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“Cuimhnigí ar  
Ár Sinnsir  
Remember Our  
Ancestors”

## “DAONCHARTLANN IN MARTELLO TOWER” *Plans for Martello Tower Await Planning Appeal Decision*

As the date for the final determination of the appeal against the granting of Planning Permission to the Society for the restoration of the Martello Tower at Seapoint draws ever closer, it's a good time to reflect on the journey thus far to obtain a premises for the Society's growing Archive. A lot of hard work has gone into making this dream a reality for our Members and Irish genealogy in general. It has been a long road to this point and in many ways, a difficult and sometimes stressful one for the Project Team led by Mr. Liam MacAlasdair, FGSI.

### *Premises Required*

The Society's since its foundation has collected many thousands of items of genealogical interest and part of this collection has been available to members in the home of our Archivist Mrs. Frieda Carroll FGSI, however, space was very limited and a premises of our own was a must. Following much campaigning for a premises, the Society accepted the offer by Liam Byrne, Assistant Manager, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council of a building in the Council's ownership for use by the Society as a permanent home for its Archive and Research Centre. This offer was endorsed in March 1997 by a vote of the County Councillors of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in favour of the project. Then a feverish campaign to obtain funding for the restoration of the Martello Tower was put in place by the then Executive Committee of the Society. Noting the Tower's historic significance, the British Embassy and The American Fund for Ireland have contributed to the Building Fund along with many of our members at home and overseas.

### *Daonchartlann*

The term "Daonchartlann" is a new one, roughly translated as "peoples' archive", yet the concept is not new, many such facilities exist around the world, especially in New Zealand, Australia and North America. However, the best example of this type of facility is the

Library of the Society of Genealogists' in London founded in 1911 and which, receives over 25,000 items of genealogical interest each year from all quarters of the world, including Ireland. The facility in Seapoint will contain records from a number of sources and, in particular, it will function as an unique repository for family history research undertaken by genealogists from Ireland and from the Irish Diaspora. Already, the Society has collected over 4,000 publications, 3,500 manuscripts and an extensive microform collection. New items are received on a weekly basis, these are presently housed in a member's home. The Daonchartlann will permit greater access by researchers to this information and ensure that such records, many compiled by dedicated individuals over a life time of research, to remain in Ireland for future generations to appreciate their genealogical heritage. The Society plans to restore and refurbish the Seapoint Tower to house its expanding Archive should not be confused with the commercial research facilities provided by the various county based genealogical projects or heritage centres. This Society is a registered charity in Ireland and no commercial research is undertaken. We depend on our members for support and we have no paid officials - *all are volunteers !!*

### *Planning the Works*

The Society's Executive Committee set up a special committee under Mr. Liam MacAlasdair, FGSI, to progress its plans to convert the Martello Tower at Seapoint, Co. Dublin for use as the Society's "Daonchartlann". This Tower was used as a shop on a seasonal basis up to 1988 and has remained empty since July 1988. Detailed plans were drawn up by our architect, Sean Gaynor, DipArch., MRIAL, for the restoration and refurbishment of this historic tower, definitely a "heritage building" under the Act. The *Schedule of Works* was prepared by our Architect and these were fully costed with a *Bill of Quantities*, prepared by Kevin

P. O'Byrne, B.Sc. Quantity Surv., Post Grad Dip Proj Man., Post Grad Dip Physical Planning, M.I.A.V.L., M.A. Many visits to the Tower by experts in various fields resulted in a considerable bank of valuable information and advice being accumulated by the Project Team. Following much research a Planning Application was lodged with Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and though, further information and clarification was sought by the County Council, planning permission was finally granted. A further study into the archaeological potential of the site was carried out by Mr. Jason Bolton a university lecturer and an expert on such buildings. The granting of planning permission was appealed to An Bord Pleanála (Planning Appeals Bord) by persons resident near the Tower who sought to have the Tower left as a "feature" without any use being permitted. The determination of this appeal will be made known later this month.

