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Funding Heritage Services

The promotion of an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of our genealogical heritage is the main objective of this Society. All of our endeavours since the foundation of the organisation in 1990 have been totally devoted to this important objective.

Our volunteers have travelled the four corners of Ireland to attend events and shows to promote the study of genealogy amongst the public and to introduce people to the wealth of our genealogical heritage. The Society's ‘Outreach Programme’ has been enormously successful over the years and it continues to expand under the very able stewardship of its director, Eddie Gahan, and with the dedication of his loyal team of volunteers.

In support of the ‘Outreach Programme’ the Society produces promotional material, extra print runs of the ‘Gazette’ and, of course, covers all the travel and, where required, accommodation costs. Over a year these costs can be substantial for a relatively small organisation like the Society.

The above is in addition to the hosting of twenty-three Public Open Meetings each year. These meetings are serviced with newsletters and, in the case of the Evening Meeting, a programme of guest speakers. The guest speakers very generously provide their exceptionally well researched and presented lectures at no cost to the Society, for which, we are enormously grateful. These wonderful guest speakers, in many ways, are providing a “pro bono” public service in heritage promotion.

The Society also has a genealogical archive and research centre at the DLR Leisure Centre in Loughlinstown which offers research advice and services for members and the public.

‘An Daonchartlann’ (Irish: “people’s archive”) is a unique facility allowing the Society to centralise its activities, collect and preserve items relating to our genealogical heritage and, very importantly, making such items accessible for family history and academic research. These services have encouraged many to

consider returning to education at third level or to take up courses, including computer skills courses.

Much of the research undertaken at this facility is provided with an opportunity to have such published in the Society's Annual Journal. Indeed, it may well be possible to publish research by our Members on the Society's new website which is currently under construction.

How is all of this funded? Well, and this comes as a surprise to many, the Society's activities are largely funded by our Membership Subscriptions and generous occasional donations by Members and friends of the Society from home and overseas.

In addition, we are extremely fortunate to be based in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown where successive Chief Executives (formerly County Managers) of the County Council have fully understood and appreciated the unique contribution the Society makes to the heritage portfolio of the county and of Ireland in general. The County Council has provided a range of grants to the Society since its foundation. Indeed, in March 1997 the Council sought to provide a “permanent base of operation” for the Society and has rendered the Society invaluable assistance and advice in that regard, including the provision of the facility at the DLR Leisure Centre in Loughlinstown.

The designation of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown as an “Age Friendly County” has brought the services provided by the Society into sharp focus given the demographic largely served by such services.

With increasing demands on the Society to provide more outreach activities and to expand its volunteer pool to meet this challenge, focus must return to the need for a sustainable funding stream and a permanent, easily accessible and centrally located base of operations. The latter point is critically important.

Next month the Board will consider a range of options, including cost cutting measures, aimed at increasing the very limited funds available to facilitate an expansion and improvement of our services.

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DATA PROTECTION

The European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on May 25th 2018. The Board, under Res: 18/05/1380, advises Members that the Society holds the following records on its Members (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.

SATURDAY OPENINGS

The Board has decided to suspend the Saturday openings of An Daonchartlann—the Society's Archive & Research Centre at Loughlinstown Leisure Centre for the winter months due a fall in demand at this time of the year. This decision will be reviewed in springtime.



Thinking of researching your family history? Members of this Society, some with many decades of research experience, are always on hand to assist and advice you on your research journey. Call by the Society's Archive & Research Centre—directions on page 4.

OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 12 November—20.00hrs

Tuesday 10 December—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 27 November—10.30hrs

Wednesday 22 January 2020—10.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENINGS

Lua Ó Scolaí, Director of *An Daonchartlann*, the Society's Archive & Research Centre, advised the Board of the following arrangements for the holiday period.

The facility will close at 16.00hrs on Wednesday **December 18th 2019** and reopen at 10.00hrs on Wednesday **8th January 2020**.

The closure of the Saturday openings will continue over the winter period due to a fall off in the demand at this time.

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

THINK BOOKS THIS CHRISTMAS

Genealogists and local historians are by their very nature "bookworms" - seeking out the best bookshops and then spending hours browsing the shelves for those well cherished gems filled with new information broadening our research fields or more sharply focusing the trajectory of our quest for illusive ancestors. For those infected with the "genealogy bug" this is not just a seasonal obsession—we're hooked all year around. Our family members all know that this inflection cannot be cured and that our only relief is to encourage them to "Think Books this Christmas".



