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MINISTER MOVES IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Self Service Access to Microfilm Copies of 1901 & 1911 Census Returns in NAI

The Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands, Ms. Sile de Valera, TD, has once again shown her determination to open up accessibility to our genealogical records under her control. On June 15th last, in a written answer to a Parliamentary Question tabled by Mr. Enda Kenny, TD, she stated that the National Library "has an ongoing programme of work to extend the range of materials available in the Library for the purposes of genealogical research, including a new programme of microfilming of Catholic Parish Registers". This new programme by the NLI is heartily welcomed by the GSI as it builds on the ground broken by the Dún Laoghaire Genealogical Society some years ago when the Parish Registers of St. Michael's, Kingstown and Booterstown Parish were microfilmed by the NLI in conjunction with the DLGS. On the National Archives, Minister de Valera has announced the Director's intention to withdraw the original Census Returns for 1901 and 1911 from public access and to make microfilm copies of the available on a self service basis in the Reading Room. This will safeguard the originals from further damage due to excessive handling. The Minister in her reply to Deputy Kenny maintained that it is the National Archives policy is to make duplicates of the microfilms available for purchase by county libraries, county genealogical centres and other institutions. Microfilms of the 1901 Census Returns are already available for purchase and the microfilms of the 1911 Census Returns will be available shortly. Ms de Valera also said

that the National Archives is investigating the possibility of adding copies of the most frequently used records to its website. Whilst, congratulating the Minister for introducing greater accessibility to these records, especially, on a self service basis and for purchase, is it not time for those who maintain that the records of the General Register Office in Dublin cannot be made available on a similar basis to think again?

DIARY DATES

Monday 10th July 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: Liz Lynch

Topic: - "Conserving paper records"

Monday 14th August 2000

As above - Speaker: TBA

Wednesday July 26th & Aug. 23rd 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 Stn.

"COMPUTERISED CIVIL SYSTEM TO END QUEUING ERA....."

So read the headline in a piece by Eddie Cassidy in "The Examiner" on the 14, August, 1999, the article continued "Queuing for birth, death and marriage certificates is on the way out. The Government is planning to spend over £7m in modernising the archaic civil registration system". Yes, almost a year on since this announcement by the Minister for Social, Community & Family Affairs, Mr. Dermot Ahern, T.D. and little

by way of the required legislative reforms necessary in order to fulfil this promise have been produced. This joint initiative with the Dept. of Health & Children that controls the General Register Office in Dublin. The Minister maintained that it would be almost two years before the computerised on line service is available. However, planned new processes and procedures, according to the Minister, would reduce the need for paperwork and offer a quicker and more accessible, customer friendly, service. Mr. Cassidy's article informs us that "Dermot Ahern said yesterday (13.08.99): "The service, in time, will resolve the current problematic queuing and delays" and that "the changes will pave the way for the development of an improved genealogy service". Indeed, next month will see the first anniversary of the Public Meeting organised by the Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations (CIGO) and held in Dublin's Freemason's Hall. The meeting heard calls for greater accessibility to the records of the General Register Office, including the placing of microfilm copies of the BDMs in the National Library, National Archives and in regional Archives and Public Libraries throughout the country. Unfortunately, the report produced by CIGO following the meeting failed to include these points and it was erroneously described as having received the "unanimous" support of the meeting. Therefore, CIGO's failure to acknowledge this fact and, for the record, to correct its published description of the outcome of this Public Meeting, left the Genealogical Society of Ireland with no option but to produce its own proposal which more adequately reflected the outcome of the

Public Meeting. This "Regional & North/South Proposal on the Records of the General Register Office in Dublin" (full text of the GSI website) produced in January by the GSI has received overwhelming political support from all parts of Ireland. It was clearly understood and appreciated by most genealogists at home and overseas that the GSI Proposal offered an inexpensive, comprehensive, equitable and progressive accessibility to the records of the General Register Office. Questions, however, must be raised as to why, nearly a year after that Public Meeting, no real progress has been made to resolve the main problems at the GRO in Dublin. Wait, do we hear that "Roscommon Mantra" again Minister?

