



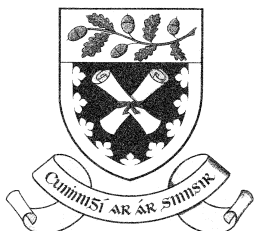
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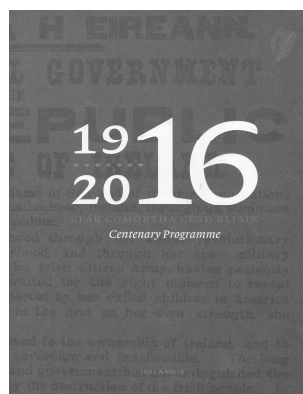
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'1616 to 1916—The Road to the Rising'

As part of the national centenary commemoration of the 1916 Easter Rising, the Society will be hosting a specially commissioned concert of music and song in February 2016. With financial assistance from Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and building on the wonderful success of 'The Fighting Irish' concert held during *The Gathering Ireland 2013*, the Pavilion Theatre in Dún Laoghaire will be the venue for '1616-1916—The Road to the Rising'. This concert will explore the music, songs and culture that inspired the men and women of 1916. The starting point of 1616 was chosen to mark the end of 'Gaelic Ireland' with the death of Aodh Mór Ó Néill (Hugh O'Neill, Earl of Tyrone) on July 20th 1616 in Rome. Arguably it is the dawn of 'Modern Ireland' although historians differ on this point. Over the following three hundred years, Ireland was completely transformed by war, dispossession, impoverishment, large-scale plantation, rebellion, religious strife, famine, emigration and crucially, language shift from a predominately Irish speaking island to predominately Eng-



lish speaking one. The leaders of 1916 looked back to this Gaelic past, its music, songs and poetry and they imagined a Gaelic future. Into this heady mix of culture and myth, the ideals of revolutionary America and France, which had inspired earlier generations of rebels, were expressed in music and song. However, this is no sentimental musical romp through an imagined past, it is exploration of the cultural forces that influenced the hearts and minds of generations. Although, many of the pieces will be familiar and remind us of our school days or family gatherings, others have researched for this concert. In many ways this concert is a social history that helps us understand and appreciate the

cultural narrative underpinning the Easter Rising of 1916. The music for '1616-1916 - The Road to the Rising' will be performed by the hugely talented young musicians of 'The Bonny Men' under the direction of Maitiú Ó Casaide, 'TG4 Young Musician of the Year 2015' and musical director of the internationally acclaimed 'Fighting Irish' concert held during *The Gathering* in 2013. The concert will be held at the Pavilion Theatre, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin on Wednesday 17th February 2016 at 20.00hrs. For further info. on the musicians see: www.thebonnymen.ie

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our dear friend and long-time Member and Fellow of this Society, Seán Kane, on August 20th 2015. Seán joined the Society in 1991 and served on both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. He was a very regular attendee at the Monthly Open Meetings over the past 24 years. Our deepest condolences to Seán's wife, Jo and family. We also send our deepest sympathies to GSI Member and former Cathaoirleach, John Hamrock, on the death of his father, Jim Hamrock, on August 13th 2015 in West Roxbury, Massachusetts, USA.

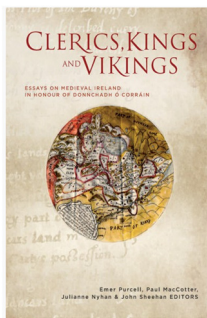
Irish Jewish Ancestry

On August 25th 2015 the President of this Society, **Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**, (right) formally presented specially bound volumes of his extensive research on the archival history of the Irish Jewish community stretching over a period of nearly three hundred years to the Dublin City Library and Archive. The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Cllr. Críona Ní Dhálaigh, accepted this wonderful collection on behalf of

the Dublin City Council, the Library and citizens of our capital city. This will make the Pearse Street library only the fourth repository, including this Society's Archives and Research Centre, to hold this valuable collection. Speaking at the specially hosted event, the Society's President explained how he had sourced, copied and collated this vast amount of archival material over a period of twenty years. There are circa 53,000 names of Irish Jewish people recorded in this huge collection which is of immense importance, not only to those of Jewish ancestry, but as a unique record of a religious/ethnic minority in Ireland. This is yet an-

other first for Ireland as no other country, outside Israel, has amassed such a corpus of archival material on the history of its Jewish community stretching over 300 years. By making these records available to the public in the Dublin City Library and Archive, Mr. Rosenblatt, has facilitated further research into the history of Ireland's Jewish communities. The potential of this archival resource has yet to be realised and hopefully, now as it's readily available it will open up many new and exciting avenues for research into Ireland's Jewish communities and their diaspora.

