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COUNTY WATERFORD LEADS THE WAY

Genealogical Sources Available Free of Charge on the County Council's Website

Waterford County Council in the south of Ireland has recently launched its new Website and almost immediately, the Website has been hailed by the genealogical community as a model for other local authorities in Ireland. Offering such records as the Waterford Death Register 1864-1901, World War 1 War Memorials, Memorial Inscriptions and the Griffith's Valuation Survey of the County completely free of charge to the public on the Website <http://www.waterfordcoco.ie> displays a true understanding of the needs of the local historian and the genealogist.

Protect, Preserve & Make Available

Waterford County Library and Waterford County Archives, both under the auspices of the County Council, collaborated in this venture "to protect, preserve and make available the archives of County Waterford." The public library service in Ireland is the core local authority service available to all Irish citizens, providing access to information regarding all aspects of Irish heritage. It's clear that Waterford County Council has developed this resource in a manner that must be the template for the provision of the widest possible application of the Internet for the delivery of genealogical information, free of charge, to the public.

The Information Age

An Chomhairle Leabharlanna (The Library Council), in its report *Joining Forces – Delivering Libraries & Information Services in the Information Age* published in 1999, (ISBN 1-873512-03-1) declared its vision for the 21st century as the provision of "universal access to information and resources that enrich the cultural, educational, social and recreational lives" of the people of Ireland. This policy provided for the development of resources to encourage and facilitate lifelong learning, active citizenship, social inclusion, the promotion of culture, heritage & the arts and,

finally to support growth in the economy by supporting business, research & development and other skills.

Partnership Approach

The Library Council report envisaged funding for these objectives coming from the 34 local library authorities (County & City Councils etc.) in the Republic, the Higher Education Authority and Government Departments, possibly, in partnership with the Private Sector. This partnership approach to the provision of the Public Library Services in Ireland is central to the report's key recommendations to widen access to include everybody in our community. Indeed, the provision of a nationally co-ordinated approach to the planning, delivery and funding of this service is vitally important and may have to be underpinned by legislation.

Access to Collections

In citing as progressive examples, Leitrim, Carlow, Tipperary, Offaly and Waterford County Libraries and Dublin Corporation Libraries, as areas where the local archive services have been fully integrated with the public library service, the report advocates that "local collections can be made available to wider audiences through digital technology". The fostering and support for academic research is wholly dependent on the effective access to, and the delivery of information. The Royal Irish Academy, in a submission to the report, says that there is "an urgent need to catalogue and re-catalogue many of our holdings so that they can be accessed in a single database both at local level and remotely".

County Libraries & the IGP

It is clear that the County Librarians in Ireland have caught the mood of the public and especially, the Irish Diaspora, on the inadequacy and dissatisfaction with the cost, scope, accessibility and quality of the commercial genealogical services provided by the Irish Genealogical Project in Ireland. According to Catherine Waters of the Library

Association of Ireland, quoted in the report, "local public libraries can and do answer questions on tourism, on local history, on local services and facilities." Irrespective of the root causes for the problems associated with the IGP, and there are many, it seems that County Librarians are set to play an increasing role in the provision of free genealogical information via the Internet. Clearly, therefore, time has come to rationalise the delivery of such services by incorporating the IGP fully within the Public Library Service in Ireland under the authority of the County and City Librarians in each case. This will ensure that a publicly funded resource remains in public ownership and is made freely available to the public through the Public Library Service.

The User a Stakeholder

The Public Library Service recognises the need for a proactive approach to ensure that co-operation with non-library and voluntary organisations is as effective and as comprehensive as possible and this includes the "user". However, unlike the Irish Genealogical Project, the Public Library Services view the user as a "stakeholder" in the operation, not only in recognition of the public funding for the Service, but ultimately as owners of the Public Library Service. A point long lost on the supporters of the publicly funded Irish Genealogical Project where only the service providers and the commercial genealogical sector are considered "stakeholders" – *clearly it's time for change!!!*

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

By unanimous consent, on Wednesday, September 26, 2001 the US Senate approved legislation introduced by Senator Orrin G. Hatch of the State of Utah to designate October as "Family History Month." "Millions of Americans are researching the history of their families," said the Republican Senator.

