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An Daonchartlann Open Again!

The Society's Archive and Research Centre—An Daonchartlann—is open again in a new location thanks to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and especially, to its Chief Executive, Philomena Poole, who greatly valued the work of the Society in an "age friendly county".

The facility was previously located at the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire until February of this year when it had to close to allow the premises be offered for commercial letting by Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company. Planning Permission for a car wash operation on the site has been subsequently granted.

In the interim the Society's collections and furniture were stored by the County Council at Cabinteely House—a beautiful 18th century mansion owned by the Council.

The new premises is a modular building in a secluded and secure location in the grounds of Loughlinstown Leisure Centre. Members can now have a swim, a workout and a coffee or snack, all on the same campus.

Located on Loughlinstown Drive, off Wyattville Road, the Leisure Centre is on the Dublin Bus routes 7A and 111, the latter linking the DART and the LUAS. There is plenty of free carparking. The building is well fitted out for our needs with plenty of space and good facilities for archives, computers etc.

The Board organised a 'meitheal' to take all of the items from Cabinteely house with circa twenty-five Members volunteering to load, transport and unload the thousands of books, manuscript collections, computer equipment and

furniture. A very big thank you to all concerned—a wonderful job carried out with near military precision—well done!

The Society's Director of Archival Services, Lua Ó Scolai, and his team are now embarking on the huge task of sorting and shelving the collections for use by Members and visitors to the facility in Loughlinstown.

The first day of operation will be Wednesday 12th of July when the computer room will be accessible to Members and visitors. The other areas of An Daonchartlann will come back into operation as the work of sorting and shelving progresses over the coming weeks.

The Society's Director of Finance, Billy Saunderson, advised the Directors at the July meeting of the Board that, the temporary closure over the past six months and the relocation costs had, quite understandably, a very significant impact on the Society's finances.

As a voluntary heritage and cultural body with charitable status, the Society has been wholly dependent on its Membership Subscriptions and occasional donations from Members and well-wishers. Indeed, in previous relocations of the Archive and Research Centre, the Society's Members have come forward with generous donations to keep the Society's services freely accessible to the general public. We ask our Members and friends to kindly assist the Society, once again, by making a donation, no matter how small, to the Society to help fund the relocation and reopening costs. Details of where to send the donations are on page 2. *Thank You!*

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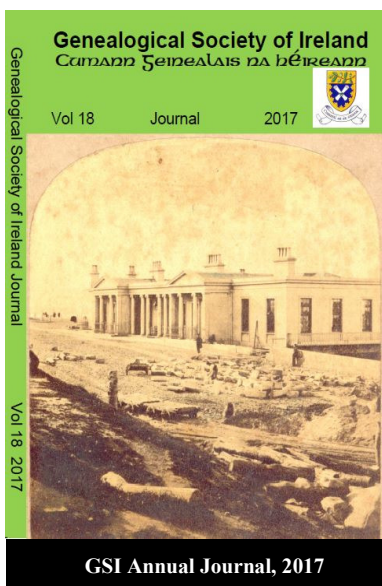
Brendan Hall, MGSI, RIP

It was with great sadness that the Society learned of the passing of our dear friend and former Board Member, Brendan Hall, on Monday 19th June 2017 at The Beacon Hospital, Dublin.

Brendan's extensive research and publications made a very significant contribution to Irish genealogy, military and local history. He was an extremely knowledgeable researcher who was always ready to assist and guide others in their research.

In recognition of Brendan's contribution to the work of this Society, the Board has named the Society's consolidated index of articles published in the Journal and the 'Gazette' as the 'Hall's Index'.

