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## "CARING FOR OUR HERITAGE"

*Political Manifestos Prepared for the General Election*

Political parties here in the Republic are gearing themselves up for the General Election, manifestos are appearing, policies in formulation and promises in abundance from every quarter soon to be rattling on our doorsteps. Just the time for the genealogical community in Ireland to take stock as five years ago in February 1997, the present Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands, Ms. Síle de Valera, T.D., then Opposition Spokesperson, launched a position paper "Caring for Our Heritage". In this document Fianna Fáil recognised "the enormous interest that the wider Irish family have in tracing their ancestors and establishing a sense of "rootedness" in their native place". And that "it has also become clear however that the structures in place to deal with this interest and with the discipline of Genealogy in general are far from adequate." This position paper was published just one month before the National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997, was passed by Dáil Éireann. This piece of legislation concerns the governance of the National Library of Ireland, the National Museum of Ireland and the Genealogical Office, including the office of the Chief Herald of Ireland. During the passage of that Bill there was much acrimonious debate on the status and future role of the Chief Herald and the Genealogical Office. Unfortunately, following the passing of the Act in March 1997 little, if any, of its promised potential has been realised. On entering government later that year, Ms. de Valera became Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht & the Islands and thus, had the golden opportunity to put in action the policies contained in that document. Where did "Caring for Our Heritage" go and more specifically, what happened to her policies in relation to genealogy and the Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland? To be fair to the Minister, other parties have yet to produce policy documents in relation to heritage matters, including

genealogy and heraldry. But the production of policy documents is of little use without delivery. Could it be that genealogy the most available and important link to the Irish Diaspora that encourages many to visit our shores producing revenue for many sectors of our economy is not viewed as a resource by our politicians? With the provision of services to genealogists spread over a number of government departments and agencies, the need for a co-ordinated approach to the efficient delivery of service meeting the needs of the growing number of researchers is self evident. However, despite calls for action to provide a mechanism for co-ordinated planning nothing has happened and matters continue to deteriorate. In October 2000 this Society called for an Irish Genealogy & Heraldry Bill to be introduced to provide the legislative basis for defining, protecting and promoting our genealogical and heraldic heritage. In the main article in the October 2000 issue of this newsletter we stated that "this new Bill could clearly define our genealogical heritage, affirm its public ownership, establish a right of access to this heritage and provide for the establishment of two separate offices - Chief Herald of Ireland and Chief Genealogical Officer to be based at the National Library in Dublin. The Chief Herald's function, powers and modus operandi in the granting of Arms could be provided with a clear legislative framework not unlike the State Herald in the Republic of South Africa. Whilst, the Chief Genealogical Officer's function could concern the protection, promotion, standards, professional accreditation, service, acquisition, licensing, education, policy formulation and public accessibility to our genealogical heritage. He/She could advise the Directors of the various repositories holding genealogical information on the provision of public accessibility to same and maintain a register of such information held in State or private hands." The operation of the Office of the Chief Herald and the granting of Arms should have a sound legislative basis in a Republic

where the ancient rights and prerogatives of heralds are not protected as they may be in kingdoms. The Bill could address the registering of trademarks or logos, where the design is contained within a shield, and provide for this function to be conferred upon the Chief Herald. The article also touched on the thorny issue of the recognition of the hereditary chieftains in Ireland and sought to find a legislative way such recognition could comply with the Constitution as the embodiment of the nation's ancient genealogical heritage, not unlike the Japanese recognition of artists. The Bill could also establish two Standing Advisory Committees (Genealogy and Heraldry) to advise the two Officers and in doing so, provide statutory recognition for both the voluntary and the commercial sectors in Irish genealogy through membership of these committees. With all parties now brushing up their manifestos for the General Election, the Society would urge parties to give a commitment for the introduction of an "Irish Genealogy & Heraldry Bill" in the next Dáil to secure and develop this valuable heritage resource that is genealogy and heraldry.

