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## GRO PROPOSALS "DISCRIMINATORY & DUBLIN CENTRED" *Regions and Young Researchers Totally Overlooked*

### "GSI WINS SUPPORT"

Following the publication of the Society's *"Regional & North/South Proposal on the Records of the General Register Office, Dublin"* the Hon. Secretary has been inundated with calls and e-mails from around the world. Indeed, Dick Hogan of *"The Irish Times"* took up the issue on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2000 (<http://www.ireland.com>) and highlighted the need for the GRO to enter the "Cyber Age" and introduce on-line information. This open approach to the issue of accessibility to the records of Births, Marriages and Deaths in Ireland was warmly welcomed as being progressive and equitable. The Society's Proposal was also seen as providing an on-going solution to the overcrowding in the GRO in Dublin and not to confine access to those within reach of the National Library of Ireland. The suggestion in some quarters that a 1900 cut-off date be applied to any proposed free access to the GRO records was vehemently opposed by many callers to the GSI. This 1900 cut-off would mean no free access for young researchers who would still have to use the lottery system at the GRO to get information on their grandparents and their great-grandparents. One young Australian caller described this approach to the problems at the GRO as *"discriminating against young people researching their Irish ancestors"* - he continued, *"where's the free access for me? I'll still have to pay"*. Others from around Ireland indicated another form of discrimination - "regional" in that some

people were proposing that the records will only be made available, free of charge, in the National Library in Dublin. The Genealogical Society of Ireland endeavoured to avoid this sort of *"age and regional discrimination"* by its proposal to have microfilm copies of all Birth, Marriage and Death records held in the GRO in Dublin made available, free of charge, in the National Library and National Archives in Dublin and in regional centres in Cork, Galway, Waterford and Limerick. Indeed, the GSI Proposal included a *"cross-border"* element possibly permitting microfilm copies to be made available in Derry and Belfast. The Society's Proposal envisages a **seventy year cut-off**, therefore, each year another batch of microfilms would be available free of charge - permitting the GRO in Dublin to concentrate on "registration, certification and being the custodian of the originals". This is a real and practical solution to the overcrowding at the GRO in Dublin and exactly what was overwhelmingly called for at a Public Meeting on the GRO last year.

### TEACHTAÍ DÁLA SUPPORT GSI PROPOSAL

Many Teachtaí Dála (MPs) from Dáil Éireann constituencies outside Dublin City enthusiastically supported the GSI's *"Regional & North South Proposal"* and tabled Parliamentary Questions to a number of Ministers. The answers received from the Minister of Health to all PQs on the General Register Office highlighted the developments at Roscommon as providing a lasting

solution to the problems of access to the records of the GRO in Dublin. In view of the fact that the Roscommon experiment was mooted in November 1992 and since its inception has been dogged with problems involving the imaging process of GRO records and, in that period, it has received and spent many hundreds of thousands, if not millions of pounds on this extravagant experiment. **Echoes of another Comptroller & Auditor General's Report?** - well only time will tell. Indeed, in nearly eight years, while the situation at the GRO was worsening, this Roscommon experiment has proved that it is not any solution to the problems at the GRO in the medium or long term. It's time to take stock of this Roscommon experiment and to undertake an in-depth examination of its cost effectiveness and value for money to the Irish taxpayer, especially, in comparison to the Genealogical Society of Ireland's *"Regional & North/South Proposal on the Records of the General Register Office, Dublin"*.

### FAMILY HISTORY EXHIBITION

The Genealogical Society of Ireland has accepted the kind invitation by the Librarian at Dean's Grange Public Library, Dún Laoghaire, to host an exhibition and talk on *"Starting Your Family History"*. Specially aimed at the beginner, this event hopes to highlight the various options open to members of the public to undertake their own family history research. The talk will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2000 at 19.00hrs with the exhibition running from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February. All Welcome. Buses 46A and 45 - located just at Dean's Grange crossroads.

