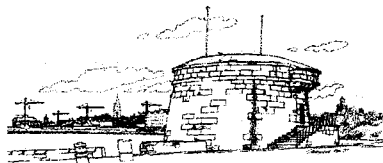


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## WELSH VISITORS IN PRAISE OF TOWER

*Welsh Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Inspect Works at the Martello Tower*

The Mayor of Holyhead, **Cllr Gary Jones** led a delegation from the Isle of Anglesey to view the works at the Martello Tower at Seapoint on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> following a Plenary session of the interregional Link Organisation held that morning at the County Hall in Dún Laoghaire. Accompanied by the Deputy Mayor and Welsh Joint Chairman of the Link Organisation, **Cllr. Jeff Evans**, several other Councillors and representatives of the Holyhead Maritime Museum, the Mayor praised the restoration work at the Martello Tower and remarked on the picturesque nature of its setting on Dublin Bay.

### *“Welcomed at Port”*

Earlier in the day, the Leas-Chathaoirleach of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, **Cllr. Trevor Matthews**, welcomed the Welsh delegation to Ireland as they stepped ashore at Dún Laoghaire. Pouring rain did not dampen the warmth of our *Céad Mile Fáilte* as the Welsh party were then led by piper, **Timmy Crimmons**, in true traditional Gaelic fashion, across to the seat of local government, the County Hall. Then up to the Council Chamber for the Link meeting with Irish delegates from groups, organisations, business and the local authority. At the beginning of this Plenary Session of the Link Organisation, the incoming Cathaoirleach (Chair or “Mayor”) of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, **Cllr. Trevor Matthews**, was elected as *“Irish Joint Chairman”* of the Link Organisation.

### *“Enduring Links Fostered”*

The town of Holyhead in north Wales is situated in an area of Great Britain which has many historical links with the Dublin area, most notably, a shared maritime heritage with the town of Dún Laoghaire centred on the ferry service between the two ports. **Mr. Jonathan Walsh** of the European Union’s INTERREG Office encouraged the Irish and Welsh delegates to explore the many possibilities afforded by these historic links to forge new sustainable partnerships between groups, organisations and projects on both sides of the Irish Sea.

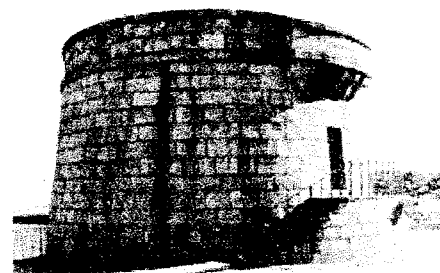
### *“Inter Regional Development”*

Speaking at the Link meeting, **Mr. Walsh** stressed that the great potential of INTERREG funding can only be unleashed by linking Irish and Welsh projects. Whether it is the business or voluntary sectors, the arts, education or community development, in each area, delegates heard, that the European Union’s Inter-Regional or INTERREG programme is available to provide assistance, advice and, in many cases, part funding for projects or initiatives.

### *“Countywide and International”*

Despite its name the *“Holyhead Dún Laoghaire Link Organisation”* covers both the port towns of Holyhead and Dún Laoghaire and their respective counties of Ynys Mon (Anglesey) and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown. Indeed, many nation-wide organisations based in each county, like this Society, view participation in the Link activities as providing one aspect of their international networking endeavours. Whilst, of course, demonstrating a

commitment to their respective counties in which they are headquartered.



### *“Martello Tower and the Link”*

Delegates to the Plenary Session of the Link Organisation were provided with copies of the June issue of this newsletter containing the progress report on the Martello Tower Project. The Welsh delegates sensing an opportunity for the development of a linked project discussed a number of possibilities later whilst visiting the Martello Tower. The Society has received a number of options from the INTERREG officer, **Mr. Jonathan Walsh**. The Board of the Society will give careful consideration to each option with a view to developing a link project for “Phase 2” of the Martello Tower Project.