### DIARY DATES

**Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup> 2002**

Evening Open Meeting, 20.00hrs  
**Dún Laoghaire College of Further  
Education**

**Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire**

Bus: 7, 7A, 46A, and 75.

DART Monkstown/Salthill Station.

Topic: Computerising Your Family History

**Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> 2002**

Venue as above

Annual General Meeting (resumed)

Speaker: David Sheehy

Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin Archives

**Weds. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> & Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> 2002**

Morning Open Meeting 10.30hrs

**The Port View Hotel, Marine Road,  
Dún Laoghaire**

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### PENNSYLVANIA IRISH HERITAGE MONTH

The Governor of the US state of Pennsylvania has agreed to a request by Irish heritage organisations in the state to proclaim March 2002 as "Irish Heritage Month". The Governor then issued an official proclamation as follows:- WHEREAS, Irish Americans have long enjoyed a rich and proud history throughout our Commonwealth and our nation; and WHEREAS, fleeing from the atrocities of poverty, famine and the political oppression of their beloved native land, Irish immigrants turned their hopeful eyes towards the promising shores of America; and WHEREAS, inspired by the irrepressible spirit of their patron saint, Saint Patrick, the Irish Americans dedicated themselves to the development of this nation and the establishment of their legacy upon its history; and WHEREAS, those of Irish descent have significantly contributed to the rich history, the cultural diversity and national identity of our country and we, as citizens and communities, must take time to fully recognise and appreciate these valuable contributions. THEREFORE, In special recognition of the importance of Irish Americans to the enrichment of all aspects of life in our communities, our Commonwealth and our nation, I, Mark S. Schweiker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 2002 as IRISH HERITAGE MONTH in Pennsylvania and encourage all citizens to recognise the significance of this observance. GIVEN, under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this fourth day of February in the year [Commonwealth Seal] of our Lord two thousand and two, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and twenty-sixth. MARK S. SCHWEIKER, Governor. Ed. Congratulations to all involved - it's a wonderful idea that should be emulated elsewhere amongst the Irish Diaspora.

### YOUR FEBRUARY GENIE REVIEWS

"Ireland and the Jacobite Cause, 1685-1766 - a fatal attachment" by ÉAMONN Ó CIARDHA Published: February 2002 by Four Courts Press, Fumbally Lane, Dublin 8, Ireland. ISBN: 1-85182-534-7 Price: €45/£32.50/\$50 hardback 524pp illustrated. This book offers the first analytic study of Irish Jacobitism in English, spanning the period between the succession of James II (1685) and the death of his son 'James III', 'the Old Pretender', in 1766. Two crucial features are the analysis of Irish Jacobite poetry in its wider 'British' and European contexts and the inclusion of the Irish Diaspora as a pivotal part of the Irish political 'nation'. Both Jacobites and anti-Jacobites were obsessed with the vicissitudes of eighteenth-century European politics, and the fluctuating fortunes of the Stuarts in international diplomacy. European high politics and recruitment for the Irish Brigades in France and Spain provide the dominant themes in the poems, letters, pamphlets and memoirs of Irish writers, at home and abroad. A close study of early-eighteenth century Irish politics questions both the 'shipwreck' of the Irish Catholic polity and the unassailed march of the Protestant 'nation'. Irish Protestant unease during successive Jacobite invasion scares and the imposition and

