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"Cainníogí AR
ÁR Síonsir
Remember
Our
Ancestors"

HERITAGE COUNCIL'S PLAN LAUNCHED

"Cherishing Our Heritage Throughout the Community"

Ag Caomhnú Ár nOidhreacht i measc an Phobail

"Tradition is a huge archive of wisdom, shadow and memory. It holds the lived experience of a people latently present as a possibility. It offers a mirror to current identity and provides stepping stones to the future" – thus with the words of the poet and philosopher, John O'Donoghue, the Heritage Council launched its new five year plan. The wonderful setting for the launch by Heritage Minister, Ms. Síle de Valera, T.D. on Thursday July 26th 2001 was the new building in the grounds of Dublin Castle housing the world famous Chester Beatty Library.

Ambitious plan requires increased funding

This ambitious plan has vision and scope for the expansion of the promotion and protection of our heritage over the next five years. However, the State's annual subvention of the Heritage Council, now almost Ir£8 million, will have to be doubled by 2005 to meet the objectives of this plan. Mr. Tom O'Dwyer, Chairperson of the Council, in his address, was confident that the financial resources required would be made available by the State. Indeed, the plan sets forth to review the effectiveness of heritage funding in Ireland and to advise on the improvements

in funding. Though, no specific mention is made of the possibilities afforded by public-private partnerships in the realm of heritage funding, no doubt, this aspect will feature in the Council's review of funding.

Comprehensive Heritage Database

The Council pledges itself to continue to facilitate the computerisation of records in collecting institutions and indeed, over the past few years many of the universities and repositories with either archival or other collections have been assisted through the Heritage Council's grants to computerise or upgrade present systems. Whilst, no mention is made of our genealogical heritage in the plan, the Council pledges itself to "strengthening provisions for the archival heritage" and to support the use of Integrated Communication Technologies (ICTs) to maximise access to heritage. This Society has long campaigned for the establishment of a National Database of Archival Heritage to include collections in public and private institutions, therefore, the Council's commitment to the establishment of a "comprehensive heritage database" is a welcome step, hopefully, in that direction.

Public Awareness of the National Heritage

Central to the functions of the Heritage Council under the 1995 Act is the promotion of an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of the National Heritage amongst the people of Ireland. The plan envisages the expansion of the County Heritage Officer Scheme and the development of comprehensive local

Heritage Plans in conjunction with its "key partners" the local authorities. Interestingly, whilst the Minister spoke of the importance of the "public ownership of heritage" the plan confines itself to provide "support for and interaction with non-governmental organisations" and avoids any mention of the voluntary sector. Given that it is the people of Ireland who are both the custodians and the ultimate guardians of the National Heritage, it is surprising that the voluntary sector is ignored in the text of the plan. Could this be an explanation for the subtle difference in focus between the Irish and English versions of the "theme" adopted by Heritage Council for this plan? The absence of a specific reference to role or value of the voluntary sector in this plan is unfortunate in the context of the United Nations Year of Volunteers – this year.

Voluntary & Community Sector – "key partners"?

As the State has come to value and to assess the future expanded role for volunteerism in Ireland through the National Committee on Volunteering, the Heritage Council would do well to take note and develop strategies to both encourage the establishment of volunteerism in the protection and promotion of our heritage and to support and facilitate co-operation amongst existing voluntary heritage organisations. Structuring and co-ordinating this process, through consultation with the voluntary sector, as "key partners" may well provide surprising results and herald a new era for our Heritage. Let's cherish our heritage amongst the community - in partnership!!

GSI WEBSITE: <http://www.gensocireland.org>

DIARY DATES**EVENING MEETINGS****Monday 13th Aug. 2001**

Evening Open Meeting

Dún Laoghaire Club, Eblana Avenue,

Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin

20.00 hrs – 22.00hrs

Bus: 7, 7A, 8, 46A, 75, & 111.

DART Dún Laoghaire Station.

Speaker: **Michael Merrigan**Topic: *“One Name Studies in Ireland”*

Inauguration of GSI Chapter for

One-Name Studies.

