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Permanent Home for the Society?

Back in March 1997, the **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council** voted to allocate the Martello Tower at Seapoint, Co. Dublin, as a permanent base of operations for the Society. The Society moved into the Martello Tower in 2004 following extensive restoration work on this historic tower, dating from 1804, which was undertaken by the Society.

However, after following all the expert advice, this historic building proved to be environmentally unsuitable and sadly the Society had to move its operations to temporary accommodation, courtesy of the **Office of Public Works**, on Lower George's Street, Dún Laoghaire, 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 adopted by the Society and, indeed, elements of the Society's 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 at the Carlisle Pier. Thankfully, the Society was very kindly assisted by Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County

Council with the provision of the current premises at **DLR Leisure Centre** at Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin. Although, this premises to the rear of the Loughlinstown Leisure Centre has served the Society extremely well over the past few years, a more permanent base of operation in easy reach of public transport is urgently required.

Maintaining this important publicly accessible heritage and educational facility in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County has clearly been a priority for the County Council down through the years. Council management, officials and the County Councillors have all been hugely supportive of the Society and its activities since that decision in March 1997 to provide a permanent base for the Society.

With the Society's archive and research centre, *An Daonchartlann*, outgrowing the space provided in Loughlinstown, it's now time to relocate to a more suitable premises in an area with greater footfall.

The ideal location for this important heritage and educational facility would be in or near the town centre of Dún Laoghaire or possibly, on the extensive **Dún Laoghaire Harbour** estate.

The Society adopted a five year development plan in 2022 and that plan has a new premises as a priority.

HOLIDAY WORLD SHOWS 2024



Photo: (from left) **Eddie Gahan**, FGSI, Director of the Outreach Programme; **Stuart Rosenblatt**, PC, FGSI, President of the Society; **Fionnuala White**, MGSI and **Gerard White**, MGSI, Director of the GSI Open Meetings & Lecture Programme, at the GSI Stand at the Holiday World Show at the RDS, Dublin, on 27th January 2024.

Eddie wishes to thank all the GSI volunteers at Belfast and Dublin who assisted at the GSI Stands and, with a special thanks, to the organisers and staff at both venues who were most helpful at all times. *Go raibh míle maith agaibh.*

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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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WEEKLY RESEARCH ADVICE

WEDNESDAY at 11.00hrs (UTC+0) (Irish Time) via Zoom. (see 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/
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ON INSTAGRAM

The Society has been expanding its presence across all social media platforms and we're on Instagram! Please checkout this link:

www.instagram.com/GenSocIreland

MONTHLY MEETINGS

EVENING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Tuesday 13 February 2024 —20.00hrs

Tuesday 12 March 2024 (AGM) —20.00hrs

MORNING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Wednesday 28 February 2024 —11.00hrs

Wednesday 27 March 2024 —11.00hrs

Free of Charge—Donations Welcome!

(Donations via www.familyhistory.ie)

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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, MGSJ, 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

IRISH HISTORY with Davy Holden



February is a month that holds a special place in Irish history, marked by a collection of events that range from moments of success and celebration to periods of sorrow and reflection. These anniversaries, both joyous and sombre, paint a perfect picture of Ireland's complex past. Let's go back in time to 1919-1921 during the Irish War of Independence.

One rather courageous event falls on 3 February 1919, which involves a three-man prison escape, a blank key and a freshly baked cake. On 17 May 1918, 150 Sinn Féin leaders were arrested due to their anti-conscription movement, during what was known as the ‘German Plot’. One of the arrestees was 1916 Easter Rising veteran and President of Sinn Féin, Éamon De Valera, who was imprisoned in Lincoln Prison, England. As they devised a breakout plan, Michael Collins and Harry Boland went on a rescue mission to England. De Valera worked as an alter server in the prison's chapel which allowed him to make some impressions of the Chaplain's key. After receiving multiple impressions, Collins organised to have a key baked into a fruitcake and delivered to the prison. It took four separate attempts before receiving the final cake which contained a blank key with a set of files. Peter De Loughry, an IRA prisoner from Kilkenny, meticulously crafted a key, and on 3 February 1919, De Valera alongside two colleagues, Seán McGarry and Seán Milroy, escaped from Lincoln Prison.