maintenance of the penal laws shows that they did not underestimate the potential of the Irish Jacobite challenge. The period between the outbreak of the War of the Austrian Succession (1739-49) and the end of the Seven Years' War (1763) witnessed a reinvigoration of Irish Jacobitism which permeated all levels of Irish society, at home and abroad. However, Britain's triumph in 1763 laid the basis for a new geopolitics, which hastened the demise of Jacobitism as a potent force in European high politics. It also permitted the emergence of a segment of Irish Catholic opinion willing to make a strategic accommodation with the House of Hanover. The period between 1760 and the 1790s witnessed a renewed battle for the hearts and minds of Irish Catholics between die-hard Jacobites and Hanoverian integrationists. This Jacobite twilight also witnessed the evolution from Jacobite to Jacobin politics. Jacobitism, by preventing the emergence of a fully-fledged Hanoverian royalism within the broader Catholic community was crucial to the ease with which democratic republicanism penetrated Irish society in the 1790s. Éamonn Ó Ciardha holds an MA from National University of Ireland and a PhD from Cambridge University. He has published articles in Irish and English on Jacobitism, law and disorder and the use of Irish-language sources in 17th- and 18th-century Ireland. He is currently engaged as a research assistant at Aberdeen University, preparing Irish chancery records for publication. Four Courts Press - Tel.: International + 353-1-453-4668 Fax: International + 353-1-453-4672 Web: <http://www.four-courts-press.ie> E-mail: [info@four-courts-press.ie](mailto:info@four-courts-press.ie)

### YOUR GENIE UPDATES...

SPRING JOURNAL The Spring 2002 issue of the Society's Quarterly Journal (Vol. 3 No. 1) will be out next month and, once again, the contents reflect a continued high standard of research by Members and friends of the Society. The articles include:- **Early Research into the Elmes Family** by Margaret Elmes; **Kenilworth Square, Rathgar, Dublin: Family Scraps** by Patricia Moorhead; **The Bridgmans of County Clare** by Shirley G. Straney; **Names from the Dublin Corporation Reports of 1908** by M. O'Reilly; **A Family of Little Importance** by Eamonn Dowling; **Patrick McMahon of Torrodile, Co. Limerick** by G.H. O'Reilly; **Vere Foster and the 'City of Mobile** by Brendan Hall; **Patrick Hanratty, Convict** by June Reeks; **Loughlinstown Workhouse in the 1840's** by Liam Clare; **My Cavan Connections** [poem] by Seán Mac Brádaigh, B.A.; **Murder Case in Wexford in 1824** by G.H. O'Reilly; **The British National Inventory of War Memorials** by James Scannell; **An Ulster Migration to Arklow 1597** by Seán Mac Brádaigh, B.A.; **Limerick Assizes, March 1815**. Copies of the journal are available via the Society's Website and from the

Genealogical Bookshop, 3, Nassau Street, Dublin 2. Price: €5.00 (Members €4.50).

**EAST BELFAST HISTORICAL SOCIETY** The Society was very pleased to welcome Mr. Charles Ludlow of the East Belfast Historical Society to our Morning Open Meeting on Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2002. Charles introduced our Members to the major internet venture "A Sense of Place" operated by BBC Northern Ireland. The project aims to collect short stories, anecdotes and knowledge of people and places around the six counties of Northern Ireland. Whether, written, spoken word, still or moving images all forms of media are accepted. Further information on the Website [www.bbc.co.uk/senseofplace](http://www.bbc.co.uk/senseofplace) or from the BBC, Broadcasting House, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HQ. Charles also donated to the Society's Archives a Prayer Book produced by the Mariners' Church, Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire) circa 1872 and once owned by Grace Caulfield - a gift from her mother.

**NUNS REGISTER** Have you family members who were born in Ireland and became nuns? If so, the Society is compiling a Register of Nuns of Irish origin and would welcome details of your family member. The details sought include, name, religious name, order, parent's names, place of birth, date of birth, entered order, date and place of death etc. and, if possible, a short biography of her life. Contact: **Clare Malone, MGSi**, Registrar, GSI Nuns Register, 90, Parnell Road, Dublin 12, Ireland. To date, Clare has collected and collated many thousands of names of Irish women who entered religious life and spent the rest of their lives outside Ireland in the realms of education, healthcare and the delivery of aid to the less fortunate around the world. Their lives may well be forgotten, except within their Orders and families, however, the wider Irish Diaspora can both assist and benefit from the "Nuns Project" organised by this Society. The collection and eventual publication of the Nuns' Register will greatly assist a wide range of researchers from genealogists, social historians to religious historians. If you feel that you would like to assist Clare - please drop her a line today.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY CLOSURE** The National Library of Ireland will be closed to the public each Thursday during the period January 17<sup>th</sup> 2002 to March 7<sup>th</sup> 2002, both days inclusive for staff training. The Director and staff apologise for any inconvenience caused to researchers, however, the measure is aimed at improving the service to the public at the National Library.