Monday 10th Sept. 2001

Evening Open Meeting.

Venue & Time: as above

Speaker: **Members' Night**Topic: *Various & Discussion***MORNING MEETINGS****Wednesday Aug. 22nd & Sept. 26th 2001**

Morning Open Meeting 10.30hrs

The Port View Hotel, Marine Road,

Dún Laoghaire.

Discussion Group on Family History

CIVIC RECEPTION FOR ARMS

At a Civic Reception hosted by **Cllr. Betty Coffey, MCC**, Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on Monday 23rd July 2001 at the County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Dublin, the Chief Herald of Ireland presented a Grant of Arms to the Genealogical Society of Ireland. The Letters Patent, depicting the Society's Arms, Heraldic Banner and Heraldic Badge – the *“Mungovan Badge”*, were presented to the Society by **Mr. Brendan O'Donoghue**, Chief Herald & Director of the National Library, in a ceremony involving an escort and a colour party from the Irish Army reserves under **Comdt. Pat Holohan, MA** and accompanied by a piper, **Mr. Timmy Crimmins**. During his address, the Chief Herald paid tribute to the work of the Society saying *“it now been in existence for over ten years during which time it has done much to promote and assist the study of genealogy and family history. It has, from time to time, campaigned publicly on a variety of issues of interest to those concerned with genealogy and has pressed for more extensive and more convenient facilities for research. But the Society has not contented itself with simply demanding that someone else should do something; instead, through the work of its own members and its extensive publications programme, it has set about providing information on sources and other materials that can be of enormous practical value to individuals engaged in the work of tracing their own family history, or those engaged in other forms of historical research”*. Regarding the decision to grant Arms to the GSI, Mr. O'Donoghue said that *“the GSI has now become one of the most significant non-governmental organisations in the field of Irish genealogy. And so, when*

the Society approached me last year with a request that arms should be granted to them, I was delighted to comply.” The Arms, designed by Mr. Mícheál Ó Comáin of the Office of the Chief Herald, were received by Mr. Rory Stanley, on behalf of the Society, in the presence of Society Vice-Presidents **Mr. James Davidson** and **Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, P.C.**, and over one hundred and forty guests from Ireland and overseas. Guests included one of our Overseas Members, **Mrs Kathleen Grace Morgan** and her husband Kenneth from Cumbria in England. Following this presentation to the Society, Cllr. Coffey, presented the Chief Herald with items bearing the Arms of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for display at the Heraldic Museum in Dublin. **Ms. Valerie Smith** of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Tourism Company introduced the services of the company and explained the importance of family history to many tourists visiting our shores. The Board of the Society wishes to thank all involved in the arrangements for the Civic Reception, especially, An Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Betty Coffey, MCC and the staff of the County Hall, for a wonderfully memorable evening marking an important milestone in the history of this Society.

GSI JOURNAL

A bumper issue of the Society's quarterly Journal will be published for the Congress in September. Articles include:- Presentation of Arms to the GSI by Mr Brendan O'Donoghue, Chief Herald of Ireland; The Charity of Mars by A. W. Cockerill; Notes on the Allen Family History by Freda E. Agnew; The Search for the Real Jack Dawson by Annette McDonnell; The Patriotic Fund for County Louth 1854/5 by Brendan Hall; A Wet Day in the Garda Museum by David McCabe; The Papers of a Coote Estate in Laois and Dublin: A Genealogical Source by David Fleming; Family and Other Histories by W.S. Griffith; Cardinal Wiseman Visits Ireland by G. H. O'Reilly; Irish 'Land League' Minutes in the 1880's by Seán Kane; People of the Irish Diaspora edited by A.McDonnell (Paul Cole Atkinson by Noreen Ayton, George Eaton by Margaret M. Jones, Martin and Bridget Sheedy by Margaret Jones, Charles James Griffith by W. S. Griffith, Timothy Donovan by James Donovan, Daniel Riordan by Mike Riordan, Margaret Ryan - Kevin Murray); The Ordinary People - Us? by Bernadette Marks; Soldiers Who Died in the Great War 1914-1919 by G. H. O'Reilly; From The Westmeath Examiner, 23rd Sept., 1882; The Mathews of Glamorgan and South Kilkenny by Henry Matthews; The Phonograph; Society Publications; New Publication: History of the Royal Hibernian Military School Dublin. The Journal is available through the Society's Website or through the Genealogy Bookshop, 3, Nassau Street, Dublin 2. Price Ir£4.00 (Members Ir£3.60) plus postage & packing. Editor: Brendan Hall. E-mail: jball@indigo.ie

