



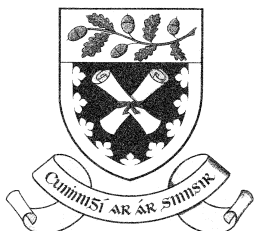
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President Stuart Rosenblatt

The Board of the Society at its November 2014 meeting nominated one of the Society's Vice Presidents, Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI, to succeed Rory Stanley, FGSI, as President of the Society. The outgoing President's five year term of office comes to an end this month and therefore, Mr. Rosenblatt will become the fourth President of the Society since 1990. His predecessors were Denis O'Conor Don, Tony McCarthy and, of course, Rory Stanley. Mr. Rosenblatt was the sole nominee of the Board for the non-executive position of President and therefore, he was duly declared elected. Mr. Rosenblatt will receive his *Chain of Office* from the outgoing President Rory Stanley on Tuesday December 9th 2014. Mr. Stanley will be a hard act to follow with a very distinguished record of almost twelve years as Cathaoirleach (Chairperson) followed by the past five years as President. Nevertheless, each of our Presidents brought their own particular style and considerable talents to the role of Society President. In that respect, Mr. Rosenblatt, intends to be a 'roving ambassador' for Ireland's most active genealogical organisation both



at home throughout the island of Ireland and overseas amongst our diaspora. In Ireland the interest in genealogy has grown immeasurably over the past decade and particularly, amongst the increasingly 'internet savvy' retirees. Indeed, retirees account for the majority of the Society's membership which is also the case in similar organisations in North America, Great Britain and Australasia. The Society is very fortunate to have its headquarters in a 'Age Friendly County' which values and supports the lifelong learning opportunities afforded by this Society through its Open Meetings and especially, through its Archive and Research Centre. The new Chief Executive of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Ms. Philomena Poole, has championed this 'Age

Friendly County' initiative since her appointment in May of this year. This Society is very well positioned to play an important role in this initiative through its Archive and Research Centre. Our new President, Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, intends to promote a greater awareness amongst retirees of the enormous educational leisure potential of genealogical research. As a 'roving ambassador' Mr. Rosenblatt expects to have a very busy, yet enjoyable, five year term ahead of him and we all wish him every success in his new role as the President of this Society.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The new President of the Society, Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI and the Cathaoirleach, John Hamrock, and the Board of Directors wish all of our Members at home and overseas 'Season's Greetings' and a very *Happy New Year*. The holiday arrangements are as follows. The Archives & Research Centre will be closed on Weds 24th and 31st of Dec 2014, however, it will be open on Saturday 27th Dec 2014 and 3rd Jan. 2015. The Evening Meetings are as scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month all throughout the year. The Board meeting in January will be on the second Thursday instead of the first Thursday which applies to all other months.

Season's Greetings—with Great News!

We could just send our normal **SEASON'S GREETINGS** to all of our readers around the world, but nothing would surpass the great news from the National Library of Ireland. It's just what every genealogist wanted for Christmas! The National Library has embarked on the most significant digitisation project for Irish genealogy in decades as it intends to make the images of Catholic parish register microfilms available online for free. The Library's entire collection of Catholic parish register microfilms will be made

available online for free by summer 2015. The records are considered to be the single most important source of information on Irish family history prior to the 1901 Census. Dating from the 1740s to the 1880s, the parish registers cover 1,091 Roman Catholic parishes throughout Ireland, and consist primarily of baptismal and marriage records. The microfilm reels on which the registers are recorded have been converted into approximately 390,000 digital images and the National Library will be making all these images available, for free, on a dedicated website,

which will be launched in summer 2015. The 390,000 digital images will be searchable by parish location only. The parish registers will not be transcribed or indexed by the National Library. The images will be of the microfilms of the original registers, which in some cases, were in quite poor condition when the microfilming took place nearly four decades ago. The images will be in black and white. Further details on this digitisation project will be announced by the National Library of Ireland in the coming months. (Source NLI.ie)

