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Uachtarán Tofa : President Elect



As we were just going to press last month, the results of the presidential election were delivered to the Board on Thursday 7th December 2023. The results were confirmed by *Res: 23/12/1787*.

The GSI Board declared Vice-President **Francis M. O'Donnell, FGSI**, to be the 'President Elect' who will succeed President **Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**, on 12th March 2024.

Mr. O'Donnell will serve four years of the eight-year term and then, in accordance with the above resolution, he will be succeeded by Vice-President, **Fiona Fitzsimons, MA, FGSI**, as GSI President.

Amb. (ret.) Francis M. O'Donnell, GCMM, GCEG, KC*SG, KM, KCHS, KCMCO, BA (Hons), FGSI, is a former diplomat and the author of the magisterial and comprehensive work 'The O'Donnells of Tyrconnell - A Hidden Legacy' (ISBN: 978-1-68053-474-0 published by Academica Press).

Mr. O'Donnell retired from the United Nations after thirty-two years in 2009, having most recently held the following positions: UN Resident Coordinator &

UNDP Resident Representative in Ukraine (2004-2009) and the UN Resident Coordinator & UNDP Resident Representative in F.R. Yugoslavia (Serbia & Montenegro) (2000-2004). He was Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of the SMOM to the Slovak Republic (2009-2013).

He is a life member of the Institute of International and European Affairs, Dublin, and a member of the Military History Society of Ireland; the Co. Donegal Historical Society, the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society, and the O'Donnell Clan Association and served as its delegate to Clans of Ireland and briefly as Chancellor of its Order of Merit.

He is a Director/Trustee of the School of Civic Education under the auspices of the Council of Europe; member/moderator of the Global Baku Forum hosted by the Nizami Ganjavi International Centre, and has been an expert/participant in the InterAction Council; a listed advisor to the Global Partnerships Forum (New York); occasional advisor to the Non-Violent Peace Force (an NGO consortium); and a participant in recent discussions on improving UN response to the Russian-Ukrainian war under the auspices of the Foundation for Global Governance and Sustainability (Brussels).

Mr. O'Donnell is armigerous having received a grant of arms from the Chief Herald of Ireland in 2009.

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DATA PROTECTION

The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on **May 25th 2018**. The Board, under *Res: 18/05/1380*, advises Members that the Society holds the following records on its Members (1) Name; (2) Address; (3) Telephone Number; (4) Email Address and (5) the name of the Associate Member, if applicable, and that such records are **only used** for the purpose of contacting Members on Society matters and for the dispatch of the Monthly Newsletter and the Annual Journal and furthermore, that these records are **only held** by the Director of Membership Services and are **inaccessible to all other persons** and that, the Society does not share this information with any other individual or organisation. Records are also held for contractual necessity to deliver paid services.

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GSI Stand at Belfast 19/21 January—M5

GSI Stand at Dublin 26/28 January—U19

Check out the website: <https://www.holidayworldshow.com> for further information

WEEKLY RESEARCH ADVICE

WEDNESDAY at 11.00hrs (UTC+0) (Irish Time) via Zoom. (see page 2)
Zoom - Meeting ID: 830 9870 7989
Passcode: 670945



MONTHLY MEETINGS

EVENING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Tuesday 9 January 2024 —20.00hrs

Tuesday 13 February 2024 —20.00hrs

MORNING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Wednesday 24 January 2024 —11.00hrs

Wednesday 22 February 2024 —11.00hrs

Free of Charge—Donations Welcome!

(Donations via www.familyhistory.ie)

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GDPR & GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

The Icelandic Data Protection Authority rejected a complaint of a data subject who demanded the enforcement of the data subject's right to erasure against a controller's genealogical database.

The DPA decided the controller's processing was justified pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR and that it was within its rights to refuse the erasure request pursuant to Article 17(3) GDPR.

For the full details on this very interesting case see <https://gdprhub.eu—Persónuvernd - Case no. 2021010248> of December 5th 2022.

“ARCHIVE DROP-INS”

The weekly “Drop-Ins” hosted by **Gerard White, MGSI, Director of the GSI Open Meetings**, are hugely popular with our Members around the world.