UI DHUBHTHAIGH SOCIETY

The recent formation of the Ui Dhubhthaigh Society will be welcomed by persons researching or seeking information on the following names. Databases have already been compiled. Duffy (and variants) - Guffy - Haffy - MacAfee - McDuffie - McGuffy - McHaffy - McFee - McFie and McVeigh. For further info, please apply to David Morgan, 11 Arden Drive, Dorridge, Solihull, W. Midlands B93 8LP, England. E-mail: uidhubhthaigh@tesco.net

AUGUST BOOK REVIEWS

SOURCES for IRISH FAMILY HISTORY A Listing of Books and Articles on The History of Irish Families. ISBN 0-9539974-2-1 €21.00 Ir£16.54 (Stg£21.00 for UK incl. Postage : US\$33 airmail) published by Flyleaf Press, 4, Spencer Villas, Glenageary, Co. Dublin. Compiled by **James G. Ryan** – a long-time Member of this Society, this publication is an essential piece of the armoury of any serious genealogist or researcher dealing with Irish families whether of Gaelic or other origin. Indeed, this type of publication is long overdue as the last attempt to place this valuable information in one stand-alone publication was back in 1982. That publication by Edward MacLysaght was a mere 70 page handbook and since a great deal has been published in the interim, the contribution to the study of Irish genealogy by the publication of this new work cannot be overstated. This new 180 page volume will enable researchers to quickly acquaint themselves with the published sources on a particular family or surname in a manner not readily available through other methods e.g. Internet or library catalogues. The book contains a listing of books, articles and significant references published in Ireland and overseas. The year and place of publication and, in the case of periodicals, the number and year is provided for each source. The range of sources covered stretches from the academic to well researched pedigrees to the more homely accounts of particular families. Each family name is listed alphabetically, with the “O” and the “Mac” surnames listed by the second element making it easier to locate sources where the prefixes have been dropped e.g. O'Connor and Connor/Conner etc. This volume is augmented with an extremely useful index sorted by the place-names in the text and cross-referenced with the family names of each area. The abbreviations utilised throughout for the various publications are easily understood and indeed, they are listed provided the reader with the ISSN or ISBN for each publication, where applicable, and the call number for the National Library of Ireland and the Mormon Libraries. This publication should most certainly be a great addition to those engaged in One-Name Studies and indeed, no family history library should be without a copy. E-mail: flyleaf@indigo.ie Website: www.flyleaf.ie

LEWIS' DUBLIN – A Topographical Dictionary of the Parishes, Towns & Villages of Dublin City and County.

ISBN 1-898256-95-0 Ir£11.99 (paperback) published in May 2001 by The Collins Press, West Link Park, Doughcloyne, Wilton, Cork. Compiled by **Christopher Ryan**, this 260 page publication is a must for genealogists and family historians with links in the City or County of Dublin. First published in 1837 and covering the entire country, Samuel Lewis created a sensation with his "Topographical Dictionary of Ireland" with its description of 3,255 places throughout the island of Ireland. This original two volume set is now rare and even the reprinted version is quite expensive and out of the reach of many researchers. Therefore, this initiative launched by The Collins Press to publish Lewis' County by County is both welcome and indeed, timely with the increase in the popularity of family and local history in Ireland and amongst her Diaspora throughout the world. The volume for Dublin contains information on over 120 places ranging from the most significant to the virtually obscure and possibly, forgotten place-names of the County. In each section, Lewis gives a description of the area, its size, geography, history and lists the eminent persons resident in their various "seats". Institutions in the City are described in chapters i.e. free schools, libraries, surgical & medical institutions, the fine arts, theatres, clubs and musical societies etc. The chapters on the various charitable trusts dealing with lunatics, deserted children, orphans and other such unfortunates is as much a testament to the early care afforded to such persons as to constituting a powerful social commentary on the period. The description of certain buildings, especially those unchanged, is fascinating. Take St. Andrew's Church, Westland Row, Dublin, begun in 1832 and finished five years later. The "tabernacle is in imitation of the triumphal arch of Titus in Rome, and is surmounted by a group in white Italian marble, by Hogan, representing the Ascension" and then Lewis described the rest of this magnificent Dublin Church. Unfortunately the original maps were not reproduced in this publication, however, with such detail provided by Lewis, the reader need only consult any 19th century map of the County to fully appreciate this fine publication. Congratulations to Chris Ryan. Info:- www.collinspress.com

