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## JGSI 2021 & "Lockdown Genealogy"

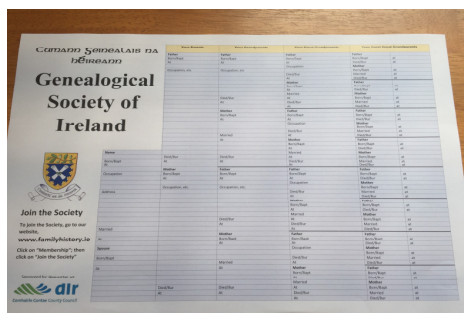
When we look back over 2020, many of us may see the year as one that we would rather forget, but simply can't—it was too painful and tragic a year for many in our own communities and others, many less fortunate, around the world. Covid-19 has disrupted our daily lives and continues to throw our plans for family occasions, work, education and holidays into complete disarray. Indeed, this Society's plans to mark its thirtieth anniversary had to be completely abandoned and our Open Meetings which had been held each month since 1991 had been cancelled.

No wonder there was a disconcertingly profound mixture of despair and hope in those well wishes we all exchanged in a socially distanced manner for the New Year. The Covid-19 restrictions imposed for New Year's Eve meant that many of us shared our best wishes electronically. This was a very strange experience that ran counter to our culture and traditions. But staying safe, staying apart and, indeed, for many just staying alive was their primary concern. Unfortunately, many in our families, neighbourhoods, communities or work places succumbed to this horrible disease and, far too many, lost their battles with Covid-19 during 2020. Forgetting 2020 is not going to be something that many will be readily able to do for some time to come, if ever.

Asked an elderly neighbour in the supermarket how they were coping with the Covid-19 restrictions and he replied "the days drag and the weeks fly by" leaving most of 2020 in a "kind of haze of nothingness". His assessment of 2020, no doubt, resonates with many who look back on the past ten months or so as a lonely and strangely silent year, one best forgotten, if only we could.

On the brighter side, many of us were able to catch up on our reading, binged movies on Netflix or Prime, or indeed, finally tackled that language we always wanted to learn, but just didn't have the time or inclination. Many decided to "do the family history" and embarked on the journey of discovery that leaves many of us with an incurable obsession for genealogy,

ancestors and those elusive, often long dead, relatives. "Lockdown Genealogy" is only the beginning.



In our quest to fill in the information on our Birth Brief (see above), many of us will discover much more about the lives and times of our ancestors. Their life-stories enhance our understanding of the journey, often very difficult, that our families have made down through the centuries and the turbulent events of our country's history. Not all of our ancestors may have a particularly remarkable story to be retold, nevertheless, as the custodian of that story, we family historians have a duty to ensure that it is recorded and preserved for future generations.

Researchers around the world use genealogical society journals to publish their research, family histories or articles about certain sources, individuals (ancestors, for example) or historic events. Many see it as a duty of the family history researcher.

Like hundreds of similar societies around the world, this Society's **Annual Journal** is now published in a digital format and it offers the family historian an avenue to preserve their research. Indeed, articles are now sought for the 2021 issue which is due for publication in March/April 2021. If you would like to contribute an item for publication, please drop us an email on [JGSI2021@familyhistory.ie](mailto:JGSI2021@familyhistory.ie)

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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.

### ARCHIVE—TEMPORARY CLOSURE

'An Daonchartlann' the Society's Archive & Research Centre based at the DLR Leisure Centre in Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin, will remain **CLOSED** until further notice due to Covid-19 restrictions.



James Davidson, FGSI, Vice-President of the Genealogical Society of Ireland. RIP

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## OPEN MEETINGS

### Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 12 January 2021 (*Cancelled*) —20.00hrs

Tuesday 9 February 2021 (*Cancelled*)—20.00hrs

### Royal Marine Hotel (or Zoom)

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 27 January (*Zoom Mtg.*) —11.00hrs

Wednesday 24 February (*Zoom Mtg.*)—11.00hrs

Contribution €5.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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## OUTREACH PROGRAMME

The necessary imposition of restrictions due to Covid-19 in Ireland has caused havoc with the plans for the resumption of activities by the voluntary and community sectors.

