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## In the Footsteps of Irish Jewry 1700-2020

The President of the Genealogical Society of Ireland, **Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**, recently presented the Society's Archive & Research Centre—*An Daonchartlann*, with two enormous volumes containing genealogical details on over 67,000 individuals.

Compiled over 25 years of painstakingly thorough research throughout the island of Ireland, Mr. Rosenblatt has created an absolutely unique resource for the study of the Irish-Jewish Community and its descendants and, crucially its diaspora. No other national Jewish community has been so thoroughly researched and documented over a period scanning some three hundred years.

In addition to the Irish Jewish Museum, this Society's Archive is one of only four repositories in Ireland to be gifted this wonderful resource, the others are the National Archives of

Ireland, the National Library of Ireland and the Dublin City Library and Archive.

Through this monumental labour of love, Mr. Rosenblatt has created a resource that will be treasured for generations to come, not only by genealogists nor indeed, solely those of Irish-Jewish ancestry, but students and academics in several disciplines.

Hopefully, possibly through philanthropy, copies of these hugely important works may eventually be obtained for the National Library of Israel, the Library of Congress in the USA and, of course, the New York Public Library.

Interestingly, Mr. Rosenblatt is constantly adding to this resource and he encourages those with information to contact him—see page 2.

The Society is considering the possibility of hosting an exhibition of these volumes in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown in the coming months.



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### IRISH DNA ATLAS

Checkout the short video clip and the lectures on the *Irish DNA Atlas* project on the Society's **YouTube Channel**—

[www.youtube.com/c/](http://www.youtube.com/c/)

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## HERITAGE WEEK

As part of National Heritage Week 2021 the Society will be running a daily **Zoom** session with our experts to assist you with your research, or to help get you started.

The sessions will take place every lunchtime during Heritage week (Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd August) from 13.00hrs to 14.00hrs UTC+1 (Irish Summer Time).

To access these free sessions, start Zoom on your computer, laptop, iPad etc and use Meeting ID: 967 8769 0396 or try: <https://zoom.us/j/96787690396>

Please note that there is no password required, however, if we are busy we may ask you to remain in the 'waiting room' for a few minutes.

## OPEN MEETINGS

### Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute (but for now via Zoom)

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 10 August 2021 (Zoom) —20.00hrs

Tuesday 14 September 2021 (Zoom)—20.00hrs

### Royal Marine Hotel (now Zoom)

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 25 August (Zoom) —11.00hrs

Wednesday 22 September (Zoom)—11.00hrs

Contribution €5.00 p.p.

(Donations via [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie))

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## “ARCHIVE DROP-INS”

Eddie Gahan, FGSI, Director of the Outreach Programme, is the coordinator of the weekly “Drop-Ins” which are proving to be hugely popular with our Members around the world. These informal weekly “Drop-Ins” are only for fully paid up Members and they are designed to allow you to join the Zoom meeting at any time between 11.00hrs and 12.00hrs on Wednesdays—with the exception of the fourth Wednesday due to the Monthly Morning Open Meeting.

Members receive an email from the Director of Membership Services each week with access details. Members can send in their research query in advance to [Archivist@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Archivist@familyhistory.ie)

## NEW FREE RESOURCE

Longstanding GSI Member, Karen D’Alton, contacted the ‘Gazette’ regarding a new website on the local history/genealogy of Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, and the surrounding areas aiming to document the lives of the people that lived/live there, especially, focussing on the ‘Big Houses’ and their residents and employees.

The website is free to use and is non-profit making and soon to launch “1901 families” sketching each of the families that lived in Stillorgan Village at that time.

It is hoped to document more of the ordinary people who lived and worked in the area. The page is split into two areas, the Dublin Road and the Kilmacud Road, and lists each family.

Please checkout this new website at the following link <https://www.youwho.ie/1901.html>

## Précis of the July Lecture

On Tuesday July 13th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) Pat Scanlan ‘Scanlan Families of Castlemahon, Co. Limerick & USA, famine, emigration, Fenianism, poetry and life’.

Pat Scanlan explained that although, famous for its poultry business in 1970s and 1980s, Castlemahon, is otherwise a small rural parish of little repute in Co. Limerick, except of course for its class hurlers.

He said that when we dig a big deeper, from 1800’s we find a Fenian Poet Laureate called Michael Scanlan 1833-1917 and a Mayor of Houston, Texas, and multimillionaire in late 1800s, Timothy Scanlan 1829-1906, as well as a cast of characters who made such an impact in the USA, particularly in Chicago & Texas.

