



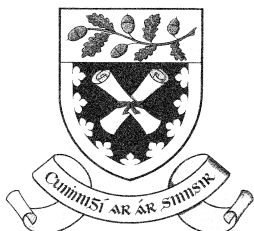
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Our Non-Anglophone Diaspora

Most Irish people when asked about our nation's diaspora think of the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and, of course, Great Britain. Few are aware of the much earlier Irish emigration experience to the mainland of Europe and especially, France, Spain and Portugal and onwards to their respective colonies throughout the world. Nineteenth century Irish emigration to other non English speaking areas such as Quebec, Mexico and Argentina are likewise overlooked. Research into Irish military and ennobled families on the mainland of Europe, mostly dating from the seventeenth century, has been undertaken by Micheline Kearney Walsh. Her very unique and extensive collection of research papers is held by the **Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiach Memorial Library and Archive** in Armagh city in Northern Ireland. The *'Micheline Kearney Walsh Overseas Archive'* is a wonderful collection of 250,000 documents relating to Irish people in Europe from the late 16th to the 19th century. These documents were collected from many different archives mainly located in Spain, France, Austria, Italy & Bel-

gium and represent an essential and unique source which cannot be found anywhere else within Ireland or Great Britain. Unfortunately, only a few PhD candidates have ventured to follow in her footsteps, possibly because of the language barrier as a knowledge of Spanish, French and Latin would certainly be necessary. However, possibly making her papers more widely accessible on-line through digitisation may encourage others to build on her research. The Society's Archives & Research Centre is very fortunate to have a copy of Eduardo Coghlan's monumental work *'Los Irlandeses en la Argentina: Su Actuación y Descendencia'* (Buenos Aires, 1987) on microfiche courtesy of Ida Grehan. The 'rediscovery' of the connections between Argentina and Ireland has created great interest in the counties most associated with this area of emigration. Local community groups like the Longford Westmeath Argentina Society and the Admiral Brown Society in Co. Mayo are strengthening our links with this Spanish speaking Irish diaspora. Irish interest in emigrating to Argentina dried up after the unfortunate experience of the 1,774 emigrants who travelled out on the steamer *'City of Dres-*

den' in 1889. In 2003 an interdisciplinary network of scholars and researchers was established. The **Society for Irish Latin American Studies (SILAS)** promotes the study of the Irish connections with, Iberia, Latin America and the Caribbean. SILAS will host a conference on the theme of *'Entangled Histories and Cultures'* and in University College Cork on 25th to 27th June 2015 please checkout www.irlandeses.org for further details. The Society's extensive submission to the Oireachtas (Parliamentary) Committee on *'Developing a Plan to Capture the Full Value of Our Genealogical Heritage'* contained a number of innovative recommendations on the promotion of diaspora studies. The full text of the submission is available on the GSI website. Indeed, the Society's proposal for old Carnegie Library in Dún Laoghaire centred on the establishment of an **Irish Institute for Genealogical and Heraldic Studies incorporating the Centre for Diaspora and Migration Studies**. Connecting with our non-Anglophone diaspora opens up a whole new world of research possibilities in many disciplines, especially, genealogy.

On the Road with Eddie Gahan



The Society's Director of the Outreach Programme, **Eddie Gahan, MGS**, (pictured left) is currently putting together his programme for 2015. To start the year, Business Exhibitions Ltd. has very kindly invited the Society to exhibit at the **Belfast Telegraph's 50+ Show** next January. 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 13:00-21:00 (Friday) and 11:00-17:30 (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). Eddie has brought the Society to all corners of the country over the past three years. His energy and commitment is a great source of encouragement to his wonderful 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.

