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Could Ireland follow Canada?

Good news from our colleagues in Canada as new legislation has been enacted to release the Canadian census returns after a closure period of 92 years.

The Act also establishes the Canadian Statistics Advisory Council and no longer requires the consent of respondents to transfer their Census information to Library and Archives Canada.

Richard Eastman in his excellent and highly recommended ‘Daily Online Genealogy Newsletter’ www.blog.eogn.com summarises the provisions of interest to genealogists as the following:

- Transfer of census records to the Library and Archives Canada 92 years from when the census was taken.
- This will apply to all censuses conducted from 2021 onwards
- For censuses taken in 2006, 2011, and 2016 and for the 2011 National Household Survey, the government will honour the rules set at the time and records will be released where consent has been given.

Mr. Eastman also provides a short history of the legislative development of the provision relating to the closure of census information based on an ‘opt-in’ clause allowing for the eventual release of a respondent’s census return. With the 2016 census receiving 81% approval for the eventual release of the census data, time had come to provide a statutory basis for the release of the census returns.

There are lessons here for Ireland where all attempts at similar legislative amendment have been strongly resisted by the Central Statistics Office (CSO). Amongst the seemingly spurious arguments advanced by the CSO is that releasing the 1926 Census early will discourage Irish people from fully completing the current census returns. No evidence to back up this assertion has ever been produced by the CSO.

Although, the news from Canada is very encouraging, across the border in the United States, arguably one of the litigious societies in the world, the 1940 Federal Census is available to the public on-line as are each of the federal census returns back to 1790, with the exception of the 1890 census which was destroyed by a fire in Washington on January 10th 1921.

If the United States and Canada see no difficulty in releasing census returns surely the Irish government could examine the possibility in respect of the 1926 Census.

Senator Fintan Warfield, the Society's successful nominee for Seanad Éireann (Irish Senate) has published a Bill aimed at achieving the early release of the 1926 Census of Ireland.

Working with this Society, Senator Warfield's Bill drafted by this Society for various Teachtaí Dála (MPs) and Senators since 2010.

It was also a feature of the *Genealogy & Heraldry Bill, 2006* drafted by the Society and of many Parliamentary Questions since before the passing of the *Statistics Act, 1993*. The Society has never relented in its long-running campaign for the release of the 1926 Census over nearly twenty-five years.

The *Statistics (1926 Census Release) Bill, 2017*, seeks to create a special status for this census, the first taken since independence in 1922 and the first since the last UK census of 1911.

The formula to achieve this objective is simply to amend the text of the 1993 Act to remove the 1926 Census from the 100 year closure rule applying to all other censuses taken since 1926.

The Society would urge all genealogical organisations in Ireland and overseas to get behind this campaign by contacting our Senators and urging them to pledge to support this important Bill.

List of Senators available on www.oireachtas.ie

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The Society will have a stand again this year at the ‘Belfast Telegraph Holiday World Show’ in the Belfast Titanic Exhibition Centre from January 19th to 21st 2018.

Eddie Gahan, MGSI, and his team will be promoting the study of genealogy and related subjects and, once again, taking the opportunity to encourage attendees to visit us in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Another visit by the Society's team to Belfast for the ‘Back To Our Past’ event on February 16th and 17th 2018 is currently being considered by the Board should funding be available. Another important date for your diary folks!

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OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 9 January—20.00hrs

Tuesday 13 February—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 24 January—10.30hrs

Wednesday 28 February—10.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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Irish belongs to us all

“Bliain na Gaeilge” is a year-long celebration of the Irish language in Ireland and overseas amongst the diaspora.

Irish (Gaelic) was the language of the overwhelming majority of our ancestors and indeed, for many of us, right down to the twentieth century. It has been spoken in Ireland for possibly over 3,000 years and it has the oldest vernacular literature in Europe outside Greek and Latin. Most Irish surnames are variants of original Gaelic names as indeed, are the majority of our place-names. This is a rich heritage. Learn more about the Irish language during “Bliain na Gaeilge 2018” at www.peig.ie

MARKETING EXECUTIVE

If you are a Member of the Society and have a background in the development and implementation of marketing strategies, the Board would like to hear from you.

