



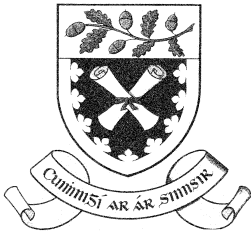
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Challenging times ahead for New Board

The election of a new Board always heralds new opportunities for the development of the Society and the expansion of its activities. The portfolios allocated at the Board's first meeting since the AGM are designed to enable the Society draw on the wealth of experience and expertise now available to the Board. One of the first tasks to be undertaken by the new Board is the formulation of a new five year development programme. The current two programmes, which were adopted in 2010, will be replaced in January 2015 with a single comprehensive Development Plan covering the period up to January 2020. The existing programme is based on two policy documents namely the 'Policy on the Outreach Programme' and the 'Policy on Volunteerism, Gender Equality & Representation' and includes various other policies adopted by the Society on matters such as social inclusion, publications, heraldry and vexillology etc. The Society is unique amongst Irish genealogical organisations in having a policy social inclusion which dates from 2003 and was praised by the

Equality Authority on its introduction. The Society promotes the study of genealogy, not exclusively Irish genealogy, and it reaches out to the 'New Irish' irrespective of national or ethnic background. Expanding our services to meet the research needs of a diverse community is hugely exciting. Indeed, the Society had a Polish born director up to 2011 and the new Board welcomes a Russian born director, Stanislav Zamyatin, in addition to the American born new Cathaoirleach, John Hamrock. The new Board of Directors, like its predecessors, will operate a 'cabinet style' form of governance which facilitates and encourages initiative and creativity amongst its members. The formulation of the new Development Plan by the Board is expected to take several months to complete before its final adoption in December 2014. Although the existing programme has been hugely successful, there is always room for improvement. The new Board is also expected to bring forward new policy documents on education, sales & marketing and on new revenue streams needed to sustain an expansion of the Society's activities. This year will

also see a determined plan of action to secure a new premises for the Society's growing Archive and Research Centre, *An Daonchartlann*. It is envisaged that philanthropy will play a significant role in the acquisition of a premises in the Dublin region. The Society's long-standing proposal for the establishment of an 'Irish Institute of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences, incorporating a Centre for Diaspora and Migration Studies' will be the key element in the new Development Plan. Challenging and exciting times ahead, indeed!

Bratacha 2014

Vexillology Ireland will host 'Bratacha 2014—Festival of Flags' with a parade and an exhibition in Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Building on the success of last year's event, Vexillology Ireland (GSI branch) applied for a community grant to host a 'Parade of Flags' on Saturday May 10th 2014. The date is the nearest Saturday to Europe Day (May 9th) each year. The Society's Director of Vexillological & Heraldic Services, Stanislav Zamyatin, chairs a Steering Group organising the event. Further info. on the event will be posted the GSI website.

Cathaoirleach Nua—New Chairperson



The latest in the line of successors to our first Cathaoirleach Frieda Carroll, FGSI, is American born, **John Hamrock, MBA, MGSi**, who was elected by the members at the AGM held on March 11th 2014. John became the Society's seventh Cathaoirleach (Chairperson) since the foundation of the Society in 1990. John Hamrock is the Founder and Managing Director of the Dublin-based company,

Ancestor Network Ltd, www.ancestor-network.ie which offers Irish genealogical research, advisory, consulting and educational services. He holds a Diploma and a Certificate in Genealogy/Family History (First Class Honours) from the National University of Ireland, UCD. John also holds an MBA in International Business and Industrial Development (with Distinction) from the University of Ulster, a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Suffolk University in Boston and a Certificate in Investment Planning from Boston

University. He is the author of *Tracing Your Roscommon Ancestors*, published by Flyleaf Press Dublin in 2007. John grew up in Boston, Massachusetts. He has worked in the financial services industry for twenty-five years both in the United States and in a number of European countries. He and his family now live in Dublin. At the first meeting of the new Board held on April 3rd, John paid a very warm tribute to his immediate predecessor, Pádraic Ingoldsby, who was at the helm of the Society for the past two very busy years.

