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Remember Our
Ancestors

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MUST ACT

Nine Years On at the General Register Office, Dublin

As others commemorate the 400th anniversary of the ending of the Nine Years War in 1601, genealogists around Ireland are still battling another quite different "Nine Years War". Way back in 1992 on the last day of the 27th Dáil, the Taoiseach at the time, Mr. Albert Reynolds, TD made his startling announcement about the relocation of the General Register Office from Dublin City to Roscommon Town. But few if any would have expected that this announcement and its associated plans would be still causing havoc nine years later. Despite promises, many Dáil Questions, ministerial assurances and the constant din of the "Roscommon Mantra" sounding at any question as to the present state of the "Roscommon Experiment" no real progress is evident.

- Nine years on and the legislation to give effect to Mr. Reynold's proposal is still not enacted.
- Nine years on and the service at Lombard Street is worse than in '92.
- Nine years on and the original promised computerisation plan is abandoned as unachievable.
- Nine years on and no accessible computerised system is in place for researchers.
- Nine years on and most researchers can get less done daily in the GRO than in each previous year.
- Nine years on and the whole objective is changed to include services to other departments.
- Nine years on and all that is offered is a farcical public consultation process.

- Nine years on and millions of pounds later what value to the Irish taxpayer?
- Nine years on and the Public Accounts Committee must step in to examine this whole "Roscommon Experiment" and the GRO's future.
- Nine years on and let's silence the "Roscommon Mantra" by providing microfilm copies of the registers 1845 to 1931 & the indexes 1845 to 2000 to the National Library, National Archives and regional centres accommodating researchers accessing the records free of charge.
- Nine years on and all the data above should be available on CD ROM for purchase.
- Nine years on and all the data above should be available on the Internet.
- Nine years on and will this or the next Government move on the "Roscommon Experiment"?

HERITAGE FUND BILL

The Heritage Fund Bill has just entered its Committee Stage in Dáil Éireann on the first week of November. This Bill is an important piece of legislation aimed at providing funding for the acquisition of heritage objects for the National Cultural Institutions including the National Library, National Archives, National Museum, National Gallery and the Irish Museum of Modern Art. This Society proposed the establishment of a "Heritage Fund" back in 1996 and again during the debate on the National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997. In that respect, the Society welcomes the progress of this legislation, however, the overall limit for

the Fund proposed by the Bill is wholly inadequate at a mere Ir£10 million. Though, the provision for the acceptance of monies for the Fund by way of gifts is exactly what this Society had been advocating for a number of years, however, it's unclear whether such "gifts" would involve the disclosure of the donor's name and any conditions attaching to the gift. The Bill seeks to establish a Council of the National Cultural Institutions comprising of the Directors of the institutions above and the Arts Council, National Concert Hall, Chester Beatty Library, National Theatre Society and the Chief Executive of the Heritage Council. There seems no room in this legislation for the involvement of the wider community nor indeed, for other institutions to benefit from this proposed Heritage Fund. It appears, therefore, that its structure may well become a veritable bear-pit for its participants to fight their corner for funding acquisitions to their various institutions. Only acquisitions of not less than Ir£250,000 are considered by the Fund and this may well, in the absence of some discretionary powers being vested in the Council, distort the value of heritage objects offered for acquisition by the Fund. It certainly restricts any benefit of the Fund to just a few institutions like the National Gallery and possibly, the National Library. The Committee Stage will prove to be most interesting indeed.

Flannery Clan

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The Clan has a new Website

www.flanneryclan.ie

DIARY DATES

Monday 12th November 2001

Evening Open Meeting

Dún Laoghaire Club, Eblana Avenue,

Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

20.00 hrs – 22.00hrs

Bus: 7, 7A, 46A, 75, & 111.

DART Dún Laoghaire Station.

Speaker: **Liam Clare MCSI**

Topic: *Loughlinstown Workhouse in the 1840's*

Monday December 10th 2001

Evening Open Meeting. Venue: as above

Topic: *Members' Night & One Name Studies*

Weds. 28th Nov. 2001 & Jan. 23rd 2002

Morning Open Meeting 10.30hrs

The Port View Hotel, Marine Road,

Dún Laoghaire.