### *“Next Meeting – Holyhead”*

The Plenary Session has set Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2003 for its next meeting in the Council Chamber in Holyhead, North Wales. Organisations and groups based in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County are invited to attend. Further details may be obtained from **Mr. John Wynne**, Link Secretary, **DLR Tourism**, Avoca House, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland. Telephone: +353.1. 205 4588 or E-mail: [info@dlrtourism.com](mailto:info@dlrtourism.com)

**DIARY DATES****Tuesday July 8<sup>th</sup> 2003**

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: Bro. Connolly,*  
 Topic: *"The Allen Library, Dublin"*

**Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup> 2003**

Venue as above  
 Topic: *"An Daonchartlann"*

**Weds. July 23<sup>rd</sup> & Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> 2003**

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

*Contribution of €3.00 at each meeting*  
*Coffee/Tea served at Morning Meetings*

**MARTELLO TOWER APPEAL**

Phase 2 of the project aims to fully equip the "Family History Tower" with the latest technology etc. Please give generously. Each sponsor will be named in the *Commemorative Book* to be published for the official ceremonial opening of "An Daonchartlann" in 2004 - the two hundredth anniversary of the building of the Tower. Patrons may have either their own name or that of a loved-one entered in this *Commemorative Book* and on a scroll that will be permanent memorial in the Tower. For just €100.00 (US\$120.00) per name, this is a special and worthy manner in which to remember an ancestor, to honour a friend or loved-one or to memorialise your family ties with Ireland. Donations should be sent to the Hon. Secretary at the address below with details of the name or names to be entered on the scroll and published in the commemorative book to mark the official opening of "An Daonchartlann".

**JOINING THE SOCIETY**

Just log on to the Website or write to the Membership Officer, **Annette McDonnell, MGSI**, 4, Kippure Ave., Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland. You may also contact Annette by E-mail via the Secretary [GenSocIreland@iol.ie](mailto:GenSocIreland@iol.ie) The Membership Subscription is €15.00 (US\$18.00) which should be forwarded to Annette or, if you wish, you can pay on-line at [www.gensocireland.org](http://www.gensocireland.org) using your Credit Card MasterCard. Membership of the Society is open to all with an interest in genealogy or heraldry. A laminated Membership Card featuring the Society's heraldic badge "the Mungovan Badge" will be forwarded to you in due course.

**US DOLLAR RATE**

The Board of the Society has adopted a new exchange rate for persons paying in US dollars **€1.00 = US\$1.20**. This will be applied to all purchases and membership subscriptions.

**GRAPHIC FAMILY TREE SERVICE****HAVE YOUR FAMILY TREE PRODUCED AS A SUPERB VISUAL DOCUMENT**

Artist based in Dún Laoghaire will work with you to produce a beautiful graphic presentation of your Family Tree in full colour or black & white. All you have to do is complete a standard family tree chart or Birth Brief and send all relevant photographs, clearly identifying the individuals as per the chart. Each person will be framed, and the complete document printed on a textured background. You decide the level of information to be included on the document - we will work in close consultation with you at all stages of the project. Costs are based on the number of individual images involved. CONTACT **Frankie Lee** at 087.782 0932 or E-mail: [frankiezee@eircom.net](mailto:frankiezee@eircom.net) for more information and quotations.

**ANGELA SHEPPARD, MGSI,**

It is with deep sadness that the Board learned of the death on Easter Monday of our Member, Angela Sheppard of "Oriel", 4, Iona Drive, North Circular Road Limerick City. Angela was originally from the Dún Laoghaire area. Our sincerest condolences to her husband Barry and her family and friends.

**JULY GENIE UPDATES**

**PEARSE STREET LIBRARY** The reopening of the Gilbert Library on Pearse Street, Dublin, on July 3<sup>rd</sup> will be welcomed by researchers throughout Ireland. This newly refurbished facility will now house the Dublin City Archives and the Gilbert Collection. In addition, through the library's collaboration with the Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) microfilm copies of the General Register Office records will also be made available. Librarian, Dr. Máire Kennedy and City Archivist, Mary Clark and Dublin City Council are all to be congratulated on this fine public facility in the heart of Dublin City.

