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# "Voting to be Citizens, Not Subjects"

Amongst the most significant milestones in the history of Irish democracy are undoubtedly the extension of the franchise to all men over 21 years of age and the introduction of the right to vote for women in February 1918 and the exercise of that franchise in the General Election of December 1918.

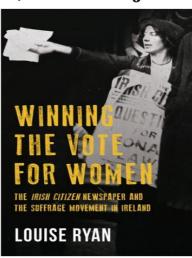
The 'Representation of the People Act, 1918' received Royal Assent on February 6th 1918 and was applied throughout the then United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Although, not all women won the right to vote in 1918, it was confined to those over 30 years of age with certain property qualifications for General Elections and to those over 21 years of age for Local Elections. It also hugely increased the numbers of men eligible to vote as it extended the franchise to all men of 21 years of age and over irrespective of property ownership.

Equality of the franchise was eventually established in Ireland after independence in 1922 and in the United Kingdom in 1928.

As we are continuing to commemorate and mark a 'Decade of Centenaries', the General Election of December 1918 is seen as the "birth of Irish democracy". Although, the party system and parliamentary elections were well bedded in the political life of Ireland having evolved throughout the nineteenth century since Catholic Emancipation in 1829. The difference was the increased franchise and the revolutionary use of this General Election by the electorate to secure independence through the ballot box.

The result was an overwhelming endorsement of the abstentionist platform of Sinn Féin which won 73 of the 105 Irish seats at Westminster

Dollais Shona Asus Atbobliain Fé Mbaise to our Members and Readers around the World



with Unionists securing 25, Home Rule Party 6 and 1 Independent Unionist.

The abstentionist objective was that MPs would refuse to go to London, but establish an Irish parliament in Dublin. Dáil Éireann met for the first time on January 21st 1919 in the Mansion House in Dublin.

The Irish people had overwhelmingly voted to be citizens of an independent Ireland and not subjects of the Crown. They also elected the first women to the United Kingdom parliament, Countess Markievicz, but she refused to go to Westminster.

Next month we commemorate the centenaries of the establishment of the First Dáil and, hopefully with respect to the memory of all involved, the start of the War of Independence.

# **OPEN MEETINGS** Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 11 December-20.00hrs

Tuesday 8 January—20.00hrs

**Royal Marine Hotel** Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 23 January—10.30hrs

Wednesday 27 February —10.30hrs

**Contribution €3.00 p.p.** (including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

GENEALOGY HERALDRY VEXILLOLOGY SOCIAL HISTORY Heritage Matters Book Reviews Open Meetings News & Events

### **DATA PROTECTION**

The Board on May 3rd 2018 adopted the following resolution on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) - *Res: 18/05/1380* 

"That, the Board, in order to make arrangements for compliance with the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which comes into force on May 25th 2018, agrees to place a notice in 'Ireland's Genealogical Gazette' advising Members that the Society holds the following records on its Mem-bers (1) Name; (2) Address; (3) Telephone Number; (4) Email Address and (5) the name of the Associate Member, if applicable, and that such records are **only used** for the purpose of contacting Members on Society matters and for the dispatch of the Monthly Newsletter and the Annual Journal and furthermore, that these records are only held by the Director of Membership Services and are inaccessible to all other persons and that, the Society does not share this information with any other individual or organisation." Records are also held for contractual necessity to deliver paid services.

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### **GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE**

Did you know that this Society operates a "Help Centre" for those researching their family history?

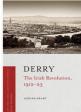
Family history need not be a lonely pilgrimage of discovery with many bumps in a very twisty road of pitfalls. Many of these research problems appear as impenetrable "brick walls" but they are rarely new problems. Many have overcome such and progressed their research with the help and advice of others.

The Society's "Help Centre" is open to the public twice weekly where you can discuss your research problems with experienced researchers who will take you through the available resources. For times and directions please see page 4 of this newsletter.

Have you visited An Daonchartlann at the DLR Loughlinstown Leisure Centre?