Discussion Group on Family History

1901 CENSUS

Reports reaching *"The Genie Gazette"* regarding the provision of microfilm copies of the 1901 Census of Ireland at the National Archives of Ireland are being brought to the attention of the Board of the Society for its consideration. Since the withdrawal of the Census Books in favour of microfilm copies in the National Archives considerable confusion has emerged. With incorrect numbers on the boxes containing the microfilms, streets misplaced or missing and even streets moved from one part of Dublin City to another in the microfilm copies and complaints are mounting. Readers presenting such flawed material are offered the actual Census Books instead, thus, defeating the whole purpose of preservation and causing considerable delays to both readers and the hard-pressed staff at the National Archives. The Board will consider this matter at its December meeting and may seek a meeting with the Director of the National Archives, Dr. David Craig, on the matter.

ÉIRE & CYMRU

The Leas-Chathaoirleach, **Séamus Moriarty**, led the Society's delegation at the November meeting of the Holyhead Dún Laoghaire Link Organisation which, was held in the chamber of the Holyhead Town Council. Following the adoption of a proposal tabled by the Society, a new publication was launched at the meeting as part of the Link Organisation's Community Development Programme. The title of the journal is **"WAVELINK"** (ISSN 1649-1564) and it's priced at €3.80 (Ir£3.00) or Stg£2.50. It will be the community journal of the Holyhead Dún Laoghaire Link Organisation which aims to bring the communities of Holyhead and Dún Laoghaire closer together, to enhance the business, employment, tourism and trade opportunities afforded by the ferry link between the two Towns. The community journal under the patronage of **Cllr. Arwel Roberts**, Mayor of Holyhead and **Cllr. Betty Coffey**, Cathaoirleach of the Dún Laoghaire

Rathdown County Council, aims to publish news, views and articles of interest to the peoples of Holyhead and Dún Laoghaire. It also encourages literary activity on both sides of the Irish Sea, especially amongst the young people in the schools and colleges and amongst the various community organisations in Holyhead and Dún Laoghaire. Indeed, it is hoped to introduce a **"Young Editors' Programme"** between the schools in Holyhead and Dún Laoghaire, possibly, in conjunction with the Public Library Services. The journal promotes a greater understanding, appreciation and knowledge of our shared cultural, linguistic, social and maritime heritage and seeks to record, for later generations, the stories of the peoples of the Towns and the hinterlands of Holyhead and Dún Laoghaire. Finally, the journal promotes the use and wellbeing of our ancient Celtic languages of Welsh and Irish by encouraging writing and poetry in these languages that are amongst the oldest in Europe. The Society urges Members living in Dún Laoghaire or North Wales to participate in this unique initiative and to contribute articles etc. to this international inter-community journal. Overseas Members with North Welsh and especially, Holyhead or Anglesey ancestry may like to contribute biographies for publication to **Cllr. William John Chorlton**, 80, Penrhyn Geirol, Trearddur Bay, Ynys Mon, LL65 2YW, WALES, UK. The next issue is due out in May 2002. Further info. Irish Joint-Editor, **"WAVELINK"** c/o **Mr. John Wynne**, Secretary, **Holyhead Dún Laoghaire Link Organisation**, Avoca House, 8, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, IRELAND. The Society is delighted to be a participant in the Link Organisation as it offers many avenues to advance the aims of the Society namely, the promotion of the study of genealogy, heraldry and social history as an educational leisure activity available to all.

YOUR GENIE UPDATES

OVERDUE MEMBERSHIP FEES The Membership Officer, **Annette McDonnell**, advises Members based in Ireland that the annual Membership Fee fell due on November 1st this year, however, it will run for the calendar year hereafter. Membership renewals received up to the end of December will be able to avail of the present rate of Ir£10.00 per annum. However, from January 1st the rate will be €15.00 per annum following the decision to bring both the Overseas and Irish based rates into line with each other. Have you paid yet? Overseas Members have their fees calculated on a twelve month calendar basis. **Annette McDonnell** may be contacted e-mail to mcdonnellannette@hotmail.com or by mail to 4 Kippure Avenue, Green Park, Dublin 12.

