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Genealogy—A National Resource?

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of our readers and indeed, it's accompanied by the very welcome news this month of the release by Ancestry.com and Findmypast of a search facility to the images of the Roman Catholic parish registers uploaded by the National Library of Ireland last year. An explosion of interest in Irish family history across the globe is expected.

All over Ireland communities and their respective local authorities are beginning to fully appreciate the enormous potential that now exists to reach out to our nation's diaspora. Local initiatives such as the Ireland Reaching Out project have encouraged communities to look again at their own genealogical resources such as parish registers, school registers, graveyards and local histories. Each of these resources has a very special link to the descendants of generations of emigrants.

Local authorities and the regional tourism companies are examining various proposals from local voluntary groups, heritage companies and individuals aimed at attracting visitors to their areas based on their ancestral connections to the parish, town or county.

New uses are being considered for old or disused buildings of historic significance such as old schoolhouses, church halls, former garda stations or period houses. These buildings are ideally suited as 'centres' focusing entirely on themes like 'local identity' and 'ancestral home-place' utilizing genealogy as the main driver and operated by voluntary bodies.

Local initiatives naturally draw on the uniqueness of their own heritage and cultural re-

sources to attract visitors from Ireland and overseas. Local artefacts and photographic collections are sometimes displayed to promote an understanding of the life and times of the community during the latter part of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Local museums are generally connected with specific buildings of historic or literary significance. However, unlike the local volunteer operated visitor centres, museums, especially ones with new high tech interactive exhibits, are extremely costly to run. Only those directly funded by governments or by multiannual endowments from philanthropic foundations can hope to survive. Interactive exhibits have quite short lifespans and need to be replaced regularly in order to attract return visitors. If the exhibits or artefacts are not owned by the museum itself, the cost of insuring loaned exhibits can be prohibitive. The modifications required to old buildings in order to house artefacts correctly are extremely expensive to install. Entrance fees alone never meet the cost of running these facilities and, very often, they close after a year or two or seek subvention from the local authority to survive. Therefore, most local heritage initiatives are entirely reliant upon the voluntary sector.

This Society has been operating its own Archive & Research Centre as a 'visitor centre' at the Carlisle Pier since 2010, however, it has greatly outgrown its current premises. A proposal was submitted in 2013 to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for the use of the old Carnegie Library in Dún Laoghaire which would be in keeping with the building's original purpose as a publicly accessible educational resource.

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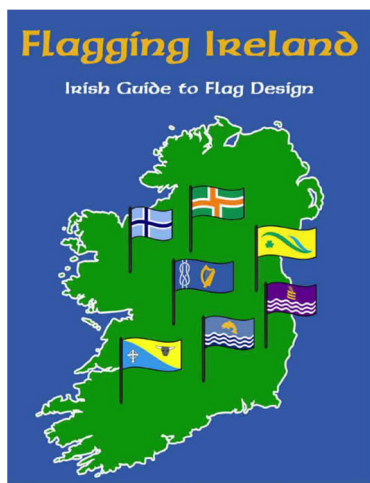
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NOTICE OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Genealogical Society of Ireland will take place on **Tuesday 8th March 2016** at 20.00hrs in the lecture hall at the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

Members who are fully paid-up are entitled to participate in the proceedings at the AGM and to vote or be elected to the Board of Directors. If you are uncertain of your membership standing please contact Barry O'Connor, Membership Director, by email: membership@familyhistory.ie or enquire at the meeting.



Stan Zamyatin
Éilíne

Perfect gift for St. Patrick's Day

OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 8 March—20.00hrs (AGM)

Tuesday 12 April—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 23 March—10.30hrs

Wednesday 27 April—10.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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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 Mucross Abbey and the river Dargle at Bray are also included.

Annual Report

The following is the Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Genealogical Society of Ireland Limited adopted by the Board at its meeting of March 3rd 2016 under *Res: 16/03/227*. As usual the Annual Report covers the period from AGM to AGM, however, the Annual Financial Report is for P.E. 31.12.2015.