Clerical and Learned Lineages of Medieval Co. Clare

Four Courts Press has recently published an exceptionally important work on medieval Ireland. *'Clerical and learned lineages of Medieval Co. Clare—A survey of the fifteenth-century papal registers'* by **Luke McInerney** is particularly of interest to the genealogist. McInerney couldn't have chosen a more appropriate county for his pioneering study, for unlike others, there was a continuity of lordship with the political and religious conversion of the Ó Briain ruling family in the course of the sixteenth-century. This seamless transition provided the necessary environment for the continuance of the native hereditary attachments to civil and ecclesiastic offices within the county. McInerney examined the fifteenth-century papal registers as they applied to appointments within the dioceses covering the county. He uses this source as a reference point, upon which, he applies a detailed analysis of the structure of the civil and religious administrations within the county. The hereditary 'possession' of ecclesiastic office within the main Gaelic families survived the transition from an essentially Gaelic medieval church to a more orthodox 'Roman' church of the late middle ages. The book has three main points of focus—the first covering chapters one to three set out the context of monastic movement in the early medieval period in Co. Clare and surveys the termon lands (from 'tearmann' meaning sanctuary—early monastic establishments predating the

parish system) which were attached to hereditary custodians in the Gaelic system. This survey is wonderfully detailed and provides excellent information on the families connected with each. The second point of focus commences with chapter four dealing with the function, revenue and status of the native ecclesiastic officer-holders, ordained and lay. Chapter five looks at how Church Reform in the twelfth-century sought to bring the Irish establishments more into line with the rest of Western Christendom. This involved the establishment of continental religious foundations in Ireland. Orders such as the Cistercians and Augustinians came to Ireland at the invitation of regional lordships. McInerney examines the impact of these 'new orders' on the Gaelic world and charts the creation and development of the early parish structure. Chapter six looks at the hereditary kindreds of the county and, interestingly, it deals with the role of concubinage and illegitimacy. However, he cautions the reader on the sources and nature of the allegations and notes that the extent of concubinage and non-celibacy amongst Gaelic clerics is open to debate. McInerney states that by the late medieval period, even the ordinary clergy were often found to have 'wives' and indeed, that this is attested by the numerous references to 'sons of clerics'. Throughout each chapter the author provides maps and illustrations and, of great interest to the genealogist, genealogical tables and charts.

The attachment of certain families to each of the ecclesiastic establishments is explored in excellent detail which is of exceptional value to local history and genealogy. In chapter seven he explores the spheres of influences of the main sept of the county over clerical appointments. Once again, extensive use of genealogical charts, many of which, detail lineages into the late seventeenth-century. The final point of focus is on the fifteenth-century papal registers. Chapter eight examines the concept of hereditary succession in the Papal Registers, as the author notes, that 'the papal curia turned an attentive eye to balancing of local interests, even when that involved clerical kindreds, and especially when it involved important benefices'. Importantly he points out that no clergy list exist for the medieval Killaloe and we cannot assess the total clerical population. References in the papal registers to illegitimacy can be misleading as to its frequency amongst the Gaelic clergy. Chapter nine explains the nomenclature and orthography in the papal registers, which often borrowed from Gaelic terminology, however, the transcription of titles, place-names and personal names sometimes retained Irish word forms. Chapter ten clearly points to a work in progress with many exciting opportunities for further investigation. With copious lists and an excellent glossary, this is a hugely important contribution to the history of Co. Clare. **MM**

Portfolios Allocated to New Board

A new Board of Directors was elected at the Annual General Meeting on March 11th 2014 and the new Directors received their portfolios at the first meeting of the new Board held on April 3rd 2014. The newly elected Cathaoirleach, **John Hamrock**, has an expanded Board of fourteen members, each of which, was allocated a specific function in line with the 'cabinet style' form of governance of the Society. **Maura Flood**, Leas-Chathaoirleach, received Education Services in addition to Vice-Chair. **Michael Merrigan**, General Secretary and Company Secretary, remains Editor of the 'Gazette' and holds onto legislative & public policy matters. In addition he received Archival Services on a 'pro tem' basis. **Billy Saunderson** is Director of Finance whilst, out-going Cathaoirleach, **Pádraic Ingoldsby**, heads up An Daoncharlann Foundation and the Society's

