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The *Maynooth Studies in Local History* series has now a staggering 165 titles published on a range of local history topics presented by exceptionally talented researchers. These publications are of enormous value to genealogists, local historians and many other researchers.

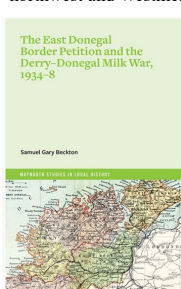
As Series Editor, **Michael Potterton**, puts it very succinctly in his introduction to each of the latest volumes "These half-a-dozen volumes show how the 'local' focus of a *local history* can range from an individual person (Marsden Haddock) to a family (the Mansfields), a street (Day Place), a village (Portmagee), a county (Donegal and Westmeath) and beyond. These six authors have taken their stories from relative obscurity to centre stage". The latter point is makes these real gems for the genealogist.

Published by **Four Courts Press** in Dublin, Ireland's premier publisher of academic research covering many aspects and periods of Irish and our wider European history. See fourcourtspress.ie

Before delving into the latest six volumes in this hugely important series, we'll make our perennial plea for some philanthropic individual or company to kindly consider sponsoring the complete indexation of the 165 volumes in this wonderful national treasure trove of Irish local history studies.

An index to the detailed information contained within each of these 165 volumes is not currently electronically searchable and thus, it is not readily accessible to current and future researchers. It is important that this issue be addressed in the interest of encouraging further research and, especially, collaborative multidisciplinary research.

The first two, as Michael Potterton indicated, are essentially "county studies" covering Donegal in the northwest and Westmeath in the midlands.



No. 160—DONEGAL: 'The East Donegal Border Petition and the Derry-Donegal Milk War, 1934-38' by **Samuel Gary Beekton** and published by **Four Courts Press** (ISBN 978-1-80151-093-6 : 86pp : illustrations : p/bk €12.95 Web Price €11.65)

This is a fascinating study of the Protestant population of northeast Donegal which, after partition in 1921, found itself cut off from its coreligionists in the

WEEKLY RESEARCH ADVICE

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

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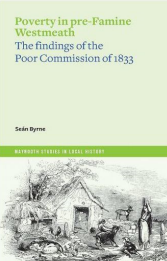
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newly created Northern Ireland. By 1925 with the *de facto* confirmation of the border along existing county boundaries, their fate was sealed. In November 1934, 7,368 Protestants in east Donegal signed a unionist petition to the British and Northern Irish governments requesting to transfer their region to Northern Ireland. This was a reaction to policies made in the Irish Free State, and later Éire, by Fianna Fáil during the 1930s that resulted in the "Economic War". News of this event spread to numerous newspapers across the British Empire. This book analyses the roots of the petition and looks at those who organised this campaign. **Samuel Gary Beekton** is a historian of Modern Irish History.

No. 161—WESTMEATH: 'Poverty in pre-Famine Westmeath—The findings of the Poor Commission of 1833' by **Seán Byrne** and published by **Four Courts Press** (ISBN 978-1-80151-094-3 : 81pp : illustrations : p/bk €12.95 Web Price €11.65)

The scale of the Great Famine of 1846 has overshadowed the prevalence of extreme poverty in Ireland in the period 1815–45. As economic conditions deteriorated between those years, population increased rapidly. From the 1820s onwards, in the wake of famines and epidemics and an increase in agrarian violence, pressure mounted on the British government to address the problem of poverty in Ireland. In 1833 the government established the Royal Commission for Inquiring into the Condition of the Poorer Classes in Ireland. The commission investigated poverty by holding public enquiry sessions, in which the poorest people participated, in seventeen counties. The reports of those public sessions provide a detailed account of poverty in 1830s Ireland. This book uses the findings of the Poor Inquiry for Co. Westmeath to give an account of economic and social conditions in the county in the decade before the Famine. **Seán Byrne** is Lecturer Emeritus in Economics, Technological University Dublin.



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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.

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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 10 October 2023 —20.00hrs

Tuesday 14 November 2023 —20.00hrs

MORNING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Wednesday 25 October 2023 —11.00hrs

Wednesday 22 November 2023 —11.00hrs

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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, MGSi, Director of the GSI Open Meetings**, 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

GSI BOARD NEWS

The Board of Directors met on **Thursday October 5th 2023** at 11.00hrs via Zoom. The meeting was chaired by the Leas-Chathaoirleach, **Fiona Tipple, MA, FGSI**, and seven of the nine members were in attendance.