### *Undertaking the Works*

FÁS, the employment training authority which has an exceptional record of quality restorative work at Monkstown House and Marley Park House had indicated its willingness to participate in the project, however, the changing employment scene in Ireland may rule this out for the foreseeable future. As the Martello Tower is a special type of heritage building it offers unique opportunities for stonework and restorative/replacement timber work on site and therefore, the possibility of an INTERREG project being centred on this Tower in conjunction with an educational or training facility in Wales is under consideration. Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, owners of the Tower, has given this project cross-Party support and the Council is presently awaiting the result of the Planning Appeal before considering funding or works options for the Project.

### *Martello Towers*

These towers were originally built by the British Military to repel a possible attack on Ireland's east coast by Napoleon Bonaparte.

They normally have walls of locally quarried stone, in this case Dalkey granite, about 2.4 metres thick, 9.1 metres high and 10.9 metres in diameter outside with a doorway approximately 3.0 metres from the ground. The roof has a centre pivot for traversing cannon carriage, often a 24 pounder, which was capable of moving 360 degrees, (definitely no Maginot Line here as clearly, the builders did not quite trust the natives following the Great Rebellion of 1798 and Robert Emmet's Rising of 1803 !!). Martello Towers got their name from a similar structure on the island of Corsica following a naval engagement at Mortella Point in 1794. The structure stood out against the continuous pounding by British warships HMS Juno and HMS Fortitude. The word 'Mortella' means 'myrtle' - a shrub which was common to the area in Corsica. The British were so impressed with this tower that they made detailed plans of it for the Admiralty in London before destroying it. A number (approx. 28) of them were built around Dublin Bay to protect what was then the second city of the British Empire. Others were built in Counties Cork, Waterford, Wexford, Donegal, Derry, Galway, Clare and Limerick. As the east coast invasion by the French never materialised, the towers either went into disrepair or were acquired for various purposes. The one at Sandycove houses the James Joyce Museum, while others have been converted into homes and the one at Sandymount has been converted to serve as a restaurant and the one in Howth has recently been restored by Fingal County Council. The tower at Seapoint, dating from 1804, officially called *Martello Tower No. 14*, is entered by a recently added outside stone stairway to the first floor with a ground floor accessed by a stone stairwell in the very thick walls. Originally, troops entered by way of iron, timber or rope ladders - such mode of ingress was intended to improve the defensive quality of these towers. Access to each floor is by a stone-cut spiral staircase in the interior of its thick walls. This spiral staircase leads also to the roof which is of cut stone (Dalkey granite). Indeed, should the Sandycove Tower (Joyce Tower) be an object lesson in the admirable re-use of an important example of our architectural heritage, then this Martello Tower at Seapoint, which is in good repair, will certainly prove to be so too.

#### Intended Use

It is the Society's intention to utilise the space as follows:- Entrance by way of the first floor to the main reading room/research centre containing microfilm/microfiche readers, computers (Internet) and research stations, with a service counter, behind which, will be microform library and a new service staircase to the ground floor. The ground floor area would contain archive shelving in rows with a lower work space for restorative work on our manuscripts, bookbinding etc. This area would contain the administrative functions of receiving and cataloguing of the various

collections. The interior design of the facility has been the subject of a design competition organised by the Society in conjunction with **Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education**. Each design incorporated an imaginative approach to fit the requirements of the building to the best possible utilisation of the space available to perform the function of a genealogical research and archive centre for the Society. The Society greatly appreciated the foresight that the faculty of the college had shown by agreeing to initiate, plan and develop the *Daoncharlann Project - Interior Design Competition* for the students of the college. The Society has adopted these plans, however, modifications will be required to facilitate the stipulations of the planning permission received from the County Council.

#### Decision Awaited

The final decision on the appeal against Planning Permission for works at the Martello Tower is eagerly awaited and hopefully, the Society's rebuttal of the points raised by the appellants will be successful. With a positive decision works to seal the building could start soon and then the interior works could be carried out in the coming months thereafter. However, the Project Team is certain that further funding will be required as the inflation rate within the building sector over the past few years has greatly outpaced other sectors in our economy. The Board will re-launch the funding campaign next month should the determination be favourable to Society's objectives.

