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FOUNDING EVENTS?

Ireland will commemorate various centenaries this year, seen by many, as the “founding events” of the “two Irelands” that now occupy our shared island home.

In the Republic, the Easter Rising of 1916 is considered, albeit controversially, as the seminal event of the revolutionary period that culminated with independence in 1922. Meanwhile north of the border in Northern Ireland, the Battle of the Somme in 1916 is viewed as the ultimate expression of loyalty by the Ulster Protestants population to the British monarchy and empire. Although, thousands of Irish Catholic soldiers also perished at the Somme fighting for “King and Country” alongside the Ulstermen, events in Dublin in aftermath of the 1916 Rising overshadowed their sacrifice.

It has been said that news of the slaughter at Gallipoli in 1915 undoubtedly turned the tide of public opinion, particularly in nationalist Ireland, against the war in Europe. However, it could be argued that events prior to the war convinced many in Ireland that the form of ‘Home Rule’ legislated for by Westminster in 1912 and postponed for the duration of the war would never materialize.

The unwillingness or inability of the British establishment to confront unionist opposition to ‘Home Rule’ expressed politically and militarily was readily apparent from 1913 onwards. In response nationalist Ireland followed the example of Ulster unionism and organized itself militarily in 1913 to defend ‘Home Rule’. If the establishment of a ‘Home Rule’ parliament in Dublin had gone to plan in 1914,

Ireland was surely on a civil war footing which was only interrupted by the outbreak of World War One.

As nationalist volunteers were encouraged to join the British Army to defend ‘Home Rule’ their unionist counterparts joined up to defend the Union. Both fought and died in the same uniform but for radically different ideals. For Protestant Ulster the union with Great Britain was secured on the bloody fields of Flanders.

As nationalist Ireland’s promised reward for supporting the British war effort became increasingly illusive, an insurrection in an already militarized Ireland seemed inevitable. If the Rising had not happened, it is likely that any attempt by the British to forcibly implement conscription in Ireland would have met a violent response.

In any event, the execution of the leaders of 1916 followed by the anti-conscription campaign of 1918 paved the way for the separatist victory in the 1918 General Election. The establishment of Dáil Éireann on January 21st 1919 and the start of the War of Independence changed the island of Ireland utterly.

Within three years the island was partitioned with a ‘Home Rule’ unionist parliament in Northern Ireland and with Dáil Éireann in the South as the independent parliament of the Irish Free State, a self-governing dominion of the British Empire. This ‘dominion status’ was gradually constitutionally unraveled from 1926 and especially, from 1937, to its eventual abolition in 1949 with the ‘Declaration of the Republic of Ireland’. All making for even more ‘founding events’ to mark well into the future.

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TIMPEALL na TÍRE

Eddie Gahan and his team kick start 2016 with a number of events promoting the study of genealogy around the country, including: the *Holiday World Show* in **Belfast** Fri. 15th to Sun. 17th Jan; **Dundrum**, Thurs. Jan 21st, 18.30hrs—20.00hrs; **ICA, Sandyford**, Mon. Feb. 1st, 20.15hrs—21.15hrs; **Cabinteely**, Tues. Feb. 16th, 18.30hrs—20.00hrs; **Dundrum**, Thurs. Feb. 18th, 18.30hrs—20.00hrs; **DLR Lexicon**, Tues. Feb. 23rd, 18.30hrs—20.00hrs and **Dundrum**, Thurs. March 31st 18.30hrs—20.30hrs.



Researching at the Society's Archive

OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 12 January—20.00hrs

Tuesday 9 February—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 27 January—10.30hrs

Wednesday 24 February—10.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

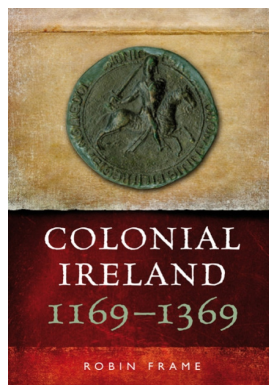
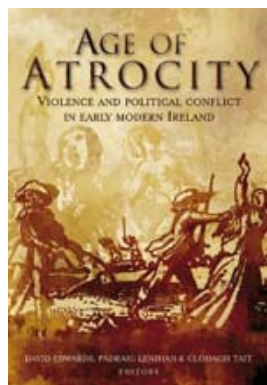
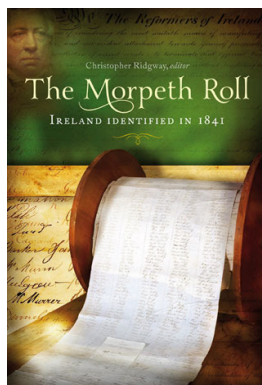
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Three excellent volumes on 'Special Offer' at Four Courts Press

