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Genealogical Office—80th Anniversary

Eighty years ago on April 1st 1943, the contents of the last UK crown office in Dublin Castle were transferred to the custody of the Irish government and assigned to the Department of Education.

The office of the Ulster King of Arms had existed in Dublin since 1552 and its primary function was the regulation, recording and granting of armorial bearings, in the monarch name, on the island of Ireland. Each herald was appointed by the crown.

After independence in 1922, Ulster King of Arms continued to provide heraldic services for persons and bodies from both parts of the now divided island of Ireland and for those of Irish descent abroad. However, with the enactment by Dáil Éireann of the *Executive Authority (External Relations) Act, 1936*, which removed any domestic role for the UK monarch in the Irish Free State, the existence of a UK crown office in Dublin seemed anomalous to say the least. Under the 1936 Act, the UK monarch only had such domestic functions in the State as determined or as requested by the Irish government, needless to say, none were ever requested. Indeed, with the coming into force of the 1937 constitution, a UK crown office in the heart of the capital of an independent Ireland, a republic in all but name, was a glaring anomaly.

Negotiations following the death of the last Ulster King of Arms in 1940 led to an agreement between Dublin and London to hand over to Irish custody the records, registers, contents and heraldic paraphernalia of the office on April 1st 1943. The various heraldic functions, duties and title of the office were transferred to the College of Arms in London and united with those of an English herald.

Following the transfer, the contents of the office were assigned to the National Library of Ireland under the auspices of the Department of Education.

Susan Hood gives an excellent account of the early years following the transfer in her book, which is highly recommended, *Royal Roots—Republican Inheritance—The Survival of the Office of Arms* published by The Woodfield Press in 2002 in conjunction with the National Library of Ireland,

In short, the newly established ‘Genealogical Office’ which took control of the contents of Ulster’s Office began to provide heraldic services under a new officer the ‘Chief Herald of Ireland’. However, although it was well understood by government officials in the 1940s that a proper legislative basis for the State’s delivery of heraldic services was required under our system, nothing was done until 1997 with the enactment of the *National Cultural Institutions Act*. Shamefully, this important legislation was not commenced until May 2005 and therefore, the legislative basis for the State’s delivery of heraldic services dates only from May 2005. Leaving grants made from April 1943 to May 2005 in a peculiar position, a point recognised by the Minister in Dáil Éireann in October 2007.

This Society’s AGM last year called on the Minister to introduce amending legislation to properly and unambiguously regularise the legal status of the Grants of Arms, including to this Society and also to many international and national dignitaries, made by the Chief Heralds of Ireland between April 1943 and May 2005 when the *National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997*, was commenced. This Society has provided draft legislation on a number of occasions.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY—DID YOU KNOW?

- ✿ Did you know that Membership of this Society is open to all with an interest in family history, heraldry, vexillology (study of flags and emblems) and related subjects?
- ✿ Did you know that Membership is open to anyone living in Ireland or overseas and with Irish ancestry or with ancestors from anywhere in the world? All are most welcome.
- ✿ Did you know that Student Membership is also available at 50% off the subscription?
- ✿ Please checkout: www.familyhistoty.ie ✿ Email: membership@familyhistory.ie

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

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

MONTHLY MEETINGS

EVENING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Tuesday 11 April 2023 —20.00hrs

Tuesday 9 May 2023 —20.00hrs

MORNING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Wednesday 26 April 2023 —11.00hrs

Wednesday 24 May 2023 —11.00hrs

Contribution €5.00 p.p.

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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.

GEALGRAM

We all struggle sometimes to get the grammar correct when writing in Irish, it can be difficult, especially if you're, like many, out of practice. Thankfully, a new facility has been launched which instantly corrects the grammar allowing you to write with confidence. GaelGram.ie

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GDPR & GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

The Icelandic Data Protection Authority rejected a complaint of a data subject who demanded the enforcement of the data subject's right to erasure against a controller's genealogical database.

The DPA decided the controller's processing was justified pursuant to Article 6(1)(f) GDPR and that it was within its rights to refuse the erasure request pursuant to Article 17(3) GDPR.

For the full details on this very interesting case see <https://gdprhub.eu>—**Persónuvernd - Case no. 2021010248** of December 5th 2022.