#### DIARY DATES

Tuesday July 9<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.  
 Speaker: Cllr. Vincent MacDowell, MCC  
 Topic: "A Long Road from Hill Street, Newry"

Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup> 2002

Venue as above  
 "Civil Registration in Ireland"

Weds. July 24<sup>th</sup> & Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> 2002

Morning Open Meeting 10.30hrs  
**The Port View Hotel**  
 Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire  
 Discussion Group on Family History

#### NEW MEDALLION

The Society was formally presented with a newly designed and crafted medallion for the Chain of Office by Mr. Pat Shannon of Facet Jewellers of Dún Laoghaire at the Civic Reception held to mark American Independence Day. The Chain of Office was originally presented to the Society by Mrs. Joan Merrigan in 1999, however, on the receipt of the Grant of Arms by the Society in 2001 it was decided to have a new medallion for the

Cathaoirleach's Chain of Office struck with the Arms. Mr. Pat Shannon of Facet Jewellers in Dún Laoghaire offered to design and craft the medallion and present it to the Society. The new medallion has the Arms in gold on a silver medallion which is very striking indeed. The formal presentation was witnessed by the American Ambassador to Ireland, Mr. Richard Egan and Cllr. Betty Coffey, Cathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council in the County Hall, Dún Laoghaire on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2002. The Society is very grateful to Mr. Shannon and Facet Jewellers for the gift of this beautifully crafted medallion for our Chain of Office.

#### IT'S ALL LATIN TO ME!!

To assist those visiting the National Library this summer to undertake research on the microfilm copies of the Catholic Parish Registers held there, here are some tips on the Latin that will be encountered. Some Church records, particularly the early ones, are often written in what John Grenham describes as "a mass of spidery abbreviated Latin". While such records slow down research incorrect translation can lead to wrong conclusions about family names and to much travelling down wrong footpaths! Before listing some of the common Christian names a few comments on what one is likely to see in these records.

#### Baptisms

Lists of those who were baptised were usually written as "*Ego Joannes Murphy, Pastor Parochiae de Berkeley road baptizavi*" (I, John Murphy, Pastor of the Parish of Berkeley road baptised) and the list of those baptised followed. Occasionally the priest might write the above for each individual baptismal entry but in general, entries usually read as follows :  
*-for females - "1 Januarii Marian filiam Jacobi Doyle et Mariae Callaghan. Sponsors fuerunt (sometimes shortened to 'fuer') Patrius Doyle et Winifreda Callaghan"* translated as :*"1 January Mary daughter of James Doyle and Mary Callaghan. The sponsors were Patrick Doyle and Winifred Callaghan"* & *for males - "1 Januarii Martinum filium Jacobi Doyle et Mariae Callaghan. Sponsors fuerunt Patrius Doyle et Winifreda Callaghan"*  
*Gender of Child*

Note that the word *filiam/filium* effectively indicates the sex of the child and also that the word '*Sponsors*' was frequently shortened to '*SS*'. Generally speaking, the year was not shown for each entry - just the day and month - with the year appearing at the beginning of January or at the top of each page.

#### Months

Months are always in the genitive case as follows : **Januarii** (January), **Februarii** (February), **Martii** (March), **Aprilis** (April), **Maii** (May), **Iunii** or **Junii** (June), **Julii** (July), **Augusti** (August), **Septembris** (September),

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Octobris (October), Novembris (November) and Decembris (December)

### Complete Text

Sometimes all the above is brought together as follows : "*I Januarii. Baptizavi Joannem infantum natum die 30 Decembris filium Michaelis Dunne et Catharinae O'Connor de Fairview. SS fuerunt Jacobus Dunne et Maria O'Connor*". translated as : "*I January. I baptised John, an infant born on 30 day of December a son of Michael Dunne and Catherine O'Connor from Fairview. The Sponsors were James Dunne and Mary O'Connor*". And occasionally a slightly different form is used: "*Baptizavi Petrum infantum natum ex Joanne Dunne et Maria Murphy etc.*", translated as : "*I baptised Peter an infant born from John Dunne and Mary Murphy etc.*",

### Same Day Births

Sometimes the phrase "*natum eadem die*" meaning "born on the same day" ('*natum eadem die*' for female) is used. Where twins are concerned the second child is apt to have "*filium (if a male) eiusdem*" meaning "of the same" where the parents names would normally be written.

