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INTERNATIONAL BRITISH-IRISH UNIVERSITY

Society's Proposal Adopted by Welsh & Irish Delegates

The Society was one of only two national organisations invited to make presentations to the meeting of the **Holyhead Dún Laoghaire Link Organisation** held in the County Hall, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin on Monday 3rd September 2001. This important international meeting, attended by delegates from both sides of the Irish Sea, also heard a presentation by Mr. Réamann Ó Baoil of **Foras na Gaeilge** – the all-Ireland body for the promotion of the Irish language.

Ireland, Wales & the EU

With over forty delegates in attendance, including politicians from Ireland and Wales, the meeting heard about the benefits to business, trade, culture, education and the voluntary/community sectors of developing links between regions of the European Union. Mr. Paul O’Keeffe of Inter-Reg. Ireland outlined the various options under the new Inter-Reg. III Programme under consideration by the European Commission.

GSI Presentation

Following a presentation by the Genealogical Society of Ireland, the meeting warmly endorsed a proposal by Mr. Michael Merrigan, Hon. Secretary of the Society, which was seconded by Cllr. William John Chorlton of Anglesey County Council, for the establishment of the International British-Irish University at Holyhead, North Wales.

British-Irish Agreement

It is proposed that the IBIU would be established under the British-Irish Agreement signed at Belfast on April 10th 1998 (Strand Three, Sections 5 & 10) and

would therefore, seek to receive legislative backing from Westminster and Dublin. The university would cater for the growing demand for British-Irish Studies, Celtic Studies, Inter-Regional Development Studies, Genealogy & Heraldic Studies and Maritime Resources & Transportation Studies and associated disciplines.

Relationship Within These Islands

In fighting Holyhead’s “dual-peripherality” – on the island of Great Britain and within Wales, the IBIU proposal would provide the Holyhead region with the type of economic security and benefits of a large industrial plant, however, without the risk of its removal to the Far East. Since the signing of the Belfast Agreement, the proposal says, that Holyhead is central to all the relationships within these islands and indeed, it is almost equidistant from each nation and region.

International Charter

With both sovereign governments providing the legislative basis for its establishment through an international charter, and with aid from the European Union, this International British-Irish University at Holyhead would serve populations on both sides of the Irish Sea.

IBIU Campaign Launched

With the adoption of the Genealogical Society’s proposal, the Link Organisation launches a campaign on both sides of the Irish Sea to have the IBIU supported by the two governments, the National Assembly of Wales and the European Union. The establishment of the IBIU will, it is proposed by the Society:- utterly

transform the economic and social future for the people of Holyhead; provide an impetus for the development of businesses and services; provide lasting and quality employment; provide a basis for ITC and R&D facilities to be established in the locality; secure a future for the passenger link between Holyhead and Dún Laoghaire. This view was endorsed by Mr. Arwel Roberts, Mayor of Holyhead, who will seek the support of the Holyhead Town Council for the IBIU proposal adopted by the meeting.

GSI Invited to Wales

The Leader of the Labour Group on Anglesey County Council, Cllr. William John Chorlton invited the Society to meet with officials in Wales to further this proposal, whilst, the Westminster MP for Anglesey, Mr. Albert Owen, MP will be raising the matter with the British Ministers in London. The IBIU proposal will be raised in the Welsh capital, Cardiff, by the Members of the National Assembly of Wales, Mr. Ieuan Wyn Jones and Mr. Peter Rogers, both of whom, also attended this meeting.

East/West Dimension

Given the new dispensation afforded by the Good Friday Agreement of 1998, the IBIU would be a tangible expression of the east/west dimension complementing the Irish north/south framework and institutions. Holyhead at the centre of the Celtic World would become the symbolic centre of the totality of the relationships, culture, history and heritage of the peoples on the islands of Great Britain and Ireland.