"Experts say that in the United States, genealogy is now the second most popular hobby next to gardening. It is believed that more than 80 million Americans are currently actively searching for more information about their ancestors", he told a meeting of the US Senate

"We're a Product of Our Ancestors"

"It is only natural that we want to find out more about our ancestors," Hatch continued. "What better way to bring families closer together than by discovering more about the story of their own family? Like it or not, who we are today is in large part, a product of our ancestors." Senator Hatch's Bill which was co-sponsored by **Senator Robert Bennett** (another Republican from Utah), commemorates October as Family History Month and encourages President George W. Bush to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the month of October with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

National Genealogical Society

This US Senate Resolution Number 160 had 84 co-sponsors and was approved by unanimous consent. The concept of designating October as Family History Month began several years ago. According to the National Genealogical Society, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia all passed "proclamations" in the last few years declaring October as Family History Month. Within the last month, according to the Senator, "some 14,167,329 people researched their family history and 24 million people have used the Web and email to locate family or friends with whom they had lost touch. Researching ancestry is a very important component to self-identity. It can lead to long-sought-after family reunions or allow for life saving medical treatments that only genetic links will allow.

"2,500 Societies in the US"

At present there are some 2,500 genealogical societies in the United States that represent approximately one million people. Genealogy is currently the 2nd largest hobby in the country and is very unique in that it crosses over all religions, ethnic backgrounds, and age groups". Senator Hatch told the Senate that "essentially, we are all immigrants to this country. Our ancestors came from different parts of the globe and by searching for our roots, we come closer together as a human family. Researching family history has now moved into the digital age with the advent of the Internet. There has been an explosion of interest in family history online in fact genealogy Internet sites are some of the most popular sites on the World Wide Web."

Presidential Proclamation

Utah Senator Orrin Hatch concluded by thanking the other 84 Senators who cosponsored this important resolution and

urged them to join with him in drawing attention to our human heritage by voting for this resolution. There followed a citation and it was Resolved, That the Senate-- (1) designates the month of October 2001, as "Family History Month"; and (2) requests that the President, **George W. Bush**, issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Ireland next year?

The Genealogical Society of Ireland took up the cause last year on this side of the Atlantic with Minister **Síle de Valera, TD**, however, it appeared that the Directors of the National Library and the National Archives didn't actively support the measure. Given that our friends in America have achieved this Senate Resolution, maybe folks in Ireland will revisit the proposal and consider joining with the Americans in making Family History Month in October 2002 an international celebration of our common humanity and shared ancestral links. The Society congratulates the National Genealogical Society on the success of this campaign to make October - *Family History Month*.

YOUR OCTOBER GENIE UPDATES

REMEMBERING THE "LEINSTER"

On Thursday, October 10th 1918 the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company ship "RMS Leinster" was sunk by the German submarine UB-123 shortly after leaving Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire). Five hundred and one people died in this disaster which became the greatest ever loss of life in the Irish Sea. Those who died in the sinking of the "Leinster" came from Ireland, Wales, Scotland, England, Canada, United States, New Zealand and Australia. At 19.00hrs on Wednesday 10th October 2001 a commemorative service to remember Ireland's greatest maritime tragedy will be held at the anchor recovered from the "Leinster" on the seafront in Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome. Philip Lecane, MGSI.

CONGRESS REPORT

Congrats to **Róisín Lafferty** and her team on the outstanding success of the Society's stand at the recent 4th Irish Genealogical Congress held in Trinity College Dublin between 17th and 23rd September. Copies of the Society's publications were on sale at our stall and sales were brisk reaching levels beyond expectation. The Society also thanks Mr. Tony MacCarthy, Editor of "Irish Roots" magazine for devoting a full page to the Society's publications in the current issue of the magazine.