Tales of Medieval Dublin

Genealogists and local historians always try to imagine the times past when their ancestors lived and worked in medieval Dublin, the traces of which, are not many but nevertheless significant around our capital city. Seeking to capture a glimpse of what life was really like for these early Dubliners is no easy task as records are sparse and the archaeology is still throwing up some surprises. Nevertheless, this collection of fourteen essays by prominent historians and archaeologists is both entertaining and hugely informative. Even the titles chosen for each of the 'tales' bring out the humanity of the subjects in a way that enlivens the history. Starting with Seán Duffy's exploration of our first recorded Dubliner, Saint Bearaidh, who died in 650AD, however, we have no more than six words in total to say that he was the Abbot of Duiblinn (Dublin) over a century before the arrival of the Vikings. Linzi Simpson follows with a reconstruction of the life of a young male skeleton, typically nicknamed as a Viking Eric. His remains were found near the pond that gave the city its name. Poul Holm deals with an issue that must interest genetic genealogists as he traces the lives of the unfortunates that were sold into slavery in Dublin's slave market and shipped off to Iceland, Scandinavia or to other parts of mainland Europe. This accounts for Iceland's DNA anomaly in the "Viking" world. Howard B. Clark's *'The Mother's Tale'* deals with Gormlaith who was born in the mid-950s and, very unusual for the time, survived into her 70s. This story explores the extraordinary life of a highborn woman of Gaelic nobility caught in

a tangled political web and strategic marriages. Cherie N. Peters looks at the lives of the farming community around Dublin, often overlooked, they worked exceedingly hard for the survival of their families. Aine Foley moves into the late thirteenth century with an examination of the life of the much loathed, tax collector. Margaret Murphy ventures into the ecclesiastical world with a 'tale' on Nicholas de Clere, Archdeacon of Dublin from 1287 to 1303 and treasurer of Ireland from 1285 to 1291. Edward Coleman explores the city's connection with the Crusaders and the Knights Hospitaller of St. John of Jerusalem. Besides fighting in the Holy Land they were also employed by the English crown in military operations against the Gaelic Irish. Gillian Kenny traces the life of a townswoman in fourteenth century Dublin who succumbed to the Black Death in February 1348 and who remarkably left a will which is preserved in TCD. Michael O'Neill explores the life and times of a mason at Dublin Castle in the late fourteenth century. The earliest mention of this mason, John More, dates to April 30th 1372 when he is described as a 'clericus operationum' (clerk of works) at Dublin Castle. Caoimhe Whelan takes us into the life of a legal practitioner and notary public, James Yonge, in early fifteenth century Dublin. In 1411 he produced a literary text for a Hungarian nobleman, Lawrence Rathold of Pászthó, who came as a pilgrim to Ireland to visit St. Patrick's purgatory at Lough Derg in Co. Donegal. Sparky Booker explores the life and times of Christopher St. Lawrence, the seventh baron of Howth, in mid

sixteenth century Dublin. James Lennon follows with another of the same era, James Stanihurst, a lawyer who became speaker of the Irish House of Commons. Finally, Katherine Simms explores the life of the enigmatic Gaelic poet, Maoilin Óg Mac Bruaideadha, who died in 1602. Beautifully illustrated and captivatingly interesting *'Tales of Medieval Dublin'* edited by Sparky Booker and Cherie N. Peters (ISBN: 978-1-84682-497-5 : 228pp : colour illustrations : P/bk €24.95) is published by **Four Courts Press**, Dublin. **MM**

MANUSCRIPT APPEAL

The following message was posted on Facebook by the folks at *'Irish Medieval History'*. "Please do what you can to help out. George Cunningham is one of Ireland's most prolific heritage activist and he is looking for help in petitioning the state/National Library of Ireland to purchase a rare and immensely important 14th century manuscript. Pop a one liner to George at georgecunningham@eircom.net. The 14th century manuscript from St Mary's Abbey in Dublin is currently up for sale at Christies' auction house to be sold on the 19th of November. The manuscript disappeared from scholarly view towards the end of the 18th century. 'It is an incredibly important text and one which should be available for consultation', according to medieval scholar Colmán Ó Clabaigh. It is of great value to Irish medieval studies and it would be a tragedy to see it disappear into a private collection." **Editor:** Some years ago we successfully campaigned to keep 'The Nugent Book' here in Ireland, hopefully, some philanthropist will acquire this manuscript for the National Library of Ireland.

