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## DLR Cathaoirleach Visits *An Daonchartlann*

Councillor Denis O'Callaghan, *Cathaoirleach* (Chairperson) of **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council** visited *An Daonchartlann*—Archive & Research Centre—on Wednesday 30th August 2023.

This was an important fact-finding visit by the *Cathaoirleach* who has always shown a great interest in the Society's activities and development over the past three decades.

Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has been a huge supporter of the Society since the establishment of this local authority in 1994.

Indeed, back in March 1997, **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 Loughlistown Leisure Centre**.

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

The provision of a more 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 cultural heritage and educational facility in the county should be a priority for the County Council.

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.

Councillor O'Callaghan met with the Society's *Leas-Chathoirleach* and *Director of Archival Services & Education*, **Fiona Tipple, MA, MGS**, (see above photo); *Director of Finance*, **Lua Ó Scolaí, MGS** and *Director of Digitisation & Genetic Genealogy*, **Gerard Corcoran, MGS**.

The *Cathaoirleach* undertook to raise the above issues with the Chief Executive of the County Council.



### 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

### 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](http://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](http://www.instagram.com/GenSocIreland)

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

### EVENING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Tuesday 12 September 2023 —20.00hrs

Tuesday 10 October 2023 —20.00hrs

### MORNING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Wednesday 27 September 2023 —11.00hrs

Wednesday 25 October 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.

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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](mailto:Archivist@familyhistory.ie)

## CONFERENCE

# imirce

migration and Ireland through time

**NATIONAL MONUMENTS SERVICE**  
**6th Annual Archaeology Conference**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**The Printworks, Dublin Castle**

Presented by the National Monuments Service of the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage and organised by *Archaeology Ireland*.

From the voyages of the first Mesolithic colonisers to the present day, the island of Ireland has seen many new arrivals coming for many different reasons. Archaeology can provide unique insights into how these people adapted to their new surroundings. *Imirce: migration and Ireland through time* will investigate how identities were negotiated within new contexts.

*Imirce*—migration, the overall theme of this programme—looks at the evidence for arrival in Ireland, alongside examples of Irish arrivals elsewhere, as a means of exploring and revealing the multiplicity of identities that have contributed—and continue to contribute—to Irish society through time. This evidence ranges from the growing body of ancient DNA evidence that is beginning to answer some lingering questions about Irish prehistoric populations to the legacy of new or introduced artefact, burial or settlement types that give us some insight into the lives of these new arrivals. Equally, such evidence has an important role in telling us about Ireland's connections with the wider world. During the ages of exploration, colonisation and transplantations, ships crossed oceans to trade, raid or transport. Irish people were on board. The emigrations of the nineteenth century following the devastation of the Famine witnessed a population shift from Ireland to distant lands, where broader connections were forged and where the Irish diaspora expressed their identities in different contexts and emerging new communities.

### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME TIMINGS

08.30–09.15 Registration

09.20–09.30 Opening address: **Minister Malcolm Noonan T.D.**, Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform

**Session One: Revealing movement through science:**

09.35–10.10 *The Irish DNA Atlas*: providing a map of Irish genetics in and out of Ireland **Dr Edmund Gilbert**, Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland

10.15–10.50 Raiders, Traders and Settlers in late Iron Age and early Medieval Ireland and Britain **Dr Jacqueline Cahill Wilson**, Visiting Research Fellow at Royal Agricultural University, Cirencester

**Session Two: Pursuing horizons:**

11.30–12.05 Encounters, stories and connections: hunter-gatherer Ireland **Prof. Graeme Warren**, UCD School of Archaeology

12.10–12.45 Archaeological remains of coffee plantations: a history of pre-Famine Irish migration to Cuba **Giselle González García**, Ph.D candidate, Concordia University, Quebec, Canada

**Session Three: Seeking identity in settlements:**

13.55–14.30 English Peasant Settlement in Anglo-Norman Ireland **Dr Kieran O'Conor**, School of Geography, Archaeology and Irish Studies, University of Galway

14.35–15.10 Under a southern sky: the Irish settlement of Baker's Flat in colonial South Australia **Dr Susan Arthure**, Flinders University, Australia

**Session Four: Considering contributions:**

15.50–16.25 Structures of import - the buildings of Dublin's historic immigrant communities **Paul Duffy**, Irish Archaeological Consultancy Ltd

