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Dr Edmund Gilbert of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) at the Society's AGM gave an overview of the results from the latest study to use the *Irish DNA Atlas* to reveal insights into human history.

The *Irish DNA Atlas* is collaborative academic research project undertaken by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and the Genealogical Society of Ireland since 2011.

The latest study, in collaboration with **Sequence Bioinformatics Inc**, Canada, investigated the British and Irish ancestry found in the Canadian population of Newfoundland, where genealogical records suggest a substantial migration of Irish fishermen in the 1700s and 1800s and subsequent isolation in the north-west Atlantic.

These links suggest the communities within Newfoundland descend mainly from either south-western English (Protestant) or south-eastern Irish (Catholic) migrants.

Even today this ancestry is echoed in different regions of Newfoundland, where Irish ancestry is

highest in the Avalon peninsula to the south-west of the island. This Irish ancestry is still strongly associated with Catholic background, with researchers finding evidence that Protestant-Catholic religious differences was one reason for the genetic isolation of communities in Newfoundland.

By comparing the sort of genomes in Newfoundland to those in Ireland and Britain the project also demonstrated the genetic legacy of the European settlement in Newfoundland, where modern Newfoundlanders are descended from a population bottleneck dated to around 300 years ago, aligning with migration records from the time.

This study has provided the potential for new research opportunities, possibly between the **Memorial University** in St. John's, Newfoundland and the newly established **SETU South East Technical University** in Ireland.

The findings of this hugely important DNA study were published by *Nature* in its '*Communications Biology*' - see <https://rdcu.be/daX8Q>

Dr. Edmund Gilbert of the RCSI delivered a talk on this study to the GSI AGM in March 2023.

In this illustrated talk, Dr. Gilbert explains the various objectives of the project and the methodologies employed. He also goes through each stage of the project and explains the huge significance of the findings of this important research. The potential for further research is obviously enormous.

A video of this talk is publicly available free to view on the Society's YouTube Channel.



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?
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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 13 June 2023 —20.00hrs

Tuesday 11 July 2023 —20.00hrs

MORNING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Wednesday 28 June 2023 —11.00hrs

Wednesday 26 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.

WEEKLY "DROP-INS"

WEDNESDAY at 11.00hrs (UTC+1) (Irish Standard Time) via Zoom. (see page 2)

Zoom - Meeting ID: 830 9870 7989

Passcode: 670945

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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

SARSFIELD

Gerard Corcoran, MGS, asks readers to support efforts to repatriate the remains of Patrick Sarsfield to Ireland.

Launched in 2020, the Sarsfield Homecoming Project aims at locating and repatriating to Ireland the remains of Irish national hero Patrick Sarsfield. 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 site where Sarsfield was buried. 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.

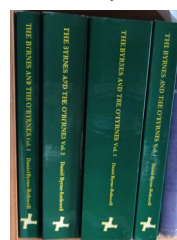
The total cost of the excavation and the necessary DNA testing will be in the range of €90,000. We now need your help in collecting the necessary funding in order to begin preliminary work on the site as early as this Autumn (this will consist of trial trenching, soil analysis and a geophysical survey using ground penetrating radar technology). The full excavation is scheduled to take place by the summer of 2024.

You will find out more about the project and will be able to donate by clicking on the following link: <https://www.gofundme.com/the-sarsfield-homecoming-project>

Any donations will ultimately help the project reach its target. Please consider donating and maybe, share this appeal amongst your own network of friends and colleagues. The project is sponsored by Limerick-based American company Carelon Global Solutions Ireland.

Ó BROIN : BYRNE : O'BYRNE

For those researching ancestors of the name Byrne or O'Byrne, the following set of publications may be of interest.



'The Byrnes and the O'Byrnes' by Paul J. Burns, Nicholas C. Burns and Daniel Byrne-Rothwell is a comprehensive history of this clan/sept. This four volume set brings together various strands of research into the clan/sept and includes a social history, manuscript sources, one-name studies, research case studies, biographies and DNA studies. For further information see: www.houseofflochar.com

We'll All Stay Connected Each Week via Zoom

SPECTRAL MANSIONS

'Spectral Mansions—The Making of the Dublin Tenement, 1800-1914' by Timothy Murtagh and published by Four Courts Press in June 2023. ISBN: 978-1-84682-867-6 : 240pp : H/bk : large format : full colour illustrations : Catalogue price: €30.00 : Web Price: €27.00.