These informal weekly “Drop-Ins” have been opened up to non-members for the summer period and are designed to allow you to join the Zoom meeting at any time between 11.00hrs and 12.00hrs on Wednesdays.

Previously only the “Drop-In” on the 4th Wednesday was publicly accessible for Members and visitors alike.

For the link to this “Drop-In” meeting see page 1.

Members receive an email from the Director of Membership Services each week with access details.

Members can send in their research query in advance to Archivist@familyhistory.ie

GSI BOARD NEWS

The first meeting of the Board of Directors in 2024 was held on Thursday January 11th 2024 at 11.00hrs via Zoom. The meeting was chaired by the Cathaoirleach, **John Goggins, MGSI**, and nine members were in attendance. One apology received due to vacation.

The Board established a **Select Committee** to produce the Society's Annual Journal for 2024 under **Res: 24/01/1795** with the following members **John Goggins, Fiona Tipple, Laura Price and Shane Wilson**.

The General Secretary first presented the **Monthly Accounts** on behalf of **Lua Ó Scolai, MGSI, Director of Finance**, and then proceeded to present the **Annual Accounts** for the period ending 31st December 2023. The latter were adopted by the Board under **Res: 24/01/1799** and will be forwarded to the Society's auditors by the Director of Finance.

Following the return of the Annual Accounts from the auditors they will be presented to the **Companies Registration Office** and the **Office of the Charities Regulator**.

Eddie Gahan, FGSI, Director of the Outreach Programme, provided details on the arrangements and staffing for the GSI Stand at **Holiday World Show** in Belfast on 19th to 21st January and Dublin on 26th to 28th January 2024. (See page 1 of this newsletter)

Fiona Tipple, FGSI, Director of Archival Services & Education, advised the Board of two very generous donation of books received from **Ancestry.com** in Dublin. Fiona also provided details on two educational outreach events—one at the **National Rehabilitation Hospital** on Rochestown Avenue in Dún Laoghaire and the other at the **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Branch of the Women's Collective Ireland**.

Fiona is also preparing for the Society's participation in an event organised by **LDS Family History Centre** in Glasnevin under the theme “*Why Family History?*”.

Gerard White, MGSI, Director of the Open Meetings & Lecture Programme, provided details on the attendances at the various **Zoom Open Meetings**. Also, during discussions, the February and March speaker slots were filled. (see page 3 of this newsletter)

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday 1st February 2024 at 11.00hrs via Zoom.

General Secretary

GSI ON YOUTUBE

The Society's lectures and some informational short videos were uploaded to our YouTube Channel. To view the videos and hopefully, to “*Like*” and “*Share*” them, and to “*Subscribe*” to our YouTube channel—please checkout:

www.YouTube.com/c/GenSocIrelandGSI

ON INSTAGRAM

The Society has been expanding its presence across all social media platforms and we're on Instagram! Please checkout this link:

www.instagram.com/GenSocIreland

FREE WEEKLY RESEARCH ADVICE

Each Wednesday, the Society hosts a free family history research advice session via Zoom. Members of the Society and visitors have the opportunity to discuss their research problems—those proverbial “brick walls” that we all have encountered in our quest for information on our ancestors.

Members of the Society with decades of research experience and some with academic qualifications in historical and genealogical research, are available to answer queries, provide research leads and advice on sources and methodology.

Whether you're only beginning your family history research or have been dabbling in genealogy for years, we all can and do benefit from discussing our research with others. We learn of the available resources and how to access them, especially the free ones, and of course, we all welcome forewarnings of any “pit falls” that could throw us off track or hold up our research for the want of that crucial research tip.

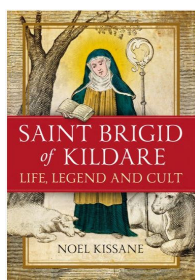
Gerard White, MGSI, Director of the Open Meetings, and his team of excellent researchers help Members and visitors every week from Ireland and around the world.

