



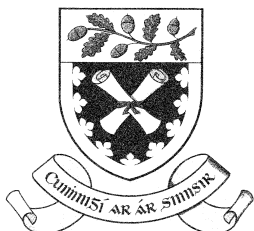
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Promoting Genealogy Throughout Ireland

One of the main functions of the Society is the promotion of the study of genealogy and related subjects. This is achieved through GSI Stands at various events held throughout the year around the island of Ireland and by individual members delivering talks to societies, clubs and groups. Recently, **Billy Saunderson**, the Society's Finance Director, was the guest speaker at a very well attended lecture night of Virginia Historical Society on 2nd October 2015. The title of the talk was "*Genealogy and Social History*". The title was carefully chosen to emphasise the point that when undertaking family research it is very important, and indeed rewarding, to also collect available information on the social surroundings and conditions in which earlier generations of family lived. A native of Virginia (Co. Cavan), Billy used a series of maps, starting with the land ownership maps now available through Griffith's Valuation c. 1848 and later maps from 1860 and 1911, to show how occupancy of land and the layout of towns and



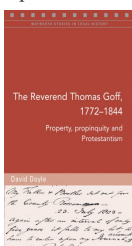
Billy Saunderson, MGSi

villages could be traced. He illustrated the importance of searching these sources using his own former home in Deerpark townland, Virginia as an example. On searching one of these early maps it was discovered that the town land was called Deerpark as the particular piece of land had been attached to the then hunting lodge of the Marquis of Headford (now the Park Hotel) and where the deer for hunting on the estate were reared. Billy used his research of his own Saunderson and Nyhan families to illustrate what information was available to assist in genealogical research. While people are familiar with the 1901 and 1911 census returns

there are very many other sources available, particularly where families were land owners or tenants. These vary from county to county. He emphasised the importance to the genealogist of being curious and also following up on all potential information leads. He talked about his own Nyhan family and in particular his grandfather Cornelius Nyhan (1872-1952) who is buried in Virginia. Very little was known about Cornelius until a call to the undertaker who had handled the funeral arrangements for a daughter of Cornelius, from a person also with the surname Nyhan was followed up. This led to the discovery that a family tree dating back to 1780 was available and information that Cornelius had in fact spent 10 years in New Zealand as a young man. This eventually led a visit to New Zealand where Billy visited the sheep stations his grandfather had worked on and meeting members of the extended Nyhan family. Questions flowed and the attendees all expressed their thanks to Billy and confirmed that the evening had been very informative and enjoyable.

NUIM Local Studies Author—GSI Guest Speaker

David Doyle author of '*The Reverend Thomas Goff, 1772-1844 - Property, propinquity and Protestantism*' (ISBN: 978-1-84682-578-1) will be the Guest Speaker at the November 10th 2015 Open Meeting of the Society. The Revd Thomas Goff (1772-1844) was a landlord and Church of Ireland minister. He kept a personal diary for almost 50 years. This book uses the diaries to recon-



struct Goff in the context of his times and to explore his politics, his religion and also his property dealings. The insights gained from his story are used in an attempt to understand the outlook and opinions of the wider Protestant community. He viewed the world through the lens of a sincere and deeply felt faith which he saw as a bastion against both Catholicism and dissenting Protestantism; this belief moulded his political viewpoint. As a Loyalist and conservative he perceived Daniel O'Connell to be a real and credible threat to the very existence of that community. Goff and his com-

munity had huge power and influence but they felt embattled and isolated. Consequently they lacked the vision to formulate the change which might have averted, or at least diminished, the catastrophe which was about to befall Ireland. **David Doyle** holds an MA in Local History from NUI Maynooth and is from Dublin. He works in academic administration at IADT (Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design & Technology), on Kill Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, where he can see the Revd. Goff's house from his window. *Please see also page 4 of this newsletter.*

“Beneath a Turkish Sky”