**HERITAGE WEEK** Tim Carey, Heritage Officer of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has invited the Society to participate in an exhibition to mark Heritage Week 2003. The exhibition will be held in the County Hall, Dún Laoghaire between September 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2003. More information in next month's newsletter

**CONFERENCE** The Ulster Historical Foundation will host a conference from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> 2003 in Belfast. The theme of this conference will be "History from Headstones". It will held in a number of very fine venues, including the Public Records Office of Northern Ireland, the Presbyterian Historical Society, the Linen Hall Library, Belfast Central Library and visits south of the border to the National Archives, National Library and the Registry of Deeds. Further information: **Kathryn McKelvey**, Administration Officer, U.H.F., 12, College

Square East, Belfast, BT1 6DD, Northern Ireland. E-mail: [enquiry@uhf.org.uk](mailto:enquiry@uhf.org.uk) or Website [www.ancestryireland.com](http://www.ancestryireland.com)

**N.Y.G.B.S.** The New York Genealogical & Biographical Society will jointly host a conference in Buffalo in upstate New York on Friday & Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2003 with the Western New York Genealogical Society. The theme will be "Find Your Family in New York". Additional information at E-mail: [education@nygbs.org](mailto:education@nygbs.org) or Website: [www.nygbs.org/ed/programs.html](http://www.nygbs.org/ed/programs.html)

**CLANS OF IRELAND** The Society wishes Mr. Val Byrne and the organisers of the "Gathering of the Clans" every success at their rally to be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2003 in Portumna Castle, Co. Galway. Contact: Val Byrne Tel: +353.1. 286 2402

**GRO FEES** The Society has protested in the strongest terms to the Assistant Registrar General in Dublin regarding an important alteration in the fee structure charged at the General Register Office in Dublin. The longstanding practice and right of persons to inspect the indexes to births, marriages or deaths for a consecutive period of five years for a fixed fee has ended. Now researchers are being charged for any "given name" being researched representing a huge increase in fees by the back door. The Society views the introduction of this system, in advance of the publication of the new Civil Registration Bill, as a sincerely negative development pointing to the possibility of a very acrimonious public debate on this new legislation.

**FOI LIGHT GOES OUT FOR MANY A CITIZEN**

Once hailed as a model piece of legislation and a strong commitment to open and transparent government, the Irish Freedom of Information Act, or FOI has suffered another fatal blow. In measures not signalled by the Government parties prior to or during the General Election last year, firstly access to cabinet papers was curtailed and the definition of "government" was widened to include advisors. Now in another move not announced during the recent passing of amending legislation to the FOI, the Minister for Finance, **Mr. Charlie McCreavy, TD**, has introduced fees for FOI requests. Considered by many to be the light at the end of a sometimes very dark and long tunnel, the FOI has opened doors on much of Irish life including alleged corruption or misuse of office. An initial charge of €15 per request is to be levied as and from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2003 with a further charge of €75 for an internal appeal and a whopping €150 for a final appeal. This clearly means that "Freedom of Information" in Ireland is no longer a right of all citizens, simply for those who can afford it. This defeats the initial purpose of the Act and though, requests for personal information will not attract a charge, many individuals and voluntary or community groups will now be deterred by the prospect of paying up to €240 for access to information through all appeals.

**GSJ QUARTERLY JOURNAL**

Vol. 4 No. 2. Summer 2003.

