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Welcome  
to the  
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## VOLUNTEERING – A THING OF THE PAST?

*Or is it just what your Doctor ordered?*

**VOLUNTEERING** - Much in the news of late is the issue of volunteers or indeed, the scarcity of them. Questions are being asked about the relevancy of volunteerism in the modern Ireland and yet, it appears that this vexed issue is universal. Charities and voluntary or community organisations are finding it increasingly difficult to attract volunteers. It seems that the Celtic Tiger economy sees little value in the age old concept of volunteerism. We're all too busy to take any time out these days and yet, it's this time out and the community interaction afforded by volunteerism that is, according to the medical profession, "just what the Doctor ordered". It relieves stress, it promotes activity and exercise, it gives immense personal satisfaction and above all, it gets a valuable and worthwhile job done. Indeed, without volunteerism, many of us with an interest in genealogy or local history, would be deprived of vital sources of information and a wealth of research undertaken by volunteers. This Society has been very fortunate over the past ten years to have been able to draw on a reasonably large pool of volunteers to undertake a range of projects. However, like drawing from any source, this pool of volunteers is in danger of drying up. Societies like ours around the world are experiencing the same difficulty, however, should the United States be seen as a leader in volunteerism, hope is far from lost. The vibrancy of new

volunteering opportunities is attracting many more people conscious of the benefits afforded to oneself by becoming a volunteer. We here have such opportunities both for volunteering in your own home on your PC to recording Memorial Inscriptions in one of the many cemeteries around. Recently, our Archivist, Frieda Carroll, and the Director of Archive Management, Dr. Eithne Guilfoyle, received a very good response to their call for volunteers for Archive duties over the summer. Barry O'Connor will be seeking others for both indoor and outdoor volunteering opportunities in the Graveyards Project. So think about it – can you afford to give your time to volunteering for your own sake – remember – it's what your Doctor ordered!!

### 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.**

### GENEALOGICAL SOURCES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

Róisín Lafferty, PRO of the GSI in conjunction with James Davidson and John Sturgeon of the **North of Ireland Family History Society (NIFHS)** have put together an itinerary for a "familiarisation" trip to Belfast Points to note:- Sterling only accepted in Belfast please have your money changed. Plans are to make a short call at 4 venues in Belfast, all on the route of the free Marks & Spencer bus and so avoid extra travel expenditure. Proposed Itinerary Date: **Thursday June 8th 2000** Depart Connolly 7.40 hrs Arrive Belfast Central Station 9.39 hrs. Facilities on Enterprise for tea/coffee or bring biscuits/sandwiches James Davidson to meet the group here! Free bus to **Central Library** from the "back" of the station beside taxi rank, so no need for taxi fare/bus fare. This free bus passes by the venues on our itinerary. 10.00 hrs. Central Library--newspapers and local history. The party will be met for a short talk on the library 11.30 hrs. **Federation of Local History Studies in Ulster**--all nine Counties 13.00 hrs. Lunch somewhere central 14.30 hrs. **Presbyterian Historical Society** On the way back pop in to the **Linenhall Library**(it is being refurbished) have a look around the building / cup of coffee Back to Central station--freebus Enterprise departs from Central Station at 18.10 hrs, be there 10 mins beforehand Arr. Connolly Station at 20.09 hrs. Contact Michael Merrigan on Tel. (01) 284 2711

### DIARY DATES

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 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: Brian Scott, Stena Line, Topic  
*"Maritime Dublin & the Genealogist"*

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2000

As above - Speaker: Aoife Crowley, Topic:-  
*"Families of County Leitrim"*

#### Wednesday May 24<sup>th</sup> & June 28<sup>th</sup> 2000

(Discussion Group on Irish Family History)  
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 GENIE UPDATES...

IRISH GENEALOGICAL SOURCES

The series continues to grow and soon to be in its nineteenth volume. The next publication in this highly successful series, edited by George H. O'Reilly, will be the Index to the 1901 Census of Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny compiled by Tom Delaney. Excellently researched and compiled this publication is a must for all with Co. Kilkenny ancestry. George hopes to have this publication out by the end of the month.