The Board is looking to appoint a non-executive officer of the Society to promote the Society, its activities and products through a marketing strategy.

Volunteering as a non-executive officer is a flexible way of assisting your Society achieve its objectives. If you are interested in discussing this role, please contact Tom Conlon, MGSI on web@familyhistory.ie

ALL VOLUNTEERS AT THE GSI

With the every increasing range of activities and events undertaken by the Society, we are frequently asked about our staffing levels. The Society is wholly dependant on the generosity of its Members and we couldn't operate without this bedrock of support. The Society is a Registered Charity in Ireland and, unlike some of the larger charities, all of the Directors and officers of this Society are volunteers giving of their time and extensive expertise freely to the Society. Ever since its foundation in 1990, it has been a policy that no stipend or honorarium would be paid to any officer of the Society. All funds received by way of Membership Fees or donations are directed to the implementation of the objectives of the Society.

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

The Passing of Two Great Historians

During the past year we lost two of the most respected medieval historians in Ireland Donnchadh Ó Corráin (died 25 October 2017) and Francis John Byrne (died 30 December 2017), both published extensively and particularly with Ireland's premier academic publishing house, Four Courts Press.

Professor Donnchadh Ó Corráin was Professor Emeritus at University College Cork where he earned his BA in History back in 1964. He also held academic positions at University College Dublin, Cambridge University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Oslo and Oxford University where he was a Fellow of Balliol College.

His research and publications covered a wide range of subjects including early and medieval Ireland, Viking studies, Brehon Law, ecclesiastic history, culture, Irish manuscripts and his last publication was on *'The Irish Church, its Reform and the English Invasion'* (ISBN: 978-1-84682-667-2 : 166pp : Price: €31.50). His last work certainly challenged long-held positions on the subject and refreshingly ruffled a few feathers. Professor Ó Corráin was also the founder and director of innovative computerisation projects including, ArCH and CELT at University College Cork. A full listing of his works published by Four Courts Press is available on the website www.fourcourtspress.ie

A festschrift *'Clerics, Kings and Vikings - Essays on medieval Ireland in honour of Donnchadh Ó Corráin'* (ISBN: 978-1-84682-279-7 : 584pp : Price: €54.00) edited by Emer Purcell, Paul MacCotter, Julianne Nyhan and John Sheehan was presented to Professor Ó Corráin in 2015. This important work has contributions from leading scholars working at the forefront of Irish medieval studies. It includes essays on archaeology, ecclesiology, hagiography, medieval history, genealogy, language, literature and toponymy.

Professor Francis John Byrne attended University College Dublin where he studied Early Irish History and graduated with class honours. He went on to study palaeography and Medieval Latin in Germany and lectured in Celtic languages in Sweden. He returned to UCD to 1964 and retired in 2000.

Professor Byrne's *'Irish Kings and High Kings'* (ISBN: 1-85182-196-1: 356pp : Price: €24.95) is essential reading for all interested in early Irish history. This work is an analysis of the nature of early Irish kingship, using annalistic and genealogical material to interpret Irish saga and legend. It remains unsurpassed in its scholarly approach to the subject and, in many ways, it has become a standard textbook. Professor Byrne was also joint editor of the Royal Irish Academy's monumental *'A New History of Ireland'* published nine volumes by Oxford University Press and the ninth volume is of particular interest to genealogists as it provides numerous lists and genealogical tables.

A festschrift was presented to Professor Byrne in 1999 which was edited by a former student of his, Alfred P. Smyth and published by Four Courts Press—*'Seanchas - Studies in early and medieval Irish archaeology, history and literature in honour of Francis J. Byrne'* (ISBN: 1-85182-489-8: 512pp : Price: €67.50) has contributions from leading scholars in the various subjects covered, including Professor Donnchadh Ó Corráin.