The Society's Outreach Programme team headed by **Eddie Gahan, MGSi** has suspended its operations since March 2020 and it is extremely unlikely that they will resume this year.

Eddie's Outreach Programme team is looking forward to the day when they can get out on the road again with their information stand and help desk. If you would like to help please email him at [eddie\\_gahan\\_snr@hotmail.com](mailto:eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com)

## O'CALLAGHAN BOOK

The Director of Archival Services & Education, **Gerard White, MGSi**, would like to sincerely thank Joseph F. O'Callaghan for his very kind donation of '*Clan Callaghan—The O Callaghan Family of County Cork*' to the Society's Archive. It is a hugely important resource.

The author, **Joseph F. O'Callaghan**, is professor emeritus of Medieval History, former Director of the Center for Medieval Studies at Fordham University and past president of the American Catholic Historical Association. His primary interest is the history of medieval kingship and parliaments with particular attention to medieval Spain, on which, he has published extensively.

## An Daonchartlann & Covid-19

*An Daonchartlann* - Archive & Research Centre is normally open each Wednesday between **10.00hrs to 14.30hrs**. However, under the **Level 5 Covid-19 Restrictions**, it is **CLOSED** until further notice.

When we can open, the system for operating the archive due to Covid-19, is as follows.

- (1) All visits to the archive, for members and non-members, is by **appointment only**. All appointments to be made, in advance, to [Archivist@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Archivist@familyhistory.ie) only.
- (2) Maximum time for each visit, is 1 hour for non-members and 2 hours for paid up members. Maximum number of visitors per appointment is one person.
- (3) Gloves supplied in the archive, must always be used while in the archive.
- (4) Face mask/covering (not supplied) must always be worn while in the archive. You will be refused admission to the archive without a face mask/covering.
- (5) A name and contact phone number will be required from each person visiting.
- (6) All visitors, members and non-members must leave the archive as soon as their allocated time has finished.

Please do **not** visit the archive, if you are feeling unwell or have been in contact with someone, who has been confirmed as having Covid-19 or are waiting for test results.

*(The Archive cannot be a drop-in centre under the current Covid-19 regulations and we hope to be able to revert at a later stage).*

## Please Stay Safe—We'll Stay Connected via Zoom & Teams

### Early Irish Kingship and Succession

A number of years ago when the initial results of the *Irish DNA Atlas* project were unveiled by **Prof. Gianpiero Cavalleri** and his then PhD student, now **Dr. Edmond Gilbert**, at a briefing held at the **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)** in Dublin, after explaining the data compilation, maps of Ireland with the DNA results plotted appeared on the screen. This was an incredible moment of revelation for the Genealogical Society of Ireland members of the project team as the maps immediately reminded us of those published in '*Early Irish Kingship and Succession*' by **Bart Jaski** (ISBN: 978-1-84682-426-5 : 360pp : P/bk : Price €35.00 & Web Price €31.50) published by Four Courts Press in 2013.



The genetic groups mapped across Ireland were almost identical to areas of the ancient kingdoms and tribes of Ireland. When a copy of Jaski's book was consulted the correlation between the DNA data and the maps in the appendix to the book was confirmed by the Irish DNA Atlas Team. This was really exciting news for the project team and indeed, for all with an interest in genetic genealogy, early Irish history and, of course, clan and sept histories. This discovery is hugely important and, no doubt, will provide the basis for further studies of the early settlement, societal structures and political development of Ireland. Great news—Jaski's wonderful work is **BACK IN PRINT**.

Early medieval Ireland was ruled by a large number of lords, kings and overkings. In a complicated network of affiliations the Irish kings and the dynasties to which they belonged played a never-ending game of prevail or perish. Most kings had to deal with jealous relatives, unruly sons, dissatisfied noblemen and ambitious overkings. On the sideline clerics and poets were keeping a critical eye on their rule.