**EURO v PUNT** The introduction of Euro notes and coins on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2002 and the recall of Irish notes and coins has proved to be both smooth and successful. The Punt will no longer be legal tender in Ireland as and from February 9<sup>th</sup> 2002, however, visitors to Ireland with Punt notes need not fear as these will continue to be exchanged at the Central Bank for Euro notes. The Euro is now the official

currency in Finland, Germany, Austria, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Ireland, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece. Many of the smaller European states like the Vatican, Monaco, Andorra, San Marino and parts of the former Yugoslavia have also adopted the Euro. The United Kingdom, Denmark and Sweden are not, for the moment, adopting the Euro, though, it will be readily available through banks in those countries. The Society will be happy to advise Overseas Members on matters concerning the changeover to the Euro, however, you may like to checkout [www.euro.ie](http://www.euro.ie)

**PUBLICATIONS** Readers will be aware of the Society's extensive range of publications produced over the years, indeed, the Society can now claim to be Ireland's premier publisher of genealogical material. Production of many volumes has been made possible by the kind donations or sponsorship received from Members and friends of the Society. In order to continue to provide these "gems" of Irish genealogy, the Society must seek further assistance to publish more volumes in the Irish Genealogical Sources series. Why not consider sponsoring a publication in the memory of a loved-one or that special ancestor, or indeed, just for yourself and family? What better way of creating a lasting and valuable memorial. The Society's publications are lodged by the Society with the National Library of Ireland, Irish and British university libraries, the British Library and the National Libraries of Wales and Scotland. Also, in addition to many overseas and Irish sales, most genealogical societies with members having an interest in Irish ancestry purchase copies for their libraries. Yes, a truly international memorial is created by sponsoring a GSI publication – if you would like further details, please write to **Seán Kane, FGSI, Education Officer**, Genealogical Society of Ireland, 16, Tivoli Terrace East, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

**NEW VENUE** The Society has moved its Monthly Evening Meeting to the Lecture Hall at Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin and also, the day of the meeting has been changed from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month. Members are advised that parking is available at the college for those attending the meeting. Travelling by Dublin Bus from the City Centre – nos. 7, 7A and 46A all stop near the college and travelling by Dublin Bus from west of the City, no. 75 also stops near the college. Travelling by DART (rail) – the best station is Monkstown/Salthill approx. 8 minutes walk from the college.

**CONFERENCE XXVth International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences** will take place in Dublin from 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2002. The Congress is being organised by the Office of the Chief Herald under the direction of the Chief Herald of Ireland, **Mr. Brendan O'Donoghue**, and with the support of the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands, **Ms. Síle de Valera**,

**TD.** The Congress sessions will be held in Dublin Castle and there will be a programme of other events in Dublin and in Kilkenny. The theme of the Congress will be Genealogy and Heraldry: their Place and Practice in Changing Times. This is intended to encompass historical as well as modern practice. Topics might include genealogy and heraldry in the age of information technology, heraldry in republics like Ireland, Italy, France, USA and South Africa etc., women and heraldry – including female transmission of names and Arms and the use of cadency marks, accessibility of heraldic and genealogical records, heraldry and corporate symbols or "logos". If, in addition to attending the Congress, persons wishing to present a paper on the above theme at the Congress may attach a summary of the proposed paper with their application form. All proposals for Congress papers will be reviewed by a Committee to ascertain their relevance to the theme of the Congress etc. prior to their inclusion in the final programme. Application forms may be had from The Congress Secretary, Office of the Chief Herald, 2 Kildare Street, Dublin 2, Ireland. E-mail: [Hergen2002@nli.ie](mailto:Hergen2002@nli.ie)