New Catalogue Eagerly Awaited

For anybody with an interest in Irish history, local history, social history or Irish genealogy, the new catalogue from Ireland's premier academic publishing house, Four Courts Press, is always eagerly awaited. Undoubtedly the range of titles and the variety of subjects covered each year is indicative of the wealth and breadth of the newly researched material being published. The high standards expected and vigorously upheld by this publishing house have ensured that the volumes are extremely well researched, well written and presented, very often lavishly illustrated and, of course, with excellent bibliographies and research notes.

Each month this newsletter carries a review of one of the latest publications by Four Courts Press as the subjects covered are of special interest to our readers at home and overseas. Researching one's ancestry in Ireland and understanding the life and times of our forebears is greatly enhanced by an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of Irish history and especially, local history and social history.

Four Courts Press also publishes the Maynooth Studies in Local History Series which provides an enormously useful corpus of well researched local history publications and guides.

Details of the new catalogue will be published in this newsletter when received, in the meantime, readers are advised to checkout the 'Coming Soon' section of the Four Courts Press website for information of some of the forthcoming titles, many of which, will be of interest to those undertaking genealogical research.

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Irish History, Genealogy, Local History and much more. Checkout the new catalogue and the special offers at www.fourcourtspress.ie

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), with the assistance of PhD candidate, **Edmund Gilbert**, 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 man-

ner 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 Please checkout the project newsletter on the GSI website.

1616—1916

The Road to the Rising

The Society's main event to mark the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising will be a specially commissioned concert by **The Bonny Men**. The focus will be on the culture, music and songs that inspired the struggle for Irish freedom over the 300 years leading up to the Easter Rising of 1916. The venue will be the **Pavilion Theatre** in Dún Laoghaire on **Wednesday February 17th at 20.00hrs.** Tickets €20.00/€15.00. Free online booking at www.paviliontheatre.ie or by phone at (01) 231 2929. Please book early to ensure that you don't miss out!



Concert at the Pavilion Theatre

GSi LECTURE SERIES

The full programme of monthly lectures will be published in the February issue of this newsletter. The lecture for Tuesday January 13th will be on the topic '**An Irish Australian in WW1**' by **Maura Flood**, MGSi. Maura is a professional genealogist who gives classes in genealogical research.

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 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.

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 the website 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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Item from the manuscript collection at the GSI Archive & Research Centre

JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS...

DLR 1916 RISING TALKS

The following free talks will take place in dlr Lexicon, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, at 19.00hrs - Thursday 14 January: *'Social Conditions in Kingstown and Dublin in 1916'* - Padraig Yeats; Thursday 28 January: *'Deansgrange Cemetery and the dead of the 1916 Rising'* - Jamie Moran; Thursday 04 February - *'1916 and Ireland's Revolutionary Tradition'* - Kieran Allen. On Thursday 21 January, Ms. Ann Matthews will present her talk on *'Countess Markievicz'* at 19.00hrs in Marlay House, Marlay Park, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission free.

1916—PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM

This one-day symposium will take place in the School of History & Geography, Dublin City University (DCU), St Patrick's Campus (Drumcondra) on Saturday 23 January 2016. This public symposium will make accessible to a general audience scholarship of the various aspects of life in Ireland a century ago.

Invited speakers will explain the key political, cultural and military developments during this pivotal period in Irish history and place 1916 in context. All contributions will be twenty minutes in duration. Each session will conclude with a short question and answer session.

09.30hrs: **Welcome** by Professor Dáire Keogh:

09:40hrs **Session 1: The Political Context** Dermot Meleady (Independent scholar) - 'Some tragic fatality': How 1916 broke Redmond and his party. Dr. Mel Farrell (DCU) - 'We won't have Home Rule': Irish Unionism in context. Dr. Úna Ní Bhroiméil (Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick) - 'Supported by her exiled children in America' - the United States and the Rising. Dr. Gearóid Barry (National University of Ireland Galway) - Challenging empires at war: 1916 in international context. Brief Q and A. (Coffee Break).

11:40hrs **Session 2: New Directions & Influences:** Dr. Leeann Lane (DCU) - Transgressing gender roles: women and the 1916 rebellion. Dr Regina Uí Chollatáin (University College Dublin) - Revolution

and revival: the Gaelic League and the 1916 Rising. Dr. Eugene McNulty (DCU) - The long gestation?: the politics of the literary revival. Professor Michael Laffan (University College Dublin) - Sinn Féin and radical nationalism. Brief Q and A (Lunch Break).

