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# **Time to Review Heritage Legislation?**

Regular followers of this Society's Facebook page will be fully aware of our longstanding and proactive support for the wonderful work undertaken by the Digital Repository of Ireland and its affiliate organisations, institutions and repositories.

The main objective of the Digital Repository of Ireland (DRI) is to provide reliable, long-term, sustained digital preservation and access to social and cultural digital data. DRI makes this data openly available in line with the FAIR data principles of findability, accessibility, interoperability, and reusability. DRI aims to safeguard Ireland's social, cultural, and historical record through active management of digital content over time to ensure that this content remains accessible to researchers, cultural heritage enthusiasts, and members of the public into the future. (see https://www.dri.ie)

Legislation covering much of our archival heritage dates from the latter part of the last century-an era before electronic records or, probably more accurately, at the dawn of the computerisation of official records. Indeed, over the past nearly three decades we have steadily progressed towards a situation where only electronic files are created and, thereby making life easier for the service providers and the general public.

The transformation of our lives through information technology has been hugely beneficial economically, socially and culturally. Although, the inevitable "trade off" or, some would say consequence, of this transformation are issues with data security, surveillance and individual privacy. Legislative safeguards, such as the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), have been

introduced to address some of these issues and over the past five years the increasing public awareness of the scope of the GDPR has, in so many ways, strengthened our individual rights and greatly enhanced our democracy.

On the other hand, some would suggest that the GDPR may have had a "chilling effect" on the creation, quality, maintenance and retention of official or semi-official electronic records. If true, this is most certainly a very worrying prospect and one that could effectively deprive future historians and other academic researchers of the range and depth of official records required to fully understand our past. Is it possible that we could be left with the file names, but no contents, or simply lists devoid of narratives?

Although various government departments and state agencies may have digital strategies or policies, are we sure that the National Archives Act, 1986, Heritage Act, 1995 and National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997 are capable of providing robust safeguards for our archival heritage in this digital age?

Is it time for Minister Catherine Martin, TD, to commission (and publish) a review of these Acts to assess the robustness of their current provisions to protect, preserve and ultimately make available electronic records that may fall within their remit?

#### WEEKLY RESEARCH ADVICE

WEDNESDAY at 11.00hrs (UTC+1) (Irish Standard Time) via Zoom. (see top of page 2) Zoom - Meeting ID: 830 9870 7989 Passcode: 670945 Right of Admission Strictly Reserved

#### **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

#### **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

Se Email: membership@familyhistory.ie

## MONTHLY MEETINGS **EVENING OPEN MEETING**

(via Zoom)

Tuesday 11 July 2023 — 20.00hrs

Tuesday 8 August 2023 – 20.00hrs

#### MORNING OPEN MEETING (via Zoom)

Wednesday 26 July 2023 —11.00hrs

Wednesday 23 August 2023 —11.00hrs

Contribution €5.00 p.p. (Donations via www.familyhistory.ie)

**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 Mem-bers (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.

#### AUGUST 'GAZETTE'

Members and readers please note that the August 2023 issue of 'Ireland's Genealogical Gazette' will be published in the week commencing August 20th 2023 due to annual leave. Editor

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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" have been opened up to non-members for the summer period and are designed to allow you to join the Zoom meeting at any time between 11.00hrs and 12.00hrs on Wednesdays. Previously only the "Drop-In" on the 4th Wednesday was publicly accessible for Members and visitors alike. For the link to this "Drop-In" meeting see page 1.

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

#### We'll All Stay Connected Each Week via Zoom

#### MAYO—The Irish Revolution, 1912-23

**'May—The Irish Revolution, 1912-23'** by **Joost Augusteijn** and published by **Four Courts Press** in June 2023. ISBN: 978-1-84682-585-9 : 240pp : P/bk : Catalogue price: €24.95 : Web Price: €22.45 This is the twelfth in the series of county histories covering the Irish revolutionary period 1912



to the end of the Civil War in 1923. These volumes contribute significantly to the resources available to the local historian, social historian, and the genealogist, as they cover a period with events that were in the living memory of family members or other people we may have known or their children. Their recollections and stories of the people, places and events of the period have, in many cases, survived as "communal memories" on the cusp of folklore. These narra-tives have shaped and reshaped the identities of communities throughout the island of Ireland, however, separating historical fact from political spin, barely concealed prejudice and/or blame, convert, separating instorted net non pointed spin, early concerned polarice individual spin, and concerned to a spin of the second spin of the se

the revolutionary period as each county had its own peculiar circumstances, unique experiences and, not surprising-ly, different motivations dictating their local actions or otherwise in pursuit of the wider national cause. All politics is local and possibly, never more so than during a "revolution" and, in the case of Co. Mayo, as Joost

