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Bratacha—Festival of Flags & Emblems

Ten years ago in May 2013, Ireland's first festival of flags and emblems was held in Dún Laoghaire starting on 'Europe Day' May 9th 2013.

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, National Maritime Museum of Ireland, Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company (now abolished) 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. These included a major exhibition, a wonderful concert, seminars and talks, Ireland's first international parade of flags and emblems, and the unveiling of the flag (right).

Then GSI Directors, Tom Conlon, Eddie Gahan, Stan Zamyatin and festival financial controller, Billy Saunderson, were pivotal in the planning and successful organisation of this important event.



Richard Shakespeare, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and special guest, Graham Bartram, The Flag Institute (UK), unveiling the “Mountains to Sea” flag designed by the late Andrew Gerard Ball. This flag was flown over the County Hall at weekends until circa 2020.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Next January marks the thirtieth anniversary of the reorganisation of local government in the greater Dublin region when Fingal County Council, South Dublin County Council and Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council were established on 1st January 1994.

Each of the new County Councils received new coats-of-arms from the Chief Herald of Ireland and set about creating a new “county identity” for the institutions and citizens of their administrative areas. Hopefully, planning has commenced in each of the local authorities to mark this important anniversary by way of commemorative publications, seminars and the hosting meaningful public debate on Irish local government in these areas since January 1994.



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 9 May 2023 —20.00hrs

Tuesday 13 June 2023 —20.00hrs

MORNING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Wednesday 24 May 2023 —11.00hrs

Wednesday 28 June 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 these 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.

BREAKING NEWS

The DNA study undertaken on Newfoundland by the RCSI in collaboration with this Society and others has been published by 'Nature' in the section 'Communications Biology' (see page 4 for link)

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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)

HERALDRY IRELAND

On ‘Europe Day’ Tuesday 9th May 2023, the Society will host the inaugural ‘Annual Heraldry Ireland Lecture’ with guest speaker, **Mr. Martin Goldstraw** of *The Armorial Register*, on the topic ‘Do It Yourself Heraldry - The Design, Assumption, and Registration of Armorial Bearings’

In many countries around the world, such as Ireland, the United States, Italy, and Spain, citizens are free to assume their own coat of arms. There are usually few restrictions on assuming a coat of arms, for example, the design must follow the rules of heraldry, one cannot copy another person's coat of arms, or it cannot contain illegal symbols in that country.

Thanks to this, we can all have our own coat of arms, allowing us to use the symbolic and communicative power of heraldry to display our heritage, family history, love of place and, of course, to identify ourselves. In this way, many people around the world, of all ages and backgrounds, assume their coat of arms, and this is happening with a growing trend due to the spread of heraldry through the internet and social networks.

The heraldry, which has distilled a written and artistic language over centuries that allows us to project our identity with prestige, clarity, universality, and permanence, reaches us in this third millennium full of strength and freshness, and, therefore, the assumption of a coat of arms uses to be a source of joy for individuals and their families.

On May 9th – “Europe Day” we celebrate *Peace and Unity Day* in the European Union, and we have chosen this day because heraldry is a common heritage of all Europeans, which we have taken with us around the world and that especially unites us. This is because there is more visual and spoken proximity between the painted and written blazons of European countries than between our own languages, such as Irish, French, English, Spanish, Italian...etc.

Mr. Martin Goldstraw is the author and illustrator of the Cheshire Heraldry website and the books on Cheshire Heraldry, *The Visitations of 1533 to 1580*. He is also one of the two Directors and a founder of the publishing company *The Armorial Register Ltd.*, and his lectures are always engaging and highly informative. **GSI Honorary Herald**

EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

Back in May 2005, after a very long period on the resting (awaiting obsolescence or repeal, which ever came first) on the Irish statute book, the *National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997*, was finally commenced by the Minister, John O'Donoghue, TD.

With the belated implementation of the 1997 Act, the Minister appointed the first of the Board of the *National Library of Ireland* with Gerard Danaher, SC, as its chairperson. The Board appointed Fergus Gillespie, MA, as the *Chief Herald of Ireland* under the Section 13 of the 1997 Act.

Section 13 of the 1997 Act, (a compromise needed to progress the bill in Seanad Éireann) is fundamentally flawed and all, at the time, knew that it would have to be revisited to address the anomalous position of Arms granted between April 1943 and May 2005.

After eighteen years and many attempts at amending legislation, Section 13 of the 1997 Act remains fundamentally flawed with little or no hope of remedy.

GRANT OF ARMS

Michael Merrigan, MA, FGSI, received the hand-painted ‘*Letters Patent*’ on vellum (64cms x 46cms) for his Grant of Arms from the Chief Herald of Ireland, **Ms. Colette O’Flaherty**, on 21st April 2023.

