George R. Stevens**, E-mail: [geomaestev@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:geomaestev@ns.sympatico.ca) Wrote:- The COMMONPLACE BOOK of THIRZA CLARKE (1787-1821) was found this Summer in Vermont, USA. In addition to poetry and ballads, she included recipes, remedies, and some tantalising family vital records. Also several references to Irish localities (Newry, Dromore, Antrim Castle) which indicated familiarity with and proximity to those places. The content strongly suggests that Thirza and her family(ies) lived in the Northern Counties. Her book might have found its way to Vermont rather later, possibly with the emigration of one or more of the family members. Research to date in the New England States and adjacent New York has not borne fruit. I list below the basic data taken from her book: Thirza Clarke: b. 1787(?), d. 10 Sept 1821. Her Mother: died 30/9/1809 Her Sister: died 20/5/1812. Her eldest brother (Nathaniel?): died 27/11/1814 (one day after the birth of his own second child). Her Other Brother (Implied) Her two niece/nephews- the youngest born 26/11/1814. Marriage to Francis Adams on 27/8/1811 Their first son: (possibly Albert?) Clarke Adams, born summer of 1812. Their Second son: (Reverend) William Adams, born 3 July 1813. (He made notations in her book, as an adult). Citations to others in her book: Mary Scott Clarke (she wrote and signed a remedy for jaundice). Mr. Nick Clarke (Nicholas? Nicodemus??)(Taunted by Thirza, in a poem). John Clarke (his own elaborate signature to a poem). WPC" (is this William

Clarke?). The Reverend Mr. Davies ("...Of New England"). The Reverend Mr. Moore ("...Their (sic) Parish Minister"). Any info? **Lindsey Davis**, E-mail: [Linzilex@netscape.net](mailto:Linzilex@netscape.net) Wrote:- I received info. from you months ago regarding a 1911 census which possible listed my mother. I sent for a birth certificate and just received notice back that it was not found. My question is, my grandmother Adalaide Prior and Grandfather Daniel Prior had four children staying with them who were not related. One being my mother Olive Ward. How would she have come to be there - was she considered a foster child and who would have given her to my grandparents. They left Ireland in 1916 what would have happened to the other children. My mother stayed with them but Joyce House states that legal adoption did not come until 1952. Please put this in the news letter. Any suggestions most welcome.

**Bruce Colquhoun** in Canada. E-mail: [bruce@urlink.net](mailto:bruce@urlink.net) Wrote:- I am looking for any info on my gr-gr-grandparents who came to Canada during the Great Potato Famine of the 1840's. John Colquhoun was born in 1798, Donegal, Ireland. He married Fanny McBeth, I don't know when she was born. Together, they had 5 children, James b. July 8, 1829, Nathaniel, b. 1833, Jane, b. 1835, John, b. 1841, all were born in Ireland. Then, Thomas, b. 1848, in Quebec, Canada. So, they emigrated between 1841, and 1848. Any information would help me a lot. Also, if there is anyone there, who needs help in finding relatives here in Canada, I would be pleased to help if I can. Many thanks **Sharyn McHargue-Masterson**, E-mail: [Shar748@aol.com](mailto:Shar748@aol.com) Wrote:- My great-grandmother was a Hill and they were also from Ireland, but I don't know what part. I know their family was left some land in Ireland and my great-grandmother used to talk about it all the time. Her father was William Hill and his cousin was Atkinson Hill from Bardstown, Kentucky. Any info. on this family please.

**Greg Maxfield**, E-mail: [greg@maxfield.org](mailto:greg@maxfield.org) Wrote:- I have been researching my family history and have found just recently that I have an Irish ancestor, namely a great great grandmother. Her name was Mary Ann Bannon (Bannan) known to all as Ann. She was born I believe about 1813, in Blackwater Town, Ireland. Her father was Thomas Bannon (Bannan) and her mother also a Mary Ann Bannon (maiden name unknown). If anyone can help me I would appreciate any details. Many thanks please visit my Home Page. [www.geocities.com/themaxfields/gjmaxfield.html](http://www.geocities.com/themaxfields/gjmaxfield.html)

**Judi Stanford**, E-mail: [fs2@mediaone.net](mailto:fs2@mediaone.net) Wrote:- I am searching for info. on the family of James Fargy and Isabel Scott of Donegal, Ireland. They had five sons: James, Francis, William, Thomas, and Samuel. In 1824 James, Francis, William, and Thomas emigrated to Canada and settled in Hastings County, Ontario. As far as I have been able to find out, the fifth son, Samuel remained in Donegal &

possibly buried at Hillhead Presbyterian Churchyard Cemetery in Carndonagh, Co. Donegal. I am interested in finding anything about Samuel, his wife and children & his parents: James and Isabel.

