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The Society Mourns Its President

Denis O'Conor Don dies at the age of eighty eight

DENIS O'CONOR DON, President of the Genealogical Society of Ireland, who died on July 10th aged 88 years belonged to one of the oldest families in Europe. The O'Conors descend from the kings of Connacht and high kings of Ireland. For that reason, the head of the family is regarded as the senior hereditary chieftain of Ireland and has been styled the "O'Conor Don" since the 14th century. According to the obituary published in "The Irish Times" on Saturday 22nd July "it is generally acknowledged that the holder of the title would be the foremost claimant to the Irish throne, if one were proposed. Over the last few hundred years, members of the O'Conor family have continued to contribute to the social, political, cultural and religious life of Ireland. The fact that they remained staunchly Catholic during the dark days of the Penal Laws in the 18th century, is a source of great pride." Born in London in 1912, the son of Charles William O'Conor and Evelyn Lowry-Corry, a Denis inherited his title in 1981 from his cousin, Fr Charles O'Conor, a Jesuit priest. Since inheriting the O'Conor Don title in 1981, Denis used his position to promote an interest in our national heritage from genealogy, local history to archaeology. He became President of the Dún Laoghaire Genealogical Society in 1991 and President of the Genealogical Society of Ireland in 1999. Members remember with sincere fondness the tales of his long and distinguished career and life he regaled us with over a pint or two following the Society's Open Meetings which he loved so much. He is survived by his wife Rosemary (nee O'Connell Hewett) and

three sons, Desmond, Kieran and Rory. A young daughter, Gail, died at the age of thirteen years. Denis's eldest son by his first wife Elizabeth Marris, Desmond, inherits the ancient Irish Gaelic title of **Ó Conchubhair Donn**.

DIARY DATES

Monday 14th August 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: Ron Smith-Murphy

Topic:- "Irish Stillbirth & Neonatal Death Society"

Monday 11th September 2000

As above - Speaker:- Bro. Thomas Connolly
Topic:- "The Allen Library, O'Connell Schools"

Wednesday Aug. 23rd & Sept. 27th 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 Str.

GENIE UPDATES....

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES
Representation on Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council's Strategic Policy Committee on Culture, Community Development and Amenities was secured by the Society's delegate, Michael Merrigan, at a recent meeting in the County Hall, Dún Laoghaire. This SPC will deal with policy associated with the Arts, Libraries, Heritage, Twinning, Parks, Sports and Community Development. The development of a County Heritage Policy is central to the workings of this important SPC, on which, another community activist, the artist Veronica Heywood, (e-mail: heywood69@hotmail.com) secured the second seat in the Culture sub-sector of the Environmental/Conservation/Cultural Sector. Both Veronica and Michael are determined to represent all cultural, arts and heritage

organisations in the County with an interest in the remit of this Strategic Policy Committee.

MARTELLO TOWER The Chairman of the Society's Daonchartlann Development Executive, Liam Mac Alasdair, had a very successful meeting with an architect from Dúchas - The Heritage Service, the County Conservation Officer, the County Development Officer and the County Architect in the County Hall, Dún Laoghaire recently. The meeting then reconvened at the Martello Tower with a detailed examination of the Martello Tower by Dúchas and the Conservation Officer resulting in a listing of emergency works to be undertaken by the Society's builder following the annual building trade holidays in August. Liam described the meeting as the most constructive to date and, hopefully, will bring the completion date closer. Liam's e-mail is lmac@dna.ie

HERITAGE COUNCIL Delegates from the Society had a very constructive meeting on Monday 17th July with Michael Starrett, Chief Executive of the Heritage Council and Councillors Virginia Teehan and Mary Hanna. The Society presented a frank and detailed assessment of the Heritage Council's "Pay-for-View" proposal contained in its report - "The Provision of Genealogical Services in Ireland". The GSI delegates declared the Society fullest support for the Minister's flat rejection of that proposal. The Society's delegates described the report as "fundamentally flawed" in that it sought to portray an erroneous situation that no voluntary or community genealogical organisations nor non-commercial genealogical activity existed in Ireland - but did exist overseas and a listing of such was provided in the Heritage Council's Report. The report proposed the establishment of an Irish Family History Research Centre under the control of a new independent board made up of the Directors of the various national repositories and representatives of Irish Genealogy Limited (Heritage Centres), the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland (APGI) and others. In short, microfilm