Augusteijn explains, the underlying tensions were clearly on the issue of land. The land question had a crucial form-ative influence on Mayo politics in the decades before the First World War and this book shows the part played by many prominent nationalist figures such as Davitt, O'Brien, Dillon, and MacBride in shaping the political landscape in Co. Mayo.

It is often thought that the west of the country was, in comparison to Munster and the Dublin region, relatively quiet in the War of Independence and Mayo possibly one of the least active. However, as Augusteijn shows, this was not ne use wat of independence and wayo possibly one of the least active. Towever, as Augusteijn shows, this was not necessarily the case as county-specific circumstances based on its own political history came into play. He succinctly contextualises how the Irish Parliamentary Party's very powerful position, built upon a solid local support base during the Land War and how this local dominance was successfully challenged by Sinn Féin after 1916. This shift in public opinion was also reflected in the local politics of the county from the end of WW1 to the beginning of the War of Independence in January 1919. He looks at the local politics with this shifting allegiances and, in some cases, meticalizing and environ these interactions of the mean metical politics with the shifting allegiances and, in some cases, radicalisation, and examines how these impacted on the more marginal groups in Mayo, notably unionists and labour activists. The radicalisation of the situation by a small group of republican activists, operating in a few localities, eventually took hold throughout the county, indeed, as Augusteijn shows, this explains the strength of the republican counter-state in the county, why force was only used there towards the end of the struggle for independence, and how it came to have one of the leading anti-Treaty forces during the Civil War.

The level of detail presented based on the in-depth research undertaken is accompanied by extensive notes, copious source references and an impressive bibliography, making this work an invaluable resource for the local history of Co. Mayo and certainly essential reading for anyone with family connections to the county. Highly recommended. Joost Augusteijn, a senior lecturer at Leiden University, has published extensively on the Irish Revolution.

#### FOUR COURTS PRESS

Irish History, Genealogy, Local History and much more. Checkout the extensive online catalogue for 2023 and the wonderful special offers at www.fourcourtspress.ie-note the "back-in-prints" too!

### **GSI BOARD NEWS**

The Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on Thursday 6th 2023 at 11.00hrs via Zoom with eight in attendance with one apology received, on vacation. The Board agreed the 'Guidelines & Procedures for the Presential Election' based on the discussion document presented by the General Secretary at the May meeting. The president is elected by the Mem-bers of the *College of Fellows* from a list of candi-dates provided by the Board of Directors. Under *Res:* dates provided by the Board of Directors. Under **Res**: 23/07/1761 the presidential election will be held over three days – October  $28^{th}$  to  $30^{th}$  2023 – with the results presented to the Board Meeting on Thursday November  $2^{nd}$  2023. The name of the president elect will be published in the November issue of '*Ireland's Genealogical Gazette*' and the inauguration of the new President of the Genealogical Society of Ireland will be held on Tuesday March  $12^{th}$  2024, however, it is yet to be decided whether this will be an "inperson" event or via Zoom. The term of office of the new president will be a single term of eight years. It was confirmed that the Annual Financial Report

for the period ending 31st December 2022 were submitted to the Companies Registration Office and are publicly available via the CRO website https:// www.cro.ie

Gerard White, Director of the Outreach Programme & Open Meetings, presented the outline of a proposal to hold a one-day event in January or February **2024** and the Board established a *Select Committee* under *Res: 23/07/1762* to undertake a feasibility study on the event and report to the Sept. 2023 Board Meeting. Shane Wilson, Director of Internet Services, advised the

Board on the development of the 'National Heraldic *Survey*' project and that a version of the online facility to collect the data is being tested.

Gerard Corcoran, Director of Digitisation & Genetic Genealogy, will represent the Society at the Festival InterCeltique de Lorient, in Breizh / Brittany in August and the Society will have a stand at the Shannon Valley Genetic Genealogy Conference on July 15th 2023.