Development Plan 2015-2020

At the November 6th meeting of the Board of Directors, the text of the Society's five year development plan was finally agreed and adopted under **Res: 14/11/1127**. The plan was considered in a four stage process which began with the presentation of a first draft in September, line by line examination and amendment in October and finally, the review of such amendments in November and its formal adoption. The plan will come into force on January 1st 2015 following on from the very successful plan which was adopted back in 2010. The plan contains circa fifty ambitious and exciting policy objectives and initiatives that will be implemented by the various Directors over the next five years. The Board operates a 'cabinet style' form of governance with each Director having the responsibility for a certain function of the Society. Therefore, each Director is expected to use the development plan as a 'roadmap' for the planning and implementation

of initiatives within their own areas of responsibility. Amongst the more immediate objectives outlined in the plan are the "capping" of the numbers of Directors on the Board at ten from the Annual General Meeting in March 2015 and the organisation of a 25th Anniversary Conference on Genetic Genealogy in conjunction with the International Society of Genetic Genealogy in October 2015. The reduction in the numbers on the Board, currently fourteen, will be accompanied by an increase in the number of non-executive portfolio positions currently standing at two, Senior Librarian and Coordinator of the Irish DNA Atlas Project. It is envisaged that this will enhance the Society's potential to expand its volunteer base. The newly adopted plan also reinforces the Society's commitment to promote volunteerism and social inclusion. The plan does not cover the acquisition of a premises as this is contained in a separate document dealing with the functions and objectives of *An Daon-*

chartlann Foundation. The Board also unanimously agreed to nominate, Vice President **Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI** as 'President Designate' to succeed **Mr. Rory Stanley, FGSI**, when his five year term ends next month. Mr. Rosenblatt will be inaugurated on Dec. 9th 2014 and receive his *'Chain of Office'* from outgoing President Rory Stanley.

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!*

IRISH DNA ATLAS PROJECT

The Society and the **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland** are looking for participants for the *Irish DNA Atlas* project. The idea is to collect DNA from people with ancestry tied to specific regions of Ireland. In this way we hope to create a detailed picture of genetic structure in Ireland. Once this picture has been described, we can compare it to similar projects in the UK and mainland Europe, and in doing so, gain an insight to historical migrations to/from Ireland. Detailing genetic structure in Ireland can also help efforts to describe genes influencing disease in the Irish (and other) populations. For this initial phase of recruitment we are seeking both male and female participants for whom all eight great-grandparents should have been born in Ireland within an area of 30 Kms (note the figure of 30km is arbitrary with some flexibil-

ity). Analysis will consider genetic variation across all of our chromosomes, although we also intend to study specific lineages as described by the Y chromosome and mtDNA. This is an academic study, supported by funding from **Science Foundation Ireland** (<http://www.sfi.ie/>), awarded to Dr. Gianpiero Cavalleri of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. Please note that we are not returning individual results to participants nor will the individual data be made publicly available. The results will be published in an academic journal by Dr. Cavalleri and indeed, these results are eagerly awaited by all involved in genetic genealogy. This project has the potential to deliver ground-breaking results which will greatly enhance genetic genealogy. See <http://familyhistory.ie/wp/irelands-dna/> or e-mail Séamus O'Reilly at Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie

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 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, exciting new resources and much more.

IRELAND'S GENEALOGICAL GAZETTE

All the past issues of this newsletter and its predecessor *'The Genie Gazette'* 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...

ONE MILLION DUBLINERS

Currently the film 'One Million Dubliners' being screened in selected cinemas around Dublin is providing audiences with an opportunity to enjoy and appreciate the genius of the late Shane Mac Thomáis who brings them in a fascinating and interesting tour of Glasnevin Cemetery in his own unique and inimitable style. Tragically Mac Thomáis died suddenly while the film was being edited and the films ends with his funeral in the cemetery for which he was the Historian in Residence at the time of his death.

