



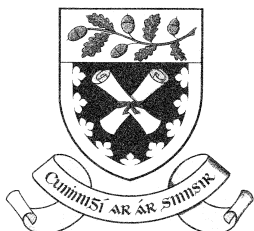
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Roman Catholic Parish Registers

The National Library of Ireland announced the launch date for the provision of almost 400,000 images of Catholic parish register microfilms online from 8th July 2015. The entire collection of Catholic parish register microfilms held by the National Library (NLI) will be made available online – for free. On that date, a dedicated website will go live, with over 390,000 digital images of the microfilm reels on which the parish registers are recorded. The NLI has been working to digitise the microfilms for over three years under its most ambitious digitisation programme to date. The parish register records are considered the single most important source of information on Irish family history prior to the 1901 Census. Dating from the 1740s to the 1880s, they cover 1,091 parishes throughout the island of Ireland, and consist primarily of baptismal and marriage records. The NLI announced initial details of this project last December and it received a hugely enthusiastic response from people worldwide with an interest in Irish family history. The microfilms have



Gerry Hayden, MGS
Cathairleach (Chairperson) of the Genealogical Society of Ireland

been available to visitors to the NLI since the 1970s. However, this digitisation means that, for the first time, our diaspora will have full access to the most significant resource for their genealogical heritage. Typically, the parish registers include information such as the dates of baptisms and marriages, and the names of the key people involved, including godparents or witnesses. The digital images of the registers will be searchable by parish location only, and will not be transcribed or indexed by the NLI. The images of the microfilms of the original registers will be in black and white, however, no transcripts or indexes, except those in some registers, will be provided. Nevertheless, persons wishing to consult such transcripts still have the option

of using the pay-per-view site rootsireland.ie operated by the Irish Family History Foundation. This data could be then cross-referenced with the images. The Society's Cathairleach, Gerry Hayden, has warmly welcomed the NLI announcement and, on behalf of the Society's worldwide membership, congratulates all involved in this momentous development in Irish genealogy. Ireland's circa 70 million diaspora will be able to access this important resource online for free from July 8th 2015. A great day for Irish genealogy!

70 HOURS PER MONTH

This Society's position as the 'most active genealogical organisation' in the country has been widely accepted for several years. However, following a decision by the Board at its May meeting, that position at the "top of the class" is now unassailable. The Society is set to provide circa 70 hours of genealogical services per month, including the two Monthly Open Meetings. The Society's Archives and Research Centre is now open over 16 hours each week over three days. See back page.

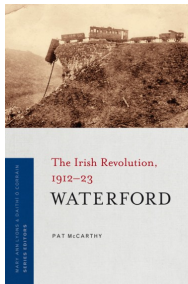
GSI Funds Irish Language Scholarship

The Society will fund a scholarship for a child to attend the new activity-based Irish language courses to be held this summer in Dún Laoghaire Harbour. Cathairleach, Gerry Hayden, said that "the scholarship reflected the Society's longstanding commitment to the Irish language and as an educational charity based in the Harbour area, we are delighted to support new ventures like Moontour opening up in the area." The new activity-based courses operated by Moontour aim to bring the 'summer in the Gael-tacht' experience to Dublin Bay

and in easy reach of children and young adults throughout the Dublin Region. The Society was particularly interested in supporting Moontour as it will provide small group learning coupled with a range of exciting activities from water-sports to computer games in a welcoming atmosphere putting the fun back into learning Gaelige. Moontour was born out of a belief that the best way to learn a language is to enjoy using it. It encourages its students to speak Irish by making it fun. Moontour's activities are exciting and diverse, so every student has the best experience possible. Conversational ability is

now so important following recent changes to the Leaving Cert and to obtain such through fun activities is a wonderful opportunity for any child. The spoken component of the Leaving Cert exam now accounts for 40% of the marks. In assessments, students have shown an average of 70% - 80% improvement in verbal ability after a 40 minute activity. The Society urges other organisations based in the Dún Laoghaire Harbour area to consider funding scholarships to these new and exciting activity-based courses in Dún Laoghaire Harbour. www.moontour.ie

