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All Packed Up & Nowhere to Go!



The Society's Archive and Research Centre at the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire is now closed with all the collections packed and ready to move to storage.

The Society is complying with a ‘Notice to Quit’ issued by the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company. It is the intention of the Harbour Company to have the premises available for commercial letting.

County Councillors, Teachtaí Dála (MPs), Senators and indeed, government ministers have supported the call for a new premises to be found for this unique facility. Talks with the

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council have, thus far, failed to identify a suitable building from amongst a number of unused Council owned buildings. Public concern, anger and disbelief, have all been vented on Facebook and Twitter with many citing the vacant Old Carnegie Library or space in the dlr Lexicon as possibilities. Attempts to effectively commercialise the space at the Old Carnegie Library were unanimously blocked by County Councillors in Dún Laoghaire who insisted that the building must be for public and community use. The search continues for a suitable building for this heritage and educational facility.

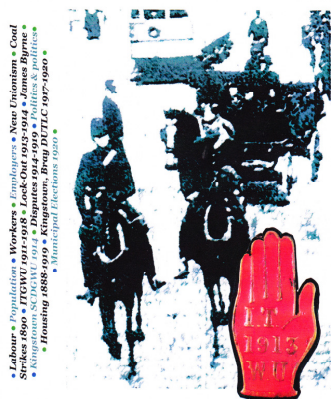
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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday March 14th 2017 at 20.00hrs in the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

The AGM and the lecture thereafter are open to the public, however, only fully paid up members can participate in the AGM, vote or stand for election. The Director of Membership Services, Barry O'Connor, will be on hand to check your membership status on request. *General Secretary*

Labour in Kingstown 1890-1920



Charles Callan

‘Labour in Kingstown’ Price €10.00

OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 14 February—20.00hrs

Tuesday 14 March (AGM)—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 22 February—10.30hrs

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Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?

If you are thinking of starting your family history research and just don't know where to start, don't despair as Eddie and his team are on hand to show you the ropes.

Whilst the Society does not undertake commercial research assignments, it does provide research advice to enable you to take a D.I.Y. approach to your research.

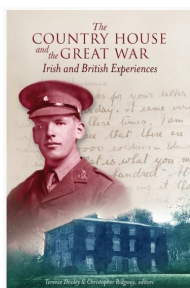
Also, please note that the Eddie and his team travel around the country promoting the study of genealogy. For more information on the Society's Outreach Programme see the article on page 4



Eddie Gahan and his Team ready to discuss your Family History Research

The Country House and the Great War

'The Country House and the Great War—Irish and British Experiences' (ISBN 978-1-84682-617-7 : 208pp : B+W ills. : P/bk : Web Price €22.45) Terence Dooley and Christopher Ridgeway, Editors and published by **Four Courts Press** explores the little known world behind the gates of the "Big House". In Ireland our social narrative on the "Big House" is variously depicted in terms of agrarian struggles, landlordism, rack-rents, evictions, cruelty, excessive privilege and, of course, local employment.



Terence Dooley and Christopher Ridgeway in their introduction to this excellent collection of essays note that the publication of this book in the decade of centenaries is both timely and significant as there is a renewed interest in the country houses and the families that occupied them during World War I and, of course, in Ireland during and after the revolutionary period.

The essays are as follows: Fergal Browne (ind), *'The Death of the Pallestown heir: Lt. Robert Heard, Irish Guards'*; Edward Bujack (Harlaxton College), *'Air Power and the country house elite'*; Philip Bull (La Trobe U, Melbourne), *'Behind the front in France: the story of the heir to Monksgrange'*; Fidelma Byrne (Maynooth U), *'The impact of the Great War on the Acton and the French families'*; Caroline Carr-Whitworth (English Heritage), *'Captains and cowmen: Brodsworth Hall's community during the Great War'*; Ian d'Alton (TCD), *'Norman Leslie's short war'*; Ronan Foley (Maynooth U), *'Augusta Bellingham and the Mount Stuart Hospital'*; Dónal Hall (ind), *'The Bellingham family of Castlebellingham, Co. Louth, 1914-24'*; Paul Holden (Lanhydrock, Cornwall), *'Lanhydrock: a Cornish parish torn apart'*; Christopher Hunwick (Alnwick Castle), *'The Percy family and their staff in the Great War'*; Brett Irwin (ind), *'Lady Londonderry and the Great War: women, work and the Western Front'*; Colm McQuinn (Fingal County Council), *'The Hely-Hutchinson brothers of Seafield and the Great War'*; Ida Milne (Maynooth U), *'King Elmes: a Wexford Protestant doctor dies in Messines'*; David Murphy (Maynooth U), *'T.E. Lawrence, Pierce Joyce and the Great War in the Middle East'*; Ciarán Reilly (Maynooth U), *'William Upton Tyrrell and the Great War'*; and Dawn Webster (Kiplin Hall, North Yorkshire), *'The Talbot family at war'*. **Terence Dooley** is director of the Centre for Historic Irish Houses and Estates, Maynooth University. **Christopher Ridgeway** is curator at Castle Howard in Yorkshire. Together they co-edited *'The Irish country house: its past, present and future'* (2015).