CHECKOUT THE SOCIETY'S  
WEBSITE<http://welcome.to/GenealogyIreland>

## DIARY DATES

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2000

Evening Open Meeting - Dún Laoghaire Club, Eblana Avenue, Dún Laoghaire. 20.00 hrs. - 22.00 hrs. Buses 7, 8, 46A, 75 & 111 - DART Dún Laoghaire station. Speaker:- Mr. James Davidson (NIFHS) Hon. Vice-President GSI "The 2<sup>nd</sup> Oldest Profession"

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2000

As above - Speaker:- Ristead Mulcahy.

Topic:- "The Life & Times of his Father".

Wednesday Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> & Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2000

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 (excluding 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday) 19.00 - 21.00 hrs. Closed Bank Holiday Weekends.

## The Genie Gazette

The Monthly Newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Ireland is free of charge to our members at the Open Meetings or for the special rate of just Ir£3.00 by mail each month to the Members home. Overseas Members receive their copies by mail each month as part of their membership fee. Non-members in Ireland may receive copies (12 issues) by mail for Ir£6.00. Future issues of "The Genie Gazette" will feature snippets from the various Journals received each month by the Society's Archivist, Frieda Carroll. Frieda will be extracting information on Irish topics published by other societies overseas. Also, short articles (maximum 200 words) on research tips or sources found will be most welcome. However, more importantly, I would like to hear the views of our Members on their Newsletter and especially, how it may be improved. Please drop me a line at the address below or E-mail me at [GenSocIreland@iol.ie](mailto:GenSocIreland@iol.ie) Michael Merrigan (or address below)

## MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

It's Seán Kame, Membership Officer, reminding Members that their Annual Subscriptions are now overdue for 1999/2000 Ir£10.00 for Irish based members and, since the 1999 AGM, €15.00 (Euros) for Overseas. New Members - just write with details etc. to the Hon. secretary (address below). Credit Card payments are most welcome MasterCard or Visa. Payments may also be made through the secure site on the Internet at <http://welcome.to/GenealogyIreland>

THE LOCAL SOCIETIES WITH  
MONTHLY MEETINGS IN IRELAND

Ballinestee FHS, Co. Dublin - Info. Chris Ryan, 29, The View, Woodpark, Ballinestee, Dundrum, Dublin 16.

Blessington FHS, Co. Wicklow (west of the County) Info. etc. Maureen Phibbs, Blackrock, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

Cork Gen. Soc., Cork City -Info: Michael O'Connell, 4 Evergreen Villas, Evergreen Road, Cork.

Dún Laoghaire Gen. Soc. - meetings organised by the Genealogical Society of Ireland - see front page.

North of Ireland FHS - meetings arranged by various branches throughout Northern Ireland and Donegal (Rep. of Ireland). Info. Hon. Sec., NIFHS, c/o Dept. of Educ., QUB, University St., Belfast, BT7 1HL

Raheny HS, Co. Dublin - Info: Joan Sharkey, 68, Raheny Park, Dublin 5.

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

Wicklow C.G.S., Info. Declan Byrne, 22, Wesley Lawns, Dublin 16.

## QUERIES RECEIVED

**Nota Bene:-** If you wish to reply to a query and you're not on the Internet, just drop the details to the Hon. Secretary, GSI (address below) who will then reply on your behalf. **Nat Smith** (E-mail with Hon. Sec. GSI) **Wrote:-** My g.g.grandfather Peter Doherty was born in Chester, Nova Scotia, Canada in 1816. He was baptised and moved to Prospect, Nova Scotia, Canada in 1824, he died in 1889. his parents were James and Ann Doherty of Chester (that's all I know about them). Peter married a Mary Anne Fawson (daughter of Daniel and Ann Fawson) she was born in 1824 and died 1900. They had 15 children from 1846-1872, Ellen (?), Mary Anne(?), James (1846), Eleanor (1848), Eliza (1850), George (1852), Peter (1854), Emma (1856), Alice (1858), James (1859), Joseph (1861), Bernard (1861), Bernard (1865), Ada (1866), Maude (1872). I was wondering if anyone would have or knows of Doherty's in their family that came over to Canada I guess between 1700-1800 and who had the names James and Ann, and lived or moved to the Chester are of Nova Scotia? **Ruth Hussing** of the USA (E-mail: [rhussing@fdic.com](mailto:rhussing@fdic.com)) or home address of 6071, Village Bend, Apt. 504, Dallas, TX 75206, USA. wrote: I am looking for the names of the parents of John Merrigan and his wife Elizabeth Lee. John Merrigan was born in Castlemacadam, Co. Wicklow and Elizabeth (possible connection to the family Long and/or Livingstone) in Wicklow County also. They were coal miners. They left Ireland for Scotland about 1850. They had 11 children. Their son, Thomas Patrick Merrigan immigrated with his wife, Catherine Cassidy and 2 children in the 1880s to the USA, State of Alabama. Any info. would be appreciated.