“ARCHIVE DROP-INS”

The weekly “Drop-Ins” hosted by Gerard White, Director of the Outreach Programme, are hugely popular with our Members around the world.

These informal weekly “Drop-Ins” are only for fully paid up Members and are designed to allow you to join the Zoom meeting at any time between 11.00hrs and 12.00hrs on Wednesdays.

The “Drop-In” on the 4th Wednesday is a publicly accessible “Drop-In” for Members and visitors alike. Visitors can email membership@familyhistory.ie for the link to this Zoom meeting on the 4th Wednesday.

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 (Please also see page 4)

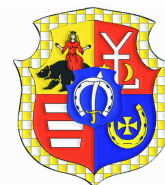
GEORGE ŁUCKI RIP



It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing on March 1st 2023 of our good friend and long-time supporter of this Society, Mr. George Łucki (Jerzy Franciszek Łucki) at Edmonton General Hospital, Alberta, Canada.

In early 2005 the Society approached the International Association of Amateur Heraldry (IAAH) to obtain a coat-of-arms for our second President, Mr. Tony McCarthy, MA, FGSI, and we were introduced to Mr. George Łucki of Canada who would design the arms and heraldic artist, Mr. Andrew Tully of South Africa. The design was stunning and really captured the President's ancestral heritage, profession, and home city of Cork. (GSI presidential arms were recently recorded in the International Armorial Register – see armorialregister.com)

Later, in December 2005, George was asked whether he would consider creating a coat-of-arms for Bar Zagłoba the newly established Polish bar on Dublin's Parnell Street. His immediate response was as follows: “Yes. I'll do it. I am thinking of having a bit of fun with it. Zagłoba is a reluctant hero - liked his drink, was a bit of a braggard and a bit of a coward - but could be counted on in a pinch. Sienkiewicz hinted there was uncertainty in his noble status and he was in the books armigerous - except that he used what would have been the wrong arms and at one point claimed (in order to gain the sympathy of another) that they shared the same arms. So, I am thinking of a coat of arms that would link together the fanciful and the potentially historical in some way - a tall tale in the form of an armorial achievement.”



George duly created an excellent design, which was, once again, drawn by Andrew Tully. The arms were hugely appreciated by the manager of the establishment, Mr. Alan Wren. However, sadly Bar Zagłoba no longer exists, but the arms were recorded, along with George's wonderful description and his research on Henryk Sienkiewicz's famous character Lord Onufry Zagłoba, in a festschrift produced by this Society ‘Feil-Scríbhinn Liam Mhic Alasdair – Essays Presented to Liam Mac Alasdair, FGSI’ (Dublin 2009) (ISBN: 978-1-898471-67-7) pages 86-88.

On behalf of the Society, President Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI, sends his sincerest condolences to George's family, friends, and colleagues. RIP.

GSi BOARD NEWS

The Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on **Thursday 6th April 2023** at 11.00hrs via Zoom with nine in attendance.

The General Secretary, as Company Secretary, opened the meeting with the registration of **Board Members as elected at the AGM** held on Tuesday 14th March 2023. (for details see 2023 AGM Report)

The Board allocated the following portfolios under **Res: 23/04/1738** : **Director of Archives & Education**, Fiona Tipple; **Director of the Outreach Programme & Open Meetings**, Gerard White; **Director of Internet Services**, Shane Wilson; **Director of Membership Services & Cemetery Projects**, Barry O'Connor; **Director of Digitisation & Genetic Genealogy**, Gerard Corcoran; and the **Director of Special Collections, Research & Specialist Groups**, Laura Price.

The following functions have been assigned: An Cathaoirleach: **Oifigeach na Gaeilge**; Director of Finance: **An Daonchartlann Foundation**; General Secretary: **Editor of the ‘Gazette’, Irish DNA Atlas, Development Plan Oversight** and remains as the **Company Secretary**.

The Director of Finance, **Lua Ó Scolaí**, confirmed the **Annual Financial Report** for the period ending 31st December 2022 will be submitted to the **Companies Registration Office** when received from the auditor and will be publicly available via the CRO website <https://www.cro.ie>

The next Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday May 4th 2022** at 11.00hrs via Zoom.