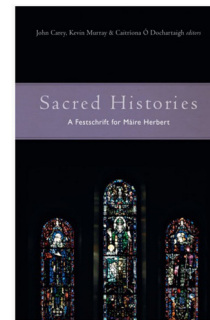
Festschriften from Four Courts Press



Earlier this year I was delighted to have been invited to subscribe to the *Tabula Gratulatoria* for a festschrift which was published in June 2015. A 'festschrift' (plural festschriften) is a celebratory publication presented by academic colleagues or students to honour the life's work of an individual. Festschriften

are often presented on retirement and normally consist of previously unpublished essays on the academic areas of interest of the recipient. The *Tabula Gratulatoria* assists with the overall costs of the production of the festschrift which is normally necessary for such specialised publications. It simply amounts, in most cases, to purchasing the festschrift in advance of its actual publication. When I received my copy of the festschrift in July I was hugely impressed by the quality of the publication and the absolutely wonderful range and variety of the essays. *'Clerics, Kings and Vikings - Essays on medieval Ireland in honour of Donnchadh Ó Corráin'* edited by Emer Purcell, Paul MacCotter, Julianne Nyhan and John Sheehan (ISBN: 978-1-84682-279-7 : 584pp : colour illus : large format : H/bk : Price €54.00) is the latest Festschrift to be published by Four Courts

Press. This volume contains contributions from leading scholars working at the forefront of Irish medieval studies. It includes essays on archaeology, ecclesiology, hagiography, medieval history, genealogy, language, literature and toponymy. Subjects explored include: Latin and learning in early medieval Ireland; the historical context of early medieval literature; Viking armies and the importance of the Hiberno-Norse naval fleets; Ireland and its connections with the Scandinavian world; recent studies of wooden and Romanesque churches in pre-Norman Ireland; the coming of the Anglo-Normans; hitherto unpublished Anglo Norman charters; the origin and function of medieval rural deaneries; secular and ecclesiastical histories of later medieval Kilkenny; and the 'named son' in 16th-century Ireland. The book contains forty four essays divided into three sections, history, medieval archaeology and language and literature. The quality of the essays is as befits such a publication and many are wonderfully illustrated with some full colour plates. Paul MacCotter provides an enormously impressive listing of Professor Donnchadh Ó Corráin's writings between 1968 and 2015. For anyone with an interest in the subjects covered, this volume is certainly a 'must buy' as long as stocks last. Festschriften tend to be published as 'limited editions' and therefore, many become cherished possessions and are rarely found in bookstores. There is another chance to subscribe to the *Tabula Gratulatoria* for a collection of essays this time in honour of Professor Máire Herbert.



'Sacred histories - Studies in the literature and culture of medieval Ireland in honour of Máire Herbert' edited by John Carey, Kevin Murray and Caitriona Ó Dochartaigh (ISBN: 978-1-84682-564-4 : 352pp : H/bk : Price €49.50) is a collection of essays that focuses primarily on the textual culture of Ireland (in

Latin and Irish) in its historical context from the medieval to the modern. Contributions engage with these issues across numerous genres such as poetry, saga, hagiography, apocrypha, 'historical tales', and the literary portrayal of women; such sustained interrogation results in numerous fresh insights and new perspectives. The contributors to this volume are among the foremost experts in their disciplines. This hardback book will be published in November 2015 and, like the Ó Corráin festschrift, subscribers are entitled to a special offer price. For details on this offer and how to subscribe, please contact Ms. Meghan Donaldson at Four Courts Press by e-mail at meghan.donaldson@fourcourtspress.ie or by phone at (+353.1) 453 4668. I intend to subscribe to this *Tabula Gratulatoria* and I urge all with an interest in these subjects to do so. **MM**

Précis of the August Lecture—the Anglo-Irish

On Tuesday August 11th 2015 members were treated to a very interesting and wonderfully illustrated lecture on the rise and fall of the landed gentry families in Ireland. The talk was given by Frank Tracy the author of *If Those Trees Could Only Speak: The Story of an Ascendancy Family in Ireland* published by South Dublin Libraries in 2005. His book had been a history on the Massy family, and particularly their Dublin branch who resided in some splendour in Kilakee at the foothills of the Dublin mountains until their very dramatic bankruptcy in the 1920s, as a template to illustrate the fortunes of the landed aristocracy nationwide. From owning over 30,000 acres in 1880 over several counties, the last of the line Hugh Hamon Massy and grandson of the 6th Barron, was carried out of Kilakee by sheriffs on a mattress and deposited on the public road in 1924. Copiously illustrated with photographs and other illustrations his talk synthesised the