The Board welcomed **Eddie Gahan, FGSI**, back and he was duly allocated the ‘**Outreach Programme**’ portfolio until the AGM in March 2024. All the formalities with the **Companies Registrations Office** and the **Charities Regulatory Authority** were finalised during the week before the meeting, including the signing of the ‘**Code of Conduct**’ for Board Members.

The Board nominated **Fiona Fitzsimons, MA, FGSI** and **Amb. (Ret) Francis M. O’Donnell, FGSI**, as its candidates for the presidency of the Society. Indeed, under **Res: 23/10/1733**, the Board agreed to permit both candidates to share the eight-year presidential term with four years each, should they agree. This resolution of the Board is to be placed before the **College of Fellows** for endorsement by electronic ballot held over three days – 28, 29 and 30 October 2023. If the **College of Fellows** endorse the resolution on the presidency, the Board will announce the decision of the candidates on the sequencing in the November ‘**Gazette**’.

Gerard White, MGSi, Director of Open Meetings & the Lecture Programme, and consultation with **Fiona Tipple, MA, FGSI, Director of Archival Services & Education**, advised the Board on the Christmas and New Year arrangements as follows: **Weekly Drop-Ins** – last one in 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 & first one in 2024 – Wednesday 10 January 2024; **An Daonchartlann – Archive & Research Centre**, closes at 15.00hrs on Wednesday 22 December 2023 and reopens on Wednesday 10 January 2024 at 11.00hrs; and that, the first **Evening Open Meeting** of the new year will be held on 9 January 2024 at 20.00hrs.

The General Secretary advised the Board that the first **Board Meeting** of 2024 will be held on Thursday 11 January 2024 at 11.00hrs and that the ‘**Gazette**’ will be published during the week ending 20 January 2024.

The General Secretary presented draft amendments to the **Constitution of ‘Heraldry Ireland’** to the Board as a “Stage One Policy Document” with the second stage, consideration of the amendments, scheduled for the November meeting with the third stage and the final adoption (“Fourth Stage”) hopefully at the December meeting. The draft amendments to the 2015 document are aimed at streamlining governance, updating objectives, and facilitating greater participation by the members in the operation of the forthcoming ‘**National Heraldic Survey**’.

Gerard Corcoran, MGSi, Director of Digitisation & Genetic Genealogy, requested the General Secretary to arrange for an early meeting of the **Irish DNA Atlas Project Management Team** (GSI & RCSi) to explore a proposal for participation in an ‘**Atlantic Arc DNA Project**’ potentially to be funded under the EU’s Interreg Programme.

The General Secretary delivered a written report on behalf of **Laura Price, MGSi, Convenor of the JGSI 2023 Select Committee**, on the ongoing work on this year’s annual journal. It is hoped to have it published on or before 12 Nov 2023 as the finalisation of some of the excellent articles received is still awaited, including biographies.

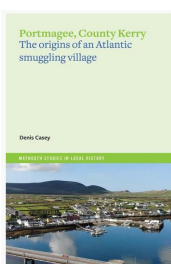
Preparatory work on the ‘**National Heraldic Survey**’ is nearing completion according to the **Director of Internet Services, Shane Wilson, MGSi**, as testing is of the online collection system is ongoing – ironing out any glitches etc which is taking longer than anticipated.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday 2 November at 11.00hrs via Zoom.

General Secretary

We’ll All Stay Connected Each Week via Zoom

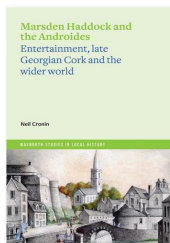
Local History Studies—Counties Cork & Kerry



No. 162—KERRY: Portmagee, Co. Kerry—The origins of an Atlantic smuggling village’ by **Denis Casey** and published by **Four Courts Press** (ISBN 978-1- 80151-095-0 : 86pp : illustrations : p/bk €12.95 Web Price €11.65) This volume — focusing on the immediate region surrounding the Atlantic village of Portmagee — shows how many of our traditional master narratives of Irish history do not stand up to scrutiny when investigated at local level. Christianization, Norman conquests, Cromwellian confiscations, religious persecution and Irish-European smuggling are all examined and shown to be much messier enterprises than popularly imagined, while equally complex was the village’s founder, Theobald MacGhee, a smuggler comfortably married into one of Kerry’s high-status gentry families. **Denis Casey** is a graduate of University College Dublin and the University of Cambridge. He has taught medieval and early modern history, literature and manuscript studies at the universities of Maynooth, Helsinki, Cambridge and UCD.