Further info: Holyhead-Dún Laoghaire Link,
1, Northumberland Avenue,
Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland

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

DIARY DATES**EVENING MEETINGS****Monday 10th Sept. 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 McCarthy,**Topic: "Heraldry & the Hierarchy – a hunt through history"***Monday 8th Oct. 2001****ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Venue: as above

20.00hrs – 22.00hrs

*Speaker: Gregory O'Connor**Topic: "Court Archives at the NAI"***MORNING MEETINGS**Wednesday Sept. 26th & Oct. 24th 2001

Morning Open Meeting 10.30hrs

The Port View Hotel, Marine Road,

Dún Laoghaire.

Discussion Group on Family History

IRISH LOCAL ARCHIVES

The enactment of the *Local Government Act, 2001* by the Irish Government in July outlines the responsibilities of Local Authorities in Ireland in respect of archival material in their possession. This Act, under Section 80 (5) replaces Section 13 the *National Archives Act, 1986* in relation to records held by local authorities. The Local Government Act, 2001, says it is the function of a local authority to make arrangements for the proper management, custody, care and conservation of local records and archives and to make arrangements for their inspection by the public. This material, as defined by Section 80 of the Act, covers such records and documents (including copies) held by any local archive service operated by the local authority; archival material acquired by the local authority and any other local records which are more than 30 years old with certain exceptions. Indeed, for the purpose of the Act, "*local records*" are defined as, including books, maps, plans, drawings, papers, files, photographs, films, microfilms and other micrographic records, sound recordings, pictorial records, magnetic tapes and discs, optical or video discs, other machine-readable records, other documentary or processed material made or received, and held in the course of the business of the local authority. Excluded from this classification are any grants, deeds or other documents of title relating to the properties vested in the local authority or any part of a permanent collection of a museum, library or gallery. The local authority may acquire records by purchase, donation, bequest or loan etc. and undertake the care and conservation of archival material of local interest in the possession of other bodies. The Minister in consultation with the Director of the National Archives in Dublin sets the guidelines for these duties. This

includes the circumstances in which certain records may be withheld from public inspection; the lending of local archives to appropriate institutions and societies and in the preparation of guides, lists, indexes and finding aids. Of particular interest to researchers is Section 80 (8) of the Act, whereby, copyright would not be infringed by the making or supplying of reproductions by or under the direction of the local authority of archives held in accordance with the Act and which are open for public inspection. There could be some copyright restriction in respect of material acquired by the local authority due to the terms applying to such acquisition.

NEW PUBLICATION

"Irish Genealogical Sources No. 26 – Families of Newlands, Co. Dublin – A Genealogical Study" by Eamonn Dowling. ISBN 1 898471 96 7 Price Ir£4.00 (€5.00) with p+p IRL/UK Ir£1.00 (€1.27) & elsewhere Ir£3.00 (€3.80). The latest in the IGS Series is an excellent work by **Eamonn Dowling** on the families associated with the Newlands Demesne near Clondalkin, Co. Dublin. Starting from the 16th century, a period of turmoil, plantation and colonial consolidation in Ireland, he provides an insight into the Fitzsymon/Fitzsimon, Stanyhurst, Cole, Kilwarden, Ussher, Molyneux, Jacob and O'Brien families, amongst many others. It's basically their story, their place in Irish history and the development of the demesne that is now the **Newlands Golf Club** in County Dublin. Eamonn provides family trees for each generation of the relevant families making it easier for the reader to understand the various family connections etc. This publication and others by the Society are available via the Society's Website or by mail from the Hon. Secretary at the address below.

QUERIES

JAMES BUSHART, E-mail:- Topasz1@aol.com Wrote:- My great grandfather was **James Dubler**, he married **Laura Greene** or **Green**. My great grandfather as I was told, was from Dublin or was born there, in the eighteen hundreds, sure would be good to find my family if any that still live there and find out if all of what I was told is factual. I hope so, Thank you.