ONE-NAME NOTES

With the formation of the Society's **Chapter for One Name-Studies**, it was decided to devote space to the subject in "The Genie Gazette". This will keep each Member of the Chapter in touch and permit research ideas and methods to be discussed. Members of the Chapter (MCONS) will have further opportunities to exchange views and research tips at quarterly meetings, the **Chapter needs a**

Newsletter Editor to receive and provide items for "The Genie Gazette" on a monthly basis. A volunteer is now sought. If you're interested contact Michael Merrigan on E-mail: GenSocIreland@iol.ie – by the way, the Chapter's Newsletter Editor (CNE) will require Internet and E-mail accessibility. In the meantime are some points raised.

Harry Farrell, Farrell Clan, Park Rd, Longford, Co. Longford. Wrote:- I read the in the Clans of Ireland information sheet and believe that you are proposing something that the **FARRELL CLAN** would like to endorse. We certainly would like to be included in the One-Name Studies. For many years now I have been compiling genealogical information mainly on Farrell and it's available free on <http://ourworld.cs.com/TheFarrellClan>

Patrick Larkin, E-mail:- patrick@larkin.org Wrote:- I am most interested in the concept of the one-name study group. I myself am studying the **LARKIN** name; and have my Website at www.patrick.larkin.org

Clarke Glennon, 519 Baird Road, Merion Station, PA 19066, USA E-mail:- glenneil@bellatlantic.net Wrote:- I saw your article on page 34 of the Second Quarter 2001, Irish Roots magazine. I am researching my **GLENNON** family history. I have researched my personal family and traced them as far back as existing records permit, to the marriage of John Glennon and Ellen Roan/Rowan in the Catholic parish of Glinsk, Ballinakill civil parish, Ballymoe Barony, Co. Galway in 1845. These are my great great grandparents. This couple has more than 600 descendants in the United States. I have shifted my focus to the history of the Glennon name. I have delved into a number of published and manuscript sources and have found some interesting information. I have started a Glennon Y-DNA project. So far, I have 12 men named Glennon who are having their Y-DNA tested. We have very preliminary results at this point, but what we have is very interesting and very promising. I am still actively recruiting for this study. Are you familiar with the use of Y-DNA in genealogy? Is this included in what the GSI means by a "one name study?" I am very interested in the concept.

TIPPERARY NAMES

The following piece on the name verses from the Glen of Aherlow, was submitted by Mary Barrington, MGSi, to show the lore associated with the local surnames of that area of Co. Tipperary.

Here's again the Ryans, the Reardons and the Maseys,

John Snuffbox and Dan Brien,

And by Jingo, all the Faheys.

There's Keily Jule and Kiely Gruel,

And Kiely from Corr na Binne,

They're out all night

On rocky height,

Stealing sheep from Billy the Grinner.

There's Lonergan, Liathan, Lee and Lahan,

Against Kennedy, Ballarat, O'Neill and Fahey

YOUR AUGUST GENIE UP-DATES

"WILL YOUR SOCIETY WELL" Making a Will is necessary for all with property, or so the good legal advice goes, however, have you made any provision for your research? "Will Your Society Well" was the plea by the Society, since its foundation, to members and friends encouraging them to make provision for their own genealogical, heraldic, historical books, files and papers in their Will & Last Testament. Donating such items to the Society ensured their preservation for future generations, however, should provision already exist for such items, providing for the Society financially through a small legacy to one or other of our Funds would greatly assist the Society in its work.