Pat Scanlan, a native of the parish, explored more unknowns about the two Scanlan interrelated neighbouring families eking out a living from 1800 to the peak of the ‘Great Hunger’ in 1840s, which inevitably forced both families to seek a new life in the United States between 1840 and 1851.

In his talk, using a timeline technique, he explored social, political, and local context that the families experienced, with [www.scanlanavia.com](http://www.scanlanavia.com) as a permanent showcase for continued research of this Scanlan family history. This unearthed many long-forgotten facts about the levels of hardship, violence, and repression under, what he described as “dysfunctional colonial British rule” which impacted on every square mile of the country and its citizens, including the 1834 murder by the “red coats” and injury in the parish a despicable act against an unarmed community.

The Zoom lecture was attended by several direct descendants and interest parties to both families from the US and parishioners from Mahoonagh. The subsequent Q&A provided an opportunity for the some remotely scattered direct descendants an opportunity to relate their knowledge of their ancestral connections.

The project continues to expand more information on the Scanlan family history from both sides of the Atlantic with the help of an enthusiastic family historians across the United States. Myheritage’s Deep Nostalgia is used to animate some key Scanlan ancestors. The Project is present on Heritage Week August 2021 and website is being updated as new information comes available. A resurgence of interest in the Scanlan family history should result in future visits to the area from the US in 2022.

This lecture will be uploaded to the GSI YouTube Channel.

## RESEARCHING IRISH JEWRY



As mentioned on page 1 of this newsletter, Mr. Stuart Rosenblatt P.C. FGSI (2005) and the Irish Jewish Genealogical Society (A division of the Irish Jewish Museum) are constantly updating and expanding the archival records of the Irish Jewish Community.

Mr. Rosenblatt can be contacted by phone at +44(0)788 979 4757 and, of course, by email: [srosenblatt@irishjewishroots.com](mailto:srosenblatt@irishjewishroots.com) Please checkout Mr. Rosenblatt’s website [www.irishjewishroots.com](http://www.irishjewishroots.com) for further info.

## GSI ON YOUTUBE

The Society’s lectures and some informational short videos were uploaded to our YouTube Channel. To view the videos and hopefully, to ‘Like’ and ‘Share’ them, and to ‘Subscribe’ to our YouTube channel—please checkout:

[www.YouTube.com/c/GenealogicalSocietyOfIrelandGSI](http://www.YouTube.com/c/GenealogicalSocietyOfIrelandGSI)  
GSI ON INSTAGRAM

The Society has been expanding its presence across all social media platforms and we’re on Instagram! Please checkout this link:

[www.instagram.com/GenSocIreland](http://www.instagram.com/GenSocIreland)

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

### The Irish Revolution 1912-23

Around this time one hundred years ago, many of our ancestors were more than relieved to be experiencing a return to relative peace and normality with the ending of hostilities brought about by the Anglo-Irish Truce of July 11th 1921. This truce brought an end to the Irish War of Independence and the opening up of talks between Westminster and Dublin. These talks would eventually lead to the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty on December 6th 1921 and the establishment of the Provisional Government of the Irish Free State bringing independence to the twenty-six counties in December 1922. The parliament of the six counties of Northern Ireland was provided with an “opt out” and it chose to remain a part of the United Kingdom.

The events leading up to the establishment of the Irish Free State and indeed, the Civil War that followed, were in the living memory of many of our grandparents or parents. We all are the custodians of much family and local lore about the people, places and the local events of the period 1912 to 1923.

The State’s marking of the ‘Decade of Centenaries’ since 2012 provided opportunities for new research to be undertaken and published, public lectures and other forms of interpretative and commemorative events to be organised, and, new television and radio documentaries on the period to be produced and broadcast.

The even-handedness, respect and inclusivity which became the hallmark of the overwhelming majority of the commemorative events allowed for an informed public engagement with the ‘Decade of Centenaries’.

The wealth of new historical research on this period published in Ireland, both locally and nationally, came as a huge bonus to family and local historians. New material, including much from private papers, became available allowing for the local story to be fully told, often for the very first time, and providing a much-needed local context and reference points for our store of local and family lore. Not surprisingly, these publications have been hugely popular and, in some cases, providing new opportunities for commemorative events and memorials. But more importantly, local research puts the ordinary people firmly back into the narrative.

The ongoing ‘The Irish Revolution, 1912-23’ series published by Four Courts Press, provides detailed accounts of the revolutionary period at county level, whilst, contextualising the events within the wider national picture. To date ten counties—Sligo, Tyrone, Waterford, Monaghan, Derry, Limerick, Louth, Kildare, Leitrim and, most recently, Antrim, have been published. For those with ancestral connections to these counties—these are essential reading.

