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**Remember  
Our  
Ancestors**

## NOLLAIG SHONA AGUS ÁTH BHLIAIN FÉ MHAISE

*“Merry Christmas & Happy New Year”*

At the end of an era and looking forward to the first year of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, many Irish genealogists will be hoping for great improvements in the accessibility to our genealogical heritage provided by the State and other agencies. Indeed, over the past few years, vigorous campaigns have achieved minimal success, however, this can not be attributed to any lack of commitment by anyone involved. The perennial problems that have assailed the smooth development of genealogical services in Ireland are many and varied. These problems have become acute of late due to the lack of a coherent and comprehensive vision of what must be achieved to meet the standards prevailing in other countries, however, this may have more to do with Ireland's centralised administrative culture than any other reason. Indeed, in order to be in a position to propose a remedy to this situation, Mr. Michael D. Higgins, T.D., as the Minister for Arts, Culture & the Gaeltacht in 1996, called for a comprehensive report on genealogy and the provision of genealogical services in Ireland to be compiled by the Heritage Council. Unfortunately, such as report has not been compiled as yet. In Ireland, the State is both the main custodian of genealogical records and the controller, through either funding or employment schemes, of other genealogical service providers like the Heritage Centres and indirectly, the Public Library Service. These State services, under many different Government Departments, were not set up with the provision of access to genealogy as their primary functions. There is, therefore, no co-ordinated view on the provision of genealogical services or the protection, conservation and acquisition of genealogical material, or indeed, the promotion of an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of our genealogical heritage. The provision of a generally acceptable definition of that heritage has

caused needless difficulty with some sectors preventing a full adoption by all of the *“Principle of Public Ownership and Right of Access”* to our genealogical heritage. If there is anything that unites all those involved in Irish genealogy it is frustration and an over exhausted patience with endless half-measures and excuses. Indeed, in an overtly conciliatory address to his AGM, the out-going Chairman of CIGO, acknowledged the deep commitment of all involved in Irish genealogy to the resolution of these problems, especially the widest possible access to the GRO records. The GSI shares his view and calls on all concerned to consider a global approach to the development of Irish genealogy and heraldry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Possibly, this may be arrived at through the provision of a “manifesto” agreed between CIGO and representatives of the three largest organisations in Ireland, North of Ireland FHS, Irish FHS and the Genealogical Society of Ireland, all of which are not members of CIGO. The areas that could be discussed are accessibility, official co-ordination, accountability, legislative measures, standards, education and State promotion of genealogy and heraldry. Could it be that Irish genealogy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century may not have one voice, but at the very least, we'll all be able to sing from the same hymn sheet on agreed issues of mutual concern? Only time will tell.



### DIARY DATES

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

**Speaker: Frank Pelly**  
**Topic: “Family History Charts”**

**Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> 2001**

Evening Open Meeting.

Venue & Time: *as above*

**Wednesday Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> & Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 2001**

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

Discussion Group on Family History

### NEW PUBLICATION

**1901 CENSUS INDEX.** Work started on the transcription of the Census Returns for the Greater Dún Laoghaire area back in 1992, however, few of our Members were computer literate at that time and indexing the Census took longer than envisaged. But now with over 70% of our Members owning their own computers, and others with access to computers, matters progressed quickly to the publication of the first volume. The original transcription was undertaken by a number of members from the Census Returns under the direction of Tony Daly, FGSI and computerised by Marie Keogh. Then each entry was checked by Annette McDonnell. The Greater Dún Laoghaire area includes what was then the Kingstown, Blackrock, Dalkey and Killiney/Ballybrack Urban District Council areas of south County Dublin from the City boundary southward. The first volume covers the Blackrock UDC area and contains the names, addresses, ages and areas of birth for over 4,500 people being the heads of households, visitors and lodgers in the area. Published this month as

*"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 22 - 1901 Census Index for Blackrock, Urban District Area, County Dublin"* Compiled by Marie Keogh, ISBN 1 898471 76 2. Price Ir£6.00 €7.60 (postage IRL & UK Ir£1.00 : Others Ir£2.00 surface & airmail Ir£4.00). Work is progressing on the next volumes to be published in the New Year to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the taking of this Census on March 31<sup>st</sup> 1901.