16.30–17.05 Beaubec: an alien grange in the Boyne Valley **Dr Geraldine Stout**, Archaeologist in the National Monuments Service (retired)

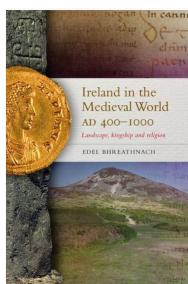
17.30: Close of conference: **Michael MacDonagh**, Chief State Archaeologist, National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/> Price €10 to €35

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

### Ireland in the Medieval World, AD 400-1000

**BACK IN PRINT:** *'Ireland in the Medieval World AD 400-1000, Landscape, kingship and religion'* by **Edel Bhreathnach** and published by **Four Courts Press** (ISBN 978-1-84682-342-8 : 316pp : colour illustrations : p/bk €29.95 Web Price €26.95) is another work of interest to genealogists, local historians and clan/sept historians.



The work covers the period in which Ireland was effectively 'claimed' and 'named' in a manner still vividly recognisable today. As Ireland emerged from a world of antiquity with its oral learning and through the coming of Christianity entered the dawn of our recorded history, the rural, urban, ecclesiastical, ceremonial and mythological landscapes of Ireland anchor the history of early Irish society. This is the period in which a great number of our placenames and family names enter our national narrative over a thousand years ago. Understanding the complexities of early Irish society and presenting such coherently to a general readership in a manner that transcends the 'public history' versus 'academic history' debate is a real challenge.

Edel Bhreathnach has certainly produced an exceptionally well researched history of the period that is, very importantly, equally accessible to the general reader, student and academic. The format of the work presents Medieval Ireland under three headings starting with the natural and settled landscape. Here Bhreathnach draws on the ancient tales, beautifully crafted, which seek to explain the natural environment and its relationship with its people as exemplified by the antiquity and descriptiveness of our place-names. She draws on the wealth of archaeological research conducted over the past century or so to explain patterns of settlement, land use, boundary markings, trade routes and, very significantly, she makes the point that 'Dublin provides one of the best examples of the development of urbanisation in Europe from the tenth century onwards'.

In the next section Bhreathnach explores the structures of society, the rulers and the ruled, the family or clan/sept interrelationships and the importance of lineage and genealogy to Gaelic Ireland. This was a 'client based' society where legal obligations, privileges and rights were enshrined in a native law code, much of which, had its roots in pre-Christian Ireland. The author explores the influences that transformed or impacted upon, Gaelic Ireland, following the arrival of Christianity and later with the initial Viking raids, then their settlement as 'Hiberno-Norse' and the development of trading hubs with links rights across Europe.

The transformative nature of these developments on Irish society is rarely explored in the context of 'public history' which, at times, seems more concerned with major battles and, some would argue, the dubious commemorations of anniversaries. In the third section Bhreathnach looks at 'religion, rituals and ritualists' in a fascinating journey through the hybridization of the ancient native spirituality and early Christianity to form a distinctively Irish or Celtic Christianity. The position of the laity and, indeed, the fusing of Church and regional dynastic Gaelic societal structures is explored with wonderful clarity and beautiful illustrations. As a work of history, Edel Bhreathnach not only revealed much of Medieval Ireland, but more importantly she has made Medieval Ireland readily identifiable in our modern landscapes, place-names, family names and, of course, in our archaeological and architectural heritage. An excellent read. Highly recommended.

(Review first published in Vol. 9 No. 6 of June 2014)

**Edel Bhreathnach** was formerly Chief Executive Officer of the Discovery Programme, and has published extensively on a wide range of topics relating to medieval Irish history and culture. **MM**

## 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](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie)—note the “back-in-prints” too!!*

## GSJ BOARD NEWS

As there was no Board Meeting in August, the next scheduled Board Meeting was held on **Thursday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 2023** at 11.00hrs via Zoom.

The meeting was chaired by the Leas-Chathaoirleach, **Fiona Tipple**, and seven members were in attendance, including one from Portugal.

The Board agreed (*Res: 23/09/1765*) to co-opt **Eddie Gahan**, FGSI, to the Board of Directors and it provisionally allocated the *'Outreach Programme'* portfolio to Eddie until the AGM in March 2024.