The Society sends its deepest condolences to his brothers Kevin and Donal, sister Sheila O'Donoghue, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends. RIP



OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 11 July—20.00hrs

Tuesday 8 August—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 26 July—10.30hrs

Wednesday 23 August—10.30hrs

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 Eddie and his team travel around the country promoting the study of genealogy. For more information on the Society's Outreach Programme contact eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com



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

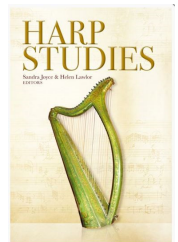
'Harp Studies—Perspectives on the Irish Harp'

'*Harp Studies - Perspectives on the Irish harp*', Sandra Joyce & Helen Lawlor, editors and published by Four Courts Press, Dublin. (ISBN: 978-1-84682-588-0 : H/bk : 302pp; colour ills : Price: €40.00 : Web Price €36.00). Most Irish people and indeed, those of Irish ancestry, recognise the harp as the main symbol of Ireland, it's everywhere from our coins, passports, government departments, state agencies, the courts and, of course, on coats-of-arms used by local government, educational institutions and sports bodies throughout the country. Ireland is the only county in the world to exclusively use a musical instrument as its national symbol and indeed, the earliest coat-of-arms bearing the harp and attributed to Ireland is in the Wijnbergen Armorial from circa 1270-1285. There may have been earlier reference to the use of the harp as a symbol for Ireland, but none have survived.

Much has been written on the heraldic and vexillological depiction of the harp in Ireland and, of course, its use from 1541 by the English and later British monarchy. Military historians have also explored the use of the harp in military banners, insignia and cap badges by the Irish regiments in the British Army. The harp was both a symbol of loyalty to the British Crown and rebellion against, the distinction usually made by the absence or otherwise of the crown over the harp. This is where most of us tend to take the harp and its symbolism for granted and yet, this instrument and its place in the story of our peoples has long required a multidisciplinary study to fully understand and appreciate its unique place in our history, culture and identity.

Harp studies presents new research on the Irish harp with perspectives from the disciplines of ethnomusicology, musicology, history, arts practice, folklore and cultural studies. Themes explored in this volume include iconography, reception history, diaspora, identity, spirituality and politics. Taking an expansive view of the harp through history and music, these essays individually engage with the variety of ways in which the harp has been interpreted and implicated in Irish culture, politics and music from the 9th century to the present day. All excellently researched and wonderfully presented.

This collection of essays explores aspects of our shared history and cultural narrative that enhances our knowledge, appreciation and awareness of our heritage and national identity. Editors: **Sandra Joyce** is director of the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, University of Limerick. **Helen Lawlor** lectures in music at Dundalk Institute of Technology and plays Irish harp.



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International Congress in London



Last month we reported on Stan Zamyatin's projects as head of Flag and Heraldic Studies at the GSI. He was finalising his paper on the "County Flags of Ireland" which he will give in August at the 27th International Congress of Vexillology (ICV) in London.

The ICV will be held between 7th and 11th of August at the Imperial College, Kensington, London and the GSI will, once again, represent Ireland at this prestigious international congress.

The Society's presence at the ICV this year is particularly significant as we are bidding to host the ICV in Dún Laoghaire and Dublin in 2021. In 2021, Ireland will mark the centenary of the Truce which brought an end to the War of Independence and, of course, it will also be the centenary of Dún Laoghaire. In 1920 the Urban Council in Kingstown changed its name

to Dún Laoghaire Urban District Council, however, it was another year before the Town could be renamed and a further three years before the Harbour was renamed.



The Society is hoping to have our attendance at this Congress sponsored and indeed, it is grateful for the support it received from Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council for attendance at the previous ICV in Sydney, Australia, at which, the initial bid was launched.

The Society's bid had to be broadened to include Dublin City and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown as excellent joint locations for the ICV in 2021.

The delegates at the London ICV will decide on the bids for the 2021 ICV—hopefully, Ireland will be successful. See: www.icv27.co.uk

Checkout *Heraldry Ireland* and *Vexillology Ireland* on the links below:

www.facebook.com/Herarldy.Ireland
www.facebook.com/Flags.Ireland

'Ireland's Military Story'

'*Ireland's Military Story*', published 4 times a year, by Reville Publications Ltd., is Ireland's only Irish military history magazine.

