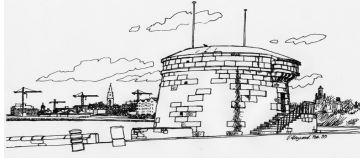


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## FIRST COLLINS & NOW CONNOLLY

*Plans to Portray another Irish Historical Figure in Film are Launched in Dublin*

The release some years ago of *“Michael Collins”* as the first modern feature length film dealing with the aftermath of the 1916 Rising and the War of Independence highlighted the dearth of Irish historical drama on film. This Neil Jordan film was much acclaimed at home and abroad because it broke new ground in Irish film making and finally, addressed our need to see our own historical experience portrayed on the big screen.

### *“Mere Sideshows Caste as Villains”*

For decades, Irish history and historical figures were sideshows in films portraying the lives and times of English monarchs, soldiers or statesmen. Indeed, in many films made depicting periods from the 16<sup>th</sup> century to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Irish were caste a villains – troublesome rebels or rouges. Where were our heroes, leaders and statesmen? Did we not have a story to tell? Certainly with a few notable exceptions, like Disney’s 1960s production of *“The Fighting Prince of Donegal”* – filmmakers ignored the dearth of Irish native historical / period film drama.

### *“A Unique Story to Tell”*

With a long and turbulent history, an ancient cultural and linguistic heritage and rich with story, music and legend, we have much upon which to draw our inspiration – a unique story to tell. Indeed, Seán Ó Faoláin’s *“The Great O’Neill”* has everything – tragedy, love, valour, war, intrigue, betrayal and great loss - all the stuff of great movies!! Will some filmmaker rise to the challenge and bring to the big screen the story of the end of Gaelic civilisation in the 17<sup>th</sup> century?

### *“And Now Connolly”*

At a recent reception in Dublin it was announced that a film on the life and times of James Connolly was to be produced next year. As one of the most revered of the executed leaders of the 1916 Rising, Connolly has been an icon for the labour and trade union movement in Ireland over the past century.

Unlike other figures in Irish history of the period, Connolly’s legacy which appealed to workers organisations in both parts of Ireland was capable of transcending the sectarian divide. Born of Irish immigrant parents in the Cowgate, an Edinburgh slum, on June 5<sup>th</sup> 1868, Connolly came to Ireland in 1896 as a labour movement organiser and came to prominence during the Dublin lockout of 1913. He was the commander of the General Post Office during the Rising of 1916, in which, he was badly wounded. As one of the signatories of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic he was executed by firing squad on May 12<sup>th</sup> 1916.

### *“Beyond Nationalist Ireland”*

The making of *“Connolly”* will, hopefully, enhance the general understanding amongst the public of the life and times that shaped the destiny of James Connolly. This is important as we edge ever slowly towards a “New Ireland” accommodating with respect and dignity all traditions on the island. Indeed, both Gael and Planter have a unique story to tell mostly to and for each other. Will we soon be able to provide cross-border funding for Irish period drama on film? Could *“Michael Collins”* and *“Connolly”* be followed someday by *“Carson”* – only time will tell.

## VEXILLOLOGY

### *What?*

**Vexillology** is defined as the scientific study of flags, banners and related emblems. It is concerned with research into the origin, meaning and significance of flags throughout the millennia right down to the present day. It is also concerned with the creation of a body of practice or disciplines for flag design and usage in both historical and modern terms. Vexillology seeks to understand and explain the importance of flags and related emblems in the world today and to educate the general public on such matters. The word Vexillology is derived from the Latin *vexillum*, a term used by the Romans to refer to a kind of standard with a fabric hung from a horizontal crossbar on a pole, however, banners and emblems of various fabrics were also in use outside the sphere of Roman influence. In Ireland, the use of flags and emblems has been viewed as a contentious and fractious aspect of our turbulent history and yet, we possess a rich vexillological heritage we barely understand and rarely appreciate. Indeed, before the arrival of heraldry in its present form to Ireland with the Cambro-Normans at the close of the 12<sup>th</sup> century and its gradual adoption by the native Irish over the next four centuries, great occasions hosted by Irish rulers were all described as having been accompanied by their banners. We have more than a glimpse of the design of these tribal banners as many of the ancient Celtic mythological symbols employed were taken over into the heraldic format with the adoption of coats-of-arms by the Gaelic world. Some in the world of heraldry have maintained that this, in itself, is evidence of the existence and development of “Gaelic Heraldry” prior to the Norman Invasion. Whether this is the case or not, it certainly proves the existence of a highly developed and stylized form of vexillology amongst the native Irish. The symbols used by the various Septs in