The Board also discussed a very interesting proposal by **Gerard Corcoran**, Director of Digitisation & Genetic Genealogy, to participate in the establishment of an *'Atlantic Arc DNA Project'* possibly under the EU's Interreg Programme involving EU Members Portugal, Spain, France and Ireland, and the Celtic regions of the UK and its Crown Dependency of the Isle of Man. The matter will now be considered by the **Irish DNA Atlas Project Management Team** (GSI & RCSJ) and report back to the Board in due course.

The Board received the report of the **Select Committee** established to conduct a *feasibility study* into the possibility of holding an “in-person” one-day seminar. The report was accepted (*Res: 23/09/1769*) and the matter will be considered again in the new year.

The Leas-Chathaoirleach delivered a report on the visit to *An Daonchartlann* by **Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan**, Cathaoirleach of **Dún Laoghaire**

**Rathdown County Council** on Wednesday August 30th 2023. The reported noted his deep interest in the work of the Society and his understanding of the issues regarding the location of the facility. (*see page 1*)

Preparatory work on the *'National Heraldic Survey'* is nearing completion after the General Secretary met with the Honorary Herald in Madrid on August 7th 2023. **Dr Antonio Salmerón Cabañas**, SHA, FGSI, prepared a detail appraisal of the project and its operation, data collection and ongoing assessment. The *Director of Internet Services*, **Shane Wilson**, and the *Director of Special Collections, Research & Specialist Groups*, **Laura Price**, are finalising matters and testing of the system is to begin shortly.

The next Board Meeting will be held October 5th 2023 at 11.00hrs via Zoom. **General Secretary**

## LOCAL HISTORY STUDIES

As we were going to print, **Four Courts Press** published six new volumes in the *Maynooth Studies in Local History* series on September 8th 2023.

The volumes in this prestigious series of published research are of immense value to genealogists and local historians. The research presented in this series cover a very wide range of subjects with much of that research unpublished elsewhere and/or from sources not readily available to the public. Reviews of each next month. See: <https://www.fourcourtspress.ie>



## In Brief....

### GSI MEMBERSHIP

Join on-line at [www.familyhistory.ie](http://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](mailto: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 September 12th** —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Dr Elizabeth Stack, 'Irish American Heritage Museum',

**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.

**Tuesday November 14th** —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Laura Price, MGSI on 'Reserving in 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 *ILVSS Isolda* in 1940'.

**Wednesday December 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](mailto:Membership@familyhistory.ie)

Suggestions on the Monthly Lecture Programme to: [eolas@familyhistory.ie](mailto:eolas@familyhistory.ie)

Members may send their research queries in advance for the Morning Open Meeting by email to [Archivist@familyhistory.ie](mailto: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](http://www.youtube.com/c/GenealogicalSocietyOfIrelandGSI)



[www.eneclann.ie](http://www.eneclann.ie)



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

## James Scannell Reports...

### THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

David Flood will present 'Martyrs, Patriots, Casualties: Dublin Corporation in the Irish Revolution, 1913-1923' at 18.00hrs Weds 13 Sept; Liam O'Meara will present 'When Paddy worked on the Railways: the coming of the railway to Inchicore' at 18.00hrs on Weds 27 Sept; Prof. Frank Barry will present 'Dublin Industry at EEC Accession: the Leading Firms and Factories of 50 Years Ago' at 18.00hrs on Weds 04 Oct. All take place in the Dublin City Library and Archive, All are welcome - admission is free.

### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, KILLINEY

Guided tours of the Church take place from 14.00hrs to 16.00hrs on Thursdays 14, 21 and 28 September.

### KILMACUD-STILLORGAN LHS

Frank Tracy will present 'Lord Massey of Duntrileague' at 20.00hrs Thurs. 14 Sept. in St. Raphaela's Primary School, Upper Kilmacud Rd., Stillorgan. All welcome - €3.00 for non-members.