**Ian McCool** of Dublin, E-mail: [mccooli@indigo.ie](mailto:mccooli@indigo.ie) writes:- I have uncovered that the brother of my great grandfather was a distinguished Jesuit priest in the US during the last century. His name was Joseph O'Hagan.

The archival material that I now possess on him refers to two matters which I would like to pursue further but don't know how. These are: (1.) In a letter he wrote in 1865 he refers to a sister that lives in Providence, Rhode Island. I have no other information about this lady as to her age, her marital status etc. Would you have any suggestion as to what avenue of research I could follow on her, bearing in mind that her surname would have changed if she had married. I seem to recall in a recent issue of "The Genie Gazette" there was mention of reciprocation with Genealogists in US East Coast area and maybe that would be worth trying. (2.) In a biography of him written about the same time, it gave the names of his parents and his grand parents and said that he was a descendant of Sir Hugh O'Neill. I would like to investigate this further if such is possible. Given that he was born in 1826, his grandparents would have been born about 1750 and any descendants from Hugh O'Neill would have still been recalled. Any ideas how or where I could research this claim?

**W. John Schiffermuller** of the USA (E-mail: [safelt@gav.fdt.net](mailto:safelt@gav.fdt.net)) wrote: My father's mother's maiden name was Anna Wade Hamilton, and we were always told she was of the Hamiltons of Co. Armagh in Northern Ireland, and that the family was, or is, in the linen business. Recently, my wife began research on her family for our grandchildren, and I thought it would be nice to know about my own. I will be leading two educational groups to Ireland this spring, and thought I might even be able to meet long-lost family. Anna was born July 6, 1882, and was sent to America to live with relatives at age 3, when her mother died, though this information is unreliable and it may have been HER mother that this refers to. Anna died March 9, 1982, 4 months short of her 100th birthday. Her father was named Stephen Hamilton. Anna was married to William Auguste Schiffermuller in 1907 in Brooklyn. Seeking information on the Hamiltons? and appreciate any help.

**Robert V. E. Drennen**, 2138, Hope Court, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906, USA - wrote:- I am interested in Drennen genealogy and wish to communicate with family members. My ancestors came from Co. Antrim between 1700 & 1750. Am particularly interested in a Walter Drennen or a Gilbert Drennen. Anyone interested let me know.

**Bill Flynn** of Canada seeks shipping info. (E-mail: [bflynn@adan.kingston.net](mailto:bflynn@adan.kingston.net)) he wrote:- Seeking info. on a ship the "Looshtauk" She left Liverpool April 17th, 1847 or so bound for Quebec and due to illness of passengers and crew put ashore in Chatham New Brunswick, Canada. My great grandfather Sylvester Bracken was a passenger and I would like to know where he came from in Ireland. I would also like to know what happened to this ship after the disastrous voyage in 1847.