QUERIES RECEIVED

Carol Morgan E-mail: w24morgan@yahoo.co Wrote:- I am looking for the parents of a Michael Thomas Barrett Born September 29, 1858 in Macroom, County Cork Ireland? This information from Naturalization Petition. He said he arrived in Montreal Canada in 1884 and gives his profession as a Wheelwright. Thank you.

George H. O'Reilly, E-mail: ghore@eircom.net Wrote:- Seeking information on Catherine Callaghan, daughter of Bernard Callaghan and Catherine Smith of Reilagh, Kilmaleck, Co. Cavan. Catherine was born June 25th 1839. She became a nun, however, her name in religion, her Order and location are unknown. Possibly based in Dublin. Any help please.

Gina Cornish, E-mail: gcornish@minidata.co.nz Wrote:- Greetings from NewZealand. I would appreciate any advice you could give me on the following. After 2 years I'm still trying to locate a Patrick Molloy (Malloy?). All I know is that he was born in Ireland possibly Offaly and migrated to Canada. Unfortunately I don't know if Patrick was accompanied by his Wife-Parents or went on his own. Apparently he married an Elizabeth Watson and one of their offspring was born in the Niagara Falls area Ontario Canada in 1833. If I remember rightly Patrick had a Brother named Joseph and Elizabeth had a Sister Mary-Father possibly John. So far all the shipping lists I've check have been to no avail. Its become really frustrating as I never realized how expensive research was until I was hooked. My Irish heritage means a lot to me as I have inherited this from both sides of my family. Last year I compiled quite a bit of information pertaining to my O'Neill ancestry-Ryan ancestry some Molloy? and Keating ancestry. A relative of my Mothers visited Wexford a couple of years ago-for a Keating reunion of the Clan. Incidentally does your Society welcome family lineage relating to the Irish that left Ireland. I would like to think that what I have may be put to some use. Ed. The

GSI Archivist, **Frieda Carroll**, welcomes copies of Family History research from all parts of the world. Please forward copy research to Frieda at GSI, 14, Rochestown Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

Mark Randolph Cunningham, E-mail: marknwen2000@yahoo.com Wrote from Woodland, California, U.S.A.. my line of Cunninghams came over from Ireland around 1736-1742. My Great x6 Grandfather, Barnett Cunningham was born in "Northern Ireland" Circa 1700, married Sarah Marjory born "Northern Ireland" 1701. Barnett died 1743 in Easton, Pennsylvania or Northern Ireland. Sarah died in 1781 in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. They had a son, Barnett born June 26th 1736, Derry, Ireland died Sept. 13th 1808 Uniontown, Pennsylvania. If anyone has run across this branch of Clan Cunningham please drop me a line.

Adrian John Martin, Email: adrianjohn.martin@virginnet.co.uk A Member of the Wiltshire Family History Society (FFHS member). Wrote:- I am seeking information about my great grandfather, Hugh Kiely or Keilty, shown aged 55 on March 1901 Census, an unemployed linen beetling engine-man. He married (date unknown) Annie Sherry, shown aged 50 on March 1901 Census. She is believed to be of French origin. I believe they were both born in Antrim County but I have no further information. Can anyone help me and, as I have not seen the Census entries myself, where could I access the 1901 Census?

Betty Richards of 13208 N. 87th E. Ave. Collinsville, Ok. 74021-5013, USA. E-mail: RMuleskinner@aol.com Wrote:- I am trying to find my ancestors of Abner Casey. His parents, grand parents and great grandparents, as far back as I can possibly go. He was born in 1700 in Tyrone County, Ireland. And came to America around 1724-1726. He was married to a Harriet "Hattie" Green. But I do not know if he was married to her before he came to America or he married her after arriving over here. His father could have possibly been named John Casey, his mother was Sarah (unknown) He had a brother, Peter Casey and a sister Elizabeth Casey. I do not know if they were born over here or in Ireland. These are the mysteries I am trying to uncover. Is there any help you can give me as to where to go to find the answers I need? I will be very grateful for any information. Thank you very much.