VENUE CHANGE The monthly Open Meetings organised by the Genealogical Society of Ireland will be changed from the 2nd Monday to the 2nd Tuesday of each month with

effect as and from Tuesday January 8th 2002 at 20.00hrs. The venue for the meetings will also change from that date to the Lecture Hall, Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. The Society wishes to thank the Management and members of The Dún Laoghaire Club for permitting the Society to use their fine premises to date. However, GSI members wanted to change the day of the monthly meeting, but the Club could not be accommodate the meetings on the 2nd Tuesday so necessitating the change of venue to the Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education.

LOUTH RIFLES Due to the overwhelming interest shown in the first edition of "Officers and Recruits of the Louth Rifles 1854-1876" published by the Society as Irish Genealogical Sources No. 15 and now completely sold out, **Brendan Hall** has now produced a revised and enlarged edition. **"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 27 – Officers and Recruits of the Louth Rifles 1854-1876"** Second Edition ISBN 1898471 02 9 is now available at €10.15 or Ir£8.00. Hopefully, this second edition of one of our "sold out" publications will encourage the production of new or second editions of other titles by the GSI.

GSI JOURNAL The Winter 2001 issue of the Journal of the Genealogical Society of Ireland Vol. 2 No. 4 is now available price Ir£4.00 and 8 cent cheaper at €5.00 per copy. As usual the Journal is packed with interesting articles covering a range of topics from all around the country and from overseas. Congrats once again to Editor **Brendan Hall** on a fine publication. Amongst the articles in this issue are:- "Nun's Cross School, Ashford Co. Wicklow" by **Freda Agnew**; "Nixons of Antrim and Monaghan" by **G.H. O'Reilly**; "Ardee Convent Subscription Fund 1855/6" by **Brendan Hall**; "Comments on Police Casualties in Ireland 1919 –1922" by **James Scannell**; "Downpatrick Assizes, March 1796"; "Dublin County Council 1922"; "A Small Graveyard in a Dublin Hospital" by **John Mackey**; "Kinsale Petition 1792" by **Brendan Hall**; "A Cavan - West Indian Connection" by **James O. Coyle**; "Build your Own Genealogy Library" by **Gordon Johnson**; "Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim - Some Local History" by **G.H. O'Reilly**; "Inscription at St. Mary's (C. of L.) Cathedral, Tuam"; Twenty-seven Orphans of the 27th Regt. of Foot" by **A.W. Cockerill**; "A Work in Progress (King James's Irish Army List)"; "Dowling and Dunning Families of the Parishes of St. Peter's & Drum" by **Eamonn Dowling**; "Dublin Corporation 1813 – Resolution"; "Tried at Trim" by **S. Mac Cathail** and finally an "Index of Articles by Author GSI Journal, Volumes 1 and 2". Articles are now sought for the 2002 issues – contact **Brendan** on jbhall@indigo.ie

GSI WEBSITE The Society and our Webmaster, **Paul Maher**, apologise for any inconvenience caused to Members visiting the Website at www.gensocireland.org as it is currently undergoing extensive reconstruction

in the hope of providing an even better service to our Members and visitors in the coming year. We thank you for your patience. Should you have any difficulties accessing the site or if you wish to comment on its content, layout or functions please drop a line to the Hon. Secretary at the address below or by E-mail on gensocireland@iol.ie

BOARD MEMBERS The following were elected by the Annual General Meeting held on October 8th to serve on the Board of the Genealogical Society of Ireland: Rory Stanley, Cathaoirleach; Séamus Moriarty, Leas-Chathaoirleach; Michael Merrigan, Hon. Secretary; Gerry McDonnell, Hon. Treasurer; Róisín Lafferty, PRO; Brendan Hall, Journal Editor; George O'Reilly, IGS Editor; Annette McDonnell, Membership Officer; Liam Mac Alasdair, Martello Tower Project; Barry O'Connor, Cemetery Projects; Seán Kane, Education Officer; Gerry Hayden, Marketing/Sales; Frieda Carroll, Archivist is ex-officio a Board Member.

EURO CHANGEOVER GSI Overseas Members are advised that as and from January 1st 2002 Ireland and eleven other European Union countries will introduce EURO notes and coins and over a short period, will phase out their old currencies including the Irish Punt. Three EU member states i.e. United Kingdom, Denmark and Sweden will not be changing to the EURO. For further information on the changeover to the EURO see the Website: www.euro.ie

MORNING MEETING Sorry folks, despite many requests, we must insist that there cannot be a Morning Meeting on the 4th Wednesday in December as it would fall on St. Stephen's Day – December 26th – we all deserve a wee rest. See you on January 23rd 2002 at 10.30hrs in The Port View Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire for the first Morning Meeting of the New Year.