On the basis of a wide range of written sources (laws, sagas, poetry, annals, genealogy, hagiography), *Early Irish kingship and succession* provides new insights about the place of lords and kings in early Irish society. It analyses the relationship with their subjects, by which means they ruled, and their strategies of survival in a competitive society. This is set in a context of the early Irish ideology of rulership which combined Celtic ideas about sacral kingship with Christian concepts about proper behaviour and heavenly punishment. A lord or king had to be qualified for his office. Considerations such as descent, seniority, dignity, wealth, supporters and physical and mental capacities were all taken into account when a new lord or king was chosen.

This study re-evaluates the rule of succession, its origins and its expression in narrative literature, and examines the meaning of the kingship of Tara and the titles *rigdamna* and *tánaise rig*. It sketches the background of the medieval Irish polity, with its expanding and fragmenting dynasties, and explains why none ever gained permanent rule over the whole island. Although, it also clearly portrays an island with a unified native law code, customs and culture.

The appendices contain genealogical tables of the various kingship groups, maps and an exceptional bibliography.

**Bart Jaski** holds a PhD in Medieval History from Trinity College Dublin. Since 2007 he is the keeper of manuscripts of the University Library of Utrecht. Before that he lectured at the Celtic Dept. in Utrecht, mainly on Celtic civilization and early medieval Irish history, law and literature.

## FOUR COURTS PRESS

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### 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 and data then this is the plan for you: €40.50 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 ☺ Unlimited mobile data of which up to 15GB's can be used within the EU for data roaming. ☺ Smart Phones at subsidised rates. ☺ 24 month Contract. Call today to discuss the best plan for you. Ph: 01 6876021 or email [Conor.Spencer@threegovstaff.com](mailto:Conor.Spencer@threegovstaff.com)

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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 forwarded 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.

### ZOOM MEETINGS

The GSI Archive & Research Centre is currently closed to visitors, however, the Director of Archival Services & Education, **Gerard White, MGSi**, is considering arranging occasional informal archive meetings using **Zoom**. Meanwhile the Membership Director, **Barry O'Connor, FGSI**, will email Members to log in to **Zoom on Wednesday 27 January** at 11.00hrs to 12.30hrs for an informal meeting to discuss research & provide advice.

Members may send queries in advance by email to [Archivist@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Archivist@familyhistory.ie)

### JAMES DAVIDSON, FGSI, Vice President of the Society

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our Society's Vice-President, James Davidson, FGSI, on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Northern Ireland.

James was the Society's longest serving Vice-President having been appointed in November 1999. Throughout the 1990s, James was the Society's representative in Northern Ireland and in October 2001 he was elected a Fellow of the Genealogical Society of Ireland in recognition of his sterling work in promoting cooperation across communities and encouraging us all to explore the industrial heritage of our island together.

As a Master Baker, James had a great interest in the history of Irish bakeries, bakers and the machinery used by the industry down through the centuries.

He was active in the Industrial Heritage Association of Ireland and delivered talks at events around the country on the history and operation of the bakeries in Ireland.

James will be very fondly remembered by his many friends within the genealogical and heritage communities throughout the island of Ireland and, especially, by the Members of the Genealogical Society of Ireland.

Our sincerest condolences to his family and friends.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam uasal*

## In Brief....

### GSI MEMBERSHIP

Join on-line at [www.familyhistory.ie](http://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.

### MONTHLY LECTURE PROGRAMME

Due to the restrictions imposed by the Irish government during the COVID-19 pandemic the Society's Open Meeting schedule has been suspended until further notice. CHECKOUT our YouTube Channel for past lectures, [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

### JANUARY LECTURES

*James Scannell advises that due to the measures announced by the Government to prevent the spread of Covid-19 by restricting public meetings and gatherings, the introduction of social distancing, and the closing of schools, colleges, museums and galleries, all lectures and meetings of local history societies have been cancelled and will not resume until permitted to do so. Some museums and galleries have reopened, however, prior booking is generally required. Check the websites of the institutions for further information.*