Dennis Allen of Manor House, 2 Rocky Road, Upper Knockbreda Road, Cregagh, Belfast., BT6 9QL. N. Ireland. E-mail: allend@iol.ie Wrote:- I am seeking information on the McGuinness family of Galloping Green, Co. Dublin 1800-1912. I have data on family births, marriages and deaths which shows that this family resided in Galloping Green for about seventy years from 1847. However I have not been able to locate this family in either the 1901 or 1911 censuses of Galloping Green. Any information on this Family would be most welcome.

Margaret Carlin of 4, Arranmore Avenue, Phibsboro, Dublin 7. Wrote:- Seeking further information on her father's aunt, Mary (Minnie) Carlin, born 1887. Mary became a Good Shepherd nun who professed at the Mother House at Angers, France, on 16th July 1917. She died at Kandy on the island of Ceylon (Sri Lanka) in 1919. Any further information please.

Mark Flynn, of Lacey, Washington, USA. E-mail: caryvandanielle@juno.com Wrote:- regarding Michael Flynn & Jane Moloney I need advice. I have exhausted US sources for determining country of origin for my ancestors. Michael and Jane married about 1843-46, had at least three children: Thomas M., born Dec 1847; Michael (born about 1855); Bridget (born about 1860) and Winifred (born about 1857). Michael and Jane never came to US. Irish Genealogical Project no help as Flynn and Moloney families appear in 20-25 different counties together and twice as many parishes. Will the Irish Genealogical Project ever be centralized for people that don't know which county their ancestors came from? Please help!
Lou Sposa of 320 Legend Trail, Indian River Shores, Florida 32963-3926, USA. E-mail: lou@sposa.org or lousposa@sprynet.com Wrote:- I'm looking for any information on the children of Patrick Joseph O'Connor and Bridget McCrann from Strokestown, Roscommon, Ireland. I believe that there were possibly 10 or more children born in Ireland in the 1880's. I know of the following: Helen "Ellen" born 1883, John born 1884, Steven born 1885, Patrick Joseph, Jr., born 1886, Roger born 1890, and Thomas. The 1910 US Census for Paterson, NJ shows Ellen (28) living with brothers, John (26), Patrick (24) and Roger (20). In the next residence is Steven (25), his wife of 4 years Jennie (22) and Jennie's brother Michael Maloney (23). Helen/Ellen married Matthew McSherman on April 7, 1913, in Paterson, NJ. They had one child Helen Mary (my mother), born March 30, 1914 in Jersey City, NJ. Both her parents died while she was very young, and she was raised by her uncle Patrick Joseph, Jr. Patrick Joseph, Jr. married twice. He had three children by his second wife, Bridget Murray. They are P.J. III, Maureen, and Eugene. John after marrying Catherine Maloney, and having one child Ethel, divorced Catherine and returned to Ireland. I have no information on any of the other brothers, either in the USA, or Ireland. Any info. would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

SEACHTAIN OIÐHREACHTA HERITAGE WEEK CONFERENCE

This year the National Heritage Week runs from the 3rd to the 10th September and, following on the success of last year's Conference, the Society will host a Genealogical Conference on **Saturday 9th 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 Genie Gazette" when the programme is finalised. 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.