## OUR GENIE UPDATES

**NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS**  
Membership Officer, **Annette McDonnell**, will shortly be issuing the new Membership Cards to each member. The Society's new Heraldic Badge, which was granted to the Society by the Chief Herald of Ireland, is depicted on the front of the Membership Cards. Hopefully, when this "Mungovan Badge" is manufactured in enamel, all Members will avail of the opportunity to wear the GSI badge with pride.

**ARCHIVE CLOSED** Members please note that the Society's Archive will close on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2000 at 17.00hrs and reopen again on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2001 at 14.00hrs. Thanks.

**IRISH ROOTS MAGAZINE** The Winter 2000 edition of this popular quarterly publication features a fine cover colour photograph of the planting of the Irish Oak by the Society on Killiney Hill on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2000. This planting was to mark the organisation's first ten years and in honour of our late President, Denis O'Connor Don. The memorial pillar near the site of the planting has been inscribed. The Society thanks **Tony McCarthy**, Editor, Irish Roots Magazine.

**VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT NOW** Barry O'Connor, Cemetery Project Officer, is seeking volunteers to input the transcriptions of the Memorials Inscriptions of the West Section of Deansgrange Cemy. on to computer discs. Each person would be given the disc and 300 inscriptions. Contact Barry on Tel: (01) 285 4386.

**SHORT 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 possible. Send the biographies to **Annette McDonnell** by e-mail to [mcdonnellannette@hotmail.com](mailto:mcdonnellannette@hotmail.com) or by mail to 4, Kippure Avenue, Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland.

### MARTELLO TOWER PROJECT

The Society's Architect, **Mr. Seán Gaynor**, is shortly to lodge an Application for Planning Permission, including a comprehensive report on the Tower, to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council to enable the commencement of works to restore this historic building and to refurbish it for our Society's Archive. Members are very fortunate that the Tower's location on the DART line, equidistant from Salthill/Monkstown and Seapoint Stations, is ideal as there are no parking facilities at the Tower. However, 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.

**FOURTH 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. Irish Genealogical Congress, c/o NAI, Bishop Street, Dublin 8, Ireland.

**ONE NAME STUDIES** Many genealogists specialise in the research of one particular name and the variants thereof. This type of research, once rare in Ireland, is becoming more popular amongst Irish researchers. However, few Irish people undertaking this type of research are aware that a Guild of One Name Studies exists. This Guild, based in London, England, has a world-wide membership. For further details contact:- Guild of One-Name Studies, Box G, 14, Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA, England. Visit the Guild's Website: [www.one-name.org](http://www.one-name.org) At the December meeting of the GSI Executive it was agreed to adopt a proposal by GSI Member Dr. Lorcán O'Flannery to establish a GSI Chapter for One Name Studies to encourage the growth of such studies in Ireland, north and south.

**GSI JOURNAL** The fourth issue of the Society's quarterly Journal for the year 2000 has been published and will soon be available at the Genealogy Bookshop, 3, Nassau Street, Dublin 2 or via the Society's website. Price Ir£3.50 for non Members (Ir£3.00 Members) – postage and packing Ir£1.00 IRL & UK; Ir£2.00 Elsewhere. Editor: **Brendan Hall**. E-mail: [jbhall@indigo.ie](mailto:jbhall@indigo.ie)

**NUNS REGISTER** The Registrar wishes to thank all those who have forwarded details of the Nuns in their families for inclusion. The Register will be a very valuable resource for genealogists researching their Irish ancestry as details of parents and place of birth is recorded. Volunteers to assist the Registrar are most welcome. Contact:- Clare Malone, Registrar, GSI Nuns' Register, 90, Parnell Road, Dublin 12, Ireland.

### OVERDUE MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Membership Officer, **Annette McDonnell**, will be transferring all the membership data to a new program. Members in Ireland are reminded that their 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 by E-mail: [mcdonnellannette@hotmail.com](mailto:mcdonnellannette@hotmail.com) or by mail to 4 Kippure Avenue, Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland.