Articles in this 68 page issue include: **Julia Merriman** by Seán MacBrádaigh, **Records and History of the Church of St. Nicholas of Myra, Dublin** by G.H. O'Reilly, **A Piece of Daniel O'Connell's Family Tree** by Ignatius Fennessy, O.F.M., **Quirky Entries from 'Walker's Hibernian Magazine'** by Gaye Ashford, **David Nagle - Whiteboy & Emigrant** by Gaye Ashford, **High Sheriffs of County of Down 1714 - 1857** by Brendan Hall, **John McGrath of Cashel - the Story of a Convict** by John McGrath, **Fire in Patrick Street, Dublin - Addendum** by James Scannell, **High Sheriffs County Armagh 1714 - 1857** by Brendan Hall, **The Death of District Inspector Michael Hunt RIC**, by Pat Callery, **The Genealogy of MacGovern** by Seán MacBrádaigh, **The Ballykinlar Book** by Patricia Carr Biczynski

**COPIES AVAILABLE** via the Society's Website or by mail from the Hon. Secretary. Price €5.00 (members €4.50) with postage IRL & UK €1.50 and others €3.00. (**EURO PRICE**) **ARTICLES** for future issues of the Society's quarterly journal are always welcome. Please forward items for publication to **Brendan Hall, MGSJ** at E-mail: [jhall@indigo.ie](mailto:jhall@indigo.ie) or to the Hon. Secretary at the address below.

**SOCIETY'S ARCHIVE  
COMPUTERISATION**

The move of the Society Archive to the Martello Tower requires computerisation of the Archive. This project has commenced with our Archivist, **Frieda Carroll** and Board Member, **Margaret Conroy**, assembling a dedicated team of volunteers to undertake the sorting, cataloguing, indexing and computerisation of the Society's Archive. This important project stated at 10.30hrs on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2003 at the **Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education**, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire. **Barry O'Connor**, **Gerry Hayden** and **Margaret Conroy** transferred the contents of the Society's Archive to the college the previous day. Already volunteers have sorted and commenced the computerisation of the thousands of separate items ranging from books, journals and files to manuscripts and charts. Rosters allow flexibility for each volunteer whilst maintaining the required number of volunteers throughout the period. Volunteers can contact Frieda on Tel: +353.1.235 2150 or Margaret on [mmeconroy@eircom.net](mailto:mmeconroy@eircom.net) **Have you signed up to volunteer yet?** The Project will run from 10.30hrs to 17.00hrs each day Monday to Friday and from 09.30hrs to noon on Saturdays. For the duration of the computerisation project, the Society's Archive will remain closed until further notice. The Board regrets any inconvenience caused by this unavoidable closure of the Society's Archive at Rochestown Park, Dún Laoghaire.

**LANDMARK BUILDING FOR  
"PIER OF TEARS"**

Built between 1853 and 1859, the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire has until its closure in the 1990s stood witness to almost a century and a half of Irish emigration. Emigrants came to the pier in trains from all parts of Ireland to seek work in Great Britain or in her empire or to sail from Liverpool to North America. For many this pier, the Harbour and the silhouette of the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains fading away to the distance was the last they ever saw of their homeland and, in most cases, their kith and kin. Those making their way to the cities of England to work in factories, down the mines or building the roads and railways, some made it home from time to time, but most stayed away. Indeed, as the years rolled on, back home, as the song says, "*the old ones are all dead and gone - the young ones all old and grey*" - finally many had nothing to come back to in Ireland. This pier, the mail boats and the long train journey from Holyhead evoke memories, mostly bitter, for generations of Irish men and women forced to leave Ireland for work or, in many cases, to escape social intolerance. This pier, especially, for the Irish in Great Britain is as an important touchstone in their social history as it is to the heritage of wider the Irish Diaspora. Whilst, Ellis Island in New York Harbour may have meant hope of a better and brighter future, the Carlisle Pier was for millions where the last tears were shed on Irish soil. Those bitter memories are fading with the passing of each generation and yet, this "*pier of tears*" like the quay at Cobh (Queenstown), deserves to be recognised as an important social heritage site in Ireland by the Irish at home and abroad. Now an international invitation has been issued by the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company to develop this unique location with an exceptional landmark building of international architectural quality that regenerates, invigorates and enlivens the waterfront. It is an opportunity to make an architectural statement for Ireland about our place in Europe and the world and to honour the millions who last stood on Irish soil on the often lonely, cold and windswept "*Pier of Tears*". For further information see the Website [www.dlharbour.ie](http://www.dlharbour.ie)