**MARTELLO TOWER** The Board would like to advise all Members that the Planning Permission received from Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2001 for the restoration and refurbishment, by the Society, of the Martello Tower at Seapoint, Co. Dublin, has been appealed to An Bord Pleanála (The Planning Board). The Society's architect is preparing a submission for An Bord Pleanála in response to the appeal and a decision will be announced in due course.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES** For Overseas Members familiar with the US\$, at the time of writing, the current exchange rate of the Euro to the US\$ is circa .90 US cents, which, should make understanding the value of the Euro quite easy.. In accordance with Board Res. 01/09/86 from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2002 the annual Membership Fee for both Irish based and Overseas Members is €15.00 payable via the Website or directly to the Membership Officer who will issue a laminated Membership Card as receipt of payment.

**MEMBERS' DRAW** The following tickets have prizes waiting for them from the Members' Draw which **George H. O'Reilly, MGS** ran at the Morning & Evening Meetings before Christmas -numbers 53, 80, 88, 92 and 93. The prizes are with Frieda Carroll in the Society's Archive, 14, Rochestown Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin awaiting collection. If not collected by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2002, the items remaining will be placed in a Members' Draw in April.

**HENRY McCLINTOCK** We are pleased to advise that the *Journal of Henry McClintock*, as reviewed in the December 2001 issue of the Gazette, is available to readers of the Gazette at the special price of €44, a saving of €13.14 on the normal price, while stocks last. Postage and

packing is extra: €5.08 (Ireland), €7.62 (UK & Europe), €12.70 (rest of the world). The book may be ordered from: **Mr. Noël Ross, MGS**, 5 Oliver Plunkett Park, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

**EDITOR IGS SERIES** Mr. George H. O'Reilly, MA, MGS, FRSAI, is stepping down as Editor of the Irish Genealogical Sources series after producing twenty six volumes of the twenty seven in this series since 1997. He has made this series one of the most successful genealogical resources ever to be produced in Ireland. Indeed, with this series the Society became Ireland's premier publisher of genealogical material. In order to complete works in progress, George has agreed to produce a few more volumes before putting his feet up after a job very well done. The Board will soon be advertising for an Editor of this series to continue its service to the world of genealogy.

#### DONATION TO ARCHIVE

The Archivist, Frieda Carroll, would like to thank **Aidan B. Synnott, MGS** of 16, Tournville Lodge, Rathfarnham Village, Dublin 14, for his kind donation to the Archive of the first 4 volumes of the Irish Family History Society journal. These donations are much appreciated by the Members.

**ONE NAME STUDIES** The following members of the Chapter of One Name Studies would welcome information and contacts on the surnames that they are researching. If you have a link to any of the surnames – why not drop them a line?

**Jeremiah Langton, MGS**, 8 Palmerstown Drive, Palmerstown, Dublin 20 E-mail: [langlton@eircom.net](mailto:langlton@eircom.net) Would like if anyone worldwide or at home would share information on the surname **LANGTON**  
**Dr. Lorcán J. O'Flannery, MGS**, Flannery Clan, 81 Woodford Drive, Clondalkin, Dublin 22. E-mail: [oflannery@eircom.net](mailto:oflannery@eircom.net) Flannery and Flannelly (all spelling variants), all dates and all locations worldwide. Note: Free access to online database at [www.flanneryclan.ie](http://www.flanneryclan.ie)