### Marriages

The register of a marriage is usually written as "*Ego Joannes Murphy, Pastor Parochiae de Berkeley road in matrimonio conjuncti*". This translates as "*I John Murphy, Pastor of the Parish of Berkeley road joined in Marriage*". Sometimes there is a slightly different version - "*In Parochia de Berkeley road in Matrimonio Conjuncti*" meaning "*In the Parish of Berkeley road I joined in marriage*". Then follows the list of marriages. A typical entry would be : "*22 Maii. Patritium Murphy et Honorium Donnelly. Testes fuerunt Petrus Murphy et Marianna Donnelly*" (sometimes 'testes fuerunt' is shortened to 'fuere' or 'T.T') This translates as : "*22 May. Patrick Murphy and Honor Donnelly. The witnesses were Peter Murphy and Marianne Donnelly*".

### Grammar

While it isn't necessary to dig deeper into the grammar it might be of interest to note that the name of the infant being baptised always appears in the accusative case. The Christian names of the parents are usually in the genitive case. In entries where '*natum ex*' (born from) is used the parents' Christian names appear in the ablative case. The Christian names of the parties being married appear in the accusative case while the Christian names of the sponsors and witnesses appear in the nominative case. The list below shows the more common Christian names in the various cases.

### MALE NAMES

**Nominative, Accusative, Genitive, Ablative & English** – note the abbreviated endings used only to fit printing here are not used in registers  
 Andreus, Andreum, Andreii, Andreo Andrew  
 Antonius, Antonium, Antonii, Antonio Anthony  
 Carolus, Carolum, Caroli, Carolo Charles  
 Christophorus, -phorum, phori, phoro Christopher

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| Dionysius, Dionysium, Dionysii, Dionysio  | Denis    |
| Domenicus, Domenicum, enici, enico        | Dominic  |
| Edmundus, Edmundum, muni, mundo           | Edmond   |
| Eonendus, Eonendum, Eonendi, Eonendo      | Owen     |
| Eugenius, Eugenium, Eugenio, Eugenio      | Eugene   |
| Gughielmus, Gughielrum, lielmi, lielmo    | William  |
| Hugo, Hugonem, Hugonis, Hugone            | Hugh     |
| Hurbertus, Hubertum, Huberti, Huberto     | Hubert   |
| Jacobus, Jacobum, Jacobi, Jacobo          | James    |
| Joannes, Joannem, Joannis, Joanne         | John     |
| Laurentius, Laurentium, entii, entio      | Laurence |
| Martinus, Martinum, Martini, Martino      | Martin   |
| Michaels, Michaelum, -aelis, -aele        | Michael  |
| Oegenius, Oegenium, Oegenii, Oegenio      | Eugene   |
| Patritius, Patritium, Patritii, Patritio  | Patrick  |
| Paulus, Paulum, Pauli, Paulo              | Paul     |
| Phillipus, Phillipum, Phillipi, Phillipio | Phillip  |
| Robertus, Robertum, Roberti, Roberto      | Robert   |
| Stephanus, Stephanum, Stephani, Stephano  | Stephen  |
| Terentius, Terentium, Terentii, Terentio  | Terence  |
| Tomasus, Tomasum, Tomasi, Tomaso          | Thomas   |