### Derry—The Irish Revolution, 1912-23

Keeping with the general theme of marking significant events in the 'Decade of Centenaries' and in particular, the revolutionary period in Ireland and the people associated with the various movements and events, 'Derry—The Irish Revolution, 1912-23' by Adrian Grant (ISBN: 978-1-84682-659-7: p/bk: 192pp: ills: Price €19.95: Web Price



 $\ell$ 17.95), published by Four Courts Press, provides an insightful contribution to the historiography of Derry / Londonderry. Much of this research is based on newly released sources and therefore, of immense value to our understanding of the complex and hugely conflicting historical narratives of this city.

In the early twentieth century the city of Derry with its Catholic majority population and Protestant unionist controlled establishment, was a bitterly contested and divided city. The "Home Rule Crisis" of 1912-1914 exacerbated the intercommunal tensions with the unionist hegemony challenged by an increasingly confident nationalist political movement mobilising to defend Home Rule. The First World War intervened and brought an uneasy calm to the situation as men from the city, Catholic and Protestant, enlisted in the British Army and fought side-by-side on the Western Front and in other theatres of the war.

To the nationalist population the city was the political centre and economic powerhouse of the northwest including the counties of Derry, Donegal and Tyrone. However, for unionism it was to be the second city of a partitioned Ulster and one with huge historical significance to the unionist resistance narrative. These two visions of Derry's future were mutually exclusive with political, social and economic consequences for the city and its two communities and especially, after the General Election of December 1918 with its overwhelming victory for Sinn Féin and the election in 1920 of the city's first nationalist controlled corporation.

While in other parts of Ireland, primarily in the Dublin region and in Munster, the War of Independence (1919-1921) was at its height, sectarian violence flared across the north especially in Belfast and Derry. The realisation that the eity of Derry, with its Catholic majority population, was to end up on the "wrong side" of the border following partition further inflamed the situation.

Part of *The Irish Revolution*, 1912–23 series (Mary Ann Lyons & Daithí Ó Corráin, series editors), this book charts the events of the period, including numerous incidents of sectarian atrocities and state sponsored or directed reprisals, which reads more like a "municipal civil war" an adjunct to the wider conflict, but up close and bitterly personal. The research and level of detail provided will be welcomed by genealogists and local historians and, for those with ancestral or family connections with the city, this is essential reading as it is so much a part of your family history narrative, no matter what side, if any, they were on. In many ways, this book charts the foundations of the conflict in Derry in the latter part of the twentieth century that only came to an end with the 'Belfast Agreements' of 1998.

Adrian Grant is a historical researcher at Ulster University and the author of 'Irish socialist republicanism, 1909–36' (Dublin, 2012).

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# **DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY**

The past eighteen months have been extremely challenging for the Society. The closure of the facility at the Carlisle Pier and the relocation to



Loughlinstown placed a heavy burden on the Society's financial reserves.

It must be remembered that the Society is funded largely by its Membership and donations received from

Fees and the kind donations received from Members and friends at home and overseas.

The Society is a Registered Charity in Ireland and is currently considering options for fund raising and grant applications. The possibility of crowdfunding for specific projects is being considered. However, 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: **Shane O'Brien**, **MGSI**, Director of Finance, GSI, 135, Coolevin, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin, A96 C9F7. The Board would like to sincerely thank the Members and friends of the Society who have already donated. *Many Thanks!* 

### **ARTICLES SOUGHT**

We publish our annual journal of the Society to give members an opportunity to commit the results of their work to the best form of sharing and preservation – the printed word. Good work well done deserves to be preserved, and we want your work to be included.

Genealogy is about researching, documenting, sharing and preserving family history for future generations of people you may never know. The journal will be read by people like you when it is published but also long after you have gone.

We require your articles for the 2019 Journal – and we want them soon. Our deadline for copy is the end December. We like long articles, shorter articles and snippets. Our primary criterion is that they should be interesting.

Our main guidelines:- Please use simple layout, no fancy formatting. Please submit photos and diagrams as separate attachments. Please send to web@familyhistory.ie **Tom Conlon, MGSI** 

# **Local History Reviews**

**'Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society** Journal 2019, No. 28', produced by Publication Committee of Mona O'Donnell, Séamus O'Connor, Anna Scudds, and Colin Scudds.