NEW CHIEF RABBI

The Jewish Representative Council of Ireland has announced the appointment of a new Chief Rabbi to the Republic of Ireland. **Rabbi Dr Yaakov Pearlman** will fill a position which has been vacant since last October when his predecessor, Rabbi Gavin Broder, left to take an appointment in London. A native of

Manchester, England, Rabbi Pearlman has worked in Britain and the United States. He leaves a post in Rochester, New York State, to come to Ireland. He and his wife, Sheila, have four children and six grandchildren. The GSI wishes Rabbi Pearlman and his family a very happy sojourn in Ireland

IRISH BASED MEMBERS This year will be the last when the renewal date for Irish based Members falls in October as the Irish Government has changed the Annual Accounting Period to the calendar year with effect from January 2002. Normally the Membership Fees are collected at the Annual General Meeting which, is still the case this year. The fee for Irish based Members is Ir£10.00 or €12.70 per annum, however, this will rise by €2.30 in Jan. 2002 in accordance with *GSI Board Resolution 01/09/86*. Members can avoid this increase by paying before the end of Dec. 2001. The new €15.00 rate will be operative as and from Jan. 1st 2002 and will thereafter, be due on a calendar year basis falling due in Dec. each year. New Membership Cards featuring the now familiar "*Mungovan Badge*" will be issued. Members may renew their Membership via the Society's Website or by writing to the Membership Officer, Mrs. Annette McDonnell, 4, Kippure Avenue, Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland, enclosing the remittance.

OVERSEAS MEMBERS

Please note that Membership Renewals for Overseas Members fall due on the annual anniversary of joining the Society indicated on the Membership Card. Reminders are forwarded with copies of the newsletter. New Overseas Members are most welcome. Checkout the Society's Website or by write directly to the Membership Officer, Mrs. Annette McDonnell, 4, Kippure Avenue, Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland, enclosing the remittance.

RITCHEY ANCESTORS The Society's Archivist, Mrs. Frieda Carroll, FGSI, would like to thank Barbara Lorene Vanzant and Betty Jo Ritchey of Texas, USA for the donation of a copy of "*Richey Ancestors & Descendants*" for the Society's Archive. A lot of hard work has gone into researching the family connections from Adam Ritchey who was born in Ireland in 1720 and was the first of the family to go to America circa 1754. This Co. Antrim family are noted in the Hearth Money Rolls for County Antrim in 1669 are over the years the name was rendered Richey, Richey, Riche, Richie and Ritchey. Betty Jo Ritchey can be contacted at E-mail: BeRitched@aol.com

LITERARY CENTENARY Sunday October 21st this year will mark the 100th anniversary of the first professional staging of a play in the Irish language in Dublin. The Irish Literary Theatre produced "*Casadh an tSúgáin*" (The Twisting of the Rope) by Douglas Hyde (1860-1949). He was the first President of the Gaelic League in 1893 and later first President of Ireland following the adoption of the 1937 Constitution. The presentation of this play in

Irish represented a milestone in the history of the language as the very dawn of a new genre of writing in Irish that still flourishes today.

BOOK LAUNCH Commissioner Pat Byrne launched two new books which recalled the police force that operated in the Dublin area until 1925: the Dublin Metropolitan Police. The short history lists many interesting and amusing anecdotes as well information on the type of men in the force, giving details on their background and training. The complete listing is the first volume to be published listing all those that served: it contains names, rank and serial numbers. **DETAILS** The **Dublin Metropolitan Police**: a short history and genealogical guide is available in paperback and hardback priced at Ir£19.65 pbk and Ir£39.38 hbk. The Dublin Metropolitan Police: an alphabetical listing of officers and men is available in hardback priced Ir£44.89 and contains details of EVERY person who served in the force. For additional details about the book and publisher, contact: Four Courts Press, Fumbally Lane, Dublin 8. Tel.: (00 353 1) 453 4668; E-mail: info@four-courts-press.ie