The Irish Revolution, 1912-23 — *Waterford*



Published by Four Courts Press as part of the 'The Irish Revolution, 1912-23' series edited by Mary Ann Lyons and Daithí Ó Corráin, *'The Irish Revolution, 1912-23—Waterford'* by **Pat McCarthy** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-410-4)

210pp : Ills. : p/bk : Price €19.95—Web Price €17.95) is the first comprehensive published work on Waterford during this period of Irish history. Waterford city and county are particularly interesting for a number of reasons, not least, as the constituency of John Redmond, MP leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party who had successfully steered through the Home Rule Bill at Westminster. According to McCarthy the city of Waterford, following Redmond, faithfully supported his wartime policies and it benefited from a war-related economic boom. The city also became, rather belatedly, a hotbed for organised labour and socialism, a movement frequently denounced by the Church of Ireland Bishop of Cashel, Emlý, Waterford and Lismore, Dr. Henry Stewart

O'Hara and his Roman Catholic counterpart, Dr. Bernard Hackett, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore who succeeded Redmond's close ally and friend Dr. Richard Alphonsus Sheehan in 1916. Condemnations were also issued from the pulpit by local clergy, both Catholic and Protestant. Bishop O'Hara, a native of Derry, was staunchly unionist and at times outspokenly anti-Catholic. McCarthy explores the apparently slow rise of the labour movement in the city between 1912 and 1914 with many of the city's Labour Councilors showing a reluctance to support their Dublin colleagues during the 1913 Lock-out even when appealed to do so by Peter Larkin, brother of 'Big Jim'. This situation had changed dramatically over the next few years when in 1920 we see the first establishment of the 'Waterford Soviet'. Redmond's support for the British Empire's involvement in the First World War and the changing political landscape in Ireland after the 1916 Easter Rising and, especially, with the near wipe-out of the Irish Parliamentary Party at the General Election in 1918, left Waterford city and its county at odds with each other politically. In many ways, McCarthy's skill as a researcher and as an exceptional narrator,

allows the reader with little or no local knowledge of the city or county of Waterford to understand and appreciate the complexities of the communal conflicts and political allegiances and alliances in Waterford city and county during the period. This aspect of this work is of enormous value to the local historian trying to unravel and drill down through, what was until now, a largely 'folk-memory' narrative of this period in Waterford's long history. The city and the county were convulsed by the Civil War and the bitterness of that conflict remained in its political, social and cultural landscape for nearly a century. This wide-ranging study offers fascinating new perspectives on Waterford during the Irish Revolution. McCarthy provides some very interesting photographs, informative maps indicating the areas of action during the War of Independence and the Civil War and finally, an exceptionally useful bibliography. **Pat McCarthy** holds a PhD and MBA from University College Dublin. He has published extensively in *'Irish Sword'* (full set at the GSI Archives & Research Centre) and in *'Decies'* the journal of the Waterford Archaeological and Historical Society. **MM**

Challenging Times Ahead for the GSI Archives



The Society's Director of Archival & Educational Services and Leas Chathaoirleach, Tony O'Hara, (left) has instigated a detailed assessment of the cataloguing requirements at the GSI Archives and Research Centre. The