'Beneath a Turkish Sky – The Royal Dublin Fusiliers and the Assault on Gallipoli' by Philip Lecane, published by The History Press Ireland. This year is the centenary of the Gallipoli campaign which was intended to remove Germany's ally, Turkey, from the First World War. While the bulk of the Allied troops taking place were Australian and New Zealand, its often overlooked that there was substantial Irish participation in this operation through the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and in this remarkable, fascinating, and detailed book, Philip Lecane recalls their participation in the landings at Sedd el Bahr. In 1915 trench warfare on the Western Front in Europe meant that the conflict there was deadlocked and British High Command then came up with a plan to knock German's ally, Turkey, out of the war with a landing in Gallipoli and the capture of Constantinople, modern day Istanbul. Drawing from letters, photographs, and variety of sources, Philip Lecane introduces the reader to the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and to many of the officers and men who will later appear in the narrative as the story of the landings and subsequent fighting unfolds. To protect the assaulting Royal Dublin Fusiliers, accompanied by

the Royal Munster Fusiliers, from Turkish fire during their landing at the beach of Sedd el Bahr on 25 April 1915, they were packed into the modified steamer SS River Clyde which it was intended would run up to the beach and from which the troops inside were to emerge from specially cut exits for this purpose but the ship ran aground short of the beach and the troops had to disembark and make their way ashore on ships' boat while all the time under heavy fire. Philip Lecane gives a very vivid account of the fighting that took place and of the many heroic actions that took place on the beach. Unfortunately for the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and the Royal Munster Fusiliers, the strength of Turkish forces were underestimated by the Allies, put up much stronger resistance than planned and ultimately in time the Gallipoli operation was cancelled as it could no longer achieve its intended objective. This is a really excellent book, very detailed, but fascinating as one can followed various people mentioned at the start of the book throughout it and discover what happened to them. What subsequently happened to those who survived is also recounted. Superbly illustrated with lots of excellent photographs, these are supple-

mented with maps of Gallipoli. This fascinating and engrossing book in which author Philip Lecane tells the story of the forgotten Irishmen, airbrushed from history, who died beneath a Turkish sky, a long way from home, on what could be called Ireland's D-Day. As for the SS River Clyde, she survived the landings and was salvaged after the war and used by various owners. Given her importance in the Gallipoli operations, efforts were made in 1960s to acquire her for preservation before she was scrapped by her owners and she went to the breakers yard in 1966.

James Scannell

Editor: Due to a number of pressing official commitments and meetings over the past three weeks, the regular FCP review slot has been held over until next month. See also pages 1 and 4 for some Four Courts Press publications on behalf of NUIM. **MM**

BACK TO OUR PAST 2015

Eddie Gahan, Director of the Society's Outreach Programme, wishes to thank all of the Members who assisted at the Society's stand at the BTOP event at the RDS, Dublin. Once again, this event was a huge success. Our volunteers provided research advice to hundreds of visitors to the GSI Stand while **Ed Gilbert's** lecture on the *'Irish DNA Atlas'* at the *Genetic Genealogy Ireland* event was very enthusiastically received by a sizeable audience.

Précis of the October Lecture— *Mayo Famine Roads*

On October 13th 2015 **Charles Egan**, MGSI, introduced us to the *'Payrolls of the Famine Roads'*, which had been discovered in an old family farm in County Mayo and provided the inspiration for his novel – *The Killing Snows*. He started with an introduction to Famine Villages in Erris, Louisburgh and the Partry Mountains, before speaking about the discovery of the documents in Kiltimagh. They ranged from 1842 to 1888, and including the Famine Payrolls, which had been written out by his great granduncle, Michael Egan. In writing the book, he used extensive information from the four Mayo weekly newspapers which were being published right through the Famine period, especially including the Connaught Telegraph. The first 'Famine Road' he introduced was on the Kiltimagh to Swinford road, where a two mile stretch had replaced an older road because the cart-men could not manage the gradient up from the river. He pointed out that none of the three roads were 'built to go nowhere', as was commonly thought to be the case with Famine Roads. All three he examined were built with a purpose, and today are minor or major roads. The myth of roads going nowhere arose from the fact that the roads being built for Famine Relief were

