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Family History Month

The month of October has been designated as 'Family History Month' for several years now and an increasing number of genealogical and family history societies around the world are getting involved. It was originally an initiative of the American and Canadian societies aimed at promoting an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of our genealogical heritage.

Once again, this year the main genealogical event in Ireland during 'Family History Month' is 'Back to Our Past—the Genealogy and Family History Experience' at RDS in Dublin on the 18th and 19th October. Large events like 'Back to Our Past' have the unique capacity to promote many facets of genealogy at once all under one roof. With an array of lectures, exhibitions and workshops on genealogical resources, records management, computer programs, genetic genealogy and, of course, traditional family history research, visitors to the RDS are spoiled for choice.

The enormous popularity of the various talks arranged by *Genetic Genealogy Ireland* at the event shows how much this aspect of genealogical research has captured the public's imagination both in Ireland and across the world. The *International Society of Genetic Genealogy* (ISOGG) has to be commended for its wonderfully successful endeavours in promoting genetic genealogy and, more importantly, educating the public on how DNA can assist in genealogical research.

When it comes to "traditional genealogical research" the ever expanding array of on-line resources may be

baffling and indeed, possibly overwhelming for the beginner. This is where the genealogical or family history societies still have a pivotal role in the promotion of study of genealogy and related subjects.

We hear much these days about the importance of networking and, whether that is in the educational, occupational or social spheres, the benefits are self evident from encouragement, exchange of ideas and crucially, experience and knowledge. This is very important in genealogical research.

Facilitating networking is a primary objective of this Societies monthly Open Meetings and the publicly accessible "archive days" at the Society's Archive & Research Centre. Experienced researchers are on hand to assist visitors with their research problems and those infamous "brick walls" that we all encounter from time to time.

Joining a genealogical or family history society is easy and new members are always very welcome. To join the Genealogical Society of Ireland, for example, all you have to do is to visit the Society's website and follow the instructions on screen. Membership is open to everyone and students or those under 25 years of age can avail of a 50% reduction on the annual membership fee. You can, of course, join at the Open Meetings or at the Society's Archive and Research Centre.

An entirely new website for the Society is currently under construction and when up and running, it will showcase the range of the Society's activities and research resources. GENEALOGY
HERALDRY
VEXILLOLOGY
SOCIAL HISTORY
Heritage Matters
Book Reviews
Open Meetings
News & Events

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.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY 2020

The Society was established on October 25th 1990 and will mark the 30th anniversary of the foundation next year. Incorporation followed ten years later on November 8th 2000. Over the next few months, the Board will consider the most appropriate ways to commemorate these events.

Back to our Past

www.backtoourpast.ie

RDS, Dublin

ICC, Belfast 14 & 15 February '20



ME?, HELP? Who do you think you are?

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 8 October—20.00hrs

Tuesday 12 November—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 23 October—10.30hrs

Wednesday 27 November—10.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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Monthly Newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Ireland

MOBILE PHONE DEALS

The Board of Directors is considering a new



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

The new special deal for GSI Members will be announced in the next issue of this newsletter and

will be available immediately thereafter.

Members available of considerable savings on calls, texts & data and great deals on phones. More details next month.

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?

Defending Trinity College Dublin, Easter 1916

The 'decade of centenaries' has been marked by the publication of much new research into various aspects of the Irish revolutionary period 1912 to 1923 and, indeed, many of these published works deal with local events that may have otherwise gone under the radar of main stream histories of the period. One such event was the attempt by the insurgents to take Trinity College on Easter Monday 1916 and although, it gets a mention in the wider histories of the Rising, it hasn't been given the attention it deserved until now.





'Defending Trinity College Dublin, Easter 1916—Anzacs and the Rising' by Rory Sweetman and published by Four Courts Press (ISBN 978-1-84682-784-6 – 188pp: Illustrated: P/bk: Web Price \in 17.95: Price \in 19.95) has been meticulously researched by the author with an attention to detail and access to new material that has enormously enhanced our understanding of events of Easter Monday 1916.