The Law School of University College Dublin

Tracing ancestors in the legal profession has generally been well facilitated by the records of the various colleges, the King's Inns, the Law Society of Ireland and the Bar Association of Ireland. However, a new publication by Four Courts Press charts the history and development of the law school of Ireland's largest university. *'The Law School of University College Dublin'* by W.N. Osborough (ISBN 978-1-84682-542-2 : 330pp : ills : h/bk : Price €50.00) firstly provides a very interesting exploration of the historical context of legal education in Ireland before independence. This opening chapter is immensely important for our understanding of the development of legal instruction in Ireland, for example, according to Osborough, it wasn't until 1850 that we had 'the first serious effort to promote instruction in law at Trinity'. This would, no doubt, come as a surprise to many, however it was only through the cooperation of the King's Inns and Trinity College Dublin that the former 'near sinecures' held by a Senior Fellow at TCD would be 'transformed into an effective teaching post'. In addition to this agreement at TCD, specific provision was made for the establishment of law faculties in the Queen's Colleges in Belfast, Cork and Galway. The position of the Catholic hierarchy towards mixed education at the time created a serious dilemma for Catholic students wishing to pursue law. The establishment of the Catholic University in Dublin in 1854, which became the forerunner of University College Dublin, attempted to meet this demand. However, as Osborough points out, this was fraught with difficulty through non-recognition of all colleges not established by Royal Charter or legislation. His examination of the evolution of a resolution to this problem may indeed provide many a family history researcher with a valuable insight into aspects of the lives of their ancestors who studied law. *The Irish Universities Act, 1908*, radically overhauled the structures of Irish universities, with the notable exception of Trinity College Dublin, and brought about the establishment of the federal National

University of Ireland, which included, University College Dublin (UCD). One of the foundation faculties at UCD was the School of Law. Osborough charts the development of this institution from 1909, through independence and onwards to become one of the major Law Schools of the State. It's at this stage that this wonderfully researched volume becomes so much more than a 'legal history' as Osborough examines the Law School in the context of historical events, conflicted and conflicting political and social philosophies and where the personalities involved in these great debates are illuminated. This is of particular interest to the family historian as Osborough provides excellent professional biographies for the faculty members who contributed significantly to the development of legal training in Ireland and, especially, at UCD. Many of the faculty of the School of Law contributed enormously to the development of law, especially constitutional law, in Ireland. His account of the attempt by the government in the late 1960s to merge the Law Schools of TCD and UCD, with the latter moving to the TCD campus, includes the following, all too familiar summary "the great merger plan that Donogh O'Malley [Govt. Minister] had announced in April 1967 was now, after seven years of hectic negotiations and vast quantities of memoranda, allowed to fizzle out and disappear off the Government's agenda". The account of the development and the expansion of the Law Collections at the UCD Library, includes details on the many important gifts from, amongst others, the Australian government. The account of 'Housing the Law School' from its lack of a permanent home as alluded to in an address to King George V when he visited Dublin in 1911 to its move to the Belfield campus of UCD in 1972 feels, at times, like a personal journey since he joined the staff in the late 1960s. This move to the Belfield campus was to the Newman Building which was designated as the Arts, Commerce and Law Building. Unfortunately there was no concurrent move of its Law Collection to Belfield. Then in

1991 it moved to one of the old historic buildings on the expanded Belfield campus, Roebuck Castle, which as Osborough explains, had a number of interesting legal associations. He gives a short account of the two major families associated with the Roebuck site, the Barnewalls and the Westbys who built the present Roebuck Castle in the 1870s. This is a wonderful history of the School of Law from 1909 up to its move into the purpose-built UCD Sutherland School of Law in 2013. Indeed, it should be of interest to any student of twentieth century Irish history as it provides an important contextual narrative for development of law and legal training in Ireland. *MM*

KILDARE ANCESTRY

'Tracing Your Kildare Ancestors' by Karel Kiely, Mario Corrigan and James Durney is the latest in this series of hugely valuable guides to tracing Irish roots to be published by Flyleaf Press. It provides a comprehensive account of all of the many genealogical sources available for those tracing ancestors from this county. These sources include websites, birth, marriage and other personal records, public records, books, journals and manuscripts. County Kildare has a diverse population including farmers, soldiers and horsemen. The county has had a long association with the military including the major Curragh camp. It is also the centre of the Irish equine industry and is one of the richest counties outside Dublin. Large estates, military barracks, stud farms and horse racing establishments still feature in the county which has a current population of 210,000. Common names in the county include Byrne, O'Toole, Cullen, Dowling, Dunne, Nolan, Lawlor, Farrell, McKelly, Birmingham, Sutton, Fitzgerald, Eustace, O'Kelly, Murphy, Doyle, Walsh, Dowling, Connor, Neill, Brennan, Moore and Kavanagh. (ISBN13: 978-1-907990-07-6 : 160 pages: Price: €13.00. See: www.flyleaf.ie)