## QUERIES RECEIVED

**Geraldine Casey**, 69, Rivermead, Wilford Lane, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7RE, England. Wrote:- Seeking info. on Christopher Harold, b. Dublin 02. Jan. 1868 son of Thomas & Ellen (née Hickey). Thomas had a furniture store on Lower Liffey Street, Dublin. Christopher came to England before 1902 when he married in London. Thomas died in 1902 and Ellen in 1917. Relatives of the family were the Allgood sisters (Abbey Theatre actresses). The Harolds were Roman Catholic, the Allgoods Protestants. Also seeking info. on Daniel Casey, b. c. 1797 and his wife Mary (c. 1810) – both from Limerick and came to London. Their son Daniel (b. c. 1836) married in London Mary FitzGerald (b. c. 1841) daughter of James FitzGerald. Poss. All from Limerick, however, the FitzGerald may have come from Charleville, Co. Cork. Any info. please.

**Alyce Cousins Clifford**, E-mail: [cli74@webtv.net](mailto:cli74@webtv.net) Wrote:- The Ancestors I am trying to trace are: Gr. Grandfather William Cousins Born..1844 or 1846 in Ireland County Cork trade Blacksmith. Gr. Grandmother Mary Towhey Cousins Born 1840 or 1849 in Ireland County Cork? Gr. Gr. Uncle Michael Towhey Born Aug.15,1833 in Ireland County Cork? trade Blacksmith. Father of Mary and Michael Towhey Michael Towhey. Mother of Mary and Michael Towhey Mary Cassidy Towhey Thank you for any info  
**Roger Heitmann**, E-mail: [RogHeitmann@aol.com](mailto:RogHeitmann@aol.com) Wrote: Seeking info. on Catherine or Katherine Dunn from County Cork who married James Clarkin from County Cavan? They emigrated to New Jersey in the U.S. perhaps in the 1850's or as late as the 1890's. They are the parents of my grandmother, Rose who was

born in 1894. I have little other information and would be grateful for anything to further my research. Many thanks.

**Robin Handley** (Mrs), 84, Gundagai Road, Junee, NSW, Australia 2663. Wrote:- Seeking info. on Katie Comyns (1891-1970) and her sister, Marion Irene Comyns (1889-1956) – both buried in Deansgrange Cemetery. They lived in the Blackrock, Glenageary, Dalkey areas when I found addresses for them. They had older brothers, Alexander, Alan, Ernest, William Henry, Malcolm and possibly, a Michael.

**Rusty Mc Manues Hopper** from Roosevelt Lake, Arizona E-mail:- [seneca22@theriver.com](mailto:seneca22@theriver.com) Wrote:- We are still looking for our family, who live in Dublin City Ireland. My grandfather was born in Ireland in 1852 in Dublin, his name was James Duddely Mc Manues, or Manues, is some times spell Mannis or Mannes. We know for a fact they dealt with horses or sold them in a Dublin Horse Fair/Market. Any info. please.

**Shirley Petersen**, E-mail:- [sassy@powerlynk.com](mailto:sassy@powerlynk.com) Wote:- My grandmother, Rose (Stevens) O'Donnell came from county Mayo, Ireland. Possibly at the age of approx. 20. She came with her father. She married a man by the name of Neil O'Donnell. I have exhausted most sources here in USA. Any info. please.

**Ellen M. Sherman**, E-mail:- [EMSherman@Kendra.com](mailto:EMSherman@Kendra.com) Wrote:- I am looking for my ancestor, William Barry. He was born in 1798 in Cork County and died in 1880 in May Township, Illinois, USA. May Township is a small Irish farming community near Amboy and Dixon, Illinois. He married Mary Maria Moore (from Westport, County Mayo) in 1841 in Auburn, New York. They packed up and moved to Illinois in approximately 1848 or 1849. The children were: Ann, John, Michael, William, Jr. Mary Maria died in 1857 & William remarried Bridget Mulvihill and they had: Eliza, Mary, & Thomas. They were all Roman Catholics. I would like to find the town in Cork County where William Barry was born and who his parents were. I have been told that all the Barry's were from Cork County. William may have had a brother named Patrick, who also lived in Illinois around 1870. I haven't been able to find any documents with William Barry's place of birth. Any help?