February also bears witness to tragic events, one of which took place in East Cork. On 6 January 1921, the flying column of the Fourth Battalion of the First Cork Brigade moved into an unoccupied farmhouse near Clonmult and planned to remain there for 6 weeks. On 20 February, the flying column's intended day of departure from the farmhouse, British Soldiers in Victoria Barracks received intelligence of the Cork Brigade's location. That afternoon, as the IRA men were packing their belongings to vacate the premises, a force of 27 men of the Second Battalion Hampshire Regiment alongside 24 men of the Auxiliary Division of the Royal Irish Constabulary, moved on the Irishmen. The farmhouse had no back door, which left the IRA men trapped inside with nowhere to escape. After a ferocious gun battle, and the house's thatched roof set alight, the IRA surrendered. Between the gun battle and the executions afterward, the battle of Clonmult resulted in the greatest loss of life inflicted on Irish Republican forces during the two-and-a-half-year Irish War of Independence, with twelve killed on the day and two later executed. The Crown Forces casualties from the battle were two military and three Auxiliaries wounded.

Check out my short videos on various aspects of Irish history on my Instagram account below:

https://www.instagram.com/davy_holden



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<https://www.americanancestors.org/icghs-2024>

ERRATUM: In the last issue, the date for the **February Morning Open Meeting** was given as the 22 February, this should, of course, have read the 28 February. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

We'll All Stay Connected Each Week via Zoom

Industrial Relations in Ireland

“*Workers, Politics and Labour Relations in Independent Ireland, 1922-46*” by **Gerard Hanley** and published by **Four Courts Press** in January 2024 (ISBN: 978-1-801151-078-3 : H/bk : 240pp : Price €45.00 : Web-Price €40.50) is essential reading for those with ancestral connections to the labour movement in Ireland and, of course, for the social historian and local historian seeking to understand the wider context, in which, national and local industrial disputes occurred and the political response.



Workers, Politics and Labour Relations in Independent Ireland, 1922-46

GERARD HANLEY

This is the first comprehensive study of industrial relations in the Irish Free State (1922-37) and in Éire/Ireland from (1937-46) in the context of the political, social and economic developments of the early decades of the independent state. This was an era of high unemployment, emigration due to poverty, lack of opportunity, economic stagnation, and political and social conservatism. Political ideologies and social policy in the Ireland of the time were heavily influenced by the Catholic Church and its particular world view as expressed in papal encyclicals on social issues, family life and even on labour relations. Indeed, for genealogists and local historians, this study covers a period that would be very clearly within the living memory of our grandparents and great grandparents and, in many cases, probably events examined are already well rehearsed within our family lore. Whether our family members were trade union members, involved in industrial actions or in the wider labour movement, this work provides a long overdue examination of labour relations in Ireland during the period 1922 to 1946.

This book assesses the position of workers, trade unionism and labour relations from the foundation of the Irish Free State to the establishment of the Labour Court under the *Industrial Relations Act 1946*. Based on rigorous and extensive research of varied and vast material in British and Irish archives, this book is constructed around three central themes that influenced the development of labour relations in Ireland: the impact of the Civil War, the extent and impact of unemployment, and the challenges for trade unionism in the formative decades of independent Ireland. It provides a unique, stimulating, and thought-provoking account of how successive governments and the trade union movement engaged with one another and contributed, in various ways, to the development of Ireland's labour relations norms. This evolution was often difficult, divisive, and halting. At times it was violent.

Gerard Hanley holds a PhD in history from Dublin City University where he is a research fellow in the School of History and Geography. He is co-author with Daithí Ó Corráin of ‘*Cathal Brugha: ‘an indomitable spirit’*’ published by Four Courts Press, Dublin, 2022.

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GSI BOARD NEWS

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on **Thursday February 1st 2024** at 11.00hrs via Zoom. The meeting was chaired by the Cathaoirleach, **John Goggins, MGSJ**, will all ten directors in attendance.