The contribution of these two great Irish historians to the study of early and medieval Ireland is immeasurable and their wonderful legacy is their many articles and publications that continue their life's work of illuminating our past, encouraging new research and expanding our awareness, appreciation and knowledge of our country and its people. Students of Irish history throughout the world will forever be in their debt.

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Irish DNA Atlas—Update

Following the publication of the results of the Irish DNA Atlas last month the interest in this academic collaborative research project has been phenomenal.

Published as the *'Irish DNA Atlas; Revealing Fine-Scale Population Structure and History within Ireland'* in the journal *Scientific Reports*. The landmark study provides the first fine-scale genetic map of the island of Ireland, revealing patterns of genetic similarity, so far in ten distinct clusters, roughly aligned with the ancient Provinces and major historical events including the invasions of the Norse Vikings and the Ulster Plantations.

For the information of new readers, the *Irish DNA Atlas* project was co-designed by population geneticists at the RCSI and this Society coming together to collect DNA samples from 196 Irish individuals with four generations of ancestry linked to specific areas across the island of Ireland.

Analyses of the DNA, and comparison with thousands of further samples from Britain and Europe, are revealing geographic clusters within Ireland: so far seven of 'Gaelic' Irish ances-

try, and three of shared British-Irish ancestry.

This is ground-breaking research that has provided historians, amongst others, with a wonderful new resource to interrogate and interpret in relation to our medieval sources for genealogy, clan/sept histories and, of course, population movements and settlements. Without doubt, the results of the Irish DNA Atlas project challenge many deeply held views based largely on published research undertaken long before DNA analysis could possibly inform our consideration of a number of aspects of our history.

Since the publication of the results, the Society's coordinator of the project, Séamus O'Reilly, FGSI, has been inundated with requests for information on participation in the project. Séamus is currently working his way through the hundreds of emails received and has sent holding replies in the interim.

On Saturday 17th February 2018, Ed Gilbert of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) will present the project's findings at the *Genetic Genealogy Ireland* lectures at the *'Back To Our Past'* event in Belfast. For information on the Belfast event see www.backtoourpast.ie

'The Doctor's Wife is Dead'

'The Doctor's Wife Is Dead – A Peculiar Marriage, a Suspicious Death, and Murder Trial in Nineteenth-Century Ireland' by Andrew Tierney, published by Penguin Ireland.

Domestic violence comes in a variety of forms – physical, emotional, psychological, financial, and while currently there are legal remedies to deal with these issues, and various organisations in existence to provide support and shelter for those caught up in this situation, there was a time when those trapped in an unhappy marriage had to endure this form of abuse as there no legal remedies available to them.

This fascinating and engrossing book deals with an 1849 case in Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, when Ellen Langley, wife of the prosperous local doctor, Dr. Charles Langley, died from gastroenteritis. At the start of the narrative the author provides the reader with the family history of Dr. Langley and his wife Ellen Poe, with additional information of various family members. But what appeared to upset the people of Nenagh was the manner of the doctor in the way he treated his wife's remains which gave rise to a whispering campaign against him that all was not what it appeared to be. His wife's remains, dressed in a simple shift, were buried in a pauper's coffin with a minimum of formalities, something far removed from her background.

But the inquest into her death provided the public with an insight to the state of the doctor's marriage as it emerged that they had been living apart for about six months and that she had been residing in a rented dwelling room in an impoverished part of the town that he provided for her with the bare minimum to survive and that prior to this, she had been confined in a grim attic room of their house with the minimum of comforts.

The inquest jury, based on what they heard in court, and perhaps influenced in part by local knowledge and gossip, surprisingly returned a verdict of manslaughter against Dr. Langley, who was not in court when the verdict was returned, but he subsequently surrendered himself to the authorities so that he would not appear as a wanted person in 'Hue & Cry', the police magazine. When the Grand Jury reviewed the cases to be heard at the Spring Assizes, in an unexpected and surprising development, upped the charge of manslaughter against Dr. Langley to one of murder.