### FELLOWS : COMHALTAÍ

#### Current Fellows

1990 - Frieda Carroll (Dublin) (Co-Founder)  
 1990 - Michael Merrigan (Dublin) (Co-Founder)  
 1992 - Anthony Daly (Dublin)  
 1997 - Barry O'Connor (Dublin)  
 2001 - Rory Stanley (Dublin) (3rd President & First Dean)  
 2005 - Stuart Rosenblatt (London, UK) (4th President & 2nd Dean of the College of Fellows)  
 2005 - Tony McCarthy (Cork) (2nd President)  
 2005 - Jim Herlihy (Cork)  
 2005 - Brian Mitchell (Derry)  
 2009 - Séamus Moriarty (Dublin)  
 2009 - Séamus O'Reilly (Dublin)  
 2009 - Andrew Tully (RSA / Australia)  
 2010 - John Grenham (Dublin)

#### Deceased Fellows

1991-2000 - Denis, O Conor Don (Dublin) (First President)  
 1990-2011 - Jean Reddin (Dublin) (Co-Founder)  
 2001-2015 - Seán Kane (Dublin)  
 1992-2016 - Liam Mac Alasdair (Dublin)  
 1990-2016 - Joan Merrigan (Dublin) (Co-Founder)  
 2009-2019 - David, The O Morchoe (Wexford) (Vice-President)  
 2001-2020 - James Davidson (Northern Ireland) (Vice-President)

*Nota Bene:* Sr. Bernadette de Lourdes, OCarin (USA) who was elected Vice President of the Society on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2002 was due to be appointed to Fellowship in 2005, however, Sr. Bernadette became very ill and died on 13 September 2005. Before incorporation, William E. Hogg was a Trustee of the Society between 1994 and 1998, however, as he resigned as a Trustee in 1998, he is not included in the above list.



[www.eneclann.ie](http://www.eneclann.ie)



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

## James Scannell Reports...

### FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Liam Clare will give a short talk *'The story of the Stained-Glass Window of the Madonna and Child in Foxrock Church'* at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 12 January.

Dominic Lee will give a long talk *'William Orpen'* at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 19 January. Both will be presented on Zoom—please email [info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie](mailto:info@foxrocklocalhistory.ie) for access details.

### SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Christine Baker will speak on *'Romans, Rumours and Ramparts: Excavations at Drumanagh Promontory Fort'* at 20.15hrs on Tuesday 12 January. Presented on Zoom (Members only).

### RATHMICHAEL HIST. SOC.

The AGM will take place on Zoom at 20.00hrs on Weds. 13 January and will be followed with a lecture *'Mary Mulligan, Neighbour to Countess Markievicz'* presented by Peadar Curran. Log onto [www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie](http://www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie) for access details

### THE GALLIPOLI ASSOCIATION

Ian Binne will present an online lecture *'The Irish Soldier at Gallipoli'* at 19.30hrs on Tues. 26 January. Log onto [www.dropbox.com/s/ebw](http://www.dropbox.com/s/ebw) for access details.

### PUBLICATIONS

*'Obelisk 2021 - Journal of the Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society'*, published by the **Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society** – ISBN 978-0-9932782-5-9.

This is the 15th issue of *'Obelisk'* and, as in previous years, it has a wide range of articles, most of them with south Dublin connections.

This beautifully illustrated edition reveals hidden aspects of local history and makes some surprising connections. The attractive cover is a *'View of Dublin Bay and Harbour from Stillorgan'* by John Henry Campbell in 1812.

Articles featured in this issue, include the following:

- ◆ 'The Devlins of Westbury House and Clonmore House' by John Healy.
- ◆ 'The Musical O'Grady Sisters' by Sheila O'Grady Peregrine.
- ◆ 'Fernhill House and Gardens' by Michael Van Turnout.
- ◆ 'Once upon a Sunday: The Story of Joseph P. Traynor (1900-1920)' by Micheál Nelson.
- ◆ 'From Stillorgan to Apollo 11' by Pat Norris.
- ◆ 'Bunscoil Dhún Chéiri: Stair Ghearr na Scoile. 1895-2020' by Ann Baxter.
- ◆ 'Memories of a Lost Village' by Aiden Traynor.
- ◆ 'Parke Neville: An Engineer for the City' by Liam Doyle.
- ◆ 'Sandyford Library and its Librarians' by Nicholas Ryan.
- ◆ 'Hans Möllers' by Frank Tracy.
- ◆ 'The Connaught Rangers Mutiny: Thomas Murray's Story' by Bryan MacMahon.
- ◆ 'Moravians in Ireland' by Ged Walsh.
- ◆ 'Kilmacud Manor, W.J. Fitzpatrick and the Sham Squire' by Peter Sobolewski.