**Lois Friss of Granada Hills, California, USA** - E-mail: [loisprof@aol.com](mailto:loisprof@aol.com) writes:- My 2nd great grandfather, James O'Brien and wife Rose O'Leary immigrated to Jamestown, New York with their three sons: Michael, James and Joseph in the late 1850s. I have been unsuccessful in locating their townland or parish. Family lore says they emigrated from County Clare but the Intention to Declare Citizenship forms indicated County Kildare. I lean to the Kildare version because other relatives (Moran) came from Robertstown. In Griffith's Valuation, there is an O'Brien and O'Leary living close together. Unfortunately, the parish records are unavailable for review. One Brian O'Leary was living in Robertstown, Barony of Connell, Civil Parish of Kilmeage and Catholic Parish of Allen, Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. The closer James O'Brien lived in the Barony of Carbury, Civil Parish of Ardkill, Town of Dredid, Catholic Parish of Carbury, Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin. The other James O'Brien lived in the Barony of South Naas, Civil and Catholic Parish of Ballymore Eustace, town of Season (?), in the Diocese of Dublin.

**Sandra Slater**, E-mail: [sms.ms@virgin.net](mailto:sms.ms@virgin.net) wrote:- I am looking for the family of John Joseph Byrne. He was born in Dublin around 1905, and moved to England (Carlisle) during the 2nd world war. As far as we can remember his father was Martin Byrne. I also think that he was from a road called Mount Pleasant.

**Kay Podmore of Australia** (E-mail: [kidda@primus.com.au](mailto:kidda@primus.com.au)) wrote:- I am looking for information regarding Lizzie O'Reilly who came to Australia with Sir Robert Hamilton and his wife, as Lady Hamilton's lady's maid. Lizzie was born in Raheny circa 1859 and would probably have worked at the castle as that is where Sir Robert came to work, before his appointment to Hobart in 1887.

**Pauline Ramage** E-mail: [pramage@ix.net.au](mailto:pramage@ix.net.au) wrote:- I am trying to locate the birth records of 2 of my ancestors. Mary Clancy, Rosconnell, Kilkenny born Nov 1836 and a Margaret Hughes, born Dublin just prior to 1800 her father Thomas was in the British Army

**Barbara Cory**, E-mail: [Fboop15@aol.com](mailto:Fboop15@aol.com) wrote:- Seeking any information on Deborah Jane Behan who was born July 4, 1816 in Galway, Ireland. She died March 28, 1888. She married Dumas James Peek (Cincinnati, Ohio, bOct 1, 1815 - d Jan 5, 1898) They married in Grandview, Iowa, USA. They were the parents of Mary Sarah Peek (March 7, 1840 - Mar 24, 1917) married William Cory.

**Milke Woods**, E-mail: [teddymilkw@aol.com](mailto:teddymilkw@aol.com) wrote:- I write in hopes of reaching someone with information on Rebecca Frost, identified as housekeeper for the Cornelius Grogan executed in Wexford in 1798. In Eamonn Barrett's "Reluctant Rebel" (1998) I am told the condemned man left all his "personal property" to her and named her co-executor of

his Will and that "Walker's Hibernian Magazine of July 1786 records their marriage. Is anything known of her life? My Grogan line is supposed to be somehow related to this union and in America a family named Cragun has themselves listed as relatives to both Cornelius and Rebecca on the LDS (Mormon) ordinances. Any help, most appreciated.

**Milke Novakovic**, of Great Britain (E-mail: [milke@novakovic.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:milke@novakovic.freeseve.co.uk)) wrote:- I am trying to trace a relative called Bobby King who was either an Uncle or Cousin of my grandfather Michael King who lived in Dublin. Bobby (Robert?) King was supposedly over 100 years old when he died (sometime within the last 10 years) and was supposed to have fought in the Boer-War and the First World-War where he was gassed and was told that he didn't have long to live due to an enlarged heart caused by the gas. My great-grandfather (Michael's father) Patrick King was supposedly from Sligo but I can find no trace of him there. My great-grandfather and his wife Alice - they lived in a large house called 'Kinora' which apparently was originally called 'Dollymount-House' and gave the area its name!