### LA TOUCHE LEGACY

Greystones Archaeological and Historical Society present 'The 8<sup>th</sup> Festival of History & 33<sup>rd</sup> La Touche Legacy Weekend' on Fri. 15 and Sat. 16 Sept. on the theme of 'Social Discourse of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century in Ireland' in Greystones Golf Club, Whitshed Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. Bookings: Kay Coughlan - 01-2876694; Email: [Greystonesmd@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:Greystonesmd@wicklowcoco.ie) or George Jones Email: [george.anthony.jones@gmail.com](mailto:george.anthony.jones@gmail.com)

### THE BLACKROCK SOCIETY

Professor Michael Laffan will present 'The Irish Civil War' at 20.00hrs on Monday 18 September in Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, 32 Belgrave Square, Monkstown, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - £5.00 for non-members

### FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Alan Tuohy will present 'Dublin 18 Scenery Appreciation' at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 19 September in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - Admission is €5.00 for visitors.

### DUN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH HS

Michael McShane will present 'The Killiney Estate of Robert Warren during his tenure, 1834-1869' at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 20 September in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5.00.

### BRAY CUALANN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thérèse Hicks will present 'The Kennedys of Newtownmountkennedy' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 21 September in The Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome - admission is €8.00 for non-members.

### CLONDALKIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Max Cannon will present 'Thomas Early, Manufacturer of ecclesiastical furniture and Stained-Glass Windows' at 20.00hrs on Mon. 25 Sept. in Aras Chrónáin, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin. All welcome - €5.00 for non-members.

### PHIBSBORO LIBRARY

Dr. Mary Muldowney will present 'The Dublin Cattle Market' at 18.30hrs on Weds 27 Sept. Admission is free—booking is required phone 01-222 8333 or email: [phibborolibrary@dublincity.ie](mailto:phibborolibrary@dublincity.ie).

### BALBRIGGAN & DISTRICT HS

Cora McDonagh will present 'Balbriggan Stockings, Old Masters and the Bells of Howth: North County Dublin contributions to the nineteenth century Art & Industry Exhibitions' at 20.00hrs on Weds 27 Sept. in the Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan. All welcome - €5.00 for non-members.

### DUBLIN CENTRAL LIBRARY

Dr. Mary Muldowney will present 'From 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment to Repeal of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Remembering Pro-choice

Campaigns in 1983 and 2018' at 18.00hrs on Thurs 28 Sept; Dr. Muldowney will present 'Struggling against the odds in defence of jobs. The story of the 11/90 branch of the Amalgamated Transport and General Workers Union from the 1970s to the 1990s' at 18.00hrs on Thurs 06 Oct. Admission free but booking is required—call 01-2228300 or email: [centrallibrary@dublincity.ie](mailto:centrallibrary@dublincity.ie).

### RATHMINES, RANELAGH & RATHGAR HS

James Scannell will present 'Going to the Pictures in the 1950s and 60s' at 20.00hrs in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Rd., Dublin 6. All welcome admission €5.00.

### MOUNT MERRION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Thomas Morris will present 'Dublin Railway Murder' at 20.00hrs Thurs 5 Oct in the Mount Merrion Community Centre. All welcome. Admission €4.00 (Students €2.00)

### DONNYBROOK WALK

14.00hrs on Sat. 7 Oct. led by Adrian Le Harivel. Meet at the churchyard beside Donnybrook Garda Station. All welcome - admission free. Dress appropriately for the weather conditions, suitable footwear, bring refreshments.

### PUBLICATIONS

'September/October History Ireland' magazine, Editor Tommy Graham, published by Wordwell Ltd.

With the cover featuring 'Detail from Paddy Daly by Seán Keating (1955), there is a marvellous selection of articles in the latest issue with the main features being 'From the Editor' Tommy Graham poses the question and discusses the topical issue of 'Dublin's north inner city - a history of violence?'; 'Irish lords and English rulers' by Elizabeth Biggs; 'A villain meeting - the Society of Jesus and a witches' sabbat in seventeenth-century Ireland' by Cameron C. Engelbrecht; 'The omission of Collins from Year's poetic pantheon' by Fionbharr Rogers; 'The Clonfadda Ambush, 2 December 1920' by Conor Carley - this was the winning entry in the Schools' Essay Competition; 'Mapping the Troubles' by Arnold Horner; 'Éamon de Valera's mother-and-baby home' by Colum Kenny; 'Ireland at the League of Nations, 1923-46' by Michael Kennedy; 'Agnes Flanagan from Birr - a lonely résistante' by Isadore Ryan; Plus all the regular features including Book Reviews, Letters, Platform, Gems of Architecture, and Local Archives.