General Secretary

We'll All Stay Connected Each Week via Zoom

Soccer and Society in Dublin

‘Soccer and Society in Dublin— A History of Association Football in Ireland’s Capital’ by **Conor Curran** and published by **Four Courts Press** last month. ISBN: 978-1-84682-039-4 : 366pp : H/bk : ills : Catalogue price: €35.00 : Web Price: €31.50. Although, this work was previously flagged as one to look forward to in the April 2022 issue of this newsletter (Vol. 17 No. 4 – see <https://www.familyhistory.ie>) the prices given have been updated.

This is an absolute gem for the lover of the ‘beautiful game’ and the family, local or social historian. It is the first full-length history of soccer in Dublin city and environs.

The book examines the origins of soccer in Dublin from its earliest recorded pre-codified form in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries through, the ever more sedate eighteenth century in a very self-confidently elegant capital city of the Kingdom of Ireland, where of course, it was deemed socially unacceptable. Mass ball games in the fields at Baggot Street were of concern to the authorities and eventually they moved further from the centre. Surprisingly the early development of the modern game essentially ‘piggy-backed’ on the generosity of local cricket clubs providing the grounds. The Scottish Football Association also promoted the game in Dublin and Belfast in the latter half of the nineteenth century – taking hold in the universities and some colleges. But otherwise, slow to become popular until nearing the end of the century. In October 1883 with the establishment of the Dublin Association Football Club (DAFC), it can be said soccer, as we know it, had arrived in the capital. Although Neal Garnham’s ‘Association Football and Society in Pre-Partition Ireland’ (2004) charts the development of soccer throughout Ireland, it stops in the early 1920s. The foundation of the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) in Dublin in 1921, after multiple disputes with the Belfast based Irish Football Association (IFA), resulted in two associations on the island, one for Northern Ireland and one for Ireland. The increasingly fractious political situation north of the border exacerbated the rift, however, Curran concentrates on the development of the game in and around Dublin following partition in 1922, through the early years of the State and on into the modern era of Irish soccer.

The book examines the fascinating story of Irish soccer's links with our nearest neighbours in Great Britain, European mainland and in places as far away as New York and St. Louis, Missouri, USA. His accounts of the major international encounters, both at club and national team levels, is of exceptional value to local and family historians as it is a wonderful story rarely articulated. He expands on this by looking at the development of the domestic game and many of its players over the years finding careers of varying success in the great clubs overseas, especially, in Great Britain. This facilitated the emergence of the professional, world-class, *Republic of Ireland* teams we know today. The nurturing of the game at school, college and university levels brought Irish soccer to another level, and with the expansion of the Dublin suburbs, local clubs were established even further expanding the game in the capital. His attention to detail and making such accessible in such an informative manner, has created an enduring resource for the study of soccer and the communities which supported, developed and sustained the growth of the game in the capital. This book is very hard to put down, it is a very enjoyable and extremely interesting read – highly recommended and not just for the lifelong soccer fan. **Conor Curran** is an adjunct lecturer in the School of Education, Trinity College Dublin, who has published extensively on the history of sport and society.

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2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 with An Cathaoirleach, John Goggins, MGSi, chairing our third incorporeal AGM via Zoom.

After opening the meeting, An Cathaoirleach requested that the Company Secretary proceed with the business of the AGM. Two Tellers were appointed—Shane Wilson and Barry O'Connor. The Minutes of the 2022 AGM were read by the Company Secretary and were duly adopted by an electronic vote of the attendees.

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors for the period March 2022 to March 2023 was published in last month's ‘Gazette’ and duly adopted by the AGM by electronic vote. The Director of Finance delivered the Annual Financial Statement (unaudited) and following questions, was adopted by electronic vote.

The election of the new Board then proceeded with the Company Secretary seeking nominations with a proposer and seconder. The following duly elected: John Goggins, Cathaoirleach; Fiona Tipple, Leas-Cathaoirleach; Michael Merrigan, General Secretary and Lua Ó Scolaí, Director of Finance. Then the AGM proceeded to elect the following without portfolio. These directors will receive their portfolios at the April meeting of the Board. The Company Secretary sought nominations with a proposer and seconder.