copies of the 1901/1911 census records, parish records and GRO records (up to 1900) were to be made available in a single location at a fee of Ir£15.00 per day. Based on a search of the same sources today over a three day period i.e. census returns in the National Archives, parish registers in the National Library and the GRO records in Lombard Street – this represents a Ir£33.00 increase in charges for the ordinary researcher from Ir£12.00 per day in the GRO and free in the National Library and National Archives to a total of Ir£45.00 for the IFHRC. Besides introducing new costs for genealogical research, this “Pay-for-View” proposal sought to completely commercialize genealogical research in Ireland. As the GSI is totally committed to the “Principle of Public Ownership & Right of Access” to our genealogical heritage, the Heritage Council’s report was absolutely rejected. GSI delegates queried the real reasons why this “Pay-for-View” proposal received the fullest backing from those involved commercially in genealogy – on the face of it did it not represent an increase in their cost base or would supermarket style frequent user deals be forthcoming from the IFHRC where such deals could be unlawful under present circumstances? Michael Starrett in reply insisted that he wished to look to the future and to a greater understanding of the situation in Ireland regarding the valued participation and contribution of the voluntary and community sector. Regarding Heritage Council Grants, Michael, clearly and emphatically stressed the openness, fairness and inclusiveness of the Heritage Council’s decision making process. He stressed Council’s support of volunteerism in Irish genealogy. The Society warmly welcomed the offer of professional advice regarding the Society’s Martello Tower Project from UCC Archivist, Virginia Teehan and Architect, Mary Hanna. The meeting was hailed a success by both the GSI delegates and Michael’s team with further contact assured.

SHORT BIOGRAPHIES OF THE IRISH DIASPORA

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.

GENEALOGY QUERIES RECEIVED

Greg Hunter, E-mail: Hunter@tq1416.freeserve.co.uk Wrote:- I wonder if you might be able to offer me some advice. Although as far as I know my family doesn't have any direct links to Ireland, I recently found out that a 2x great Uncle of mine Godfrey Jackson Hunter was killed during the Easter Rising. He is buried in the Grangegorman military cemetery, Dublin. He was a 2nd Lieutenant in the 5th (Royal Irish) lancers and died on 26th April 1916. He is buried in grave number 65 of the officers section, having previously been buried at Dublin Castle. I wonder if you have any suggestions as to how I might be able to obtain a photograph of his grave. Any help or advice would be much appreciated. I hope you don't mind me asking you for your advice. Thanks. Mailing address:- Greg Hunter, 1, South View, Teignmouth, Devon, England, TQ14 8BJ

Nick Brady, E-mail: nabrady@xtra.co.nz Wrote:- Seeking information on O'Reilly (O'Reilly) Gerald (Garett) my Grt Grandfather came from Stackallen, Navan. His father was John O'Reilly and he was a Boarding House Keeper we believe. Gerald married Marcella LEONARD daughter of Cornelious Leonard of Causestown, Navan. When I was in Ireland in 1998 I went to Navan and found that the name O'Reilly was quite common there. Gerald and Marcella were married I believe about 1861 in Meath, but I cannot find it. In his will it looks like Rusheore. Any help appreciated.

Diana O. Daunt, E-mail: daunt@erols.com Wrote:- I am trying to find information about Captain Thomas Daunt, born about 1825 in Robert's Cove, Co. Cork and died in Cork in 1915. He was a member of the Maritime Institute of Ireland and a captain on merchant ships. I am hoping that your records may have some information about him, at least who his parents were and a bit about them. I know he was the captain of the ship the Essex which set sail for Nassau on the 5th of April 1864. The ship was outfitted by M.G. Klingender & Co who's address was No. 17 Water Street, Liverpool. On arrival at the Port of Nassau the ship was to be placed into the hands of Messrs Henry Adderly & Co. where the ship would off-load 661 tons of coal and take on cotton to return to England. I am at a loss of where to look for records. If the Maritime Institute does not still have his records perhaps you could point me in the right direction.