YOUR NOVEMBER GENIE REVIEWS

DUBLIN BURIAL GROUNDS & GRAVEYARDS by Vivien Igoe, published by Wolfhound Press, ISBN 0-86327-872-8 Photographs by Paddy Tutty. Printed by MPG Books, Bodmin, Cornwall Ir£25.00 €31.74 Hardcover 364 pages. Supported by the Heritage Council's 2001 Publication Grants Scheme.

This new publication naturally came to our attention due to the Society's three Memorial Inscription Projects, one centred on Dean's Grange Cemetery – now in its fourth volume published, the other projects on the Smaller Graveyards in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown and finally, the Jewish Cemetery in Dolphin's Barn. However, it was strange to see that none of these projects nor any of the Society's five publications of memorial inscriptions received a mention in this publication and this should require investigation since the first such

publication by the Society was back in August 1994.

This book by Vivien Igoe provides the reader with a short introduction to the history and present situation of each of circa 69 burial grounds in the City and County of Dublin. The location of each site is given with the bus routes from the centre of the City to each. The information provided includes the periods of use and interesting descriptions of each site with short biographical references, and in some instances photographs of some of the more famous or infamous of those interred in each graveyard. The more poetic and descriptive memorial inscriptions of such persons are also briefly cited in this publications, which, could also be a "Who's Who" of the interred in Dublin. On reading the various references in this work it was hard to believe that this was published this year, as the whole work seems to be caught in a "time warp" around the 1994/5 mark. Indeed, when considering Carrickbrennan Graveyard there is mention of a FÁS project of the 1980's and the that the graveyard is under the care of the "Corporation of Dún Laoghaire" – a body that has not existed since 1994 when the local authorities of County Dublin were reorganised. This mistake is also carried into the description of St. Begnet's in Dalkey, Dean's Grange Cemetery and Killiney. Whilst others now in the care of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council are erroneously described as being "in the care of Dublin County Council" – another body that had its demise in 1994. Many of these smaller graveyards were the subject of this Society's "Memorial Inscriptions of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown – Vol. 1" published in May 2000. It is a pity that due care was not taken to correct these important points before publication, however, it may point to the text having been prepared some seven years earlier.

The photographs by Paddy Tutty give this well presented publication the air of a travelogue and in many ways, there lies its true significance as a coffee-table book on Dublin's burial grounds. The printing of the author's name on the top of each left page and the name of the publication on the top of the right, instead of the name of each graveyard concerned, makes navigating the book, without constant reference to the contents page, difficult and cumbersome. It cannot be considered to be in any way a comprehensive guide nor can it be a truly useful reference work for the genealogist or local historian. The bibliography provided also may give a clue to its "date" as besides citing one publication from 1998, two from 1997 and two again from 1996 all others mentioned are of an earlier vintage. Therefore, none of the excellent publications on the subject published by, amongst others, FlyLeaf Press and this Society were possibly consulted by the author.

If this publication were to appeal to the "heritage community" or indeed, to the genealogist and local historian, more research and correct references would have been

required. For the Heritage Council it must raise questions about the currency of the publications it assists financially each year and given the financial assistance received to publish this book, the price of Ir£25.00 seems steep for this publication. MM

DR. JOHN MACKEY, MD, MGS

The Society mourned one of its most popular Members last month with the sudden death of Dr. John Mackey on Saturday 13th October 2001. John was one of the most regular attendees at both the Morning and Evening Meetings each month and always ready with his sharp, witty and sometimes mischievous, but always well informed interjections. With an interest in many fields, amongst which were history, genealogy and philately, John was a keen researcher frequently alerting us all to new or little used resources in this repository or another. As an avid collector books, especially, first editions, John was always there to advise on published sources, especially, in relation to the "Wild Geese" or sources on his mother's county of Clare where he was undoubtedly the expert on the Lynch family of that county and of neighbouring Galway. A man who always spoke his mind and yet, he was never short of a kindly word of advice or encouragement for, amongst others, the officers of this Society, John will be sadly missed by all his friends in the Society. Our sincere condolences to his wife Philo and his family. RIP.