Elected: Shane Wilson, Barry O'Connor, Gerard Corcoran, Gerard White and Laura Price. No nomination was received for the sixth position which will now be filled by co-option. J. W. Ward Associates were reconfirmed as the Society's auditors.

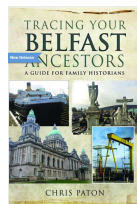
Following the completion of the business of the AGM, An Cathaoirleach, John Goggins, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Edmund Gilbert of the RCSI. (see page 4) After a very interesting Q+A, An Cathaoirleach invited the President, Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI, to give the closing address and the meeting ended at 21.50hrs.

BELFAST ANCESTORS

‘Tracing Your Belfast Ancestors - A Guide for Family Historians’ by renowned genealogist and writer **Chris Paton** who is originally from Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, and now lives in Ayrshire, Scotland. Chris delivered a lecture at our AGM in March 2022.

Published on April 1st 2023 by **Pen and Sword Books** in the UK (ISBN: 9781526780331 : P/bk : 200 pp : Price UK£14.99 : Web price UK£10.49 via <https://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk>) This guide is highly recommended reading for anyone with

ancestral links to the city of Belfast and its environs.



In Brief....

GSI MEMBERSHIP

Join 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. (*proof required*) Full details on the new *Membership Package for 2023-2024* were published in the November 2022 issue of this newsletter. For back issues of the 'Gazette' please see the Society's website.

Barry O'Connor, FGSI,
Director of Membership Services.
Email: membership@familyhistory.ie

GSI OPEN MEETINGS

Society's Monthly Open Meetings are held via ZOOM to allow the fullest access by Members from Ireland and overseas.

Tuesday April 11th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: James Scannell on '*Rough Justice - Crime and Punishment in early 19th century Dublin*'.

Wednesday April 26th —Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday May 9th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Martin Goldstraw on '*Do it Yourself Heraldry—The design, assumption and registration of armorial bearings*'.

Wednesday May 24th—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday June 13th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Gerard Corcoran on '*Sarsfield's Homecoming*'.

Wednesday June 28th —Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday July 11th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Kevin Akers on '*Researching the 'Dunnes of Brittas*'.

Wednesday July 26th —Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Talks will be posted on YouTube.

ZOOM MEETINGS

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

The lectures are open to the public and the access details are available on request by email from Membership@Familyhistory.ie

Suggestions on the Monthly Lecture Programme to: eolas@familyhistory.ie

Members may send their research queries in advance for the Morning Open Meeting by email to Archivist@familyhistory.ie

The Lecture Programme is recorded for the GSI YouTube Channel as a free, publicly accessible educational resource. We endeavour to have each lecture up as soon as possible.

IRISH DNA ATLAS

Checkout the short video and the lectures on the *Irish DNA Atlas* project on YouTube Channel—www.youtube.com/c/GenealogicalSocietyOfIrelandGSI



www.eneclann.ie



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

James Scannell Reports...

MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY

Dr. Éamonn Ó Ciosáin will present '*The Irish Geese: before the Wild Geese – Irish soldiers in France pre-1691*' at 20.00hrs on Friday 14 April in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All are welcome - admission free.

CLONTARF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Alison Gilliard and Clodagh Finn Dennis McIntyre will present '*Her Keys to the City*' at 19.30hrs on 17 April in St. John's Community Centre beside St. John the Baptist Church, Clontarf Road, Dublin 3. All are welcome - admission is €5.00

DUN LAOGHAIRE BORO HIST SOC

The AGM of the Society followed by '*Treasure Night*' presentations from members takes place at 20.00hrs on Thursday 20 April (note change of meeting night for this month) in The Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5.00

BRAY CUALANN HIST SOC

Paolo Viscardi will present '*Richard Barrington, Human Science and Animal Science*' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 20 April in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome - admission is €8.00 for non-members.

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Vincent Delaney will present '*Knocksinna Foxrock - The Houses and the*' at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 18 April in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5.00.