The Board of the Society met twelve times during the year to deal with the day-to-day business of the Society. In addition to attending these meetings each of the directors undertook duties associated with their various portfolios including organising eleven Morning Open Meetings and twelve Evening Open Meetings, the latter with guest speakers arranged by the Director of the GSI Lecture Programme.

In addition to the Annual Journal which was published in April 2015 the Society published twelve issues of its newsletter 'Ireland's Genealogical Gazette' and its readership figures continued to be very strong throughout the year especially on-line where it was available in pdf format. The newsletter has been central to all the Society's legislative campaigns.

The Society's Archives and Research Centre – *An Daoncharlann* - located at the Carlisle Pier, Dún Laoghaire, was extremely busy throughout the year. The facility was open to the public two days each week during the year, with the exception of the Christmas / New Year period, and open all through Heritage Week. The on-line resources available at the Society's Archives and Research Centre have been greatly expanded. The work is on-going to fully catalogue the Society's collections.

The Society continues to campaign for the establishment of an 'Irish Institute of Genealogical and Heraldic Studies – incorporating a Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies' in Dún Laoghaire and the Society will continue to work with the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company and the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council on this proposal.

The Society's Outreach Policy involved the Society's participation in a number of exhibitions, including the *Back to Our Past* event at the RDS and several others around the country, both in Northern Ireland and in the Republic. The Society had stands at various community festivals and local history events and held a very successful 1916 Rising Commemorative Concert in conjunction with Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council featuring "The Bonny Men" in the Pavilion Theatre on Feb. 26th 2015.

The Society is a member of FIAV – the *International Federation of Vexillological Associations* and the CEO of Vexillology Ireland attended the International Congress of Vexillology in Sydney, Australia in September 2015. The Society's two branches, Vexillology Ireland and Heraldry Ireland, continue to deal with these specific aspects of the Society's many and varied activities.

The Society's website, our Facebook page and Twitter account continue to be valuable components in the promotion of the activities of the Society, its legislative campaigns and Irish genealogy in general.

The *Irish DNA Atlas Project*, operated in conjunction with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland has continued to produce very interesting and promising data for this unique academic genetic genealogy research project.

The 2015 Annual General Meeting placed a cap of ten on the numbers of persons that can be Directors of the Society at any one time. That AGM elected nine Directors and one resigned during the year.

In addition to the above, the outgoing Board dealt with matters relating to the Society's membership of the Federation of Family History Societies; The Wheel; Integrating Ireland and such matters relating to the Society's Sectoral Representation on the Strategic Policy Committee on Community Development, Culture & Ageing of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

The Board also complied with its statutory obligations in respect of the *Companies Act, 2014*, its position as a Registered Charity and as a Nominating Body for Seanad Éireann.

Michael Merrigan, MA, FGSI, General Secretary

Exercise of Authority

When we think of Georgian Dublin we tend to see a city of fine public buildings and elegant town houses of the protestant elite who governed the country from the Houses of Parliament on College Green. A self confident city, the second in the British Empire, with a burgeoning mercantile class and by 1783 with legislative independence, the capital city of a self-governing kingdom. However, in reality for most of the eighteenth century Dublin was a haphazard collection of narrow streets and laneways generally laid out along the lines of the late medieval city.

A new book by Fínnian Ó Cionnaith tells the story of the Dublin Paving Board which was founded in 1774 to bring order to Dublin's streets during. The board was granted sweeping powers by the Irish parliament to deal with traffic congestion, road works, waste removal, public lighting and the menace of anti-social behaviour. Sounds familiar? Well, it gets more so as this eighteenth century quango was, not unlike its twentieth century counterparts, beset by a series of political and financial scandals.