wound down suddenly in early 1847, which resulted in some roads being unfinished. Equally, some roads went to mud villages, which no longer exist today. The second road he introduced related to his first document dated November 1846, showing people in Attymass being paid seven pence or eight pence a day, at a time when it was already snowing. This is the only road to the south out of Attymass. Beside that road, there had been a derelict cottage, which has recently been transferred to Manhattan as the *New York Famine Memorial*. He then introduced us to the second document, at which stage, people were being paid tuppence a day, with piecework additional. This ran from Lough Talt back into Mayo, and is now part of the Ballina to Tubbercurry road. By this time it was snowing heavily and the Roads finished abruptly, in the middle of December 1846, as a very major blizzard started, burying much of Mayo under snow, up to twelve feet deep. But the Famine worsened in 'Black '47', as a massive typhus epidemic killed hundreds of thousands of people. He illustrated this through Swinford Workhouse, where nearly six hundred people had died, mostly within a period of three months in early 1847. At this time, the father- and mother-in-law of one of his

great granduncle's were running Swinford Workhouse, though this was never ever mentioned by anyone in the family. He illustrated this further by a letter, written by Michael Egan, from a location beside Swinford Workhouse, in which he was most concerned about the possibility of his father dying from fever. In spite of this, three weeks later, he married Winnie Durkan in Bonnyconlon. This was in no way exceptional, as many couples were being married at this time, in spite of the fact that the typhus epidemic was killing so many. This was at a time when dozens of ships were bringing food into County Mayo, though food was still being exported. In spite of the large imports, this was still not enough for Mayo, which had a population of four hundred thousand. To end, he read an extract from John Brennan, the Parish Priest of Killeedan, who described finding a woman and baby dead on the side of the road from starvation. This was at a time when so much food was being imported. He then showed a photograph of Brigid Brennan, also of Killeedan, who might have been a relative of the Reverend Brennan, and told us that she had been born between 1830 and 1835 and was a definite eye witness of the Famine. He closed by saying that Brigid Brennan married Pat Egan in the 1850's and was his own great grandmother.

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. Darren 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 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 Pedigree Chart and to provide a DNA sample (kit provided) for analysis. Participants may be either male or female with ancestry from any part of Ireland. If you're interested in participating or have a query about participating, please do contact **Séamus O'Reilly**, FGSI by e-mail on Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie Also, please check-out the project newsletter on the GSI website.

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.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Exclusive discounts for Members of the Society are available for online genealogical services and publications, including, **Findmypast**, **Irish Newspaper Archives**, **Forces War Records** and from **Flatcapsandbonnets.com**. To avail of any of these discounts, please contact **Barry O'Connor**, FGSI, by email at membership@familyhistory.ie

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...

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

On Weds Nov. 11th Maighréad Ní Mhurchadha will present her lecture 'Chasing the Smugglers; the customs service in Rush, Co. Dublin, 1674 to 1765' at 18.00hrs in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free. On Wednesday November 18th Ken Finlay will present his lecture '365 Days of Dublin' in the Dublin Central Library, Ilac Centre, Henry St, Dublin 1. All welcome – admission free.

DOMINICAN ORDER—375th

On Sat. Oct. 3rd a 375 year commemoration of the Dominican Order in Arklow, Co. Wicklow, was held with an inter-denominational service taking place in the precincts of the old cemetery, previously the site of the Old Dominican Abbey, attended by friars and nuns of Dominican Order with the Ruddgate singers from York, England, singing mediaeval choral songs from that period in Old Latin. Later that evening the singers gave a performance in St. Mary's & St. Peter's Church and in St. Saviour's Church the following morning.

THE IRISH AT WATERLOO

Col. Dan Harvey will present his lecture 'A bloody day: the Irish at Waterloo' at 20.00hrs on Fri. Nov. 13th to The Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – admission free.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On Sat. Oct. 3rd Arklow, Co. Wicklow, Presbyterian Church celebrated its centenary. The Church was the vision of Mr. Alexander Crammond, Mr. James Ford, Mr. Alexander McCulloch and a Mr. Stewart who initially met in a number of private houses and the Masonic Hall until the first church was built in 1915 with the support of Rev. H.P. Glenn, Bray, Co. Wicklow, and Rev. R. Parke, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. Over the years various extensions were added. Participants included Rev. Dr. Kathryn Meyer, who conducted the service, Rev. Trevor Gribben, Clerk of the General Assembly and Rev. Alistair Bill, past Minister, who led the prayers. Rev. James Carson preached, while Tara Crammond, great grand-daughter of Alexander Crammond, and Emily Kearon, Clerk of Sessions. Allison Crammond was organist. Also present were Rev. Michael Anderson, past minister, and Rev. Nigel Sherwood, Church of Ireland.