No. 163—CORK: ‘Marsden Haddock and the Androides—Entertainment, late Georgian Cork and the wider world’ by **Neil Cronin** and published by **Four Courts Press** (ISBN 978-1- 80151-096-7 : 80pp : illustrations : p/bk €12.95 Web Price €11.65) Set in the late eighteenth-century, the hero of this story is Marsden Haddock, who devised an exhibition of mechanical ingenuity, the *Androides*. The word *Androide* became synonymous with his devices. In probing the penumbra between man and machine, between the animate and the inanimate, Haddock’s lifelike automata and other figures provoked wonder and often fear. This volume positions him and his entertainment as products of the booming war-economy of Cork city, and uses its ready reception as an illustration of the integration of urban Cork into the wider world. **Neil Cronin** has previously authored *The medical profession and the exercise of power in early nineteenth-century Cork* in the Maynooth Studies in Local History series (Dublin, 2014).

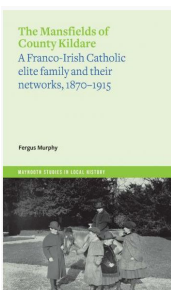


No. 164—KERRY: ‘Day Place—The most respectable locality in Tralee’ by **Laurence Jones** and published by **Four Courts Press** (ISBN 978-1- 80151-097-4 : 78pp : illustrations : p/bk €12.95 Web Price €11.65). This book studies the occupants of Day Place, a terrace of ten Georgian townhouses in Tralee, Co. Kerry, over a 100-year period. The street was the most fashionable and sought-after address in the town and residents of the terrace were among the wealthiest and most influential individuals in the area. The economic and political transformation of Tralee – and Ireland – from 1830 to 1930 was reflected in the changing makeup of the local elite living in Day Place. The tenancy of the houses and the reins of government passed from a largely Protestant clique to a confident Catholic and nationalist middle class of entrepreneurs and professionals. This volume brings some of these colourful characters to life, uncovering their activities and attitudes and painting a picture of the rapidly changing religious and political landscape in which they lived. **Laurence Jones** is an English artist and historian who has lived in County Kerry for over thirty years.

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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!!

The Mansfields of County Kildare



No. 165—KILDARE: ‘The Mansfields of Co. Kildare—A Franco-Irish Catholic elite family and their networks, 1870-1915’ by **Fergus Murphy** and published by **Four Courts Press** (ISBN 978-1- 80151-098-1 : 77pp : illustrations : p/bk €12.95 Web Price €11.65)

Always a real gem for the genealogist when a volume in this series is devoted to a particular family and, indeed, there have been in many excellent family histories published in this series.

While dominated by Protestants, the nineteenth-century landed gentry of Ireland also included a minority of Catholics. Social and marriage networks of this latter group have received little scholarly attention, and this volume helps to fill that gap.

Fergus Murphy, quotes **Terence Dooley**, to make a very important point regarding the “landlord class” in Ireland. “regardless of religion, social standing or estate size, all landlords shared the same cultural values to varying extents ... exercised the same social, political and economic powers ... conferred by

the landownership in their respective localities”. The “big house” was a common feature of the Irish rural landscape until the War of Independence and, of course, the Civil War.

Murphy looks at the social networks for one Catholic elite family and examines how important religion was to that family and how their marriage choices were impacted by such and the connection between their networks and education choices.

With Catholicism as a common denominator for most French and Irish people during that period, the study is based on the Franco-Irish Mansfield family in Co. Kildare. It leans largely on family and estate papers and includes a quantitative analysis of a French-language diary kept by **Alice Mansfield (née De Férussac)** between 1877 and 1887. The diary was transcribed, translated and analysed to provide a view of the family’s social network in Ireland and France.

Fergus Murphy holds a Bachelors degree in Electronic Engineering from Trinity College Dublin and currently works as a Product Marketing Director. He received a Masters degree in History of the Family from University of Limerick in 2019 and is also a graduate of the Genealogy and Family History program in University College Dublin. Previous publications include an article titled ‘*The D’Oliors of Dublin City*’ in *The Huguenot Society Journal* (2018).