**BEST OF IRISH ON SHOW IN WALES**

Once again, this year members of the Holyhead Dún Laoghaire Link Organisation will be represented at the largest show in North Wales. The Anglesey Show on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2003 attracts over 50,000 visitors to range of exhibits and activities. The Link Organisation has booked a large exhibition space interconnected with the Welsh Federation of Small Businesses and now offers space to Irish exhibitors. It's an ideal opportunity to promote new or existing products or visitor attractions in Ireland. For further information and bookings contact **John Wynne** on Tel: +353.1. 205 4855 or E-mail: [info@dlrtourism.com](mailto:info@dlrtourism.com)

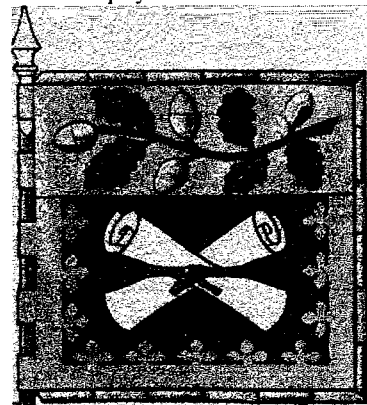
**RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

**"MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS of DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN, Co. Dublin, Ireland" Vol. 2. Friends Burial Ground, Temple Hill, Blackrock.** ISBN 1 898471 27 4 Price €7.00 (p+p IRL & UK €1.50: Others surface mail €4.00 : airmail €10.00). Project Co-ordinator: Barry O'Connor, FGSJ.

**IRISH GENEALOGICAL SOURCES No. 30 "John O'Donovan (1806-1861) Origins and Meaning of Irish Family Names including a description of the families of the Maguires and O'Reillys" Extracted from 'The Irish Penny Journal' 1841 & 'Duffy's Hibernian Magazine' 1861.** ISBN 1 898471 17 7 Price €7.00 (p+p IRL & UK €1.50: Others surface mail €4.00 : airmail €10.00). Edited by George H. O'Reilly. For a complete listing of our publications see the Society's Website

**OUR HERALDIC BANNER  
& LIVERY FLAG**

On Tuesday July 1<sup>st</sup> 2003, due to the kind generosity of American Member, **Mrs. Barbara Mungovan-Koch**, the Society has been able to take delivery of its Heraldic Banner for display at the Martello Tower.



The design in heraldic terms is "*azure (blue) within a bordure treflee or (gold), two scrolls in saltire argent (silver/white) banded at the centre vert (green), surmounted of a chief (band at top) of the second (gold), thereon a sprig of oak leaved and fructed proper.*" The design is by **Mr. Micheál Ó Comáin** the Consulting Herald at the Office of the Chief Herald. The Heraldic Banner measures 4 feet x 4 feet and was crafted by **Timothy O'Regan** of 27, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. The Society's new and very impressive Heraldic Banner will occupy a special place during the official opening of the "*Family History Tower*" next year. However, in the meantime, it will provide an exquisite backdrop for exhibitions organised by the Society. Delivery of the livery flag featuring the "*Mungovan Badge*" is due later this month. The livery flag will fly over the Tower, whilst, the Heraldic Banner will be reserved for special occasions. Hopefully, at a date yet to be decided by the Board, a suitable ceremony to mark the occasion of the first raising of the Heraldic Banner over the Martello Tower will be organised.

