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## FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

The designation, some years ago, of the month of October in each year as 'Family History Month' by our good friends in the genealogical societies in the United States and Canada, has now been taken up by societies outside North America.

October is always a special month for this Society because the Society was founded on **25th October 1990** and therefore, we'll celebrate its 34th birthday this month. That's an enviable record of thirty four years as an Irish voluntary organisation promoting an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of our genealogical, heraldic and vexillological heritage.

This long record is essentially one of service, free of charge, to the general public and to members of our nation's diaspora. Our volunteers take huge pride in assisting people to access their own family history through their own research.

Our Members, all volunteers, have achieved this objective through organising two Monthly Open Meetings, monthly and annual publications, weekly online "drop-in" sessions and, of course, through the

operation of *An Daonchartlann*—the Society's Archive & Research Centre, which is open to the public. The facility is located to the rear of DLR Leisure Centre, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin. The Society is very grateful to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and **DLR Leisure** for the facility.

So in our "foundation month" as with all birthdays, one looks back over the past and, with hope, looks to the future. Our continued contribution to the promotion of genealogy and related subjects as open access educational leisure activities available to all in our community, irrespective of prior learning, socioeconomic situation, ethnicity, nationality or creed, requires a permanent base of operation in the Dún Laoghaire Town or Harbour area.

We are in ongoing contact with officials at **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council** regarding the location of a more suitable home for our Archive & Research Centre. Hopefully, current considerations on the future use of buildings in Dún Laoghaire may yet provide a permanent home for this heritage asset.



The Cathaoirleach of the Society, **John Goggins**, **MGSI**, wearing the newly refurbished *Chain of Office* representing this Society at the prestigious **36th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences** in Boston, Massachusetts, USA from 24 to 28 September 2024.

With John are **Pat Hartman** and **Ronald Morneau** at the Gala Dinner organised by American Ancestors.

Photograph courtesy of **Claire Vail and American Ancestors**.

www.americanancestors.com

## GSI ANNUAL JOURNAL

Articles are now sought for the Society's Annual Journal 2024 which will be published electronically in November 2024. Subjects include genealogical research or resources, heraldry, vexillology, local, social or family history, biographies etc. Articles may be in English or Irish and ideally they should not have been published previously. It is also a great way to record your own family history. For further information contact **Laura Price**, **MGSI**, on [JGSI@familyhistory.ie](mailto:JGSI@familyhistory.ie)

## DIASPORAN STUDIES THEME

The Board of the Society invites Members and friends of the Society to submit newly composed essays on any aspect of genealogy, heraldry, vexillology, genetic genealogy, social history, migration etc as it relates to *Diasporan Studies* for a new publication. Authors only please. These essays will form a "festschrift" to be published in honour of former President **Stuart Rosenblatt, PC, FGSI**, and presented to him by our Society's new President **Amb (ret) Francis M. O'Donnell, FGSI**. If you're interested please email [colas@familyhistory.ie](mailto:colas@familyhistory.ie)

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

### *EVENING OPEN MEETING*

(via Zoom)

Tuesday 8 October 2024 —20.00hrs

Tuesday 12 November 2024 —20.00hrs

### *MORNING OPEN MEETING*

(via Zoom)

Wednesday 24 October 2024 —11.00hrs

Wednesday 28 November 2024 —11.00hrs

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## GENEALOGY

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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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## SEANAD ÉIREANN

The Genealogical Society of Ireland is a registered 'Nominating Body' for Seanad Éireann (Irish Senate). This means that the Society can choose a candidate to contest the Senate General Election. The Board agreed, under **Res: 20/03/1503**, to extend voting rights to all Members to choose the Society's candidate. This was endorsed by the AGM on 10 March 2020. The Director of Internet Services, **Shane Wilson, MGSI**, designed a facility that will permit a secure, anonymity assured, electronic voting using the **Single Transferable Vote form of Proportional Representation (PR-STV)** to allow us to be one of the first Nominating Bodies to extend this franchise. As a General Election for Dáil Éireann is due before March 2025, the Seanad Éireann General Election will follow in due course. Members in Ireland and overseas will be able to select our candidate for the next Seanad Éireann General Election.