### FEMALE NAMES

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| Alicia, Aliciam, Aliciae, Alicia         | Alice     |
| Anna, Annam, Annae, Anna                 | Anne      |
| Brigida, Brigidam, Brigidae, Brigida     | Brigid    |
| Catherina, Catherinam, Catherinae, -rina | Catherine |
| Cecelia, Ceceliam, Ceceliae, Cecilia     | Cecelia   |
| Eleana, Eleanam, Eleanae, Eleana         | Ellen     |
| Eleonora, Eleonoram, Eleonora, Eleonora  | Eleanor   |
| Helena, Helenam, Helenae, Helena         | Helen     |
| Joanna, Joannam, Joannae, Joanna         | Johanna   |
| Margarita, Margaritam, -ritae, -rita     | Margaret  |
| Maria, Mariam, Mariae, Maria             | Mary      |
| Marianna, Mariannam, -nae, -nna          | Marianne  |
| Martha, Martham, Marthae, Martha         | Martha    |
| Sara, Saram, Sarae, Sara                 | Sarah     |
| Veronica, Veronicam, nicae, Veronica     | Veronica  |
| Winifreda, Winifredam, fredae, freda     | Winifred  |

### Take Your Time

This short introduction to Latin prepared for the newsletter ignores the many other inscriptions seen in parish registers such as '*infantem spurium*' (illegitimate infant) and those dealing with comments about marriages between cousins, between Catholic and non-Catholic, etc. The best advice here is to copy them as accurately as possible and bring them home for further scrutiny with the aid of a Latin dictionary or one of the many little handbooks on Latin for family historians. Finally, take your time to familiarise yourself with the general layout of each register and the style of handwriting – don't panic it will take a little time but it will be worth it.

### CHIEF HERALD'S INVITATION

I am very pleased to invite you to the *XXVth International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences* which will take place from 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept., 2002 at Dublin Castle. The theme will be *Genealogy and heraldry: their place and practice in changing times*. The call for papers has brought a considerable response and a wide variety of lectures has already been offered on subjects ranging from medieval systems of heraldic differencing to the application of electronic technology and the most recent genetic research results. Throughout the Congress the herald-painters attached to my Office will operate an open studio at Dublin Castle. Participants will be actively encouraged to take part in several

artistic projects planned to produce lasting heraldic records of the Congress. Throughout the week there will be opportunities for painters and those interested in the techniques of heraldic artwork to exchange information. An exhibition of manuscripts from the records and collections of the Office, dating back to its foundation in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, will take place at the National Library during the Congress. The majority of the material has never before been on public display. Congress participants and their companions will quickly become aware why Dublin has become one of Europe's most popular locations for short vacations. Entertainment apart, its buildings and cultural institutions, including libraries and repositories, will be of great interest to genealogists, heraldists and historians. I hope, therefore, that you will be able to join us in Dublin in Sept. and to participate in the Congress which promises to be a most enjoyable event. Register for the Congress on the Website of National Library [www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie) or by writing to Congress Secretary, Office of the Chief Herald, 2 Kildare St., Dublin 2, Ireland. E-mail: [Hergen2002@nli.ie](mailto:Hergen2002@nli.ie) **Brendan O Donoghue, Chief Herald of Ireland**

### THINKING OF JOINING THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY?

#### Here's our Mission Statement

The Genealogical Society of Ireland was established to promote an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of Ireland's genealogical heritage in Ireland and amongst her Diaspora. It is devoted to the promotion of the study of Irish Family History as an open access educational leisure activity by organising lectures, workshops, open meetings and group projects. The Society encourages its members, undertaking research in every county in Ireland, to make their research available to others through publication. Through its publications programme, the Society makes accessible to researchers at home and abroad many sources otherwise not available except in their original state. The collection and repatriation of genealogical material is central to the Society's plans to establish an Archive and Research Centre in Dublin at the Martello Tower at Seapoint. The Society strives to best practice, excellence and high standards in its publications, activities and research and encourages such amongst its membership at home and overseas. The "*Principle of Public Ownership and Right of Access*" to our Irish genealogical heritage is the cornerstone of our national policies on heritage, genealogy and archival matters. The Society is a registered charity in Ireland (CHY 10672) and is funded by its members' subscriptions and kind donations from the general public and from those with Irish ancestry overseas. Donations towards the Society's Building and Publications Funds are most welcome. Membership is open to all interested in Genealogy, Social History, Heraldry and related subjects. The Society welcomes new

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Members. Membership is just €15.00 per annum. Overseas Members and Irish based members living outside Dublin City & County receive this newsletter free each month by mail. Website <http://www.gensocireland.org> or by writing to the Membership Officer. Mrs. **Annette McDonnell**, MGSI, 4, Kippure Avenue, Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland.