Variety of content is the feature is this year's excellent publication which covers people, places and events relating to the Dún Laoghaire area by way of the following articles which includes 'The Year of the Big Snow [1947]' by Miriam Fitzpatrick, 'The Completion of Royal Terrace North', 'Disappearing Dún Laoghaire', and 'The Early Municipal Buildings of Dún Laoghaire' by Colin Scudds, 'Turtles at Hayes's Royal Hotel' by Tom 'Dún Laoghaire Baths Coming Conlon, Down' by 'Ann Kennedy', 'Moon Landing' and ' Kish Lighthouse - Dublin Bay' by Anna Scudds, 'Armistice Day in Kingstown - Mon-day 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918' and ' Dún Laoghaire - Prelude to the Emergency: Friday 1st September' by James Scannell, 'Killiney Stores' by Alice Cullen, 'My Father - the War Profiteer! (Well, not really)' by Mary Grogan, 'Coming to Glenageary - St. Catherine's Park' by Cecil Armstrong Martin; 'Mystic Voices' by Brendan Henderson, 'Séamus O'Kelly' by Mairdhia Ní Mhurchú, 'Hockey Ár Lá' by Stephanie Batt, and 'St. Joseph's Church, Glasthule' by Mona O'Donnell.

Copies of this excellent journal are available at monthly meetings of the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, from book sellers in the Dún Laoghaire area, or directly from www.dunlaoghairehistorical.com. A limited number of back issues are still available.

James Scannell

### MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE

The Board reviewed the Society's Membership Package and decided that the Membership Fee will remain unchanged at €40.00 per annum, including second family Member.

Benefits include the Annual Journal, Monthly Newsletter, Archive Days, Twelve Lectures and Eleven Morning Group Discussion Meetings and, of course, ready help and guidance on your family history research.

Barry O'Connor, FGSI

### AN DAONCHARTLANN

The Society's Archive and Research Centre— An Daonchartlann—located at the rear of the DLR Leisure Centre at Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, has an impressive collection of books, journals, research papers, archival records, mircoform, CD and digital resources.

Many of the overseas family history journals, for example, contain wonderful information on the Irish abroad. Access to this exceptional body of research is not readily available to the public elsewhere in this country.

The Society's original archival collections include school and other institutional registers, deeds, land records and assorted family papers. In addition, the facility offers online access to a number of the popular pay-for-view websites that have become essential for genealogical research.

These records are freely available to the GSI Members and for a modest daily research fee to non-Members. New Members are always most welcome. For directions to the facility please see page 4 of this newsletter.

### HOLIDAY CLOSING

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre, will close at 16.00hrs on Wednesday 19th December 2018 and reopen on Wednesday 9th January at 10.30hrs. *Lua Ó Scolaí, MGSI* 

# 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 sub-jects. Discounted membership rates available for under 25s and students at recognised genealogy courses.

### PARKING AT DFEI

**PARKING AI DFE1** Car-parking facilities at the **Dún Laoghai-re 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, Clar-ence Street. The DART (suburban rail) services to Salthill & Monkstown. On street car-parking is usually available in the area also. Members are asked to con-sider 'car pooling' for each month's open meeting. For details on the Institute and its courses please checkout www.dfei.ie courses please checkout www.dfei.ie

### DISCOUNTS

Exclusive discounts for the Members of the Society are available for online genealogical services and publica-tions, including, Findmypast, Forces War Records and from Flatcapsandbonnets.com. To avail of any of these Member discounts, please contact Barry O'Connor, FGSI, by email: membership@familyhistory.ie

### **IDEAL GIFT IDEAS**

Genealogists and local historians love books! So if you have a birthday gift to buy-think books by our Mem-bers. 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:  $\notin 20.00$ 

**'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





Some of the Archival Collections in An Daonchartlann, Loughlinstown. (Photo: Tom Conlon)