What an apt title 'Spectral Mansions' for a work dealing with the history of Dublin's tenements and especially, as the timeframe covers a period from the emergence of a self-confident, outward looking, and elegant capital of the Kingdom of Ireland in the late eighteenth century to a declining provincial city of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland with some of the worst slums in Europe in the early twentieth century. This decline in the fortunes of the city following the Act of Union of 1800 (came into force 1801) when the political elites and their associates relocated to London while maintaining a colonial interest in landed estates and properties in Ireland. The era of the absentee landlord, both rural and urban, had begun which was to have a devastating impact on the city and the country for over a hundred years. Dublin was described in the late eighteenth century as the second city of the British empire and following legislative independence in 1783, the Anglo-Irish protestant elite took great pride in their capital city with the construction of some of its finest public buildings. Elegant townhouses for the gentry along newly widened streets and beautifully laid-out squares were unashamedly displays of wealth, power, and prestige in Georgian Dublin. This colonial self-governance ended in 1801 and within a century, Dublin had been transformed from the playground of the elite, into a city renowned for its deprivation and vast slums. How is it then that by the turn of the twentieth century, a quarter of Dublin's population (circa 72,000 people) lived in single-room tenements, many of which, were deemed by the authorities to be unfit for human habitation?

Dr Murtagh charts the growth of the city in the late eighteenth century with emphasis on the main property developers, the new public buildings, and the vision for the city with the Wide Streets Commission. He explores the repurposing of the once elegant Georgian townhouses and the growth of the Dublin slums, especially, after the Great Famine with the influx of the destitute rural poor into the city. His description of the overcrowding and appalling sanitary conditions throughout the city in buildings in several stages of dereliction is the backdrop for the Dublin housing crises of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. However, not unlike recent decades in twenty-first century Dublin, the prevailing ideology of the time was one of 'laissez-faire' economics which maintained that there "was no substitute for the all-knowing and benevolent free market". Dr Murtagh explores the efforts by Dublin Corporation in the decades before independence to provide housing for the poor, particularly, the artisan classes. He also looks at the various political events leading up to the outbreak of World War 1 and the events surrounding the Easter Rising, War of Independence and Civil War. His focussing on Henrietta Street as a thread running through the various periods is excellent and, in fact, adds a very accessible social narrative that will be of considerable interest to those with Dublin tenement ancestors. The various housing crises facing Dubliners over the past century or so are contextualised in his final chapter, his *'Epilogue: Dublin of the future?'*. Wonderful book—highly recommended.

Timothy Murtagh holds a PhD from Trinity College Dublin. Since 2015, he has acted as a historical consultant to the 14, Henrietta Street museum, as well as being a committee member of the Dublin Historical Research Network.

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GSI BOARD NEWS

The Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on **Thursday 1st June 2023** at 11.00hrs via Zoom with six in attendance with three apologies received, two for work commitments and one on vacation.

The General Secretary requested that final consideration of the paper he presented at the last meeting on the organisation of the presidential election later this year be deferred to the July meeting.

It was confirmed that the **Annual Financial Report** for the period ending 31st December 2022 will be submitted to the **Companies Registration Office** in the coming week. They will be publicly available in due course via the CRO website <https://www.cro.ie>

The Director of Archival Services & Education, **Fiona Tipple**, provided an update on the catalogue to the holdings at An Daonchartlann which will be made publicly available via the Society's website.

The Director of the Outreach Programme & Open Meetings, **Gerard White**, reported on the weekly 'Drop-In' Zoom meetings and the Guest Speaker programme for the Monthly Evening Open Meetings. It was agreed to open up the weekly 'Drop-Ins' to the public on a pilot basis for the summer months.

The Society's inaugural **Annual Heraldry Ireland Lecture** held on May 9th 2023 via Zoom was very well received with many non-Members from around the world in attendance.

Shane Wilson, Director of Internet Services, confirmed that videos of a number of lectures will be uploaded to the Society's **YouTube Channel** before the weekend, including the one on the **Newfoundland DNA Project**.

Shane also advised the Board on the development of the **'National Heraldic Survey'** project and that a Zoom meeting is planned with the Society's Honorary Herald to clarify certain matters regarding data collection.

The General Secretary reported on the meeting of the **Irish DNA Atlas** project management team (RCSI & GSI) held on 5th May 2023. A number of very exciting developments will be announced over the coming weeks. The next Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday July 6th 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, MGS**.

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

THE O'BRIEN, RIP

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of the great Irish Gaelic chieftain, **Conor, The O'Brien, 18th Lord Inchiquin**, on June 3rd 2023 at Thomond House on the O'Brien ancestral estate at Dromoland, Co. Clare.

