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Census 2016 on ‘Proclamation Day’

The 2016 Census of Ireland will be taken on Sunday April 24th 2016, the actual 100th anniversary of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic at Easter 1916.

Although the State ceremonies marking the centenary of the 1916 Rising were held at Easter in keeping with the commemorative tradition that evolved over the last century, the actual date for the start of the Rising was Easter Monday, April 24th 1916. This was one of the latest dates in the Christian calendar, upon which, Easter can be celebrated.

The Council of Nicaea (now Iznik in Turkey) in 325 CE determined the date of Easter as the Sunday following the paschal moon or the full moon on or after the vernal (spring) equinox, so in the Gregorian calendar used by Western Christianity, Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21st so it can be as early as March 21st or as late as April 25th – it all depends on the moon.

Staying with the ancient Roman Empire, the importance of the census taken every five years was understood by all Roman citizens as it determined the rights and privilege of citizenship. Each freeman had to register his family and property in order to avail of the protection afforded by citizenship.

Here too we have a census taken every five years, with some exceptions, from 1926 when the first census was taken after independence in 1922. The census of 1921 had to be abandoned due to the War of Independence (1919-1921) and the previous census was taken in 1911, three years before the outbreak of WW1.

The 1901 and 1911 census returns were opened to the public in the 1960s and are an invaluable genealogical resource. With the completion of the digitization project by the National Archives in August 2009 these census returns have been available online to the public internationally.

Between the taking of the 1911 census under the United Kingdom authorities and that of 1926 by the newly independent State, we have some of the most turbulent years and important ‘founding events’ in the modern history of Ireland. To list but a few: World War One (1914-1918), Easter Rising (1916), First Dáil (1919), War of Independence (1919-1921), Northern Ireland Parliament established (1921), Foundation of Irish Free State (1922) and the Irish Civil War (1922-1923). Our understanding of these events and the impact they had on families, communities and the country generally would be greatly enhanced by the release of the 1926 Census.

This Society has campaigned for the release of the 1926 Census since before the enactment of the *Statistics Act, 1993*, which imposed a 100 year rule. No fewer than four Bills were drafted by the Society to achieve this aim and in 2011, the release of this census was included in the Programme for Government. However, the previous government effectively capitulated in the face of strong opposition from the Central Statistics Office based on dubious and poorly evidenced assumptions that were met with incredulity by most Teachtaí Dála and Senators. Nevertheless, the 1926 Census campaign continues!

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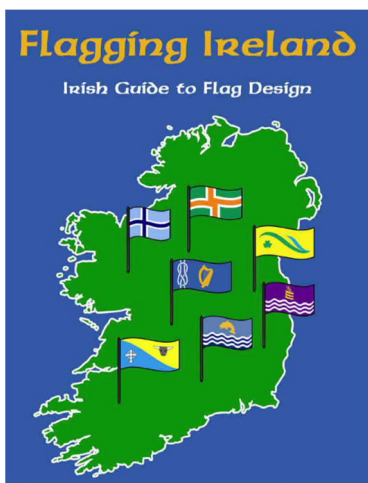
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BOARD RE-ELECTED

The outgoing Board of Directors was re-elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society held on March 8th 2016. An Cathaoirleach, **Gerry Hayden**, will have the same hard-working and very cohesive team steering the Society through the coming year. The Members endorsed the Board's intention to co-opt a further two directors to ensure that the Society can continue to expand on its range of services to its members and the general public. The allocation of portfolios was deferred until the May meeting and therefore, all portfolios held prior to the AGM (see p. 4) are held on a ‘pro tem’ basis until then.



Stan Zamyatin
Editor

‘Flagging Ireland’ - On Sale €10.00

OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 12 April—20.00hrs

Tuesday 10 May—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 27 April—10.30hrs

Wednesday 25 May—10.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

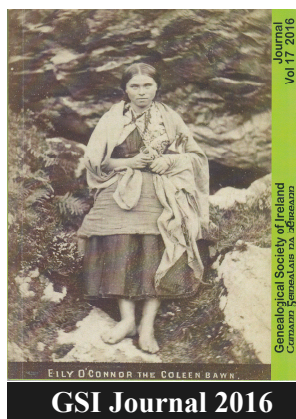
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This year's journal is dominated by family history and local and national history. There are no book reviews, no descriptions of recently launched databases, no new techniques or technologies, no lists, no directories. As befits a genealogical journal, there are people describing their quests for information about ancestors, and the findings of those searches. The contributors in general have regular Irish names like Burke, Murray, Costello, but noticeably, many of the ancestors described have Anglo-Irish, Scottish-Irish or foreign names like Longworth, Fortescue, Ivers, Swords, Teeling. In his article appropriate to the 1916 centenary Aidan Feerick describes the schooling of Padraic Pearse who achieved much distinction while at Westland Row CBS. The gory details of DMP casualties in the War of Independence are examined by James Scannell. The cover reproduces an early CDV (carte-de-visite) of The Coleen Bawn which dates from the 1860s or 1870s. This type of image was widely sold to the Irish diaspora on the East coast of the US to remind them of the homeland they had left. Other CDVs of Muckross Abbey and the river Dargle at Bray are also included.