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Irish Traveller Culture

The Expert Workshop for February 2017 welcomes Michael & Ellen McDonagh in a workshop on Irish Traveller culture. Time: 15.00hrs – 17.00hrs Date: Friday 17th February 2017. Venue: Royal Irish Academy, 19 Dawson street, Dublin 2 Synopsis: Who are Irish Travellers, and where do they fit in today's society? Come and learn about the origins of Irish Travellers, their unique culture, language and heritage. Take the opportunity to engage with traditional Travellers who are open to share their lives with you. It will also be your chance to ask any questions you have about Irish Travellers. **Ellen McDonagh** is a member of the Traveller community, Ellen has worked as a community activist, pre-school teacher, and community development worker for the Meath Travellers Workshop. She is passionate about Traveller culture and enjoys working with

other cultures and community groups to create better cultural awareness and celebrate diversity in a mutually comfortable way. **Michael McDonagh, B.A. N.U.I.** is also a member of the Traveller community, Michael is an expert on Traveller history and culture. He has a passion for the retention of Traveller and Roma identity. A community activist, he is a founder/ board member on national and international organisations including Minceir Misle; the National Council for Travelling People; the Traveller Prison Initiative Steering Group, and Chairperson of the National Traveller Partnership. This is a free ticketed event and therefore, to reserve your place please email: fiona.fitzsimons@eneclann.ie The Expert Workshops for CPD are open to everyone interested in Irish social history and research, with an emphasis on Family History.

January Lecture

Dr Mary Clark, Dublin City Archivist made a welcome return as our guest speaker at the Society's January open meeting.

Dublin City Council has been governed by its own elected representatives since the 12th century. Dr Clark used the opportunity to promote the considerable research resource generated over eight centuries and that is now available digitally on-line from the City Council.

The Archives contain records of the city's government from the late 12th century to the late 20th century. In addition to maps and plans that document the development of the city, these records also include City Council and committee minutes, correspondence, title deeds, correspondence, account books and a vast quantity of reports of various types.

She paid particular attention to explaining the importance, not just to Ireland but to the wider medieval Europe, of the Dublin Guild Merchant Roll dating from 1190 to 1265. The Roll consists of 43 parchments with the names of some 8,500 men and three women admitted to the merchant guild of Dublin.

It provides important detail of trading links not just within these islands but with Scandinavia, Spain, Italy and what is modern Germany.

Also included is detail of member's occupations and place names. O'Brien was the most common surname.

The database, which has a search facility, was developed in cooperation with Trinity College Dublin (TCD) and involved digital imagery, scanning and digital photography.

She also briefly outlined other Dublin City databases. These include some cemetery records, electoral rolls, plaques and memorials and Dublin City Fire Brigade's log book.

Because of data protection issues, electoral rolls unfortunately have had to be removed from the City Council's website but are available to consult manually in the city libraries.

Further information is available at www.databases.dublincity.ie

Séamus Moriarty, FGSI

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 available for under 25s and students at recognised genealogy courses.

PARKING AT DFEI

Car-parking facilities at the **Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute**. The best 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 checkout www.dfei.ie

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

IDEAL GIFT IDEAS

Genealogists and local historians are relatively easy souls to please when it comes to gifts—books! So if you have a birthday gift to buy—think books by our Members. Much of the research for these books was undertaken at the Society's Archive & Research Centre—*An Daonchartlann*.