history of the major landowners from the Norman conquest up to the present day. There is a particular pathos attached to the very sudden decline of a small privileged group who had contributed so much to the military, political and religious life of the British Empire. Indeed their contribution to the Empire, particularly in the military field, was way out of proportion to their small numbers and even greater than their compatriots on the mainland. While they have had a bad press in Ireland, the landed aristocracy in many cases did contribute significantly to the island's welfare and deserve Yeates's 'no petty people' characterisation. Frank did however warn against being over sentimental about their decline, as there were serious questions as to how many of them came into possession of such vast acreage in the first place. The Massys had received their first land grant in Co Limerick in the 1640s for services rendered to Cromwell in his Irish campaign. He maybe rightly concluded

'what goes around comes around'. As is usual, the speaker answered some questions on this very wide ranging topic and, indeed, clarified various points of reference, in the Q&A session which followed this very interesting lecture. **Séamus Moriarty, FGSI**

HERITAGE WEEK 2015



Eddie Gahan, Director of the Society's Outreach Programme, would wish to thank all of the Members who volunteered to assist at the Society's Archive and Research Centre during Heritage Week. This year was the most

successful one to date with visitors from all over the world seeking advice on their Irish ancestry. Eddie is looking forward to 'Back to Our Past' in the RDS, Oct. 9th and 11th 2015.

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...

WWI MEDALS RETURNED

Medals of Rathnew, Co. Wicklow, World War One soldier Christopher Daly, found in car boot sale in Nottingham, were returned to his granddaughter, Vera Kavanagh, on Wednesday August 5th in a reception in Tulfarris House, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, hosted by Wicklow County Council. After the medals were found in the car boot sale, the U.K. homeless men's charity, The Canaan Trust, along with the Royal Artillery Association, got in contact with Ms. Catherine Wright of Wicklow County Council's Archives Services last January as all that was known was the name Christopher Daly and the fact that he came from Rathnew, Co. Wicklow. Relatives of Christopher Daly were traced to Blessington by County Wicklow military historian Brendan Flynn who discovered that the family moved from Rathnew to Blessington in West Wicklow shortly after World War One broke out and with the assistance of the Blessington Historical Society, Vera Kavanagh was traced and located. The medals were presented to Vera Kavanagh, along with the Daly family history and

her family's war records, by Kevin Curtis of the Canaan Trust, who said that the homeless men who worked so hard on this project were proud to have helped return these homeless medals to the family.

THE BLACK WATCH IRISH

On Saturday September 19th Ian Montgomery will present his lecture 'Thoroughbred Irishmen: Black Watch Volunteers in Dublin before the Great War' at 14.30hrs in The Lecture Theatre, The Museum of Decorative Arts and History, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7. Organised by Great Western Front Association (Dublin). All welcome.

FESTIVAL OF HISTORY

The 2nd Festival of History and 27th La Touche Legacy organised by the Greystones Archaeological and Historical Society and the La Touche Legacy Committee will take place from Friday September 25th to Sunday September 27th in the Greystones Golf Club, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. Speakers and their topics are – Friday September 25th Professor

Clare Cullen - 'The Wartime Diaries of Elsie Henry' (covering 1916 & WW1). Ms. Eva O' Hara - 'WW1 Soldier James Lawless, Knockrath Church Lane'. Mr. Turtle Bunbury - 'That Easter Dawn: Personalities of 1916'. Saturday September 26th Professor Susan Schreiberman - 'Letters of 1916'. Mr. Philip Orr - 'The 36th Ulster Division'. Mr. John O'Keeffe - 'The Psychology of the Fighting Irish'. Mr. Ian Kenneally - 'Propaganda During WW1'. Dinner Speaker: Mr. John Bruton, former Taoiseach. Sunday September 27th The Jim Brennan Memorial Lecture presented by Mr. Michael McGinley - 'The La Touche Soldiers' Tickets for the weekend can be obtained from 01-2878448; www.greystonesahs.org; and 01-2875678. Tickets covering all lectures are €30, and all lectures and the seminar dinner €50.

WWI DUBLIN NURSES

On Wednesday September 16th Michael O'Flaherty will present his lecture 'Nurses from Dublin in the Great War' at 8 p.m. in The Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Meeting organised by the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society. All welcome.