**NEW WEB ADDRESS.** The Hon. Secretary of the NORTH OF IRELAND FHS, Rosemary Sibbett, invites us all to view their new website on <http://www.nifhs.org> and hopefully, readers with ancestry from any of the nine counties of Ulster will consider joining the North of Ireland Family History Society.

**MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS** - Barry O'Connor and Brian Smith have to be congratulated on the work they've just completed on the smaller cemeteries in the Greater Dún Laoghaire area (Dún Laoghaire Rathdown). The first volume is due off the press very soon and includes Barrington's Private Burial Ground, Blackrock College, Dominican Convent, Glencullen Old, Kiltiernan Church of Ireland, Loughlinstown Workhouse, Old Connaught, Rathmichael Old, St. Brigid's Church of Ireland in Stillorgan and Tully Graveyard. A further volume of circa ten graveyards is to follow and indeed, at the May Executive Committee meeting it was agreed to include for transcription and publication the oldest graveyard in Dún Laoghaire - Carrickbrennan Cemetery. These works, in conjunction with those already published for Dean's Grange Cemetery, will be of immense value to genealogists and local historians. Barry and Brian will, no doubt, be seeking volunteers to transcribe the Memorials in Carrickbrennan Cemetery - watch this space!!

**DOCTORS IN THE FAMILY?** Well a new publication by Peter C. Amsden "The Medical Profession and their Archives" (ISBN 0 9535019 1 4) seeks to assist your research by providing addresses and an interesting bibliography, which, suggests that there are some excellent publications already available. Published ASAT Productions, Dunstaffnage Mains Farm, Dumbeg, Oban, Argyll, PA37 1PZ, SCOTLAND. Price Stg£4.05 (including UK p+p). E-mail: [amsden@btinternet.com](mailto:amsden@btinternet.com)

**DUE NORTH** - The magazine of the Federation for Ulster Local Studies, Vol. 1 No. 2 (Spring/Summer 2000) has just hit the shelves. At Stg£1.95 or Ir£2.50 this 48 page glossy is a great read for anyone with Ulster links or with an interest in Irish Local Studies. Our Hon. Vice-President, James Davidson (NIFHS) is a member of the Federation and has copies for sale. For more information on the Federation e-mail: [Rhegarty12@aol.com](mailto:Rhegarty12@aol.com)

**DAONCHARTLANN** - The management of project to restore and refurbish the Martello Tower at Seapoint as the permanent home for

the Society's growing Archive was placed in the hands of a new Sub-Committee of the Society. The Daonchartlann Development Executive, DDE as it's called, will be under the chairmanship of Liam Mac Alasdair (E-mail: [lmac@dna.ie](mailto:lmac@dna.ie)) with Seán Kane as Project Director assisted by Barry O'Connor, Rory Stanley and Michael Merrigan. The aim of the DDE is to expedite the works and to plan the interior of the Tower.

**NUNS REGISTER** - The response has been phenomenal to the Readers' Project to register the names, dates & places of birth, parents, Order, religious name & date entered, and date & place of death of all the Irish women who entered religious life in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The Society envisages publishing the results as part of the Irish Genealogical Sources series. If you have any information please mail it to the address below or E-mail: [GenSocIreland@iol.ie](mailto:GenSocIreland@iol.ie) Place the word "Nuns" in the subject box of the e-mail message.

ELLIS ISLAND NEW YORK CALLING

**JEANNIE CHOI** of the Ellis Island Museum E-mail: [jeanniechoi@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanniechoi@hotmail.com) Wrote:- I am doing research for a new exhibit at the American Family Immigration History Centre, a new wing of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum in New York due to open next year. The exhibit will consist of a series of short documentary films about people in America researching their families' histories. One of these stories will be about a person of Irish heritage looking into his or her family history. For this story, we are particularly interested in finding someone whose family came to the States before the opening of Ellis Island (1892) and had to be found through older ship's records. Do you think you might be able to help me find such a person? I hope to hear from you soon. Write to Jeannie Choi at The Chedd-Angier Production Co., 70 Coolidge Hill Rd., Watertown, MA 02472, USA. Phone: 617-926-8300 Fax: 617-927-2710

LOCAL SOCIETIES WITH MONTHLY MEETINGS IN IRELAND

**Ballinteer FHS**, Co. Dublin - Info: Chris Ryan, 29, The View, Woodpark, Ballinteer, 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 GSI - see *DIARY DATES*

**North of Ireland FHS** - meetings by branches throughout N. Ireland & Donegal (Rep. of Ireland). Info. Hon. Sec., NIFHS, c/o Dept. of Education., Queens University Belfast, University St., Belfast, BT7 1HL, Northern Ireland.