To be fair to our family members, although we love books, we must admit that we are not necessarily the easiest ones to please when it comes to our reading material, especially when it's non-fiction. The importance of quality of research, historical or geographical relevance and, of course, extensive bibliographies and lists of sources are criteria readily understood by the genealogist and local historian. This criteria may not be easily apparent to family members choosing books as gifts for the genealogist or family historian in their lives—so let's give them a little help.

You could, for example, gently point them in the direction of an exceptionally useful catalogue, suitably marked indicating your personal "wish list" from the range of subjects covered. Checking out the special offers online is always a very good place to start, indeed, for those with an interest in the development of the **Dublin city and county** areas in the mid twentieth century, two volumes on the 1950s to 1970s edited by Joseph Brady are

included in the special offers on www.fourcourtspress.ie The **Joseph Brady** series is highly recommended and especially for those who grew up in Dublin during the periods covered.

Amongst the resources that are of exceptional interest to genealogists and local historians are the works published in association with **Comhairle Bhéaloideas Éireann / Folklore of Ireland Council** and those in the **Maynooth Studies in Local History Series**. Indeed, the provision of an online facility to purchase all the works in the Maynooth series appertaining to a particular county in a "bundle" may be of interest to many researchers. In the meantime, browsing the information provided on the individual titles in this series can be enormously rewarding as there is no general index to the series.

Finally, the Genealogical Society of Ireland urges all of its Members, friends and readers of this 'Gazette' to support your local bookstores and Irish publishers when buying books this Christmas. We need to ensure the continued viability of Irish book publishing and sales through local bookshops.

FOUR COURTS PRESS

Irish History, Genealogy, Local History and much more. Checkout the 2019 catalogue and the wonderful special offers at www.fourcourtspress.ie

MOBILE PHONE DEALS FOR MEMBERS

The Board agreed a new mobile phone deal for GSI members similar to the one that brought considerable savings on phones and calls in the past.

This offer is Sim only for First Time Customers: €20 per month inc vat. ☺ 300 off net local ,national and domestic calls. ☺ 300 off net texts. ☺ Unlimited Data. ☺ Unlimited Three to Three Talk & Text.

Are you more of a talker and texter then this is the plan for you: €28.91 per month inc vat. ☺ Unlimited calls to any network in ROI ☺ Unlimited calls to all landlines in ROI ☺ Unlimited Texts to any network in ROI ☺ 100 international minutes & 100 international texts ☺ 13GB of mobile data of which up to 11Gb can be used within the EU for data roaming. ☺ Smart Phones at subsidised rates. ☺ 24 month Contract

Are you more of a data/internet user, then this is the plan for you: €27 per month inc vat. ☺ Unlimited Three/Three calls in ROI ☺ Unlimited Three/Three texts in ROI ☺ 300 Minutes for off net mobile calls including domestic/national landlines in ROI ☺ 300 Texts to off net Irish mobiles. ☺ Unlimited mobile data of which up to 8GB's can be used within the EU for data roaming. ☺ Smart Phones at subsidised rates. ☺ 24 month Contract.

Do you need unlimited national usage for talk text

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 each week 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.

WHAT DOES THE GSI DO?

The Society's main 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 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.

The Society is governed by a Board elected by the Members at the Annual General Meeting each year—all of the Society's directors and officers are volunteers.

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. *Many thanks!*

News from the Board

The monthly meeting of Board of Directors was held on Thursday November 7th 2019 at Park House, Library Road, Dún Laoghaire.

The Board adopted a new 'Code of Conduct' for the Board, which, as no amendments were proposed to the text, passed all stages at this meeting. This brings this Society into line with best practice in terms of corporate governance.

The General Secretary, as **Acting Director of Finance**, presented the monthly financial report and advised the Board that it is intended to **automate the accounting systems from January 2020**. All transactions for 2019 have been captured in a format that can be easily incorporated into the new computer package (Quick Books) over the next month or so.

The Board confirmed the appointment of **J. F. Ward Associates** as the Society's auditors to undertake the statutory audit of the 2019 accounts for presentation to the **Companies Registration Office, Charities Regulator** and for our AGM to be held in March.

The **Website Working Group** updated the Board on the wonderful progress with the development of the new website for the Society.

The opening of **An Daonchartlann—the Society's Archive & Research Centre** at Loughlinstown Leisure Centre on **Saturdays** has been suspended over the winter months. *General Secretary*

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DONATIONS TO THE SOCIETY

This Society is funded largely by its Membership Fees and the kind donations received from Members and friends at home and overseas.