campaign to attract philanthropic donations. The out-going Leas-Chathaoirleach, **Gerry Hayden**, remains as Building Manager and our Health & Safety Officer. **Tom Conlon** has Internet Services, including the Society's website and Facebook page. **Barry O'Connor** was reallocated Cemetery Projects and Membership Services **Séamus Moriarty** is responsible for the GSI Lecture Programme and the Evening Meeting. **Ingrid McIlwaine** will oversee the Society's Social Inclusion programme and chair the GSI Social Club. **Eddie Gahan** retains the Outreach Programme and the provision of the GSI Exhibitions. **Caitlín Ní Chonghaile** received the Publications portfolio which includes the Society's Annual Journal and occasional publications in addition to the position of Oifigeach na Gaeilge (Irish Language Officer). Caitlín will also have special responsibility for diaspora outreach

services. **Stanislav Zamyatin** takes over the Society's Vexillological and Heraldic Services, including the position of Chief Executive Officer of the GSI branches, Heraldry Ireland and Vexillology Ireland. **Tony O'Hara** remains at Sales and Marketing, including new promotional and fund raising strategies.

CARE FOR YOUR RECORDS

In the course of our research we amass a huge amount of paper and computer records. We love these records, we've worked hard to collect them. Books, photographs, charts, notes, certificates, parish register and census transcripts. Have you made provision for the preservation of your records after you die? Don't let your hard work end up as landfill or your books to be sold off. **PLEASE** make provision in your Will to have them donated to the care of the Society's Archives for future generations of researchers. *Will Your Society Well!!*

IRISH LIVES REMEMBERED



Ireland's FREE digital e-Magazine *'Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy e-Magazine'* dedicated to helping people trace their Irish Ancestry globally will now be published 'bi-monthly' going forward. The next edition 'May-June' issue will be available during the first week of May and can be downloaded for FREE at www.irishlivesremembered.com Publisher Eileen Munnely quoted 'we believe that moving over to a bi-monthly publication will allow us to free up more time to enhance the current success of Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy e-magazine. Our bi-monthly e-Magazine will have a new look and feel to the publication together with more specialist features and supplements of interest to help our 20,000 dedicated readers globally research their Irish ancestry'. 'We are proud to have played a huge part in 'raising the bar' to promote Irish genealogy/family history businesses and

services in both Ireland and overseas and look forward to 'reaching out' to new readers and advertisers in the near future. She also wanted to thank the many genealogical organisations and businesses in Ireland and abroad for supporting Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy e-Magazine during the past two years and looks forward to working with them in the near future'. More exciting news will be the launch of a 2nd digital publication in the coming weeks which they believe will complement Irish Lives Remembered and will be of interest to their current strong readership. Eileen's business has now changed its name to **Millennium Media** - T/A Irish Lives Remembered Ltd., and she is delighted to now be in a position to offer new services such as: Contract Publishing, Visual Communications & Graphic Design services. Tracing your Irish ancestors? Check out the many interesting articles and research sources on www.irishlivesremembered.com and click on **Back Editions** to read the past 22 issues for FREE.

WEEKEND GENEALOGY COURSES

Weekend genealogy courses operated in conjunction with Ancestor Network Limited are an excellent way to improve your research skills, learn about new sources, manage your files and research, produce professional genealogical reports and much more besides. The Society issues certificates to those who successfully complete the course. For further information please contact John Hamrock on 087.050 5296 or by E-mail on john.hamrock@ancestor.ie

IRELAND'S GENEALOGICAL GAZETTE

All the past issues of this newsletter and its predecessor are available in pdf format to read or to download or to read *free of charge* on the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

James Scannell Reports...

SHANE MacTHOMÁIS, RIP

The sudden and unexpected death of Shane MacThomáis, Resident Historian at Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin, took place on March 25th. Son of Dublin local historian, broadcaster and documentary presenter Éamon MacThomáis, Shane frequently led tours of Glasnevin Cemetery which he presented in his own fascinating and unique style. May he rest in peace.