## "ARCHIVE DROP-INS"

The weekly "Drop-Ins" hosted by the Society are hugely popular with our Members in Ireland and around the world.

These weekly "Drop-Ins" were opened up to non-members, initially for the summer period, to allow members of the public to join via **Zoom** between 11.00hrs and 12.00hrs on Wednesdays. Previously only the "Drop-In" on the 4th Wednesday each month was publicly accessible for Members and visitors alike.

**For the link to this "Drop-In" meeting please see the link and passcode at bottom of this page** Members can send in their research query in advance to [Archivist@familyhistory.ie](mailto:Archivist@familyhistory.ie)

## IRISH HISTORY with Davy Holden



In Ireland, we generally start primary school education at five years old. For the next thirteen years, until we are eighteen years old, we learn the native language of Ireland, which is called Gaeilge. I recently reminded myself that when I was in attending school, history was not my favourite subject - Gaeilge was. Unfortunately,

it can be quite common to completely drop the language when our secondary school education comes to an end, and this is exactly what I did. My grandfather, Fintan O'Byrne, grew up in a house with my Great-Grandfather, Liam O'Byrne, who was a fluent Gaeilgeoir. Liam had some rules in the household. Well, only one main rule: the only language that was allowed to be spoken in the home was Gaeilge (Irish). On the other side of my family tree was my Great-Grandfather, Thomas McCormack, a fluent Gaeilgeoir, who lived in Connemara and worked as a teacher. As I was thinking about this recently, if I'm honest, I grew pretty ashamed of myself. Gaeilge is such a crucial element of my family history, and once upon a time, it was my favourite subject in school where I could speak it very confidently. I have no reason to not be fluent in the Irish language; I'm constantly surrounded by it - most of my close friends are fluent speakers. Over the past few months, I've been bringing Gaeilge into my everyday life. Even if it's a quick 'cén chaoi in a bhfuil tú?' (how are you?) or a slán (goodbye) when I'm with my friends. Luckily, there are some fantastic creators online that are spreading awareness and even teaching Gaeilge. With the benefits of social media, there was never a better time to learn (or in my case, relearn) a language. If I could say one thing to all of the young people in Ireland that are just about to finish secondary school education: Ná déan an botún céanna liomsa (don't make the same mistake as me).

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

[https://www.instagram.com/davy\\_holden](https://www.instagram.com/davy_holden)

## IN MEMORIAM

The President, Amb (ret) Francis O'Donnell, FGSI, on behalf of the Members of the Society and the Cathaoirleach, John Goggins, MGSI, on behalf of the Board, extend their sincerest condolences to our dear friend and colleague, Barry O'Connor, FGSI, on the passing of his brother, **John O'Connor**, on 24th September 2024.

John, a former resident of Wicklow Town, is survived by his wife Bridget, sons Keith and James, brothers Barry and Tony and families.

John's funeral mass was held at St. Joseph's Church in Glashule on 30th September 2024 and burial thereafter in Deansgrange Cemetery.

Our thoughts and prayers are with John's family at this very difficult time. RIP

## VEXILLOLOGY

The Society is a Member of FIAV (*International Federation of Vexillological Associations*) and *An Daonchartlann*—the Society's Archive and Research Centre, has a small but growing collection of books on vexillology—the study of flags and emblems.



Some people consider vexillology to be part of heraldic studies. Indeed, it has much in common with heraldry, but nowadays it is seen as a separate but linked subject.

As genealogists or indeed, social or local historians, we know that our ancestors, armigerous or not, were either flag carriers or flag followers, the latter includes all armies, political movements or trades unions. This makes the study of the use of any historic flags and banners very interesting as it adds to our family story at home and, often, overseas.

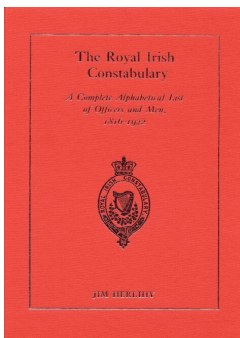
**The Flag Institute**, a world renowned organisation based in London, has invited the Society's Specialist Branch, *Vexillology Ireland*, to present a paper at its conference on 16th November 2024. More information in our next month's issue on this conference.