THE MYSTERY OF THE RFA "INDUSTRY"

Roger Bullen of Essex, England wrote:- On 18th October, 1918 the British Royal Fleet Auxiliary storeship *Industry* was torpedoed by a German submarine after about an hour of leaving Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire). She was reported as having sunk at approximately 22.10 hrs with the loss of twenty of her crew. Four survivors were picked up by her escort, the armed trawler *Persian Empress*. None of the bodies were recovered, and amongst the dead were six men from Mersea Island in Essex, England, two of whom were brothers. They are commemorated on the West Mersea War Memorial, and their stories together with the other men from the Island killed during the First World War have been told in my recently published book *Not Just a Name*. The actual fate of the *Industry* remains a mystery as she is not on the Admiralty list of ships sunk. Was she salvaged? The crew having no known grave are commemorated on the Naval Memorials of Plymouth (ordinary crew) and Portsmouth (Officers). I would be very pleased to hear from any of your readers regarding the ship and its fate. If you can help, please write to Roger Bullen, Pear Tree Cottage, 15 Colchester Road, West Mersea, Essex, CO5 8RS, England or email Roger@mersea48.freemove.co.uk

OUR GENIE UPDATES...

GEORGE H. O'REILLY. The Editor of the Irish Genealogical Sources series, George H. O'Reilly, MA, FRSAI, has advised the Society that his E-mail address has been changed to ghore@eircom.net - please amend your records.

SOCIETY'S NUNS PROJECT REGISTRAR APPOINTED. The Society has appointed Clare Malone, 90, Parnell Road, Dublin 12, Ireland as the Registrar for the "Nuns Register" to whom, information on Irish women in Religious Orders should be forwarded. The type of information required is:- Name, DOB, Place of Birth, Parents Names, Order, Religious Name, Date of Entry, Date & Place of Death/Burial. A brief biographical piece would be of great assistance to the project. The Society wishes to thank Shaaron Grogan-Sheahan of 6, Donald Sim Avenue, Markham, Ontario, L6B 1B6, Canada for forwarding a copy of the "Dictionary of Biography of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin

Mary in North America" for inclusion in the Nuns Register. Shaaron has offered to assist with the Nuns Register and to possibly, act as the GSI Nuns Register contact in North America. Many Orders have also indicated their support for the Project. Clare seeks volunteers and overseas contacts to assist with this important project to compile a complete Register of all the Irish women that entered religious life between the mid 18th and the end of the 20th centuries.

ANCESTORS IN THE BRITISH ARMY? In the March issue of "The Genie Gazette" we reported on the very helpful service provided by a British researcher, Kevin Asplin, (E-mail: Kevin.Asplin@tesco.net) and that he has a database of over 160,000 persons who fought in the British Army. Kevin is currently charging Stg£10.00 to find, copy and post soldiers documents (a once off payment) and Stg£30.00 to build a complete soldiers' career. Mailing address: Kevin Asplin, 17, Muscott Close, Shipton Bellinger, Tidworth, Hampshire, SP9 7TU. England. (Please include two x IRC's for reply).

COX & DIXON FAMILIES OF DUBLIN. The GSI Archivist, Frieda Carroll, sincerely thanks John Holloway of East Sussex in England for providing photographs of the memorials in Hastings Cemetery, The Ridge, St. Helens, Hastings, East Sussex of the Cox and Dixon families of Dublin. The Society's Archivist, Frieda Carroll, always welcomes this type of photographic information for the Society's Archive. Indeed, Irish Obituaries from newspapers overseas are very useful for researchers in Ireland. If you notice any obituaries with Irish connections just cut them out, note the newspaper and date on the clipping, and forward same to Frieda Carroll, Archivist, GSI, 14, Rochestown Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

QUAKER GRAVEYARD. The well renowned Local Historian, Mr. Rob Goodbody, will conduct a guided walk around the Quaker Cemetery at Temple Hill, Blackrock, Co. Dublin on Tuesday 1st August 2000 at 19.30hrs. Meet at the gates of the graveyard. The event is organised by the **Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society**, Hon. Secretary, Colin Scudds, 7, Northumberland Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin - Tel: (+353.1) 280 6213. Members of the GSI are advised that the GSI Archive holds records of the burials in this cemetery on microfiche.