EURO DECISION On January 1st 2002 Ireland will be one of the twelve of the European Union countries (excluding Sweden, Denmark and the United Kingdom) which will adopt the Euro as their currency. In anticipation of the changeover and to facilitate the smooth transfer of the Society's records from Punt to Euro the Society will adopt the Euro as its base currency as and from October 1st 2001 in accordance with *GSI Board Resolution 01/09/85*. This decision will not interfere with transactions in Punt, Sterling or Dollars, all of which will continue to be accepted, however, the prices of our publications and services will be calculated and recorded in Euros. Cheques in the Euro are available through major banks throughout the world.

IBIU MEETING As featured in the September issue, with support for the proposal to establish the International British-Irish University growing on both sides of the Irish Sea, the meeting of the Holyhead-Dún Laoghaire Link Organisation to be held in Wales on October 15th is due to formally launch the campaign with support from Dublin, London and Cardiff. Delegates from the GSI will be in attendance and will participate in the launch. Further details on the IBIU Project are available from: Mr. Breasal Ó Caollaí, Joint Chairperson, Holyhead-Dún Laoghaire Link Organisation, 1, Northumberland Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The AGM of the Society will be held in October for the last time this year. On Monday the 8th October the Members will be asked to elect the Board of the Genealogical Society of Ireland for the coming year, however, other matters normally considered by the AGM will not be taken until February 2002. This unusual situation is as a result of the Irish Government's implementation of the European Directive on the Annual Accounting Period.

Therefore, following the reading of the Minutes of the last AGM, matters arising and the election of the Board Members, the Annual General Meeting will be adjourned until February 2002 where the Annual Financial Report and the Annual Report of the Board will be presented for consideration by Members. In future the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the month of February.

FELLOWS At the October meeting of the Board of the Society nominations will be considered for appointment to the College of Fellows of the Genealogical Society of Ireland. The new Fellows will be announced at the AGM by An Cathaoirleach. Amongst the first tasks facing the Fellows is the election of a new President of the Genealogical Society of Ireland to succeed the late, Denis, O Conor Don. Nominations for this important and prestigious position of honour will be forwarded to the College of Fellows by the Board in the coming months.

QUERIES

GUSTAVO A. TOLEDO, E-mail: gtoledo@intramed.net.ar Wrote:- I am writing from Argentina seeking to find the place where my ancestors were born and maybe married before emigrating to Argentina. In my country the list of passengers that arrived 1870 to 1880 were lost. Maybe lists of departures from Dublin, Liverpool etc. are available. I know that their names were James Casey and Mary Naughters. They had three children in 1877, 1880 and 1883 in Buenos Aires, Lobos, Argentina. My father thinks they married in Ireland to emigrate. In Argentina many of the Irish lived in Buenos Aires rural places (the pampas) breeding sheep in the big estancias. Their descendants spoke Spanish and intermarried locally so their surnames are not frequently seen today. Any info. please.

JEANNETTE SORENSEN, E-mail: jsoren@xtra.co.nz Wrote:- Is there anyone who knows anything about a Hardinge family that lived in Dublin. One of them was a lawyer and one of them, William, was Her Majesty's Treasurer at Dublin Castle at 1815 when his son Frederick Hardinge was born. It is stated on Fredericks marriage certificate that he was still in the same position in 1856. William married Sarah Maunsell who it was stated was from Monkstown castle. Most of what we have is from a family bible and that marriage certificate. Any help appreciated.

DON CARDOZA, E-mail: doncardoza@angelfire.com Wrote:- Can you advise me the best way to go about researching my ancestors from Galway? My mother, Jennifer Lee O'Shannon, was born in Hartford, Connecticut in 1921, and her father was John Patrick O'Shannon (aka Sean Padraic O'Shaughnessy), an electrician, and her mother was Mary Ellen O'Connor. Both sets of grandparents came over to the US together from Galway, but I have no way to find out who they were. I believe my grandmothers parents were named Charles O'Connor and Johanna O'Reilly. Is there some resource I can use to research this matter?