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athbhlíam  
fé mhaise

The Vice Presidents, Cathaoirleach & the Board of the Genealogical Society of Ireland wish all our Members and friends throughout the world a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

heraldry to affirm descent and/or affiliation by blood, were clearly adopted from a much more ancient vexillological usage and supported by genealogies maintained by hereditary custodians. The heraldic use of the Red Hand, for example, by a number of the Ulster Septs proclaims a belief in a common ancestry and this phenomena is noted throughout the country with Septs identifying with each other through either a mythical or actual common ancestral symbolism. In modern times, this symbolism has crept in to the heraldic depictions used by Towns, Cities and Counties throughout Ireland. Indeed, much of this symbolism has been adopted by countless clubs, associations, institutions and corporate bodies over the years. Whilst, as we have seen that official recognition is afforded to the closely related subject of heraldry through the Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland, no comparable status is provided by the State for vexillology. The Constitution of Ireland provides a description of the National Flag as a tricolour of Green, White and Orange (Article 7), but other than heraldic banners covered by Letters Patent issued by the Office of the Chief Herald, there is no official register of flags or banners in Ireland. Indeed, the protection afforded by the Letters Patent issued by the Chief Herald of Ireland has come under some serious questioning regarding the whole legal status of the office in Irish law. A point frequently raised by this Society in its campaign for an Irish Genealogy & Heraldry Bill, indeed, the assignment of duties in respect of vexillology to the Chief Herald of Ireland forms part of this Society's proposal for such legislation. Vexillology, like heraldry, is as much a part of our nation's heritage. However, it is surprising that irrespective of its close connection to the development of various cultural, local and civic identities throughout the island of Ireland, historians, including genealogists, often overlook vexillology in their research. One reason for the neglect of vexillology in Ireland may well be the lack of any central register for flags and banners. A central vexillological register would facilitate the recording of vital information on the development of each flag or banner, including its artistic design, local or national significance, designer, maker and current or historic use. As a vexillological register could easily be established by the Chief Herald, this Society has advocated the expansion of the roll of the office within a new legislative framework of an Irish Genealogy & Heraldry Bill.

### USD & UKP CURRENCY RATES

The exchange rate for persons paying by check or cash in US dollars **€1.00 = US\$1.35** and similarly for those wish to pay in British pounds **€1.00 = 0.70p**. The Society will keep these exchange rates under constant review to ensure acceptance of payments in these currencies. These rates apply to all purchases and membership subscriptions transacted in the currencies concerned. Alternatively why not

pay by Credit Card – MasterCard or VISA via the Website?

## IRISH BASED MEMBERS Renewals Now Due

Irish based members living in the Republic or in Northern Ireland are reminded that their Annual Membership Subscription falls due on **January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005**. Membership Packages are detailed below. Members may up-grade their Membership Package at any time on the payment of the difference between the costs of each. All new Membership Cards issued after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 will have the Membership Number followed by a letters indicating the type of Membership Package chosen.

### a. Basic Membership (Ireland)

Offering ordinary membership of the Society, Membership Card, voting rights, use of the Society's Archive, monthly newsletter and the right to purchase the Society's publications at Members' prices. Cost €20.00 per annum.

### c. Premier Membership (Ireland)

Offering ordinary membership of the Society, Membership Card, voting rights, use of the Society's Archive, monthly newsletter by mail, quarterly Journal by mail, and the right to purchase the Society's publications at Special Premier Members' prices of up to 50% off selected publications. Cost €30.00 per annum.

### e. Household Membership (Ireland)

Offering ordinary membership of the Society for two persons residing at the same address, two Membership Cards, voting rights for each, use of the Society's Archive, one copy of the monthly newsletter by mail, one copy of quarterly Journal by mail, and the right to purchase the Society's publications at Special Premier Members' prices of up to 50% off selected publications. Cost €40.00 per annum.