**Jim Culbert**, (E-mail with Hon. Secretary GSI) wrote:- My Moses Culbert ancestor emigrated from County Donegal in 1828. I have been unable to find his family there. On the immigration passenger list his surname is written "Cuthbert" instead of Culbert. Since neither are typical Irish surnames, and perhaps indicate Huguenot origins, I was hoping you could recommend sources of information to learn more of the Huguenots, and their migration and history in Ireland.

**Jan Gunderson**, River Falls, WI, USA E-mail: [jgunders@presenter.com](mailto:jgunders@presenter.com) wrote:- Seeking information on the family of John Shaw of Dublin, emigrated to the USA.

**Joyce Marot**, E-mail: [lmarot5555@aol.com](mailto:lmarot5555@aol.com) wrote:- I am searching for the parents of my great-great-grandfather Michael Deegan (born circa 1813-15 in Ireland). He had moved to the area of Bristol-Burlington, Hartford County, Connecticut by November 1843. He married Sarah Young (1819-1899) there circa 1846. Their children: Patrick Henry (1847-1933), Ann Elizabeth (1850-1925), Daniel William (1855-1901), and George Edward (1860-1927). They moved to Watertown TWP, Jefferson County, Wisconsin in circa 1849. Michael died 4 October 1862. He had either brothers or cousins George (1812-1892) and Daniel (1814-1876) who stayed in Bristol. Michael's parents names may have been Patrick and Elizabeth. The best guess I have as to his place of birth is King's County (Offaly).

**John Richter** (E-mail with Hon. Sec. GSI) wrote:- My ancestor from Kingstown is called Francis Anderson he was born about 1849 in (1)"County Dublin" - 1881s (2)"Kingstore" - his Police Service record from Manchester. (3)"Foxrock" - his Police service record from

Lancashire. He married in Manchester in 1876 to a Rose Byrne (also born Co. Dublin according to the census). Their fathers were John Anderson (Gardener) & Garret Byrne (slater). The only info I have comes from his Police Service records - previously employed as a Labourer by J Mayson and by the Dundrum Asylum. (He was a Catholic).

**Helene Boissy d'Anglas** from France, E-mail: [hboissydanglas@wanadoo.fr](mailto:hboissydanglas@wanadoo.fr) wrote seeking information on Margaret Nicholson b.when and where ??? married 1789 Cork, Diocese of Ross, Thomas Brooks probably born England. I'm searching the birth of Margaret and the parents' names. I do not know parents' names of Margaret and Thomas.

**Marjorie Gano-Holstein** E-mail: [holstein@cadvision.com](mailto:holstein@cadvision.com) wrote:- I am trying to find a record for the family of Anthony McAndrew(s) and his wife, Sarah Davitt (also Denwitt or Dewitt on Canadian records I have found). I know they were from Co. Mayo but have no place name. I have found the names of several of their children in Canada. Where I might begin looking for 1700s marriage/birth/baptism records in Co. Mayo?

**Myra E. Anderson**, E-mail: [myra@telusplanet.net](mailto:myra@telusplanet.net) wrote:- I have been searching for Joseph Gregg who left Londonderry in 1718 for the US and was married to Janet Cargill from the same area.

**Susan Torchia** E-mail: [storchia@prodigy.net](mailto:storchia@prodigy.net) wrote:- Seeking info. and descendants of her great-great-grandparents from Ireland; Patrick McGraw and Mary Flemming; great-grandparents Albert Charles Edgar (b.1850 Canada d.1927 New York) and Margaret McGraw (b.1859 Ire. d. 1931 NY) children: William Joseph (my grandfather), Milton, Charles, Robert, Marion, Annabel, Jessie.

**Cornelia Warner**, E-mail: [fenenga@mminternet.com](mailto:fenenga@mminternet.com) wrote: Seeking the ancestry of a couple in County Kildare. On their son Peter's Death Certificate, they are listed as Patrick Ledwedge and Mary McDurmith. It also says that Peter, Patrick and Mary were all born in County Kildare. Peter was b. 20 Apr 1850. I have nothing on this family in Ireland, & not much on it in America but am still trying my best to find them.