NEW GSI JOURNAL EDITOR. The new Editor of the GSI Quarterly Journal was confirmed at the July meeting of the GSI Executive Committee following a motion tabled by the outgoing Editor, Liam Mac Alasdair, the Executive unanimously appointed Mr. Brendan Hall to the position of Journal Editor. Brendan Hall is a longstanding member of the Society. Last year Brendan completed the Diploma course in genealogy at University College Dublin under Mr. Seán Murphy, MA, and is currently working on Part Two of the Louth Rifles. Brendan invites

articles for publication from members at home and overseas, indeed, the GSI Quarterly Journal offers an unique opportunity to the Irish Diaspora to record their Family History in print in their country of origin. His E-mail address is jhall@indigo.ie or mailing address:- Brendan Hall, 14, Foxrock Mount, Foxrock, Dublin 18, Ireland.

200th ANNIVERSARY

To quote George Bernard Shaw - "What experience and history teach is this - that people and governments never have learnt anything from history, or acted on principles deduced from it" and indeed, he was probably right when it comes to anniversaries. This August 1st will be the two hundredth anniversary of the signing in to law of the Act of Union between Great Britain and Ireland by King George III, but will anybody be raising a glass to commemorate this event? The political maneuverings and some might say, skulduggery, which surrounded the passage of the Bill that received the Royal Assent on August 1st 1800, would see fortunes amassed, titles bestowed and lavish pensions offered to Irish parliamentarians. More intriguing than the back-handers received for supporting the Bill is the line up of those against and for the Union. Some of the players in this drama are familiar to us today like the Catholic Hierarchy and the Orange Order, however, it may come as a surprise to many to hear which was for and against the Union. This Irish Parliament, that was soon to vote itself out of existence on June 7th 1800, was an entirely Protestant assembly of two houses - House of Lords and House of Commons located in what is now the Bank of Ireland on Dublin's College Green. In the bipolar society of 18th century Ireland a landholding Anglican Protestant ruling class minority kept themselves in power and protected their interests against a disenfranchised Catholic peasantry who were the majority in all the country except in the Presbyterian north eastern counties of Ulster. During the latter half of the 18th century a Catholic middle class of merchants and larger farmers in league with liberal Anglicans brought about a relaxation of the Penal Laws and the establishment of the government funded seminary at Maynooth in 1795. By 1782 the Irish Parliament had won legislative independence from Westminster and by 1793 some Catholics even had the right to vote, however, not to sit in Parliament. However, the fear generated by the 1798 Rebellion and the demands of an increasingly better organised Catholic Hierarchy for emancipation produced unusual alliances. The British promised the Catholic Hierarchy a Bill on Catholic Emancipation for supporting the Union. The Anglican landlord class feared another rebellion that could destroy their interests and therefore, they sought the protection of legislative union with Great Britain, however, the Orange Order feared the prospect of Catholic Emancipation and opposed the Union.

The "Protestant" nation was divided on the Union and as most of the Irish parliamentarians fell prey to bribery, the Act of Union was passed. In the end, the British Prime Minister resigned, the Catholic Hierarchy had to wait 29 years for the Emancipation Act, the Orange Order came to support the Union and Irish Catholics, under Daniel O'Connell, called for repeal of the Act of Union. So then, whose anniversary is it now?

OUR SOCIETY'S ARCHIVE

Located at 14, Rochestown Park, Dún Laoghaire. Open (**Members only**)
Saturdays 14.00 hrs. - 17.00 hrs and
Mondays (excluding 2nd Monday)

NZ SUPPORT FOR GSI ON THE GRO

Congratulations on your proposal to have the Irish Government make microfilms of all registers of births deaths and marriages up until about 1930. May I suggest that if and when such films become available a copy be forwarded to each county family history centre or library which now houses a copy of 1901 census. I do visit Dublin regularly and included in my visits are trips to the GRO in Dublin but facilities are generally overtaxed and staff overworked. As someone who lives 12,000 miles from Ireland I would love to see a copy of such microfilms at the National Library of New Zealand. Such a resource locally would not stop my annual visits to Ireland but would mean that I didn't have to wait 12 months to progress my research. Good luck Julie Thomas. E-mail:- tthomas@xtra.co.nz (nee O'Sullivan) whose ancestors come from County - Cork, Tipperary, Kilkenny, Mayo, Galway, Kings. 29.06.00