**Photo:** Vexillological publications donated to the GSI.

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

## IMPORTANT REPRINT ON THE WAY

'*The Royal Irish Constabulary - A Complete Alphabetical List of Officers and Men, 1816-1922*' by **Jim Herlihy, FGSI**, (ISBN: 978-1-851852-502-8 : 524pp : H/bk : Catalogue Price: €75.00 : Pre-Publication Order Price: €50.00). Orders for this book will be despatched when printed by Four Courts Press in December 2024.



In 1836 the four provincial constabularies of the Constabulary of Ireland were amalgamated to form the Irish Constabulary, which in September 1867 was awarded the prefix 'Royal' and in August 1922 the Royal Irish Constabulary was disbanded. The numbering system for each rank and file member of the RIC began in 1836 with number one being allocated to the most senior person who transferred from the provincial constabulary and who had joined on 1 August 1816. Additional numbers were added in order of seniority. This book contains a complete alphabetical list from 1 August 1816 to 31 August 1922 and represents 83,521 men. In addition, RIC men of the officer class who enlisted as cadets, numbering 635 were not allocated RIC numbers, however, their names are included in this book, and they are identified by being set in italics. The names and numbers of RIC men who were promoted from the ranks, numbering 1,507 are also identified by being set in italics. This text contains chapters on how to access original RIC registers, it also discusses RIC microfiche Index. A list of surnames, first names and service numbers are given and for officers additional details are included.

To facilitate the researcher in using the alphabetical list provided in this book, the lists of the original Registers of Service and Officers Service Registers as contained in the National Archives, Kew (HO 184 Series) are included in the introductory chapter, as are the lists of microfilm copies as contained in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Centres (FHL 085 Microfilm Series); the National Archives, Dublin (MFA 24 Microfilm Series); the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast (MIC 454 Microfilm Series); the Garda Museum and Archives Series, Dublin Castle (GM/RIC Microfilm Series). This book points the way to each RIC Service Record.

**Jim Herlihy, FGSI**, a retired member of the Garda Síochána, a co-founder of the Garda Síochána Historical Society and a Fellow of the Genealogical Society of Ireland, has worked on these sources for many years. His many publications include *The Irish Revenue Police: A short history and genealogical guide to the 'Potene Hussars'* (2018) and *The Royal Irish Constabulary: a short history and genealogical guide* (2016) and *Royal Irish Constabulary officers: a biographical dictionary and genealogical guide, 1816-1922* (2005). **We Recommend ordering now.**

## FOUR COURTS PRESS

*Irish History, Genealogy, Local History and much more. Checkout the extensive online catalogue for 2024 and the wonderful special offers at [www.fourcourtspress.ie](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie)—note the "back-in-prints" too!!*

## GSI BOARD NEWS

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held on **Thursday October 3rd 2024** at 11.00hrs via Zoom. The Leas-Chathaoirleach took the meeting with six of the nine Directors in attendance. The Cathaoirleach was in the US at the **36th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences**.

The General Secretary advised that a review of the implementation of the *GSI Development Plan, 2022-2027*, will be undertaken at the November meeting.

**Laura Price, MGSI**, on behalf of **Lua Ó Scolai, MGSI, Director of Finance**, delivered the **Monthly Accounts** for P.E. 30.09.2024.

**Fiona Tipple, FGSI, Director of Archival Services & Education**, advised the Board on submissions to be made to public consultation processes undertaken by **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council**.

**Barry O'Connor, FGSI, Director of Buildings & Health & Safety**, advised that Covid 19 screens in *An Daonchartlann* were removed on 6th Sept. 2024.