The General Secretary / Company Secretary formally advised the Board on the holding of the **Annual General Meeting** on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 20.00hrs via Zoom and that a notice will appear in the February ‘Gazette’ for the Members.

Lua Ó Scolaí, MGSJ, Director of Finance, presented the **Monthly Accounts** for the period ending 31st January 2024. He also advised the Board of the grant approved for the Society by **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council** in the amount of €1,000 for operating costs.

The Board, in accordance with **Res: 23/02/1728**, undertook a detailed review of the Open Meetings and following consideration of the various options, agreed to continue with the current incorporeal (Zoom) format which shall be reviewed again in February 2025 under **Res: 24/02/1806**.

Eddie Gahan, FGSI, Director of the Outreach Programme, advised the Board on the success of the GSI Stands at **Holiday World Show** in Belfast and Dublin. He praised the volunteers and the organisers.

Eddie said that amongst the many visitors to the GSI

Stand at the RDS were **Mr. Barry Andrews, MEP**, and the **Lord Mayor of Dublin, Cllr. Daithí de Róiste**.

Fiona Tipple, FGSI, Director of Archival Services & Education, advised the Board of another generous donation of books received for **An Daonchartlann**. Fiona also reported on the event at the **National Rehabilitation Hospital** on Rochestown Avenue in Dún Laoghaire and provided information on requests from other organisations for similar presentations on family history.

Gerard White, MGSJ, Director of the Open Meetings & Lecture Programme, provided details on the lectures for the period February to June. (see page 3)

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday 7th March 2024 at 11.00hrs via Zoom.

General Secretary

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held on **Tuesday 12th March 2024** at 20.00hrs (Irish Time) via Zoom.

The AGM will receive the Annual Report of the Board and the Annual Financial Report. The members of the Board of Directors for 2024-2025 will be elected.

Only fully paid-up Members can vote, propose or second items or be eligible for election to the Board.

The Zoom link will be sent to all Members.

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 *Membership Package* 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 February 13th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Gerard Corcoran—*Genetic Genealogy*.

Wednesday February 28th —Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday March 12th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Annual General Meeting. Speaker: Shane Wilson—*Searching Civil BMD Records—Tips & Tricks*.

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

Tuesday April 9th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Paula Jones—*Living in a Dublin Docklands Community in 1911*

Wednesday April 24th —Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday May 14th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - *Heraldry Ireland Annual Lecture - GSI National Heraldic Survey*.

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

Tuesday June 11th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Davy Holden—*Irish History & the Genealogist—Topic 'TBA'*.

Wednesday June 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 Open Meetings.

The lectures are open to the public and the access details are available on request by email to Archivist@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

Check out the short video and lectures on the *Irish DNA Atlas* project on YouTube <https://https://www.youtube.com/c/GenealogicalSocietyOfIrelandGSI>



www.eneclann.ie



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

James Scannell Reports...

OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

Dr. Mary Muldowney will present *'Prostitution in Dublin in the first decades of the twentieth century'* at 18.00hrs on Weds. 14 Feb, and Cormac F. Lowth *'The Sailing Trawlers of Ringsend'* at 18.00hrs on Weds. 28 Feb.. Conference Room, Dublin City Library and Archive, Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome. Free

WICKLOW TOWN BRANCH LIBRARY

James Scannell will present *'Rough Justice: Crime and Punishment in 19th century Wicklow'* at 19.00hrs on Thurs. 15 Feb. and Joan Kavanagh *'Prostitution in the 19th Century Wicklow'* at 19.00hrs on Thurs. 7 March. Wicklow Town Branch Library, The Mall, Main Street, Wicklow. All welcome - admission free. Booking required by phone 0404-67025 or by email on wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie

DUBLIN BAY OLD GAFFERS ASSOC.

Rob Goodbody will present *'The Building of Dún Laoghaire Harbour'* at 20.00hrs on Thursday 15 February in the Poolbeg Yacht and Boat Club, Ringsend Road, Dublin 4. All welcome - donation to the R.N.L.I.

BRAY CUALANN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Brian White will present *'Victorian Childcare in Bray-Marking the 150th Anniversary of the Cripples Home, Bray'* on Thursday 15 February. Meet in St. Paul's Church, Bray, at 19.00hrs before the talk at 20.00hrs in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All are welcome - admission to the talk is €8.00 for non-members.