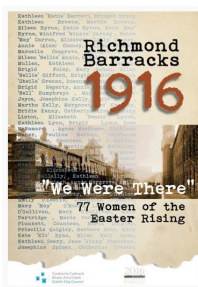
Seanad Éireann Election

The Society is a Nominating Body for Seanad Éireann (Irish Senate) enabling the Board to nominate a person to contest the Seanad Éireann Election this month for the Cultural & Educational Panel.

The Board received three applications in time for its meeting on Thursday March 3rd 2016 where these were considered and a secret ballot using the Single Transferable Vote system of Proportional Representation was held.

Richmond Barracks 1916

When it comes to major commemorative events like the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising, many people feel the need to know where their ancestors were at the time and, especially, whether any had connections to the events. Most will have some family lore or cherished items of memorabilia such as photographs or medals. Others, the vast majority unfortunately, rarely have a clue of any family member's involvement until wonderfully researched works on the participants rather than just the details of events are published. One such publication is *'Richmond Barracks 1916—We Were There—77 Women of the Easter Rising'* by Mary McAuliffe and Liz Gillis (ISBN: 978-1-907002-32-8 : 288pp : P/bk : Price (online) €22.45) is published by Four Courts Press in conjunction with Dublin City Council.



This work is of particular importance as it highlights the role of women in the 1916 Rising and in organizations like Irish Women's Franchise League, Inghinidhe na hÉireann, Cumann na mBan and the women's section of the Irish Citizen Army. For far too long, only women like Countess Markievicz, Dr. Kathleen Lynn and possibly, Nurse Elizabeth O'Farrell feature in the historical narratives of the revolutionary period. The participation of very many others was allowed to fade into obscurity until the files of the Bureau of Military History and the Pension Applications were released by the Military Archives of Ireland.

This new book reveals the extent of the involvement of women from all classes and creeds in the Rising and in the events leading up to that fateful week a hundred years ago this month. McAuliffe and Gillis have researched not only the involvement of these seventy-seven remarkable women, importantly from a social history and genealogical perspective, the authors researched the lives, careers and, often the interconnectivity of the families concerned. Each woman has a section dedicated to her own life and times, indeed, many continued their political activism right up to the end of the Civil War in 1923.

This 288 page book is wonderfully illustrated with photographs of most of the participants and with the biographical details on each of the women, this book is much more than a history of an aspect of the Easter Rising, it is an important work in the study of the role of women in Irish political, social and revolutionary movements. No reading of the events of Easter 1916 is complete without this book.

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IRISH DNA ATLAS PROJECT UPDATE

The Irish DNA Atlas is collaborative academic project undertaken by Prof Gianpiero Cavalleri and Edmund Gilbert of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and Séamus O'Reilly, Michael Merrigan, Darren McGettigan from the Genealogical Society of Ireland. The main objectives of the project are 1) to further our understanding of the population history of Ireland, and 2) to help us understand how genes influence disease within Ireland. Recently Edmund presented some preliminary data at the *"Who Do You Think You Are? Live 2016"* event in Birmingham, invited by the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISSOG). Edmund presented data suggesting the Irish are closer to Scots and Welsh than to English – although the genetic distances are extremely small. Ed also presented his latest results investigating fine scale population structure within Ireland, as determined from the perspective of DNA. This is investigating whether genetically distinct groups exist within Ireland, which might reflect historical population movements. Preliminary results suggest that there are distinct genetic groups, albeit ones that are finely differentiated, within Ireland. Further, these groups appear to be regionally distributed, with a general north/south (Donegal to

Cork) split in Irish genetics. In addition, Ed's analysis was able to distinguish individuals of possible Planter ancestry, who associate closely with people from the North of England or the South-west of Scotland. These results generated a lot of interest within the audience, especially with the genetic groups that have been identified by the current analyses. Currently the project is looking into investigating possible sources and explanations for these groups. 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 Please checkout the project newsletter on the GSI website.