# **JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS...**

### **ENNISKERRY HIST SOC**

Ms. Carmel Cullen will present 'The History of Delia' at 20.30hrs on Thursday 13 December in the Powerscourt Arms & Country House Hotel, Main Street, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow. All welcome – admission €5.00

### **ROYAL SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES**

Dr. Michael O'Neill will present 'The Diocese of Meath and Ossory in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries' at 19.30hrs on Thursday 13 December in the Helen Roe Theatre, 63, Merrion Square South, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

### MOUNT MERRION HIST SOC

David Crawford will recall 'Stanley Woods: The World's First Motorcycling Superstar' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 3 January 2019 in the Mount Merrion Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. All welcome admission €4.00

#### RATHMICHAEL HIST SOC

The AGM will take place at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 9 January 2019 in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, and will be followed by Richard Dolan speaking on 'Rathmichael: Past, Present, and Future'. All welcome - admission €4.00

### FRIENDS OF MEDIEVAL DUBLIN

Barry Lewis will present 'The Exile's Tale' at 13.00hrs on Thurs 10 January 2019 in the Dublin City Council Wood Quay Venue, Dublin 8.

### **CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF IRISH HERALDRY**

In the last three weeks, the National Library of Ireland marked the 75th anniversary of the transfer of Ireland's heraldic office from British to Irish control with a mini exhibition.

Every day, three different grants of arms were displayed on wooden easels, each one representing a year in the period 1943-2018.

In total, these 76 examples included the arms of municipal, medical, religious, commercial and educational bodies, as well as those of Irish citizens at home and abroad.

As a memento, one was able to take away a number of postcards featuring various arms, including that of Ireland.

Stan Zamyatin Moore, MA, MGSI, Head of Vexillological (Flag) and Heraldic Studies at the Genealogical Society of Ireland. The only organisation in Ireland catering for the study of these subjects and their cultural significance.



### THIS SOCIETY AT A GLANCE

The Society's objective is to promote an awareness, appre-ciation and knowledge of our genealogical, heraldic and vexillological heritage at home and overseas amongst our diaspora

The GSI widely acclaimed as being the most active volun-tary genealogical organisation in Ireland hosting Monthly Lectures each month throughout the year and eleven Morn-ing Open Meetings from January to November each year. These are open to the public– everyone is welcome!

We publish a Monthly Newsletter, Annual Journal, operates an Archive and Research Centre and promote genealogy, heraldry and vexillology at events around Ireland through our very active 'Outreach Programme' offering 'Free Family History Advice' to the public, active retire-ment groups, ladies' clubs and all sorts of community groups

The Society has a collaborative academic research project with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, RCSI. The Irish DNA Atlas project was co-designed by population geneticists at the RCSI and this Society coming together to collect DNA samples from individuals with four generations of ancestry linked to specific areas across the island of Ireland. This research has been funded through an Award from Science Foundation Ireland.

We have two 'specialist branches' one for heraldry and the other for vexillology (flags)—the only organisation in Ireland promoting this aspect of our cultural heritage. We maintain a very active on-line presence promoting sustainable contacts with our diaspora.

We also campaign to obtain better public access to our genealogical heritage and records held by the State or other agencies. However, as a registered charity, none of the above would be possible without the generosity of our Members who, through their Annual Subscriptions and volunteerism, provide these services throughout the year.

PLEASE help us to do more by joining the Society-new Members always welcome or by making a donation, no matter how small, to the Society—please see page 2 of this newsletter. Many thanks!

### TRANSFER OF FILES TO ARCHIVE

The General Secretary advised the Board on December 6th 2018 that the following administrative files have been transferred to the Society's Archive. Files and correspondence from January 2011 to November 2017. All files from October 1990 to November 2017 are now in the Archive.

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 November Lecture**

'Church of Ireland Records - more than just registers' by Derek Neilson. Derek, who last presented to our group in March 2016, on the Church of Ireland family records, made a return visit to give a deeper understanding of what is involved in these records and what has happened since his last lecture over two years ago.