**Raheny HS**, 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.

SEACHTAIN OIBREACHTA HERITAGE WEEK CONFERENCE

This year the National Heritage Week runs from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> September and, following on the success of last year's Conference, the Society will host a Genealogical Conference on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2000 in The Kingston Hotel, Dún Laoghaire.** The theme of the conference is "Ancestry & Our Ancestors at Work" with speakers from North and South. With "Ancestry" we hope to focus on the new awareness of the importance of genetics and recent studies in Ireland and overseas. The full programme for the conference will be published in the June issue of "The Genie Gazette." The price for the full day from 10.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs will be Ir£15.00 (including Morning/Afternoon Tea/Coffee) or Ir£10.00 for either the Morning or Afternoon Sessions.

QUERIES RECEIVED

**Editor's Note:-** Due to the overwhelming demand for query space, as and from the June issue, in order to place a query in "The Genie Gazette" a person must be a member of the **Genealogical Society of Ireland** (or one of the Irish societies listed over), or a member of a member society of the **Federation of Family History Societies** (UK) or a member/member society of the **National Genealogical Society** (USA). Simply e-mail [GenSocIreland@iol.ie](mailto:GenSocIreland@iol.ie) placing the single word "Gazette" in the subject box and in the message include a full name, e-mail address and the name of your society - not more than 200 words in all please. Queries not matching this format will NOT be considered for publication.

**LINDSEY DAVIS**, [linzilex@netscape.net](mailto:linzilex@netscape.net) Wrote:- My grandfather Daniel Prior (English) was stationed at Portobello Barracks around 1890. Where are the **Portobello Barracks** and who was stationed there around that time. He married my grandmother Adalaide Sutton from Glassnamullen, Co. Wicklow around 1890. She was living at the time at Prior Park. They lived around Blackrock and had 4 to 6 children my mother being the last Olive Prior (twin) twin died (boy). After leaving the army my grandfather worked for Sir John Nutting at St. Helens. He was a groom. They did leave for Scotland around 1916. Adalaide had a sister Ellen Louise Sutton and her mother was Ellen Sutton (**Farran**) I think but am not sure that Ellen Sutton died in Blackrock around 1907. I would sure appreciate some help and any info. **MRS. R. ANNE STOPHER**, PO Box 8, Kingston Beach, Tasmania 7050, Australia. Wrote:- I would be most grateful to hear from any of your readers who may know of any

story about a young woman who I know to be **Mary Bennett** who would have run away from southern Ireland about 1880/1. She was my great grandmother and must have been very young on arrival in England as she did not marry until December 1883 my great grandfather **Albert George Gambrill**. By then too, she had one child and although known as **Mary** throughout – she did sign that first child's Birth Certificate as **Amelia**. At marriage, she finally gave an age of 19, and the info. that her father's name was **Michael** and his occupation was **Postman**. Any info. please.

**ENDA HUME** of the **ESB**, E-mail: [enda.hume@mail.esb.ie](mailto:enda.hume@mail.esb.ie) seeks information on a **William Ray Flower** who died in 1930, aged 32 years, at **Oatman, Arizona, USA**. **William** was said to have been an Irish miner. He was found dead behind a hotel in **Oatman** and the circumstances of his death are still a mystery. Any information please for **Enda** on this man.

**JOSEPHINE FAHEY**, Old Post Cottage, 713, Linburn Lane, Cooyal nr Mudgee, NSW 2850, Australia. Wrote:- My husband's father came from **Elphin, Co. Roscommon**. His name was **James Joseph Fahey or Fahy**. He was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1884. He left Ireland, travelled to England and eventually joined the **Royal Navy** and subsequently, the **Royal Australian Navy**. His father was a **John Fahy**, a baker, from **Elphin**. A brother of **James** was killed in **WWI**. Any info. please.