### FOUR COURTS PRESS

Irish History, Genealogy, Local History and much more. Checkout the 2021 online catalogue and the wonderful special offers at [www.fourcourtspress.ie](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie)

## REMINDERS & UPDATES

The Board of Directors has no scheduled meeting in August and therefore, it will meet again via Zoom on **Thursday September 2nd 2021** at 11.00hrs.

Meanwhile, *An Daonchartlann*—the Society’s own Archive and Research Centre based at the **DLR Leisure Centre in Loughlinstown** has reopened, with restrictions (see page 4), on Wednesdays between 11.00hrs and 14.00hrs. In addition, the Society’s Members have their weekly Archive “Drop-In” via Zoom each Wednesday at 11.00hrs to 12.00hrs.

The Society’s two **Open Meetings** each month—Evening Meeting on the Second Tuesday and Morning Meeting on the Fourth Wednesday—continue to be held via Zoom during the pandemic. Indeed, it is unlikely that when this pandemic has passed that there will be a move away from the incorporeal meetings for a number of reasons, including greater accessibility and inclusivity is achieved via Zoom.

As advised last month, the Board adopted **Res: 20/07/1599** requiring all persons entering onto the premises at Loughlinstown to produce proof that they are **fully vaccinated**. *No exceptions to this rule.*

The **JGSI 2021 Select Committee** under the direction of the Deputy General Secretary, **Paula Jones**, is putting the final touches to the **Journal of the Genealogical Society of Ireland 2021** for publication in October, possibly to coincide with the anniversary of the foundation of the Society of 25th October 1990.

The Deputy General Secretary is also working on a plan to re-launch the ‘*Irish Genealogical Sources*’ series as electronic publications. The series was originally created by **George H. O’Reilly** back in 1997 with the publication of IGS No. 1—‘*Shillelagh & Ballinacor South, Co. Wicklow, 1837 Memorial*’ and published 32 titles ending with IGS No. 32 in 2012—‘*Wrth Angor yn Nulyn—At Anchorage in Dublin—The History of Bethel, the Welsh Chapel in Talbot Street, Dublin*’. The series was discontinued due to the costs of printing and postage which made short-run special interest publications very costly to produce.

## INFORMATION SOUGHT

The focus for the **DLR 2021 Decade of Centenaries** project is the ‘*Big Houses of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown*’. The DLR historian in residence is looking to speak to people who have photographs, anecdotes, memories and stories relating to any of the Big Houses and estates in the county of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown, especially those in Council ownership, Marlay, Cabinteely and Fernhill Houses, as well as information relating to Republican activities around these buildings and estates during the revolutionary years (1912-23) and afterwards. If you have information, please contact David Gunning, DLR Historian in Residence at [dgunning@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:dgunning@dlrcoco.ie) or 01 236 2722.

James Scannell



## 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.

### AUGUST LECTURES

*James Scannell* advises that due to current Government restrictions and public health measures to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the events listed in his report are being held online or via Zoom - donation/charge may apply. Check the websites of each for further information.

### GSI OPEN MEETINGS

Due to the restrictions the Society's Monthly Open Meetings are now all held via ZOOM

**Tuesday August 10th** —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) Francis M. O'Donnell—*The O'Donnells—A Hidden Legacy*'.

**Wednesday August 25th**—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal general discussion on family history and related matters.

**Tuesday September 10th** —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) T.B.A

**Wednesday September 22nd**—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal general discussion on family history and related matters.

Details on the **Speaker Programme** for the months of September to December will be published on the Society's website and, of course, in the September issue of this newsletter.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused—information not to hand when going to print.

### ZOOM MEETINGS

The Membership Director, **Barry O'Connor**, FGSI, will email Members to log in to **Zoom** for the two Open Meetings listed above.

The lectures are open to the public and the access details are available on request by email from [Membership@Familyhistory.ie](mailto:Membership@Familyhistory.ie) The Board of Directors would welcome your comments or suggestions on the Society's Monthly Lecture Programme, email: [DepGenSec@familyhistory.ie](mailto:DepGenSec@familyhistory.ie)

Members may send their research queries in advance for the Morning Open Meeting by email to [Archivist@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Archivist@familyhistory.ie)

The GSI Lecture Programme is recorded for the Society's YouTube Channel as a free, publicly accessible educational and research resource. We endeavour to have each lecture up as soon as possible after the event, however, delays may occur where editing or technical issues arise.

In addition to the above Monthly Open Meetings, the Society hosts "Archive Drop -In" Zoom meetings each Wednesday, except 4th Weds, for Members only between 11.00hrs and 12.00hrs.