As there is no Board Meeting scheduled for August, the next Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday Sept.** 7<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 11.00hrs via Zoom. General Secretary

#### **GSI 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, MGSI. Members and readers wishing to submit items for publi-cation 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

**43rd IAJGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JEWISH GENEALOGY** 

https://www.iajgs.org

### The Irish Jewish **Genealogical Society**

The Irish Jewish Genealogical Society founded in 1999 as a division of the Irish Jewish Museum Dublin neaded by Stuart Rosenblatt P.C. FGSI.

th the accumulation of 73,000 individual records scendants and descendants of Persons who lived nave an association to Jewish Ireland now spread oughout every country in the world.

You are invited to have a chat and who knows we could be <u>related!</u>



22 volumes on Irish Jewry were donated to the National Library of Israel in January 2023 in Jerusalem.

Email: **srosenblatt@irishjewishroots.com** Phone: **07889 794 757** From abroad: **+44 (0)7889 794 757** 

**Available for talks** and presentations

#### LOCAL POLITICAL HISTORY

When we think of local history studies in Ireland or on the excellent publications by our Local History Societies throughout the island of Ireland, it seems that the history of local party politics is overlooked. Political movements and events are usually covered with the emphasis on a particular local person, build-



ing or episode in our turbulent history. The nationwide com-memoration of the 'decade of centenaries' has encouraged a great deal of local research and spawned many fine publications. Hopefully, a copy of each of these local publication will be deposited in the National Library of Ireland. It is often said that the Irish are a

very political people with every-one, even though they don't readily admit it, having more than a passing interest in politics and, of course, with more than a few opinions. All politics is local, what inform that a two opinions. An pointes is local, they say, and in Ireland, it's very local—so it is some-what surprising that very few local historians have explored the subject of local party political history. Cynics might say that it is the study of who controls the "parish pump" and how they got there and held on to it. But it is really much more, it is the study of political communities and of community politics.

Labour in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown—elections & Labour in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown—elections & candidates—1919-1999' by Charles Callan and Barry Desmond and published by Umiskin Press (ISBN: 978-1-7391564-1-1 : P/bk : 312pp : Price €25.00) is a ground-breaking study into local party political history in Ireland. This is not just a wonder-ful resource for the "political anorak" but one for the local historian, genealogist and social historian.

The study of the local histories of twentieth-century Ireland could be greatly served by others following the excellent example of the above authors by researching and publishing studies on the local party political history of our parishes, towns and counties. 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 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.

Tuesday August 8th — Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Jim Herlihy, FGSI, on '*Policing in Ireland in 1922*'.

Wednesday August 23rd —Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

**Tuesday September 12th** —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Dr Elizabeth Stack, *Irish American Heritage Museum*, title *TBA* 

Wednesday September 27th—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday October 10th — Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI: 'Irish Jewish Archival History'

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

Talks will be posted on YouTu

#### 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





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

# James Scannell Reports...

SHANKILL TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY WALK

Rob Goodbody will lead a '*The Story of Shankill*' walk to Mill Lane and back to the Village on Wednesday 14 June. Meet outside Shankill DART Station at 19.00hrs. Participants take part at their own risk. Please dress appropriately for the day's weather conditions, wear suitable footwear, and bring refreshments. Not suitable for those with mobility difficulties.

#### **DUBLIN CENTRAL LIBRARY, ILAC CENTRE**

Dr. Mary Muldowney will lead a 'History on your Doorstep Discussion Group' at 11.45hrs. Admission is free but booking is required – book in branch, call 01-222 8300 or email: centrallibrary@dublincity.ie.

#### NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND

'Director's Tour of the National Library' at 18.00hrs on Thursday 13 July. All are welcome - admission is free but registration is required further info. on how to register available from <u>www.nli.ie</u>.

<u>WESTERN FRONT ASSOC. (DUBLIN BRANCH)</u> Gerry White will present 'Cork VC Heroes of the Great War' at 14.30hrs on Saturday 15 July in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome - admission free but a donation of €3.00 is appreciated.

#### MEDAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

A 'Medals, Militaria and Collectibles Fair' will take place from 10.00hrs to 15.00hrs on Saturday 5 August in the Knox Memorial Hall, Monkstown Village, Co. Dublin. All are welcome.