CLONTARF 1014 TO 2014

On Friday April 11th and Saturday 12th a national conference to mark the millennium of the Battle of Clontarf will take place in the Edward Burke Lecture Theatre, Trinity College, Dublin, from 09.15hrs to 17.30hrs. Admission is free. For further information call 085-202 9526 or email clontarfconference@gmail.com or log onto www.tcd.ie/history/clontarf/. For registration: clontarfconference.eventbrite.ie

UNFORTUNATE PATRICK BOURKE

At 14.00hrs on Sat. April 12th 2014, Brendan McGowan will present a lecture on the above in the Museum of Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. In 1862 Patrick Bourke being ill and destitute, applied for relief to the workhouse. He was sent to Westport but the journey proved detrimental and he died shortly after arriving. Adm. free but booking required 094-9031751 e-mail educationph@museum.ie

'SURPLUS PEOPLE'

The Collins Press, Cork has reissued '*Surplus People - The Fitzwilliam Clearances*' by Jim Rees, first published in 2009. The Great Famine of the 19th century was one of the greatest catastrophes to strike Ireland resulting in countless deaths and mass emigration to all over the world, especially American, Canada, Australia, and Britain, particularly London and Liverpool, from where many set out on their journeys to various far flung parts of the globe. As yet County Wicklow has to be the subject of detail examination of how the Famine affected it yet it has been estimated that the population of the county decreased by about 21½% i.e. about 27,000 people, of which about 6000 were people removed from the 85,000 Coolattin Estate owned by Lord Fitzwilliam in a carefully organised plan to reduce the tenant holdings to facilitate large agricultural development. This excellent book from Arklow local historian Jim Rees follows on an earlier work '*A Farewell to the Famine*' which looked at what happen to a group from the county who emigrated to the United States and where their descendants are still living. For this book Jim Rees focuses on the removal of uneconomic tenants from the Coolattin Estate in Co. Wicklow through a system of assisted passage from Lord Fitzwilliam. Beginning in 1847, the tenants, men, women and children, many of whom were destitute as the Poor Law made no allowance for the provision of aid in a Famine type situation, left by ship from New Ross to Canada and in the chapters dealing with these voyages Jim Rees conveys a vivid picture of what on-board conditions were like for these people and what they had to ensure while crossing the North Atlantic. The Canadians, mindful that immigrants could be the carriers of diseases

which at that time could spread rapidly as there were no medical preparations or antibiotics to cure them, examined all arrivals and anyone found to be ill or suspected to be ill, was kept in a quarantine station such as the infamous Grosse Ile quarantine station, which lay in the middle of St. Lawrence River near Quebec where hunger and over crowding resulted in numerous deaths either in the hospital wards or on ships awaiting entry and examination. On May 14th 1847 the first ship arrived at Grosse Ile and within two weeks there were a further 30 ships at anchor with some 10,000 passengers awaiting medical inspection. On June 3rd the healthy were moved to the east of this island with a armed guard dividing the healthy from the sick. By June 9th a further 36 ships had arrived from other parts of Ireland with a further 13,000 passengers on board. The daily death rate rose at this stage to some 50 a day. Many of those who made ashore settled in Quebec and New Brunswick and the book concludes by looking at some of the families who settled there and what became of them and provides detailing listing of the passengers who travelled on *The Star* which departed New Ross, Co. Wexford on April 21st 1848 and arrived in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, on May 28th 1848. Part of the attraction for tenants to avail of the assisted passage scheme was the offer of work which Lord Fitzwilliam believed would be on offer but due to a terrible misunderstanding, as Jim Rees reveals, things did not work out as planned. During the decade that the assisted emigration package was in operation, it cost the Fitzwilliam Estate £24,000, a significant sum for that time, but in the long term the removal of the tenants on a voluntary basis assisted the development of the Coolattin Estate, part which of which was lately sold off.