CHRISTINE DEVINE, E-mail: ChristineDvn@aol.com Wrote:- I am searching for my Husband's great Grandfather Michael Joseph Devine who as born in 1829 in Mullingar, he married Ann Hannon don't know when she was born in 1831 information picked up from British Census when they lived here in Bradford & Sheffield. Need to search

any of their parents and don't know where to start. Michael died in 1883 here in Bradford and was buried in an unmarked grave. Ann went with her youngest daughter Ellen Victoria in her married name Ward, (she married a doctor Ward), I thought a good place would perhaps be to look at the 1831 census as a start. Can you help in any way, and are such records for Ireland from 1831 available on the web.

JUNE ALLAN CARTER, E-mail: carternj@mindspring.com Wrote:- I would be very grateful if anyone could tell me the name and family (and perhaps any other information) of Captain Robert Halpin's wife (Robert Halpin, Commander of the cable-laying ship, the Great Eastern.) My Great Aunt Jessie of Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, Canada, married a Captain Halpin. Her father or brother was the ship's doctor on the "trans Atlantic cable laying vessel that laid the first line from the British Isles to Newfoundland." This is the only clue I have, and wonder if it could be Captain Halpin from Wicklow Town. I found Captain Halpin on the Website of Tinakilly, country house and restaurant, and read from the history of the house, that most of Captain Halpin's memorabilia is in the National Maritime Museum in Dún Laoghaire, which seems to sadly be having problems, and probably would not have the kind of information I need. The Tinakilly site said that the Captain had married a woman from Newfoundland. I would be very happy to find out if my sleuthing is correct. Any thoughts??

BEVERLY MCELROY, E-mail: grannymc8@qwest.net Wrote:- Seeking info. on James McElroy b. abt.1709 married May 1729 to Sarah McCune. Believe his father to be Hugh McLroy of Scotland Hugh married to Esther McDowell 1712 in Kirkinner, Wigtown, Scotland later moved to the County Down Ireland area we are told. Believe James and Sarah sailed on the "George and Ann" in May 1729 but have not found a list with their names. Irvines, Campbells McDowells and McLroys or McElroys were to have come together to Pennsylvania, USA. Possibility of another ship maybe the "John of Dublin". Any information on the McLroy/McElroy families of this time frame greatly appreciated. James was my husband's 5th great grandfather.

MICHAEL WROE, 15, Haybridge Avenue, Hagley, Worcs., DY8 2XG, England. Wrote:- Following the publication of my query in last month's issue further info. came to light Having discovered a record of a marriage in Co. Kildare between John Roe & Catherine Kelly in 1789. I understand that the family moved to Dublin. One of their children, as I stated was Michael born 1796/1802. This Michael had four children all born Dublin : Ann born 1823/24/25 ; Michael (my gt. grandfather) born 1826/27 ; Bridget born 1828/29 ; and Catherine born 1830/31/32 . The Rowe family seem to have come over from Ireland and settled in Manchester by 1841. Any info. much appreciated.

JAMES MENEELY, E-mail: jmeneely@bigfoot.com Wrote:- I am trying to see if I can find any leads on William Meneely, born in Ireland June 24, 1761. He emigrated to the United States. I suppose there is a good chance that the name may have had a different spelling in Ireland. Any and all help would be appreciated.

LINDA HAMMOND, E-mail: L.Hammond@cheerful.com ord. mail:- 23 Smallack Drive, Crownhill, Plymouth, Devon PL6 5EB, England. Wrote:- Seeking info. on Harman : Co. Kerry (1800-1850), Co. Down & Lurgan, Co. Armagh (1850-1900), Co. Leitrim (1900's); Mason : Tarbert, Co. Kerry (1800's) Chism : Co. Sligo (mid 1800's); Kennions : mid 1800's area unknown as yet.; Kerrigan : Dowra, Co. Cavan (mid 1800's-

1900); **McHugh** : Dowra, Co. Cavan (1800's); **Hudson** : 1800's area unknown as yet. I must say though how helpful people have been. I have contacted a number of record offices/libraries especially reference a doctor ancestor Emanuel **Harman**, and have received replies giving me virtually all his occupation history. One library even looked up his marriage for me and sent me the details, without me even requesting it!