#### DONNYBROOK WALK

Takes place at 14.00hrs on Saturday 5 August led by Adrian Le Harivel. Meet at the churchyard beside Donnybrook Garda Station. All are welcome - admission is free. Participants take part at their own risk. Please dress appropriately for the day's weather conditions, wear suitable footwear and bring refreshments.

SHANKILL TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY WALK

Takes place at 11.00hrs on Monday 7 August 7<sup>th</sup> covering '*Rathmichael*'. Meet at Rathmichael Church of Ireland Church, Ferndale Road, Shankill, with the walk including Rathmichael Cross & Ring Fort and, if accessible the Old Church and Graveyard. All are welcome. Participants take part at their own risk. Please dress appropriately for the day's weather conditions, wear suitable footwear, and bring refreshments. Not suitable for those with mobility difficulties.

#### INFO. SOUGHT ON PERCY CARTHEW

As part of my presentation 'John Hinde and his Colour Picture Postcards of South Dublin' which is available for screening to local organisations on request, I would appreciate any information readers can provide with on the above to add to what I have about him in this presentation. Any information, no matter how small, can be emailed to: scannell253@gmail.com.

#### **Publications**

'History Ireland Magazine July/August 2023', Editor Tommy Graham, published by Wordwell Ltd.

Features in this issue of this excellent magazine include Forgotten Women – 'Rebel women in Tudor Ireland – some case studies' by Henry A. Jeffries; Second Glance – 'Who painted Spice Bag's original?' by Niamh O'Sullivan; Propaganda – 'Pat and the Land War' by Michael de Nie; Media – 'Years of storm and charm – W. P. Ryan and the Irish Nation' by Aindrias Ó Cathasaigh; Aviation – 'a buzz in the air – first flights to Ireland, April 1912' by Peadar Slattery; Military – 'James McLoughlin - from British Army gunner to director of artillery in the Irish Defence Forces' by Mark McLaughlin; Science – 'Edwin Schrödinger – scientist, Dubliner....and more' by Brian Hopkins and Peter McClintock; Sport- 'Hosting 'the tools of Tito' – Ireland v Yugoslavia, 19 October 1955' by James Quinn; and Collusion – 'Brian Nelson—Britain's Agent' – Margaret Urwin.

Other articles include 'Reflections on Irish national flags' by Sylvie Kleinman; 'The Palatines in Ireland' by Fiona Fitzsimons; 'Croagh Patrick oratory chalice and ciborium' by Oliver Doyle; 'The American Houses,1-6 Annaville, Cork, by Damian Murphy; 'Mary Leadbeater of Ballintore' by Karel Kiely; and 'Cumann na nGaedhael wins the 1923 general election' by Joseph E.A.O'Connell, Jnr.

There are also the regular Review covering—Seen on TV; Museum Eye; Bookworm, The Big Book and excellent Book Reviews.

#### "The Hales Brothers and the Irish Revolution" by Liz Gillis, published by Mercier Press, ISBN 978178117356

The story of the Hales family from Bandon epitomises the whole revolutionary period in Ireland. They were involved from the establishment of the Irish Volunteers in West Cork and were closely associated with well-known revolutionary figures, including Michael Collins, Tom Barry and Liam Deasy.

Both Sean and Tom were company commanders in the IRA in the area. The signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty in December 1921 split the family and led to the two brothers taking opposing sides in the Civil War that would follow.

Tom Hales was the most senior Republican officer on the scene of the chaotic ambush at Béal na Bláth that led to the shooting of Michael Collins. While Seán Hales was himself assassinated in Dublin by Republicans, following a vote in Dáil Éireann to allow the Provisional Government to increase its powers to penalise Republican (Anti-Treaty) prisoners.

The story of these brothers and the rest of the family give a unique insight into life in Ireland in this tumultuous period.

### *A Little History of Dublin*' by Trevor White, published by the Irish Academic Press.

<sup>•</sup>A Little History of Dublin' is a high-speed journey through a thousand years of life in the Irish capital. The key events are explained in short chapters, and the reader will discover the complete history of Dublin in the time it takes to walk from Dollymount to Dalkey.