To pay for the various public works each resident was levied with a rate based on the value of their property. One commentator at the time expressed his bewilderment at Dublin Corporation for not protesting such extraordinary powers, stating 'Many people think our city members were asleep when the suffered that clause to pass in the *Paving Act*, which subjects a poor man to two months imprisonment, if he either refuses, or is unable to pay his quota'. Still sounds familiar?

This book follows the early years of the Dublin Paving Board from the view point of one of its key officers – surveyor Thomas Owen. A talented specialist, but with significant professional problems, Owen witnessed both events in the board room and on the streets, supplying information vital to improving the city and acting as a bridge – and a buffer – between the Paving Board's commissioners and the citizens of Dublin. Many city and county officials today would empathize with Mr. Owen.

Ó Cionnaith brings the reader right into the turbulent world of eighteenth-century Dublin from street level, focusing on the small group of men who tried to bring order to the city, charting the political and financial upheaval that followed in their wake.

'Exercise of Authority—Survey Thomas Owen and the paving, cleansing and lighting of Georgian Dublin' by Fínnian Ó Cionnaith (ISBN: 978-1-907002-30-4 : 180pp : P/bk €17.95 : H/bk €29.95) is published by Four Courts Press in conjunction with Dublin City Council. This richly-illustrated book is essential for a complete understanding of Georgian Dublin.

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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 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 over-

seas 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.

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.

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

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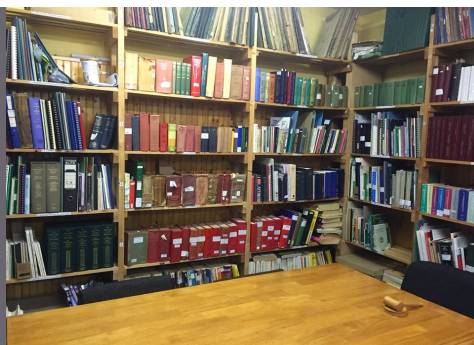
The current issue of Ireland's FREE digital e-Magazine '*Irish Lives Remembered Genealogy*' which is dedicated to helping people trace their Irish Ancestry globally is available free of charge to read or to download on irishlivesremembered.com There is a small charge to read past issues.

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 **Flatecapsandbonnets.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...

EASTER RISING TALKS

The following free talks will take place in dlr Lexicon, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, at 19.00hrs - Thursday 10 March: '*Michael Mallin*' by Brian Hughes; Thursday 24 March: '*Major John McBride*' by Dónal Fallon.

FAMILY HISTORY DAY

Between 09.45hrs and 17.00hrs, the annual Dublin City Library & Archive Family History Day will take place on Saturday 12 March in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Registration 09.45hrs - 10.15hrs with five lectures and a play up to 17.00hrs. Booking not required to attend the Family History Day. Further information from 01-674 4800 or by Email: dublinpubliclibraries@dublincity.ie.

NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

On Tuesday 15 March at 19.30hrs Pat Murphy will present his lecture '*ASGARD on the Road to the Rising and Beyond*' in the National Maritime Museum, Haigh Terrace, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin; on Tuesday 5 April at 19.30hrs Dr. John Treacy will present his lecture '*The Silent Shore, The AUD, Roger Casement and Banna Strand*'.

THE HEART OF DÚN LAOGHAIRE

On Wednesday 16 March at 20.00hrs Colin Scudds will present his lecture '*The Heart of Dún Laoghaire, a Journey through the Streets of the Town from 1960 to the Present*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in The Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Rd., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €3.50.

P.H. PEARSE LECTURE

On Sunday 13 March at 15.00hrs Brian Crowley will present his lecture '*The Strange thing that I am: A look at the life of P.H. Pearse*' in The Museum of Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. Admission free but booking required - call 01-6486453, email: bookings@museum.ie.