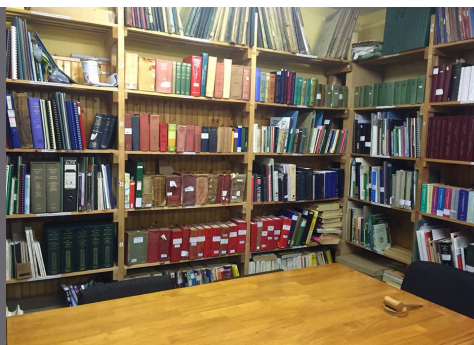
'Victorian Dún Laoghaire' by Tom Conlon—excellent local history of the town and the first to deal extensively with the poor and "the courts" where they lived. Price: €20.00

'Labour in Kingstown, 1890-1920' by Charlie Callan—explores a much neglected subject—the working class of Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire and the development of organised labour and its political representation. Price: €10.00 (published privately contact: chascallan@gmail.com)

'Twice Built—The Construction of St. Patrick's Church, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, 1861-66' by Tom Conlon. An intriguing story of "church politics" surrounding the building of a parish church in Dublin. Price €12.00



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

JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS...

WW2 GERMAN INTELLIGENCE GATHERING IN IRELAND

At 20.00hrs on Thursday 16 February James Scannell will present his lecture 'Captain Hermann Görtz: The German WW2 intelligence gatherer who landed in uniform' to the Bray Cualann Historical Society in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission €5.00

WESTERN FRONT ASSOCIATION (DUBLIN BRANCH)

At 14.30hrs on Saturday 18 February Ms. Rachel Abraham will present her lecture 'A World Without Men: Women of the Home Front' to the Association in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. All welcome - €3.00 donation appreciated.

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

At 18.00hrs on Wednesday 22 February Gregory Young will present his lecture 'Francis Smyth and Sons, umbrella manufacturers in Dublin, 1836 – 1967' to the Society in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome – admission free. At 18.00hrs on Wednesday 08 March Mark Davies will present his lecture "King of all Balloons": the first flight across the Irish Sea to Holyhead in 1817 and other aerial escapades" in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive. All welcome – admission free.

RATHMICHAEL HIST. SOC.

At 20.00hrs on Wednesday 01 March Ms. Theresa Hicks will present her lecture 'The Kennedys of Mount Kennedy' to the Society in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €4.00

THE BRABAZON FAMILY

At 20.00hrs on Tuesday 08 March The Earl of Meath will speak on 'The Brabazon Family History & Kilruddery House and Gardens' to the Kilmacanogue History Society in the Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission €3.00

DÚN LAOGHAIRE BORO HIST. SOC.

At 20.00hrs on Wednesday 15 February Andy Mooney will present his lecture 'The

Man Monkstown Forgot: the story of a man who left to work with some of the world's greatest railway engineers, and became a great sportsman, soldier, and politician in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €3.00

KILMACUD STILLORGAN LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At 20.00hrs on Thursday 09 March Bryan MacMahon will present his lecture 'Captain Flora Sandes: an Irishwoman in the Serbian Army in the Great War' to the Society in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome – Contribution €3.00

MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY OF IRELAND

At 20.00hrs on Friday 10 March Dr. Bernard Kelly will present his lecture 'Belligerent Internment in Ireland during the Second World War' to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

GSI Lecture Programme

On **Tuesday February 14th 2017**, the topic will be 'Defence Forces: Developments at the Military Archives 2017' by Captain Daniel Ayiotis of the Military Archives, Dublin.

On **Tuesday March 14th 2017**, the topic will be 'National Library Ireland : The Manuscript Collections of the Genealogical Office' by Ciara Kerrigan of the National Library of Ireland.

Please note the advice regarding 'Parking at DFEI' on panel to the left on this page.

Tony O'Hara welcomes any of your comments on the Society's lecture programme as this will help us improve the programme.

Forward any suggestions that you may have for topics or guest speakers by email to Tony O'Hara, MGSI, Director of the Society's Lecture Programme at toharadsl@gmail.com

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].

Local History Journal Review

Local History Journals are always a very useful resource for genealogists, however, the importance of these journals in providing invaluable insights into the social history of an area is frequently overlooked by genealogists and others.

'*Dun Laoghaire Journal No.26 – 2017*' is published by the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society ISSN 0791-3680 and priced at €6.00

Variety of content covering a diverse range of subjects is the feature of this year's journal in which - Brendan McGovern in 'Bellevue Park' provides a brief history of this former house built in the 1830s and some of its residents, better known today as Cluny Convent.

Those who served as TDs for Dún Laoghaire since 1947 when the seven seat of Dublin South was abolished and replaced by the initial three seat of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown which over time has been reconfigured as four and five seat constituency, are recalled by Brian Smith in 'The Election of TDs for Dún Laoghaire'.