The events at Trinity College during that fateful week in April 1916 could have been very different if it had not been for the part played in the defence of the buildings by five New Zealanders who as the author explains, "acted as a core of a small squad of colonial troops" which foiled the attempt to capture this fortress-like set of buildings in the heart of the city. Dr. Sweetman's research includes the personal letters of these Kiwi lads writing home with descriptions of the Rising, including some important aspects of the fighting. He carefully examines the statements or claims in each and, in some cases, he finds puzzling and implausible accounts. One such is the claim by John Goodwin Garland (1894-1960) that they had killed a female sniper who was firing from a window in Dame Street and that he body was brought into Trinity College.

Whilst, dealing with the TCD fighting in considerable detail, the author also includes a commentary on events happening elsewhere in the city which provides the necessary context for the reader. Indeed, it also highlights the importance of the college buildings and this point is explored in a chapter on "Whatiffery". For most historians and, for all Dubliners, the near certain destruction of the college by British artillery if it had been taken by the rebels would have obliterated invaluable collections amassed over centuries and some of our most important public buildings. Thankfully, it never happened—maybe, we should be grateful to the OTC.

The author in the epilogue explores some difficult questions as to how the New Zealanders and others viewed of their role in the events of 1916 and what they understood at the time. In the appendices the author provides copies of the New Zealand letters, TCD Officers' Training Corps letters and reports, Irish letters and short biographies. Although described as "an Antipodean contribution to the 'big national conversation' on the Rising" and, as such it is welcomed, however, it is much more as it provides significant new research and insights on the events of Easter Week 1916. This work is essential reading for any student of the Easter Rising and it includes an extensive bibliography and copious notes.

Dr Rory Sweetman is a Kildare-born New Zealander with history degrees from Trinity College Dublin and Cambridge University. He published extensively on the Irish abroad and is the author of 'Bishop in the Dock: the Sedition Trial of James Liston in New Zealand' (Dublin, 2007), which won the Sir Keith Sinclair Prize for History.

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ONE-NAME STUDIES

When we hear of "One-Name Studies" in an Irish context it is generally referring to the research of a particular clan/sept and its related branches. This naturally brings Irish "one-namers" into the realm of conventional genealogical research of ancestry or descendancy, however, there is another aspect of one-name studies promoted by the Guild of One Name Studies based in the UK.



The Guild is an international organisation for persons undertaking research into the history, numbers and distribution of surnames and their variants, irrespective of whether these is any genealogical link between persons of the same surname.

The structure of English and lowland Scottish surnames, for example, toponymics—named after a place or occupational surnames, perfectly fits the one

-name study criteria. That is not to say that the typically Celtic patronymics of Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man or, to some extent, Cornwall, cannot fulfil the onename study criteria—they can, but differently.

Studying the origin, numbers and global distribution of the O'Connor surname, for example, would be a mammoth task and given that there are several distinct clans/septs of that name, the point of such a study may

be questionable. However, this is not the case with many of our more distinct and less diverse surnames in Ireland which may well satisfy the one-name research criteria. This can prove to be a very interesting and rewarding research journey as there are many Irish members of the Guild of One-Name Studies.

Interested in exploring One-Name Studies—checkout www.one-name.org for more information.

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: **GSI**, 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!

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 of this newsletter.

Many thanks!

News from the Board

The monthly meeting of Board of Directors scheduled for Thursday October 3rd 2019 at Park House, Library Road, Dún Laoghaire, was cancelled due to Storm Lorenzo. The next scheduled meeting will be on November 7th 2019.

At the next meeting the new 'Code of Conduct' for the Board will have its seconding reading and may, if it is agreed, complete all its stages at that meeting. As a policy document it is considered in stages over a number of meetings.

As reported last month, the Board is eager to recruit a Member to take over the portfolio of the Society's Director of Finance. If you are interested and are available to attend monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month in Dublin, please contact the General Secretary.

The opening of An Daonchartlann—the Society's Archive & Research Centre at Loughlinstown Leisure Centre is currently under review due to falling demand for a Saturday opening and increasing interest in opening on another week day.

Finally, there has been significant progress made with the development of the new website for the Society thanks to Tom Conlon, Tony O'Hara and Gerard Corcoran.

General Secretary

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 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 Members. Much of the research for these books was undertaken at the Society's 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





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

James Scannell Reports...

OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

Christopher Moriarty will reveal 'The Liffey's place in the development of Dublin' at 18.00hrs on Wednesday 09 October in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 -144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

Brendan Twomey will speak on 'Managing Money in early 18th Century Ireland: Swift and Money' at 18.00hrs on Wednesday 23 October in the same venue. All welcome - admission free.

KILMACUD STILLORGAN LHS

Marie Oxx will present 'Kitty-cut-a-dash: A Cautionary Tale' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 10 October in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome – Contribution €3.00

ENNISKERRY HS

James Scannell will present 'A Brief History of the Great Northern Railway (Ireland) 1876-1958' at 20.30hrs on Thursday 10 October in the Powerscourt Arms Hotel, Main Street, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €5.00

BRAY CUALANN HS

Joseph E. A. Connell Jr will speak on 'The shadow war; Michael Collins and the politics of violence' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 17 October in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €5.00

FOXROCK LHC

Dr. Conor Lucey will present 'A new perspective on James Malton's picturesque and descriptive views of the City of Dublin' at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 15 October in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rear Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. Philip Lecane will give a short talk 'Windsor House, Monkstown.' All welcome admission €5.00

UN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH HS

Liz Pilkington will speak on 'The Oratory [formerly Dominican Convent]: this hidden gem decorated in the Celtic Style by Sister Concepta Lynch' at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 16 October in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome - entrance

BOOK REVIEW

'No Way Out - The Irish in Wartime France 1939 -1945' by Isadore Ryan, published by Mercier Press, Ireland's oldest independent publishing house.

In the aftermath of the May 1940 German invasion of France, the surrender of that country a month later, and its subsequent division into the Occupied Zone and that administered by the pro -Germany Vichy regime, about 2000 Irish people suddenly found themselves trapped in France with no-way our and to ensure four years of great privation, hardship, and struggle to survive as work, food, and money became extremely scare and resorted to keeping their heads down so as not to come to the attention of the authorities as there was little that Irish diplomats based in France could do for them.

The great threat to these trapped Irish people were the French authorities who initially did not understand the difference between Irish and British citizens and were detained in detention camps as British citizens due to fact that they spoke English. However over time Irish diplomats managed to obtain the release of many Irish citizens held in detention camps and to acquaint the French authorities with the difference between Irish and British citizens but often Irish citizens who held British passports were not released as they were considered British in the eyes of the French authorities.

In the early period of the Occupation, Irish diplomats were a little liberal in issuing Irish passports to those who sought them but this soon ceased on the instruction of the Department of External Affairs in Dublin which set down strict criteria for the issuing and renewal of Irish passports. Limited financial resources meant that very little way of financial assistance could be provided to those suffering hardship and even where funds could be sent from relatives in Ireland, the Department of Finance imposed strict limits on the amounts of funds that could be sent overseas.

So between 1940 and 1944 Irish citizens trapped in France kept a low profile, never drawing attention to themselves by the French and German authorities and endured great hardship until the Liberation of Paris on 25 August and its surrender to the Allies Some Irish citizens were arrested in the round-ups of those suspected of collaborating with the Germans but in the majority of cases these were dismissed or no further action taken in the case of others.

This remarkable book concludes with a chapter revealing what happened in the post-war years to many of those featured in this remarkable book. One tragic revelation is the case of Ettie Steinberg who it is believed to the only Irish Jewish citizen to die in Auschwitz.

All in all a truly fascinating book dealing with an aspect of Irish history hitherto not covered and an essential acquisition for those interested Irish and WW2 history. James Scannell

Erratum: On page 2 of last month's issue in the article 'Death of Former Chief Herald of Ireland' the information on the photograph of the Grant of Arms to the Genealogical Society of Ireland at the County Hall, Dún Laoghaire, had the year as 2002. This was an error as it should have read 2001. Mea culpa, Editor.

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 September Lecture

'Researching WW1 Military and Naval Records of Irish soldiers and sailors' by Gerard White, MGSI

Gerard started this lecture off by stating that was in fact a tutorial and he showed the sizable amount of research and work he has done over the years. Gerard included a tip in every slide and encouraged a disciplined approach to research. Starting off with a timeline of 4th August 1914 as the start point of British involvement and finished off with the Armistice on the 11th November 1918 when war ended. He included the 1916 rising in Dublin and the attempt to introduced conscription in Ireland in his timeline.