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].



In accordance with the ballot, **Cllr. Fintan Warfield** (pictured above) a former Mayor of South Dublin County Council received the Society's nomination to contest the election. In addition to his role as a public representative, Cllr. Warfield is an accomplished musician, chairperson of a two theatre companies and has a very keen interest in Irish history and, of course, genealogy.

The Society takes its duty as a Nominating Body very seriously and has exercised its function in respect of the Seanad Elections three times since 2006. Indeed, two of the Bills drafted by the Society were debated at length in Seanad Éireann as were many of the Society's proposed amendments to legislation.

Nevertheless, as the Upper Chamber of the Oireachtas (Irish Parliament), Seanad Éireann in its present format requires substantial reform and, of course, a widening of the franchise to include all citizens of our Republic.

Currently 43 senators are elected by Teachtaí Dála (MPs), outgoing Senators and City/County Councillors. A further six are elected by graduates of the constituent colleges of the National University of Ireland and Trinity College Dublin.

The Taoiseach (Prime Minister) appoints eleven senators making the grand total of sixty senators in Seanad Éireann.

In 2007 the Board nominated Michael Merrigan and in 2011, it nominated Cllr. Victor Boyhan to contest the Seanad Election. Cllr. Boyhan is contesting the current Seanad Éireann Election on the Agricultural Panel.

In Brief....

GSI MEMBERSHIP

Join this Society on-line at www.familyhistory.ie Please note that GSI Membership is open to all interested in genealogy and related subjects. Discounted membership rates are available for those under 25 years and students at recognised genealogy courses.

OVERSEAS JOURNALS

The Society's Archive & Research Centre has one of the largest collections of journals published by genealogical societies overseas. These family history journals contain a wealth of very useful information on the history and emigration experiences of the Irish diaspora throughout the world. Why not check them out?

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 and its courses please check-out www.dfei.ie

E-MAGAZINE

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 irishlivesremembered.com There is a small charge to read past issues.

DISCOUNTS

Exclusive discounts for the 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 Member discounts, please contact **Barry O'Connor**, FGSI, by email at membership@familyhistory.ie



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Inside the Society's Archive & Research Centre in Dún Laoghaire

JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS...

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

On Wednesday 13 April at 18.00hrs Ken Finlay will present his lecture *'1916: Inside the GPO'* to the Old Dublin Society in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. On Wednesday 27 April Ken Ferguson will present his lecture *'Lives, Letters, Liberty: Dublin's GPO'* at 18.00hrs in the same venue. All welcome to attend these lectures – admission free.

WICKLOW & THE 1916 RISING

On Thursday 14 April Brian White will present his lecture *'North Wicklow During the 1916 Rising - Not a Shot was Fired'* at 20.30 hrs to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms and Country House Hotel, Main Street, Enniskerry Village, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €4.

1916 LUNCHTIME LECTURES

The following 40-minute free talks will take place in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Dame Street, Dublin 2, at 13.10hrs - Tuesday 19 April: *'Three Castles Burning: Dublin Fire Brigade & the Easter Rising'* - Las Fallon; Tuesday 26 April: *'The Tricolour Ribbon O! - Songs from the 1916 Rising'* - Francis Devine and Friends. All welcome – admission free – doors open at 12.30hrs.

RDS LECTURE

On Wednesday 20 April at 18.30hrs Veronica Rowe will present her lecture *'Lords, Linen and Lace: The Involvement of some O'Brien family members with the RDS'* in the RDS Minerva Suite, RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Admission free but booking essential – call 01-240 7254 or Email: librarydesk@rds.ie.

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

On Tuesday 26 April at 19.30hrs Cormac Lowth will present his lecture *'The Aud and the Helga in the 1916'* in the National Maritime Museum of Ireland, Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

CITY COUNCIL & 1916 RISING

On Saturday 23 April Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 -144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, will host a full day seminar 'Dublin City Council and the 1916 Rising' - 09.45hrs-10.15hrs Registration and Welcome; 10.15hrs-11.00hrs Evelyn Conway, *'Dublin City Library Staff and the Rising'* 11.00hrs-11.30hrs Tea/Coffee; 11.30hrs -12.15hrs Martin Maguire, *'Harry Nicholls: City Engineer and 1916 Rebel'* 12.15hrs-13.00hrs John Gibney, *'Dublin's Rising 1916'*; 13.00hrs-14.00hrs Lunch (not provided); 14.00hrs-14.45hrs Donal Fallon, *'John MacBride: the making of major'*; and finally, 14.45hrs-15.30hrs John Grenham, *'Digitising the Dublin Fire Brigade log book'*. All welcome – admission free.