## OVERSEAS MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES AVAILABLE

The renewal date for Overseas Members falls due on the anniversary of their joining the Society. This renewal date is contained on the Membership Cards. All new Membership Cards issued after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 will have the Membership Number followed by a letter indicating the type of Membership Package chosen. The Society's Overseas Members have now a wider range of Membership Packages available.

### b. Basic Membership (Overseas)

Offering ordinary membership of the Society, Membership Card, voting rights, use of the Society's Archive, monthly newsletter by mail and the right to purchase the Society's publications at Members' prices. Cost €25.00.

### d. Premier Membership (Overseas)

Offering ordinary membership of the Society, Membership Card, voting rights, use of the Society's Archive, monthly newsletter by mail, quarterly Journal by mail, and the right to purchase the Society's publications at Special Premier Members' prices of up to 50% off selected publications. Cost €40.00 per annum.

f. **Household Membership (Overseas)**  
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## AN DAONCHARTLANN Family History Tower

Following the completion of the restoration and refurbishment works at the Martello Tower at Seapoint, Co. Dublin, the Society held the Official Opening of An Daonchartlann on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2004. Plans by the Board of the Society to have the facility open to Members and others by October have received a major setback as telephone services to the Tower have not been connected. Whilst, in ordinary circumstances the lack of a fixed line telecommunication service would not, in the short-term, pose a serious problem, but in a building like the Martello Tower with very thick defensive walls mobile phones (cell phones) cannot pick up a signal. Despite ordering the phone lines well in advance of the Official Opening, the Board has been advised that the works to bring the telephone line under the roadway have recently been put out for tender by Eircom. The Project Director, **Liam Mac Alasdair, FGSI**, has been in constant touch with officials at Eircom in a strenuous endeavour to have this matter resolved as soon as possible. On the day-to-day operation of the Archive in the new year, a Working Group under the direction of the Society's Archivist, **Frieda Carroll, FGSI**, has been established to formulate a plan of action to attract volunteers to operate the Archive each week and to make our collections accessible. The Board of the Society recently established a daily rate for visitors to the Archive at Seapoint offering ordinary membership of the Society for one calendar day, the use of the Society's Archive for a maximum of three hours, including, the right to purchase the Society's publications at Members' prices within the period of membership. Cost €8.00 per day.

## GSI MEMBERS' E-MAIL ADDRESSES

As part of the new Membership Packages on offer from the Society, the Board has decided to provide special e-mail addresses for Members. The e-mail address [yourname@familyhistory.ie](mailto:yourname@familyhistory.ie) is only available to Members for a nominal **€10.00 per annum**. Contact the Membership Officer, Annette McDonnell, MGSI, 4, Kippure Avenue, Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland or contact the Hon. Secretary, Michael Merrigan, FGSI at E-mail: [GSI.Secretary@familyhistory.ie](mailto:GSI.Secretary@familyhistory.ie) or at the address below.

## BOOK REVIEW

### *"Regions and Rulers in Ireland, 1100-1650 - Essays for Kenneth Nicholls"*

Edited by **David Edwards** and published by Four Courts Press, ISBN 1-85182-742-0. This collection of essays is intended as a tribute to the monumental and pioneering work undertaken by Kenneth Nicholls, which brought an insight into the native Irish civilization in the four-and-a-half centuries between the Cambro-Norman invasion to the plantations of the early seventeenth century. This period was certainly considered by most as the "lost" or "hidden" Ireland shrouded by mystery and concealed from non-Gaelic speaking researchers. In his groundbreaking work *"Gaelic & Gaelicised Ireland"* published in 1972, Nicholls opened up this other world for his contemporaries and students of Irish history around the world. Gone for good was the mistaken belief that the only accessibility to this period was through English or Latin sources compiled in the main by non-native commentators. This restricted view of Irish history portrayed the native Irish as beyond civilization, lost to the wider European world of the period and devoid of vitality and creativity and incapable of responding to the political realities of their age. Nicholls destroyed that xenophobic myth in a little book of just 177 pages and at a stroke presented a new and exciting challenge to students of Irish history - the discovery of native Irish society of the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> century. When considering the essays presented here it's a delight to behold the diversity of the subjects covered, whether by design or by a very fortunate accident, this book has essays to appeal to many different interests from ecclesiastical history, legal history, social history and genealogy, to a fascinating discourse on topography as represented by the parlay sites of Ó Néill and Ó Dómhnaill. The latter essay by **Elizabeth Fitzpatrick** provides an insight into the political intrigue, rivalries and courtly customs amongst the Gaelic aristocracy of the late 16<sup>th</sup> century whilst they imaginatively balanced the competing demands of a growing Gaelic force as represented by Ó Néill and the increasingly impatient Tudor government of Elizabeth I bent on subduing the Gaelic lordships. The essence of clientship that was the basis for the order of Gaelic aristocracy for millennia was still very much alive and well in the late sixteenth century as Ó Néill progressed through the land like his distant ancestors the High Kings of Ireland creating new chiefs and supporting rivals to existing chiefs. Though, all this was under the watchful eye of Elizabeth's spies and informants, it is a testament to the impotency of the Tudor regime in Ireland at this time that Ó Néill progressed with impunity. **Ciarán Brady's** essay on the end of the O'Reilly lordship, 1584-1610, presents the reader with an account of one of the most catastrophic periods in Irish