The Blitz of London in 1940 played a significant part in destroying almost 60% of soldiers service records, The exact numbers of soldiers who served in not known as a result of the destruction of these records. He refers to these records as "burnt records "and there are unburnt records mentioned later in the lecture.

Fires seem to follow genealogists around, Gerard tells us that there was a massive fire in National Personnel Records Centre in St Louis Missouri in 1973, destroying between sixteen and eighteen million records. It affected eighty percent of the personnel discharge files between November 1912 and January 1960.

Gerard then listed the forms which provide most information to researchers as follows: attestation forms, medical history forms, casualty, disability, regimental conduct sheet, awards, proceedings on discharge from service, cover for discharge documents and index cards. This provides a good checklist, however Gerard reminds us that sixty percent of the actual records of soldiers in WW1 were damaged or destroyed in the Blitz.

There was a comprehensive list of record sources and Gerard emphasised the need to understand what the countless abbreviations mean. Gerard then moved into tutorial mode and presented a highly detailed method of getting the most from your research and organising data. He used the records of four people to illustrate how to go about it. We learned that you need to look at the back of the medal card, as it can contain an address.

If you acquire the medal card using the National Archives in the UK, then you will not get the information on the rear, however if you acquire the record using Ancestry, then you will get the information. He also cautioned that in many cases this information is no always there. Officers were not assigned a serial number.

There are many takeaways from this talk and I think that one I listened to was on keeping notes on the same sheet as the record. This has the effect of keeping all the detailed information on the one sheet and not in different locations. We then learned about the naval battle of Jutland and a ship called the HMS Chester. Gerard showed detailed maps from a study done in 1923 into the events at the battle of Jutland and it showed that the Chester was "way off side" in in the battle. It is no wonder that it took a serious hammering and was lucky to float back to Hull. HMS Chester was a ship on which Patrick Short served and the research into Patrick's service drew Gerard into the detailed history of the involvement of the ship in this historical battle.

It is very clear that when researching a service record of a soldier or sailor in any war, involves the acquisition of much additional knowledge, in order to make a more comprehensive understanding of the data.

Research of military records can be very rewarding and if you have any relations involved in WW1, then this lecture / tutorial is a must to see. Gerard displayed a dedicated and enthusiastic attitude to the study and his findings are great help to future researchers.

This lecture is highly detailed and there was a Q&A session after the talk was completed. The full lecture can be viewed online https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpp4FNuBgel&feature=youtu.be Many thanks to Gerard.

Tonv 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.

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

Gerard White's Advice on WW1 Records

Information Document on the Irish Regiments of British Army up to 31st July 1922. (including Notes on How to Source World War 1 Service Records). Please see below the steps required to access the Information Document on the Military Archives website http://www.militaryarchives.ie

From Home page click on the tab **Genealogy**. On the **Genealogy page** under the heading **Conducting Research** is the following notice

"Please note, Military Archives does not hold records relating to military service prior to 1922. If your relative served during World War I, or at any point up to 1922, it is likely their service was with some of the Irish Regiments of the British Army. For further advice on researching British military records please contact the United Kingdom's National Archives at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk or view the Military Archives Guide to researching British Records"

To view the document Military Archives Guide to researching British Records Click the link in the text and the document will open. The information document is divided into a number of sections with an introduction that sets outs the scope of the information contained therein.

My review of the contents of the document: The regiments with direct and indirect links to Ireland are

listed. & A short history of each Regiment listed. The location of the Regimental Depots. Counties that the Regiments recruited from. Countries where the Regiments served before 1914. Military Service during the Great War (WW1). A sosociations connected to the Regiments. The final section of the document deals with the researching WW1 records.

Overall it is one of the best summaries of British Army Regiments prior to $31^{\rm st}$ July 1922 that had direct and indirect links to the island of Ireland.

GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tuesday October 8th— 'From Tullamore to Trinidad – the Military Service (1916-1923) Pensions Collection as a genealogical source' by Robert McEvoy

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

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 Lecture Programme at toharadsl@gmail.com

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"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 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.