**YOUR JULY GENIE UPDATES**

**PAPERS RECEIVED** Thanks to Mr. Colin Scudds of the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society and Mr. Shay Cannon of the Workmens' Club in Dún Laoghaire, the Archive of the Genealogical Society of Ireland has received the files, papers, registers and ledgers of the Workmens' Club founded in the early part of the twentieth century by Professor W. F. Barrett. The club building was recently sold for redevelopment. These papers are a "gem" for researchers of the social history of the Town of Dún Laoghaire and provide useful "census substitutes" for the genealogist.

**NUNS' REGISTER** The Society is compiling a Register of Nuns of Irish origin, however, due to the workload presented by this project, new arrangements for the collecting and collating of data are being examined. Clare Malone and Mary FitzPatrick are seeking volunteers to assist them in this project in a number of ways. Details will be published following the August meeting of the Board. In the meantime, 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

**CENSUS PUBLICATION** Last month the Society published "*Irish Genealogical Sources No. 28 - Howth, Sutton, Kilbarrack & Baldoyle, Co. Dublin 1901 Census Index*" ISBN 1 898471 07 X. Price €6.00. Compiled by Marie Keogh, MGSI. This 72 page book contains the names, addresses, ages and places of birth of each head of household, relative of different surname, visitor, servant and lodger. If you are researching ancestors in these areas of Dublin north of the Liffey this is certainly one publication you must have. These indices will save the researcher a lot of time in the locating of data in the 1901 Census of Ireland available in the National Archives of Ireland.

**GRAVEYARD PROJECT** As reported last month the Society has decided to transcribe for publication the memorial inscriptions of Carrickbrennan Cemetery, Monkstown, Co. Dublin. This cemetery was surveyed twice before, however, a comprehensive record suitable for genealogical research has not been published. **Barry O'Connor**, FGSI, Co-ordinator, seeks volunteers for the fieldwork. Each person will be allocated a section of the cemetery to record in workbooks provided by the Society. Contact Barry at telephone (+353.1) 285 4386 E-mail: [btoc@esatclear.ie](mailto:btoc@esatclear.ie) It is possible that a team will undertake the

work together on an agreed day taking a pack lunch etc. as Barry organised for the Jewish Cemetery in Dolphin's Barn.

**LOCAL HISTORIAN HONOURED** At a Civic Reception held in Dún Laoghaire on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, **Mr. Robbie Brennan** Chairman of the Dún Laoghaire Boro' Historical Society and Manager of the National Maritime Museum received a Dublin's Riviera Civic Recognition Award for services to Local History & Maritime Heritage. The Society congratulates Robbie on receiving this award presented by Cllr. Betty Coffey, Cathaoirleach, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

**FAMILY TREE PRINTING** Acorns2Trees is a Tree Printing Service run by a Genealogist for Genealogists offering the chance to have your Tree printed on a single sheet. As a genealogist I recognise that most people undertake this as a hobby so I have tried to keep the prices in an affordable range, as an example a 20 feet by 2 feet chart costs from as little as £37.20p UK Price. US\$57.02 CAN\$86.61, AUS\$101.18 591.29 NZ\$117.20 or €57.51. We also produce Blank Charts, A4 Research and Record Sheets and offer a Custom Tree Building Service. 10% off any Tree Printing order received from a member who identifies themselves as a GSI Member when ordering. Further info. contact Bob Chambers, at E-mail:- [info@acorns2oaks.info](mailto:info@acorns2oaks.info) or by post at PO Box 1650, Ilford Essex, IG3 9ZA, England. Website [www.acorns2oaks.info](http://www.acorns2oaks.info)

**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY** This month is the second anniversary of the death of the Society's first President Denis, O Conor Don who died on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2000. Denis was a much loved and revered President who always had kind word and witty story for everyone. Denis's death has left a vacancy to be filled by the Society. Therefore, the College of Fellows of the Genealogical Society of Ireland will meet before the end of this month to elect a **President of the Genealogical Society of Ireland**. The names of three nominees for the post of President chosen by the Board at the June meeting will be presented to the Fellows at their luncheon meeting in July for consideration. The Fellows may elect one of the nominees for the post of President or refer the matter back to the Board. Hopefully, a clear choice is made permitting the Cathaoirleach to make the formal announcement as the Fellows decide on the manner, date and venue of the investiture of the incoming President.