14.15hrs **Session 3: Military Context.** Dr. Marnie Hay (DCU) - Na Fianna Éireann and the Easter Rising. Dr. Brian Hanley (Independent scholar) - Labour and Easter Week. Dr. Daithí Ó Corráin (DCU) - 'The sooner we are past the stage of oratory and poetry the better': the Irish Volunteers from the split to the Rising. Dr Pat McCarthy (Military History Society of Ireland) - The British army in Ireland, 1914-1916. Brief Q and A.

15.45hrs **Closing Session: Impact and legacy of 1916.** Dr Martin Mansergh - 1916 - Seizing the opportunity to lay a new foundation. 16.30hrs Close of symposium

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

On Wednesday 10 February at 18.00hrs, Ms. Catherine Scuffil will present her lecture *'Dublin's South Circular Road on the Eve of World War'* to the Old Dublin Society in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

IRISH BOXING CHAMPION

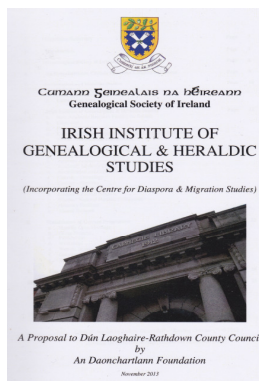
On Monday 25 January at 20.00hrs., Larry Breen will present his lecture on *'Dan Donnelly: Irish Boxing Champion'* to the Clondalkin Historical Society in Áras Cronáin, Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

WICKLOW HEADSTONES

The Heritage Office of Wicklow County Council has published a new book *'Here Lyeth - The 18th Century Headstones of County Wicklow'* by Chris Corlett, an archaeologist with the National Monuments Service, Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht, which sheds light for the first time on the work of the small number of stone cutters who were responsible for most of the 18th century graveyard headstones throughout County Wicklow. Copies of this book, price €20, can be obtained directly from County Buildings, Wicklow Town, or from bookshops.

Old Carnegie Library

The Old Carnegie Library building on Lower George's Street (Main Street), Dún Laoghaire, has been vacant since 2014 when the book stock and the staff were relocated to the new €38 million building on the sea-front. This new facility, named the *dlr Lexicon*, has proven to be a great hit with the public and library membership has increased phenomenally since it open its doors last year.



In November 2013, the Board of the Genealogical Society of Ireland presented a detailed proposal to the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on the possible allocation of the Old Carnegie Library building to the Society to house its grown archival collections. The proposed new facility would also have a research centre for genealogy, heraldry and diaspora and migration studies.

The current temporary location of the Society's Archive and Research Centre at the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire is far too small to meet the research needs of members and visitors. Following the publication of details of the Society's proposal in the '*Dún Laoghaire Gazette*' it is abundantly clear that the allocation of the Old Carnegie Library to Society has wonderfully strong support in the local community.

However, the County Council has yet to make a decision on the future use of this historic building. The Society has appealed to all of the local public representatives for their support to have the Old Carnegie Library building allocated to the Society for its Archive and Research Centre.

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

Index to Ten Volumes

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 we're 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).

Précis of the December Lecture

The lecture on Tuesday December 8th 2015 was entitled '*Using simple tools to Document your Family History Better – A Demonstration*' and delivered by GSI Director, **Tom Conlon**.

Tom is an ardent advocate of the notion that family history should be documented on paper, and preferably bound. Otherwise it will be lost. In observing the habits of members at keyboards he observes that many have difficulty in transferring material between different programmes. Some of the difficulties stem from misunderstandings of the capability of the modern PCs to allow the user switch directly between different programmes and to have multiple programmes running at the same time. Many such users want to close or minimise each programme before switching to another. A well set up taskbar can solve many of these problems. Inevitably you come to the point where you want to

transfer text or images from the web or from emails and place them in your document. This can involve 14 clicks or 4 clicks. If you use the 4-click method you are less likely to get it wrong. The snipping tool is particularly useful when one encounters difficulties in transferring images from web sources which inhibit copying. The Tools like the paintbrush help to ensure consistent formats and styles through the document. More advanced tools can create the table of contents for your document. Print-on-demand services have become more easily available for anyone who wants to print a small print run of 1 to 1,000 copies professionally bound at a reasonable cost, and these are an ideal way to do a family history.

Or you could submit your story for publication in the Society's journal.

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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. 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 online 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. Pay-n-display parking at the Harbour. See: www.familyhistory.ie