Comedy and calamity feature throughout this 'history in a hurry'. Trevor White writes with affection for his birthplace, but also with a clarity that reflects his experience of creating an award-winning museum about the history, humour and hospitality of Dublin.

The result is a crisp, colourful account of mischief and triumph in one of the great small cities of the world. 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].

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#### **PRÉCIS OF THE JUNE LECTURE**

On Tuesday June 13th 2023—Gerard Corcoran, MGSI, Director of Digitization & Genetic Genealogy, delivered a talk on the campaign to locate, identify and repatriate the remains of Patrick Sarsfield.

Gerard provided a brief outline of who Patrick Sarsfield was and why it is important to have the mortal remains of this national hero brought back to his homeland. He also provided information on the genetic research that is being undertaken to properly and conclusively identify the remains as those of Patrick Sarsfield. As there is no living male-line descendant of Sarsfield, researchers had to examine the genealogies of many related families to ascertain the best potential genetic matches for testing. Many of the Old English families of Leinster were interrelated and surviving members of some of the families most closely related to Sarsfield are being asked to provide DNA samples for cross-referencing, indeed, Sarsfield was also related to several native Gaelic families.

The 'Sarsfield Homecoming Project' was launched in 2020 and after nearly two and a half years of research, Dr Loïc Guyon (Honorary Consul of France, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of French Studies at MIC, Limerick) believes he has now located the exact burial place of Sarsfield. The site is in the city of Huy in Belgium. Dr Guyon has partnered with Limerick-based Aegis Archaeology Ltd, a company with over twenty years of experience and expertise in conducting archaeological excavations.

Gerard said that the total cost of the excavation and the forensic DNA testing will be circa  $\pounds 90,000$ . A campaign has been established to raise the necessary funding in order to begin preliminary work on the site as early as this Autumn (this will consist of trial trenching, soil analysis and a geophysical survey using ground penetrating radar technology). The full excavation is scheduled to take place by the summer of 2024.

Further information on the project at: https://www.gofundme.com/the-sarsfield-homecoming-project Any donations will ultimately help the project reach its target. This unique national heritage project is sponsored by Limerick-based American company Carelon Global Solutions Ireland.

The talk will be uploaded to the Society's YouTube Channel in due course (see left panel on page 1.)

#### **GLASNEVIN GENEALOGY GROUP SEMINAR**

The Glasnevin Genealogy Group (GGG) was established in 2015 to deal with the many genealogical queries received at the Visitor Centre at Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin.

The GGG is comprised of experienced Irish genealogists each with their own special areas of research and interest ranging from the records in the various Irish repositories to those of various bodies, institutions, military, police, trades and professions—all areas of considerable interest to genealogy. Over the years, these specialists have worked together to successfully solve many, seemingly intractable, genealogical research problems.

In September the GGG will host its third one-day research seminar aimed at assisting participants with their research. The *Glasnevin Genealogy Group Seminar* is scheduled to be held on 2nd September 2023 from 09.30hrs to 17.00hrs in the Milestone Gallery at the Glasnevin Cemetery Visitor Centre in Dublin.

This one-day event will involve presentations on particular research topics and resources to be

followed by more in-depth specialist hubs where experience, knowledge and research techniques are shared with the participants.

For further details, including costs, please email glasnevingenealogygroup@gmail.com

#### **OUTREACH PROGRAMME**

Gerard White, MGSI, Director of the Outreach Programme, would like to thank the Executive Committee and members of the Ballinteer Active Retirement Association for inviting the Society to give a talk at the St. John's GAA Clubhouse on 31st May 2023. Fíona Tipple, MA, FGSI, Leas-Chathaoirleach & Director of Archival Services & Education, introduced the many on-line resources available to the public and in the presentation demonstrated how to access them. Fionnuala White, MGSI, and Eddie Gahan, FGSI,

were also on hand to assist Fiona and Gerard. Many very interesting queries were raised in the lively Q+A that followed Fiona's talk. *Well done to all involved.* 

#### 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 meantime it was decided to appeal to our Members, friends around the world. Donations can be made via the Society's website or by checue to the *Generalogical* 



cheque to the *Genealogical* Society of Ireland and forwarded to the General Secretary: 11, Desmond Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin, Ireland,

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If you have already donated—Many Thanks!

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