Brian Green, E-mail: rcmn@server2.valylink.net.au seeks details on Patrick James Bannon, born Dublin 1851 according to the family bible. There three Bannon names in Shaw's Directory of Dublin for 1850 with addresses. I have to find out what

parish the addresses are in next then see if the registers have been filmed. It is a long process. Any Bannon or O'Bannon connections?

Michal Adkins, E-mail: animal@wworld.com Wrote:- I am trying to find information on a James Donahue (not sure of spelling). He married Mary ?? They immigrated to the USA in 1847. They had a son that was born on the ship. His name was James. I know that I do not have much to go on but if anyone has information on James and/or Mary I would greatly appreciate the help.

Barbara Lenker, E-mail: brlenker@home.com Wrote:- Is it at all possible to obtain information about my g. grandparents with such common names as Patrick Murphy and Rose McGowan. They came to the US with my mother Emma Murphy when she was an infant. They both died apparently at the same time, reason unknown. My grandmother was placed in a Children's home in Watertown, NY and later raised by a family named LOVE. Emma was born July 17th 1879 in County Cork. This is all the information I have on her and her parents. Any information would be appreciated. She and her parents settled in Watertown, NY. I don't know where they entered the US.

Marie Martin, E-mail: DEMINICO@webtv.net Wrote:- Looking for roots. My great aunt was Irene Kelly, Matron of the TB Hospital in Dublin. My grandfather was Timothy P. Kelly who moved to Massachusetts, USA in his late teens yearly twenties. His brother was John Kelly possibly linked with the IRA and another brother Christopher Kelly who was a priest in Kenya, Africa. All been born between 1880-1904.

Alexis McAvoy, E-mail: mmamsmpm@penn.com Wrote:- As a person just recently involved in tracing family history, would you tell me how to go about finding information on an Irish ancestor? My husband's great great grandfather named Peter McAvoy came to the United States around 1900. He was 12 years old and came with no other members of his family. He had lived in County Cork while in Ireland. I would greatly appreciate any help you could give me. Thank you.

Fay Shannon, E-mail: fishannon@citlink.net Wrote:- Robert Edward Moore born 10/10/1877 in Dublin Ireland, and came to USA early 1900. I have been told he was a stowaway on a ship along with his Bother John. After coming to USA they somehow got separated from each other and never saw each other again. Robert settled in McDowell Co. West Virginia and lost all contact with his family. I would love to know who his parents were. It is my dream to make some contact with other Moore descendants related to Robert Edward Moore, my beloved Grandfather.. **Marilyn McKibbin** (Sigler) of Houston, Texas, USA. E-mail: mcs6933@flash.net Wrote:- I am researching - Flanagan and Brannigan from Annyalla Parish, Monaghan to Keady, Co. Armagh. Adams, Harris and Norris from Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh. Acheson,

Armagh (Earl of Ormond) and Enniskillen. Hughes, Killala, Co. Mayo. Burns/Bourne, Castleconnor, Co. Sligo. Hughes and Gollogly, Keady, Co. Armagh. McKibbin, McMillen and Irvine, County Down. McGinnis, (Terry) Ireland to Canada 1700s (Place of birth unknown) Doherty, Donegal to Liverpool to Massachusetts (Ellen daughter of Robert Doherty. All of these names are the names of my ancestors who came from Ireland. Is there some way that I can register these names with your society? Do you have query pages? I have been searching ship's records without much success. I have the Flanagan line back to Monaghan from Armagh but there it ends in Annyalla Parish with Patrick Flanagan and his wife, Mary Brannigan. I would appreciate the names of any books concerning locating these people, or the names of any links.