WWI RECORDS TO BE UPDATED

It has been announced that the Irish War Memorial Records which lists the names of circa 49,400 men who died in the First World War One are to be updated by the Irish Government working in co-operation with Google and the In Flanders Fields museum

'ETHICS OF WAR' LECTURE

Lecture by Professor Nigel Biggar, Response by Professor Keith Jeffrey, Discussion chaired by Dr. John Bowman, organised by the Church of Ireland Historical Centenaries Working Group, marking the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, in the Music Room, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on Wednesday November 19th at 19.30hrs.

OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY LECTURES

Wednesday November 12th *'The Dublin Fusiliers: who they were and where did they come from'* - Tom Burke. **Wednesday November 19th** *'Robert Tressll, Dubliner: author of 'The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists'* - Bryan MacMahon. **Wednesday November 26th** *'The 'Rothsay Castle' shipwreck, 1831: the Rathmines Connection* - Séamas Ó Maitiú. The Society's AGM will follow this lecture. All the above lectures take place at 18.30hrs. nightly in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Admission free.

THE IRISH WHO WENT TO WAR

On Sunday November 16th Turtle Bunbury, co-presenter of the Genealogy Roadshow on RTE will be speaking with Myles Dungan, presenter of The History Show on RTE Radio on *'The Irish Who Went to War WW1'* from 14.00hrs to 15.00hrs in the Main Theatre, Smock Alley Theatre, Temple Bar, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

DUBLIN FESTIVAL OF HISTORY

As part of the Dublin Festival of History, Declan Beatty will present his lecture 'Fallen, Lost, Found: The Story of Pte. Thomas Lawless' at 15.30hrs on Saturday November 15th in the Conference of Dublin City Library & Ar-

chive Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Admission free - booking not required - doors open at 15.15hrs with seating allocated on a first-come, first-served.

AMBULANCE LOG AUCTIONED

On Wednesday November 5th Dublin auctioneers Whyte's of Molesworth Street auctioned a hand written Dublin Fire Brigade duty log for B Station which contained a detailed account of the 1916 Easter Week Rising. Spanning the period January 21st to May 6th 1916 the log for the Rising which commenced on April 24th 1916 begins with an entry for 1.52 p.m. when it recorded that the ambulance had left three dead soldiers of the 16th Lancers and two wounded into Jervis Street Hospital (now the Jervis Shopping Centre) along with a John Reilly from Rathfarnham who had sustained a stomach wound. Three minutes later the log recorded that an ambulance had brought 18 year old Alexandra Wilson to the same hospital with a bruised shoulder struck with a rifle. At 5 p.m. an ambulance brought Pte Michael Traynor, Royal Irish Regiment, to the same hospital with a bullet wound. The log is considered one of the first written records of the Rising written as events unfolded. The seller's grandfather worked for Dublin Corporation (now Dublin City Council) and rescued the log from skip where it had been dumped during an office clear-out.

Précis of the October Lecture

On Tuesday 14th October 2014 the topic was *'Commonwealth War Graves Records for Ireland'*. The speaker was the well known and highly regarded researcher into the area of Irish in WW1 Patrick Hugh Lynch. Patrick has earned a deserved reputation for bringing to light the experiences of Irish combatants after they returned home and how those who had lost their lives were remembered in the independent Irish Free State, and since 1949, the fledgling Republic. By his researches into pension provision he has generated a list of war widows which will prove an important resource for historians. His talk travelled widely with a particular interest in how the graves of the 620 military personnel he estimated lost their lives in Ireland itself between 1916 and 1922 were cared for. Others died from war wounds and bodies were washed ashore from naval battles and submarine warfare. The responsibility of caring for their graves rests with the Board of Works on behalf of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Since 1876 he estimated that there may have been as many as 3,000 military interments in Grangegorman Military Cemetery alone. It now in-