Representing Ireland in Russia



Stanislav Zamyatin, GSI Director of Vexillological & Heraldic Services reports on his attendance at a conference in Moscow entitled *"The First World War and the fate of Russian compatriots"*. As a

holder of dual-citizenship, he was lucky enough to represent Ireland as part of the Russian diaspora at a conference on the Great War. The event brought 160 Russian emigrants from over 70 countries and included historians, journalists, experts and descendants of participants in the war. The conference was dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the First World War and tried to recreate a more complete picture of the tragic period and promote continuity of genera-

tions and work with the youth. Unlike Ireland, Russia did not last until the end of the war and was swept up by the 1917 revolution and the chaos of the civil war that followed. According to various sources, up to one and a half million Russians ended up scattered all over the world after the revolution. Today there are somewhere between 20 and 40 million 'ethnic' Russians outside of Russia, depending on the definition of 'ethnicity'. This is nowhere near the 80 million people worldwide who claim some Irish descent, but it does put Russia in the same category as Ireland in terms of diasporas and global communities. Although before the war, a Russian immigrant by the name of Ivan Beshoff came to Ireland in 1913. He was already famous for taking part in the well-known mutiny on the battleship Potemkin in 1905 and would create the famous Dublin fish and chips chain restaurant – Beshoff. The Great War had a tremendous effect on Ireland, just like Russia, and helped to

bring about unrest and civil war. The year 1922 saw the formation of the Soviet Union and the Irish Free State, none of which could have been possible if it were not for the war. Both Ireland and Russia have many reasons for nostalgia, remembrance and respect for the war and everyone that perished in it. **Editor:** Many thanks Stan for the report.

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. *Please Will Your Society Well—add that codicil today. Thanks!*

GSI at the King's Hall, Belfast



The Society's Director of the Outreach Programme, **Eddie Gahan**, MGS, (pictured left) will bring the GSI to Belfast in January 2015 for the *Belfast Telegraph's 50+ Show*. The event will take place in the King's Hall Pavilion, Balmoral, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 16th–18th January 2015. The opening hours will be 13:00hrs – 21:00hrs (Friday) and 11:00hrs – 17:30hrs (Saturday and Sunday). This is a wonderful opportunity to promote Irish genealogy and to showcase our Society in its 25th Anniversary year. **But we need your help to take advantage of it.** If you can help out on the stand on any (or all!) of the three days please contact Eddie Gahan as soon as possible at 087-248

6878, or you can simply drop him an e-mail at eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com. Don't forget that you can use the DSP's Free Travel Pass, in combination with its Northern equivalent (the ROI Senior Smartpass). As we reported last month, Eddie has brought the Society to all corners of the country over the past three years. Without a shadow of doubt, it is Eddie's energy and commitment that is a great source of encouragement to his wonderfully dedicated team of volunteers. So if you're free to lend a hand at this event in January or at any of the other venues planned for 2015, please get in touch with Eddie. These events promote the study of genealogy, heraldry and vexillology as open access educational leisure pursuits available to all in our community. Please help us get this message out.

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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 current information packed edition is available to read or to download completely FREE OF CHARGE at www.irishlivesremembered.com. Click on [Back Editions](#) to read, free of charge, many hundreds of excellent articles on researching your Irish ancestors. Download them now to your own PC.

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James Scannell Reports...

WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION

At 14.30hrs on Saturday December 13th Trevor Adams will present his lecture *'The Battle of Verdun, St. Mihiel and the Argonne: Same place, different years, different armies'* to the Dublin Western Front Association in the Lecture Room of Museum of Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. All welcome

CARLTON HOUSE LECTURE

At 19.15hrs on Thursday December 11th Professor Christopher Ridgeway will present his lecture *'The Making and Breaking of the Country House in Europe during World War One'* in Carlton House, Co. Kildare. Admission €10.00. In 1914 aristocratic families across Britain and Europe responded to the outbreak of World War One by enlisting, often mobilising their staff, tenants, and estates in the name of patriotism in a conflict which witnessed sacrifice and loss on an unprecedented scale with the shattering bereavement. Many houses and estates were requisitioned by the military, with some experiencing physical depredation at the hands of their new occupiers while some if situated in conflict zones, were completely annihilated. The burden of physical loss, both human and material, was accelerated by additional economic, political and social pressures which caused many houses to be founded in the post World War One years. But this experience was not the same for every family and the lecture

will conclude by examining how aristocratic families did or did not survive in the post 1918 world.