#### QUERIES

**CATHERINE MCCOURT, MGS**, 9/17 Whyenbah Street, Hamilton, Brisbane, Australia 4007: E-Mail: [camcc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:camcc@optusnet.com.au) Wrote:- Does any reader know whether any registers of teachers in the Irish national system were held in the mid-1800s? I believe my great grandmother, Sarah Hickey, was such a teacher. She was born in 1844 in Ballymorris, County Clare and baptised at St John's Church, Cratloe, County Clare but I do not know of her whereabouts from then until she married in Australia in 1877. Her parent were Michael Hickey (farmer) and Margaret Coffee (ey) who married in Cratloe Church on 18<sup>th</sup> February 1840. Her sisters were Brigid (1840), Maria (1842) and Margaret (1847). Sarah's mother may have been widowed and moved to the nearby Brickhill West Townland by the mid-1850s. Does anyone know of this family?  
**PHYLLIS PONSONBY, MGS**, Mossfield House, Carnustianavaig, Braes, Isle of Skye, IV51 9LQ Scotland. E-mail address :- [phyllis-tominey@beeb.net](mailto:phyllis-tominey@beeb.net) Wrote:- Looking for the birth place of Peter Tomney (B) around 1823 (M) Sarah (McCloy?) also his brother's Manus (B) around 1816 (married Jane McFarlane in Scotland) John (B)

around 1800 who married Elizabeth Tomney (no relation) and their sister Mary who married a Thomas Hartley. Manus was in the 1851 Census in Lanarkshire Scotland. The parents are Matthew Tomney and Sarah Flannagan. I have been told that they may have come from Donegal. Matthew and John were both farmers. I would appreciate help in finding where these people were born and also the dates of death for Matthew and Sarah who were both dead by the year 1859.

**WINONAH KONDOLF, MGS** P.O.Box 456, Inverness, CA 94937, USA. My father's parents came from Ireland and I wish to enter queries for them. Charles Murphy; born in Mullarie, Co. Cork, about 1825, immigration information unknown but believed to have entered New York Port, went to Philadelphia area, later Virginia, North Carolina and died in Tennessee in 1891. He married Sarah Mitchel about 1868, surviving son, my father, Timothy Reuben Murphy. Charles' age given in 1880 census was 55. After retiring from railroad construction, Charles owned a store in NC. and then in Tenn. He and Sarah Mitchel were R. Sarah Mitchel; Born in Tipperary, about 1845, left to avoid arrest for teaching Gaelic, went to Philadelphia area to stay with an unmarried uncle who owned a theatre. Immigration date unknown, believed to have come through New York Port. Age in 1880 census was 35. Searches have found three Sarahs whose ages would be close to her age in 1880 in census. One Sarah, born 1850, in Garrynalyna, parents were father Thomas Mitchel, and mother Mary Howard. She had two sisters, Mary and Catherine, and three brothers, John, Matthew and Thomas. She was the youngest child. The second Sarah Mitchel, born 1846 in Garryard, father was Henry Mitchel, mother Bridget Carroll. Henry and Bridget were from Borrisokane. There was one sister, Anne. The third Sarah Mitchel, baptised in 1843 in Borrisokane, father Henry Mitchel, Mother, Esther Gleason. Her four brothers were William, Henry, Patrick, and Philip. I am trying to find the name of the uncle she went to stay with and locate the relatives. My father visited them once when a young boy. If I can find them then I can know which SARAH is my grandmother. My father's father and brother died in a yellow fever epidemic when he was three and his mother died when he was eleven, leaving him alone. Except for the one visit he did not keep up with the relatives.

**TONI DELANY, MGS**, 3 Grosvenor Terrace, Monkstown, Co. Dublin. E-mail: [tonidelany@iadt-dl.ie](mailto:tonidelany@iadt-dl.ie) Any information about any of the following please: **Brazil** — Dennis and Simon, the latter ran (owned?) the Brazil's Hotel, George's Street, Dún Laoghaire (late Howards Hotel) from 1868 - second wife Catherine SHEILDS (daughter of Peter Sheilds and Emily Blizzard) b. 1848, she later married the Town Clerk R.J. Ennis in 1878. Dennis, Simon's father, I believe lived in Fumbally Avenue in 1830s, 40s. Any help please.