**THE MCDUGALS** E-mail: [mcdougals@videotron.ca](mailto:mcdougals@videotron.ca) wrote:- Looking for any clues on a **Jean (John) Lahe** who was born in either 1666 or 1670 in "Tollo" Ireland, and found himself settling in **New France (Quebec, Canada)** by 1684. (Using a **Gazeteer**, I think it may be **Tullow, Tallow, Tulla, or Tullagh**) His parents were **Thomas Lahe (Catholic)** and **Catherine Williams (or possibly Willow)** (protestant). Any clues about his parents?

**LANA ARCHIBALD** Email: [lane\\_a2000@yahoo.com](mailto:lane_a2000@yahoo.com) Wrote:- Looking for information on **Patrick Clark** who was born in **Athboy, Meath, Ireland** about 1805 or 1809. He came to the **America** as a stowaway on a ship at the age of 12, but later returned to **Ireland** and married **Mary Ward** in **Athboy, Meath Ireland** in 1829 before returning to **America**. I know the parents of **Mary Ward** were **Matthew Ward** and **Anne Keane** but the only thing I know about **Patrick Clark's** parents were that his "father died at sea" and his mother remarried to a **Mr. McLaughlin** or **McLaughlin**. I have wondered if **Patrick's** father may have been from the **Dublin** area. Any info on these names would be appreciated.

**DEBORAH SPRATT** of **Calgary Alberta**, E-mail: [daspratt@ucalgary.ca](mailto:daspratt@ucalgary.ca) Wrote:- Looking for information on the ancestors and siblings of **Christopher Spratt** (b. 1750, in **Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh**), his wife **Jane "Jennie" Young**, their son **William Spratt** (b. 1775 in **Enniskillen**) and his wife **Margaret Brown** (daughter of **James Brown** and **Marjorie Mackie**). **Christopher** and **Margaret Spratt** had 6 children: **George, Christopher, Jane, Ellen,**

**Elizabeth** and **Marjorie**. **Christopher** (my gr-grandfather, b. Dec. 25, 1804 in **Enniskillen**) and **Jane** emigrated to **Canada** in 1823 and their parents and siblings followed in 1828. Any information would be appreciated.

**DONA** (E-mail with **Hon. Sec.**) Wrote:- Looking for information/relatives/descendants of **Michael O'Connor**, **Castleisland Parish, Co Kerry**. He married a **Gobinet/Abbey/Deborah Bradley** before 1838. First child **Honora/Nora** born 1838 **Portduff**, I believe she married in **Ireland**, need any info on her.

**S. LASHELLE HART FISHER** E-mail: [slashell@Yahoo.com](mailto:slashell@Yahoo.com) Wrote:- My great-grandfather, **John Hart**, born, 14 Feb 1825, arrived in the **USA**, from **County Sligo, Ireland**, on 2 June 1848. **John** had an older brother. Maybe someone has letters from **John** to his brother. Their parents were; **Patrick Hart**, born Oct 1798, **County Sligo, Ireland**, died 10 May 1825, **County Sligo, Ireland**, son of **Owen Hart** and **Molly Kane**. **Mary Gilligan**, born 23 June 1800, "in the shadow of **Knocknarae**", **County Sligo, Ireland**, daughter of **John Gilligan** and **Caroline**. **Mary Gilligan Hart** died on 7 Jan 1893, possibly in **Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, USA**. I found **John Hart**, the son of **Patrick** and **Mary Gilligan Hart**, with her brother, **John Gilligan**, in the 1850 census of **Wilkes Barre, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania**. If **Mary** did join her brother and son in **America**, maybe she wrote letters to her parents, **John** and **Caroline Gilligan**. I would like to connect with family in **Ireland**.