This is a **Free Service** provided by the Society to help Members and the general public to successfully trace their Irish family history. So if you have a query please send it to Archivist@familyhistory.ie

We'll All Stay Connected Each Week via Zoom

Saint Brigid—Naomh Bríd

Since last year Ireland has an annual public holiday in early February to mark St Brigid's Day. The public holiday is the first Monday in February, except where St Brigid's Day (1st February) happens to fall on a Friday, in which case Friday 1st February will be a public holiday, so this year 2024, the public holiday for St Brigid's Day will fall on Monday February 5th 2024.

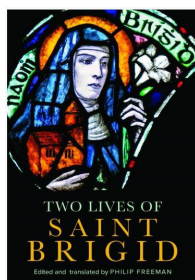


February 1st is a special date in the Irish ecclesiastic calendar as it is the feast day of Saint Brigid, the other patron saint of Ireland along with Saint Patrick. St. Brigid has been described as one of the “most remarkable women in Irish history” although, she has always been very elusive according to **Noel Kissane** in his excellent study of Brigid published in June 2017. Although sometimes said to have assumed many of attributes of the goddess Brigid, she was a real person that inspired a cult and was venerated throughout Ireland and overseas. Kissane's “*Saint Brigid of Kildare – Life, Legend and Cult*” (ISBN: 978-1-84682-632-0 : P/bk : 360pp : Price €24.95) explores the place of this saint in Irish life down through the centuries

Now a **new book published this month** by Four Courts Press examines other aspects of the life of Ireland's female patron saint. “*The Two Lives of Saint Brigid*” (ISBN: 978-1-801151-116-2 : P/bk : 192pp : Price €19.95 : Web-Price €17.95) by **Philip Freeman** explores the place of this saint in Irish life down through the centuries

St Brigid is the earliest and best-known of the female saints of Ireland. In the generation after St Patrick, she established a monastery for men and women at Kildare which became one of the most powerful and influential centres of the Church in early Ireland. The stories of Brigid's life and deeds survive in several early sources, but the most important are two Latin Lives written a century or more after her death. The first was composed by a churchman named Cogitosus and tells of her many miracles of healing and helping the poor. The second source, known as the *Vita Prima*, continues the tradition with more tales of marvellous deeds and journeys throughout the island. Both Latin sources are a treasure house of information not just about the legends of Brigid but also about daily life, the role of women, and the spread of Christianity in Ireland.

This book for the first time presents together an English translation of both the *Life of Brigid* by Cogitosus and the *Vita Prima*, along with the Latin text of both, carefully edited from the best medieval manuscripts. With an Introduction by Professor Freeman, this book makes these fascinating stories of St Brigid accessible to general readers, students and scholars.



Philip Freeman received his PhD in Classics and Celtic Languages from Harvard University in 1994. He has written extensively on Christianity in early medieval Ireland, as well as the Roman world in late antiquity. He currently serves as Fletcher Jones Professor of Humanities at Pepperdine University in California. (Text from FCP website)

FOUR COURTS PRESS

Irish History, Genealogy, Local History and much more. Checkout the extensive online catalogue for 2024 and the wonderful special offers at www.fourcourtspress.ie—note the “back-in-prints” too!!

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR RESEARCH FILES?

As genealogists and local historians we have, as many of our spouses, partners or immediate family would say, an almost obsessive need to collect books, papers and other material related to our research.

These books, papers, files, photographs and voice or other recordings are essential for our ongoing research. We regularly consult them, cross-referencing information or updating our computer databases of births, marriages, deaths and biographies of our ancestors and related families. We've spent countless long hours over many years, possibly decades, amassing, collating and sorting this information. These items are, in many respects, our hugely valued research companions—inanimate certainly, but they speak to us, confirming or determining our research pathways. Our daily reliance upon these resources has been evident to those around us, whether, they have an interest or not in genealogy or local history.

But, for a moment let's ponder the question—what happens to all of these cherished possessions when we eventually pass on? Is there someone in the family going to carry on the research with the same passion and dedication that you have shown over the years or is this material destined for landfill or incineration?

Genealogical organisations the world over promote the preservation of such records for future generations of researchers. Many, like this Society, offer a caring

place of refuge for such records in their archives.