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



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

## James Scannell Reports...

### THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

Lar Joye will present *'Murder by the Throat: Crown Forces in Dublin 1919-1921'* at 19.30hrs on Wednesday 11 August on Zoom. - email: [registerwitholddublinociety@gmail.com](mailto:registerwitholddublinociety@gmail.com) to receive a link to it

### RATHMICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Theme - *The Archaeology of Ireland's Bogs* - will take place nightly from Monday 16 August to Friday 20 August consisting of the following presentation - Monday 16 August: *'The Archaeology of Raised Bogs'* by Dr. Ellen O'Carroll; Tuesday 17 August: *'Interpreting the Physical Features of the Faddan More Psalter'* by Dr. John Gillis; Wednesday 18 August: *'The Leo Swan Memorial Lecture: '50 Years on from Leo Swan's Research Flights over the Céide Fields in 1971''* by Prof. Séamus Caulfield; Thursday 19 August: *'Commercial Development of Irish Bogs in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries'* by Donal Clarke; Friday 20 August: *'The Contribution of Archaeobotany to Archaeology'* by Dr. Gina Hannon and Dr. Richard Bradshaw. All talks will take nightly at 20.00hrs via Zoom. Fee for non-members €5 per lecture or €25 for the series (to include membership and all lectures up to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021).

### FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Padraig Laffan will present a Heritage Week lecture *'The Kilruddy Hunt'* via Zoom at 20.00hrs Tues. 17 August. Email: [info@foxrocklocalhistoryclub.ie](mailto:info@foxrocklocalhistoryclub.ie) to obtain the link.

### OFFALY HIST. & ARCH. SOCIETY

Dr. Daithí Ó Corráin will present *'The dead of the Irish Revolution, 1916-21'* at 19.30hrs on Monday 30 August, please email [info@offalyhistory.com](mailto:info@offalyhistory.com) for the link.

### PUBLICATIONS - see also page 4

*'IRA Terror on Britain's Streets 1939 - 1940. The Wartime Bombing Campaign and Hitler Connection'* by **Dick Kirby**, published by Pen and Sword Ltd. in the UK. ISBN 978 1 52678 642 5.

This fascinating and engrossing book recalls the 15-month IRA bombing campaign in Britain known as 'The 'S' [Sabotage] Plan' during which there were 265 explosions, seven people were killed, one hundred and seventeen injured, and ninety-nine of the bombers convicted and imprisoned.

In 1938 Seán Russell, Quartermaster-General of the IRA, with considerable financial support from J. J. McGarrity, head of Clan na Gael in the U.S.A., produced a plan to force the British to leave Northern Ireland which included a bombing campaign in Britain if this did not happen, and recruited James O'Donovan, who lived in Shankill, Co. Dublin, and worked in the Electricity Supply Board in Dublin, to assist with the plan. O'Donovan took leave of absence from his job and spent five months training volunteers in the skill and art of bomb making. In late 1938 an advance party sent to Britain came to the attention of the authorities and although they had left their accommodation when raided by the police, documents recovered revealed the presence of other IRA members in Britain.

At the end of December 1938 teams of saboteurs were infiltrated into Britain, followed by others who had shown that they were adept at bomb making but due to having only a basic education turned out to be less than reliable. When infiltrated into British cities and towns, they were instructed to stay away from dance halls and other places frequented by the Irish community and since most had never been away from their home towns and villages, were completely out of their depth when it came to live in Britain and were most likely betrayed by

their accents as well as by suspicious English landladies. Members of Cumann na mBan were used to bring bomb making materials into Britain as they were less likely to have been known to the British security services.

On January 12<sup>th</sup> 1939 a letter was sent to Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, in London, and to the heads of governments worldwide, in which the Council of the IRA gave the British four days to indicate its intention to issue a Declaration of Abdication and to carry out a military evacuation from Northern Ireland and that failing this appropriate action [a bombing campaign] would follow.

On receipt of this letter the Home Office in London contacted the Department of External Affairs in Dublin which indicated that the Irish Government had no intention of waging war against Britain so this warning letter was filed under 'irrelevant' and not forwarded to Special Branch. Since the British Government justifiably ignored the demands of this letter, the bombing campaign in Britain commenced at 5 a.m. on Monday January 16<sup>th</sup> 1939 when an explosive device destroyed an electricity supply pylon in Northumberland as part a series of simultaneous explosions which took place at a number of locations. But using some of the documents found the previous year, Special Branch soon made a number of arrests with those arrested successfully prosecuted and sentenced to terms of imprisonment.

