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MAYNOOTH STUDIES IN LOCAL HISTORY

The latest batch of local history volumes in the Maynooth Studies in Local History series was published by **Four Courts Press** on 18 October 2024.

These six books are numbers 166 to 171 in this hugely important series, which for the first time, are published with an index. Hopefully, numbers 1 to 165 will be indexed at some stage, possibly through philanthropic funding, to create an enormously important online resource for local historians, genealogists and other researchers.

The price for each is €12.95, although, a Web-Price of €11.65 plus p+p is available via the Four Courts Press website www.fourcourtspress.ie The titles in this batch are:

No. 166: 'The Quaker community in Ballymurray, Co. Roscommon, 1718-1848' by **Jacqueline née Creaven d'Towey**. (ISBN: 978-1-80151-159-9 : P/bk : 71pps : ills). This study charts the arrival of The Society of Friends to Co. Roscommon and the community's relations with the local landowners, the Croftons of Mote Park, and the challenges they faced until their departure in 1848.

No. 167: 'Mary Mercer's Dublin Legacy, 1724-2024' by **Peter A. Daly**. (ISBN: 978-1-80151-130-8 : P/bk : 78pps : ills). This volume explores the remarkable legacy of the philanthropist, Mary Mercer (1645-1735), who established an orphanage, a voluntary hospital and a school in Dublin.

No. 168: 'From Carrigdrumruske to Carrick-on-Shannon—The St. George estate, 1613-1864' by **Mairéad Lynch**. (ISBN: 978-1-80151-131-5 : P/bk : 116pps : ills). This work is essentially a family history of the St. George family from Cambridgeshire who received lands in the

plantation of Leitrim confiscated from the O'Rourke and MacRannall clans and others. The author's approach to this study provides an excellent for such works centred on a particular landed family, its estates, its commercial activities and its relations with local communities, often in very difficult circumstances during periods of political upheaval. Separated by religion and ethnicity, but bound together by economic dependence and an attachment to place.

No. 169: 'Dún na nGall, 'Fort of the Foreigners'? - The Vikings and their legacy in Donegal' by **Megan McAuley**. (ISBN: 978-1-80151-132-2 : P/bk : 80pps : ills). This book assesses the archaeological, historical and toponymic evidence for Viking settlements in Donegal. Examining each issue carefully due to the county's proximity to the Norse settlements in the Hebrides which later developed into a Gaelic speaking Norse-Gael society of the Gallowglass clans.

No. 170: 'The perjury trial of Patrick Hurly of Moughna, Co. Clare—Elite Catholic responses to the emerging Protestant ascendancy' by **Brendan Twomey**. (ISBN: 978-1-80151-133-9 : P/bk : 86pps : ills). This is a fascinating study of an early eighteenth-century "Whodunit" centred on the exploits of a notorious cheat who was convicted of perjury for swearing a false affidavit in respect of a 'sham robbery'. He also faced an attempted prosecution for treason.

No. 171: 'Faming and society since 1700 in the barony of Carbury, Co. Kildare' by **Lesley Whiteside**. (ISBN: 978-1-801-134-6 : P/bk : 94pps : ills) *Reviewed on page 2.*

Below are images of five of the six volumes, see page 2 for No. 171, Co. Kildare.



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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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THE FLAG INSTITUTE

The **Flag Institute**, based in London, UK, is one of the foremost organisations in the world promoting the study of flags and emblems. Its specialists are frequently called upon to advise on the design of flags and the protocols for proper display and use of flags and emblems. Indeed, the institute is an adviser to the **UK Parliamentary Flags & Heraldry Committee**.

The Flag Institute invited the GSI's Specialist Branch, *Vexillology Ireland*, to present a paper at its Winter Conference on 16 November 2024. See: <https://www.flaginstitute.org>

GSI President, **Francis O'Donnell**, FGSI, will present **Michael P. O'Crowley** of the **Clans of Ireland** as our Guest Speaker at this Winter Conference. Mr. O'Crowley's topic, the first time at a vexillological event, will be on *'The Flags and Emblems of the Clans of Ireland'*.