MAUDE GONNE LECTURE

On Monday 09 May at 20.15hrs Aoife Tierney will present her lecture *'The Life and Times of Maude Gonne'* to the Clontarf Historical Society, in The Resource Centre, St. John the Baptist Church, Clontarf Road, Clontarf Road, Dublin 3. All welcome – admission €5.

SPRING INTO HERITAGE

The 2016 'Spring Into Heritage' DLR programme of events which this year features free tours of Marlay House, Cabinteely House, Deansgrange Cemetery 1916, The Oratory, the Maritime Museum of Ireland and Dalkey Castle, runs until Sunday 29 May. See brochure for details or log on to www.events.dlrcoo.ie.

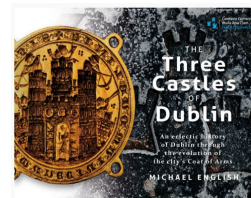
GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME

The monthly lectures until June 2016 are as follows: Tuesday April 12th 2016 - *Quaker Family Records* by Noel Jenkins. Tuesday May 10th 2016 - *Forgotten but not gone - Experiences of Returning Ex-Servicemen in the Irish Free State* by Declan F. Brady. Tuesday Jun 14th 2016 - *Yitzhak Herzog - the Sinn Féin Rabbi* by Stuart Rosenblatt. The Board is currently organising the speakers for the period July to December. Any suggestions to Gazette@familyhistory.ie

HERALDRY IRELAND

Heraldry Ireland is one of two specialised branches of the Genealogical Society of Ireland, the other being *Vexillology Ireland*. Both branches are administered by **Stanislav Zamyatin**, author of *'Flagging Ireland'* (see page 1).

These two branches have a considerable overseas following on Facebook and Twitter where these fascinating subjects are debated and explored. Irish interest in these subject is growing and with wonderfully researched and illustrated new publications like *'The Three Castles of Dublin'*



by **Michael English** and published by Four Courts Press. See: www.fourcourtspress.ie Price €26.95

Recently Stanislav Zamyatin was invited by the State Herald of Georgia, Mamuka Gongadze, to represent Ireland and this Society at the **1st Georgian National Conference of Vexillology and Heraldry** organized by State Council of Heraldry at the Parliament of the Republic of Georgia in Tbilisi from September 29th to October 1st 2016. The Society is currently endeavouring to source funding for the attendance at this important conference in advance of the **International Congress of Vexillology** to be held in London next year.

Hanged for Murder—Irish State Executions

'*Hanged for Murder – Irish State Executions*' by **Tim Carey**, published by The Collins Press. (ISBN: 9781848891869). In 2001 a referendum was held on the 21st Amendment to the Constitution Bill to delete / remove all references to capital punishment in the constitution and to prohibit the passage of legislation permitting capital punishment in the future, and was carried by a 62% majority which ended the death penalty in Ireland, making the Republic of Ireland one of several countries which no longer uses capital punishment as the ultimate deterrent.

This fascinating and engrossing book looks the twenty-nine people executed by the Irish state in Mountjoy Gaol, Dublin, starting in 1923 with William Downes and finishing in 1954 with Michael Manning, after which no judicial executions took place, through between this date and 1990, ten people were sentenced to death, the last two as late as 1976, with all having had their sentences commuted to penal servitude for life. Between 1923 and 1954, there were at least over forty other cases where the death sentence was imposed but commuted to penal servitude for life and this book looks that the twenty-nine people who paid the ultimate penalty. Tim Carey opens with an account of the execution protocols from the time the condemned prisoner returned to Mountjoy Gaol after being sentenced to death until it was carried out by a hangman brought in from Britain as the one effort to train an Irish hangman in the 1940s failed and it was never repeated.

One interesting revelation is that between 1908 and 1921, other than those hanged during the War of Independence, those sentenced to death had their sentences commuted and that during the period 1900 to 1911 only twelve people were hanged for common murder. One of the features common to most of the twenty-nine cases featured is that most were convicted on 'circumstantial evidence' and since most of the murders carried out by the accused were in secret and away from witness, their prosecution lawyers relied on circumstantial evidence, something which judges were at pains to point out to juries that they were not to feel uncomfortable about when reaching a verdict, especially in an era when forensic evidence was primitive and techniques still evolving, while DNA evidence was non-existent.