## DUBLIN RADIO

**ANTHONY J. ROCHE**, Website at <http://www.iol.ie/~ajroche/> Write:- In association with **Dublin City Annalivia** radio station I am providing a service to overseas people who are trying to connect with living Dublin 'cousins' via the Dublin City & County Rootsweb <http://www.rootsweb.com/~irldubli/> I get requests via this page which the Dublin special interest programme 'Looking Back' broadcast every Friday at 20.00hrs and Sunday at 17.30hrs. In addition this programme presented by **Dónal Ó hUallacháin** and **Anne Marie Walsh**, they have very interesting items each week about old Dublin. I would be grateful if you would let your members know about this programme it goes out on 103.2 FM

## FAMILY HISTORY DIARY

The Institute of Heraldic & Genealogical Studies in Canterbury, England, is once again publishing its annual **Family History Diary** which will include the name and contact details for family history societies in Great Britain and Ireland as well as details of their Websites. The diary, available from September 2003, contains a great deal of useful information such as chronological listings of important genealogical events in British history, English and British regnal years, a calendar of national and local conferences in Great Britain during 2003/2004 and addresses. The diary section itself has changed this year being a week-to-view on the left hand pages with blank right hand pages for notes and memos – ideal for noting down the ideas you have to solve those long standing genealogical problems! The **2004 Family History Diary** has therefore increased in size but the Institute has been able to keep the price the same as that in previous years. For further information and advance orders contact **Jeremy Palmer**, Registrar, IHGS, 79-82 Northgate, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1BA, England or by E-mail: [admin@ihgs.ac.uk](mailto:admin@ihgs.ac.uk)

## QUERIES RECEIVED

**PAUL DOWLING**, 132 Columbia Ave., Hatfield, PA, USA, 19440. E-mail: [pdowling7@comcast.net](mailto:pdowling7@comcast.net) Write:- I'm searching for any information regarding my great grandfather, **Richard Dowling**. His US census records indicate Richard was born in May 1863, in Ireland. My family believes he was born in Wicklow Town. He emigrated to the US sometime prior to June 1887, the date of his marriage, to **Catherine McCaffrey**, in Philadelphia, PA. He states, on his marriage license, that his father's name was Thomas and mother Catharine. Any information please.

**JOHN VICTOR MEAGHER**, 9 Roberts Street, Linden 6006, Wellington, New Zealand. Write: In Thomas Keneally's famous book *"The Great Shame"* printed by Random House ISBN 0-091-83736-7 which is "A Story of the Irish in the Old World and the New" he

makes mention in chapter 14 which is titled *"Young Ireland and the Profane Colonists"* the following. Para.2 "Meagher's later published account of his escape" This refers to his escape from Van Diemen's Land now Tasmania in Australia to America aboard the ship *"Elizabeth Thompson"*. As **Thomas Meagher** was a direct blood relative of mine, for my family Genealogical research I am more than interested/desperate to locate a copy of **Thomas Meagher's** published account. Does anyone know where I may obtain a copy of this publication?

**BILL ROWLAND**, 20 Hawkswood Road, Cheltenham, Glos., GL51 3DS, England.

E-mail:- [bill@claverdon76.freemove.co.uk](mailto:bill@claverdon76.freemove.co.uk) Write:- I am making very little headway in tracing the history of my Irish Grandmother **Rose (Rosa?) Keenan**. Recently I went to a local Family History Fair where I picked up a dozen or so old *Manchester Genealogist* Journals and came upon *'The Nuns' Stories'* in Volume 37 No. 1 2001. The information I have is that **Rose Keenan** arrived in England in 1901 aged 16 years and I'm told that she went to a Convent in Belgium. Its appreciated that this is a very long shot but would it be possible to pinpoint any Belgium convents or alternatively find out birth details for her assuming the year of birth to be around 1885. I would be grateful for any information.