**BLAKENEY**, E-mail: [rlb119@aol.com](mailto:rlb119@aol.com) Wrote:- Looking for any information on the **Blackney** family's branches in **Counties Limerick, Galway, and Dublin** from 1700s and earlier. The family was granted lands in **Galway** in the 1500s; the **Dublin** branch forfeited their lands in the 1600s, about the same time the **Limerick** branch were granted theirs It's an unusual **Anglo-Irish** name, so I would appreciate any references to it whatsoever. I have found scant references to branches in other locations and will be interested in them as well.

**KATHLEEN WOODROW**, 3100 S.W. 41st, Okla. City, Oklahoma 73119, E-Mail: [Woodrowk@flash.net](mailto:Woodrowk@flash.net) Wrote:- Back in 1725 (22nd day, 9th month) **Gabriel McCool** and brother, **James**, were received from the (Quaker) meeting at **Dunglone, Londonderry County**. They came to the **Duck Creek, Delaware**, meeting place. These two may or may not be sons of **John McCool** who had his own house at **Toberhead**, 24 Dec. 1707. On the second day of the 7th month 1729 **Olivia McCool**, widow of **John McCool**, deceased, was received from **Ballynacree, County Antrim, Ireland**, (received) at the **Newark or Kennett Quaker Meeting Place**. Any answer will be very much appreciated.

**FÉLECIA RILEY** E-mail: [felicia@lenview.freemove.co.uk](mailto:felicia@lenview.freemove.co.uk) Wrote:- I am researching the **Banks** family tree but have got stuck. So far I have found out that my Great Grandfather, **Benjamin Banks**, was in **Ireland**

with the **Poor Law Board** from 1853-1882. In 1864 he was living in **Clonliffe Parade, Dublin** with his nine children, **Mary, James, Laura, Fanny, Emma, Alfred, Nina, Henry** and **William**. I think most of these children were born in **Ireland** and at least two of the sons studied medicine at the **Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin**, in the second half of the nineteenth century. I think the family probably returned to **England** in the early 1880's. **Benjamin** lived 1815-1887. Does anyone have any knowledge they can share.

**JANE SLAUGHTER**, **Arizona, USA**, E-mail: [jslaughter@cybertralls.com](mailto:jslaughter@cybertralls.com) Wrote:- My Gr-Gr-Grandparents were **Patrick Kinlan** and wife **Mary Ann Campbell** from **Ireland**. They emigrated to the **USA** between 1835 and 1840. I have been unable to find records for them here in the **USA** and have not been able to find "where" in **Ireland** they came from. **Patrick** and **Mary Ann (Campbell) Kinlan** were born about 1798 in **Ireland**. I know of only two daughters: **Catherine** and **Mary Ann Kinlan**. **Catherine Kinlan** b. 1835 in **Ireland**. She married **Stevy Kimball** in 1856 in **Floyds Knobs, Indiana, USA**. **Mary Ann Kinlan** my gr-grandmother was born in 1840 in **Floyd's Knobs, Indiana, USA**. She married in 1865 to **Gustavus Clements** in **Floyd's Knobs, Indiana, USA**. We are planning a trip to **Ireland** this year and I would love to be able to find something about my ancestors while I am there. My husband has ancestors named **Little** from **Dublin** that emigrated by 1801 to the **USA**. **William Little** was born about 1775 in **Dublin Ireland**. Siblings of **William** were **Charles** and **James**. **William** had son **Samuel Little** born 1801 in **Georgia, USA**. **Samuel Little** married **Sarah (Sally) Barnes** about 1822 and moved to **Mississippi**. Anyone is researching **Kinlan** or **Little** or can help in any way? Greatly appreciate hearing from you.

**TIM MONAGHAN** Wrote:- Here is the history of the **Monaghan** Family Name and the history of my family as I know it. <http://freepages.family.rootsweb.com/~monaghan/familyname.htm> I have traced my roots back a **Thomas Monaghan** and his 1864 marriage to **Bridget Groark** in **Bohola, Co. Mayo**. Family word has it that **Thomas Monaghan** may have come from **Sligo** and his father may have been named **Patrick** and mother may have been a **McMannus**. So far I have found no records to substantiate that. Are there any ideas on where to look?