**Joyce Adams Andrade**, E-mail:- [SCRITTERS@cs.com](mailto:SCRITTERS@cs.com) Wrote:- Looking for connections to the following. William Edward ADAMS b. 6/1888 Enniskillen, County Fermanagh, Ireland d. RI s/o William or John ADAMS b. Ireland 1891/1892 Sailed from Queenstown to Boston. Parent of William Edward ADAMS listed as John ADAMS on his death and naturalisation records. Parents listed as William ADAMS & Mary Jane HUSTON (Hueston) on birth cert. for a

William Edward ADAMS b.1888 Forthill, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, Ireland.

**Irene Watson**, E-mail:- [iwatson@swbell.net](mailto:iwatson@swbell.net) Wrote:- Looking for John Fitzsimmons. Birth Ireland. Year unknown - possibly 1820-40. He emigrated to US. He was a soldier of the American Revolution. He was mustered in Oct.1861 and out July 1865. He was living in Pennsylvania when some of his children. **George F. Curry**, 5375 Fullerton DR., Columbus, Ohio, USA 43232-6222 E-mail:- [N8tux@aol.com](mailto:N8tux@aol.com) Wrote:- Seeking information on ALBERT CURRY- came to the US of A from County Cork. Married ? BLANCHARD date unknown. I was recently told that there are Currys and Blanchards in St. Peters Parish but I believe my ancestors were Protestants. Any info.?

**Marty Gordon**, E-mail:- [hare2@optushome.com.au](mailto:hare2@optushome.com.au) Wrote:- My GGGrandparents were Catherine FARRELL (teacher) b: c.1863 Kingstown, Dublin parents: James FARRELL (overseer) and Ann DAVIS who Married circa 1882-4 at Little Bray, Dublin James LACY (storeman) b: c.1861 Ballycorus, Dublin parents: James LACY (carrier) and Mary FOGARTY. Catherine 'Kate' and James 'Jim' LACY then emigrated as paying passengers to Brisbane, Qld Australia circa 1882-4, settling at Fortitude Valley, an inner city suburb. Children: James 'Dud', Mary Helena 'May', John Joseph 'Joe', Annie Esther 'Annie' (my ggr/m), Margaret 'Maggie', Catherine Mary 'Katty' and Agnes 'Aggie' LACY. I also have old family photos from the 1920-30's of relatives that stayed in the Kingstown area, Dublin Ireland, and am trying to work out who they are (no-one here in Australia knows anything) and if they're still around. Now, I am assuming that these people are children and grandchildren of the sister of my GGGrandmother Catherine. Her name is unknown, but I think either she married a McGarry or her daughter did. Megan McGARRY (born circa 1932) daughter of George. Betty McGARRY (born circa 1925) daughter of Jenny/Jimmy? Kathleen & Peggie EWIN (non-identical twins, born circa 1928, also an older unnamed sister, may be Margaret), daughters of Annie. Some of these photos were taken at Enniskerry Waterfalls, Co.Wicklow August 1935. Any info. or connections please.

**Noreen Moen**, P.O. Box 977, Marshfield, WI 54449 USA, E-mail:- [drimo@northsidecomp.com](mailto:drimo@northsidecomp.com) Wrote:- Many descendants of Hugh McGowan and Nancy Agnes (Baird) McGowan are anxious to find the home community of this family. They emigrated to Canada in 1833, shortly after the birth of their third son Henry. After a stay in Quebec, they settled in Ontario, near present day Grand Valley. They may have originated in the Ballintoy, Antrim area but this is unproven. Any information

about this family, or descendants currently living in Ireland, would be greatly appreciated. Hugh may have had a brother, Robert, as a Robert McGowan, his wife, Isabelle Kennedy McGowan and family, eventually settled near Hugh, in Ontario.

**Susan Lalor**, E-mail:- [Ksanja@aol.com](mailto:Ksanja@aol.com) Wrote:- Trying to research my Father's Grandmother's tree; she was born and raised in Dublin. My Father's paternal Grandfather, Lawrence P. Lalor was born in Castledermot, Co. Kildare in 1862. He was the third son in the family and had to find his own way. Moved to Dublin and worked in a store of some kind (grocer's?) and met a young lady, Miss Bridget Gallagher of 32 Stoney Batter. She was not old enough to marry then but when GG'pa Lawrence left Ireland to find his fortunes in New Jersey he kept in touch with her. I have a copy of his 'journal' and he wrote a very interesting passage in it: "This resolved and determined from this date that me and John Aylmer will go to Dublin Ireland two years from today and visit the home and person of BJ Gallagher.." Married in Dublin and he brought her to America. They had 8 sons. Bridget's father was a Milner. She was born in 1870. What was the parish in Dublin? I am not asking anyone to do research for me... just give me the church name and I can go to the Mormon's for the lookups, etc. Thanks.