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

Dr. Niamh Howlin will present '*Crime, Coroners and Criminal Procedures in Early Nineteenth Century Dublin*' at 18.00hrs on Wednesday 12 April; Freddie O'Dwyer will present '*A Flying Visit in 1938: the day the Luftwaffe landed at Baldonnell by mistake*' at 18.00hrs on Wednesday 26 April, and Mark Davis '*The Irish in Oxford and Oxonians in Ireland: an age-old interaction*' at 18.00hrs on 03 May, in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome and admission is free to all these lectures. No booking is required.

RATHMINES, RANELAGH & RATHGAR

Michael McKenna will present '*Unholy Thursday: the killing of Séamas Dwyer (in his shop in Rathmines) and Robert Bonfield, 1923*' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 27 April in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members free / visitors €4.00 - Swan Car Park Evening Rate: €3.00 from 17.00hrs to Midnight.

DUBLIN CITY LIBRARIES

James Scannell will present '*Rough Justice - Crime and Punishment in 1800s Dublin*' at 18.30hrs on Monday 17 April in Ballyfermot Library, Ballyfermot Road, Dublin 10; at 18.30hrs on Tuesday 18 April in Drumcondra Library, Millmount Avenue, Dublin 9, and at 18.30hrs on Tuesday 25 April in Kevin Street Library, 8 Lower Kevin Street, Dublin 8. Admission is free—booking required via www.onedublinonebook.ie.

Christopher Morash will present '*Dublin, A Writer's City*' at 18.30hrs on Wednesday 26 April in Rathmines Library, Rathmines Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Admission is free. Dr. Mary Muldowney will present '*The 'arms dump' that ended the Civil War in May 1923*' at 13.00hrs on Wednesday 03 May in the Dublin Central Library, Ilac Centre, Henry Street, Dublin 1. Admission is free—places are limited booking is required - phone 01-2228300 or email: centrallibrary@dublincity.ie.

DLR – SPRING INTO HERITAGE

Rob Goodbody will present '*The Metals*' at 19.00hrs on Wednesday 19 April and Tom Conlon '*The Borough Environment through the 20th Century*' at 19.00hrs on Wednesday 03 May in Marlay House, Marlay Park, Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin. Admission is free to both lectures, but booking is essential via webcloudone.com/dlrheritageevents.

BALLSBRIDGE, SANDYMOUNT H.S.

Paul Murray will present '*Lafcadio Hearn: Irish Experiences & The Making of a Writer*' at 13.00hrs on Wednesday 26 April in Pembroke Library, Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Admission is free – all are welcome, but booking is essential via phone 01-2228541 or email: pembrokeklibrary@dublincity.ie.

MOUNT MERRION HIST SOC

Mairead Delaney will present '*The History of the Abbey Theatre*' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 04 May in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €4.00 / Students €2.00

MALAHIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

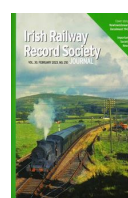
Brian Dooley will present '*A Selection from Malahide Historical Society's Photographic Collection*' at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 09 May in St. Sylvester's Church Parish Centre, Malahide, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €5.00.

PUBLICATIONS



History Ireland Magazine (March/April 2023)

Features in the current issue of this magazine include '*From Elizabeth to Elizabeth*' by Dermot McGuinne; '*Comprehending contemplation - the Poor Clare Order in Ireland*' by Bronagh McShane; '*Queen's College Cork is in flames*' by Pat Poland; '*The Wrestling Rage - the world championship tournament in Dublin, 1907*' by Ronald Mulhaire; '*Liam Lynch's strategies in the final months of the Civil War*' by Gerard Shannon; '*Thomas Keating - a Civil War killing*' by David Prendergast; '*73 Eccles Street - recreating a Dublin tenement 1915-1920*' by Ken Boyle, and '*Brian Nelson - the rise and fall of a double agent*' by Ian S. Woods.



Irish Railway Record Society Journal (no. 210)

Journal No 210 includes articles on '*The Newtownstewart Derailment 1943*' by Norman E Gamble; '*Visits to Irish Railways 1954 & 1955*' by David L. Charfield; '*The Railways on the Economy of Salvation*' by Tim Moriarty; '*Society Matters*'; '*Publications*'; '*Obituaries*'; '*Enterprise*'; '*Catering and Customs*' by Stephen Rafferty; '*Observations and Comments*' and '*Irish Railway News*'. Further information about this journal from membership@irrs.ie.