**SHIRLEY BROWN** at E-mail: [basic@wn.com.au](mailto:basic@wn.com.au) - Wrote:- Looking for information on **Denis Ryan** who married **Winifred Carew/ Carey** in **Kilcommon, Tipperary 1829**. Known children were **Patrick, Mary, Thomas** and **Margaret**. **Thomas** migrated to **Australia 1857**. Also **Michael Flinn** who married **Barbara Heavey** in **Co. Meath 1831**. They went to **Australia** in 1840 & had 13 children. Any help greatly appreciated  
**GREG KUTCH**, E-mail: [GJK5000@aol.com](mailto:GJK5000@aol.com) Wrote:- I'm researching my **Bannon** and **Martin** ancestors. They are **John Bannon** -

born 1828 or 1830 in Dublin (parents were John and Mary) who married Jane Martin - born 1838 (or as much as 13 years earlier) in Dublin (parents were Owen and Ann). Any info. on either of these names please.

### PUBLICATIONS FUND

The Genealogical Society of Ireland, a registered charity, is committed to the promotion of the study of Irish Family History at home in Ireland and overseas amongst the Irish Diaspora. This promotion has been most effectively achieved by the publication of valuable source material at a retail cost affordable by all wishing to trace their Irish roots. Affordability is central to accessibility and therefore, the Society must seek sponsorship for each of its publications. Should you like to sponsor one of the many titles yet to be published please contact the Editor of the Society's Irish Genealogical Sources series. Remember, what better way to commemorate the life of an ancestor than to sponsor a genealogical publication in their name. Interested? Contact **George O'Reilly** on E-mail [ghor@iol.ie](mailto:ghor@iol.ie) or write to him at 97, St. Assam's Avenue, Raheny, Dublin 5, Ireland.

### MORE QUERIES RECEIVED

**BECKY ERICKSON** E-mail: [jerry.erickson@home.com](mailto:jerry.erickson@home.com) Wrote:- Researching the Travers family of Co Meath. My ancestor, John Travers, left Co Meath probably in the 1840's and ended up in Cincinnati, OH. There were Travers families around Trim and Navan at the time. Want to hear from any present day descendants of Meath Travers families.

**JEROME GRAHAM GARY**, E-mail: [jerrygary@aol.com](mailto:jerrygary@aol.com) Wrote:- I am a descendant of a Graham family that lived in County Meath until 1843. In 1843 the family left County Meath and settled in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. My County Meath ancestors were a mother, Catharine Graham, born about 1796, and her four children: Michael, Edward, Ann, and Catharine. All of the children were born in County Meath during the 1820s. Any information please on these Grahams.

**MIKE NOVAKOVIC** E-mail: [mike@novakovic.freemove.co.uk](mailto:mike@novakovic.freemove.co.uk) Wrote:- Looking for information on my great-grandmother Alice King (nee Doran) who was supposed to have originated from a place called 'Thomastown' in Kildare. I have tried (with no success so far...) to try to track her down. Alice was born circa 1869 and died in Dublin in 1937. Alice married Patrick King (origins unknown?) and lived at 77 Lower Gardiner Street in Dublin and also at 'Kincora' at Dollymount. Patrick died in 1935 in Dublin and they had 5 children - Patrick, Michael (my grandfather) James, Edward and Dolly. I have been sent lists of Doran members in Kildare & even Wicklow but so far my great-grandmother is proving very elusive! If anyone can help I would be very grateful.

**THERESA ADAIR MICHIEL**, Calgary, Canada, E-mail: [crittercapers@home.com](mailto:crittercapers@home.com) Wrote:- I am seeking information on William

Thomas Michael and Elizabeth Lennox both born circa 1839 in Kilrea, Co. Derry. From the Irish Birth Index, it appears that William's parents are Thomas and Elizabeth Michael. William married Elizabeth Lennox in 1862 in Kilrea, emigrating to Toronto, Canada on 01 Jan 1865 as per his obituary of 03 Jun 1930. William's obit also mentions that a sister and two brothers emigrated to Australia at the same time. I have found James, William and Thomas Michael on the 1796 Flaxgrowers List for Kilrea as well as William, Thomas, Robert and James Michael in birth and marriage records for Kilrea from 1839 - 1868. Could someone assist me in locating information about these relatives? Also family stories tell of Huguenots escaping France in the late 1600's to early 1700's to Ireland.