Society's Senior Librarian, Fiona Tipple, and a former Director of Archival Services, Séamus O'Reilly, are currently investigating a number of archival and library management computer programs to see which best suits our requirements. The current software package doesn't allow for upgrading or significant improvements which would be required to have the catalogue searchable online for Members. The new opening times for the Society's Archives

and Research Centre, which were agreed at the Board at its May meeting, are as follows. **MONDAY** (except Bank Holidays) from 17.30hrs to 20.30hrs; **WEDNESDAY** from 10.30hrs to 16.30hrs and **SATURDAY** from 10.30hrs to 17.00hrs. The increased opening hours brings the Society's provision of archival research to 66 hours per month. Naturally this level of service can only be provided with an adequate and sustainable level of volunteerism. The Board in making its decision was conscious of the plans by Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company to develop the port into a premier cruise liner destination with around 100,000 visitors expected this year also. In the interim there is much work to be done in the facility to sort and catalogue the huge numbers of items received each month between books, journals and family histories. The manuscript collection is almost complete and the list of items is available on the Society's website. The Society's own publications have

been scanned and will soon be available via the Findmypast website. This is excellent as it makes these publications available to a much wider readership right around the world. Further developments in this area will be announced in due course. If you wish to volunteer to assist at the GSI Archives and Research Centre, please email Eolas@familyhistory.ie

LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tues May 12th 2015 'Researching Jewish Ancestry in Ireland' by Stuart Rosenblatt.
Tues. June 9th 2015 'DMP 'Casualties during the War of Independence - Part 2' by James Scannell. **VENUE: Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.** For directions see: www.familyhistory.ie **Séamus Moriarty, FGSI** welcomes feedback on these lectures. Details on future lectures to be published next month.

GSI Operational Plan Update



Last month we reported on the Operation Plan prepared and presented by Tom Conlon (left) to the Board at the April meeting. Tom provided an update on the preparations for the implementation of the plan to the May meeting of the Board and it was agreed to establish a small

working group, including the Director of An Daonchartlann Foundation, Pádraic Ingoldsby and Tom as the Director overseeing the implementation of the plan, to establish a timeline for the achievement of its objectives. Members with relevant professional experience wishing to assist Tom and Pádraic are encouraged to

contact Tom Conlon at web@familyhistory.ie. To recap: the plan aims to position the Society to achieve its many goals set out in the '**GSI Development Plan, 2015-2020**' which was adopted in November 2014 and came into operation on January 1st 2015. Although, the main objective of the Society is to secure a suitable and permanent home for its expanding Archive and Research Centre, the '**Operational Plan (No. 1) 2015-2020**' also sets out goals for increasing the membership, greatly enhancing our profile nationally and internationally and, very importantly, sustaining this growth into the future. Indeed, the new governance structure under the '**GSI Development Plan 2020-2015**' envisages a much more effective and efficient delivery of the Society's many services. So if you wish to assist, please do contact Tom.

IRISH LIVES REMEMBERED

The current issue of Ireland's FREE digital e-Magazine '**Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy**' which is dedicated to helping people trace their Irish Ancestry globally is available free of charge to read or to download on www.irishlivesremembered.com. There is a small charge to read past issues.



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!*

James Scannell Reports...

POOLBEG CHIMNEYS

The Poolbeg chimneys are an iconic landmark to Dublin as the chimneys of Battersea Powerhouse are to London. But the good news is that landmark structures are now to be preserved following a decision by the Electricity Supply Board to carry out essential maintenance to preserve them. Previously it had been feared that the Electricity Supply Board would take them down as they had not been in use since 2010 and their upkeep being a drain on the resources of the semi-state company.

1960s IRELAND

Join Dr. Ciara Mullen at 18.45hrs in The Studio of dlr Lexicon for a lively discussion and everyday lives in 1960s Ireland. Using items from the Modern Wife Modern Life exhibition at the National Print Museum, she will explore the representation and expectations of different generations of Irishwomen in the 1960s. Join the conversation: if you have any objects, photographs, letter sent from the 1960s, bring them along, have them digitised and share your memories. Admission free. Booking not necessary.

GALLIPOLI LECTURE

On Tuesday May 19th Cmt. Tony Roe will present his lecture 'Gallipoli 100 Years' at 20.00hrs to the Foxrock Local History Club in

the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre beside Foxrock Roman Catholic Church, Junction Kill Lane/Bray Road N11, Foxrock. All welcome. Admission €5.00

70th ANNIVERSARY WW2

On Saturday June 6th there will a Historic Re-enactment in Clarke Square of the Museum of Decorative Arts and History, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7, from 14.00hrs until 16.30hrs presented by historic re-enactors The WW2 Club featuring the uniforms and equipment used by the Allied Forces (American, British, French, Soviet) and the Axis Forces (Germany, Italy). Admission free. No booking required.