CEMETERY PROJECT The Society's Cemetery Project Officer, Barry O'Connor FGSi, invites members to register as volunteers to place on computer disc the transcriptions of various graveyards in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown. Please contact Barry on e-mail btoc@esatclear.ie or the Hon. Secretary (address below). The fifth volume of the Memorials of Dean's Grange Cemetery (West Section) will be out for the Annual General Meeting or possibly before. The second volume of the Memorials of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown is well on the way according to Barry O'Connor – Cemetery Project Officer. This volume will contain more of the smaller graveyards in the County and is a valuable addition to the information already available in our publications.

FOURTH CONGRESS The 4th Irish Genealogical Congress will be held between the 17th and 23rd of September 2001 in Trinity College Dublin. Early booking is advisable. Contact the Irish Genealogical Congress, c/o National Archives of Ireland, Bishop Street, Dublin 8, Ireland or via the Website: <http://indigo.ie/~irishgc> for details. The Society will have a stand at the conference. Volunteers for the GSI stand contact Róisín Lafferty, PRO, Tel: 01.280 0894 to receive further info. please.

ANCIENT PLACES – SACRED SPACES The staff of the Dún Laoghaire Public Library Services are hosting an exhibition of photographs of the built heritage of the area of Dublin now comprising the County of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown. The exhibition is being held in the concourse of the County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire until the 25th of August. Monday-Thursday 10.00hrs-16.30hrs Friday & Saturday 10.00hrs-16.00hrs

MARTELLO TOWER The GSI Board would like to, once again, assure Members that newspaper reports that the Society has plans to demolish or relocate the bathing shelter abutting the Martello Tower at Seapoint, Co. Dublin are completely unfounded. No such plans ever existed. The Society's plans concern the Tower itself and cover restoration and refurbishment of the Martello Tower to house the Society's Archive. Last month, further

information on the restoration project was requested by the Planning Department and was provided by the Society's Architect, Mr. Seán Gaynor. Decision on the Planning Application should be forthcoming next month.

CIVIL REGISTRATION – A Little Reminder.

The GSI's submission on the Irish Government's consultation document "Bringing Civil Registration into the 21st Century" is published on the Society's Website as is the earlier "Regional & North/South Proposal on the Records of the General Register Office, Dublin". Checkout these documents prepared by the Society. Indeed, the Society's proposals on the GRO and its stance on the discussion document is supported by all genealogists who are seeking greater public accessibility to our genealogical heritage.

SOCIETY ARCHIVE The Society Archivist, Frieda Carroll, wishes to thank the MacManus Clan Assoc. and the Geoghegan Clan Assoc. for the donation of copies of their newsletters to the Society's Archive. Frieda encourages Members to donate Local History publications, maps, school/college yearbooks, biographies and other publications of genealogical material to the Society's Archive. Have you lodged your Birth Brief as yet?

HERITAGE WEEK Introductory talk on tracing your family history and the world of genealogy will be hosted by the Sallynoggin Branch of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Public Library Service at the Library on Pearse Street, Sallynoggin, at 19.00hrs on Thursday 6th September 2001. Free. Info: Carmel Kelly, Tel: 285 0127.

QUERIES RECEIVED

ARTHUR BULLEN, "The Coogee View", 1005/56 Carr Street, Coogee, NSW 2034, Australia. Write:- Seeking information on the following: Richard Bowles of Fermanagh – died circa 1840; Archibald McGahay and his daughter Rebecca McGahey. Daughter born 11th June 1826 in Ballinamallard, Co. Tyrone. She married in Paisley, Scotland on 19th April 1850. Any further info. much appreciated.

SUSANAH EASBY, 55, Ingleton Road, Stockton on Tees, Cleveland, TS19 8EE. Write: Seeking information on the **Flanagan** and **Kelly** families of the Armagh area. Also, the **Holohan** families of Waterford. Any info. or connections most welcome.