Ireland's First Guide to Flag Design

'*Flagging Ireland – Irish Guide to Flag Design*', edited by Stan Zamyatin and published by the Society on behalf of Vexillology Ireland. This is a most fascinating and interesting booklet covering the design and use of flags in Ireland, north and south, and is intended for use by schools, colleges, sporting clubs, and local communities to assist them in the design, manufacture, and flying of flags. The early sections of this excellent publication describe such matters as flag terminology, flag proportions and Irish flag protocols which are a set of guidelines on how flags should be flown and used in Ireland with areas covered including Flying the Flag, Position of Honour, In Front of and On a Building, In Processions, On Vehicles, On a Speaker's Platform, With Crossed Flags, As a Pall for a Coffin, and Flags at Half-Mast. This section presents all this information in a very clear and concise easy to follow manner. There are chapters on the National Emblem –

The Harp, Flags in Ireland, and Flags in Northern Ireland followed guidance on How to Design and Great Flag and some of the pitfalls to be avoided, as well as information on how to manage a flag design competition. The closing chapters cover such areas as the Ireland Flag Registry, Flag Proposals Examples, the Modern Flag Success Story, the Development of a 'Community Flag', The First Festival of Flags and Emblems in Ireland; Vexillology, Heraldry and Genealogy; information on Vexillology Ireland, concluding with a Bibliography and Further Reading. This is a publication that every organization throughout Ireland should have so that they know what to do when it comes to flying flags or designing them. Copies at the post paid price of €10.00 can be ordered online from www.familyhistory.ie and purchased directly from the DLR Tourist Office at the County Hall, Dún Laoghaire and the Society's Archive at the Carlisle Pier. *James Scannell*

GSJ LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tuesday September 8th – 'Dublin Dock Records' by Declan Byrne; **Tuesday October 13th** – 'Famine Roads and Ghost Villages of County Mayo' by Charles Egan; **Tuesday November 10th** – 'The National Archives as a resource for the genealogist' by Gregory O'Connor; **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 GSI Lecture Programme, **Séamus Moriarty, FGSI**, always welcomes feedback on these lectures.

FIAS CONGRESS—SYDNEY

Stan Zamyatin, CEO, of *Vexillology Ireland*, a branch of this Society, represented Ireland at the **26th International Congress of Vexillology** in Sydney, Australia, from August 31st to September 4th. A report will be published in the October issue of this newsletter.

GSJ 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 FIAS—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**

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**DIARY DATES**

Tuesday September 8th & October 13th 2015
Evening Open Meeting

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

Wednesday September 23rd & October 28th 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 Little Book of Kildare

'*The Little Book of Kildare*', by Chris Lawlor, published by The History Press Ireland. This is the latest book to emerge from West Wicklow local historian Chris Lawlor following on from his 'The Little Book of Wicklow'. For this book Chris Lawlor provides the reader with a collection of fascinating, obscure, and entreeing facts about County Kildare. For the benefit of readers not familiar with County Kildare, Chris Lawlor provides the reader with an overall view of the county in the Introduction which comes complete with a map of the principal towns. Individual chapters cover – 'Monastic Kildare', which looks at St. Palladius, St. Brigit, the monastery at Castledermot and the high cross at Moone; 'Kildare's Great Houses', which contains brief histories of Carton House and Castletown House; 'Kildare's Rebels' which recalls the revolt of Silken Thomas and the life of John Devoy, Fenian; Success and Failures: Industrial Kildare' - Guinness is a success story which can trace its origins to County Kildare and Thornton Lace, which enjoyed initial success, failed in the post-Famine years due to competition from lace makers in Clones; 'Kildare's Literary Ladies' examines the lives of Mary Leadbeater, E.M. Croker, and Teresa Brayton; 'A County in Chaos: Kildare in 1798' reveals how the Rebellion fared in County Kildare and how after it this brief but bloody conflict tainted relations between landlords and tenants, Catholics and Protestants, and ordinary people and the ruling Ascendancy for many decades afterwards; 'Kildare's Earl's: A Noble Tradition', recalls the Great Earl, Gearóid Mór, and The Pickled Earl, the 6th Earl of Mayo who died in India in 1872, and whose body was shipped home to Ireland for burial in Johnstown in a barrel in rum to preserve it; 'Troubled Times: Kildare 1914 – 24', recalls how events in the county were recorded in the Annals of the Irish Christian Brothers; 'Breeders and Livestock: Kildare and Horses', covers the country's long involvements as the centre of the horse racing and bloodstock industry in Ireland, and the origins of the National Stud which is located in the county; and the final chapter which looks at 'County Kildare's Historic Towns' includes brief histories of Athy, Celbridge, Kildare Town, Leixlip, Maynooth, and Naas. All in all this is a really fascinating and interesting book which is an excellent reference, and reliable guide to County Kildare containing a great array of information which can be dipped into time and time again to reveal something new about the people, history, and character of this county. You'll find it hard to put down once you have started reading it.

James Scannell

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 enquiries 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 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 **sixteen 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'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].

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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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