Theresa Cleaver, E-mail:- t.cleaver@dti.ntl.com Wrote:- I am researching my family tree Weymes We are descended from Sir Patrick Wemys born in Wemyss Fife Scotland in 1604 settled in Danesfert Kilkenny. He was a officer in the army of Lord Ormonde, and was frequently employed to carry letters to the King and other matters of special trust He was made a knight in 1641 and fought against Cromwell. After a four years in prison he submitted to the usurping power. He was MP for Knocktopher. He married Mary Wheeler daughter of the Bishop of Ossory, Kilkenny. They had five sons 1) James his Heir 2) Thomas 3) Maurice 4) Henry and 5) Jonah. I believe we descended from Maurice who had a son Francis who settled in Roestown, Kilcock, Co. Kildare. Francis was MP for Harristown 1695-99 Francis died in 1739. I have a gap of 80 years . I can trace back to William Weymes who married Mary Glynn and had there first son Patrick in 1841. They lived in Kinnigad, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. There are no records of Weymes prior to 1940 for Westmeath. I do have for records of a Thomas Weymes living in Ballyna, Kilcock in 1822. Also of Robert Wemys for Kildare. Any help appreciated.

Patricia O'Neil, E-mail:- weecare@uslink.net Wrote:- I am searching for James O'Neill born in County Cork between 1839-1840. His mother: Julia Foley. Father: William O'Neil Left Ireland about 1860 or later. 1870 US Census showed them living in Wisconsin USA. Any information on this family please.

Jennifer McGee, E-mail:- mcgeeprinting@glade.net Wrote:- I am looking for a Thomas Harthcock believed to be born Ireland and came to South Carolina in about 1800's. Also a William Wesley McGee born November 11, 1846 in Ireland.

Claudia Day of Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA - E-mail:- Amazin1886@aol.com Wrote:- James Taylor was born 1895 and married Susanna(h) possibly Susanna Collins or Susannah James (b. 1801). They migrated to Marlborough Township, Carleton County, Upper Canada by 1832. They might have been

married in Ireland. Their son Robert Taylor married Elizabeth Taylor who was born 1831 "near Belfast" Ireland. She came to Canada in 1851 possibly as a 'mail order bride'. She and Robert were married in St. Lawrence County, New York. Robert and Elizabeth migrated to Michigan in 1867. Elizabeth was the daughter of George and Mary (Smith) Taylor. An Alexander Taylor lived across the road from James in Carleton County. He might have been a cousin, uncle or father of James. Any help would be appreciated in finding the region where these Taylors came from...and who were parents? What was the relationship to Alexander?

Belinda Kirchner, E-mail:- Bkir1480@aol.com Wrote:- Looking for ancestor John Nolan born 1753 Ireland and his wife Ann Watkins born 1754 in Ireland married in Fredricksburg Maryland, USA 1780 Family story says John and Brother William stowed away in the rigging of a ship with a basket of goose eggs and were indentured upon arrival to pay for their passage. Any help would be appreciated .

Brian Schaller, E-mail:- Schaller@nitrosoft.co.za Wrote:- Seeking info. on Alexander Byrne was Royal Navy Surgeon General in Simons Bay (now Simonstown) near Caspetown in the late 1800's. He was well known and well respected having been born in Ireland in Nov 1807 in Dublin. He had 3 sons and 3 daughters, the eldest of which was Susannah BYRNF who married one named Adolphus Ferdinand SCHALLER. Together they earned fine reputations a pioneers of South Africa in many fields of endeavour. Would dearly like to catch up with my Irish "cousins" Cheers from South Africa.

Trevor Crosbie, E-mail:- tamac@clear.net.nz Wrote:- My mothers family came from Drogheda in the early 1860s and I would like to trace them. My great grandfather was Richard Kenny and married a Julia Murphy, b 1844? at Drogheda. They sailed to New Zealand in the 1860s on a ship called the Red Jacket and had 7 children. That is about all the detail I have. Any assistance please

Ruth Purcell, E-mail:- hipr@waypt.com Wrote:- I am based in the U.S.A., specifically in the state of Washington, which makes Irish ancestor research a bit difficult. It is amazing, however, how much I have found in spite of much of Ireland's records were lost in the 1922 uprising. Our Purcell ancestors were quite visible in Dublin during the 1800's. They were barristers and one judge. And I have found them in the King's Inns Admission records and in "Alumni Dublineses". I wonder if you have in your library "King's Inns Admission Papers". I took copies of all the Purcells from it when in Salt Lake City two years ago researching, but did not turn the page beyond Theobald. Since then I have found our ancestor "Tobias" Purcell in a marriage index which was his nickname for Theobald. Should you have it, would you look to see if there is a Tobias Purcell. When in Dublin last year, the

most valuable piece of information I found was this Tobias Purcell's obituary. He died 1809 and gave his occupation as "Deputy Register (or Registrar) in the Master of the Rolls Court for 30 Years". I have not been able to find his birth records and his parents. I am just wondering if this occupation was important enough to list him in some official publication. Any suggestions greatly appreciated.