The articles in the Summer issue which are people focussed rather than event focussed include Dispatches – news round-up, 'The Battle of Wijtschate – Messines Ridge – When the 16th (Irish) and the 36th (Ulster) Divisions fought side by side' by Tom Burke, an interview with US Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander Brian Duffy about his military service and service with that organisation and the role that it currently plays, 'Emergency Over Irish Skies – Bombing Incidents' by AP (Tony) Kearns who recalls incidents when bombs from German aircraft fell on Ireland, 'On A War Footing – The Emergency Years (Part 3)' by Lt. Col. Ned Cusack (Ret) continues his story of service with the Army during the Emergency, 'My Grandfather's War' – William Egan, RAMC, from Dunganarvan, Co. Waterford' by Patricia Harty outlines her grandfather's WW1 service; while in 'Delta13Charlie – A Blackhorse Irishman in Vietnam – Part 2', Michael Coyne continues his story of serving in Vietnam in the late 1960s at the height of this conflict while John Morewood provides an outline of the life and mysterious death of 'An Irish General in the Peninsula War and Waterloo – Maj.-Gen. Sir William Ponsonby.' Other articles look at the uniform and weapons of a British Army Officer in 1917, the Athlone Castle Visitors Centre, the Ordnance Quick-Firing 18 pounder artillery gun, Kinnity Castle Hotel, the annual O.N.E. Annual Fuchsia Appeal, the Calendar of Events, and Books on the Shelves.

Copies of this quarterly magazine can be ordered from newsgagents – annual subscriptions available from Reville Publications, PO Box 1078, Maynooth, Co. Kildare or visit www.irelandsmilitarystory.ie

James Scannell

DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY

The recent six month temporary closure and the associated relocation costs have been a heavy burden on the finances of the Society, a registered charity in Ireland.

The Board is now considering options for fund raising and grant applications. In the meantime it was decided to appeal to our Members and friends for help in defraying these exceptional costs.

Donations can be made on-line via the Society's website or by cheque payable to the *Genealogical Society of Ireland* and sent to: Mr. Billy Saunderson, Director of Finance, GSI, "Suzkar", Killiney Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin, A96 CR60, Ireland.

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*.

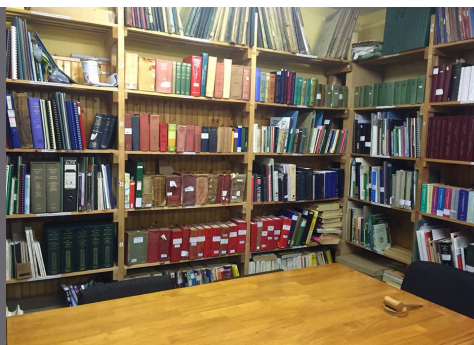
'Victorian Dún Laoghaire' by Tom Conlon—excellent local history of the town and the first to deal extensively with the poor and "the courts" where they lived. Price: €20.00

'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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GSI Archival Collections soon to be available in a new premises at Loughlinstown

JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS...

MAYO PEACE PARK

At 12.00hrs on Monday 31 July there will be a Commemoration Ceremony to mark the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Passchendaele followed at 14.00hrs by a graveside ceremony in Temple Cemetery, Charlestown, Co. Mayo, in memory of Patrick Doherty who died aged 20, during this battle.

FRIEND AND FOE, 1917

During the night of August 4/5, 1917 three Dunmore, Co. Waterford, fishermen, on hearing an explosion at sea, set out through the recently laid mines in Waterford Harbour to search for survivors and picked up the only survivor of the thirty man crew of the German submarine *UC-44*. To mark the centenary of this event and to commemorate all those lost at sea in war action in Waterford Harbour in 1917, the Barony of Gaultier Historical Society is hosting a two-day event 'Friend and Foe, 1917: U-Boat activity and rescue in Waterford Harbour' over the weekend of Friday 4 August and Saturday 5 August. The programme includes a memorial walk, an exhibition, a memorial concert, seminar, laying of a wreath at sea, and unveiling of a Memorial Seat and Plaque.