JACK LINTHICUM, E-mail:- jlinthicum@erols.com Wrote:- Do you have any members who could research the Linscombe family in the Borough of **Clonakilty** in the 17th Century? I am looking for births, marriages, deaths from 1600 to 1642. Mailing address:- 3141 North Thomas Street, Arlington, VA 22207, USA

PADDY KEELAGHAN, E-mail:- PadyEKeelahan@netscape.net Wrote:- I was wondering if u could possibly help me in my search for identifying where the name **Keelaghan** comes from. That is with two E's. Through my endeavors I know that my father was born and brought up in southern Ireland and was schooled at **Terenure College** in Dublin and played rugby for **Leinster** his name was **Edward Kevin Keelaghan**. The previous generation was **Dr. Rex Keelaghan** his passion lay in boxing. Then stepping back to the next generation his father was **Edward Keelaghan** who was born in 1871 in **Monghan**. This sadly is where my search has so far ended. I did try Irish Family Record although I don't

know if that could be the same **Edward Keelaghan**, that is my Great grandfather. The name could have changed in spelling over the years although I have know real way of knowing. I hope that you can help.

CHERYL CUROLE, E-mail:- dcurole@bellsouth.net Wrote:- Seeking info. on **Edward Orr**. One family story stated that **Edward** was a ship's cabinet maker who may have been born in **Belfast** or **County Cork** and sailed from **Cork** or **Belfast**. I don't even know if this is true. Anyone research the name **Orr**? Any help appreciated.

DONNA L HARGER, E-mail:- LuHarger@aol.com Wrote: I am looking for anything you might have on the **Cade** family. My grt grt grandfather came to **America** before 1812. He came here to fight in the **War of 1812**. His name was **Thomas Elby Cade**, or, **Kaid** or **McCade** or **McKaid**. We are not sure if the spelling was changed or not. He may have come here with his wife **Pheobe Smith** and one or two children. Not sure of names. Any help greatly appreciated.

KATHLEEN RYAN, W9496 E. 10th Avenue, Antigo, WI 54409, USA, E-mail:- rvantigo@neworth.net Wrote:- I would appreciate any advice that you can give me regarding genealogy research of my gr-grandmother. The information that I have is: **Bridget Murray** or **Morey**, born about 1808, **Mount Rice**, **County Kildare**. She married **John Kelly**, had 3 children: **Patrick**, **John** & **Eliza Kelly**. They emigrated to the **US**. She then married **John Dunn** between 1839 and 1842. I am assuming that **Mr. Kelly** died. Am not sure if the children were born in **Ireland** or **U.S**. Where could I find record of her birth? Is there a church in or near **Mount Rice** (near **Monasterevin**) that might have baptism and/or marriage records? We will be visiting **County Kildare** the end of **September**. Any help much appreciated.

BERNARD A. BISHOP, E-mail:- babpab1@AOL.COM Wrote:- I am trying to locate my ancestors, **John McGinley**, born & died in **Dublin**. Born ab. 1799; d. unknown. He had five boys we know of, three came to **America** in the 1840's. Those to **America** were **Patrick**, **Charles** and **Andrew Bernard** leaving **Hugh** and **John** in **Ireland**. Info. on parents, **John**, wife unknown. Greatly appreciated.

DON HUTTON, E-mail:- adhutton@chch.planet.org.nz Wrote:- My great grandmother **Marion Craig** nee **Hay** b.1833 in **Kirkcudbright**, **Scotland**, was married for a second time to **William McLintock**, a **Sergeant** in the **Royal Engineers**, **British Army** in **Dublin** on **9 August 1866** (Ref. Birth Cert of son **William McLintock** b.1870 in **Glasgow Scotland**). I wish to find out if the wedding was officially recorded in **Dublin** on **Civil Records** and how do I go about obtaining a copy please.

MICHAEL WROE, 15, Haybridge Avenue, Hagley, Worcs., DY8 2XG, England. Wrote:- I have discovered a record in **Co. Kildare** of a marriage between **John Roe** & **Catherine Kelly** in 1789. I understand that the family moved to **Dublin**. One of their children was **Michael Roe/Row/Rowe** who was born in 1796/1802. Any help much appreciated.