This facility may be well understood by many family historians, but sadly without each of us making a specific provision for the deposit of our records with an archive, many of these valuable research documents and precious family photographs could end up as landfill or recycled paper.

The main article in the February 2022 issue (Vol. 17, No. 2) features the sad story of Miss O'Dowd's cherished files, photographs, memorabilia and books. Check it out on our website <https://www.familyhistory.ie>

In the meantime, if you want to discuss leaving your research material and books to the Society's Archive and Research Centre, please contact **Fiona Tipple, MA, FGSI, Director of Archival Services & Education**, by email on Archivist@familyhistory.ie



36th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences

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See: <https://www.americanancestors.org/icghs-2024>

In Brief....

GSI MEMBERSHIP

Join on-line at www.familyhistory.ie
Please note that GSI Membership is open to all interested in genealogy and related subjects.

Discounted membership rates available for under 25s and students at recognised genealogy courses. (*proof required*) Full details on the *Membership Package* were published in the November 2022 issue of this newsletter. For back issues of the 'Gazette' please see the Society's website.

Barry O'Connor, FGSI,
Director of Membership Services.
Email: membership@familyhistory.ie

GSI OPEN MEETINGS

Society's Monthly Open Meetings are held via ZOOM to allow the fullest access by Members from Ireland and overseas.

Tuesday January 9th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: James Brady on 'The Sixth Battalion—South Co. Dublin & the War for Independence: 1916-1921'

Wednesday January 24th—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday February 13th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Gerard Corcoran, MGSI, on *Genetic Genealogy*.

Wednesday February 22nd —Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday March 12th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Annual General Meeting. Speaker: Shane Wilson, MGSI on 'Searching Civil BMD Records—Tips & Tricks'.

Wednesday March 27th —Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday April 9th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: TBA

Wednesday April 24th —Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Talks will be posted on YouTube.

ZOOM MEETINGS

Membership Director, Barry O'Connor, FGSI, will email Members to log in to Zoom for the two Open Meetings.

The lectures are open to the public and the access details are available on request by email from Membership@FamilyHistory.ie

Suggestions on the Monthly Lecture Programme to: eolas@familyhistory.ie

Members may send their research queries in advance for the Morning Open Meeting by email to Archivist@familyhistory.ie

The Lecture Programme is recorded for the GSI YouTube Channel as a free, publicly accessible educational resource. We endeavour to have each lecture up as soon as possible.

IRISH DNA ATLAS

Checkout the short video and the lectures on the *Irish DNA Atlas* project on YouTube Channel—www.youtube.com/c/GenealogicalSocietyOfIrelandGSI



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Some of the Archival Collections in An Daonchartlann, Loughlinstown. (Photo: Tom Conlon)

James Scannell Reports...

RATHMICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The AGM at 20.00hrs on Weds 10 Jan in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, to be followed by Rob Goodbody 'The Lead Mines: Ballycorus and Glendalough.' Colmán Ó Clabaigh will present 'Sanctuary in Medieval Ireland' at 20.00hrs on Weds 07 Feb in the same venue. All welcome to attend both lectures – admission is €5.00 for non-members.

KILMACUD-STILLORGAN LHS

Donal Maguire will present 'Irish Artists and the Revolutionary Period' at 20.00hrs on Thurs 11 Jan and Liz Gillis 'Women of the 19th Century' at 20.00hrs on Thurs 08 Feb in St. Raphaela's Primary School Hall, St. Raphaela's Stillorgan. All welcome. €3.00 for non-members.

DLR PEOPLE'S ARCHIVE DAY

A drop-in advice day for custodians/owners of historic memorabilia and families archives in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown takes place from 11.00hrs to 16.00hrs on Friday 12 January in the Assembly Hall, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire. Register at www.eventbrite.ie, search 'dlr People Archive', or call the dlr Heritage Officer on 01-205 4700.

MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY

Michael James Nugent will present 'A bad day I fear – The Irish Divisions at the Battle of Langemark, August 1917' at 20.00hrs on Fri 12 Jan and Piers Wauchope 'The Siege of Londonderry' at 20.00hrs on Fri 09 Feb in Griffith College, South Circular Rd, Dublin 8. All Welcome.