Both the inquest and murder trial are covered in great detail by the author who went

to great lengths to obtain as comprehensive an account as possible of both these events from a variety of sources and one will have to read the book to discover what the final verdict was.

This is an excellent study of a case of domestic violence in 1840s Ireland in an era that women within marriage had very little rights. A really excellent read and a book that one will find hard to put down once one has started reading it such is the wealth of detail that the author goes into.

James Scannell

DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY

The Society is a Registered Charity in Ireland and is currently considering options for fund raising and grant applications.

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: Mr. Billy Sanderson, Director of Finance, GSI, "Suzkar", Killiney Avenue, Killiney, Co. Dublin, A96 CR60, Ireland.

The Board would like to sincerely thank the Members and friends of the Society who have already donated. *Many Thanks!*

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*.

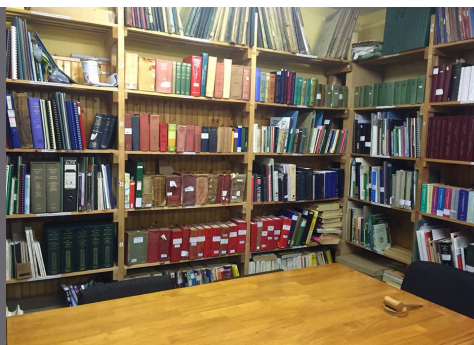
'*Victorian Dún Laoghaire*' by Tom Conlon—excellent local history of the town and the first to deal extensively with the poor and "the courts" where they lived. Price: €20.00

'*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 will be accessible soon in a new premises at Loughlinstown

JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS...

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

At 18.00hrs on Wednesday 14 February Dr. Jason McElliott will present his lecture '*A Life of Crime: Stealing Books in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Ireland*' in the Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 - 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

At 20.00hrs on Thursday 11 January Michael Hanley will present his lecture '*Rural Electrification 1946 - 1965*' to the Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome - Contribution €3.00

MARITIME HISTORY

At 20.00hrs on Wednesday 17 January Vincent Delaney will present his lecture '*History of the Water Wags*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome - entrance €3.00

RATHMICHAEL HIST. SOC.

At 20.00hrs on Wednesday 7 February Tim Carey will present his lecture '*Dublin since 1922*' in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €4.00

AVIATION HISTORY

At 20.00hrs on Wednesday 10 January Gary Ahern will present his lecture '*Captain Paddy Saul, Navigator of the Southern Cross*' to the Malahide Historical Society in the Presbyterian Church Hall, Dublin Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €4.00. Free parking available across the road in the Bridge Field public car park.

WESTERN FRONT ASSOC.

At 14.30hrs on Saturday 20 January Stephen Callaghan will present his lecture 'Investigating Offaly's Casualties of the Great War' in the lecture theatre of the Museum of Decorative Arts & History (including Military History), Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. All welcome - contribution €3.00

ASSISTANCE SOUGHT

In connection with a local history project, images of the original entrance of the Rathdown Union Workhouse, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, the present day St. Columille's Hospital, and of the Boardroom building demolished in 1959, are sought. Contact jamescannell@eircom.net

EDITOR: I would like to sincerely thank Mr. James Scannell for his excellent contributions to this newsletter over the past year. These news items nicely bring together local history studies and genealogy. This information allows us to broaden our research options. *Thanks James!*

KNOW YOUR SOCIETY

The Society's objective is to promote an awareness, appreciation 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 voluntary genealogical organisation in Ireland hosting Monthly Lectures each month throughout the year and eleven Morning 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 retirement 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 196 Irish individuals with four generations of ancestry linked to specific areas across the island of Ireland. This research has been funded through a Career Development Award from Science Foundation Ireland.

RCSI is ranked among the top 250 (top 2%) of universities worldwide in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (2018) and its research is ranked first in Ireland for citations. It is an international not-for-profit health sciences institution, with its headquarters in Dublin, focused on education and research to drive improvements in human health worldwide.