QUERIES RECEIVED

John Spikes, E-mail: spikesjohn@hotmail.com Wrote:- I am trying to find information about a public house in Rathfarnham, which had the name Hamrock on its sign 30+ years ago. A US family of supposed 1600 Irish descent, wishes to establish if there is a connection. Thank you.
Shirley Parker (Australia) Email: sparker@ime.optus.net.au Wrote:- My grandparents, John Thomas SHANNON married Catherine KEOGH in Sydney, Australia on 12 January 1867. I have found Catherine KEOGH on shipping lists as having come from Ireland in 1862. From their marriage cert. I have found that his father was Thomas SHANNON (Co. Cavan) and mother Mary BLAKE (Co. Cavan) but can find nothing further on them. Thomas SHANNON was shown on the marr. certificate of my grandparents as Occupation: Farmer. Any help would be most appreciated.

James Laushine, 233 N. Institute, Colorado Springs, Co. 80903, USA, E-mail: laushine@att.net Wrote: Seeking info. on Thomas Breen (1803-1870) married Catherine Delaney (1803-1880) from Castlecomer / Loo / Moyhora Upper, Co. Kilkenny. Looking for Delaney connections. Any info. please.
Bill Griffith, MGS, 18 Belmont Parade, Mount Colah, NSW, Australia 2078. Wrote:- David Fleming's article about estate records in

the Autumn 2001 Journal set me thinking what estate papers might be available for my great grandfather's time as a land agent, roughly 1845 to 1870. Arthur Hill GRIFFITH lived at Gortmore, near Ballymore, Westmeath from c.1844 to 1871. According to copies of letters I have, he managed the Rochfort estates in Counties Dublin & Westmeath for many years and held the agency for Hon. J H King Harmer's large estates from c.1860 to 1871. Are there any estate records available for these estates in this time frame? Grateful if someone could please tell me.

Murray Leonard, E-mail: murrayc134@optusnet.com.au Wrote: Seeking info. on my ancestor is Thomas Leonard. According to the 1841 Census he was born in Ireland. He would have been born around 1785 and he died on 28/2/1852 in Saint Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands. He married Jane Cock. He would have emigrated from Ireland before 1826. I am looking for where and when he was born in Ireland and his parents names and other information that will help. His occupation was mason. I hope you can help. Much appreciated.

Sally Keogh, E-mail: Sallyco@eircom.net Wrote: Gallow's Hill, Sligo was the address of Mary Coen and Martin Mulligan who married in Sligo Parish Church on 17.8.1860. Has anyone any information on the Coen family? Mary's father was Hubert Coen and he married Eleanor Costello c.1840, I presume. The witnesses at Mary and Martin's wedding were Catherine Layden and James Dowd. Ring any bells?

David C. May, Laguna Beach, California. E-mail: dmay@cybortronik.com Wrote I am trying to trace the ancestry of James Best my ggg grandfather. I know his wife, have two references from ships lists of his arrival in the USA from the Port of London and that our family shows him from England or Ireland. I have had no luck finding his parents or any UK info. I am trying to see if any relatives remained in UK or Ireland and continued the family line. His name was James Best. Birth: 1745, England/Ireland. Death: 3 May 1831, Donegal Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Indentures, 1771-73 Date : 18 Sep 1773: Name: James Best. Port Location: London. Whom Indentured: David Riddinhouse and his assigns. Residence: Philadelphia. Occupation: Servant. Term: 3 yrs. Amount: pound 15.0.0. Also his wife's info. I have found this ship from Port London to PA: 18 Sep 1773 Britannia Spouse: Catrina (Catherine Cruzen) Kroesen. Birth: 1757, Bucks County, Pennsylvania Death: 1877, Donegal Township, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Father: Derrick Kroesen (1726-1818). Mother: Elizabeth Vandergrift (1727--1758) Marr: 1774, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Children: Mary (1774-1844); Elias Alexander (1780-1850); John A. (1782-1845); Jacob Cruson (1785-1867); Peter; James; Samuel and Katherine. Any info. please.