**Laura Price, MGSI, Director of Special Collections, Research & Specialist Groups**, advised on the possible digitisation of the **Dún Laoghaire Workman's Club** records and the Roll Books of the **CBS Primary**, Eblana Avenue, Dún Laoghaire. The

## WEEKLY RESEARCH ADVICE

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

**Zoom - Meeting ID:** 830 9870 7989

**Passcode:** 670945

**Right of Admission Strictly Reserved**

'*Laois Papers*' are top of the list for digitisation. A catalogue of this exceptional resource is already accessible on the GSI website.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thurs. 7th Nov. 2024 at 11.00hrs via Zoom. **General Secretary**

## THE IRISH IN THE RESISTANCE

'*The Irish in the Resistance: The Untold Stories of the Ordinary Heroes who Resisted Hitler*' by **Clodagh Finn** and **John Horgan** (ISBN: 978-0717191352 : 272pp : H/bk : Price €23.00)



In June 1940, the fall of France prompted General Charles de Gaulle to make an impassioned rallying call in his famous radio speech broadcast by the BBC to his fellow citizens to fight back against the Germans. This speech was later credited with igniting a spark of resistance which eventually grew into a vast underground network of civilians against Nazi occupation in Europe. This new book is a collection of real-life stories of Irish men and women who joined the Resistance. For example, Janie McCarthy, a teacher from Killarney who was active in five different resistance networks in Paris; Capt. John Keany from Cork, who parachuted behind enemy lines to help the Resistance in Italy; and Catherine Crean, the Irish governess born on Moore Street in Dublin, who was arrested for helping the Belgian Resistance and sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp. **Copies available on Amazon at circa €17.10**

## 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 *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](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 October 8th** —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Brian Hollinshead on 'OpenStreetMaps and Genealogy'.

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

**Tuesday November 12th**—Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: John Goggins, MGSI - '*A Swords Family Chronicle*' - *Writing Your Own Family History*'.

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

**Tuesday December 10th** —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Jim Herlihy, FGSI - '*RIC WWI Casualties & Research Resources*'.

**Tuesday January 14th** —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: *TBA*

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

**Tuesday February 11th** —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - *TBA*

**Wednesday February 26th** —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 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

Check out the short videos and lectures on the *Irish DNA Atlas* project on **YouTube**

<https://https://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...

### PHIBSBORO LIBRARY

Historian in Residence Katie Blackwood will present '*Memories of O'Connell Street*' at 18.30hrs on Monday 07 October. All welcome. Admission free. Booking essential. 01-2228333 / [phibbsborolibrary@dublincity.ie](mailto:phibbsborolibrary@dublincity.ie).

### CHARLEVILLE MALL LIBRARY

Historian in Residence Katie Blackwood will present '*Memories of O'Connell Street*' at 14.30hrs on Weds 09 Oct. All welcome - admission free. Booking essential. 01-2228411 [charlevillemalllibrary@dublincity.ie](mailto:charlevillemalllibrary@dublincity.ie).

### THE OLD DUBLIN LIBRARY

Dr. Elizabethanne Boran will present '*Disease and illness: Dr. Worth and infectious diseases in early eighteenth-century Dublin*' on Wednesday 09 October; Historian in Residence Cormac Moore will present '*A History of Lemon's Pure Sweets*' on Wednesday 23 October. Both take place at 18.00hrs in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library and Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome. Admission free.

### DLR LEXICON

Clodagh Grubb will present '*The Quaker contribution to Irish education*' at 18.00hrs on Wednesday 09 October in The Lab, Level 3, dlr Lexicon, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Admission free. No booking is required.

Philip Lecane will present '*Remembering the RMS Leinster - Irish Sea Tragedy*' at 13.00hrs on Thurs 10 October, Studio Theatre, dlr Lexicon, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Admission free. No booking required.

### CENTRAL LIBRARY, ILAC CTR.

Historian in Residence Katie Blackwood will present '*Memories of O'Connell Street*' at 18.30hrs on Thursday 10 October. Admission free. Booking is essential - call 01-222 8300 or email: [centrallibrary@dublincity.ie](mailto:centrallibrary@dublincity.ie)

### THE EBLANA CLUB

Councillor Maurice Dockrell will present '*The Dockrell political dynasty*' at 19.30hrs on Thursday 10 October in 3, Eblana Avenue, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome.

### KILMACUD-STILLORGAN LHS

James Brady will present '*With the Sixth Battalion: The War of Independence in South County Dublin*' at 20.00hrs on Thursday 10 October in the new venue of St. Lawrence's Parish Centre, Lower Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. Members are free - visitors €3.00 Please note that there is a car parking charge of €1.00 per hour at this venue - coins only.