JACOB'S GARRISON LECTURE

On Thursday 31 March at 20.00hrs Séamas Ó Maitiú will present his lecture '*The Jacob's Garrison & Portobello Bridge Easter 1916*' to the Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society. In Rathmines

Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6. All welcome - admission €3.00. Car parking in the Swan Centre, evening rate €2 total, 17.00hrs to midnight.

RDS LECTURE

On Wednesday 23 March at 18.30hrs Wolfgang Steinicke will present his lecture 'Lord Rosse and the Deep-Sky Astronomy at Birr Castle - An important step in the history of science' in the RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Admission free but booking essential - call 01-240 7254 or Email: librarydesk@rds.ie.

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

On Wednesday 23 March at 18.00hrs Frank Whearity will present his lecture '*Mary (Molly) Adrien, Cumann na mBan Volunteer, 1916*' to the Old Dublin Society in The Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free. On Saturday 02 April the Society will host a morning seminar '*Remembering 1916*' - a morning of short talks by members, in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. Excellent programme commences at 10.00hrs with seven short talks on various topics relating to the Easter Rising and those who participated in the Rising or witnessed the events of April 1916. Concludes at 13.00hrs. All welcome - admission free.

SPRING INTO HERITAGE

The 'Spring Into Heritage' programme runs from 21 March to 29 May and features free tours of Marlay House, Cabinteely House, Deansgrange Cemetery 1916, The Oratory, the Maritime Museum of Ireland and Dalkey Castle. See www.events.dlrcoco.ie.

GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME

The monthly lectures until June 2016 are as follows: Tuesday March 8th 2016 - *Church of Ireland Family Records* by Derek Neilson. 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

Easter Commemoration Digest

'Easter Commemoration Digest – Centenary Edition 1916 – 2016', Editor & Publisher, **Seán McBrinn**, published by Graphic Publication. This is a newly published 190 page Reader's Digest sized publication containing over thirty-six fascinating articles. Originally published between 1958 and 1974 by **Patrick McBrinn** on aspects of the 1916 Rising and the War of Independence and no republished by his son **Seán McBrinn**. Some of the articles in this issue include 'The Michael Collins Cover-up! Who Shot Michael Collins and why the cover up?' by former Dublin Lord Mayor **Seán Keating**, tells the remarkable tale about the destruction of a file relating to the August 1922 shooting of Michael Collins at Béal na Bláth, ordered by Minister of Defense **Desmond Fitzgerald** in March 1932 on the grounds that the documents in it contained information which might lead to the loss of life if disclosed to unauthorised persons. In his account of the cover up, **Keating** makes the point that no formal state investigation into the death of Michael Collins was or has even been carried out and that sadly the one man who fought hard to had this done, **Brigadier Seán Hales**, was assassinated in December 1922. In dealing with the shooting of Michael Collins, **Keating** advances a long list of questions which challenge the traditional accounts given about this incident and poses some interesting questions which may bring closure to this tragic event. **Aengus Ó Snodaigh, T.D.**, tells of his journey of discovery to highlight the vital role of women involved in the 1916 Easter Rising in 'Margaret Skinnider – the only female combatant wounded in the Rising of 1916'. **Skinnider** received four bullet wounds during the Rising. Serving with **Cumann na mBan** during the War of Independence, she was imprisoned during the Civil War and took part in two hunger strikes. Returning to teaching in 1928, she was elected President of the Irish National Teachers Union in 1956 and died in October 1971, aged 79, and was buried in the Republican Plot in Glasnevin Cemetery. 'Daring Exploits of a Dublin Taxi Driver with Michael Collins' recalls the exploits of taxi men **Joseph** and **Batty Highland**, as told to **Patrick McBrinn** in 1970, who drove Collins around Dublin in a taxi under the noses of the authorities. **Stephen Ferguson**, Assistant Secretary of An Post, in 'The Attack on the GPO Telegraph Room – Easter Monday 1916' recalls the pivotal role played by the GPO during the 1916 Rising and in particular the crucial part played by the GPO staff in maintaining vital communication links. **W.J. Brennan-Whitmore**, a Commandant on the General Staff Office, was the officer commanding the North Earl Street Area during Easter 1916 recalls in 'Dublin Burning' a scene which etched itself on his memory. In 'Richmond Barracks' **Eadaoin Ní Chléirigh** describes the history of this barracks, first built in 1814 for the British Army and later used to hold over 3000 Rebels during the 1916 Rising, now being restored and due to be opened to the public on May 2nd this year. **Patrick McBrinn** in 'Dublin's Grim Bastille' describes a visit he made to **Kilmainham Gaol** while it was being converted into a National Museum. This is just a selection of some of the fascinating articles on the momentous events of the revolutionary period. A really excellent publication. **James Scannell**