RAY McNALLY, E-mail: rott_val@hotmail.com Write:- Can anyone there could tell me how to go about obtaining an **arrest / prison record** for my G. Grandfather. He was arrested probably in County Mayo, Ireland, between 1902 and 1909. Poss. some sort of protest, uprising, revolution or something. Poss. served a 7 year term The 1920 census says he (and his wife) arrived in 1901. His Naturalization papers state arrived in 1909 also says his 1st child was born in Ma. in 1903. Any info much appreciated.

WALLY BROOKS, E-mail: walter@wbrooks.fslife.co.uk Write:- What I am doing is going through all my names from the time of arrival in Liverpool, (1850's onward) and listing all of surnames below when born, married and died in Liverpool up to 1970, which is as far as I can go at present. I have started with my own surname from 1866 when my Gt. Grandfather, who married in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin in 1864 and had my Grandfather there in 1865, moved to Liverpool. My

names are:- Barry; Brooks; Byrne; **Code; Joyce; Mooney; Mallett (Mellett; Millett)**. Any one with an interest in any of these surnames please.

C. R. BRASH, Bindon Cottage, Headley Down, Hampshire, GU35 8JU, England. Write:- I am research one of my ancestors who was married in Ireland on the 10th February 1839 in St. Munchin's Parish, Limerick. He was James **Brash** and his wife was Mary **Kelly**. Looking for a copy of the entry in the Parish Register for my research. Anyone able to assist in the Limerick area please?

DELICE AIRD from New South Wales in Australia. E-mail: delray3@bigpond.com.au Write:- I am trying to find the meaning and origin of my surname **AIRD**. If you have any information or addresses of web pages etc., I would be very grateful.

DELORES GEORGE, E-mail: dgeorge@portup.com Write:- I am looking for info. on Thomas **Downey** last name may have been spelled Donis or Danis Born 1880 in Ireland Also Dalphus **DeRoche** born 1849 in Ireland. Migrated to Canada before 1867. These would be my Great Grandfather and Great Uncle I think. My Grandparents migrated to Michigan in the USA in the late 1800's. Any siblings and the names and birth dates. We have traced them back this far but there is no further info. in the files in Canada. I would appreciate any information.

CLARA MCCRORY LUNA E-mail: Benandclara@cs.com Write:- I have relatives who came to the U.S. in 1776. They are Thomas **McCroory** B 1735, married Hannah **Crawford** B 1737. They had six children: five boys and one daughter. They settled in Mecklenberg County NC. The father and four of his sons served in the Revolutionary War. Seeking any information about the parents of Thomas **McCroory** and Hannah **Crawford**? I have that all these **McCroorys** were born in Largo Antrim Ireland. I have found there is no Largo; it is apparently Lame and it was somehow changed to Largo. Any info. please.

BOB JOHNSON, E-mail: bobnan@telusplanet.net Write: Further to my query in the July issue, I have just a bit more information about George Johnston. According to his immigration papers, his dad's name was also George **Johnston**. His marriage to Eliza **Irwin** took place Thursday March 15th, 1849 in Enniskillen. His birth year of 1818 may not be accurate but he was born in Enniskillen. They had at least two children born in Enniskillen as well. Since he was a carpenter and several of the descendants were carpenters, I suspect that his father was as well. I am sure there were many George Johnston's that were carpenters in Enniskillen. Thanks.

BERNARD A. BISHOP of Oklahoma City, USA. E-mail: BABPAB1@aol.com Write:- I have been searching for information on my gr-gr grandfather, John **McGinley**. He resided in Co. Donegal Ire. and was born abt. 1799. I have info. on three of his children who came to America in the 1840's, leaving, we think two other brothers and their family in Ireland. The son's (incl. my gr. grandfather, (Patrick) was born in Dublin Apr. 18, 1825; Andrew Bernard, b. Dublin in 1828; Hugh, b. Dublin, date unknown. Charles, and John, both dob unknown remained in Ireland. Any info. greatly appreciated.