Blazon: *Azure a wolf and a boar combatant Argent langued Gules supporting between them a military pike pointing upward Proper.*

Crest: *On a wreath of the colours a European Herring Gull rising, wings elevated and beak open Proper on a helmet mantled Azure doubled Argent.*

Motto: *‘Fréamhacha agus Craobhacha Aontaithe’ (Roots and Branches United)*

Designed by **Dónal Burke** and painted by **Philip Mackey**. Mr. Mackey also painted the GSI Arms.

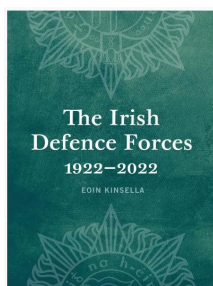
Date of Grant: 16 Dec. 2022. **Vol. Ab, Folio 28.**

Full information on the symbolism of the Arms is available on *The Armorial Register & The Heraldry Society* (UK) websites.

We’ll All Stay Connected Each Week via Zoom

Irish Defences Forces 1922-2022

OUT NOW— Eoin Kinsella's landmark history of the Irish Defence Forces was official launched in Dublin City Hall on Thursday 20th April 2023 by An Tánaiste, **Mícheál Martin, TD**, Defence Forces Chief of Staff, **Lieutenant General Seán Clancy**, and NUI Chancellor, **Dr Maurice Manning**



‘Irish Defences Forces 1922-2022’ by **Eoin Kinsella** and published by **Four Courts Press** in March 2023. ISBN: 978-1-80151-036-3 : 360pp : H/ bk : large format : full colour illustrations : Catalogue price: €30.00 : Web Price: €27.00. (This was previously flagged as certainly a book to watch out for in the January 2022—Vol. 17, No. 1, issue of *Ireland’s Genealogical Gazette*)

Tracing its history to the foundation of the Irish Volunteers in 1913, the Irish Defence Forces has evolved beyond recognition from the force that emerged in tandem with the new state in 1922. Plunged immediately into the chaos of a bitter civil war, the path towards a professional Defence Forces during the 1920s and 1930s was rarely smooth, with progression hampered by internal dissent, political neglect and limited financial investment.

The island of Ireland possesses a geopolitical and strategic importance that belies its size, and the difficulty of creating and maintaining a force capable of defending Irish neutrality was brought home during the Emergency (1939–45). Those years saw the greatest mobilization of manpower in the history of the state, an achievement quickly forgotten as the Defence Forces were allowed to return to the doldrums in the late 1940s.

Revitalization came following Ireland’s accession to the United Nations in 1955, as the Defence Forces emerged as a core component in the UN’s peacekeeping efforts and a vital – if underappreciated – element of Ireland’s international relations. At home, the Defence Forces’ duty to aid the civil power became ever more important with the outbreak of the Troubles in Northern Ireland in 1969. In recent years a number of important challenges have emerged, both internally and externally, with the Defence Forces compelled to adapt to changing demands at home and abroad.

This richly illustrated book explores the landmark successes and achievements, struggles and missteps of the Defence Forces over the past century. Highlighting the men and women of the Army, Air Corps, Naval Service and Reserve, it offers the first complete overview of the development of the Defence Forces from the foundation of the Irish Free State to the present day. [Text FCP Website]

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GSI BOARD NEWS

The Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on **Thursday 4th May 2023** at 11.00hrs via Zoom with seven in attendance with two apologies received. The meeting was chaired by the Leas-Chathaoirleach, **Fiona Tiplle**.

The General Secretary presented a discussion paper on the organisation of the presidential election later this year as the term of office of our current President, **Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**, will end in March 2024. Mr. Rosenblatt was elected in November 2014.

The discussion paper brought together the various decisions taken by the Board in respect of the election of the Society’s president, the role of the *College of Fellows* and, crucially, the procedures to be followed.

The Leas-Chathaoirleach requested a draft proposal on the discussion paper be available for consideration at the June meeting.

The Director of Finance, **Lua Ó Scolai**, confirmed the *Annual Financial Report* for the period ending 31st December 2022 will be submitted to the **Companies Registration Office** following their receipt from the auditor and the required signatures applied. They will be publicly available in due course via the CRO website <https://www.cro.ie>

The Director of Digitisation & Genetic Genealogy, **Gerard Corcoran**, reported on the progress of the digitisation project and the uploading of the scanned

items to the GSI website. The Director of Archival Services & Education, **Fiona Tiplle**, advised that the catalogue to the holdings at An Daonchartlann should be made publicly available via the Society’s website.

The Director of the Outreach Programme & Open Meetings, **Gerard White**, reported on the operation of the weekly ‘Drop-In’ Zoom meetings and the Guest Speaker programme for the Monthly Evening Open Meetings.

Gerard Corcoran advised the Board that a meeting of the *Irish DNA Atlas* project management team will be held on 5th May 2023 and a progress report will issue in due course.

The next Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday June 1st 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 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

In Brief....

GSJ MEMBERSHIP

Join on-line at www.familyhistory.ie
Please note that GSJ 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

GSJ OPEN MEETINGS

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

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.

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.

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 GSJ 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...