The Society is a Member of **FIAV (International Federation of Vexillological Associations)** and **An Daonchartlann**—the Society's Archive and Research Centre, has a small but growing collection of books on vexillology—the study of flags and emblems.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

EVENING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Tuesday 12 November 2024 —20.00hrs

Tuesday 10 December 2024 —20.00hrs

MORNING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Wednesday 27 November 2024 —11.00hrs

Wednesday 22 January 2025 —11.00hrs

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GSJ ANNUAL JOURNAL 2024

The Society's Annual Journal 2024 will be published electronically this month. Subjects include genealogical research or resources, heraldry, vexillology, local, social or family history, biographies etc.

Copies will be sent out by email to all fully paid up Members and to the copyright libraries in Ireland and in the UK. It is also sent electronically to those societies participating in the Society's worldwide **Journal Exchange Programme (JEP)**.

These journals are a wonderful resource for future researchers. Therefore, it is a great way to record your own family history for future generations. Articles may be in English or Irish and ideally the articles should not have been published previously.

Interested? Please contact **Laura Price, MGSI**, on JGSI@familyhistory.ie for further information.

"ARCHIVE DROP-INS"

The weekly "Drop-Ins" hosted by the Society are hugely popular with our Members in Ireland and around the world.

The "Drop-ins" are held via **Zoom** between 11.00hrs and 12.00hrs on Wednesdays, *except during the month of December* where only the Evening Open Meeting is held. (see page 3)

Non-members may also attend these weekly "Drop-Ins" and they are especially useful for those just beginning the family history research.

For the link to this "Drop-In" meeting please see the link and passcode at bottom of this page Members can send in their research query in advance to Archivist@familyhistory.ie

IRISH HISTORY with Davy Holden



On 1st October, I moved from Kilkenny City to New York City. Throughout my journey of studying the history of Ireland, I'm constantly reminded of the huge role that the United States of America played in that history. Over the past few years of creating Irish history videos based in Ireland, I decided that now is the time I

should begin creating Irish history videos based in the USA. I'm currently here exactly one month, and I've already seen a lot of this intertwining between our history's. So far, I've visited the Irish Hunger Memorial in Battery Park, which commemorates the Great Hunger from 1845-1852 when over one million people died from starvation and disease, and over one million people emigrated from Ireland to the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, etc, but most of whom landed in the United States, with a heavy concentration in New York City. I've visited New York's oldest Irish bar, which is called McSorley's Old Ale House. It's a tavern that was founded in 1854 by Irish immigrant, John McSorley. The bar itself is more like a museum. It is steeped in Irish and American history and was even a local hangout for the famous Irish regiment that fought in the American Civil War, most commonly known as the 'Fighting 69th'. Irish generals like Thomas Francis Meagher and Michael Corcoran would have passed through its doors on many occasions. Last week, I traced the footsteps of four Cork men that ended up in New York City in the aftermath of the Irish War of Independence and were involved in the 'Ambush at Central Park' on 13th April 1922. I've seen the grave of Thomas Addis Emmet, the United Irishman veteran of the 1798 Rebellion and brother of the 1803 Rebellion leader, Robert Emmet. I feel like I've seen so much in such a short space of time, but I still haven't even scratched the surface. I've luckily ran into an abundance of Irish people, which makes me feel a little more at home in a place that generally feels so far from home. Also, I've been delighted to meet an enormous amount of Irish Americans and one thing that has shocked me is the sheer amount of first generation Irish Americans that I have met. It's one thing to read about all the Irish people that have emigrated to New York in the past, but when you can see it for yourself in person, it really is astonishing. I'm very excited for the journey through Irish history in New York, and I hope you enjoy the videos that are to come.

Check out my short videos on various aspects of Irish history on my Instagram account below:

https://www.instagram.com/davy_holden

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The Society, on behalf of its Members, keeps an eye on the various pieces of legislation going through the Oireachtas (Irish Parliament) that may have a potential relevance to our Society's stated objectives.

This interest in legislative matters has been an integral part of the Society's public policy initiatives since our foundation in 1990. Indeed, the Society was the first organisation in Ireland to fully endorse the 'Principle of Public Ownership & Right of Access' to our genealogical heritage back in October 1997. Most progressive heritage organisations in Ireland and many repositories eventually adopted this principle.

We are therefore delighted with the amendments to the **Protection of Maternity Bill, 2024**, which bring to an end the uncertainty of the future preservation of the records of 'Mother & Baby Homes' and other private institutions. We were concerned of the narrowness of application of the **National Archives Act, 1986**, and suggested legislative amendments to create something similar to Sections 48, 49 and 50 of the **National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997**.