Conor Myles John O'Brien was born in Surrey, England, on 17 July 1943, the son of the youngest son of the 15th Baron Inchiquin. He succeeded his uncle, Phaedrig, the 17th Baron, in May 1982. He was the 32nd direct male ancestor of High King Brian Boru (d. 1014).

In 1988 he married Helen O'Farrell from Co. Longford at Quin Parish Church near the Dromoland estate and they have two daughters, Sran and Lucia.

The O'Brien was very committed to the promotion of Irish culture, history and, in particular, to the work of the Clans of Ireland and the Standing Council of Irish Chiefs & Chieftains.

The funeral service was held at Newmarket on Fergus on Saturday 10th June 2023. Sincere condolences to his wife, daughters and family.

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 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.

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.

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...

SHANKILL TIDY TOWNS 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 CITY LIBRARIES – RINGSEND

Eddie Bohan will present a 'Historical look at Ringsend in 1904, the year that Ulysses was set' at 11.00hrs on Friday 16 June. Admission is free but as places are limited booking is required 01-2228499 or by email ringsendlibrary@dublincity.ie.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND - DECORATIVE, ARTS & HISTORY

Tours of Collins Barracks, Dublin 7, takes place at 13.00hrs and 14.00hrs on Saturday 17 June. All are welcome – admission is free.

DUBLIN CITY LIBRARIES – CABRA

Dr. James Curry will present 'The centenary of Shelbourne Football Club' at 18.30hrs on Monday 19 June. Admission free booking is required 01-2228317 or cabralibrary@dublincity.ie.

DUBLIN CITY LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE.

Cormac Moore will present 'The Hunger Strikes of Republicans' at 18.30hrs on Tuesday 20 June, and 'Gaining International Recognition - Joining the League of Nations' at 18.30hrs on Tuesday 27 June as part of the 'Ireland in 1923' series of lectures. As seating is limited. Please register by emailing historians@dublincitycouncilculturecompany.ie.

DRUMCONDRA LIBRARY

Dr. James Curry will present 'Shelbourne FC's 1995 President's Cup Win' at 18.30hrs on Tuesday 27 June. Admission free booking is required – call 01-2228344 or email: drumcondralibrary@dublincity.ie.

DONNYBROOK WALK

Led by Adrian Le Harivel at 14.00hrs on Saturday 1 July. 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.

DUBLIN CITY LIBRARIES – BALLYMUN

Dr. James Curry will present 'Shelbourne FC's 1995 League Cup Win' at 18.30hr on Monday 3 July and 'Shelbourne FC's 1996 FAI Win' at 18.30hra on Monday 10 July. Admission free. Booking is required – call 01-2228355 or email: ballymunlibrary@dublincity.ie.

PUBLICATIONS

'Casualties of Conflict – Fatalities of the War of Independence and Civil War in Glasnevin Cemetery' by **Conor Dodd**, published by Mercier Press, ISBN: 9781781177280, ills., 340pps.

Conor Dodd is a historian for Dublin Cemeteries Trust and manages its heritage and education department within the Experience Glasnevin Visitor Centre in Glasnevin Cemetery. He is a graduate of University College Dublin and Maynooth University and is currently studying at Trinity College Dublin.

This excellent and fascinating

book explores the lives and deaths of over 300 men, women and children buried in Dublin's Glasnevin Cemetery who died due to the War of Independence and Civil War.

Some are well known such as members of the Royal Irish Constabulary, Dublin Metropolitan Police, Irish Volunteers, I.R.A., the Citizens Army, the National Army, and Republicans

Following detailed research, these stories are told together for the first time, giving a unique insight into these conflicts with first-hand accounts by those who witnessed and participated in these historical events.

Through the exploration of seemingly ordinary burial records, extraordinary events are revealed. Amongst them are stories of ambushes, informers, assassinations, spies, executions, raids, mutiny and bombings, as well as ordinary members of the public, caught up in extraordinary events.



Featured articles in the May/June 2023 issue of *History Ireland magazine* include 'St. Sunniva - Ireland's medieval martyr-queen' by Meredith Cutrer; 'Castilian-Irish trade in the later Middle Ages' by Gonzalo Franco-Ordovás; 'Hugon come erindwärts - James Joyce's Hugonots' by Martin Green; 'The 1755 Lisbon earthquake and tsunami and the impact on the coast of Cork' by Michael Gibbons; 'Gypsies in Ireland - a Hiberno-Romany community' by David Joyce; 'Laurence Ginnell (1852-1923), one of the truly global figures of the Irish revolution' by Paul Hughes; 'Born from fire - the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland at 100' by Tim Murtagh and Stephen Scarth; and 'Somewhere entirely different - Inisheer in the 1960s' by Dennis d Boyle, and Brian Nelson - the rise and fall of a double agent' by Ian S. Woods, plus all the regulars and book reviews.