**VIOLET MILNE MCINTYRE**, 622 Edgewater Drive, Apt. 121, Dunedin, Florida USA. E-mail [Vmcin23@aol.com](mailto:Vmcin23@aol.com). Write:- My father's cousin, **Capt. Edward Ramsay Milne**, died on October 10<sup>th</sup> 1918 when the **RMS Leinster** was torpedoed. I know that the branch of the Milne family **Capt. Ramsay** comes from Scotland & moved to Ireland probably in the middle or late 1800s. I believe they lived in Galway at one time where **Edward** worked for a newspaper there. They also had lived in Canada (**Edward** entered the service from Alberta, Canada), but came back to Ireland in the early 1900s. **Capt. Ramsay** is buried at Galway Bohermore (New) Cemetery. Would like to know inscription on his tombstone as well as any other information available, but do not know how to get this. I would be most interested in knowing about **Capt. Ramsay's** family and would like to get in touch with any members of that family who might still be in Ireland. Any information much appreciated.

**MARJORIE A. SCHILLER**, Box 3058, Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada V0E 2S0. E-mail:- [schiller@revelstoke.net](mailto:schiller@revelstoke.net) Write:- I am looking for information about my grandmother and her family. My grandmother was **Hanorah Roche**. She was born Dec 31, 1885 and baptised at SS Mary and Anne Shandon in the City of Cork on Jan 6, 1886. Her parents were **John Roche** and **Angel McCarthy**. (Angela was her real name) The sponsors were **Timothy Roche** and **Mary Roche**. **Hanorah** left Ireland and was married in Medicine Hat, Saskatchewan, Canada on Mar 17, 1913 to **Ernest Bayley**. On **Hanorah's** obituary (she died Feb 13, 1931), it stated that

she had a brother **Timothy**, from Ireland and a sister **Mrs. Dawes** from Aldershot, England. My mother told me that she (my mother) had a cousin **Lily**, from Hants, Aldershot, England. My grandmother left seven children behind when she died. They were **Mary, Emily, John, Patrick, Sydney, Marion** and **Susan**. All have joined their mother, except for **Susan** (my auntie Pat, her name is **Susan Lola Patricia**). She is the last of their family living. **Hanorah** lived in **Bindloss**, and **Swift Current** and **Medicine Hat**. These are all places in Alberta, Canada, and hopefully someone out there will remember long lost (sister, aunt or cousin) **Hanorah**, living in one of these towns. Any information much appreciated.

## AID TO ONE-NAME STUDIES

Current research undertaken at Trinity College Dublin to provide a genetic map of Ireland and to explore the origins of the Irish could offer the all-important breakthrough for One-Name Studies. **Scott Millar** writing in *"The Sunday Times"* (29.06.03) reports that nine of the most common Irish names — **Murphy, McCarthy, McGuinness, Kennedy, O'Sullivan, Kelly, Byrne, O'Neill** and **Ryan** have been selected for intensive study by **Dr. Dan Bradley** a genetics lecturer at Trinity. Bearers of these names were asked to provide DNA samples by giving a cheek swab and at least 70 samples were collected for each of the names. He explained - *"What we are hoping to put together here is an architecture of Irish surnames which will allow historians and genealogists the opportunity to have a more complete view of how people arrived and intermingled in this country"*. **Dr. Bradley** gave a talk to this Society at the outset of this research some years ago and according to **Scott Millar**, it's already throwing up very valuable information about the Irish. Researchers, **Millar** reports, have already concluded that men with Gaelic surnames from the west of Ireland are descendants of the oldest inhabitants of Europe. By comparing their study with European genetic maps, they have shown that the Irish populations' genes largely date back to Neolithic farmers who settled in the country nearly 10,000 years ago. The Y-chromosome is passed from father to son, like surnames, and determines the genetic makeup of individuals. Irish surnames have been passed down for almost 1,000 years and our system is thought to be one of the oldest in the world. **Editor**: This type of research could unlock the mystery for One-Names of whether there is just one or many separate origins for certain Irish surnames, including **Merrigan** which has "branches" or possibly separate "roots" in Tipperary/Waterford, Wicklow/Dublin and according to **Woulfe, Longford/Westmeath**. The second set of findings, **Millar** reports, are part of a research programme conducted by Trinity College Dublin, which found that many Irish people can trace lineage back to the earliest Europeans and confirmed the Scots, Welsh and Basques as our closest cousins.