MAJOR WILLIE REDMOND, MP

The centenary of the death of Major William Redmond, brother of John Redmond, M.P., leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party, killed on 7 June 1917 at the battle of Messines, was commemorated with several events including the 8 June launch of an exhibition 'Major William Redmond' in Wexford Town Library at which Jarlath Glynn presented a lecture 'An Extreme Irishman – the life and death of Major Willie Redmond', and the 10 June one-day 'Major Willie Redmond (1861-1917)' seminar organised by the Wexford Historical Society in the Greenacres Art Gallery, Selskar, Wexford, at which the contributors included John Redmond biographer Dermot Meleady, historians Felix Larkin and Martin McDonagh, and Jarlath Glynn, local historian and librarian. On Sunday 11 June Wexford Borough District Council hosted a Ceremony of Remembrance and wreath laying in Redmond Memorial Park. The Irish government was represented Mr. Michael D'Arcy, T.D., and Redmond family by Dr. Mary Green, grand-niece of Major Redmond.

PTE. TERENCE JOSEPH MCMAHON

On Saturday 15 July Balbriggan & District Historical Society will host a Commemoration in honour of Pte. Terence Mc Mahon (1944-1997) from Balbriggan who took part in the Siege of Jadotville in the Congo in 1961. The heroic efforts of the 156 soldiers of the 35th Battalion UN forces who held out against an opposition force of 3000 has only recently been acknowledged. The day will commence with a Commemorative Mass at St. Peter & Paul's Church, Bal-

briggan, Co. Dublin, at 11.30hrs. Celebrant will be Fr. Eugene Taaffe, P.P., assisted by Fr. Liam Cuffe, son of Jadotville veteran Sgt Geoffrey Cuffe. An Irish United Nations Defence Association Colour party will be in attendance. After Mass there will be a parade to George's Square in the company of Mc Mahon family members, St. Patrick's Brass & Reed Band, Community Groups and Jadotville Veterans. Following speeches a Commemorative Plaque will be unveiled by the Mayor of Fingal Cllr. Mary McCamley with the Irish Defence Forces in attendance. Balbriggan & District Historical Society wishes to acknowledge the generous support received for this project from Fingal County Council and Heritage Officer Gerry Clabby.

SUMMER OF HERITAGE 2017

Running until September 3rd is the DLR 'Summer of Heritage 2017' which this year offers over 30 tours – details of these are contained in the brochure available from Dalkey Library and other DLR branch libraries, Dalkey Heritage Centre, the Tourist Information Office in County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, or downloaded from www.dlrevents.ie

GSI Lecture Programme

On **Tuesday July 11th** the topic will be *'The 1901 & 1911 census, BMDs from 1864 onwards, Catholic church records and more'* by Brian Donovan

On **Tuesday August 8th** the topic will be *'Where historical Geography meets Genealogy'* by Brian Hollinshead, MGSI

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. Please forward any suggestions that you may have for topics or guest speakers to **Tony O'Hara, MGSI**, Director of the GSI Lecture Programme at toharadsl@gmail.com

HERITAGE WEEK

Eddie Gahan, MGSI, Director of the Society's Outreach Programme, is seeking volunteers to assist with the operation of the Society's Archive and Research Centre in Loughlinstown during Heritage Week—19th to 27th August 2017. The facility will be open to the public from 10.00hrs to 16.00hrs each day offering free family history research advice. Want to assist? Please contact Eddie by email at eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.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].

Précis of the June Lecture

The title of the 13th June lecture was “*How online sources helped put flesh on the Bones of the Beglan family tree.*” by Mary Beglan.