Copies available from www.collinspress.ie

Précis of the March Lecture

The guest speaker at the Society's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday Mar. 11th 2014 has been a good friend of the Society for over twenty years. Dr. Máire Kennedy delivered a very broad ranging talk on the topic '*Dublin City Library & Archive as a resource for the family history researcher*'. Dr. Kennedy was keenly aware that nearly all of her audience were hugely familiar with the resources held at Pearse Street as most are regular visitors. However, just when we thought that we knew all we could about the wonderful resources at the Dublin City Library and Archive, we were all pleasantly proven wrong. Dr. Kennedy not only expanded our understanding of the known resources, she introduced us to new and exciting developments and resources. In this excellent lecture the following collections were briefly explored; Civil, Census and Legal Records; Church Records; Land Records; Memo-

rial and Cemetery Records; Occupational and Scholastic Records; Biographical Records and Emigration Records. Other resources discussed included the near complete set of Dublin Street Directories, Newspapers and, of course, the on-line resources available free of charge in the Dublin City Library and Archive. Following the lecture a very lively Q&A session was ample proof, if it was ever needed, to the enormous popularity of this hugely important repository for genealogists.

EPHEMERA COLLECTION

Before the Open Meeting on Tuesday March 11th 2014, Michael Merrigan presented Dr. Máire Kennedy with two of his local election posters, one in Polish and the other in Filipino, for the ephemera collection at the Dublin City Library & Archive. He had previously donated his posters to the ephemera collection at the National Library of Ireland. Dr. Kennedy welcomed the presentation emphasising the importance of the ephemera collection to the study of the cultural and political life of our country's capital city.

IRISH DNA ATLAS PROJECT

The Irish DNA Atlas is a collaborative academic research project undertaken by Dr. Gianpiero Cavalleri of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI), the University of Leicester in the UK and the Society. The main objectives of the project are (1) to further our knowledge of the population history of Ireland and (2) to help us understand how genes influence health in Ireland. Participants continue to be sought from across the island of Ireland and, indeed, from overseas who can trace each of their eight great-grandparents to the same general area of Ireland. Participants are requested to present a Birth Brief (Pedigree Chart) and to provide a DNA sample (kit provided) for analysis. Participants are sought, male or female, with ancestry from any part of Ireland meeting the criteria regarding the eight great grandparents. Members are asked to assist the project by inviting friends and colleagues to participate. If you are interested in participating or have a query about participating, please don't hesitate to contact Séamus O'Reilly by e-mail on Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie Also, check-out the project newsletter on the GSI website.

GSI MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Review of the Membership Package was undertaken by the Board of Directors at its meeting on Thursday November 7th 2013. It was agreed under Res: 13/11/1060 to keep the cost of the Annual Subscription for 2014 for Irish and Overseas Members at €40.00. The Membership Package for 2014 includes the following: Member voting rights; optional second household adult member (18 years or over); Membership Certificate [Res: 11/09/859]; right to use GSI post-nominal; copy of the Annual Journal; monthly newsletter by e-mail; use of the Society's Archive; monthly meetings/lectures; special prices of up to 50% off selected Society publications; right to register your own assumed Arms or emblems with the Society free of charge; right to have your Club, School or Institutions assumed Arms or emblems registered with the Society free of charge to a maximum of ten registrations; occasional group projects; Members' internet

forum (under construction); genealogical, heraldic and vexillological advice; and the facility to publish your research in the GSI Journal. Special Membership concessions on products and services obtained, from time to time, by the Society. The Board also agreed to provide a number of concessionary rates at €20.00 for persons under 25 years of age and persons attending recognised genealogy courses etc. This Membership Package shall be applied as and from January 1st 2014 and be subject to annual review, however, existing Membership Packages shall be honored until their annual renewal date.