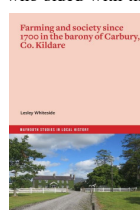
Congratulations to all involved from a wide range of civil society organisations, academics and survivor groups. The collective endeavour of all concerned coupled with the steadfast support received from politicians from all sides, including the **Minister, Roderic O'Gorman, TD**, has provided a sound legal basis to ensure the preservation of these records.

The **Statute Law Revision Bill, 2024**, is currently going through and the Society has urged the deletion of an anachronistic and irrelevant **1685 Proclamation from Schedule 1, Part 1** of the Bill. This item was allocated by the Bill to the Genealogical Office. If not simply an unfortunate drafting error, it is nonsensical and inappropriate in our constitutional framework.

We'll All Stay Connected Each Week via Zoom

Maynooth Series—No. 171 Co. Kildare

'Farming and society since 1700 in the barony of Carbury, Co. Kildare' by **Lesley Whiteside** and published by Four Courts Press. (ISBN: 978-1-80151-134-6 : P/bk : 72pps : Ills. : Price: €12.95 : Web Price: €11.65). **No. 171** in the Maynooth Studies in Local History series, this volume is primarily concerned with the lands that formerly made up the Colley estate of Carbury Castle in Co. Kildare. This castle was originally owned by the Bermingham family who sided with the O'Connors of Offaly and the Fitzgeralds of Kildare during the brief rebellion of Silken Thomas



in 1534. The lands were confiscated by the crown on his defeat and those around Carbury were leased to a Captain Henry Colley. His lease included the lands of Ballyhagan, Ballyvane, Carbury, Clonkeen, Clonmeen, Coolavacoose, Derryart, Kilmore and Kishavanna. Colley was knighted and, on his death, his eldest son, George inherited the Edenderry estate, however, this passed through the female line to Marquess of Downshire. He younger son, Henry, inherited Carbury, Ardkill and Collinstown and the estate passed down through this direct line. As the author points out, although the family acquired the lands in the sixteenth, it was only in the next century that the estate system evolved and became embedded in rural Ireland. It was in the seventeenth century that Gaelic and Catholic Ireland finally lost out to what was to become the Ireland of the Anglo-Irish Protestant ascendancy. In the following century, the fortunes of the Colley family were greatly enhanced by the inheritance of Dangan Castle and its estates in neighbouring Co. Meath.

Garret Wisely (later, possibly circa 1708, known as 'Wesley') of Dangan Castle, left his estates in Co. Kildare and Co. Meath to his first cousin, once removed, Richard Colley, of Carbury Castle. Richard changed his surname to Wesley in 1728 in accordance with the terms of his inheritance. His grandsons included Richard Wellesley, ancestor of the current UK monarch on his maternal grandmother's line, and his more famous brother, Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington. Interestingly, although 'Wesley' became 'Wellesley' in the latter half of the eighteenth century, the original surname 'Wisely' was retained by the descendants of the dispossessed Catholic landowners of that surname in Co. Kildare. These two families were intermarried with many of the other notable Anglo-Norman and Old English families of Counties Kildare and Meath, many of which, are mentioned in this book. This excellent and quite detailed study explores the development of these lands, both within the Colley estate and outside, over the next three centuries. Although, as the author points out, the area had a "long-established reputation as an unusually stable and prosperous farming community in Co. Kildare", the significant challenges of civil strife, famine, and the transition from tenant farmers to owner-occupiers, succeeding generations of farmers have sustained not only the land but also a way of life rooted in the soil of Carbury. Fully indexed it's a treasure trove for the local historian and genealogist.

Lesley Whiteside, formerly archivist, Church of Ireland dioceses of Meath & Kildare, and currently the archivist at Monksgrove, Co. Wexford. She has contributed several articles to the *Journal of the County Kildare Archaeological Society*, most recently 'The barony of Carbury in early modern times', which serves as a prequel to this book.

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GSJ BOARD NEWS

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held on **Thursday November 7th 2024** at 11.00hrs via Zoom. We had a full attendance (nine) with one Director joining us from the Philippines and another from Portugal. It was a very busy meeting lasting just over two hours.