The author continues the story of the bombing campaign, describing all the incidents and naming all those involved. The result of all these bombing incidents facilitated the passage of new legislation which gave the police wider powers of search and arrest, to hold suspects for up to 5 days without charge, and enabled the Home Secretary to deport and exclude from Britain persons he was satisfied were connected with the IRA. The most serious and tragic incident in the bombing campaign occurred in Coventry city centre on August 25<sup>th</sup> 1939 when a 5lb bomb concealed in a carrier cycle exploded around 2.32 p.m. in Broadgate, a busy shopping centre, in which 5 people were killed and 72 injured, 12 seriously.

The two perpetrators of this act, who are named in this book, escaped undetected and returned to Ireland. This incident led understandably to an outbreak of ill feeling towards the Irish people working and living in the Coventry area but two others involved in it, Peter Barnes and James Richards, were later convicted of these murders, sentenced to death and hanged on February 7<sup>th</sup> 1940 after their appeals had been turned down. The case against these men and their trials are covered in detail.

After the Coventry bombing, the IRA campaign using improvised firebombs and explosive devices continued, though the outbreak of World War Two on September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1939 slowed this down, as IRA volunteers now had to carry a National Identity Card and with greater surveillance at arrival ports from Ireland preventing entry to many suspects. But the campaign carried on until Christmas 1939 when it paused and then resumed with a number of minor incidents with the last one occurring on March 18<sup>th</sup> 1940 ending the 'S' Plan campaign.

This account of the wartime 15-month IRA bombing campaign in Britain is written in a very clear and concise manner and looks in detail at a subject which only receives a passing mention in most books dealing with various aspects of 20<sup>th</sup> century Irish history.

*James Scannell*

### 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].

## Publications—continued from page 3...

'Internet Sites for Local Historians - a directory', compiled and edited by Alan G. Crosby, published by the British Association for Local History. This is the fifth edition of this uniquely useful publication first published in 2011 as 'Internet Sites for Local Historians: a directory' compiled by Jacquelené Fillmore who at that times who promised that further updates would be published and this is the latest, the fifth edition, of her groundbreaking and pioneering work. In 2011 the directory was a slim booklet whereas the latest edition is a substantial publication of over 200 pages and includes descriptions and critiques of 1000 web sites which local historians will find useful and interesting, all indexed and with their full web addresses.

For this new edition, editor Alan Crosby, building on Jacquelené Fillmore's concept and labours, has checked, explored, expanded, revised, and augmented the entries, to present a cornucopia of historical riches from encyclopaedic to niche, mainstream to distinctly quirky. Entries range from vintage calculators to Turkish baths, from sheep breeds to lost pubs so this is a publication to help you locate a web site to assist your research.

In the introduction to the new issue of this directory, editor Alan Crosby reminds the readers that included in the 1000 sites listed, are 430 new entries to the previous edition, and the removal of 210 entries from it as these no longer function satisfactorily or untraceable as most likely they are no longer in use. Six keynote essentials provided to assist users in judging a web site are - Accuracy, Authority, Objectivity, Currency - how recent or how old, Coverage and completeness, Databases, Obsolescence, and Wikipedia - widely used - much to offer - but it is crucial that the user should be discerning - inspect references cited in articles keeping in mind that many of them may be defunct or inaccessible.

This guide comes with two lists of contents - Index of Places and People, and Index of Subjects. Copies at the post paid price of Stg £15.50 from the British Association for Local History, Chester House, 68, Chestergate, Macclesfield SK11 6DY, U.K. [admin@balh.org.uk](mailto:admin@balh.org.uk).  
**James Scannell**

## An Daonchartlann & COVID-19

**An Daonchartlann - Archive & Research Centre** will be open on each Wednesday from July 28th, initially from 11.00hrs to 15.00hrs.

Members and visitors please note that due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the following shall apply.

- (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 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 to such at a later stage.)

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

## Our Society is a Registered Charity



During the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, many charities in Ireland and overseas are finding it difficult with reduced funding streams. This Society is funded largely by its Membership Fees and the kind donations received from Members and friends at home and overseas, without which, it simply couldn't exist.

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 via the Society's website or by cheque to the *Genealogical Society of Ireland* and forwarded to the General Secretary at: 11, Desmond Ave., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland, A96 AD76.

*If you've already donated—Many Thanks!*

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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.

The past issues of the Society's newsletter from 1996 to 2016 had been fully indexed by the late **Brendan Hall, MGSJ**. The "Hall's Index" now includes all issues right up to date and is available on [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie)

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## GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE

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