- ◆ 'Ticknock's Ancient Watercourse' by Peadar Curran.
- ◆ 'Sensation in Stillorgan: The Raid of St. John of God Hospital in 1921' by Frank Cogan.
- ◆ 'End of an Era: Beaufield Mews'.
- ◆ The Society's Monthly 2020 Talks.

*'Obelisk 2021'* has 165 pages and costs only €7.00 and copies can be ordered through the Society's website.

*'Obelisk 2021'* is also available from outlets such as the South Dublin Credit Union, Kilmacacud Road, Stillorgan, Lakelands Stores (Today's), 5, Lakelands Road, Stillorgan, and The Village Café, Glenalbyn House, Kilmacud Crokes, Stillorgan.

*'Due North 2020/2021 - The Magazine of the Federation for Ulster Local Studies'*, Editor John Dooher, published by the **Federation for Ulster Local Studies**. Website: [www.fuls.org.uk](http://www.fuls.org.uk)

Articles featured in this year's magazine include -

- ◆ Editorial by John Dooher.
- ◆ 'The Belfast Hill - where Local History and Landscape Entwine' by Jim Bradley.
- ◆ 'The Londonderry Air' by Jim Hunter.
- ◆ 'Ludwig Schenkel 1900-1988' by Sean Beattie.
- ◆ 'Early History of Belfast City Hospital, 1841-1941' by Norman Campbell.
- ◆ 'A Brief History of the Great Northern Railway (Ireland)' by James Scannell.
- ◆ 'The Robinson Library, Armagh' by Dr. Whan.
- ◆ 'Lewis' Topographical Dictionary' by J. R.R. Adams.
- ◆ 'Shedding Light on Viscount Pirrie' by Keith Haines.
- ◆ 'Colmeille and the 1500th Commemoration of his Birth' by Helen Meehan.
- ◆ 'Two for One - Tom McDevitte' by Anne Hailes.
- ◆ 'Antrim History Society - Forty Years On' by Alvin McCaig.
- ◆ 'Loughbrickland Historical Group' by Isabel Moorhead.
- ◆ 'A Tragedy from the Past: Randalstown Drowning 1900.'
- ◆ 'The Federation in Action 2020.'

Publications reviewed are *'Donegal Annual 2020 No.72'* and *'Around the Loop - an exploration of a local community through the centuries'* published by the Loop & District Historical Society.

Copies of *'Due North'* can be ordered from the Federation for Ulster Local Studies' via [www.fuls.org.uk](http://www.fuls.org.uk)

### 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](http://www.gillmacmillan.com) Price €24.99 [RRP].

## COLLEGE OF FELLOWS : COLÁISTE na gCOMHALTAÍ

As with similar organisations around the world, this Society has its own system of awards for meritorious services to the Society or in the pursuit of its objectives. Some organisations have medals or certificates for such recognition of exceptional service, others including this Society, have Fellowships and Associate Fellowships.

Originally established as the 'Founders' Committee' or 'Trustees of the Society' in 1990, after the Society's first Annual General Meeting held in October 1991, appointment as a 'Trustee' was made in recognition for services to the organisation. Following the incorporation of the Society in 2000, the seven Trustees, four founders and three appointees, became *Fellows* of the Society in accordance with **Res: 00/12/06** (December 2000).



In September 2001, the Board of the newly incorporated Society formally established the 'College of Fellows of the Genealogical Society' under **Res: 01/09/88** and provided it with specific functions under **Res: 01/09/89**. In March 2012, the Board adopted a formal governance structure for the College with a new 'Constitution of the College of Fellows' (**Res: 12/03/894**) which was endorsed by the Members at the Annual General Meeting of March 2012. The Constitution stipulates that the President of the Society is ex-officio the Dean, effectively Chairperson, of the College of Fellows of the Society.

With the adoption of this Constitution the role of the College of Fellows was further enhanced to encompass certain defined functions within the Society especially, in the promotion of an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of our genealogical, heraldic and vexillological heritage, and recognising excellence in the furtherance of these objectives.