**Lorraine Conroy**, E-mail: [timlorr@warwick.net](mailto:timlorr@warwick.net) wrote: We have been searching for about 9 years for my husband's grandparents birth place in Ireland. Their names were Thomas Denis Conroy and Mary Flaherty or Faherty. Both of them had a brother, Thom. was Michael Joseph and Mary was Andrew. Mary's parents were Michael Flaherty or Faherty and Honora (Nora) Forde. Have no information on my grandfather, for when he lived in Ireland. Need to find some one that might be related to them. They came to New York in May 1890, lived in Brooklyn, New York till death in 1904/05 when he died. Hoping to find something soon.

**Terry Sieverman**, E-mail: [terrylee47@fuse.net](mailto:terrylee47@fuse.net) wrote re: Cullens in Mountrath. I Am Looking For Any Info on William Cullen and Sarah Luttrell from Mountrath, Queen's County, (Laos) -Henry John Cullen born 1841. Daughter Mary - Emma born 1866 All Info Welcome.

**Mike Ridenour**, E-mail: [ridenour@mis.net](mailto:ridenour@mis.net) wrote re. the Ship "Robert and Alice". My family came to America in 1739. They sailed from Rotterdam to Philadelphia on the ship "Robert and Alice". I am trying to track down records & info. on the vessel. Has been said that the "Robert and Alice" was built in Dublin. Any information please.

**Ann Hendy** from Australia, E-mail: [ahendy@rocket.net.au](mailto:ahendy@rocket.net.au) wrote:- My g.g.g. Grandfather came from Co. Wicklow. His name was Lawrence Doyle born to the parents William Doyle & Catherine Crainy about 1829. Lawrence was sentenced for sheep stealing in 1834 and transported to New South Wales. Later he married (1859) Mary Coughling who came from County Clare her parents were Patrick Coughling and Margaret Curry. Mary was born about 1839. Lawrence & Mary had about 6 children. They married at Bombala, N.S.W. Lawrence died 1883 in Cooma NSW. His second born was my grandmother's, mother, Catherine May Doyle and she married a William Thomas Darton Avery in 1895. Any info. please.

**Joann McCann**, 54, Hunters Glen Cres., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1T 3P9. E-mail: [magills@cyberus.ca](mailto:magills@cyberus.ca) wrote:- I am trying to find out about my ancestor, Michael McCann, born in 1814 and his wife, Julia Murphy, born in 1821. They emigrated to Canada with their daughter, Bridget McCann sometime between 1835-1841. One record indicates they were from "Coolibeg" or Kilbeg, County Wicklow. It seems that Julia's relations came to Canada and the same area. She is, possibly, the daughter of John Murphy and Julia Cunan/Cullen? from Clonmore or from Kilbeg too.

**Anne Dacey**, E-mail: [DaiAnee@aol.com](mailto:DaiAnee@aol.com) wrote:- My husband's grandmother's maiden name was Melia. She was born in Mohil, Co Leitrim in 1886. Her parents were William Melia & Margaret Lenahan. They probably married in 1875. Oldest child was born in Jan. 1876. Any info. please on the Melia family.

**Joyce Reilly**, E-mail: [MBSTKT@aol.com](mailto:MBSTKT@aol.com) wrote re. William Gavin b. 1808 son of William Gavin & Elizabeth Ryan. Married before 1840 in Ireland Mary Manning, dau. of Malachi & Catherine Manning. Had 5 sons Alexander b. c. 1839, John b. c. 1840, Michael b. c. 1841, Patrick b. 16 Mar. 1846, all born in Ireland. William b. Oct 4. 1862. in Chelsea Mass. Landed in New York 28 Nov. 1849. John Gavin my g-grandfather helped to build Chelsea, Mass. William Gavin the son taught the Adams brothers how to sail. President's sons. Any info. on this family please.