This was a personal journey for Mary starting around 1996 with the reading of research book for county Longford by David Leahy which identified her great grandfather's name in that county and led her on a chase that continues to this day. Mary showed us the census return for Ardnassagh Co Longford, emphasising the need to look at all returns including the B2 form which helped her identify the relationship between the various people on the form.

Mary also stressed the need to remember that people didn't always go by their Christian name and she gave examples of Eoin for Eugene and Andrew for Brodie as nick names which can be unique to a family. What appears on one form doesn't necessarily mean it will be repeated on another.

Mary used newspaper archives to show how she tracked her great grandfathers' movements around Ireland over time. Some of these notices gave information on previous posting which can help with an occupational timeline and she showed that he moved from Boyle to Ballina to Broadstone over his lifetime.

Some amusing events were shown using the Petty Sessions where the Beglan shop was robbed by two assailants using a fake or toy revolver – this was back in May 1936 as reported in the Irish independent.

Mary supplied a long list of websites as a hand out, which she recommends for researching your family history. The lecture contained a practical demonstration of what can be found on the sites

Mary's talk was a personal journey and I believe that it was representative of what many of us encountered in our search for our ancestors.

The Q & A session at the conclusion, was lively and informative and I believe that everybody went away more informed and well pleased with what they had just learned.

Many thanks Mary

The lecture can be viewed on YouTube and the link is available on our website, as are previous lectures.

Tony O'Hara, MGSI

Checkout the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

AN DAONCHARTLANN IN LOUGHLINSTOWN

Travel Information for visitors to the An Daonchartlann, Loughlinstown Leisure Centre, Loughlinstown Drice, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, A96 XP60.

DART & DUBLIN BUS— Dún Laoghaire DART Station—Bus 111 & 7A from Crofton Road, Bus Stop no. 2036 to Loughlinstown Park, Bus Stop no. 3222

LUAS & DUBLIN BUS—Bride's Glen (Green Line) - Bus 111 from outside the Luas station, Bus Stop no. 7639 to Loughlinstown Park, Bus Stop no. 3222

DUBLIN BUS from City Centre—O'Connell Bridge, Bus Stop no. 273 or Nassau Street, Bus Stop no. 405—Bus 7A to Loughlinstown Park, Bus stop no. 3222

DRIVING— **From the M50** - at Junction 16 follow the signs for Loughlinstown. Straight on through the Cherrywood roundabout, and over the N11 flyover. At the second traffic lights beyond the flyover on Wyattville Road turn right into Loughlinstown Drive. Follow this twisty road for about 1km to Loughlinstown Leisure Centre (very large buildings on right). GSI is behind these buildings. **From N11 southwards** - after Cabinteely junction, and Topaz garage move to left lane and exit left to Wyattville Road. At the second traffic lights on Wyattville Road, turn right into Loughlinstown Drive and follow as above. Checkout www.dlrleisure.ie/Loughlinstown

Mobile Phone Offer for GSI Members



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 - 100 international minutes and 100 international texts.

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- Unlimited texts to any Irish mobile network.
- Unlimited calls to Irish landlines.
- 5GB of internet data.
- 100 international minutes and 100 international texts.

This plan is an 18 month contract.

If you would like to avail of either of the above offers please contact **NICOLE DUFF** at nicole@threegovstaff.com or by phone on 01.687 6013.

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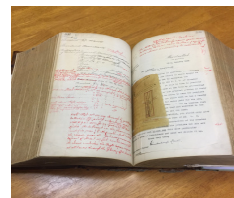
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FREE RESEARCH ADVICE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre is moving to Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin. The new premises is well served by public transport, including the Dublin Bus connection between the LUAS and the DART.

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 Mem-

bers include a number of excellent pay-for-view websites including Findmypast, Forces War Records, Newspapers.com, British Newspaper Archives and Irish Newspaper Archives.

The Board of the Society is currently working on getting the new premises ready for the resumption of the Society's services to its members and the general public at its new location. The Loughlinstown Leisure Centre has ample free car parking and great facilities. Please see www.familyhistory.ie for updates on premises.