**Ann Logue Sutherland**, E-mail:- [annsutherland@zfree.co.nz](mailto:annsutherland@zfree.co.nz) Wrote:- Trying to find out where my grandparents came from and any information on their Families. Daniel Logue spouse Elizabeth Henry. They were married 23/7/1886 in Londonderry. They may not have come from Derry, as I was told they ran away to be married because of their different religions. Any information at all please.

**Millie Rhoades**, E-mail:- [mrmillie@neto.com](mailto:mrmillie@neto.com) Wrote:- Looking for info on Griffith Rutherford son of John Rutherford and Elizabeth Griffith of Ireland. Any info on his parents will be helpful. John and Elizabeth died on board ship on the trip over & Griffith was raised by another family who was aboard ship. I haven't found out name of ship or family either. Records state Griffith was born 1721 Ireland & another record said John and Elizabeth were married 1720 at Monaghan, Ireland & they died aboard ship 1721.

**Sandra Davey**, E-mail:- [douglas.davey@sympatico.ca](mailto:douglas.davey@sympatico.ca) Wrote:- My gr.gr. grandfather Robert McQuay was b. in Ireland. Were I am not sure. He married Margaret McCracken, daughter of Hugh McCracken and Aline Stewart. Robert and Margaret came to Ontario and settled in the Smith Falls area. I can not find out were they were m. in Ireland or born. Any info?

**William G. Kelly**, E-mail:- [car6@worldnet.att.net](mailto:car6@worldnet.att.net) Wrote:- I am researching my family and have reached a

point where a little help would be appreciated. At the wedding of James Kelly and Margaret Neary on the 10th day of January 1871 in St. Joseph's Church, Albany, New York were their parents. All of Ireland per the church registry. The father of the groom's first name is illegible but appears to begin with M. His wife is Margaret Hackel. The bride's parents were James Neary and Mary Ryan. I wish I knew where in Ireland they came from. Any information would be appreciated. Thanks.

**Wally Brooks,** E-mail: [wally@brooks1938.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:wally@brooks1938.fsnet.co.uk) Wrote:-

All 8 of my Great Grandparents and my Paternal Grandfather came from "The Old Country" and all the result of the Great Famine. Certainly they all arrived in Liverpool after 1850. First is JANE BARRY born circa 1839 in Wexford - I don't know much about her apart from the family story that she was orphaned in her teens and came across circa 1850's - she died in 1925 aged 86.. She married my G. Grandfather THOMAS BYRNE. Thomas was baptised on the 7th May 1841 in St. Mary's, Co. Meath, Drogheda, his father also THOMAS & his Mother, MARY. Looking for their marriage and the Maiden name of Mary. Next is THOMAS BROOKS- born circa 1833 in Ballymahon (Co. Longford) his parents CHARLES & CATHERINE. Thomas married BRIDGET MOONEY, born circa 1838 in Galway- parents PETER & CATHERINE - Thomas & Bridget married in Dublin in 1864 - they had my Grandfather JOHN JOSEPH in 1865 and the following year they came to Liverpool. I'm looking for the marriages and maiden names of the 2 Catherines. Next is JAMES CODE (CODD) born circa 1830 in Kildare he married ELLEN MOONEY (born circa 1839) from Dublin. They had their 1st child, MARY ANN, in Liverpool in October 1861. Lastly, WILLIAM JOYCE, born Galway/Mayo circa 1842- his father WILLIAM and shown as a Gardener on William's marriage Certificate to WINIFRED MALLETT (MILLET) also born Galway/Mayo - her father PATRICK. I'd love to hear from anyone with info.. Go raibh maith agat. **Alicia,** E-mail: [alicia719@webtv.net](mailto:alicia719@webtv.net) Wrote:- My Great Grandmother, Mary Anne Evans was born in Lismore, County of Waterford, on June 15, 1845. Parents William Evans and Elizabeth Connolly. She was married to Leopold Hugo Sylvester in 1861 (born May 1939, in Prussia) Where they were married is not known. All the records we have of them are from New York City, N.Y., after that date. There is no record of how they came here, if they were married in Ireland, or in New York, if they came here together, or with their separate families, or if Mary Anne's parents stayed in Ireland. (Leopold's Father and Mother were in New York City.) We

also do not know if Mary Anne had any siblings, or her Mother's maiden name. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