**RAY CASSIDY**, E-mail: [terryc@javanet.com](mailto:terryc@javanet.com) Wrote:- I'm researching Michael Cassidy and Margaret Hinds, my great-grandparents. It is known that they married on April 8, 1861, in Longwood, Co. Meath, and had an only son, Christopher, born there that year. Michael and Christopher emigrated to the USA in 1872 and settled in Shohola, Pennsylvania. I have since learned that there was only one Margaret Hinds listed in all of Co. Meath for that period (1855 ?) As being from the parish of Killary, town unknown (PLU Ardee). If that is true, and she is, indeed, the person I'm looking for, then it is safe to assume that Michael came from Killary parish also. Griffith's lists ninety-five Cassidy families in Co. Meath, none from Longwood and only one head of household from Killary parish in Devinstown - Mary Cassidy. Could Michael have been her son? Any info., leads, or connections would be gratefully received.

**JERRY BALLAUER**, Columbia, South Carolina, USA E-mail: [sargejpb@yahoo.com](mailto:sargejpb@yahoo.com) Wrote:- Searching for ancestry or relatives of my mother, Mary Ellen Burke, born 15 April 1895 in Gortamarle, County Roscommon and moved to Ballyhaunis, County Mayo, after 1901 census. Her father was James Burke (Bourke) born circa 1846 and her mother was Bridget (Meehan) Burke born circa 1861. Her brothers were John born circa 1883, Thomas born circa 1884, James born circa 1887, Patrick born circa 1889 & Michael born circa 1893. Her sisters were Delia born circa 1891 and Kate born circa 1900. (all birth years are based on ages shown on the 1901 Irish census.) Residing with them were their mother-in-law Bridget Meehan, age circa 80 years young in 1901. Mary Ellen immigrated with two of her brothers, James? & Patrick? (? Not sure which two) to USA, New York City (Ellis Island), via Liverpool, England on 27 April 1913 on the ship "Carmania." She met her first husband, Thomas Muldowney born circa 1893, also from County Mayo, on this ship. They settled in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA. They were married from July 1913 to February 1931. Mary Ellen changed her name to Helen when she married Thomas Muldowney. If you have any information or are related contact me.

### INCORPORATION SOON

The Society, following a resolution at the 1998 Annual General Meeting, will soon be registered as a Company Limited by Guarantee. The Memorandum & Articles of Association will be agreed by the Executive before their submission for approval to the Charities Section of the Irish Revenue Commissioners. Once that approval is obtained the papers will be lodged for registration. Most organisations, with Charitable Status, like the GSI are companies limited by guarantee.

### HOPE FOR COUNTY MUSEUMS

The Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands, Ms. Síle de Valera, T.D., has announced a massive injection of funds to develop and promote the establishment of County Museums, Arts Centres, Theatre and Galleries. The money coming from the exchequer amounts to Ir£36 million over four years. This "Arts & Culture Capital Enhancement Support Scheme" or "ACCESS" envisages a maximum grant to local organisations of 75% of the costs of building or refurbishing premises. For many people around the country, like the members of the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, who have campaigned for years to establish County or Local Museums "ACCESS" will be welcomed. The DLBHS has established a Museum Trust for artefacts donated for a Local Museum in Dún Laoghaire. Info. on the DLBHS from Colin Scudds, Hon. Sec., 7, Northumberland Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland (2 x IRC or SAE for reply)

### NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Genealogical Society of Ireland has become an institutional member of the National Genealogical Society in the United States. This membership is greatly valued by the GSI as we wish to build on our increasingly strong links with genealogical organisations in North America. Based in Arlington, Virginia, the NGS was founded in 1903 and is now a leader in genealogy. NGS Members will visit Ireland in September. Check out the website <http://www.ngsgenealogy.org> for information.

### COLLECTING FOR THE 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 - Noel & Mary Delaney and Daphne Chawke. Frieda also is looking for donations of Directories, Local Histories Journals, School Yearbooks, Obit., Old Photographs etc. for the Society's Archive. Have you lodged a copy of your Birth Brief yet?