Lua Ó Scolaí, MGSI, Director of Finance, delivered the **Monthly Accounts** for P.E. 31.10.2024.

Barry O'Connor, FGSI, proposed the new **Membership Package** for 2025, including the new **Membership Badge**. Full details

next month (**Res: 24/11/1866**). He also reported on the implementation of the Society's **Health & Safety Statement** (**Res: 24/11/1867**).

The Board adopted the mechanism for the holding of the election to choose the Society's nominee for candidature for the upcoming **Seanad Éireann General Election** (**Res: 24/11/1868**).

Eddie Gahan, FGSI, Director of the *Outreach Programme*, reported on the *Holiday World Shows*

to be held in Belfast and Dublin in January 2025 and the **need for volunteers** for the GSI Stands.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday 5th December 2024 at 11.00hrs via Zoom.

General Secretary

SEANAD ÉIREANN

The Genealogical Society of Ireland is a registered 'Nominating Body' for Seanad Éireann (Irish Senate). This means that the Society can choose a candidate to contest the Senate General Election.

The Board agreed, under **Res: 20/03/1503**, to extend voting rights to all Members to choose the Society's candidate. This was endorsed by the Members at the Annual General Meeting on 10 March 2020.

The Director of Internet Services, **Shane Wilson, MGSI**, designed a facility that will permit a secure, anonymity assured, electronic voting using the **Single Transferable Vote form of Proportional Representation (PR-STV)** to allow us to be one of the first Nominating Bodies to extend this franchise.

As the General Election for Dáil Éireann is on Friday 29 November 2024, the Seanad Éireann General Election will follow in due course. Society Members in Ireland and overseas will be able to select our candidate for the **Seanad Éireann General Election**.

The Society will, no doubt, receive requests from individuals seeking our nomination and, following verification of their contact details etc, a short biography of each will be forwarded to our Members in advance of the election to select our candidate. All Members, irrespective of where they are domiciled, will have the right to vote. Please use **YOUR VOTE**.

WEEKLY RESEARCH ADVICE

WEDNESDAY at 11.00hrs (UTC+1) (Irish Time) via Zoom. (see above on page 2)

Zoom - Meeting ID: 830 9870 7989

Passcode: 670945

Right of Admission Strictly Reserved

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 November 12th—Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: John Goggins, MGSi - *'A Swords Family Chronicle' - Writing Your Own Family History'*.

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

Tuesday December 10th—Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Jim Herlihy, FGSI - *'RIC WWI Casualties & Research Resources'*.

Tuesday January 14th—Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Craig Morrissey of the *Family History Society of Newfoundland & Labrador, Canada*.

Wednesday January 23rd—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday February 11th—Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - TBA

Wednesday February 26th—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday March 11th—Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - AGM - Speaker: Jim Herlihy, FGSI, - *'Savannah - A fight for a fortune of mystery'*.

Wednesday March 26th—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 Open Meetings. The lectures are open to the public and the access details are available on request 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

Check out the short videos and lectures on the *Irish DNA Atlas* project on YouTube

<https://https://www.youtube.com/c/GenealogicalSocietyOfIrelandGSI>



www.eneclann.ie



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

James Scannell Reports...

THE BLACKROCK SOCIETY

Ciarán Brady—*'The Origins of the American Revolution'* at 20.00hrs on Monday 11 November in Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, 32 Belgrave Square, Monkstown, Co. Dublin. All welcome. Admission €5.00 for non-members.

CLONTARF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

James Scannell—*'John Hinde and his Picture Postcards of North Dublin'* at 19.30hrs on Monday 11 November in St. John's Pastoral Centre, Clontarf Road, Clontarf, Dublin 3. All welcome. Admission €5.00

RATHMINES LIBRARY

Historian in Residence Cormac Moore—*'The Boundary Commission Finally Meets'* on Tues. 12 Nov.; *'The 1924 Free State Army Mutiny'* on Tues. 19 Nov.; *'The 1924 Dissolution of Dublin Corporation'* on Tues. 26 Nov., and *'The Tailteann Games'* on Thurs 28 Nov. All at 18.30hrs. Admission free & no booking required.

MALAHIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cora McDonagh—*'Balbriggan Stockings, Old Masters and the Bells of Howth: North County Dublin contributions to the nineteenth century's Art and Industrial Exhibitions'* 20.00hrs Tues 12 Nov. St. Sylvester's Church Parish Centre, Malahide, Co. Dublin. €5.00

SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Martin Russell—*'Mourne View 50'* at 20.15hrs on Tuesday 12 November in The Bowling Club, Skerries, Co. Dublin. Admission non-members €5.00

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

Donal Fallon—*'The Lamplighters of the Phoenix Park'* on Wednesday 13 November and Henry Fairbrother *'The Irish Yeast Company'* followed by the AGM. Both meetings take place 18.00hrs in the Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin. All welcome. Admission free.

KNOCKLYON HISTORY SOCIETY

Cathy Scuffil—*'One Photo, Many Stories'* at 19.45hrs on Weds. 13 Nov. Iona Pastoral Centre, Idrone Avenue, Knocklyon, Dublin 16. All welcome. €3.00 members & €5.00 non-members. Car park is 24-hour pay & display.

KILMACUD-STILLORGAN LHS

Dr. Bruce Dudley Misstear—*'Holy Wells'* at 20.00hrs on Thursday 14 November in St. Lawrence's Parish Centre, Lower Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. Members free. Visitors €3.00. Car parking charge of €1 per hour & coin payment only.

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

The AGM at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 19 November and will be followed by *'Rathdown Poor Law Union'* from Chris Lennon in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All welcome. Admission €5.00.

GREYSTONES ARCHAEO. & HIST.

Cormac Moore—*'The Life of Frank O'Connor - Pembroke Library's First Librarian'* 19.30hrs on Weds Nov 20th in the Kilian Family Centre beside Holy Rosary Church, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. All welcome.

DUN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH HIST SOC

Jack Traynor—*'Eoin O'Duffy: Fascism in the Free State'* Weds 20 Nov and John Martin *'Dalkey Taverns and Small Hotels'* Weds 04 December. Both at 20.00hrs in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome. Admission €5.00.

WICKLOW TOWN LIBRARY

Jim Rees—*'A Farewell to Famine'* at 19.00hrs on Thurs. 21 Nov. Admission free. Booking is required wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie or 0404-67025.

BRAY CUALANN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Brazil—*'DNA of people in Ireland from ancient times to today'* 20.00hrs Thurs. 21 Nov. Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. €8.00 non-members.

RATHMINES, RANELAGH & RATHGAR HS

Kate Nugent—*'Moving lines and changing shapes' - getting into the heart of the East Wall'* Thurs 28 Nov. and *'A Members Night'* Thurs. 05 Dec. Both 20.00hrs Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Rd, Dublin 6. Non-members €4.00. Swan Car Park €4.00 19.00hrs -23.59hrs.

KILLINEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Peter Pearson—*'Architectural treasures of old Killiney'* 20.00hrs Tues 03 Dec Druid's Chair Pub upstairs lounge, Killiney Hill Road, Killiney, Co. Dublin. €5.00.

RATHMICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

John Lennon—*'St. Nathi's Church in Dundrum'* 20.00hrs Weds 04 Dec. Rathmichael Nat. School, Stonebridge Rd, Shankill, Co. Dublin. €5.00 non-members.

MOUNT MERRION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Donal Fallon—*'The social and cultural history of the Dublin Public House'* at 20.00hrs on Thurs 05 Dec. in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission €5.00 non-members. Students €2.00

MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY

Col. Don Bigger—*'The Irish in the Battle for Normandy 1944'* at 20.00hrs on Friday 06 December in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome.