**Stephen Edwin Sanford**, E-mail: [Baronbeer@aol.com](mailto:Baronbeer@aol.com) wrote:- Regarding the name is Sanford I believe they were from the Dublin area. They were in the U.S. by the early 1620's via Barbados. The family seat in England was Ninehead Court in Somerset. Is there anyone that could help point me in the right direction !! Thank you

**Terry Bell**, E-mail: [terrybell@mail.tds.net](mailto:terrybell@mail.tds.net) wrote:- My ancestor was Michael McDermott who married Mary McGann (unsure of correct spelling) His son Michael McDermott was born in the Shamon River valley, was married to Rhoda Peckham in 1852, and is buried in Albany, Green County, Wisconsin, USA.

**John M. Casey**, E-mail: [jkcasy@dave-world.net](mailto:jkcasy@dave-world.net) wrote My g-grandfather John Casey born about 1832, was reported to be a graduate of Dublin University. Is there any possibility of there being any records still available?

**John Douglas Johnston**, E-mail: [jljohnston@cn-newc.com.au](mailto:jljohnston@cn-newc.com.au) wrote: I am trying to trace information on my Irish ancestors. Could you please advise if you have any data on a John Douglas Johnston, born Dublin approx. 1844, fathers name Thomas Elliot. Sometime between 1844 and 1865 he travelled to Australia where I have uncovered records about the birth of his children.

**Walter (& Joan) McElligott**, E-mail: [wmcauth99@juno.com](mailto:wmcauth99@juno.com) wrote:- My families Blennerhasset, Bovenizer, Fitzell, Mcelligott have been traced to the Castleisland, Ballymcelligott & Tarbert areas of Co. Kerry, circa 1876-1881. Any connections please? **Miriam Murray** of New Zealand E-mail: [mmurray@es.co.nz](mailto:mmurray@es.co.nz) wrote re. Patrick Murray was married to Emily Fanning who I have no history what so ever except that her father is noted to be a "R" Officer, Patrick is noted to be a Music Teacher, Organist and I have two addresses 25, Catherine St., Limerick and Barrington St.. These two people were married in Dublin around 1880. Have been searching for years. Any info. please.

**Beth Dowd** of the USA, E-mail: [BDOWD3@aol.com](mailto:BDOWD3@aol.com) wrote seeking info. on Thomas Dowd, born Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 1817 in Co. Monaghan. Any info. or connections please.

**Hon. Secretary, GSI**, E-mail: [GenSocIreland@jolie](mailto:GenSocIreland@jolie) seeks info. on Ellen Condon, dau. of James & Catherine Condon, 1863. d. 1912, Ballyporeen, Co. Tipperary. Patrick Kearney, b. 1856, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork, son of Michael Kearney & Mary Roche. Any information on connections please.

#### MORE CHANCE ENCOUNTERS OF A GENEALOGICAL KIND

I was recently a patient in St. Vincent's Private Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin. Unexpectedly, my planned stay was extended over a weekend so I was transferred from the operating theatre to an overnight ward. There, another patient in the bed beside mine, kindly placed my clothes

in the beside locker. He introduced himself as MB from Co. Wexford. When he heard my name, he started talking about the Foley and Kavanagh connections. He distracted me from self-pity as I placed together the pieces of the genealogical jigsaw and enhanced my mental image of my family tree. The Wexford patient's grandfather, Michael Foley, was a brother of my maternal grandfather, Andrew Foley, who married my grandmother, Margaret Kavanagh from the Springs, Mangan, Killane, Co. Wexford. Andrew Foley was mentioned in my article "Clann Chaomhanach Rally, Ferns, Co. Wexford, 1998" in the DLGS Journal, Vol. 7 No. 4 - Winter 1998/9. In my chance encounter in hospital, I also discovered that the great-grandfather Patrick Foley whom I shared with my co-patient, MB, had married Molly Trainor. That branch of the family had 1798 connections as two of their young men, shot on their way to Vinegar Hill, are commemorated at Killane. My chance encounter in hospital with my second cousin filled a few gaps in my family tree. **TONY QUINN**

#### DÚN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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