history - the collapse of the Gaelic civilization, dispossession and the subsequent plantations. This essay is particularly rich genealogically as generation after generation of the O'Reilly ruling families struggle to assert their rights in the face of native and Tudor aggression. This essay details the classic battle between the old regime in East Breifne (Cavan) and the advance of the Stuart plantations in Ulster. This essay would have benefited from a genealogical table indicating the various branches of the O'Reilly sept. Moving to the other end of the country, **Paul MacCotter** in his essay on the Geraldine clerical lineages of Imokelly and Sir John fitz Edmund of Cloyne, explores the hereditary control or near hereditary possession of the ecclesiastical dignities in Munster amongst the Anglo-Norman families in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. As much of this hereditary possession takes place in pre-reformation Cloyne, it's fascinating to see it survive and, in some cases thrive, in the post reformation diocese too. The various characters in this story are detailed in the "Ballintemple Pedigree" as the members of the senior lines of descent from Bishop Gerald FitzGerald who, it seems, had himself consecrated Bishop of Cork & Cloyne by forging his predecessor's letter of resignation and spawned an ecclesiastical dynasty. Indeed, the advancement through forgery was evident again some 267 years later in 1730, when Richard Fitzgerald succeeded to the dormant Geraldine baronetcy of Clenish by means of a fictitious pedigree, however, his descendants became extinct upon the death of Sir Gerald Dalton FitzGerald in Essex, England in the 1880s. The theme of forgery is taken up again by **Katharine Simms** in her essay on The McMahon pedigree: a medieval forgery. Other contributors are **Donnchadh Ó Corráin** on the synod at Cashell in 1101; **Conleth Manning** on Finghin MacCarthy, King of Desmond; **Seán Duffy** on the Lords of Galloway, earls of Carrick and the Bissets of Antrim; **David Seller** on Florflissa / Forbhflaith / Hvarfloó; **David Edwards & Adrian Empey** on the Tipperary Liberty ordinances of the 'Black' earl of Ormond; **Jerrold Casway** on Art Mac Baron; **Fiona Fitzsimons** on Cardinal Wolsey & Ireland; **Bernadette Cunningham** on the cultural world of a 16<sup>th</sup> century chronicler; **Brid McGrath** on Irish students at the inns of court 1603-49 and **David Edwards** on cultural conflict at the Limerick assize in 1606. With a total of fourteen very interesting and well presented essays and a full bibliography of the historical writings of Kenneth Nicholls, this publication offers much for the genealogist and ordinary student of Irish history. **Four Courts Press** is to be congratulated on this publication. Copies available via Website [www.four-courts-press.ie](http://www.four-courts-press.ie) Price €55 : UK£50 : US\$55 or by mail: Four Courts Press, 7, Malpas Street, Dublin 8, Ireland.