George O'Reilly, E-mail: ghore@eircom.net Wrote: Seeking info. on the Reilly, Fannin and Harris connections in the Blackrock area of south County Dublin prior to 1880. Any info.?

EXPLORING FAMILY ORIGINS

GSI Member Noel Farrell wishes to bring to the attention of readers, the Irish Roots books series, entitled, 'Exploring Family Origins' series. As reviewed in the 'Irish Roots' magazine and the 'Family Tree' magazine, this collection of 20 individual books covering 20 towns around Ireland, are packed full of genealogical information for each town in question. Each book contains: The complete 1901 census for the town. The complete 1911 census for the town. The 1850 Griffiths Valuation with a corresponding 1850 town map. An entire Electors Register from the 1930's/1940's for the town. Old photographs, Townland maps, brief histories, commercial directories, pub lists, and mentions other sources of genealogical information concerning the town in question. Website www.exploringfamilyorigins.com E-mail: exploringfamilyorigins@hotmail.com The list of books published: CAVAN: Cavan town. CORK: Youghal, (Kinsale next month). DONEGAL: Donegal town, Ballyshannon, Ballybofey/Stranorlar, Letterkenny. GALWAY: Ballinasloe. KERRY: Killarney. LEITRIM: Carrick-on-Shannon. LONGFORD: Longford. MEATH: Navan. MONAGHAN: Monaghan town. OFFALY: Tullamore, Birr. ROSCOMMON: Roscommon TIPPERARY: Carrick-on-Suir. WATERFORD: Dungarvan. WEXFORD: Enniscorthy, New Ross. WICKLOW: Arklow. PRICES include postage costs. Each book costs (IR£9.00) (€11.45) (Ster.£9.00) (US\$11.00) (Can\$17.00) (AUS\$21.00) (NZ\$25.00) Noel Farrell MGSi, 'Majella', Park Road, Longford, Co. Longford, Ireland.

NEWSLETTERS

Many local organisations and groups produce newsletters and journals and whether, monthly or otherwise, these publications provide a record of the various activities, events and organisations in Ireland. However, much of this valuable information is likely to be lost to future generations as the groups fold or their publications cease for one reason or another. Copies of these newsletters and journals are then lost, often to the County Dump following the death of the organiser or secretary. This has been a matter of considerable concern to the County Librarians in Ireland and the National Library of Ireland as an irreplaceable piece of our social and community history is then lost forever. Each local group and organisation is encouraged by the GSI to forward copies of their publications to the County Librarian in your county and to the National Library of Ireland for safekeeping and

for the benefit of future generations. All local organisations publishing a newsletter or a journal should obtain an **International Standard Serial Number** or ISSN from the National Library of Ireland. The service is free and is part of the UNESCO sponsored initiative providing an international bibliographic identification for each publication. Applications for an ISSN should be forwarded to: Ms. Inez Fletcher, **IRISH ISSN CENTRE**, National Library, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. For Overseas organisations or groups - contact your Public Library Service for details of the ISSN Centre in your home country.

SEEKING BIOGRAPHIES

Annette McDonnell writes:- For some weeks now we have been advertising in *The Genie Gazette* for short biographies of Irish-born family members who have left this country to seek their fortune elsewhere. We are not looking for great literary works just someone's story of their life in another land. The biographies must be unpublished, as short as you like but no longer than 2000 words. I have agreed to act, once again, as Biographical Editor and eagerly await the arrival of the first biographies as in spite of many promises none have yet materialised. So, please, please, get your computers or pens out and start writing!! I await your submissions by E-mail to mcdonnellannette@hotmail.com or by mail to Annette McDonnell, 4 Kippure Avenue, Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland.

NUNS REGISTRAR

The Society has once again appointed **Clare Malone**, 90, Parnell Road, Dublin 12, Ireland as the Registrar for the "Nuns Register" for 2002/3 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.

JOINING THE GSI

Wishing to join the Genealogical Society of Ireland? Just log on to the Website or write to Annette McDonnell, Membership Officer, Genealogical Society of Ireland, 4, Kippure Avenue, Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland enclosing the Membership Fee of €15.00 or US\$15.00. Membership is open to all with an interest in genealogy or heraldry. A laminated Membership Card featuring the Society's heraldic badge - "*the Mungovan Badge*" will be forwarded to you in due course.

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