**Tami Witty**, E-mail:- [twitty@vtown.com.au](mailto:twitty@vtown.com.au)  
Wrote:- I am trying to trace Samuel Megaw (McGaw) who was born in Lissan, Londonderry, Ireland in 1798 and married Susannah Hasley (Haseley) in 1828 in Ireland (she was born in 1907). They came to Adelaide, South Australia in 1840 and had 6 children, Jane, James, Moses, Thomas, Susan and Elizabeth, the first four being born in Ireland before going to Australia. Samuel died in 1868 and Susannah in 1895 in South Australia. I would love to swap Aussie info.

**Sandra Sommer**, E-mail:- [pookeybear3@mindspring.com](mailto:pookeybear3@mindspring.com)  
Wrote:- Patrick Manon was supposedly born in Ireland (poss. Roscommon area) around 1755. How can I find information to prove this and obtain parents names?

**Linda Kyle**, E-mail:- [jkyle@trib.com](mailto:jkyle@trib.com) Wrote:- This is all that I know about my great great grandmother, Catherine E. McCann. Only included their children and not other descendants. Descendants of Franklin Benjamin Hallman. Generation No. 1:- 1. Franklin Benjamin 3 Hallman (John2, Jacob C.1) was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, and died November 05, 1911 in Revere, Massachusetts. He married Catherine E. McCann, daughter of Cornelius McCann and Rosanna McGinn. She was born 1832 in Albany, New York & died January 24, 1898 in Revere, Massachusetts. She was the wife of Franklin B. Hallman. Interment: Jan 1898, Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, MA. Children of Franklin Hallman & Catherine McCann are: i. Daniel B.Hallman, b. December 12, 1868, South Boston, MA; d. December 28, 1916, Revere, MA. ii. John T. Hallman, b. Abt. April 12, 1875; d. February 22, 1909, Lynn, MA. Burial: February 1909, Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett, MA. Any further info. please.

**June** in California, USA., E-mail:- [juken@gateway.net](mailto:juken@gateway.net) Wrote:- My ancestor John Ritchie born in Coleraine, Ireland abt 1800, died in Valentia, Ireland 1850, married Eliza McKay. Children were Ann Margaret, Jennie, Eliza, William and Charles born 1829, married Mary Anne Scott, then Maria Lennox Patton, he emigrated to Ivy Canada where he died in 1881. I am descended from Charles and Maria and one of their children Henry born 1875 in Ivy, Canada and died in Toronto, Canada in 1852. He was my grandfather. I wish to know where Charles was born and when he emigrated to Canada and if there is any family left in Ireland.

**Jim Transue** E-mail:- [JDTRANSUE@aol.com](mailto:JDTRANSUE@aol.com) Wrote:- I have records on Hines and Thompson from Northern Ireland who came to the Bucks Co., PA, USA prior to the Revolutionary War. I believe Hines came from the Coleraine area and Thompson from Clough. Will be glad to

share all I have with persons interested in these surnames & families.

**Tom McQuown**, E-mail:- [bayrat@erols.com](mailto:bayrat@erols.com)  
Wrote:- Seeking info. on the children of Laurance and Jean McQuown, (McKeown, McKeon etc, in Ireland). All possibly born in Ireland before coming to America. They are: i. Elenor McQuown. ii. Elizabeth McQuown, married Able Hasley iii. Margaret McQuown iv. Thomas McQuown, born c. 1744, married Margaret Sillik Galloway. v. Catharine McQuown, born c.1746, married Isaac Leany. vi. John McQuown, born c.1748, married to Mary. vii. James McQuown, born c.1750. viii. David Samuel McQuown, born c. 1754, married Margaret Harris. ix. Mary McQuown, married George McCreary. (George born Co. Armagh, Ireland and came to America at the outset of the Revolutionary War). x. Jean McQuown, born c. 1756, married David Patton. xi. William McQuown, born c. 1757. xii. Laurance McQuown, born c. 1759, married Jane E. McDonald. xiii. Rebecca McQuown, born c.1761, married Benjamin Stewart. Also, I will contact Brendan Hall, e-mail: [jbhall@indigo.ie](mailto:jbhall@indigo.ie) concerning submitting an article for the GSI Quarterly Journal. Any connections or info. on the above please.