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

National Library Research Service

The Genealogical Society of Ireland congratulates our friends at Ancestor Network and Eneclann who have been appointed by the National Library of Ireland to provide the highly popular genealogy advisory service for the period covering the 1916 Centenary Commemorations (from 15th February 2016 to 29th April 2016). This is the 5th consecutive year this consortium of Ireland's two leading family history companies returns to the National Library of Ireland to provide this popular service. The two companies have a combined team of thirty full-time professional Irish genealogists to provide this world-class service. One member of the genealogy advisory services team will be available along with staff of the National Library of Ireland from 15th February 2016 to 29th April 2016 Monday through Friday, 09.30hrs to 17.00hrs. These expert professional genealogists advise and assist visitors with their genealogical research and enquiries in the National Library and other repositories which are relevant to their research. They also assist users with online resources and printing. These records include for example the recently digitised Irish Roman Catholic parish records as well as many other popular genealogical websites. The expert genealogists also respond to email, telephone and letter enquiries for those physically unable to visit the National Library. www.nli.ie

Précis of the February Lecture

The February talk, on the life and political activity of 'Walter Carpenter 1872-1926', was given by GSI member **Charles Callan**. **Walter Carpenter**, born in Lee, Kent, in 1872, after marriage to a Dublin woman in the 1890s settled in Sussex Street, Kingstown and lived there until 1909. Like his father he was a self-employed chimney sweep. Up to 1909 whenever he came to public attention it was in connection with the temperance movement and local municipal reform. A Socialist Party of Ireland (SPI) founder in mid 1909, he was its secretary from early 1911. During the Royal visit that year he served a month in prison. When the SPI became the Independent Labour Party Ireland (ILPI) from Easter 1912 he continued as its secretary. When the SPI (revived in 1917) became the Communist Party of Ireland in 1921 he served as its secretary too. In 1914 and again in 1920 he unsuccessfully contested the **Fitzwilliam Ward** in Dublin as the SPI standard bearer. From 1913 to 1925 he was secretary of the Irish Garment Workers' Industrial Union, bring its membership from about 50 in 1913 to over 900 in 1919. **Walter Carpenter** died in

February 1926. His sons **Walter** (1895-1970) and **Peter** (1898-1984) participated in the 1916 Rebellion as members of the Irish Citizen Army.

RICHARD FLATMAN RIP

The President, Cathaoirleach and Board of the Genealogical Society of Ireland were deeply saddened to learn of the death on March 3rd 2016 of **Richard Flatman** of the Irish Family History Society. **Mr. Flatman** was a founder member of the IFHS and a tireless member of that society's committee until 2014 when he retired due to ill health. He served variously as Chairman, Editor and finally as Hon. Treasurer of the IFHS. **Mr. Flatman** was this Society's first ever guest speaker back in 1991 when he delivered a lecture on the records of the General Register Office to a packed audience at the Hotel Victor (now Rochestown Lodge Hotel) in Dún Laoghaire. Our deepest condolences to his family, friends and the members of the IFHS.

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FREE RESEARCH ADVICE

An Daoncharlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre at the historic Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire is open, as per the Society's 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 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