### MARINO 100 HISTORY TALKS

Ruth McManus will present '*The Development of the Marino Estate: Marino from Initial Plans to Construction to Occupation*' at 19.00hrs on Friday 11 October; Joe Brady will present '*Fairview/Marino from the 1940s on: The continuing story of developments in Fairview/Marino*' at 19.00hrs on Fri. 08 Nov. Both take place in Carleton Hall (Marino Community Centre), 53A, Shelmartin Avenue, Dublin 3. All are welcome.

### MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY

Dr. Eoin Kinsella will present '*Reflections on the 1924 Army Mutiny and Enquiry*' at 20.00hrs on Friday 11 October; Col. Don Bigger will present '*The Irish in the Battle for Normandy 1944*' at 20.00hrs on Fri. 08 Nov. Griffith College, SCR, Dublin 8. All welcome.

### CLONTARF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ann Louise Mulhall will present '*Clontarf Cemetery*' at 19.30hrs on Mon. Oct 14<sup>th</sup> in St. John's Pastoral Centre, Clontarf Rd, Dublin 3. All welcome - admission €5.00

### FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Liam Clare will give a short talk '*Memories of Le-haunstown Races*' and Michael Fewer the long talk on

'*Tales from a Wicklow Tea Room 1898-1960*' at 20.00hrs on Tues 15 October in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €5.00

### DUN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH HS

James Scannell will present '*The Filming of King Henry V at Powerscourt, 1943*' at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 16 October in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission is €5.00. The Society's Journal will be launched at this meeting.

### BRAY CUALANN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bernadette Cunningham will present '*The Camino in Spain and Ireland*' at 20.00hrs Thurs 17 Oct in The Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome. Admission free for members & €8.00 for non-members.

### WICKLOW TOWN LIBRARY

John Goodman will present '*Wicklow People in WW2*' at 19.00hrs on Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>. Admission free. Booking required - [wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:wicklowlocalstudies@wicklowcoco.ie) or call 0404-67025.

### MEDAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

A '*Medals, Militaria and Collectables Fair*' will take place 10.00hrs to 14.00hrs on Sat 02 Nov. Knox Memorial Hall, Monkstown, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - Admission €2.00 for members and €4.00 for non-members.

### RATHMICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ed O'Donovan will present '*The Archaeology of a Dissolved Monastery: Evidence from St. Mary's Abbey Excavation*' at 20.00hrs on Weds 06 Nov in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission is €5.00 for non-members.

### RATHMINES, RANELAGH & RATHGAR HS

Historian in Residence Dr. Mary Muldowney will present '*Andrew Carnegie and his Gospel of Wealth*' at 20.00hrs on Thurs 07 Nov. in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members free / visitors €4.00 - Swan Car Park Evening Rate: €4.00 from 19.00hrs to Midnight.

### PUBLICATIONS

'*Time & Tide 14*' published by Skerries Historical Society. The last issue of this journal published by the Skerries Historical Society contains another nine papers from the Society's archive - '*The Old School*' by Paddy Halpin, '*The ESB in Skerries, 1940-2005*' by Hugh Halpin, '*Des McDonagh's People*' by Joe Heffernan, '*They're Off! Skerries horse races 1854-1925*' by Dominic McQuillan, '*How Skerries voted 1922-2007*' by Bob Laird, '*Rockabill - an Irish Lighthouse*' by Joe Clinton, '*Gents School Camp*' by Stephanie Bourke, '*Extracts from the Blood Smyth stories*' by Edward Mullarkey, and '*The Guest Book at Ardgillan Castle 1879*' by Aidan Herron. Copies via Skerries Historical Society website.

*James Scannell, FGSI*

### PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING

This Society is a Registered Charity in Ireland and it is funded largely by its Membership Fees and the very kind donations received. The provision of an archive, our online presence, hosting open meetings, publications, outreach activities and administration all require funding. If you would like to make a donation please visit the Society's website on <https://www.familyhistory.ie>

*Thank You Very Much : Go Raibh Mile Maith Agat*

### 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 SEPTEMBER LECTURE

On Tuesday September 10th 2024 at our Evening Open Meeting we were delighted to welcome as our Speaker, **Ashwini Shanmugam** of the **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)** and a member of the *Irish DNA Atlas* team, a collaboration with this Society. The topic was the *'Demographic History of Ireland & Britain'*.