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**WICKLOW** Articles featured in Issue No 9 of *"Wicklow Roots"* published by the Wicklow County Genealogical Society include: - Editorial by **Declan Byrne, MGSI**; Motor Registration in County Wicklow: A Genealogical Source; The "So Called" Real person Who Lived at No.7 Eccles Street; J. F. Byrne and James A. Joyce by Elaine Byrne; German World War 1 Casualities Buried in Glenree, County Wicklow by Philip Lecane, MGSI; An Autumn Day at Kensal Green by Declan Byrne; In Search of Emily La Touche by Godfrey O' Byrne; The Church at Laragh by Gene McCall; Rathnew Memorial - An Excerpt; Wicklow People at Home and Away - A Compilation. Postal orders, price €6.50 (Ireland and UK), €7.50 (other) to **Maev Flannery, MGSI, Wicklow County Genealogical Society**, 1 Summerhill, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow, Ireland.

**OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY** Articles featured in the Autumn 2004 issue of the *"Dublin Historical Record"* include:- Editorial by **Theo Mortimer**; St. Anne's The Guinness Estate by Joan Ussher Sharkey; The Liffey Banks in Dublin - The Early Works of Private Developers by John W. de Courcy; The Methodists Chapels in Dublin by Rev. D. A. Levistone Cooney; In Memory of Lieut. Tom Kettle, 'B' Company, 9th Royal Dublin Fusiliers by Tom Burke; Bound for Australia - the 'Tayleur' by Edward J. Bourke; The Oak Tree and the Olive - Eva Gore Booth by Rosangela Barone; The Construction of Dún Laoghaire Harbour by David Edwards; James Laurence Carew M.P. (1853-1903) by James Robinson; A Football March at Swords in the early 18th Century by Patrick Fagan; City News from the Past by James Scannell; Book Reviews. Price by post €16.50 (Ireland) €18 (other) from **James Scannell**, 'Wren's Rest', 19 Hazelwood, Shankill, Dublin 18, Ireland

**MEDAL SOCIETY** Articles featured in the December 2004 (No 67) *"Journal of the Medal Society of Ireland"* include - Col. Frederick F. MacCabe, 1868-1954 by Brian Smith & Liam Dodd; Capt. Loftus Bryan's House Destroyed by Liam Dodd; 2nd Lt. Reginald Lambert Flack; 14th Batt. Royal Irish Rifles, 1891-1916 by Nicholas Pnematicatos; A Plucky Royal Irish Invalid by Liam Dodd; Recruiting Sergeant John Monks; An Irish Soldier in the Crimean War by Raphael Clarke Two Days of Remembrance, 2004 by Ken Kingston; John Dannagher V.C., 1860-1919 by Patrick J. McNamara; Cavan Man at Waterloo by John Wright; Coxswain Patrick Murphy, R.N.L.I. by J. Morton; Death of an Soldier by Liam Dodd; Trooper Alf Corrigan, South Irish Horse by Liam Dodd; Roll of Honour by Liam Dodd; Canadian R.A.F. Aeroplane Shot Down by Liam Dodd. Postal orders, price €4 to **Liam Dodd, MGSI, MSOI**, 5, Meadow Vale, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

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## JOINING THE SOCIETY

The Society always welcomes new Members from Ireland and overseas. If you wish to join, contact the Membership Officer, **Mrs. Annette McDonnell, MGSI**, 4, Kippure Ave., Green Park, Dublin 12, Ireland. You may also contact Annette by E-mail via the Hon. Secretary [GSI.Secretary@familyhistory.ie](mailto:GSI.Secretary@familyhistory.ie) 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 by mail. Check out the range of Membership Packages available.

## PRESIDENT OF THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Board of the Society has requested the Cathaoirleach, **Rory Stanley, FGSI**, to convene a meeting of the College of Fellows of the Genealogical Society before January 31<sup>st</sup> 2005 in order to elect a President of the Society. The newly elected President will be only the second person to hold the highest position in the Society since the death in 2000 of our first President, **Denis, O Conor Don**. The Board has given the Fellows the names of six nominees from which to elect the new President of the Genealogical Society of Ireland. The result of this ballot will be known in time for the February 2005 issue.

## DIARY DATES

### Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> 2004

Evening Open Meeting, 20.00hrs  
Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education,  
Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire  
Bus: 7, 7A, 46A, and 75.  
DART Monkstown/Salthill Station.

Topic: "*The Sinking of the RMS Leinster*"  
Speaker: **Philip Lecane**

### Tuesday January 11<sup>th</sup> 2005

Venue as above  
Topic: "*Illustrated Talk on the Massy Family*"  
Speaker: **Frank Tracy**

### Weds. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 2004 & Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 2005

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*