SUSAN WILLIAMSON, E-mail:- SusanRLW@pacbell.net Wrote:- Do you, by any chance, have people who will do **GRO** searches, and if so, what is the fee structure? *Editor*:- As the **GSI** has no such service, is there anyone who would like to assist **Susan** - please contact her directly. **MARGARET MURRAY**, 14, White Hart Court, North parade, Horsham, W. Sussex RH12 2DG, England. Wrote:- I am seeking information on my father-in-law **John Murray** b.1904/1905 in **Dublin**. Also his brother **Christopher Murray**, dob unknown but likely to be around the turn of the 19th/20thC. We have traced details of their sister **Mary Jane Murray** so know their parents were **Richard Murray** & **Mary McLoughlin** and they lived

in the Summerhill area. John died 1935 aged 30 but can find no record of his birth. Only just heard about Christopher & would love to know more. Any info.?

CELINE DOWNES, E-mail:- cedow432@home.com Wrote:- My Father-in-Law was Christopher Downes and lived in Summerhill in Meath Co. He was born in 1890. His parents were John Downes and Rose Ann Mooney. I am trying to locate births, marriages and deaths of his brothers and sisters and also the dates for his parents.

BARBARA CLARK, E-mail:- bardoclarck@home.com Wrote:- For the past few years I have been researching a great grandmother who was born in Co Tyrone in 1788. she married 1st, an unknown man, perhaps John Scott who as family tradition tells, took her to Egypt about 1807/8 where he was killed and "she escaped back across the Mediterranean and returned to Ireland". I have no idea what would take them there. Any hints?

CHRISTY N. ARMSTRONG, E-mail:- armstrong_christy@yahoo.com Wrote:- I am looking for any and all information regarding the family name of Mullahy. I do know that my ancestors were Roman Catholic, and located somewhere in the southeast part of Ireland. Any helpful hints on finding my family that would be great. In my family there is only one male left with the Mullahy last name.

LEN WOOD, E-mail:- leewood@bigpond.com Wrote:- Looking for information on my wife's grandmother born Raheen about 1873. Her name was Ellen Sullivan. Would you let me know who in that area could help me. I believe that there Sullivans or ConSullivan still in that area. Thank you.

JAMES JAY ROSE (Quackieduck2@aol.com) Wrote:- Has anyone information on Harold Thomas Warner, DOB 1875 died in USA 1929. He was a blacksmith. Any help much appreciated.

MAUREEN EYRES, 31, Elizabeth Road, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO7 7LZ, England. Wrote:- Seeking information on Charles Hamilton McGlinchey who was born in Dublin circa 1858. His father was John M. McGlinchey. He was married to a Mary O'Keefee from Cork, however, the met and married in Meerut in India on the 9th May 1881. Charles at the time was a Farmer Sergt. In the 1st Dragon Guards of the British Army. Mary's Parents were Timothy & Margaret O'Keefee. Any info. pls.

DOROTHY CALLEN AUTIN, E-mail:- dottie579@cs.com Wrote:- I am trying to get some information about Miles Joseph Kehoe, who married Catherine Ellen Purcell and came to America. Any family links or information much appreciated.

JIMMY ROACH, E-mail:- roachjop@africa.com Wrote:- I am trying to add to info on James Roach my ancestor in South Africa. Who can I contact to extend on the following information gathered: Born in county Tipperary town Tipperary of Parish Cordaning situate between Town Tipperary and Bansha town on 18 Nov. 1790. Father Lawrence Roach and mother Maria? was he married when he left for India as a Royal African Corps soldier? Any brothers or/and sisters. Any info. please.

YOUR SEPTEMBER GENIE UPDATES

NATIONAL ARCHIVES According to "The Irish Times" of Monday 3rd September 2001 the Department of Finance in Ireland has agreed in principle to develop a new building for the National Archives after a four-year delay. The report maintains that the Minister responsible for the National Archives, Ms Sile de Valera T.D., warned the Minister for Finance, Mr. Charlie McCreevy T.D., earlier this year that the failure to update the