Fellowship of the Society is the highest honour that the Genealogical Society of Ireland can bestow on a Member or on any individual in recognition for outstanding achievement and exceptional service in the fields of Genealogy, Heraldry, Vexillology and related subjects. The number of Fellows cannot, at any time, exceed twenty.

The Board hasn't awarded any Fellowships since 2010 during the Society's twentieth anniversary celebrations, although, it was expected to do as part of the ceremonies to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Society last year. Unfortunately, this anniversary was overtaken by the Covid-19 pandemic and the cancellation of all events. However, it is expected that the Society's President, **Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**, will exercise his prerogative to award two Fellowships before the expiry of his term of office in November. Both of his predecessors, **Tony MacCarthy, MA, FGSI** and **Rory Stanley, FGSI**, exercised this prerogative at their inaugurations.

**PHOTOS:** Left: **Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**, President of the Society & Dean of the College of Fellows. Top right: The 'Mungovan Badge' or heraldic badge of the Society named in honour of **Joseph Mungovan** who died on April 3rd 2002. Mrs. **Barbara Mungovan-Koch** sponsored the acquisition of this unique heraldic badge from the **Chief Herald of Ireland** in 2000. Bottom right: The awarding of Fellowship to **John Grenham, MA**, in 2010, with the then Minister, **Ms. Mary Hanafin**, in Harbour Lodge, Dún Laoghaire, November 2010.

See page 3—Fellows and years of award as determined by **Res: 00/12/06** and subsequent resolutions of the Board.

Checkout the Society's website [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie)

## SURNAMES OF THE ISLE OF MAN

Recently the **Irish DNA Atlas Team** was tasked with categorising the likely origins of the surnames in the project's database to produce a resource that could be analysed in conjunction with the various genetic groups already discovered by the project. This mapping exercise will provide an excellent resource for the study of settlement patterns and internal migrations.

Besides the native Gaelic surnames, others included Anglo-Norman, English, Scottish, Welsh, Cornish, French etc and, one probable Manx origin surname. Manx surnames have a fascinating mix of Gaelic, Norse, Scottish, English and Welsh origins and the recommended authoritative publication on these surnames is 'The Personal Names of the Isle of Man' by **J.J. Kneen**, published by **Oxford University Press** in 1937. Although published under the auspices of Tynwald (Manx Parliament) by the Manx Museum and Ancient Monument Trustees, it appears that a previous owner of my copy of this excellent resource was not so impressed. This owner's signature appears on the front page, dated October 1973 and although, not clearly legible, it's possibly recognisable to those associated with Manx language and culture during the 1970s. This book has been annotated, presumably by this previous owner who "corrects" entries etc. However, it's what is written under the dedication that is most intriguing as this previous owner appears to have not rated Kneen's scholarship in this field very highly. Nevertheless it apparently remains the most authoritative resource on the subject currently available. See: [www.culturevannin.im](http://www.culturevannin.im) **MM**

## THESE WON'T BE REPRINTED!

The Society published a range of titles since 1992 and although these were all in hardcopy or on CD, times have changed. Costs of publishing small print runs in that format are now prohibitive. Therefore, like many similar societies around the world, publishing online or in a digital format is the only practical option.

The following is a list of the current hardcopy stock. None of these titles will be reprinted so we have a special price reduction to clear.

### Irish Genealogical Sources (IGS)

**IGS 9.** 'Petitioners against the closure of Kill of the Grange Cemetery, Dublin'

**IGS 16.** 'Kilcoole County Wicklow, School registers from 1854—1876'.

**IGS 17.** 'Index to the 1821 Census of Crosserlough, Co. Cavan'.

**IGS 22.** '1901 Census Index for Blackrock Urban District Area, Co. Dublin'.

**IGS 26.** 'Families of Newlands, Co. Dublin—A Genealogical Study'.

**IGS 28.** 'Howth, Sutton, Kilbarrack & Baldoyle, Co. Dublin, 1901 Census Index'.

### Deansgrange Memorial Inscriptions

**Vol 1** (2 copies left) - South West Section

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