HISTORY OF CARNEW

Launched recently in Kenny's Corner House, Carnew, Co. Wicklow, as part of the Carnew Heritage Week was a book on the town's history and heritage 'Carnew: A Town of History and Heritage' by Carnew resident Noelle Keogh. Copies of this book, price €18, can be purchased locally from Victor Young & Sons, Newsagents, Carnew, Co. Wicklow, by email: carnewhistoryandheritage@gmail.com

HOWTH MARITIME MUSEUM

On Sat. Nov. 14th there is a fundraising event to open a Maritime Museum in Howth between 14.00hrs and 17.00hrs in the Abbey Tavern, Howth, Co. Dublin, on the subject of the sinking of the RMS Tayleur. Speakers include Gill Hoff, author of 'The Sinking of the RMS Tayleur'. Concluding with shanty songs by the Howth Singing Circle. Tickets from the Abbey Tavern or from 087-253 1341.

ANTHONY TROLLOPE

On Weds. Nov. 11th Michael Gleeson will present his lecture 'Anthony Trollope, In, out and about Ireland' at 13.00hrs to the Ballsbridge, Donnybrook & Sandymount Historical Society in Pembroke Library, Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Admission free – booking recommended, call 01-6689575.

'A 1916 FINGALLIAN REBEL'

On Fri. Oct. 23rd in the Library at Lusk, Co. Dublin, library we had the launch of 'A Fingallian Rebel' by Tom Seaver. It is based on his father's, Tommie Seaver, involvement in the 1916 rising at Ashbourne. Tommie Seaver worked in Kennedy's Bakery with Con Colbert, took part in the 1914 Howth gun-running, attended O'Donovan Rossa's funeral in 1915, participated in the Easter Week 1916 Rising in Fingal under the leadership of Thomas Ashe and the great part he played with the 'Fighting Fifth' at the Battle of Ashbourne.

Journal of the Genealogical Society of Ireland

The annual Journal was established to provide an opportunity for members to present and preserve their own research or family history. In certain circumstances, submissions from non-members may be published. Articles for inclusion in the 2016 issue should be submitted by Friday 18th December 2015. An editorial committee is being established to edit and prepare the material for publication and the expected publication date is late February 2016. **Content:** Most of the articles will include family history, and the main requirement for these articles is that adequate source documentation and references should be included for the data and conclusions that are presented. Data on living persons should not be included. Note that sometimes publishing an article will un-

cover more information on a subject from the readers, which is helpful to the author. An increasing number of articles deal with techniques and technologies which have actual or potential application to genealogy. Such articles may relate to advances in DNA analysis, database techniques, image analysis, software, archiving and retrieval. For these, the editorial committee will assess whether the article content is likely to be of interest to a significant number of readers and whether the complexities are well explained. The preferred size of article is in the range of 500 to 4,000 words. Short insightful pieces ranging from a couple of sentences to a couple of paragraphs will also be accepted, and will be printed at the end of longer articles to complete a page. **So please get writing!**

GSJ LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tuesday November 10th 'The Reverend Thomas Goff of Carriglea Kingstown Co Dublin' - David Doyle; **Tuesday December 8th** - 'Using Simple Tools to Document your Family History Better - a Demonstration' by Tom Conlon
VENUE: Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland St., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. The Director of the GSJ Lecture Programme, **Séamus Moriarty, FGSI** always welcomes feedback on these lectures.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY

The Board of Directors of the Society presented a proposal to **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council** in November 2013 regarding the use of the vacated Carnegie Library building on Lower George's Street, Dún Laoghaire. The proposal was to provide a genealogical research facility and a centre for diaspora and migration studies. The Society awaits a decision on its very fitting proposal for the use of this historic building.