James Scannell, FGSI

TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS

by John Grenham, MA, MAGI, 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 MARCH LECTURE

On Tuesday March 14th 2023, Dr Edmund Gilbert of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) delivered a fascinating presentation on *'Newfoundland and Labrador: A mosaic founder population of an Irish and British diaspora from 300 years ago'* which is to be published shortly by *'Nature'* the world leading multidisciplinary science journal. As this very important study is due to be published, the findings of this research, which also involved the use of the Irish DNA Atlas—a collaborative academic research project between the Genealogical Society of Ireland and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, have been embargoed pending the publication of the paper in *'Nature'*. Hopefully, following the publication by *'Nature'* that Dr Gilbert's presentation directing us to this very important paper will soon be available on the Society's **YouTube Channel** (see page 1)

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of two greats of Irish genealogy, two formidable ladies, hugely knowledgeable and thoroughly dedicated to the promotion of the study of Irish genealogy over many, many years. Indeed, possibly hundreds of people around the world owe their love of genealogy to the advice and assistance received from **Beth Mullinax** of the **Irish Genealogical Society International**, Minnesota, USA, (d. 10 Feb. 2023) and from a proud Cork woman, **Roz McCutcheon** of the **Irish Genealogical Research Society**, London, UK., (d. 21 Mar. 2023). Our sincerest condolences to their families, friends and colleagues. RIP.

GSJ ANNUAL JOURNAL 2023

The Board of the Society, under **Res: 22/12/1716**, established a **Select Committee** for the production of the 2023 Annual Journal. The Select Committee is under the chairpersonship of **Laura Price, MGSJ**.

Members and readers wishing to submit items for publication in the 2023 issue of the GSI Annual Journal are advised to make contact with the Select Committee. The Select Committee will advise on the word count, format and the procedures regarding any images accompanying the article. Please email: JGSI@familyhistory.ie

BRATACHA FESTIVAL—Ten Years Ago Next Month

Ten years ago this month, the lead organisations on the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Steering Committee for *'The Gathering Ireland 2013'* were putting the final touches to the programme of events planned for *'Bratacha 2013—Festival of Flags & Emblems'* to be held between May 9th to 11th 2013.

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, National Maritime Museum of Ireland, Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company and the Genealogical Society of Ireland, as the lead organisations worked, with a host of other groups and societies over many months to deliver the programme of events.

The events covered the formal celebration of **Europe Day** on Thursday May 9th in Cabinteely Park with the unveiling of an installation representing each of the EU Member States. The *'Mountains to the Sea'* flag representing Dún Laoghaire Rathdown was formally presented to the Council at the event. This flag was flown over the County Hall in Dún Laoghaire from 2014 to 2019 at weekends. Later that evening at the National Maritime Museum, Ireland's first exhibition of flags and emblems was formally launched. This

exhibition, curated by **Stan Zamyatin**, was extremely popular and ran for the best part of two months.

The next day, Friday May 10th, involved seminars and lectures in the County Hall and in the evening the hosting of a concert in **The Pavilion, 'The Fighting Irish—In Defeat, in Victory—the Music Lives On'** featuring the wonderfully talented traditional music band *'The Bonny Men'* and narrated by the Military Historian, **Dr. Myles Dungan**, was a huge success.

This unique concert was a musical journey through the turbulent history of Ireland which opened with a performance piece *'A Druid's Ode to Laoghaire'* marking the coming of Christianity to Ireland and the dawn of our recorded history. (published in *'Wavelink'* pages 23 & 24 (Nov. 2001—ISSN 1649-1546).

On Saturday May 11th 2013, Ireland's first ever international *'Parade of Flags & Emblems'* was held in Dún Laoghaire with an Irish Army Colour Party and band, youth marching bands, community organisations, groups representing various nations, vintage cars and motorcycles, all with flags, banners and emblems. See the Society's YouTube Channel for videos of the event.

Checkout the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

Our Society is a Registered Charity

During the Covid-19 pandemic, many charities in Ireland and overseas found it extremely difficult to operate with much reduced funding streams.

This Society is funded largely by its Membership Fees and the very kind donations received from Members and friends at home and overseas, without which, the Society 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

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