JOAN SHERIDAN, E-mail: joansher@iinet.net.au Write:- I would like to find the apprenticeship records for Patrick **Kennedy** a shoemaker. He was b.c. 1830 Ireland. Patrick came to Australia per "Houghly" in 1856. Anxious to discover his parents and birth details. Any assistance please.

MARK WEEGER, E-mail: theweegg@aol.com Write:- Looking for help finding ancestor Michael **Drew** baptised 1-21-1880 Pro-Cathedral. Any tips?

V. HOSKINSON, E-mail: vhoskinson@ourtownusa.net Write:- I am seeking to know what county my great-grandfather came from in Ireland. Don't know when he came to the USA. I believe he married Ellen **Dunlap** in Ireland. They had nine children, one was my grandfather, Edward Charles **Shannon**. Birth and/or marriage records please. He was 45 years old in 1880 in the census in the county of Fairbank, in Buchanan, Iowa. I appreciate any help as my daughter is soon to visit Ireland & like to see where he was born and lived.

A. J. HAUGHTON, 83, St. Edmund's Drive, Stanmore, Middlesex, HA7 2AT, England. Write:- Seeking information a James **Hosfield**, my grandfather, who was a retired GPO postman and lived in Dublin. He married Lucy **Franks** and lived in Dundalk where my mother was born in 1910. They moved to no. 16, **Tivoli Terrace, Kingstown** (now Dún Laoghaire) where my aunt was born in 1913. Possibly married in 1905. Birth, Marriage and Death of James **Horsfield**. Any assistance much appreciated.

RUBY ANN MIRACLE, E-mail: midnite_angel@angelfire.com Write:- I am trying to track down my mother's family. We have gone as far back as her great x 5 grandfather, Jeremiah Darby **Handlon**. He was born in Dublin in 1765. He was married to Mary Young. We know that he came to the US sometime before his death in 1832. I am assisting my 11 year old in this genealogy project. Any help appreciated. Ruby Miracle, 1100 Brandon Lane, Austin, Indiana, USA 47102

LAURIE KENNEDY from Adelaide South Australia, E-mail: (with Editor) Write:- I have been trying to find the marriage of John **Kennedy** and Ellen **Morrissey** from Dublin or County Dublin. Arrived in South Australia in 1855 with a child called Mary, so I suspect married in 1850-1854. Any info. **JOSEPHINE FAHEY**, Old Post Office, 713, Linburn Lane, Cooyal via Mudgee, NSW, 2850, Australia. Write:- Seeking information on the **Fahey family** of Co. Roscommon circa 1880/90. My husband's father came from Elphin and we know little of his ancestry. Any links or info. appreciated.

RICHARD CORCORAN, 4, Queensgate St., Hull, East Yorkshire, HU3 2TT, England. Write:- Seeking information on Patrick **Corcoran**, poss. born Dublin circa 1900. He served in the British Army in WW1 and was medically discharged in 1917. Married Mary **McLean** from Donegal and settled there where the couple had eight children (6 boys & 2 girls). He had a sister Bridie (Brigid), a brother Richard and another that may have been a twin. Richard was possibly a Dublin Taxi-man. Patrick Corcoran died in 1939. His eldest daughter, Nora, married a man called Joseph Kelly and lived in Dublin. Any information please on this family or connections most appreciated.

DR. J. W. GRAVES-MORRIS, 24, Turnpike, Stamford Peverell, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 7BN, England. Write: Seeking information on his grandfather who was born in 1852 and christened **William Graves Morris** and insisted that the "Graves" name be perpetuated in the family, however, no evidence has been uncovered to link this family with anybody of the name Graves. There is a possibility in a lady named Cecilia who was born in Dublin on the 12th April 1787 – could this be **Cecilia Graves**? I have now produced a tree back to 1788, however, with no Graves remotely connected. Any suggestions please?

Editor's note: There is an entry for a Margaret Graves of 33, George's Quay, Dublin – a Ships' Chandler, in the "Directory of Merchants & Traders of Dublin in 1798" published by this Society. Also, in this publication there is one Nicholas Morris of 15, George's Quay, Dublin – yet another Ships' Chandler. Could this be a connection?