ENNISKERRY BRANCH LIBRARY

Brian White will present *'Enniskerry & District - Part 1'* at 11.00hrs on Friday 16 February in Enniskerry Library, Church Road, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome - admission is free but booking is required - 01-2864339 or email: enniskerrylib@wicklowcoco.ie.

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

James Brady will present *'With the 6th Battalion - South County Dublin and the War of Independence 1916-1921'* in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €5.00 for visitors.

GREYSTONES ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Stephen Ferguson will present *'Postal History'* at 19.30hrs on Wednesday 22 February in the Kilian Family Centre, beside Holy Rosary Church, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome - admission is €3.00

DUN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH HIST SOC

David Doyle will present *'Carriglea House'* at 20.00hrs on Weds 21 Feb. Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5.00

DUBLIN CENTRAL LIBRARY

Elizabeth Kehoe will present *'Curfews in Dublin 1920-21'* at 14.30hrs on Wednesday 28 February in the Ilac Centre, Henry Street, Dublin 1. Admission is free but booking is required - book in branch, call 01-2228300 or email: centrallibrary@dublincity.ie.

RATHMINES, RANELAGH & RATHGAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cormac F. Lowth will present the Deirdre Kelly Commemoratives Lecture on *'A History of Dublin Port'* at 20.00hrs on Thurs. 29 Feb. in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members free. Visitors €4.00. Swan Car Park Rate: €4.00 (19.00hrs—00.00hrs)

RATHMICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Howard Clarke will present *'Medieval Dublin: The Making a City'* 20.00hrs on Weds. 6 March in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. Admission €5.00 for non-members.

MOUNT MERRION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Frank Tracy will present *'Lord Massy and Massy's Wood'* at 20.00hrs on Thursday 7 March in the Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €4.00/Students €2.00

CABRA LIBRARY

Mary Muldowney will present *'The women who worked in Henry Street, 1790 - 2000'* at 14.00hrs on Friday 8 March in Cabra Library, Navan Road, Dublin 7. If interested email: cabralibrary@dublincity.ie or call 01-222 8317 to reserve a place.

MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY

Dr. Eoin Kinsella will present *'Reflections on the 1924 Army Mutiny and Enquiry'* at 20.00hrs on Friday 8 March in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All are welcome.

PUBLICATIONS:

'Town & Country - Perspectives from the Irish Historic Towns Atlas', Editors Sarah Gearty and Michael Potterton, published by **The Royal Irish Academy**, ISBN 978-1-911479-81-9 (P/bk). See: www.ria.ie

'The Irish Historic Town Atlases', published by The Royal Irish Academy, currently cover twenty-five cities and towns with three devoted to Dublin and two to Belfast and come in addition to maps complete with full notes.

Two volumes also cover the Dublin suburbs of Clontarf and Rathmines. All the atlases have been compiled by expert local historians on their respective areas

In this book various compilers of the atlases discuss various aspects of their work as it relates to town and country covering such topics as *'Town-and-country studies and beyond'* by Michael Potterton, *'Monastic tenants: Viking raiders and Hiberno-Norse townspeople'* by Howard B. Clarke and Ruth Johnson; *'Town and country in the later Middle Ages, c.1170-c1600'* by James A. Galloway, Margaret Murphy and Michael, Potterton; *'Lawyers and traders: town and countryside in early modern Ireland'* by Raymond Gillespie and Brendan Scott; *'From outlying villages townships: Dublin suburbs in the nineteenth century'* by Frank Cullen, Colm Lennon, Ruth McManus and Séamas Ó Maitiú; and the interesting essay *'Why should historians of early towns also study the countryside?'* by Christopher Dwyer.

These essays give remarkable insights into the evolution development of towns and cities and how this impacted on the surrounding countryside.