BURSARY SCHEME

Speaking at a ceremony in the Flemish town of Ypres on Tuesday October 28th at which representatives from 80 countries gathered to commemorate the First World War, Ms. Heather Humphries, T.D., Irish Minister for Arts, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht, announced the launch of a bursary scheme which will enable Irish university students to research Ireland's involvement in World War One. Commencing next year (2015) and running until 2018, annually five Irish university students will have the opportunity to spend the summer months at the Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres where with one of their tasks expanding the archive begun by Google and the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs earlier this year which list some 49,000 Irish soldiers who died during this conflict. The project which is based at Flanders Fields Museum, is a digital version of the Irish War Memorial Records, a written register of 49,000 soldiers compiled in 1922 by Sir John French, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. A copy of the eight-volume leather bound work, with illustrations by Harry Clarke, is held by the Flanders Field Museum. Éamon Mac Aodha, Irish Ambassador to Belgium said that the concept behind this bursary was to encourage Irish students to expand and correct

the archive and to bring the history of World War One closer to Ireland.

1916 AMBULANCE LOG

On Monday November 24th, Dublin City Council placed on public display in Dublin City Library and Archive, a log book maintained by Dublin Fire Brigade's ambulance service during the April 1916 Easter Week Rising in Dublin, which it purchased earlier in the month at auction for about €4800, including fees. The log book was recovered from a skip by the seller's father in the 1960's after it had been thrown out during an office clear out. The log book, maintained by B Station in Dublin's Tara Street, records calls received by the ambulance service as the Easter Rising began on April 24th 1916 with the first casualty being recorded at 1.52 p.m. when an ambulance took three dead and two wounded soldiers from the 6th lancers, and a civilian John Reilly from the Dublin suburb of Rathfarnham to Jervis Street Hospital. Ultimately it is intended to digitise the log book contents and publish it on-line.

EDITOR: The end of another year of publishing *'Ireland's Genealogical Gazette'* and we're about to launch the 10th volume in January 2015. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank **Mr. James Scannell** for his wonderful monthly contributions to this newsletter. His monthly news reports are very much appreciated by our worldwide readership. **MM**

Précis of the Nov. Lecture

On Tuesday November 11th 2014, members were treated to a very interesting lecture by Liam Clare, MGSI, on the history of the Loughlinstown Workhouse which was located on the site of the present day St. Colmcille's Hospital in south County Dublin. Liam has written and lectured extensively on this subject over the years and, his knowledge of the history, development and final years of this institution is exceptional. This illustrated lecture brought home the dire conditions and harsh treatment that the unfortunate paupers endured in these institutions throughout Ireland. On Sept. 23rd 1833 a commission was established to inquire into 'the condition of the poorer classes in Ireland'. This commission recommended a series of public works projects such as land reclamation, agricultural education and assisted emigration, however, these recommendations were rejected by the British government in favour of the establishment of a 'Workhouse System' following the recently established British model. Liam explained how this 'British model' was imported into Ireland and how unsuited it was to Irish conditions. Its ethos and regimen were alien to Irish society and with the onset of the Great Famine in 1845 and over the following decade this system was stretched well beyond its intended capacity

with disastrous consequences. Loughlinstown Workhouse catered for a Poor Law Union with a population in 1841 of 44,214 and divided into ten divisions each expected to support its own poor. On October 12th of that year, Loughlinstown Workhouse opened its doors for the first time to relieve the poor of south County Dublin and north County Wicklow. On the first day 24 paupers were admitted including, William Manley junior, aged 13, a paralytic of Bray, being admitted subject to proceedings against his father for maintenance. With this example, Liam explained the admission procedure and with plans and drawings of the buildings he explained the operation of the institution. The outbreaks of cholera and other diseases during the period of the Great Famine put further pressure on the system which was expanded several times in stages. The development of the 'outdoor relief' was also explained as was the content of the workhouse registers which survive and are held at the National Archives in Dublin. Liam's research over many decades was of particular assistance to many members who raised questions on the institution and, in some cases, proffered accounts of ancestors who were inmates of the workhouse system. Photographs of the adjacent workhouse burial ground brought home the cruelty of the system, the tragedy of the times and the suffering of the tens of thousands who entered the workhouses.

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) and the Society. The main objectives are (1) to further our knowledge of the population history of Ireland and (2) to help us understand how genes influence health in Ireland. Whilst the scientific data is provided by Dr. Cavalleri's team at the RCSI, the project also has an academic historian, **Dr. Daren McGuffigan**, who specialises in Irish medieval history. This academic collaboration ensures that the scientific data provided by the RCSI is interpreted in a manner that properly places it in a historical context based on extant sources and in relation to historical or archaeological published research. This is the most rigorous of the DNA projects currently undertaken in either Great Britain or Ireland. The genealogical data is compiled and verified by **Séamus O'Reilly, FGSI and Clare Tuohy, MGSI**. With the assistance of Science Foundation Ireland, a PhD candidate will also be recruited by Dr. Cavalleri. See page 2 for the latest appeal for participants. If you are interested in participating or have a query about participating, please contact **Séamus O'Reilly, FGSI** 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 6th 2014. It was agreed under **Res: 14/11/126** to keep the cost of the Annual Subscription for 2015 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. For mature students evidence of enrolment on such courses may be required, at any stage, by the Director of Membership Services, **Mr. Barry O'Connor, FGSI**. This Membership Package shall be applied as and from January 1st 2015 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 for membership on-line at www.familyhistory.ie or if you prefer, download the membership application form and forward it with the required remittance to: **Mr. Billy Saunderson, MGSI**, Director of Finance, 'Suzkar', Killiney Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin, Ireland. **New Members are always very 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* checkout the following website: www.flagsireland.wordpress.com