PUBLICATION

'Dun Laoghaire Journal No. 34, 2025, published by the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, Editorial Committee Anna Scudds, Colin Scudds, Maria Hayes and Frances Fletcher. Articles featured include - 'What One Penny could buy in the Nineteen Forties' (Mary Grogan), 'Launch of the Duchess of Leinster' and 'Kingstown Penny Bank 1860' (Vincent Delany), 'Don't Lean Out of the Window' (James Scannell), 'Tivoli Parade, Dun Laoghaire' and 'RNLI Bi-Centenary 1824-2024' (Colin Scudds), 'When being apprehended was a lucky break' (Frances Fletcher), 'The Nazi and the Farrell Sisters of Glenageary' (Brian Smith), 'A lecture in the Temperance Hall, Sussex Place, 1889', 'The Sheehan Medical Practice - a fond remembrance of 86 years in Glashule' (Catherine Sheehan), 'Gerard Kavanagh - an appreciation', 'Ronnie Drew, The Last Farewell' (Henry Austin), 'Golden Jubilee of St. Michael's new Church', 'Richard Brydges Beechey' (Seamus Cannon), 'Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society Autumn Tour 2023 (Anna Scudds, '130th Anniversary - Kingstown Lifeboat Disaster 1895', 'Cherry Bun's at Bewley's' (Kevin O'Sullivan), 'Corpus Christi Procession, Marine Road (Seamus O'Connor), 'Rathdown Union Workhouse and Famine Graveyard 1838 to the present' (Billy Byrne), 'Hewett Newsagents, Monkstown 1947-2024', A Billhead for John Neiland, Lower Georges Street, Dún Laoghaire, 1942'. Copies available via www.dunlaoghairehistorical.com.

James Scannell, FGSI

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Thank You Very Much : Go Raibh Míle Maith Agat

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 OCTOBER LECTURE

On Tuesday 8th October 2024 at our Evening Open Meeting we were delighted to welcome as our Speaker, Brian Hollinshead, MGSI, on the topic *'OpenStreetMap: Historical Maps & Genealogy'*. Brian started by explaining the boundaries, knowledge of which, may usually help with genealogical research. Top of his list were Townlands, many researchers being familiar with the www.townlands.ie web pages which use the boundaries added to the OpenStreetMap project. Closely followed by Civil Parishes and examples were shown where they can consist of different part some distance away from each other, for example, Letteluna which has burial grounds in two of its three parts. We were shown that the largest Parish was 90% the size of Co. Dublin. Rathvilly in Co. Carlow was chosen to show that when researching ancestors said to be from Rathvilly that more geographic detail would be welcome as that name applies to a village, a townland, a parish whether civil or either religious, an Electoral Division, Registrar's District or Barony. Resulting in a possible search area some 16 km x 20km with lots of burial grounds and headstones to read! A photo of a less than one-metre-wide waterway was shown with a variety of boundaries with names such as Naas, Blessington, Saggart, Talbotstown, Baltinglass, Celbridge, Brittas and Tallaght. The latter part of the talk included a live demonstration of openstreetmap.org, openstreetmap.ie, learscail.openstreetmap.ie (map with names in Irish), and dublinhistoricalmaps.ie with attention to the provincial boundary pages where various boundaries can be overlaid on each other. This talk will be uploaded to the Society's YouTube Channel (see bottom of this page for the link).

DIASPORAN STUDIES

The Board invites Members and friends of the Society to submit newly composed essays on any aspect of genealogy, heraldry, vexillology, genetic genealogy, social history, migration etc as it relates to *Diasporan Studies* for a new publication. Authors only please. These essays will form a "festschrift" to be published in honour of former President **Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**, and presented to him by our Society's new President **Amb (ret) Francis M. O'Donnell, FGSI**. If you're interested please email colas@familyhistory.ie

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?
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HERALDIC PROCLAMATION

Rev'd Dr Noel Cox

The *Statute Law Revision Bill, 2024*, is primarily focused on repealing obsolete statutes and secondary laws such as proclamations to streamline Irish law. It is the latest in a series of Bills which have undertaken one of the most comprehensive law reforms in the common law world. While its main purpose is to revoke numerous pieces of secondary legislation, it also preserves a select few instruments deemed suitable for retention (primarily because they are deemed to still serve a useful legal purpose and have not been superseded by newer legislation). If enacted, the Bill could have implications for various offices, including the Genealogical Office (Office of the Chief Herald of Ireland), particularly regarding historical functions previously associated with the Ulster King of Arms.

One key preservation is the 1685 "Proclamation authorising the Ulster King of Arms to prevent improper use of arms, style of esquire or gentleman, etc." The proposed retention of this proclamation might reinforce claims for a legal basis for the Chief Herald's current role in regulating heraldry and preventing the misuse of arms and titles.

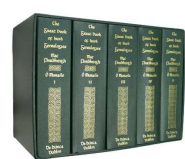
The proposed preservation of the proclamation presupposes that it continues to have legal effect. The *Statute Law Revision Bill, 2024*, is not intended to create new legal authority or powers, but merely to retain any residual ones. It could not, of itself, add to the legal powers of the office, governed by the *National Cultural Institutions Act 1997*. Before 1922, armorial bearings in Ireland, as in the rest of the United Kingdom, fell under the exclusive control

of the Crown, with the power to grant coats of arms forming part of the royal prerogative, with Ulster King of Arms acting as the Crown's authorised deputy.