Anna Scudds contributes a brief history of 'Beeches Lawn Tennis Club, Glenageary'; Séamas Cannon looks at 'Some Local Placenames and Street Signs'; Rosaleen Hicks highlights 'Hicks of Dún Laoghaire – Celebrating 90 years in business', while James Scannell continues his long running article 'Dún Laoghaire – Prelude to the Emergency'.

The important role that The Gas Company Theatre contributed to the cultural life of the town and acted as a training ground for numerous performers who went to achieve greater things is highlighted by Mary Grogan in 'The Gas Company Theatre, Dún Laoghaire'.

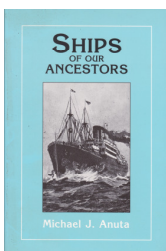
Cormac F. Lowth provides a fascinating biography of his great great grandfather in 'Inspector Thomas Lowth, D.M.P.' which includes a selection of the cases he was involved in. Another family article is provided by Marilyn Walsh in 'Walking with my Aunt' based on a family photograph taken by a Dún Laoghaire seafaring street photographer in the 1960s.

Colin Scudds in 'Dún Laoghaire's Iron Age' looks at the various type of ornamental metal work that can be found throughout the town which enhances the appearance of the town and embellishes the streetscape.

All in all, the publication committee of Mona O'Donnell, Séamus O'Connor, Anna and Colin Scudds, have managed to produce another excellent issue of this journal which records various aspects of the town's past, copies of which can be obtained from local booksellers, or from the Society at its month meetings in the Royal Marine Hotel, or via their web-site www.dunlaoghairehistorical.com. Back issues of journals 15 to 25 also available. *James Scannell*

Checkout the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

SHIPS, MARINERS, PASSENGERS AND EMIGRANTS



With much talk of emigrants and emigration on both sides of the Atlantic these days, it's worth remembering that emigration and migration is part of the human story from the beginning. For anybody seeking photographs of the vessels and in particular, those crossing the North Atlantic from Europe to the United States and Canada carrying emigrants and general passengers, checkout: '*Ships of our Ancestors*' by Michael J. Anuta and published by the Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc, ISBN 978-08063-1381-1. Another set of records that may also be of interest are the '*Records of the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, 1860-1921*'. This database from the National Archives of Ireland provides a wealth of information on shipping activities and the people who sailed in them. It provides crew lists, and agreements with seamen regarding wage rates, conditions of service and related information, of ships registered in

what is now the Republic of Ireland between 1860 and 1921. These records came to the National Archives of Ireland in 1971 and 1978 from the Board of Trade in the United Kingdom. See: <http://census.nationalarchives.ie/search/cl/home.jsp>

GSI Outreach Programme

The Society's Director of the Outreach Programme, Eddie Gahan, took the Society northward again this month for '*The Belfast Telegraph Holiday World Show*' at the Titanic Centre which was held on January 20th, 21st and 22nd, 2017.

The Society's stand at this event was extremely popular with the thousands of visitors to the show. Eddie would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who travelled up to Belfast to help out on the stand. It was a great success.

Over the coming months, although, the Archive and Research Centre is closed and the collections and shared online resources currently inaccessible, Eddie and his very dedicated team will continue to roll-out an ever-expanding Outreach Programme.

Local History Societies, Ladies' Clubs, Active Retirement Clubs and others are constantly seeking the Society's presence

at events or to give talks on genealogy and related subjects. The Society considers its Outreach Programme as an essential free service to the public.

If you would like to help out with the Outreach Programme contact Eddie on eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com

IRISH DNA ATLAS

The Irish DNA Atlas is collaborative academic project undertaken by Prof. Gianpietro Cavalleri and Edmund Gilbert, PhD student, of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and Séamus O'Reilly, Michael Merrigan, Dr. 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. Contact **Séamus O'Reilly**, FGSi by e-mail on Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie Please check-out the project newsletter on the website.

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FREE RESEARCH ADVICE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre in Dún Laoghaire is now closed. The Society is currently looking for a new home for its collections and its research facilities.

Up to the time of closure, the use of our extensive archival resources was reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership was available for €5.00.

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.

The Board of the Society sought space in the dlr Lexicon in order to provide the above services on Wednesdays and Saturdays, however, the County Librarian for Dún Laoghaire Rathdown was not in a position to provide any space to the Society.

The Board of the Society will continue to search for an alternative venue to provide this very popular and much needed service to Members and the public in Dún Laoghaire, if available space can be found, or in the City of Dublin. Please check the Society's website for updates—www.familyhistory.ie