Foxrock Local History Club Publication No. 87 'Fell Down, Knocked Down, Slipped in - Four Fatal Mishaps in Dalkey 1890 - 1913' by James Scannell, recalls

four significant accidents that occurred in around Dalkey including the 1897 fatal accident to cyclist Margaret O'Donnell who was thrown underneath a tram as the result of glancing blow off another street vehicle and the Easter 1913 drowning of brothers Ernest and Frederick Quikley in a boating accident in a water filled disused quarry. Copies of this publication will be on sale at the May 16th meeting of the Foxrock

Local History Club or can be ordered via www.foxrocklocalhistory.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 MAY LECTURE

Tuesday May 9th 2023—'Europe Day' we were treated to a talk on *'Do It Your-self Heraldry - The Design, Assumption, and Registration of Armorial Bearings'* by **Martin Goldstraw**, one of the founding directors of **The Armorial Register Ltd** and author and illustrator of the Cheshire Heraldry website. After a short delay in connecting due to a technical issue, Martin began by outlining what an armiger is and how, even though throughout the world there are several heraldic authorities, including our own Chief Herald of Ireland, arms have been assumed well before any form of authority existed so anyone who assumes arms of their own will be in good company.



The Armorial Register Crest

We were then guided through the process and pitfalls of designing one's own arms, whether this be truly DIY or via the use of "amateur" assistance or a professional heraldic artist or designer. The talk was illustrated by both good and bad heraldry and although we saw some truly awful examples of DIY arms, Martin was always careful to balance these by illustrating some excellent examples of assumed arms.

Martin then outlined some of the many benefits of registering ones assumed arms using, as an example, the benefits accrued by registering with The Armorial Register but always being careful to point out that other services are available. This lecture is now available on the Society's YouTube Channel (see page 1). (<https://www.armorialregister.com>)

A PERMANENT HOME FOR THE SOCIETY?

Back in March 1997, the **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council** voted to allocate the Martello Tower at Seapoint, Co. Dublin, as a permanent base of operations for the Society.

The Society moved into the Martello Tower in 2004 following extensive restoration work on this historic tower, dating from 1804, which was undertaken by the Society.

However, the building was environmentally unsuitable and sadly the Society had to move its operations to temporary accommodation before relocating to the Carlisle Pier at Dún Laoghaire Harbour in 2010.

Plans were formulated by the Society for the establishment of an **Irish Institute of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences** to incorporate a centre for diasporan and migration studies. This was an ambitious plan for the Society, although, elements of its proposal were incorporated into a strategic plan for the harbour developed by the **Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company**.

Unexpectedly in 2016, the management of Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company advised the Society that it required the use of this premises. Thankfully,

the Society was very kindly assisted by the County Council with the provision of the current premises at **DLR Loughlinstown Leisure Centre**.

Although, this premises to the rear of the DLR Loughlinstown Leisure Centre has served the Society extremely well over the past few years, a more permanent base of operation close to Dún Laoghaire town centre and in easy reach of public transport is now urgently required.

The provision of a suitable premises to house the Society's archive and research centre should be viewed as an important strategic objective to enhance the cultural, heritage and tourism assets of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County.

Maintaining this important publicly accessible facility in the area should be a priority for the County Council as it currently formulates its strategies for tourism, culture and heritage.

The ideal location for this important facility would be in or near Dún Laoghaire Town Centre or on the extensive Dún Laoghaire Harbour estate which is now under the management of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council.

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 cheque to the **Genealogical Society of Ireland** and forwarded to the General Secretary: **11, Desmond Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin, Ireland, A96 AD76.**

If you have 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, MGSI**. The "Hall's Index" now includes all issues right up to date and is available on www.familyhistory.ie

Although we're not members of the **National Union of Journalists (NUJ)**, the team at the "Gazette" always endeavour to operate in accordance with the **NUJ Code of Conduct** www.nuj.org.uk/about/nuj-code/ and in line with the 'National Policy Statement on Ensuring Research Integrity in Ireland' which was endorsed by the Genealogical Society of Ireland back in June 2014 soon after its launch at the **Royal Irish Academy**. (see the June 2014 issue of the "Gazette" at www.familyhistory.ie)

GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre is located at the **DLR Leisure Centre, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin**.

The use of our extensive archival resources is reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership is always available on request.

The facility is normally open each Wednesday from 11.00hrs to 15.00hrs contact the GSI Archivist on Archivist@familyhistory.ie