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Eamonn Delaney will present 'The accidental diplomat: my years in the Irish Foreign Service, 1987-1995' at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 16 January in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Co. Dublin. All welcome - Admission is €5.00 for visitors.

WICKLOW LIBRARY SOCIETY

James Scannell will present 'Going to the Pictures in the 1950s and 1960s' at 19.00hrs on Weds 17 Jan. in Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – free.

BRAY CUALANN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The AGM will take place in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, at 20.00hrs on Thursday 18 January and will be followed by James Scannell with 'A Dangerous Occupation: Working on the Railway in the Bray Area'. All are welcome – admission is €8.00 for non-members.

THE IRISH RAILWAY RECORD SOCIETY

Joe Lawton will present 'Gone but not forgotten - A look at the road freight section of CIÉ until its demise under Iarnród Éireann' at 19.30hrs on Thursday 25 January in their Dublin Hueston Station, Dublin 8, premises. Strictly members and their guests only.

CLONDALKIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Michael Traynor will present 'The Petticoat pilots: Irish female pilots 1909-1939' at

20.00hrs on Mon 29 Jan in Áras Chrónáin - Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin. All welcome. €5.00 (non-members).

AN INTRODUCTION TO ORAL HISTORY

Takes place at 18.30hrs on Tues 30 Jan, 06 Feb, and 13 Feb in the Meeting Room, Level 5, dlr Lexicon. Participant are encouraged to attend all three sessions. To book: dlrlexiconlib@dlrcoco.ie or call 01-280 1147

MOUNT MERRION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Michael Sheil will present 'Dublin Kingstown Railway 1834' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 01 February in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission is €4.00/Students €2.00.

MEDAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

A 'Medal, Militaria and Collectables Fair' will take place from 10.00hrs to 14.00hrs on Saturday 03 February in Knox Memorial Hall, Monkstown Village, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - Admission is €2.00 for members and €4.00 for non-members.

MALAHIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Conor Keeling will present 'Who was Patrick Archer?' at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 13 February in St. Sylvester's Church Parish Centre, Malahide, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - Admission is €5.00.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles featured in this issue, Editor Tommy Graham, and published by Wordwell Ltd. include 'The Decade of Centenaries Bite Back' by Tommy Graham, 'Remembering the Andersonville Irish in Georgia' by Damian Shiels, 'Bindon Blood Stoney (1828-1909)' by Brian Smyth, 'On This Day' by Aodhán Crealey, 'Wolfe Tone today' by Jim Smyth, 'Parish Vestry Records' by Fiona Fitzsimons, 'Wicklow grand juries' by Catherine Wright, 'Robert Boyle's Irish-character printing type' by Dermot McGuinne, 'Lord Edward Fitzgerald's Grand Tour of the North American frontier, 1789-90' by Ruairí Nolan, 'Queenstown - the Victorian 'new town' on Killiney Hill that never happened' by John Martin, 'The 'Boer Colonel - Maurice Moore (1854-1939): military hero or dissident?' by Madeline O'Neill, 'O'Duffy's 'Green Division fact or fiction?' by Jack Traynor, 'Dublin Culture in the Palace Bar' by Tim Carey, 'Muintir na Tire's Fr. John Hayes - 'Ireland's rural apostle' in America' by Barry Sheppard and 'Tobacco production in Ireland' by Séan Whitney. Also included are the regular features of 'Gems of Architecture', 'Artefacts', 'Bookworm', 'The Big Book', Book Reviews, 'Seen on Tv', 'Film Watch', 'IFI Film Eye', and '100 Years Ago'.

James Scannell, FGSI

TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS

by John Grenham, MA, MAGI, FIGRS, FGSI

The Society strongly recommends to anyone embarking on their family history quest that one essential piece of kit must be, without doubt, a copy of the *FIFTH* edition of 'Tracing Your Irish Ancestors'. Please checkout the website www.gillmacmillan.com Price €24.99 [RRP].