NOTE: In accordance with Res: 10/09/785 all Membership Packages fall due for renewal on the anniversary of joining—please check your Membership Certificate. Apply on-line at www.familyhistory.ie or if you prefer, download the form and send it to Mr. Billy Saunderson, MGSi, Director of Finance, 'Suzkar', Killiney Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin, Ireland. *New Members always welcome!*

MEMBERSHIP OF GSI BRANCHES

The Board of Directors has set the Annual Subscription rates for membership (associate) of either *Heraldry Ireland* or *Vexillology Ireland* is €20.00 per annum to include a biannual electronic newsletter and the free registration of Arms in respect of *Heraldry Ireland* and of flags or emblems in respect of *Vexillology Ireland*. Members of the following organisations shall be entitled to a 50% reduction in the Annual Subscription to each (i) Genealogical Society of Ireland; (ii) National Maritime Institute of Ireland and (iii) individual members of Clan/Sept Associations registered with Clans of Ireland and, in the case of *Vexillology Ireland*, individual members of the registered member organisations of FIAV—the International Federation of Vexillological Associations which represents fifty similar organisations in around thirty countries. For further details on these new GSI branches see the following websites: www.heraldryireland.com or for *Vexillology Ireland* see: www.flagsireland.wordpress.com

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND**Board of Directors 2014-2015**

John Hamrock (Cathaoirleach : Chairperson); **Maura Flood** (Leas-Chathaoirleach : Vice-Chair & Education Services); **Michael Merrigan** (General Secretary, Company Secretary, & pro tem Archival Services); **Billy Saunderson** (Finance); **Pádraic Ingoldsby** (An Daonchartlann Foundation & Philanthropy); **Gerry Hayden** (Building & Utilities, Health & Safety Officer); **Tom Conlon** (Internet Services); **Barry O'Connor** (Cemetery Projects & Membership Services); **Séamus Moriarty** (Lecture Programme); **Ingrid McIlwaine** (Social Inclusion & GSI Social Club); **Eddie Gahan** (Outreach Programme & GSI Exhibitions); **Caitlín Ní Chonghaile** (Publications & Oifigeach na Gaeilge—Irish Language Officer); **Stanislav Zamyatin** (Vexillological & Heraldic Services) and **Tony O'Hara** (Sales & Marketing).

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**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday April 8th & May 13th 2014

Evening Open Meeting

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute
Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire
20.00hrs—22.00hrs

Wednesday April 23rd & May 28th 2014

Morning Open Meeting

Hardy's Bar, Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire
10.30hrs—12.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(Coffee/Tea included at Morning Meetings)

NATIONAL DIASPORA CENTRE

The terms and conditions of the national competition to decide on the location of the proposed National Diaspora Centre were announced recently by the government and a number of cities and towns are expected to compete for this very important development. Amongst the front runners is **Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company** which launched its campaign nearly three years ago to build an **Irish International Diaspora Centre** on the site of the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire. During the public consultation process the Society presented a proposal for the establishment of an **'Irish Institute of Genealogical & Heraldic Sciences'** which would incorporate a **'Centre for Diaspora & Migration Studies'** and has enormous potential for the creation and maintenance of a cultural, heritage and educational facility of exceptional quality in Ireland and, of course, internationally. The Harbour Company's proposal contains many of the features proposed by the Society in its submission. The Genealogical Society of Ireland is hugely supportive of this development as the Carlisle Pier has been the embarkation point for millions of emigrants since it first opened in 1859. Dubbed the **'Pier of Tears'** by this newsletter a number of years ago, the name perfectly describes the pain of emigration for those going and for those left behind. Further information on the Harbour Company's very exciting project is available on <http://dlharbour.ie/projects/diaspora-centre/> Also currently located at the historic Carlisle Pier is **An Daonchartlann**, the Society's Archives and Research Centre, which is open each Wednesday from 10.30hrs to 16.30hrs (except 4th Weds. open at 13.00hrs) and each Saturday from 14.00hrs to 17.30hrs. Members are on hand to provide **free family history research advice** to visitors. The use of the Society's extensive archival resources is reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership is available for €5.00 and payable on-line at the GSI website. Resources freely available to GSI members at the facility, as part of their membership package (see page 3), include a number of excellent pay-for-view websites including Ancestry.com, Findmypast, Forces War Records, Newspapers.com (American and Irish newspapers included), the British Newspaper Archives and the Irish Newspaper Archives. Travelling to the facility is best by public transport as both Dublin Bus (nos. 7, 7A, 8, 46A and 75) and the DART (suburban rail) are nearby. Pay-n-display parking is available at Dún Laoghaire Harbour area. The Pavilion Complex car park is across the street. See the Society's website: www.familyhistory.ie