**Charles Whitty**, E-mail:- [paraguay@waitrose.com](mailto:paraguay@waitrose.com) Wrote:- I am seeking information on the siblings of Patrick Whitty, son of John Whitty & Margaret Kelly, born Kingstown, Co. Dublin 11<sup>th</sup> December 1850. Sponsors at Patrick's baptism in St. Michael's were Matthew Byrne & Anne Niel. Patrick emigrated to Argentina and married Eliza Macken in 1890. Any information please.

**Victor Rorke**, 1299 Hudson St. Peterborough. ONT. Canada. K0H 6Z9. E-mail:- [vicmairrorke@home.net](mailto:vicmairrorke@home.net) Wrote:- My grandfather James Rorke (Rourke) was born 21st. Dec. 1863 in Ruskin, Mount Rath, Queens Co.(Laois) and baptised 16th. Jan. 1864 in the parish church of Offarlane. Parents James & Mary Ann Rourke. He married 22nd. May 1899 in St. John's Church, Monkstown, Co. Dublin Janetta Ellen Barton born 14th. May 1869 in Inistioge Co. Kilkenny. I would be interested to hear from anyone with connections or knowledge of my grandparents.

#### LOCAL SOCIETIES WITH MONTHLY MEETINGS IN IRELAND

**Ballinteer FHS**, Co. Dublin - Info: Chris Ryan, 29, The View, Woodpark, Ballinteer, Dundrum, Dublin 16.

**Blessington FHS**, Wicklow. Info: Maureen Phibbs, Blackrock, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.  
**Cork Gen. Soc.**, Info: Michael O'Connell, 4 Evergreen Villas, Evergreen Road, Cork.

**Dún Laoghaire Gen. Soc.** - meetings organised by the GSI - see *DIARY DATES*  
**Mourne FHS**. Info. Jennifer Baird, Whitebog, 135, Ballinran Road, Killeel, Co. Down BT34 4TB. N. Ireland.

**North of Ireland FHS** Info. Hon. Sec., NIFHS, c/o Dept. of Education., QUB, University St., Belfast, BT7 1HL, N. Ireland.

**Raheny Heritage Society**, Co. Dublin - Info: Christy Kerins, 4, Thorndale Drive, Artane, Dublin 5.

**Wexford FHS**, Co. Wexford - Info: Mr. Hilary Murphy, 24, Parklands, Wexford Town, Co. Wexford.

**Wicklow Co. Gen. Soc.** Info: Declan Byrne, 22, Wesley Lawns, Dublin 16.

#### NEW SATURDAY OUTINGS

Róisín Lafferty, PRO, is organising a series of Saturday morning outings, the first of which, is to the Marsh Library, St. Patrick's Close, Dublin on November 25<sup>th</sup> - Members are asked to meet outside the Library at 10.30hrs. Cost Ir£1.50 per person. Róisín: telephone (01) 280 0894

#### IRISH TELECOM ARCHIVES

The Telecom Archives, Eircom Training Centre, Wainsfort Road, Kimmage, Dublin 6. Located at Wainsfort Road, at the Kimmage Training Centre and the Archivist is Tom Wall, (Tel. 7017298) open 09.00hrs.-17.00hrs. Telephone before making a visit. This is a small archive containing staff information for the Telephone and Telegraphic Services in Ireland. There is also correspondence relating to railways from 1870 onwards. Staff registers, establishment books and staff files have been collated by Mr. Wall together with a summary of each persons career. Worth a visit for anyone interested in Irish telephone & telegraph workers.

#### SOCIETY'S WEBSITE

The Genealogical Society of Ireland website <http://welcome.to/GenealogyIreland> features articles, downloadable lists, full info. on our publications and you can JOIN the GSI on line using your Credit Card

#### THE GSI ARCHIVE.

Visiting Dublin's General Register Office for family history research we collect, over a period, many photocopies of Birth, Marriage and Death entries. Some of these prove useful to our research, however, many others do not. Please just pop them in the mail to Frieda Carroll, the GSI Archivist, 14, Rochestown Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. A database of these unwanted photocopies and certificates is being compiled by Frieda and her Team. Frieda also is looking for donations of Directories, Local Histories Journals, School Yearbooks, Obits., Old Photographs etc. for the Society's Archive. Have you lodged a copy of your Birth Brief yet? Just pop it in the mail to Frieda at the address above. Frieda wishes to thank all that have submitted items for the Archive in October especially, Kath Rundell (Australia). Sources on CD Rom, microfiche/microfilm or copies of publications most welcome.

#### GSI QUARTERLY JOURNAL

The Editor of the Society's Journal, Brendan Hall, welcomes articles for publication. Contact Brendan by e-mail: [jbhall@indigo.ie](mailto:jbhall@indigo.ie)

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