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 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.

Tuesday November 14th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Laura Price, MGSI on 'Family and Local History in the Records of the Registry of Deeds'

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

Tuesday December 12th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Gerard White, MGSI, on 'Patrick Shortt and the Sinking of the ILV SS Isolda in 1940'.

Wednesday December 20th —Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday January 9th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: TBA

Wednesday January 24th—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



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

James Scannell Reports...

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

Francis Thackaberry will present 'Vagabonds and Beggars: Institutional provision for the Poor in 18th Century Dublin' on at 18.00hrs Wednesday 25 October; Dr. Angela Byrne will present 'John Lee's visit to Dublin in 1896 and 1807' at 18.00hrs on Wednesday 8 November. Both take place in The Conference Room, Dublin City Library & Archive, 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome – admission is free and no booking is required.

KILMACUD-STILLORGAN LHS

Susan Pegley will present 'Thomas Connolly 1823-76 and the 'lost' 19th century of Castletown House' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 12 October; Mark Coen will present 'Most of the inmates remain for life': Donnybrook Laundry, 1737-1992' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 09 November. Both lectures take place in St. Raphaela's Primary School Hall, St. Raphaela's Road, Upper Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission is €3.00 for non-members.

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Derville Murphy will present 'The Irish Artist - Margaret Allen (1832-1914)' at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 17 October in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All welcome. Admission €5.00 for visitors.

DUN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH HIST SOC

David Gunning will present 'Shifting Foundations - The Big Houses of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown' at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 18 October; Tom Conlon with present 'From Victorian to Carolean era - how Dún Laoghaire has changed' at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 14 November. Both lectures take place in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5.00

WICKLOW TOWN BRANCH LIBRARY

Jim Rees will present 'The remarkable Captain Robert Charles Halpin' at 19.00hrs on Thursday 19 October in The Mall, Main Street, Wicklow Town. All are welcome - admission is free

BRAY CUALANN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Brian White will present 'Early Motoring in County Wicklow' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 19 October in The Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome – admission is €8.00 for non-members.

CLONDALKIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Patricia O'Reilly will present 'Eileen Gray (1876-1976) Irish designer and architect' at 20.00hrs on Monday 23 October at 20.00hrs on Monday 23 October in Áras Chrónáin Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission is €5.00 for non-members.

RATHMINES, RANELAGH & RATHGAR

Thomas Burke will present 'Sarah Cecilia Harrison: Dublin's first female city councillor' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 26 October in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. All welcome. €5.00.

RATHMICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ruth McManus will present 'Crampton Built: a History of Crampton Builders' at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 01 November in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin, Admission is €5.00 for non-members.

MOUNT MERRION HIST SOC

Robert Nicholson will present 'Tales from the James Joyce Tower' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 02 November in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission €4.00 / Students €2.00.

MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY

Professor Eunan O Halpin will present 'Intelligence and the Military Profession: Colonel Dan Bryan, 1900-1985' at 20.00hrs on Friday 03 November in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome - on Zoom to members only.

MEDAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

'A Medal, Militaria and Collectibles Fair' take place from 10.00hrs to 15.00hrs on Saturday 04 November in the Knox Memorial Hall, Monkstown Village, Co. Dublin. All are welcome. Admission for members is €2.00 and €4.00 for non-members.

KILMACANOGUE HISTORY SOCIETY

Dr. Pat Wallace will present 'Horse Drawn Transport in North Wicklow before the Railways' at 20.00hrs on Monday 04 November in Kilmacanogue Parish Hall, adjacent to St. Mochohog's R.C. Church, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome - admission is €5.00 for non-members.

SKERRIES HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Frank Whearity will present 'C Coy. Skerries (IRA), 1st Batt. 8th Fingal Brigade & its leaders Matthias Bissett & James Murray, et. al. (1919-1923)', at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 14 November in The Bowling Club, Skerries, Co. Dublin. All are welcome.

PUBLICATION

'Dublin Historical Record, No. 76, 2023', Editor Dr. Seamas Ó Maitiú, published by The Old Dublin Society, sb, 136pp, ills, ISSN 0012-6861. Featuring as the cover image 'Dublin Tram 1940s' by Harry Kernoff (hand coloured wood block), articles in this issue include - 'Around the Town' by Dr. Séamas Ó Maitiú.

'The early design of the National Concert Hall in Dublin' by Greg Devlin.