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 promote Ireland and Irish heritage at events overseas and 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 all 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!*

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 December Lecture

'*Finding Women in the Sources*' by Fiona Fitzsimons This was a welcome return from Fiona to Dún Laoghaire after a three year absence.

Women are half the population however they do not constitute half the records in genealogy for a variety of reasons, name change on marriage being the obvious one, however rights to inheritance and suffrage were also mentioned. Women were only allowed vote for the first time in 1898 in Local elections and in full parliamentary elections a further 20 years after that. Women had to be over 30 years of age and also were subject to property qualifications in order to be eligible to vote. Legal restraints to property ownership were seen at the norm and hence the absence of women in registrations

Fiona referred to various property acts enacted in the latter part of the nineteenth century particularly in the Kitty O'Shea case where a woman was defined by the man she married, such was the legal attitude at that time. Unmarried women lacked status very often in the times way before gender equality.

Fiona started the lecture with the use of the "catch all" 1901 and 1911 census as they are freely available and searchable. She illustrated how to locate a person by where they were born (e.g. overseas) or if they were street dealers or pawn brokers and gave examples of same.

Fiona went on to illustrate that in the 1911 census there were over 871,000 households with just 213,919 (under 25%) where women were head of household. In the city of Derry working women outnumber men in that census and this situation continued up into the 1980's. The census also tells us that Irish families are large, women marry later and continue to bear children right up to menopause. It was common for three generations of a family to live under the one roof and Fiona cited an example where five generations lived together.

The civil registration records were discussed and we were told that it was common for a couple to have children in advance of the marriage date as certainty was needed for couples living at subsistence levels to ensure continuity. Fiona also showed ways to disguise illegitimacy where the mother used her mother's maiden name to falsify the document and protect the child's status. Second marriages were common mainly due to early death and we also heard about "Irish separation" where one party to a marriage lived elsewhere while the other party lived apparently in a normal marital union with someone else.

The examples used in the lecture stuck largely to ordinary common people and the issues that arose were the issues that confronted ordinary people in their lives.

Fiona then spoke about workhouse records providing historical context. The Poor Laws were administered by the Church of Ireland and were rolled out during the decade of the Famine. Starting in 1838 (*Act for the Effectual Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland*) with 130 Poor Law Unions and expanding into 163 PLU's by 1851. They were overwhelmed during the period

The lecture finished with Fiona giving a very detailed example of a lady from Cork who through misfortune ended up in the Rathdown workhouse, and how she endured the death of her husband and managed to keep her children. It illustrated the resourcefulness and strength women needed in order to keep families together in very difficult circumstances. This was a very well attended lecture and there was a lively Q&A session when the lecture finished. Many thanks again Fiona.

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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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

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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

On **Tuesday January 9th** the topic will be '*Newspapers and Genealogy*' by Georgina Scally. **Tuesday February 13th**—TBA and on **Tuesday March 13th** the topic will be '*Monsignor O'Flaherty*' by Aiden Feerick Please note the advice regarding '**Parking at DFEI**' on panel to the left on page 3. Comments on the lecture programme always welcome. Please email **Tony O'Hara, MGSI**, the Director of the GSI Lecture Programme at toharads1@gmail.com

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"HALL'S INDEX"

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Although we're not members of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ), the team at the "Gazette" always endeavour to operate in accordance with the **NUJ Code of Conduct** www.nuj.org.uk/about/nuj-code/ and in line with the '*National Policy Statement on Ensuring Research Integrity in Ireland*' which was endorsed by the Genealogical Society of Ireland back in June 2014 soon after its launch at the Royal Irish Academy. (see the June 2014 issue at www.familyhistory.ie)

FREE RESEARCH ADVICE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre is now located at the DLR Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin. The new premises is well served by public transport, including the Dublin Bus connection between the LUAS and the DART. (*see directions on this page*)

The use of our extensive archival resources was reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership is available for just €5.00.