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**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday Dec. 9th 2014 & Jan. 13th 2015

Evening Open Meeting

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

20.00hrs—22.00hrs

Wednesday Jan. 28th & Feb. 25th 2015

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)

Sloinnte Gaedheal is Gall

Versions of almost 3,000 surnames from Ireland can now be searched on www.duchas.ie. This compilation of surnames emerged from almost 80 years of collecting work by the Irish Folklore Commission. As the folklore and folklife material was being accumulated, the Registrar, Seán Ó Súilleabháin, and the Commission staff created index cards for the content and informants. The surnames were registered as they were given to the collectors – mainly local, non-standardized versions. The variation from area to area, or even from household to household, is significant. The surname Cafferky is a good example. The following varying forms are attributed to this same surname: O'Cafferky, McCafferky, McCafferty, Mac Eachmharcaigh, Ceafarcaigh, Ó Ceamharcaigh, Ó Ceafarcaigh, Cafferkey and Mac Ceamharcaigh. The surname collection grew significantly over the years and it became necessary to create an organisational structure. A 'surname headcard' was created for the surnames with variant forms, and one surname was specified as the advised version in order to facilitate the registration process. No amendments were made to spelling or other aspects of the versions collected. The surname headcards were used as a cross-referencing tool and to compile related versions under one surname. The site will be of interest to a great many Irish people and to the Irish diaspora. For specialist researchers in the fields of genealogy, linguistics, and a range of other disciplines, this surname index offers considerable research potential. As part of the Dúchas project, the surname headcards were transcribed and entered into a database developed by Fiontar, DCU. The database is fully searchable on this website and is also available for download in XML format. This list of 2,810 Irish surnames, in both English and Irish, will be expanded – and it is hoped that it will be a useful research and administrative tool in the future. The title '*Sloinnte Gaedheal is Gall*' is taken from Patrick Woulfe 1906 publication which has recently been republished by the **Ulster Historical Foundation** see: www.booksireland.org.uk

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PARKING AT THE COLLEGE

Members are advised that car-parking facilities at the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute are very limited, especially during the college terms. 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. On street car-parking is usually available in the area also. Members—why not 'car pool' for each month's open meeting? Ask at the 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. Evidence of enrolment may be required. Please see the Society's website.

LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tues 9th Dec. 2014 – '*Researching a Family Business - Resources in the Dublin City Library and Archive*' by Eithne Massey. **Tues 13th Jan. 2015** – '*Matchmaking and Marriage Customs in 19th Century Ireland*' by Seán Ó Duíll. **Tues. 10th Feb. 2015** '*The Comerfords in Ireland: disentangling myths and legends to find true origins*' by the Rev. Patrick Comerford. **Tues March 10th 2015**, *American Records* by Maura Flood. **Tues April 14th 2015** – TBA. **Tues May 12th 2015** '*Family Crests*' by Tom Mullins. **Tues. June 9th 2015** '*Records of the Dublin Metropolitan Police*' by James Scannell. **VENUE: Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute**, Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Travel directions see: www.familyhistory.ie **Séamus Moriarty**, FGSI Director, GSI Lecture Programme..

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

'*In Remembrance of Families Past*' by the Rev. **Brian McHenry** is a bound copy of the research into the following families, Bray, Stancombe, Pote, Chugg, Wainford, Powell, Dowling, Hatcher and McHenry. The areas of research cover Great Britain, Ireland (McHenry) and Australia. This volume was donated by the author. **Jack McGann** donated a copy of '*The McGahan Clan—An Irish-American Family*' regarding the McGahans of Creggan, Co. Armagh. The Board thanks both for donating these interesting volumes to the Society's Archives.

TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS

by **John Grenham, MA, MAPGI, 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 latest edition of '*Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*'. Please checkout the website www.gillmacmillan.com Price €22.99 [RRP].

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