SEACHTAIN OI DHREACHTA 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 Included in "Ancestry" we had hoped to focus studies of genetics, however, that lecture has been put back until October. The full programme for the conference dealing with our ancestors at work will include speakers on the records, conditions and life of workers in Guinness Breweries, Bakers, Maritime Dublin, Dublin Corporation and in the manufacture of salt. There will be help desks at which advice on all aspects of Irish Family History will be available. Our members with a proven professionalism in many fields of genealogy will be glad to discuss your research with attendees. Registration will begin at 09.30hrs and the first lecture will commence at 10.00 hrs. A feature of the afternoon session will host a presentation of a complete set of the Society's publications to the Librarian of the Royal Irish Academy by the Cathaoirleach of the Society, Rory Stanley. 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.

SOCIETY'S WEBSITE

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

THE GSI ARCHIVE.

Visiting Dublin's General Register Office for family history research we collect, over a period, many photocopies of Birth, Marriage and Death entries. Some of these prove useful to our research, however, many others do not. Please just pop them in the mail to Frieda Carroll, the GSI Archivist, 14, Rochestown Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. A database of these unwanted photocopies and certificates is being compiled by Frieda and her Team - 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. Frieda wishes to thank all that have submitted items for the Archive in July, especially, Tony Daly (Dublin) and John Kerrigan (New York). Sources on CD Rom, microfiche/microfilm or copies of publications most welcome.

MERCHANTS & TRADERS OF DUBLIN 1798

The latest publication by the Genealogical Society of Ireland "Irish Genealogical Sources No. 20 - Directory of Merchants & Traders of Dublin in 1798" ISBN 1 898471 56 8. Compiled by Sheila Martin. Price IR£7.00 €9.00 (postage IRL & UK Ir£1.00 - elsewhere Ir£3.00). The Dublin of 1798 was a city with a University, Cathedrals, Banks, and businesses aplenty. A new Custom House had just been completed in 1791 replacing that near Parliament Street. The Bank of Ireland had been established in 1782. The Merchants of Dublin had partially funded the building of City Hall in 1769. The Royal Canal Company was founded in 1793. John's Lane Distillery opened in that year, also. The foundation stone for Commercial Buildings was laid in 1796. This book is an attempt to give some understanding of what trades and businesses existed in Dublin in 1798 and on which the normal everyday life of a major city depends. Over 4,800 people, working at occupations as diverse as silk throwster and peruke maker, are listed herein. Bearing in mind that the population of Dublin in 1795 was around 180,000 the relative importance of the Traders and Merchants in the city of Dublin can be seen. Some of the people listed would have been sole traders while others, no doubt, employed many. The names, trades and addresses in the Directory have been extracted by Sheila Martin from 'The Gentleman's and Citizen's Almanack' - itself compiled by John Watson Stewart in 1798. For ease of reference the names are in alphabetical order and later in street order. Copies available from Hon. Secretary or via the website.

LOCAL SOCIETIES WITH MONTHLY MEETINGS IN IRELAND

- Ballinteer FHS**, Co. Dublin - Info: Chris Ryan, 29, The View, Woodpark, Ballinteer, Dublin 16.
Blessington FHS, Wicklow. Info: Maureen Phibbs, Blackrock, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.
Cork Gen. Soc., Info: Michael O'Connell, 4 Evergreen Villas, Evergreen Road, Cork.
Dún Laoghaire Gen. Soc. - meetings organised by the GSI - see *DIARY DATES*
Mourne FHS. Info: Jennifer Baird, Whitebog, 135, Ballinran Road, Killeel, Co. Down BT34 4TB.
North of Ireland FHS Info. Hon. Sec., NIFHS, c/o Dept. of Education., QUB, University St., Belfast, BT7 1HL, N. 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, 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. 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., Ireland.