**VERLAINE BENNETT, MGS**, P.O. Box 276, Big Bear City, CA 92314, USA E-mail: [vbennett52@earthlink.net](mailto:vbennett52@earthlink.net) Wrote: seeking info. on **Higgins, Patrick**, b. 1833 County Longford, Ireland. Married Mary Curran, b. Aug. 15 1835. Patrick and Mary were married April 1858 in the Parish of Schrule, County Longford. Their priest was named Rev. Father Richard O'Farrell. Their first child was born in Dublin in 1862. The family may have been on their way to the US as Patrick was in the US Army, Civil War, from Dec. 14 1863 until July of 1865. I would like to know the names of Patrick's parents. I believe Mary's father was named Thomas Curran. She also had a brother Hugh Curran that came to the US about the same time as Patrick. Patrick also had a brother Thomas Higgins born in County Longford.

**COL RICHARD J. ECUYER, MGS** USA, Ret. 427 Oak Glen Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78209-2471, USA Email [BlueJayTiger@aol.com](mailto:BlueJayTiger@aol.com) Wrote:- My great great grandparents came from Ireland. Philip Gray from County Monaghan; & Eleanor Dawson from County Cork. Trying to find records on them.

**EARL HAMIL**, 314, Kings Mtn. Dr., Greer, South Carolina, USA 29650 E-mail [ejhamil@aol.com](mailto:ejhamil@aol.com) Wrote:- Trying to locate information on the immigration to the US of the Hamil's in Upstate NY. Daniel H. Hamil, believed to have been born in 1802 in Connecticut, eventually settled in Walker, NY and both he and his wife Margaret Smith Hamil are buried in Blossom Hill Cemetery in Walker. Daniel moved to the Walker area in the 1830's after selling a boyhood home in Ontario County. The deed is recorded there. There is also census records showing Daniel living in the Ontario County area with his father Isaac and a deed for sale of a property in Ontario County in 1818 (to Daniel Webster, Jr.). Mary Smith at the North Star Historical Center, Walker NY has been very helpful in getting information on several of the Hamils, including several sheriffs and postmasters. There are many Hamil, Ingham, and related family members buried in Blossom Hill in Walker and at Lake View Cemetery in Brockport. My paternal great grandmother, Cora Hamil (b.1862), daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Ingham Hamil is the mother of my grandfather Earl (1881-1956). She was married in 1880 to Frank Arnold and when Earl was born in 1881, he was given the Arnold surname. Shortly after he was born, Cora resided with her parents and Frank was living at home with his parents. According to some 300 pages of documents in the divorce case filed with the Monroe County (NY) Clerk. She accuses him of abandonment, he accuses her of adultery. Earl, at some time, changed his surname to Hamil. Frank Arnold is descended from the Slingerland family who settled in the capital district around Albany NY. Cora and Earl spent 18 years in California after Earl was born, sometime between 1881 and 1904, when Earl married Bertha Heuer in Brockport. Cora married George C. Anderson in San Jose, Ca. in 1900 and died there in 1930. George Anderson (son of Henry Anderson and Carolina Stillman Anderson born 1861) died in San Jose in 1928. Any info please. **JASON COLEMAN**, P.O.Box 6279, Beverly Hills, CA 90212-1279, USA E-mail: [jacemai2@yahoo.com](mailto:jacemai2@yahoo.com) Wrote:- Seeking fellow researchers, historians, societies, libraries/archives, and/or locals, who would be willing to correspond and discuss details regarding present status, and assist with ideas on further paths of investigation into the following: RE: **Fitz-Gerald**, Moore, families and Donnybrook, circa 1827. Thomas T. (Tobias?) Fitz-Gerald, Solicitor, b. Ireland d. before 1848 his wife, Margaret Moore, b. 1792 Ireland, or perhaps 1791-1794 residing 8 Dunbar/Dumbar Street, Manchester, (near Liverpool Road and Lower Byrom ?), 1845 Directory emigrated to USA from Liverpool 1848. Their son, John Fitz-Gerald born at Donnybrook, Ireland, June 13, 1827 schooling Royal Institute Manchester possible internship to Secretary of Accounting Office RIM emigrated to USA from Liverpool 1848 married in USA at Catholic Cathedral. Their daughter, Catherine Fitz-Gerald, born England or Ireland 1825, or perhaps 1820-1821 or 1826-1827 married Manchester Cathedral 1845 children registered at Chorlton Civil District 1845-1848 emigrated to USA from Liverpool 1848. Any information much appreciated. **MARGARET PAVLJUK, MGS**, 322 Whites Rd., Paralowie S.A.5108, Australia. E-mail is: [margaret.pavlju@optusnet.com.au](mailto:margaret.pavlju@optusnet.com.au) Wrote:- I cant