KILLAVENEY REMEMBERS

The small County Wicklow Parish of Killaveney will pay host to His Excellency Mr. Michael J. Sullivan, U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Ferns, Dr Brendan Comiskey. Both men will be in the Parish for the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the departure of Fr. Thomas Hore and over a thousand people for America. Fr. Hore's Parish of Killaveney straddled the borders of Counties Wicklow and Wexford not far from Tinahely in an area of small hilly farms incapable of sustaining its population in the years following the Great Famine. Indeed, on June 2nd 1850, it is said, that Fr. Hore delivered a stirringly robust sermon was given in his church which led this enigmatic figure to lead his parishioners to a new life in America. It is reported that the British authorities in Dublin Castle were so alarmed by his plans that they despatched a spy who reported that 2,000 turned up for the Mass and Sermon. Fr. Hore's sermon caught the prevailing mood of the post-famine country with a plan whereby ships would be chartered to take the people from Killaveney, Rathdrum and Avoca, Ferns, Newtownbutler (Bunclody) and Tullow. The three chartered ships set sail

in October 1850 arriving separately at the Gulf of Mexico port of New Orleans in Louisiana. Fr. Hore's main group then split, settling in Little Rock, Arkansas, Fort Smith and St. Louis, Missouri, though, Fr. Hore's party continued on to Iowa where they established a town and named it Wexford. On Sunday July 9th celebrations are organised to commemorate this and the building of Killaveney Church in 1843 by V. Rev. Fr. Hore with the unveiling of the fused glass window and commemorative plaque by Mr. Sullivan and Dr Comiskey. is just one of the events over the weekend. The organisers hope to celebrate Mass in the Old Graveyard at Whitefield the site of a penal Church preceding the present Killaveney Church if the Irish weather holds up for them.

LOCAL SOCIETIES IN IRELAND WITH MONTHLY MEETINGS

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*

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

Raheny H.S., Co. Dublin - Info: Christy Kehan, 4, Thorns Dale 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.

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 ghore@eircom.net write to him at 97, St. Assam's Avenue, Raheny, Dublin 5.

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

COLLECTING FOR 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 - Noel & Mary Delaney and Daphne Chawke. 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. *Thank you.*

SHORT BIOGRAPHIES SOUGHT

The lives, times, works and achievements of much of the Irish Diaspora goes completely unsung in the land of their birth and, yet, their impact on their adopted countries and communities may have been monumental and still remembered. In an ambitious attempt to bring together many unpublished biographies of Irishmen and Irishwomen, the Society is demonstrating its commitment to the repatriation of genealogical material. The biographies must be unpublished and be no more than 2000 words in length 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 must be supplied with each biography to assist either verification and/or further research. Annette McDonnell has agreed to act as the GSI's Biographical Editor and therefore, readers wishing to submit short biographies on ancestors or others please do so by e-mail: to mcdonnellannette@hotmail.com or by mail to Annette McDonnell, 4, Kippure Avenue, Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland.

DEPUTY EDITOR SOUGHT

The Editor of The Genie Gazette seeks a volunteer to act as Deputy Editor with special responsibility to cover the various repositories in Dublin. The Deputy Editor would be required to submit for publication up to date reports on the current state of our repositories, new acquisitions and any problems associated with accessibility for the general public to sources held by these repositories. The volunteer must be a Member of the GSI, be on e-mail and have research experience in each of the repositories. Interested? Contact Michael Merrigan on e-mail: GenSocIreland@iol.ie

CASTLECOMER 1901 CENSUS

The latest volume in the Irish Genealogical Sources series - no. 19 is now available. The 1901 Census for Castlecomer, Co. Kilkenny by Tom Delaney. Price Ir£9.00. Available via the website with your Credit Card.