The shortest interval from arrest to execution was just under three months, the longest more than a year with the average interval being between four and five months. The shortest trial, all of which were held in Green Street Courthouse, Dublin, was half a day and the longest seventeen days. The shortest time a jury took to reach a verdict was ten minutes and the longest four hours.

A full and precise account for each of the twenty-nine cases featured in the book is provided by Tim Carey and these make for fascinating reading as at times one wonders how the accused hoped to get away with their crimes. All in all this is a fascinating book dealing with a wide range of individuals for which their paid their ultimate penalty and who remains are interred in unmarked graves within the precincts of Mountjoy Gaol. *James Scannell*

Checkout the Society's website for further information www.familyhistory.ie

An Daonchartlann and Tourism

An Daonchartlann (Ir. "peoples' archive") is the Archive and Research Centre operated by the Genealogical Society of Ireland at the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire. The facility is open to the public and, as such, provides a very unique service to visitors, including a growing number from overseas. Indeed, the location of the facility on the DART (suburban rail) makes it extremely accessible for overseas visitors staying in Dublin City and therefore, An Daonchartlann a very important tourism asset for Dún Laoghaire and the County of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown.

An Daonchartlann, like the Society itself, is operated entirely by volunteers who give very generously of their time and expertise to promote the study of genealogy and related subject and to assist members of the public with their own research. This type of volunteering has been central to the success of various community tourism initiatives over the past quarter of a century since the Society's foundation in 1990. This has been fully recognized by Fáilte Ireland and the Local Authority with events like 'The Gathering Ireland' and the various centenary events.

The Society's extensive links with similar organizations around the world facilitates the promotion of Ireland as a 'roots tourism' destination. The Society has promoted Ireland at International Conferences in places like Sydney, Boston, Rotterdam, Cieszyn and hopefully, in Tbilisi in September following an invitation from the State Herald of Georgia. The Society's presence in Tbilisi would be particularly significant as the Embassy of the Republic of Georgia is located in Dún Laoghaire.

Précis of the March Lecture

On Tuesday March 8th 2016 immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the Society, members were treated to a very informative lecture on the subject of '*Church of Ireland Family Records*' by **Derek Neilson**. This lecture was designed not only with those of the Anglican or Protestant Episcopalian community in Ireland for, as Mr. Neilson was to wonderfully demonstrate, certain records held by the Church of Ireland contain information on the entire community. Members were provided with a brief history of the Church of Ireland and an outline of its structures and governance. This was important as it provided the context, in which, records were originally created and their purpose in the administration and delivery of religious services. Although the majority of the Anglican community in Ireland has its origins amongst the English and Welsh settlers, many native Irish, especially amongst the nobility, land-owning elite and merchant classes converted from the end of the sixteenth century onwards. From its establishment in 1537 to its disestablishment in 1870 the Church of Ireland was the 'state church' and effectively an arm of the state. Nevertheless, it was still a church of a minority of the Irish people with the overwhelming majority being Roman Catholic or, in the north east of Ireland, Presbyterian. Besides the baptisms, marriages and burials, as a state church it provided a number of services, for which, as Mr. Neilson explained records were kept and are of use to family and social histori-

ans. The lecture covered each of the records of interest to genealogists and, more importantly, he outlined the accessibility and location of these records. Also crucially Mr. Neilson provided very useful tips on how to research these records, what to look for and how to interpret the information. He also touched on published sources including the biographies of clergy, church officials and local histories. A lively Q&A followed a very well researched and presented lecture.

CABINET-STYLE BOARD

Occasionally we are asked about the rather unique structure of the Board of Directors of the Genealogical Society of Ireland and how this differs significantly from that of other genealogical or historical societies. The difference is primarily due to the fact that the Society is an incorporated body subject to the *Companies Act, 2014* and a registered charity under the *Charities Act, 2009*. The Society has reporting obligations in respect of its governance and finances. The "Cabinet-Style" structure was introduced in the mid 1990s long before incorporation in 2000 to equitably distribute the workload of the Board with each Director having a distinct portfolio. This has proven to be a very efficient, effective and equitable system of governance for this Society.

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Board of Directors 2016-2017

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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 the Society's **spring 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. (From Sat. May 7th open at 10.30hrs)

With around **twelve hours of archival time** available each week new volunteers are always needed and very welcome. Our Members are on hand to provide **free family history research advice**.

The use of our 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 Members include a number of excellent pay-for-view websites including Ancestry.com, Findmypast, Forces War Records, Newspapers.com, British Newspaper Archives and 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.

Please note: **Pay-and-Display Parking** is available at the Harbour. See: www.familyhistory.ie