give to much information about George Nixon Smith as we have very little, he was born about 1823, Dublin we believe, died in Rosewater S.A. 31 oct 1865. He was 42. so could be 1822 if his birthday was after Nov. He married Nancy Cheeney, in 1855 in Adelaide. (Cheyney, Chiney, Cheney). Nancy was born Huntingdonshire England. **KATHLEEN MAVOURNEEN MCNULTY** (Camastro) E-mail:- [kathemcn@msn.com](mailto:kathemcn@msn.com) Wrote:- Michael, born approx. 1830 and Elizabeth Malone McNulty, born in Dublin in 1835, came to Chicago in approximately 1858. They brought with them at least two sons, Francis and James J., Michael's mother Sarah McNulty, born 1798, and possibly his sister Sarah McNulty as well. It looks as though my grandfather, James John McNulty, was born in 1856 in Dublin (Sandymount). The Sandymount is hearsay. Thanks.

**JEFFREY SWITZER**, 125, Long Road, Cambridge, CB2 2HE, England. Wrote:- Seeking details on the descendants of John Switzer of New Park, Co. Tipperary - where my father was born. I believe that a small family history of the Switzers has been published - has anyone come across it? However, it's my mother's side that I have most reason to seek help. Her great grandfather was John Quarry (1777-1837), the rector of St. Mary's, Shandon - from here on they are well documented. There is a mention of a John Quarry of Johnstown in Co. Waterford in the Land Registry in 1775. He assigned lands to John Odell of Mount Odell in consideration of the marriage of his eldest son Michael to Alicia Odell - surely they're the parents of the rector born in 1777? My connection to Waterford is not straightforward as later I find reference to John Quarry's death in 1772 and Mary was his "only child and heiress" - sadly the pedigree does not show the children of the Quarry brothers. There is a connection with the Bagge family descended from Sir John Bagge of Plymouth, England. I have various pieces of information and references to share with others research the names Quarry, Bagge, Odell etc. some back to the mid-seventeenth century. Any information or connections most welcome and much appreciated. **LOUIS D. MELNICK, MGS**, 530 Michigan Ave., Evanston, Illinois 60202-3033 USA. E-mail: [melnicklouis@hotmail.com](mailto:melnicklouis@hotmail.com) Wrote:- Thomas Walker Hodgens (1830-1867), TCD, of Beechhill, Beggar's-bush, Dublin, died in Ostend, Belgium, married 21 January 1862, in Brussels, Mary Ann Walker, living 1875, daughter of Charles Harold Walker, LL.D., TCD. She later married Edward Breslin, son of John Breslin, and had Isabella Jane Breslin. Two children: Thomas Henry Hodgens and Violet Mary Hodgens. Would like to share information with relatives. **TERRY B. BOYLE**, 6, Maes Seriol, Abergelle, Conwy County, LL22 7RZ CYMRU/Wales. Wrote:- I am trying to trace my family roots and have just unearthed that I am from Irish stock. I have traced my great great grandfather, John Boyle, birth date back to circa 1816 and I found that he came from Roscommon. He lived in Llanwrst in North Wales in 1851 where his wife Mary gave birth to a son, John, who later died in 1852 of convulsions. The couple had two daughters, both born in Llanwrst, Catherine (1858) and Ellen (1863). Mary was born in Ireland circa 1821, however, I have no further details on my Roscommon connection. Any assistance appreciated.

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