**NOTE:** Due to the limited space available for queries, it is regretted, but only queries from Members of the GSI will be accepted for publication. Membership is open to everyone interested in genealogy, social history or heraldry. It has also been requested that mailing addresses should be included to assist those without Internet access. Editor.

### NORTHERN NEWS

GSI Northern Ireland Representative, Mr. James Davidson, has reviewed a copy of the latest edition (Vol. 1 No. 3) of "Due North" - *The Magazine of the Federation of Ulster Local Studies* and says there's much more in this glossy publication than meets the eye. Local history publications can and do provide fascinating pieces of information for family historians and "Due North" is no exception. Whether, you have roots in Ulster or not, you're bound to find something to whet your appetite here with articles on the Railways, Archaeology, Belfast's Civic Archive and of course, the "Titanic". The fallen of the Great War (1914-18) and the last War are brought to mind by Robert Thompson in his article "Discovering Ballymoney Heroes" - over 300 men who lost their lives in battle from the Ballymoney district of County Antrim. This list includes five described as either from the "Canadian" or "American" forces. Gráinne Dooher provides a fascinating account on the Reports of the Magistrates on lawlessness in County Tyrone during the famine years. Most of these disturbances centred on famine relief work in the district. There are also many reviews of local history publications from Ulster, including the very useful book by Jonathan Bardon "A Guide to the Local History Sources in the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland" ISBN 0 85640671 6" published by Blackstaff Press, Belfast - Price Stg£9.99. The Editor of "Due North" - Keith Haines may be contacted at FULS, 18, May Street, Belfast BT1 4NL, N. Ireland. E-mail: [FLULSLTD@aol.com](mailto:FLULSLTD@aol.com) The GSI's NI Rep. **James Davidson** 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 northern readers on matters concerning genealogists in Northern Ireland.

### ARTIST IN DUBLIN

Have you located the old family home in Ireland? Why not have a painting or line drawing of it to display in your home or office? **Veronica Heywood** a renowned artist and arts educator in Dún Laoghaire undertakes such commissions from family historians around the world -

interested? Why drop her a line at 38, Cross Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin or why not give her a call on Dublin (353.1.) 280 3204 or on E-mail: [heywood69@hotmail.com](mailto:heywood69@hotmail.com)

### 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

### GRO CONSULTATION

The Minister for Health & Children, Mr. **Mícheál Martin, T.D.**, said on the 7<sup>th</sup> October in Dáil Éireann "It is planned to publish a consultation document in December 2000 on the future development of the registration service and to obtain the views of all interested parties." He continued in answer to a PQ by Deputy FitzGerald - "In the interim, as the Deputy may be aware, the General Register Office has taken a number of measures to improve its services, including provision of additional space in the public reading room and the refurbishment of this facility".

### 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? Frieda wishes to thank all that have submitted items for the Archive in November especially, John Kerrigan (USA). Sources on CD Rom, microfiche/microfilm or copies of publications most welcome.

### MAKING THE NEWS AGAIN

The Irish Times Magazine of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2000 carried an article on the continuing saga of "The MacCarthy Mór" and his dispensing of "titles" before his de-recognition and "abdication" last year. But amongst the sometimes comical aspects of this whole affair, there is the fact that former Taoisigh (Prime Ministers), **Charles J. Haughey** and **Albert Reynolds, T.D.** were recipients of his "honours" or Gaelic knighthood - *Niadh Nask*. Surely this is in conflict with Article 40.2.2. of the Irish Constitution - "No title of nobility or honour may be accepted by any citizen without the prior approval of the Government." Was the approval of the Government sought and was it given?