FALLEN SOLDIERS

Many soldiers from the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area who took part in the First World War never returned home and this current exhibition in the **dlr Lexicon**, Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire, explores the local background of some these Irishmen who fought and died in that conflict, and how they have been subsequently remembered. Their sacrifice was frequently not given due recognition and this exhibition draws together material from the Local Studies collection of dlr Libraries. Included in the exhibition are the hugely important volumes entitled '*Ireland Memorial*

Records, 1914 -1918'. The artwork alone in these volumes is of exceptional quality. The exhibition is on view during normal open hours in the Local Studies Level until June 30th.

EDITOR: The 1916 Commemoration Grants have been announced by local authorities around the country. Individuals, organisations or groups intending to stage events, publish commemorative material or host exhibitions should contact the Heritage Officer at their local authorities. An example of the projects that could be considered for funding can be found on the website of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council at www.dlrco.ie/dlrireland2016 and, for DLRCoCo grant applications, please note that the closing date is May 29th 2015.

GSI ANNUAL JOURNAL

The Editor of the Society's Annual Journal, **Ms. Caitlín Ní Chonghaile** is currently finalising this year's volume which is due out this month. Fully paid up Members will receive copies by mail as part of the Membership Package, however, if you would like to pick up your copy at the GSI Archives & Research Centre instead, please advise Barry O'Connor on Membership@familyhistory.ie

Précis of the April Lecture—*Ancestry.com*

The guest speaker at the Society Monthly Open Meeting held on Tuesday April 14th 2015 was Ms. Sheila O'Donnell from the global genealogical resource provider, Ancestry.com. Whilst many users of this absolutely wonderful online resource are familiar with its various databases, navigation and optimum use of the facility can be difficult. As Ancestry.com is a pay-for-view website the question of value for money always confronts the prospective user, however, Sheila O'Donnell set out to give an overview of this vast resource to allay such fears. Ms. O'Donnell's illustrated talk took her audience through the process, step by step, and revealed the versatility of this resource for all levels of researcher. Ms. O'Donnell explained how you could optimize your searches and learn how to use the advanced filters on the website to more accurately and speedily locate your desired record from the many millions available. Indeed Ancestry.com provides an online 'Learning

Center' which introduces you to new research territory with the assistance of easily downloadable research guides. These guides are written in plain English and they encourage you to get the most out of your use of this resource. Another excellent feature is 'Ancestry Hints' which provides very helpful tips on the best ways to navigate the myriad of individual online resources available on Ancestry.com from parish registers, civil registration, newspapers, voters lists, army rolls, pension and work related records and much more besides. Ms. O'Donnell in the short time allocated to this lecture certainly crammed an enormous amount of very useful information into her talk. Finally, she touched on genetic genealogy and the resources available through AncestryDNA. Members came away very much enthused and intrigued by the research potential of this resource, which of course, is accessible *free of charge* to Members at the Society's Archives and Research Centre.

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. Participants are sought from across the island of Ireland and 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 may be male or female with ancestry from any part of Ireland. 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

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND**Board of Directors 2015-2016**

Gerry Hayden (Cathaoirleach : Chairperson); **Tony O'Hara** (Leas-Chathaoirleach : Vice-Chair, Archival Services, RF:- *Education Services*); **Michael Merrigan** (General Secretary, Company Secretary, 'Gazette' Editor, RF:- *Oifigeach na Gaeilge*); **Billy Saunderson** (Finance); **Pádraic Ingoldsby** (An Daonchartlann Foundation, Philanthropy, RF:- *Social Inclusion and GSI Social Club*); **Eddie Gahan** (Outreach Programme, GSI Exhibitions, Building & Utilities, Health & Safety Officer); **Tom Conlon** (Internet Services, Sales and Marketing); **Barry O'Connor** (Membership Services and Cemetery Projects, RF:- *Vexillological & Heraldic Services*); **Séamus Moriarty** (Lecture Programme, RF:- *Publications, including the Annual Journal*). [Note: 'RF' signifies a 'reporting function' for a Non-Executive Officer assigned to this function].