unsuitable accommodation in Dublin would become a source of "acute political embarrassment to the Government". The National Archives building at Bishop Street, Dublin, was originally to be refurbished within a budget of Ir£13 million, following proposals by the Office of Public Works (OPW) in 1997, however, "a feasibility study by a design team in 1999 suggested the Bishop Street site be fully developed, with a new four-storey building, extra office space and enhanced storage facilities at an estimated cost of almost Ir£45.5 million" - "The Irish Times" reports. On May 24th last, according to information obtained by "The Irish Times" under the Irish Freedom of Information Act, the Department of Finance wrote to the OPW to say the Minister had agreed to pursue the development of the site to its full potential, subject to the exploration of a Public Private Partnership (PPP) approach. Work is now at an early stage to explore the potential of the Bishop Street site. Once the development begins, the National Archives will be moved to temporary accommodation. It is understood archivists employed by the National Archives, along with the design architects, will visit the British Museum and other facilities, to ensure the best design for the new building. For full article see www.ireland.com September 3rd 2001 issue.

SHORT BIOGRAPHIES Thank you to all those who have submitted their ancestors' stories, all of which will be published in forthcoming issues of the quarterly journal. Don't miss this opportunity to tell the stories of those brave Irish men and women who left these shores to seek a new life overseas. Checkout those published in the current issue of the Journal. It is your chance to make their achievements known in the country of their birth. The biographies must be unpublished and can be as short as you like but no longer than 2000 words 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 should be supplied if possible. Annette McDonnell, E-mail to mcdonnellanette@hotmail.com or 4, Kippure Ave., Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland.

WICKLOW HARBOUR Wicklow Town based Member, Mrs. Maeve Flannery, has drawn our attention to the recently published book on Wicklow Harbour. This is a very informative history of the development of the harbour and the town of Wicklow from its early history to the foundation of the Harbour Commissioners in 1851 and forward to the inception of the Wicklow Port Company in 2001. The authors, Jimmy Cleary and Andrew O'Brien, have expertly researched and very attractively presented this fascinating history with copious notes and footnotes for further research by the reader. Illustrated with maps, drawings and photographs, this publication is a treasure of maritime history and indeed, for the genealogist it's simply packed with names of people associated with Wicklow Harbour through the centuries.

"Wicklow Harbour - A History" ISBN 0-9541147-0-1 published by Wicklow Harbour Commissioners is available from Flannery's, 1, Summerhill, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow, Ireland. Price Ir£5.00 (plus p+p for Ireland/UK Ir£1.50 and elsewhere Ir£4.00 airmail)

NUNS REGISTER Work is continuing on this important project, however, Clare Malone, would welcome assistance from Irish based members, especially in the inputting of the records. Each record is tabulated with all the details required by a genealogist. The Register will be a very valuable resource for genealogists researching their Irish ancestry as details of parents and place of birth is recorded. Details of a nun in your family? Please send details to Clare Malone, Registrar, GSI Nuns' Register, 90, Parnell Road, Dublin 12, Ireland.

JOURNAL The Autumn issue of the Society's Quarterly Journal is now available price Ir£4.00 (€5.00) - copies available via the Website, directly from the Society at the address below or through the Genealogy Bookshop, 3, Nassau Street, Dublin 2 or Readers' Bookshop, Lower George's Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Postage rates from the Society are Ir£1.00 IRL/UK & elsewhere Ir£3.00 airmail. A full listing of the articles and features published in the August newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS Irish bases Members are reminded that the Annual Subscription renewals are normally paid at the Annual General Meeting in October, however, if can't attend the AGM please note that you may utilise the Society's Website. Just click on to the Website and go to "Membership" and using your Credit Card (MasterCard or Visa) payment of the Annual Subscription and the purchase of any of the Society's publications is easy. New Membership Cards - still carrying our "Mungovan Badge" will be issued by Annette McDonnell in due course. Payments by mail should be made directly to the Hon. Secretary at the address below.

FOURTH CONGRESS The 4th Irish Genealogical Congress will be held between the 17th and 23rd of September 2001 in Trinity College Dublin. The Society will have a stand. Volunteers for the GSI stand contact **Róisín Lafferty**, PRO, on Tel: 01. 280 0894

NORTH OF THE BORDER The Northern Ireland Representative of the Genealogical Society of Ireland is our Vice-President, **James Davidson**, 4, Priory Close, Lambeg, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland. James welcomes comments, news and suggestions from northern readers on genealogy, heraldry or social history in Northern Ireland.