SHANE DIXON, E-mail:- shanedixon@home.com
Wrote:- I am attempting to conduct some research on my father's family. I have been told that my father and his family lived in a house called "Tivoli" in Dún Laoghaire. Does such a house exist/existed and, if so, where it is/was located? My father's name was **John Dixon** (he owned Dixon's of Dún Laoghaire) **JOHN BOOKER**, E-mail:- jobogen@aol.com
Wrote:- Seeking info. on Mary Ellen **Dunne**(nee). She was born in Moncks Place, Dublin on the 2nd, May, 1901, although, she and her family, may well have moved on from that address by the time her mother died when she and her elder brother, Michael, left for England just prior to the First World War. Any info. or suggestions please.

MARGARET M. MASON, Apt. 5, Churchill Place, Golf View Drive, Monton, Eccles, Manchester, M30 9WN, England. E-mail:- paulfm@ukonline.co.uk
Wrote:- My great grandparents were Thomas **Connelly** (son of Thomas) & Jane **Lally** (daughter of Patrick Lally) married at Kilmurry 08. June 1868. Children: Maria/Mary b. 1869; Bridget b. 1872; Thomas (my grandfather) b. 1874 married Margaret **Higgins** at Barton 25. April 1903; James b. c. 1875; Patrick b. c. 1877; John b. c. 1884 all at Ballydooley, Athleague, Co. Roscommon. John Connelly married Bridget **Kelly** at Eccles 24. Sept. 1910 enlisted in the 2nd Batt. Royal Munster Fusiliers and died of wounds 24. March 1918 in France. At 1911 Census, Thomas snr., James (unmarried) and Patrick with wife Anne (age 28) and Thomas Joseph (age 4); Mary Jane (age 2) were living at Ballydooley, Ballyhoe, Oran, Co. Roscommon. I would appreciate any information on descendants of this family.

DIARY DATES

EVENING OPEN MEETINGS

Monday 8th October 2001

Dún Laoghaire Club, Eblana Avenue,
Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
20.00 hrs. - 22.00 hrs.
Buses 7, 46A, 75 & 111 - DART
Dún Laoghaire Station.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Speaker:- **Mr. Gregory O'Connor, NAI**

Topic:- "Court Records at the National Archives & the Genealogist"

Monday 12th November 2001

Venue as above

Speaker:- **Liam Clare, MGSJ**

Topic:- "Loughlinstown Workhouse in the 1840s"

Monday 10th December 2001

Venue as above

"Members' Night & One Name Studies Chapter"

MORNING OPEN MEETINGS

Wednesday Oct. 25th & Nov. 28th 2001

No Morning Meeting in December
(Discussion Group on Irish Family History)
The Port View Hotel, Marine Road,
Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.
10.30 hrs. -12.30 hrs. All Welcome