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Gabriel Doherty will present 'Treaty Debates in the Dáil and Westminster' at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 16 May in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €5.00

DUN LAOGHAIRE BORO HIST. SOC.

James Scannell will present 'John Hinde and his picture postcard views of South County Dublin' at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 17 May in The Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €5.00

BRAY CUALANN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Peadar Curran will present 'A History of Dalkey Island' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 18 May in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €8.00 for non-members

RATHMINES, RANELAGH & RATHGAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cora McDonagh will present 'For the Gratification of the Public and the Promotion of the Fine Arts: Old Masters Exhibitions in 19th century Dublin' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 25 May 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 11.00hrs on Wednesday 10 May in Darndale Belcamp Village Centre, The Bell Building, The Link Road, Darndale, Dublin 17. Admission free but booking is required via onedublinonebook.ie (Rescheduled from April 12th); Catherine Scuffill will recall 'The Dolphin's Brickworks' at 14.00hrs on Wednesday 17 May in Walkinstown Library. Admission is free but booking is required - book in branch, call 01-222 8890 or email: walkinstownlibrary@dublincity.ie; Dr. Mary Muldowney will recall 'The visit of President John F. Kennedy to Ireland in June 1963' at 13.00hrs on Wednesday 07 June in Dublin Central Library, Ilac Centre, Henry Street, Dublin 1. Admission is free but as places are limited booking is required - book in branch, phone 01-222 8300 or email: centrallibrary@dublincity.ie.

PUBLICATIONS

HISTORY IRELAND Magazine

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 erindwards - James Joyce's Hugenots' 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.

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LOCAL HISTORY

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.

'From Dirt and Dips to Dryrobes - Bathing in Dún Laoghaire through the ages' by Eileen O'Duffy

(h/b, 132pp, ills, ISBN 978-1-914488-19-1)

This excellent book by Eileen O'Duffy begins with 'The Washhouses' which reminds the reader how public baths originated from a communal need for cleanliness when most people did not have running water in the houses so washed their clothes in the washhouses and themselves in the adjacent indoor heated swimming pools. Sea swimming became popular in the 1800s with bathing machines and huts used on Killiney Beach but over time the machines became obsolete and were no longer used while huts remained as changing rooms. Unlike today when water quality is important to bathers, up to 40 years this was not measured and not conveyed to them.

This excellently researched book looks at the history of baths and bathing from the public baths and washhouses of the 1890s and 1900s to the present day open sea swimming and shows how these activities have altered to reflect changing times and social life, with an excellent array of illustrations recalling the various changes that took place in fashions and conventions over time.

Running to over 130 pages with numerous illustrations drawn from a variety of sources, this is an essential book for those interested in social history and the local history of the Dún Laoghaire. This excellent book is available from Dalkey News, Castle Street, Dalkey, Hewett's Newsagent, Monkstown, and the Irish Design Gallery beside the dlr Lexicon. **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 APRIL LECTURE

Tuesday April 11th—Speaker: James Scannell on *'Rough Justice - Crime and Punishment in early 19th century Dublin'*. This very interesting talk looked at how law and order operated in Dublin in the early part of the 1800s when there were over 220 offences on the statute book which were hanging offences with transportation to Australia as the alternative to imprisonment for more than two years and used up to the early 1870s. The establishment of the Dublin Metropolitan Police in 1838 brought law and order to the streets of Dublin leading to a reduction in the crime rate in what up to then had been a lawless environment. Up to 1869 hangings took place in front of both Kilmainham and Newgate Prisons and were witnessed by thousands of people but thereafter these were carried out within the confines of these prisons and away from the public gate in purpose built execution rooms.

The second half of this talk recalled the sentences imposed by the courts on offenders for even minor offences, one unique one being the perception that an arrested person who could not account satisfactorily where goods found in their possession came from, was assumed to have stolen them and was charged with theft. Offenders were sent to prison as an alternative to fines imposed if they were unable to pay them. In the case of juveniles these were often sent to prison for a number of weeks before being sent to a reformatory for a number of years.

While in the late 1800s the emphasis was on rehabilitation rather than punishment, severe sentences were the order of the day for minor offences in an era when society considered the maintenance of law and order as a priority item and yet was not prepared to provide social welfare for those living in poverty which forced some into a life of crime in order to survive.

NEWFOUNDLAND—TALAMH AN ÉISC

Here is a short précis of the talk at the AGM in March. **Dr Edmund Gilbert** of the **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)** gave an overview of the results from the latest study to use the *Irish DNA Atlas* to reveal insights into human history. The study 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. Led by researchers in RCSI and in collaboration with the Genealogical Society of Ireland and Sequence Bioinformatics Inc, Canada, the study used the *Irish DNA Atlas* and other Irish and British ancestry references, to find substantial genetic links between Newfoundland, and Ireland and England. 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.

BREAKING NEWS: Just as we were going to press we learned that the results of this hugely important DNA study were recently published by *Nature* in its *'Communications Biology'* - see <https://rdcu.be/daX8Q>

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.

Checkout the Society's website

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

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