GSJ MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Review of the Membership Package was undertaken by the Board of Directors at its meeting on Thursday November 5th 2015. It was agreed under **Res: 15/11/201** 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 GSJ 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 GSJ 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 GSJ 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 GSJ branches see the following websites: www.heraldryireland.com or for *Vexillology Ireland* checkout the following website: www.flagsireland.wordpress.com

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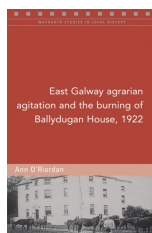
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**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday November 10th & December 8th 2015
Evening Open Meeting

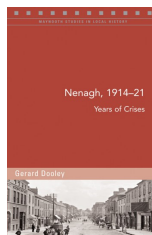
Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute
Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire
20.00hrs—22.00hrs
www.dfei.ie

Wednesday Nov. 25th 2015 & Jan. 27th 2016
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)

MAYNOOTH LOCAL HISTORY STUDIES

'*East Galway agrarian agitation and the burning of Ballydugan House, 1922*' by **Ann O'Riordan** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-582-8) This book is based on the burning of Ballydugan house in 1922, a middle-sized country house on a 1,500-acre estate near Loughrea in east county Galway. The background to the burning of Michael Henry Burke's house is charted alongside the rise of land agitation and unrest in east Galway. With branches all over each Galway, the Land League and the United Irish League voiced the disquiet of land-hungry tenants and sought relief for its landless members. At Ballydugan, the collective expression and systematic protest for the transfer of land ownership included boycotting, landlord intimidation, cattle drives and damage to property. This book also offers a unique insight into the often unheard of landlord experience and perspective on agitation offered by Burke's granddaughter, Mrs Claire Besnyoe. Her recollections and reflections on the family's decision to remain as landowners in the new Irish state and beyond, bring a distinctive element to this study. The consequences of the Burkes continued occupancy were not anticipated by the agitating Ballydugan tenants and the ownership of this estate continued to be a source of ongoing contention for several decades afterwards.

Ann O'Riordan is a native of east Galway who works in education. She holds an MA in Historic House Studies from Maynooth University.



'*Nenagh, 1914-21 - Years of crisis*' by **Gerard Dooley** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-577-4) This book looks at life in Nenagh during the tumultuous period of 1914 to 1921. It examines the rise of the National Volunteers in Nenagh and their collapse, exploring the evolution of the organization that arose from the ashes of the National Volunteers to become the IRA. Issues of dissension, disunity and deception among the IRA are analysed as a counterpoint to the more usual accounts of Flying Columns and ambushes. The transformation of the RIC from a demoralized force, disenchanted and badly paid, to a dangerous hybrid of gendarmierie, civil police and demobilized Great War Veterans is also discussed. Aside from the people who took up arms, either at home or abroad, the book considers those left behind, those who struggled to cope, those who faced the brunt of RIC reprisals, those who nearly perished due to crop failure and those afflicted with Spanish Flu. In particular, this book considers the often overlooked social problems faced by the ordinary poor during the years of the Great War.

Gerard Dooley is a historian from Camross, Co. Laois. He works in University College Dublin.

For further information and ordering see: www.fourcourtspress.ie (above €8.95 each)

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Parking at DFEI

Car-parking facilities at the **Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute**. 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. For details on the Institute checkout www.dfei.ie

COMMISSIONING RESEARCH

The Society regularly receives many requests, mostly from overseas, regarding the possibility of commissioning genealogical research. However, the Society as an educational charity does *not* undertake commercial research assignments for individuals and, as a matter of policy, persons making such enquires are directed to consult the list of researchers provided by the National Library of Ireland at www.nli.ie As there are several commercial genealogical research service providers operating in Ireland, it is not the policy of the Society to make any recommendations or to provide endorsements in respect of such research services.



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FREE RESEARCH ADVICE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre at the historic Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire is open, as per its **winter schedule**, for two days a week as follows: each **Wednesday** from 10.30hrs to 16.30hrs and each **Saturday** from 14.00hrs to 17.00hrs. With around **nine hours of archival time** available each week new volunteers are always needed and very 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's 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].

INDEX TO THE "GAZETTE"

The "*Gazette*" is Ireland's longest running monthly genealogical newsletter and it is read by thousands each month around the world. All the past issues of this newsletter and its predecessor back to 1996 have been fully indexed by **Brendan Hall, MGSI** and they are available in pdf format to read or to download *free of charge* on www.familyhistory.ie Although not members of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ), the team at the "*Gazette*" always endeavour to operate in accordance with the *NUJ Code of Conduct* www.nuj.org.uk/about/nuj-code/ and in line with the '*National Policy Statement on Ensuring Research Integrity in Ireland*' which was endorsed by the Genealogical Society of Ireland back in June 2014 soon after its launch at the Royal Irish Academy. (see the June 2014 issue at www.familyhistory.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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