However, the Irish Supreme Court, in *Byrne v Ireland* [1972] I.R. 241, established that the Irish Republic did not inherit the royal prerogative. Therefore, since 1922, the 1685 proclamation has had no legal effect in Ireland, as its ambit is confined solely within the royal prerogative. As such, its proposed preservation in the Bill does not materially alter the complex legal situation surrounding the Genealogical Office's authority.

GIFT TO AN DAONCHARTLANN

Mr. Éamonn De Búrca of *De Búrca Rare Books* (deburcararebooks.com) presented the Society with the magnificent five-volume



'The Great Book of Irish Genealogies' - Leabhar Genealach by Dubhaltach Mac Fhirbhisigh, edited with translation and indices by **Nollaig Ó Muraile** and published by **De Búrca Rare Books**, Dublin, 2003/4, in

quarto, full buckram gilt, 3600pps & presentation box. The great Connacht scholar, Dubhaltach Mac Fhirbhisigh (c. 1600-1671), from Lackan, Co. Sligo, compiled his monumental *'Great Book of Genealogies'* in Galway at the height of the Cromwellian Wars in the mid-seventeenth century. The work has long been recognised as the most important source for the study of Irish family history. The Society is extremely grateful for this wonderful addition to our expanding collections at *An Daonchartlann—Archive & Research Centre*. **Fiona Tiplle, MA, FGSI**

Check out the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

"A PERMANENT BASE OF OPERATION"

The Society's campaign to secure a new premises for its operations has become one of urgency. Although, the Society's facility at **DLR Loughlinstown Leisure Centre** is functioning well, it's simply too small to accommodate our growing archival collections and a publicly accessible research centre.

The Society's collections were held at the home of our Co-Founder, first Cathaoirleach and Archivist, **Frieda Carroll, FGSI**, from 1990 to 2003 and then moved to the Martello Tower at Seapoint in 2004.

This tower was allocated to the Society in March 1997 by a resolution of **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council** as a "permanent base of operation". Despite its complete restoration and refurbishment by the Society, the environmental conditions within this building could not be properly controlled.

In 2006, understanding our predicament, the County Council looked at a premises in Deansgrange Cemetery, however, this plan did not materialise. The Society returned the Martello Tower to the Council in 2009 and moved to a temporary premises on Lower George's Street, Dún Laoghaire, courtesy of the OPW, until 2010 and then moved to the Carlisle Pier, Dún Laoghaire, at the George IV monument.

The Society had the premises at the Carlisle Pier from 2010 to 2017 provided by the **Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company (DLHC)**. In 2017 the DLHC required the return of the premises to generate a commercial rent. The County Council initially offered the Society space at Cabinteely House, however, with our collections we had an industrial loading issue. The Society has been at Loughlinstown since 2017 courtesy of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and thus, keeping this valuable heritage asset in the county.

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/GenSocIreland

GSI ON INSTAGRAM

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

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"HALL'S INDEX"

The "Gazette" is Ireland's longest running monthly genealogical newsletter and it is read by thousands each month around the world.

The past issues of the Society's newsletter from 1996 to 2016 had been fully indexed by the late **Brendan Hall, MGSI**. The "Hall's Index" now includes all issues up to date—please see www.familyhistory.ie

Although we're not members of the **National Union of Journalists (NUJ)**, the team at the "Gazette" always endeavour to operate in accordance with the **NUJ Code of Conduct** www.nuj.org.uk/about/nuj-code/ and in line with the 'National Policy Statement on Ensuring Research Integrity in Ireland' which was endorsed by the Genealogical Society of Ireland back in June 2014 soon after its launch at the **Royal Irish Academy**. (see the June 2014 issue of the "Gazette" at www.familyhistory.ie)

GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre is located at the **DLR Leisure Centre, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin**.

The use of our extensive archival resources is reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership is always available on request.

The facility is normally open each Wednesday from 11.00hrs to 15.00hrs contact the GSI Archivist on Archivist@familyhistory.ie