cludes personnel who have been reinterred from Dublin Castle, George V Military Hospital (now St Bricin's) and Portbello Barracks. In his reporting on the development of the Islandbridge War Memorial he gave great credit to the leaders of the Free State government, particularly WT Cosgrave and also Richard Mulcahy. There was little political advantage for politicians in the new state to support the cause of war veterans and it was left to the Belfast nationalist MP, Joe Devlin and the Liverpool based former Irish Parliamentary Party stalwart, TP O'Connor to campaign on their behalf. Bizarrely veterans were treated not only with suspicion but actually in some cases as a threat to the state. The Royal Hospital had 126 patients in situ in 1921. Some were transferred to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea but he noted that one unfortunate ended his days in the South Dublin Union workhouse. The speaker noted on a positive note and welcomed the decision of the government that the Irish ambassador to the UK would lay a wreath at the London Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. He also recommended the Tom Hartley tour of Belfast Civic Cemetery as a good introduction of that city's contribution to World War 1.

DNA PROJECT TEAM

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 McGettigan**, 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: 14/11/1126** 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 November 11th & December 9th 2014

Evening Open Meeting

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

Wednesday Nov. 26th 2014 & Jan. 28th 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)

EASTER RISING DIARIES

'*The 1916 Diaries of an Irish Rebel and a British Officer*' by Mick O'Farrell, published by Mercier Press, Ireland's oldest independent publishing house, based in Cork. This book looks at events in Dublin during the 1916 Rising based on the two diaries of Irish Volunteer Seosamh de Brún who was based in Jacob's factory, and Coy. Sgt. Major S.H. Lomas, D Coy. 2/6 Batt Sherwood Foresters, 178 Infantry Brigade, who found himself rushed from training in Great Britain to Dublin to put down the Rising. The book is based on the personal dairies kept by these two men who recorded their views on events as they unfolded before them during this momentous week in Dublin. While there are other diaries in existence for this week, de Brún's diary is unique in that it was written while events unfolded. It's a small pocket diary covering the period from Christmas 1915 to April 29th 1916 in which de Brún records his personal life including the difficulties he encountered. The diary was lost after the 1916 Rising in the factory but was later found by an employee. de Brún also made a statement to the Bureau of Military History in 1949, in which, he was able to provide a more elaborate accounts of some of the events mentioned in his diary. Mick O'Farrell begins the book with a chronology of the Easter Rising and a biography of de Brún himself, who died in 1968, before progressing to the pages of the diary reproduced as written. The Lomas Diary is based on a transcription held by the Army Museum in London on his diary which reveals how the Sherwood Foresters were quickly sent to Dublin to put down the Rising with Lomas recording many of the operations as they unfolded. One interesting revelation is that he was a member of the firing party that executed Thomas McDonagh, Patrick Pearse and Thomas Clarke with the officer in charge having to administer the coup de grace to Clarke as the firing party failed to kill him outright. A year later Lomas was dead, killed in action on the Western Front during April. This is a really excellent book dealing with the Rising as it the story of this event seen through the eyes of two protagonists on opposite sides, containing a great deal of minor and fascinating information about the Rising and those who took part in it. An essential acquisition for those with an interest in the Easter Week 1916 Rising. This book should be read in conjunction with another Mercier Press book by Mick O'Farrell '*1916 : What The People Saw*' is a wealth of eyewitness accounts, many previously unpublished. Collectively both these provide the reader with graphic account of what it was like in Dublin during Easter Week both from the point of two of the protagonists, de Brún and Lomas, and the citizens themselves.

James Scannell

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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 is required. Please see the Society's website.

LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tuesday 11th November— '*Loughlinstown Workhouse*' by Liam Clare. **Tuesday 9th December** – TBA. **VENUE: Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute**, 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. He is currently putting together the programme for the first six months of 2015 which will be published in next month's *Gazette*. **Séamus Moriarty**, FGSI, Director, GSI Lecture Programme, is always interested to receive feedback on the lecture programme. Please contact Séamus Moriarty by e-mail on Gazette@familyhistory.ie

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

The Society's Morning Meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th November in the Royal Marine Hotel will be the last one for 2014. The next Morning Meeting will be on Wednesday January 28th 2015. The Society's Archives & Research Centre will be closed on Wednesday 24th and 31st of December 2014, however, it will be open on Saturday 27th December 2014 and 3rd January 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.

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].

FREE RESEARCH ADVICE

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