**LETTERS PATENT** The Letters Patent for the Grant of Arms to the Genealogical Society of Ireland will form part of a major exhibition in the National Library of Ireland. The exhibition - "*In Shield or Banner - 450 years of Irish Heraldry*" will be formally opened on Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> 2002 and will run until the end of September to coincide with the Congress in Dublin Castle.

**SOCIETY ARCHIVE** The Society's Archive, presently located at 14, Rochestown Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, is open on Mondays from 19.00hrs to 21.00hrs and

Saturdays from 14.00hrs to 17.00hrs with the exception of Bank Holiday weekends when it closes on both days. **MEMBERS ONLY**

**ARTICLES WANTED** Brendan Hall, MGSI, is seeking articles for publication in the Society's quarterly journal. Submissions by E-mail to [jbhall@indigo.ie](mailto:jbhall@indigo.ie) or by mail to: Brendan Hall, MGSI, 14, Foxrock Mount, Foxrock, Dublin 18, Ireland.

**QUERIES RECEIVED**

All queries received for publication must have the following required info:- (1) Name & Postal Address (2) E-mail Address if desired (3) Name (forename & surname) being researched (4) Approx. Years (5) Location in Ireland (6) Details or information sought.

**Deborah Thompson**, 3651 Plains Road, Mason, MI, USA 48854 Wrote:- My great great grandfather Edmond **Fitzpatrick** and his wife Elizabeth **Blake** emigrated from Ireland to Canada about 1839. Their three oldest children (John, Ellen and Mary) were born (John about 1830) in Ireland, William was born on the ship on the way to Canada, and their three youngest children (Dennis, Margaret and Edmond) were born in Canada. In about 1870, they moved to Hubbardston, Michigan, USA. A birth certificate has been found in Co. Galway for an Elizabeth Theodora Blake, born in Menlough, Co. Galway about 1807, daughter of John and Eleanor Blake, which would be about the right year, but there was no mention of any Fitzpatricks born in the same parish. Any information of Edmond and his first three children being born in Co. Galway or somewhere nearby please. E-mail:- [thompsonarms@voyager.net](mailto:thompsonarms@voyager.net)

**John Mayo Lanagan**, 316 N. Shore Circle, Lone Star, Texas 75668 U.S.A. E-mail [Maigheoman@aol.com](mailto:Maigheoman@aol.com) Wrote:- I am seeking info. on the parents or other relations in Ireland of Thomas **Lanegan**, born circa 1805, who emigrated to America from Co. Tipperary with his wife and six children, Michael, Ellen, Thomas, Richard, John and Catherine. They arrived in Boston 20 April, 1849 aboard the ship "Milton." Wife's maiden name was Johanna **Quirk**. Any info about the family; their town / parish in Tipperary appreciated.

**Ken Lennan**, MGSI, CE BU1 2/27, 200 Rue de la Loi, 1049, Brussels, Belgium. Wrote:- Looking for information on a Christina Glennon from Pitt St. Dublin S. No. 3 who was fostered or stayed with someone in the Dun Laoghaire area in the latter half of the 19th Century. Any other **Glennan** or **Glennon** info. welcome. E-mail [ken.lennan@village.uunet.be](mailto:ken.lennan@village.uunet.be)

**Jon Pinnington**, Bryn Rhedyn, 2 Wern y Wylan, Nr Beaumaris, Anglesey, LL58 8TR, Wales. Wrote:- Seeking information regarding my great grandmother, Harriet **Rothwell**. She was born around 1854 in Co. Kilkenny. She married Thomas **Pinnington**, on 10 August 1874, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Everton. She had 10 children, and died on 5 February 1934. Buried at Rake Lane Cemetery on the Wirral. Any info. appreciated.