'A Trip through the history of Dalkey Island' by Peadar Curran.

'Eight centuries of marriages, collecting, hoarding...Insights from the 2021 Howth Castle auctions' by Mary O'Callaghan.

'Some notes on the history of Kilmahuddick' by Brian McCabe.

'The Dublin Cattle Market's decline, 2955-1973' by Dr. Declan O'Brien.

'Dublin Soccer players in the First World War, 1914-1918' by Conor Curran.

'What's in a name? The lives and legends of Lansdowne Road Stadium and Football Club' by Charles Ivar McGrath.

'Manor Street, Grangegorman and Stoneybatter; from medieval manor to hipster quarter' by Lynda Dunne.

'Dublin Tramways - the first generation' by Clifton Flewitt.

'They remained on the footplate: a railway accident at Donabate, Co. Dublin, 14 December 1945' by James Scannell.

'Crime, coroners and criminal procedure in early nineteenth century' by Niamh Howlin

'Sir James Ware and the first history of Dublin' by Eoin C. Bairéad.

Copies can be ordered via olddublinsociety@gmail.com at meetings of the Society or obtained from Hodges Figgis, Dawson St., and Books Upstairs, D'Olier St., Dublin.

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 SEPTEMBER LECTURE

The Monthly Lecture delivered via Zoom on Tuesday 12th September 2023 was by **Dr Elizabeth Stack** on the wonderful work research and public educational projects undertaken by the '*Irish American Heritage Museum*' at Albany in upstate New York. The Irish American Heritage Museum explores the contributions, history, and culture of Irish people in America; and fosters dialogue and exchange between America and Ireland today. "By sharing our stories, we strive to create connections and community between all Americans, as we appreciate and study the universality of the immigrant story in American history" Dr Stack explained.

Through both a permanent collection and a series of changing exhibitions, the Museum displays artifacts, recounts first-person stories, and explores the history of Irish immigrants and individuals with Irish heritage. The collection includes artifacts belonging to Irish American organizations, historic costumes, devotional items, and music recordings. The Museum is the repository for the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians records and collections. The permanent galleries of the Museum include full-size reconstructions of an Irish cottage and a tenement apartment, supported by an Emigrant Support Programme grant from the Department of Foreign Affairs, and a scale model of a workhouse. The library has an extensive collection of books, archival materials, and records which is open to the public, and once a month a genealogist helps visitors trace any Irish roots.

The Museum also hosts lectures, musical performances, cooking demonstrations and tastings, film screenings, plays and staged readings, and more. Most programmes are available both in-person and virtually, which allows them to reach viewers across the entire United States and in Ireland. The Museum was an integral force in requiring instruction in New York State's public schools about the Irish Famine of 1845-1853. The Museum is the first of its kind in America to have exhibited at the National Library of Ireland. A lively Q+A followed this very interesting presentation. The talk will be uploaded to the Society's YouTube Channel (see left panel on page 1)

Elizabeth Stack, PhD - Executive Director, joined the Museum from Fordham University where she taught Irish American History and was the Associate Director of the Institute of Irish Studies. She has presented her research at various US conferences and Ireland. A native of Listowel, in Co. Kerry. Dr Stack leads the Museum in its extensive and very important cultural and educational initiatives across the United States. See: www.irish-us.org

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.familyhistory.ie ☞ Email: membership@familyhistory.ie

FREE WEEKLY RESEARCH ADVICE

Each Wednesday, the Society hosts a free family history research advice session via Zoom. Members of the Society and visitors have the opportunity to discuss their research problems—those proverbial "brick walls" that we all have encountered in our quest for information on our ancestors.

Members of the Society with decades of research experience and some with academic qualifications in historical and genealogical research, are available to answer queries, provide research leads and advice on sources and methodology.

Whether you're only beginning your family history research or have been dabbling in genealogy for

years, we all can and do benefit from discussing our research with others. We learn of the available resources and how to access them, especially the free ones, and of course, we all welcome forewarnings of any "pit falls" that could throw us off track or hold up our research for the want of that crucial research tip.

Gerard White, MGSI, Director of the Open Meetings, and his team of excellent researchers help Members and visitors every week from Ireland and around the world.

This is a **Free Service** provided by the Society to help Members and the general public to successfully trace their Irish family history. So if you have a query check out the link on the front page of this newsletter.

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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