COURSES IN GENEALOGY The Adult Education Office Programme of University College Dublin (UCD) has courses currently on offer at the Belfield and Blackrock Campuses are Genealogy/Family History: Module I, running from September 25th to December 11th 2001, and Genealogy/Family History: Module II, running from February 5th to April 23rd 2002. While being practically based and designed to assist participants to

trace their own ancestry, the courses also lay stress on principles and standards in genealogy and the importance of the academic or scholarly approach to the subject. Topics dealt with in Module I include principles of genealogy, place-names and surnames, record repositories, location and use of census, civil, valuation, church and other records, computers and the Internet, and preparation of documented pedigrees. Students who complete Module I then have the option of enrolling for Module II, and the topics covered will include more advanced research techniques, wills, deeds, memorial inscriptions, estate papers and other specialised sources, as well as introducing pre-1700 sources, heraldry and other disciplines allied to genealogy. For further info. apply to Adult Education Office, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4. Telephone 01-706 1234 or E-mail: adult.education@ucd.ie

SEPTEMBER BOOK REVIEWS

THE DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE – A Short History & Genealogical Guide by Jim Herlihy. ISBN 1-85182-462-6 (hardback) published by Four Courts Press, Dublin. 264 pp, Ir£39.38 €50.00. As the third work on policing in Ireland by the author this marks a milestone in the development of resources underpinning this important aspect of Irish history. Following on from his first book on policing "The Royal Irish Constabulary - A Short History & Genealogical Guide" ISBN 1-85182-343-3 published in 1997 (and now in its 3rd reprint), Jim has amassed a complete history of policing in Ireland up to and just after the foundation of the State. From the early days of the Dublin Watchmen to the establishment of the permanent Dublin Metropolitan Police in 1836 and onwards through its eighty-nine year history to its amalgamation with An Garda Síochána in 1925, this publication has a wealth of information on all aspects of policing. Dealing with the colonial structures for the governance of Ireland with the Lord Lieutenant, Chief Secretary and the Under Secretary, nearly every aspect of policing and security was controlled by London through officials at Dublin Castle. No wonder that the DMP was modelled on the earlier establishment of the London Metropolitan Police in 1829. The training and the eventual career of both rank and file of the force is examined in depth with some fascinating facts on all matters of discipline etc. Indeed, soon after the appointment of Signor Joseph Regazzoli of Milan, Italy, to head the DMP Band in 1874, the following instruction was issued by the Commissioner "in future the bandsmen of the DMP are not to wear beards as it is not becoming in men who wear caps.....as nothing looks so neat as a moustache only" – almost a line from Oscar Wilde! There is a fascinating account of the introduction of police vans due to the parading (transferring) of prisoners on a Sunday in 1838 which was

"considered a violation of public decency on Sundays". Other accounts of the police courts reported by the Freeman's Journal and other newspapers give a flavour of the day-to-day life of a DMP constable in the 19th century. Interestingly, that crime statistics, such a regular feature these days, were no less important at the beginning of the 20th century, with a report of 13,555 visits on public houses and 2,145 visits on spirit grocers and beer sellers resulting in 42 prosecutions in 1919 – up from 28 in 1918 for breaching the licensing laws. The provision of a "miscellaneous chronology" of the force provides facts like the introduction of the "ABC" telegraph in 1881 to Dublin Police Stations. The much debated and, as yet unsolved, mystery of the theft of the Irish "crown jewels" sometime between April 1904 and 1907 and the circumstances surrounding the Phoenix Park murders in 1882 of Cavendish and Burke are included in a thorough examination of the role of the "G Men". Almost immortalised by Neil Jordan's film "Michael Collins" the "G Men" or detective branch of the DMP are quite rightly afforded a chapter as a much misunderstood group in Irish history. Richly illustrated throughout with photographs and drawings, this publication has much to interest others besides the genealogist and police historian, the chapter on medals, insignia and decorations combines many research interests with details on recipients etc. Finally, the publication offers advice on the tracing of police ancestors. However, in this regard the companion publication is a must "The Dublin Metropolitan Police – A Complete Alphabetical List of Officers and Men, 1836-1925" ISBN 1-85182-601-7 price Ir£23.59 €29.95. With each of his publications to date, Jim has made details of 97,594 policemen available to researchers, indeed, given as each opens the door to families and their locations in Ireland, nearly a million individuals are accessible through the lives of the officers and men DMP and the RIC. Jim Herlihy and Four Courts Press www.four-courts-press.ie are to be commended on these fine publications.