NORTHERN EDITOR

The Editor of "The Genie Gazette" is delighted to announce the appointment of a Northern Editor to cover topics throughout the province of Ulster (Northern Ireland & Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan). **Mr. John Sturgeon** of 37, Nettle Hill Road, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland will provide news, views and research tips for all with an interest in "Ulster Roots". John welcomes your comments and suggestions for topics to be included in the September issue of "The Genie Gazette". A volunteer to act as Deputy Editor with special responsibility to cover the various repositories in Dublin is still sought. 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

FIFTY YEAR SEARCH FOR HERBERTS

Léfayre Palmer from 4, The Knoll, Miranda, New South Wales, 2228, Australia. E-mail: lefayre@ozemail.com.au Wrote:- I have searched for 50 years for information on the Herbert family, discovered much and yet, still can't find the correct branch. The earliest record of the family is in a listing of marriage bonds for Dublin in 1804 - listed are my great great grandparents Henry Moncton Herbert and Jane Barlow. Their first child was Henry Arthur Herbert, born in the Gorbals, Glasgow, Scotland in 1808. The second child was Elizabeth, born location unknown, however died in 1888 at "Rockingham" in Dalkey, Co. Dublin and the third child was George, born location unknown, was a well known publisher on Grafton Street, Dublin and he too died at "Rockingham" in 1891. George was the immediate lessor of Khyber Cottage in Dalkey. When George died his obituary appeared in "The Irish Times" and his will left his estate to his siblings and, after their demise, to the five

daughters of his eldest brother Henry Arthur. Returning to the children of Henry and Jane Barlow, their fourth child was Jane Emily who married Dr. Thomas Mills in Monkstown Parish Church in 1858 and died at Moryn Lodge in 1882. Jane Emily became a well known author, her works are in the National Library in Dublin. I have an uncut copy of her "Ione's Dream" with an inscription by her brother George to W. J. FitzPatrick inscribed in the front. Papers regarding Jane Emily's estate indicate that she was formerly of Moyvone Cottage, Dalkey and Pembroke Terrace, Upper Holloway in London. The fifth child was Thomas William and according to the 1851 Devon census he was "born in Ireland" - this man took Holy Orders but where? He died in 1902 as Vicar to St. John's in Southend on Sea in Essex. Thomas William married twice, once in 1857 at Exeter to Fanny White and secondly in 1876 to Charlotte Christina Miller in Southend. Regarding Henry and Jane Herbert's eldest son, Henry Arthur, he became an apprentice seaman and finally became a Master Mariner. He married Matilda Elizabeth the daughter of Samuel Hunt Lucy in All Saints, Poplar, London in 1836. Their children (born between 1840-48) were Jane Emily, Ellen Matilda, Matilda Elizabeth (my great grandmother), Louisa Anne and Alice. Two of his ships were "Arethusia" and the "Gil Blas" however, Henry Arthur died in Calcutta, India in 1848. He had been on board the "Royal Saxon" but died as a pauper patient in the General Hospital in Calcutta - why a pauper is a mystery? The five girls of Henry Arthur & Matilda Elizabeth Herbert all ended up in Australia and I have full details from this point. The question is back to Dublin - who were my Herberts? Are there branches of the family still in Ireland? Can I get back before 1804 - any suggestions or contacts please.

GSI NORTHERN IRELAND REPRESENTATIVE

The Society is now represented across the border in Northern Ireland by Mr. James Davidson, Hon. Vice President of the GSI, of 4, Priory Close, Lambeg, Co. Antrim.. James will be organising a second trip north for members in the Autumn. This trip will build on the very successful one held earlier this year. James will be on hand to provide info. on the Society for those living in Northern Ireland.

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. However, the report did not contain his Mailing address: Kevin Asplin, 17, Muscott Close, Shipton Bellinger, Tidworth, Hampshire, SP9 7TU, England. (Please include two x IRC's for reply).