This very interesting and engrossing book which provides a fascinating insight in the connecting links between town and country is dedicated to the late historical geographer and renowned cartographic historian John Harwood Andrews (1927-2019). His work and legacy is discussed by Arnold Horner, Annegret Simms, and Mary Davies, with a list of his publications between 1950-2020 compiled by Richard Haworth, Mary Davies, J. H. Andrews and Arnold Horner.

All in all this is one of those books that anyone interested in local history should have on their bookshelf.

James Scannell, FGSI

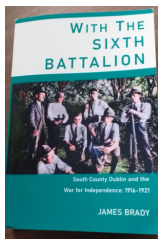
TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS

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 JANUARY LECTURE

The Monthly Lecture via Zoom on Tuesday 9th January 2024 was delivered by **James Brady** on his book *'With the Sixth Battalion—South County Dublin and the War for Independence 1916-1921'* published in 2020 by Litter Press (ISBN: 9781999300838 : P/bk : 431pp : ills : Price €20.00).



This lecture brought to a close the 'Decade of Centenaries' for the Society and, in doing so, it opened up the various resources that James used to research this very important study of the period. James went through each of the available record-sets and their accessibility, whether online or at the various repositories, to show what information is available on the volunteers of the Sixth Battalion, their families and supporters.

He looked at certain actions undertaken by the Sixth Battalion to highlight how these were reported in the press, recorded by the British authorities, court or official records, memorialised in testimonies, featured in local histories or memoirs, applications for pensions or medals and, most interestingly in the interviews undertaken with participants or their family members.

He described his approach to the collection of the information and the writing of this history of the Sixth Battalion, a much neglected aspect of the history of Dún Laoghaire during the revolutionary period.

This book a real gem for family and local historians in the greater Dún Laoghaire area as many had family members or neighbours involved in the struggle for independence in south County Dublin. Indeed, in the December 2023 issue of this newsletter, **Barry O'Connor, FGSI**, our Director of Membership Services & Cemetery Projects, said "I found James's book very informative. The publication provides extremely detailed accounts of IRA actions and the Volunteers who were active in the South County Dublin area at this time. Of particular interest to me were the references to my Father, Uncle and Aunt and their involvement in the War of Independence." The talk has been uploaded to the Society's YouTube Channel (see bottom left panel on the front page for the link).

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

The Armorial Register—Update

In May 2023, in the Society's inaugural 'Annual Heraldry Ireland Lecture', Martin Goldstraw, Director of *The Armorial Register – International Register of Arms*, explained how to design, assume and register coats-of-arms.

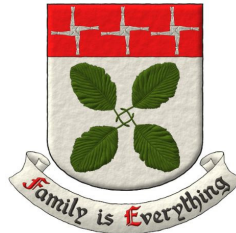
The latest registration (No. 0692) from Ireland is for **Kathleen Kane (née Matthews)** of Dún Laoghaire, with Arms designed and illustrated by **Dr. Antonio Salmerón Cabañas** of Spain. (see: www.blason.es)

The Arms were assumed and registered on Saint Brigid's Day, February 1st, 2024, with the following blazon: 'Argent, four leaves of Silver Leaved Whitebeam (Sorbus Aria Lutescens) in saltire, stems intertwined Vert, on a chief Gules, three St. Brigid's

Crosses Argent'. Possibly the first use of **Saint Brigid's Crosses** in this manner on Arms.

The reference to the Silver Leaved Whitebeam trees planted by **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council** in 2016 is very interesting.

The armiger assumed the Arms for herself and her descendants. For a full explanation of the symbolism, see the entry on the website: www.armorialregister.com



Checkout the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

Our Society is a Registered Charity

During the Covid-19 pandemic, many charities in Ireland and overseas found it extremely difficult to operate with much reduced funding streams.

This Society is funded largely by its Membership Fees and the very kind donations received from Members and friends at home and overseas, without which, the Society simply couldn't exist.

The Society is a Registered Charity in Ireland and always considers options for fund raising and grant applications. The possibility of crowdfunding for specific projects is being considered. However, in the

meantime it was decided to appeal to our Members, friends around the world.

Donations can be made via the Society's website or by cheque to the *Genealogical Society of Ireland* and forwarded to the General Secretary: **11, Desmond Avenue, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin, Ireland, A96 AD76.**

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