The Society is a Registered Charity in Ireland and always considers 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. Donations can be made on-line via the Society's website or by cheque payable to the *Genealogical Society of Ireland* and sent to the General Secretary at: **11, Desmond Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland, A96 AD76**

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

Go Raibh Míle Maith Agaibh—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, Forces War Records** and from **Flatcap-sandbonnets.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 Christmas 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



www.eneclann.ie



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

James Scannell Reports...

OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

Anna Devlin will speak on '*Dublin and the impact of the Economic War, 1932-38*' at 18.00hrs on Wednesday 13 November in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

Peadar Curran will recall '*Mary Mulligan, neighbour to Countess Markievicz*' at 18.00hrs on Wednesday 27 November in the same venue. The AGM of the Society will follow the lecture. All welcome - admission free.

KILMACUD STILLORGAN LHS

Don McEntee will recall '*Growing Up in 1950s Stillorgan*' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 14 November in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome – Contribution €3.00.

ENNISKERRY HISTORY SOCIETY

Rob Goodbody will present '*Cherrywood Through Time*' at 20.30hrs on Thursday 14 November in the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Main Street, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €5.00

BRAY CUALANN HS

Rachel Moss will speak on '*Fassaroe and related crosses*' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 21 November in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €5.00.

James Scannell will recall '*Christmas 1944 in Bray*' at 11.30hrs on Thursday 5 December in Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall, Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission free.

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY

Kevin Cronin will speak on 'Arctic exploration and the search for Franklin's lost expedition at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 19 November in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rear Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €5.00

DUN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH HS

Rob Goodbody will give a '*History of Bullock Harbour*' at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 20 November in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – entrance €3.00

Colin Scudds & Séamus O'Connor will reveal '*Cash from the Attic: objects of everyday use around the house now forgotten*' at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 4 December in the Royal Marine Hotel. All welcome - admission €3.00

RATHMICHAEL HS

Ida Milne will recall '*The Great 'Flu Pandemic*' at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 04 December in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €5.00.

MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY

Lar Joye will speak on '*Stepping Together: a history of the reserve defence forces, 1929-2019*' at 20.00hrs on Friday 06 December in Griffith

College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

PUBLICATIONS

'*Return to Sender - Revisiting John Hinde's Ireland*' by Paul Kelly, published by Gill Books.

In the 1950s John Hinde was a pioneer of colour photography and excelled in the production and publication of colour postcards of Ireland which recorded Ireland at that time but portrayed a country brightened by his imagination in which children were red-haired and freckled, the sun always shone, the sky was forever blue, golden beaches, and of telegraph poles, electric pylons and their associated wires absent from the rural landscape.

The author's father who was living in American, frequently visited Ireland and sent home some of Hinde's iconic postcards. The author later visited Ireland and following his father's death in 2015, relocated to Ireland from California and set about capturing modern day versions of Hinde's iconic images.

This fascinating book pairs Hinde's instantly recognisable postcards on one page with the author's modern day comparison photographs featured on the opposite ones and these new images show how these locations have changed with the passage of time or in some cases not at all.

This is a truly remarkable book using the 'Then & Now' format which anyone interested in Ireland or postcard images of Ireland will enjoy. The images in this book are reproduced to a very high standard, and Gill Books are to be complimented with its publication.

James Scannell

FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Information on the Society is also available on two popular social media platforms. On Facebook at www.facebook.com/familyhistory.ie and, of course, on Twitter at [@GenSocIreland](https://twitter.com/GenSocIreland)

If you are on either of these platforms please checkout the Society and consider following us on both platforms. It is a great way to keep up with all the Society news and events.

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 **FIFTH** edition of '*Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*'. Please checkout the website www.gillmacmillan.com Price €24.99 [RRP].

Précis of the October Lecture

'From Tullamore to Trinidad – The Military Services Pensions Collections (1923 – 1923) as a genealogical source' by **Robert McEvoy**. This project which started in 2008 is a collaboration between the Defence Forces and the Department of Defence. There have been eight releases from the collection and the most recent was on the 8th October 2019. This talk focussed on four main areas, namely, nominal or membership rolls, Brigade Activity reports, Medal files and Pension files. The membership rolls were for the IRA, Cumann Na mBan, Na Fianna Éireann and the Irish Citizens Army, which contains 611 files with 16 divisions and 87 brigades. There are 50,000 documents which were created on the first and second critical dates which are 11th July 1921, being the date of the truce and 1st November 1922, which is just after the start of the civil war. These records were compiled in the 1930's. We were shown an example of a roll of membership of Cumann Na mBan in south county Dublin.