FELLOWS OF THE SOCIETY

With this October 8th marking the 10th anniversary of the accession of the late O Conor Don to the presidency of the Society, a position he held until his death last year, the Board has decided to formally request the Fellows of the Society to elect a successor to Denis O Conor Don. In order to facilitate this election the board has established the "College of Fellows of the Genealogical Society of Ireland" in accordance with the Memorandum & Articles of Association of the Society. Presently there are just seven Fellows all formerly Trustees of the Society. The last Trustee was appointed on Thursday 4th September 1997 with previous appointments in 1992 and 1994 to join the four "founders" who became Trustees in 1990. On incorporation all Trustees were appointed Fellows of the

Genealogical Society of Ireland. With the establishment of the "College of Fellows" the Board facilitated the transfer of functions to the Fellows as a body, one of which, is the election of the President of the Society. In future the College of Fellows will administer an Annual Award scheme for Members of the Society to foster excellence in research, publishing and the promotion of the aims of the Society. It is expected that the Board will mark the establishment of the College of Fellows by further appointments of Members to the College of Fellows of the Genealogical Society of Ireland before the formal transfer of functions on Sept. 30th 2001

ONE NAME STUDIES – A Problem.

Mrs. Marie E Booth, 3, Durham Close, Fazeley, Tamworth, B78 3XX, England. E-mail: mariebooth@cs.com Wrote:- I have been carrying out a One-Name study of my mother's name Marnell, which is Anglo-Norman and found mostly in Counties Tipperary and Kilkenny, however, there a few in other parts of Ireland, England, USA and Australia – the majority emigrants from the two counties. My research has almost come to a full stop due to the closure of the records of the Dioceses of Cashel & Emly by Archbishop Clifford. My last visit to the National Library was a complete waste of time. Having, as I do, Marnell family trees and history dating back to the Anglo-Norman invasion of Ireland in the 12th century, I feel that my study is also an Irish One-Name Study. *Editor:-* Marie makes the very valid point that the closure of records by any diocese does a great disservice to the Catholic Church in Ireland as such is not the case overseas. The Society fully agree, with Marie and, though, the Tipperary Heritage Unit has the records for Cashel & Emly, this is not the public accessibility that is enshrined in the "Principle of Public Ownership & Right of Access" to their genealogical heritage adopted and advocated by this Society.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

I was disappointed that your article in the July issue of the *The Genie Gazette* made no reference to my suggestion that one way of relieving pressure on the G.R.O. would be for Roscommon to issue to Superintendent Registrars, and make available on C.D., the scans which they have done of the Quarterly Indexes. This could be done now, would be comparatively cheap, and of benefit to those who, because they live outside Dublin, cannot be expected to make frequent visits to either the National Library, the National Archives or the G.R.O. A.H.P. Crosbie, Director Cobh Genealogical Project. Merville, Cobh, Co, Cork, Ireland.

GALLAGHER JEWISH ANCESTORS

I was always told by my grandfather that we were descended from the Jews who were slaves on the Spanish Armada. Our name was Haiim Gallego and our ancestor was taken in by a Catholic Bishop in Killybegs, Co. Donegal, who took him for a fellow Catholic. Haiim, who became James Gallagher, knew enough about Catholicism as a Murrano to pass and so he did. Eventually he took a wife and became Irish. My Gallagher great-grandfather came to America in the 1840s. But this story has been repeated through the generations. Heard of anything like this, or is it pure fantasy? William Gallagher, PhD Please contact Stuart Rosenblatt, E-mail: masterc@medianet.ie who will be in contact with William Gallegher.