'The Lead Mines - Ballycorus and Glendalough in the Nineteenth Century' by Rob Goodbody and published by Wordwell Ltd. The Ballycorus chimney on the side of Carrickgollogan Mountain is a familiar South Dublin landmark and how it came to located there and the role it performed is recalled by Rob Goodbody in his latest book who explains how it came to located there and its connection with mining operations in the Glendalough area by the Mining Company of Ireland from the 19<sup>th</sup> century until the First World War. In this book Rob explains the mining process in the Glendalough area and the smelting process in Ballycorus, for which siding were built in the Shankill station to receive the ore. The chimney was used to disperse fumes from this Ballycorus smelting operation which was a very dangerous hazardous one for workers. A fascinating and engrossing account of mining in the Dublin and Wicklow Mountains and the production of finished products at Ballycorus from the mined ores. Superbly illustrated, it is an excellent account of the history of this unique industrial monument and is an essential acquisition for those interested in local history and mining and industrial history. 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](http://www.gillmacmillan.com) Price €24.99 [RRP].

## PRÉCIS OF THE AUGUST LECTURE

The Monthly Lecture delivered via Zoom on Tuesday 8th August 2023 was on the very interesting subject of *'Policing in Ireland in 1922'* by **Jim Herlihy**, FGSI, author and Irish police historian.

The illustrated talk gave details and statistics of the police forces and their uniforms and badges on public view in Ireland in 1922, i.e., the police forces being disbanded:- the Royal Irish Constabulary, 'Black and Tans' and Auxiliaries and their replacements, i.e. the Civic Guards, the Royal Ulster Constabulary, the Dublin Metropolitan Police (renamed 'Póilíní Átha Cliath'), the Oriel House Detectives and the Cork Civic Patrol. The War of Independence and post Truce police casualties and the lack of remembrance of them were also discussed and the lost opportunities in reconciliation during the decade of centenaries. The complexities, hurdles and difficulties encountered by the Civic Guards in their formation and deployment throughout the Free State were explained and the reasons why only 181 former RIC men joined, despite the fact that the majority of the Civic Guards organising committee were former RIC men selected by Michael Collins. Details also were given of the former 788 RIC men who joined the Palestine Gendarmerie and the 1,519 who transferred to the Royal Ulster Constabulary. The unique police personalities of the period were also given, none-other than the complicated background and life first registered Civic Guard of the Free State, P.J. Kerrigan from Westport, Co. Mayo who had served in the RIC, the DMP, the Irish Guards in WW1 and the Irish Army and at the same time had a wife and children in Ireland and a wife and children in the United States at the same time, the grandchildren of which were traced & united in 2022 in Westport. The talk also included illustrations of the policing of Michael Collins funeral cortege in Cork City, not by the RIC or the Civic Guards, but by the fledgling Cork Civic Patrol.

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

### 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](http://www.familyhistory.ie) ☞ Email: [membership@familyhistory.ie](mailto:membership@familyhistory.ie)

## Alan Griffin Family Papers

The genealogical research papers of the late **Rev. Alan Griffin** (1944-2020) have recently been donated to the Society. Alan was a descendant of William Mossop (1751-1805), an eminent medallist who is regarded as the founder of the craft in Ireland. The collection includes photographs, letters and family trees as well as an interesting collection of documents relating to the assets of Alan's great-aunt Ethel Rose Richan (1875-1970). Though the collection is not large, it will take time to sort and list the documents so that they can be made available to researchers. As soon as this work is complete, the collection will be recorded in the *An Daonchartlann* catalogue

We received the collection through the good offices of **Anna Scudds** and the **Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society**. The material had originally been

offered to the DLBHS which determined that it was of genealogical rather than historical interest, and offered it to us, with the consent of **Alan Heuston**, from whom the DLBHS had originally received it.

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### GSI JOURNAL 2023

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For word count, format and the procedures regarding any images etc please email: [JGSI@familyhistory.ie](mailto:JGSI@familyhistory.ie)

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The "Gazette" is Ireland's longest running monthly genealogical newsletter and it is read by thousands each month around the world.

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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/](http://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](http://www.familyhistory.ie))

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The facility is normally open each Wednesday from 11.00hrs to 15.00hrs contact the GSI Archivist on [Archivist@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Archivist@familyhistory.ie)