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**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday May 12th & June 9th 2015

Evening Open Meeting

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

20.00hrs—22.00hrs

www.dfei.ie

Wednesday May 27th & June 24th 2015

Morning Open Meeting

Hardy's Bar, Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire

10.30hrs—12.30hrs

www.royalmarine.ie

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(Coffee/Tea included at Morning Meetings)

'The Civil War in Kildare'

This is an excellent and fascinating sequel to James Durney's book *'The War of Independence in Kildare'* (Mercier) in which he pointed out that although the county has a low level of republican activity, only 15 people died during the 1916–1921 period, by the time the Truce came into force in July 1921, Kildare's two republican battalions had evolved into highly organised and efficient units. From January 1921 operations focussed on blowing up bridges, trenching of roads and the disruption of communications. Members had become highly militant and talk of forming flying columns from men on the run came to a halt with the commencement of the Truce. Ratification of the Treaty caused problems for the Kildare IRA as it did for members all over the country and when the Civil War broke out most of the IRA activists took the republican – Anti-Treaty side. The Civil War was far more bitter in the county than the War of Independence – 45 people lost their lives; 8 IRA Volunteers were executed by the National Army, 17 National Army soldiers lost their lives as well as 3 policemen. The early chapters cover the events leading up to the Civil War and what happened in county Kildare during their period, The Split, The Civil War itself and the events that took place in the county, including the execution of the Rathbride Column and the 'Great Escape' from Newbridge, the burning down of stately homes and the return to normal life once the Civil War ended. This is an excellent book about the men and women of Kildare who fought against the National Army during the Civil War as there are names galore – there is a list of Kildare prisoners, by name and address, held in the Newbridge Interment Camp on December 5th 1923; a list by name and address of Kildare prisoners transferred from Gormanstown, Co. Dublin to Newbridge on November 30th 1923; a list of Kildare prisoners released from Newbridge Interment Camp between July – December 1923; a list of dangerous men in custody from County Kildare, 1923; a list of women prisoners from County Kildare in Kilmainham Gaol, Mountjoy Gaol and the North Dublin Union, and a list of County Kildare prisoners, sentenced and unsentenced – April 1924. In concluding this excellent book, the author makes the point that during the Civil War Kildare republicans fought against over whelming odds but in many instances lost popular support as many of the National Army troops killed or wounded came from local families and thus reduced support for them as did the disruption to everyday life caused by their activities as most people just wanted a return to normal life and peace at any price. **James Scannell**

PARKING AT DFEI

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 are asked to consider 'car pooling' for each month's open meeting. It will make parking easier for all. Ask at the meeting. For details on the Institute checkout www.dfei.ie

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. This is full membership of the Society. Evidence of enrolment for the courses concerned may be requested by the Director of Membership Services. See GSI website.

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FREE RESEARCH ADVICE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archives and Research Centre at the historic Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire is open to three days a week as follows: each **Monday** (except Bank Holidays) from 17.30hrs to 20.30hrs, each **Wednesday** from 10.30hrs to 16.30hrs and each **Saturday** from 10.30hrs to 17.00hrs. With around **fifteen hours of archival time** available each week volunteers are always welcome. 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 include a number of excellent pay-for-view websites including Ancestry.com, Findmypast, Forces War Records, Newspapers.com, 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 at Dún Laoghaire Harbour area. Please see the Society website: www.familyhistory.ie

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].

EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS

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 please contact Barry O'Connor by e-mail at membership@familyhistory.ie

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