Derek told us that the Church of Ireland is a member of the Anglican Communion. He pointed out that frequently in the 1901 and the 1911 census returns, people inserted "Irish Church" or "State Church" in the column for religion, meaning Church of Ireland. This causes much confusion particularly to overseas users of Irish Census data, since the Church of Ireland ceased to be the established church on the 1st of January 1871, which was thirty and forty years prior of these census returns.

The Church of Ireland is similar to the Church of England, the Episcopal Church of America, the Anglican Church of Australia, but not the Church of Scotland, which is effectively Presbyterian. Derek, for those who don't know him is a Scot living in Ireland. Just to be clear the Episcopal Church of Scotland is the Anglican Church in Scotland.

The Church of Ireland parishes largely mirror the civil parishes with the earliest parish register of St John the Evangelist in Dublin in 1619. The established Church of Ireland was effectively an arm of the State and in 1634 it became a requirement to keep registers. The Church of Ireland was the State church until 1871 and all registers prior to that date were public records and held in the Public Records Office (PRO). After that date these records were considered private property. However, these records had to be re nationalised in 1875 as they were considered a definitive record of events. Parish records were either to be lodged in the PRO or if the parish had a fire proof safe, it could retain them.

Then the Civil War happened and records of over 1,000 parishes were destroyed in the Four Courts debacle in 1922. Some of these registers were copied locally but entries may be considered selective. Derek then gave an example of such copied records and their shortcomings. Fortunately over 600 parishes held their records locally and many were in use at that time. This disaster led to a legacy of mistrust for archiving records centrally.

Derek then went into great detail of how the Church of Ireland parishes work, outlining parish structures including the closing and merging of parishes as these changes continue to this day.

This brought us to the effect on genealogical research and what to be aware of when doing research.

Parish names can vary just and researchers should be aware that many parishes have more than one name. This is similar to the set up for Catholic parish names, so attention to detail is crucial. Pre-disestablishment graveyards contain people of all religions and some are still open for business to this day. Derek cautioned that it is worth searching Preachers books and Vestry minute books as information can be contained there.

Derek then showed us where to see parish records and spoke in great detail about Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), the National Archives of Ireland (NAI) and at the Representative Church Body Library (RCBL).

The government has provided a grant for the digitization of these parish records but this project has not yet started. It will probably appear on a free website like irishgenealogy ie, however the format is not clear. It will take some more time for the effects of this proposed digitization to yield results, however judging by the attendance on the night we believe that it will be eagerly awaited by genealogist and the public alike.

There was a Q& A session following the talk and all in all, this was a well-received talk about a most absorbing subject.

The full lecture online https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=UpDGKIWvdMs&feature=youtu.be Many thanks to Derek 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 Drive, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, A96 XP60.

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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 Cherrywood and over the N11 flyover. Signposted 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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ONLY offer which consists of.....
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- 5GB of internet data.
- 100 international mins and texts.

This plan is an 18 month contract. If you would like to avail of either of the above offers please contact CONOR at Conor@threegovstaff.com or by phone on 01.687 6013 (Conor Dalton) Please Note: Your current membership of the Society will be subsequently verified to THREE by the GSI Director of Membership Services in accordance with RES: 17/04/1302

#### **GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME**

December Tuesday 11th Genealogy as a contribution to Local History-Billy Saunderson, MGSI

Tuesday January 8th-'The Chief Secretary's Office Registered Papers (CSORP)' by Nicola Morris, MAGI

All WELCOME—Contribution €3.00 Please note the advice regarding 'Parking at DFEI' on panel to the left on page 3. We welcome your comments on the lecture programme.

Please email Tony O'Hara, MGSI, the Director of Lecture Programme by email at toharadsl@gmail.com

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The Board is limited to ten Members with a quorum of six. [Note: 'RF' signifies a 'reporting function' for a Non-Executive Officer].

### "HALL'S INDEX"

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 the late 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" alway 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 Ensur-ing 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)

### GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre is located at the DLR Loughlinistown, Co. Dublin. OPEN on the following days: Currently:- Wednesdays—10.00hrs to 16.00hrs and Saturdays—14.00hrs to 17.00hrs. The use of our extensive archival resources is reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership is available for just €5.00. [SEE PAGE 2]