OCTOBER REVIEWS

For the first time this month "The Genie Gazette" reviews a new CD-ROM launched in Dublin by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Cllr. Michael Mulcahy during the 4th Irish Genealogical Congress. This CD-ROM represents the fruits of a labour of love by a man well known to the Members of the Genealogical Society of Ireland - Mr. Seán Magee. Indeed, it was Seán who, along with Brian Smith, established and launched the Society's "Irish Genealogical Sources" series in May 1997 with his own work "Irish Genealogical Sources No. 1 - Shillelagh & Ballinacor South, Co. Wicklow - 1837 Memorial". Anyone who is familiar with Seán Magee's work knows that they can expect accuracy, clarity of presentation and above all, detailed genealogical information. In this respect this CD-ROM published by Eneclann of TCD, Dublin, is no exception. Eneclann's "Irish Records Index Vol. 3 - The 1851 Dublin City Census" brings the wealth of valuable information contained in Dr. D. A. Chart's Index of Heads of Households held in the National Archives in Dublin to the wider genealogical community at home and overseas. With over 60,000 names and addresses, including some occupations, contained on this CD-ROM, all extracted by Seán from the originals, it is clear that it contains every household in the City of Dublin in the 1851 Census including many many hundreds of tenements that are not recorded in any other existing record from that period. Navigating this CD-ROM is simple and generally very user friendly, however, the search engine employed is slower than anticipated in such a quality production. But that said, the enjoyment and usefulness of this source is not hampered in any way and indeed, as an added bonus, Eneclann has included the first editions of the town plans of the City of Dublin produced by the Ordnance Survey Office in 1847. This facility on the CD-ROM permits the researcher to identify the areas mentioned in the Census and to actually locate individual houses. The decision by Eneclann to include these 33 maps to augment Seán's compilation of the Census data certainly added immense research value to this CD-ROM and widened its appeal to include not only the genealogist, but many other researchers too. Seán Magee and Eneclann are to be congratulated on this production - it's a must for every genealogist with an interest in the City of Dublin. System requirements:- Windows 95,98, 200, NT 4.0 or higher - Min. IBM compatible Pentium 90Mhz with 32MB RAM. "Irish Records Index Vol. 3 - The 1851 Dublin City Census - Charts Index of Heads of Household" ISBN 0-9537557-3-8 Price: Ir£39.30 plus Ir£1.32 p+p is available by mail from Eneclann Ltd., Unit 1, Trinity College Enterprise Centre, Pearse Street, Dublin 2, Ireland OR via the Website www.eneclann.ie

AMERICA'S TRAGEDY

Tuesday September 11th 2001 will forever be etched in the memory of those who watched with horror as TV Networks around the world broadcast live footage of the attack on America by terrorists. The tragedy that unfolded at the twin towers of the World Trade Centre, at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania claimed up to 7,000 lives of persons from over 60 countries around the world, including many Irish and Irish Americans. The murdered of Irish America are not only clearly evident in the lists of the dead members of the New York Police and Fire Departments, but also, in the lists of those lost at the WTC, the Pentagon and on the four aircraft commandeered by the terrorists for their dastardly acts of brutality. No county in Ireland was left untouched by these attacks on America, indeed, no part of the civilised world could escape the feelings of revulsion and disbelief at such callous acts of barbarity against fellow human beings. Ireland's day of mourning on Friday 14th September was not for Irish America alone but for all the victims and their families - American and non-American, Christian, Jew, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh and all touched by this act of terror. The President of Ireland, **Mrs. Mary McAleese** and An Taoiseach, **Mr. Bertie Ahern, TD**, were amongst Ireland's political, civic and Christian religious leaders, as well as members of the Diplomatic Corps, that attended the ecumenical service in Dublin's Pro-Cathedral. Hundreds more of the ordinary citizens of Dublin crowded the streets around the Pro-Cathedral as the building could not accommodate the numbers wishing to attend. Across the City in Clonskeagh, the leader of Ireland's 13,000 Muslims, **Imam Sheik Hussein Halawa**, roundly condemned the perpetrators of the terrorist attacks as an affront to Islam. All around Ireland, citizens of many religions, participated in acts of remembrance for the victims and their families. Irish political and religious leaders were all determined that the second insidious aim of the terrorists, namely to ignite hatred between Christians and Muslims, would not and must not be achieved. Books of Condolence were opened throughout the country and at the American Embassy where many many thousands have already paid their respects. The Board and the Members of the Genealogical Society of Ireland extend their sincere condolences to all the families in America and around the world bereaved by the terrible events of September 11th 2001 in the United States of America.

REMINDER FOR IRISH BASED MEMBERS

Membership Renewals Now Due
Ir£10.00 or €12.70 up to Dec. 31st
€15.00 from January 1st 2002