The next set of records Robert spoke about were the Brigade Activity Reports, which is a small series containing just 151 files. Robert said that "What they lacked in quantity they certainly make up for in quality", to emphasise their importance. The activity reports came about with the introduction of the Pensions Act in 1934 which opened the legislation to Cumann Na mBan and the Anti Treaty IRA. The board quickly became oversubscribed, with over 66,000 applications received. The information supplied was inconsistent and difficult to process. One example given was in county Kerry, where there were 287 names and address of people who carried out an attack on a barracks. The medal files which are not available on line, contain 47,540 applications with 196 1916 Medals and 487 Service Medal with Bar and 33, 928 Service Medals without Bar. The 1916 medal was created in 1941 which was the 25th Anniversary of the rising and in 1942 another medal was created for the 1917-1921 period, which is often referred to as the "Black and Tan" medal.

Finally Robert spoke about the Pensions Files which were created under two strands of legislation, namely the Military Services Pension Act 1924 – 1949 and the Army Pensions Act 1923 – 1953. We were told that only 18,000 individuals were successful in their application which numbered in the region of 70 - 80,000 individuals. Each individual has two files and some go up to 10 in number. This contains a genealogical treasure trove. Robert told us that within these files there are 1221 death certificates, 548 marriage certificates, 283 birth certificates and 145 Baptism records. The purpose of the Act was to reimburse those who "rendered active service" during a specified period. It also included payments for burial expenses, education expenses and dependency reports.

Robert then showed a good example of a dependency report concerning the death of Patrick Bennett of Ballingary in Tipperary and how his death in December 1922, impacted on the whole family. His father was highly dependent on son Patrick and his death caused untold hardship on the father and all of the children. It is clear that in order to get a pension there were very high standards to be adhered to and although there were many applicants the bar was set very high for everybody. 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 lecture is online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EgHGPfOTBCU>
Tony O'Hara, MGSI

Checkout the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

GETTING TO AN DAONCHARTLANN

Travel Information for visitors to the An Daonchartlann, Loughlinstown Leisure Centre, Loughlinstown Drive, 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 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

LINGUISTIC HERITAGE & FAMILY HISTORY

The publication last month by the **Royal Irish Academy** of **'A History of Ireland in 100 Words'** (ISBN: 9781911479185 : 320pp : P/bk : €19.99) by Sharon Arbutnot, Máire Ní Mhaonaigh, Gregory Toner and Joe McLaren (illustrator) has, once again, focused our minds on our rich linguistic heritage. (www.ria.ie)

This linguistic heritage is all around us, in the words we use, in the languages we speak, in the names of the places where we live or work or, indeed, with which we have ancestral connections. The words we use today have been framed by the imagination, environment and experiences of generations past. Within each word, phrase, place-name or saying that has come down to us over many centuries is a story, a culture, a creativity and, of course, a wonderful resource to explore and enjoy.

In Ireland we have many online resources to access our linguistic heritage, for example, www.logainm.ie (place-names); www.teanglann.ie (Irish language) & www.ulsterscotsagency.com (Ulster Scots). These resources can provide avenues for research or simply add colour to our family or local history narratives.

How our linguistic heritage connects the people of the Isle of Man with Ireland was highlighted with the recent visit by pupils of a Manx Gaelic primary school

to Co. Clare to meet pupils in the All Irish School in Ennis—Gaeilge and Gaelg conversations!

Irish and Scottish Gaelic speakers can generally understand spoken Manx, but both find the non-Gaelic orthography of Manx Gaelic problematic.

Google Translate has Irish and Scottish Gaelic, but not Manx. A modified Gaelic orthography was created for Manx by the late Dr. Brian Stowell. Indeed, **Foras na Gaeilge, Bord na Gàidhlig** and **Culture Vannin** should jointly approach Google to create an App to convert Manx orthography into this modified form making this Manx linguistic heritage readily accessible to speakers of its sister languages in Scotland and Ireland?

GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tuesday Nov. 12th—'The Nineteenth Century Valuation of Ireland' by **Frances McGee**.

Tuesday Dec. 14th—'Digital Transformation for Cemeteries' by **Neil Sherrin**

All WELCOME—Contribution €3.00 Please note **'Parking at DFEI'** on panel to the left on page 3. We welcome comments and suggestions on the lecture programme. Please email **Tony O'Hara, MGSI**, the Director of the GSI Lecture Programme at toharads1@gmail.com

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Board of Directors 2019-2020

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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" 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)

GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre is located at the **DLR Leisure Centre at Loughlinstown**, Co. Dublin. OPEN on the following days: Currently: **Wednesdays—10.00hrs to 16.00hrs.**

The use of our extensive archival resources is reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership is always available on request.