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Members of the Society are entitled to the following discounts on on-line genealogical products. Whilst access to these resources is free to members at **An Daonchartlann**, it is also recommended that members avail of these discounts to have access from their own homes. **Findmypast Ireland** www.findmypast.ie offer a huge 50% discount and the **Irish Newspaper Archives** www.irishnewspaperarchive.com offer an excellent 25% discount to GSI members. The British based **flatcapsandbonnets.com** provide a 20% discount on their range of DVDs. GSI Members get 40% off the first month's subscription for the **Forces War Records** database, which normally costs UK£8.95 for 28 days, for just UK£5.00. To avail of these discounts contact Barry O'Connor on membership@familyhistory.ie

CAR PARKING AT COLLEGE

Members are advised that car-parking facilities at the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute on Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, are very limited, especially during the college terms. The Society advises all attending the lectures that the most convenient option is to use public transport. Dublin Bus nos. 7, 7A, 46A and 75 all serve the college or streets adjacent to the college—Lower George's Street, York Road, Clarence Street. The DART (suburban rail) services to Salthill & Monkstown is only a short walk from the college. On street car-parking is usually available in the area also. Members—why not 'car pool' for each month's meeting?

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

The Society offers a 50% reduction on the standard membership rate for students and young researchers under 25 years of age. Persons taking adult education courses in genealogy can avail of a similar 50% reduction—that's right, for just €20.00. See GSI website.

LECTURE PROGRAMME

The following are the monthly lectures for the next three months. **Tues. Apr. 8—'Maritime Matters'** by Brian Scott. **Tues. May 13th 'Technology and genealogy from a layperson's point of view'** by Maura Flood, MGS. **Tues. June 10th—'Clans of Ireland—a case study of the O' Donnell Clan'** by Francis M. O'Donnell. **VENUE: Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute** (formerly the **Dún Laoghaire College of Further Education**), Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Travel directions to the venue are provided on the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie The programme of monthly lectures is varied to meet the needs of all levels of research experience. **Séamus Moriarty**, FCSI Director, GSI Lecture Programme, is always interested to receive feedback on the lecture programme. Please e-mail: [Séamus Moriarty on Gazette@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Séamus.Moriarty@familyhistory.ie)

GSI JOURNAL

The 2014 edition of the **Journal of the Genealogical Society of Ireland** will be published this month. It's an excellent publication. All paid-up members will receive their copies by mail. However, if you wish to pick your copy up at either of our monthly meetings, please e-mail Barry O'Connor on membership@familyhistory.ie

TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS

by John Grenham, MA, MAPGI, FIGRS, FCSI

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 latest edition of **'Tracing Your Irish Ancestors'**. Please checkout the website www.gillmacmillan.com Price €22.99 [RRP].

COMPETITION RESULTS

Four Courts Press, Ireland's premier academic publisher, presented copies of the wonderfully illustrated book on the Morpeth Roll edited by Christopher Ridgeway, to the GSI for a competition. This excellent work **'The Morpeth Roll—Ireland Identified in 1841'** was reviewed in the June 2013 issue of **'Gazette'** which is available on the Society's website. The questions were: (1) What structure opened in 1859 and now considered the ideal location for the proposed **National Diaspora Centre** is associated with this man? **Answer:** Carlisle Pier, Dún Laoghaire. (2) On what page in the **2014 Four Courts Press Catalogue** (which is available to download or to read on-line at www.fourcourtspress.ie) does this book feature? **Answer:** Page 18. Copies of the book are on their way to the following: **Liz Nugent**, Boyle, Co. Roscommon. **Éamon Healy**, Ennis, Co. Clare. **Stuart McGee**, Trowbridge, Wilts., England. **Aidan Byrne**, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. **Noreen Maher**, Huntstown, Dublin 15. **Carrie Lawless**, Kilpedder, Co. Wicklow and **Marie Crowley**, Derry City, N. Ireland. Congratulations to all of the above.

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