PRÉCIS OF THE DECEMBER LECTURE

The Monthly Lecture via Zoom on Tuesday 12th December 2023 was delivered by **Gerard White, MGSi**, Director of the GSI Open Meeting & Lecture Programme on the subject *'Patrick Shortt and the Sinking of the ILV SS Isolda in 1940'*. The presentation focused on the Naval and Maritime service of his uncle **Patrick Shortt / Shortt (1896-1940)**. Gerard divided his service in three sections **WWI Royal Navy (1916-1919)** (Battle of Jutland 1916). His service from 1919 to 1921 with the **Royal Fleet Auxiliary**. The main focus was on his service with the **Commissioners of Irish Lights (1927-1940)** and the aftermath of the events of 19th December 1940.



On the **19th December 1940** the *ILV SS Isolda* was tasked with the transfer of the Christmas Relief Crews for the **Barrels** and **Coningbeg Lightships** off the Saltee Islands. The *SS Isolda* was bombed and sunk by a German aircraft. Six members of the crew of the *SS Isolda* were killed, one of them was Patrick Shortt. The other twenty-three crew members of the *SS Isolda* and the seven Lightship men survived and made it ashore. The seven men were injured and required medical treatment.

Gerard displayed examples of documents from various agencies involved in the aftermath - **An Garda Síochána, RNLI, Commissioners of Irish Lights, Irish Government** and the **Dept. of External Affairs, The Irish Army G2 Branch (Military Intelligence)** and the **Coast Watching Service**. Gerard covered the area of **Censorship** in Ireland and how the event was reported at the time and after WWII in 1945.

He explored the documents regarding the **pension** and **compensation** received by the widows and their children. Gerard explained that this is an ongoing project with the focus of the research on the role of the **British Government** in this tragic event. The talk will be uploaded to the Society's YouTube Channel in due course (see left panel on page 2)

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY—DID YOU KNOW?

- ☞ Did you know that Membership of this Society is open to all with an interest in family history, heraldry, vexillology (study of flags and emblems) and related subjects?
- ☞ Did you know that Membership is open to anyone living in Ireland or overseas and with Irish ancestry or with ancestors from anywhere in the world? All are most welcome.
- ☞ Did you know that Student Membership is also available at 50% off the subscription?
- ☞ Please checkout: www.familyhistory.ie ☞ Email: membership@familyhistory.ie

'THE HERALDRY GAZETTE'

The **Heraldry Society** in the United Kingdom promotes an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of heraldry, genealogy and related subjects. It is an educational charity in the UK and it was founded in 1947 by **John P. Brooke-Little, CVO, KStJ, FSA, FHS** when he was **Bluemantle Pursuivant of Arms**. He went on to become **Clarenceux King of Arms**. Nearly every heraldry enthusiast has consulted the works of Brooke-Little and indeed, other excellent publications by members, past and present, of The Heraldry Society in the UK.

The current President of the Society is the Duke of Norfolk, the Earl Marshal of England.

The official newsletter of The Heraldry Society — *'The Heraldry Gazette'* - New Series 170, December 2023 (ISSN 0439-2980 print : ISSN 2056-418X online) contains an article on the grant of arms by the **Chief Herald of Ireland, Colette O'Flaherty**, to Michael Merrigan, MA, FGSI, on December 16th 2022.

For further information on The Heraldry Society, including membership, publications and other resources see: www.theheraldrysociety.com

Checkout the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

Our Society is a Registered Charity

During the Covid-19 pandemic, many charities in Ireland and overseas found it extremely difficult to operate with much reduced funding streams.

This Society is funded largely by its Membership Fees and the very kind donations received from Members and friends at home and overseas, without which, the Society simply couldn't exist.

The Society is a Registered Charity in Ireland and always considers options for fund raising and grant applications. The possibility of crowdfunding for specific projects is being considered. However, in the

meantime it was decided to appeal to our Members, friends around the world.

Donations can be made via the Society's website or by cheque to the **Genealogical Society of Ireland** and forwarded to the General Secretary: **11, Desmond Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin, Ireland, A96 AD76.**

If you have already donated—Many Thanks!



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