Recent studies have explored fine-scale population structure within the island of Ireland and in Britain by harnessing information-rich chunks of the genome code called haplotypes. Through haplotype-based methods, they revealed subtle regional genetic diversity within Ireland, and identified migration barriers and corridors over Ireland and the UK. They also found signals of admixture between Irish-British populations and the European population. We have extended these findings by identifying time-dependent regional genetic changes across Ireland and Britain not previously reported.

The RCSI study reveals relative and sustained isolation in the peripheries of the UK (Orkney, Wales) and the Isle of Man, and more recent isolation in north-west Ireland owing to a history of migration and settlement in these regions. Furthermore, the scientists complemented findings from their Irish genetic data with genealogical observations by analysing surnames consistent with historical records of Viking and Norman invasions. Their Irish reference data can be used to predict regional ancestries of Irish individuals in larger datasets such as the UK Biobank. Finally, they used genetic information to date haplotype sharing between Ireland and Britain with Europe which shows high levels of old Germanic and Swedish influence in Britain and relatively more recent Norwegian signals in Ireland, demonstrating the signatures of these migrations on the modern Irish and British genome. These results can therefore be used to understand the driving forces of rare variant frequencies and disease risk association within the Irish population.

A detailed description of the study findings should be available in a few months as an open-access article. This talk will be uploaded to the Society's YouTube Channel (*see bottom of this 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](http://www.familyhistory.ie)
- ☞ Email: [membership@familyhistory.ie](mailto:membership@familyhistory.ie)

## HERALDIC PODCASTS

Check out [www.facebook.com/heraldryireland](http://www.facebook.com/heraldryireland) for the new podcast on the coat-of-arms for **Eugene McCarthy** designed and emblazoned by **Dr Antonio Salmerón Cabañas, SHA, FGSI**, of Madrid, Spain.



The podcast was produced in Spanish and English allowing for a much wider international audience. The idea for the production was simple and straightforward.

Most people, while admiring the coat-of-arms, will not readily understand the symbolism and this is largely due to the language in heraldry.

The reason this heraldic language or terminology is employed by heralds throughout the world is simply that a "blazon" (description) of any arms is normally sufficient for another herald to draw those arms.

This blazon is *'Argent, a Stag trippant Gules, attired and hooped Sable on a terrace in base Vert charged with a fess Or; on a chief Sable three geese volant contourné Argent'*.

The design is based on the traditional McCarthy Arms, however, for difference elements were included to reflect the homeplace of the armiger as follows: The Chief Sable (top bar in black) is

to signify 'Garryduff' ("black garden"), the Townland (smallest Irish land division) of the armiger's ancestral homestead.

The geese refer to the local parish, Monagea ("bogland of the geese") and the colours of Monagea GAA Club, founded in 1896, are shown in the base of the arms.

The antlers and hooves of the stag are rendered in black for difference and to reflect the homeplace of Garryduff – the black, of course, refers to the peaty soil of the area.

The geese flying also represents those who emigrated from the homestead. The direction is to signify the migratory journey of the geese as many of the Garryduff McCarthys living overseas, like many Irish families, frequently return home for special occasions, joyous and sad.

This imagery also evokes the famous "Wild Geese" Irish of previous centuries who emigrated to mainland Europe to serve in the armies of France, Spain, and Austria.

The Motto, *An Garraí Dubh go Brách*, means *"Garryduff Forever"* - no place like home!

The arms were registered with **The Armorial Register—International Register of Arms**, on 11th April 2023. Registration No. 0670 (Vol. 4) see: [www.armorialregister.com](http://www.armorialregister.com)

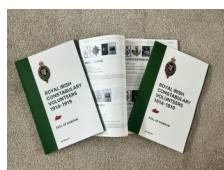
Dr Antonio Salmerón Cabañas, SHA, FGSI, is also the Honorary Herald of this Society. For further information see: [www.blason.es](http://www.blason.es)

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## NEW BOOK ON ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY

As flagged last month, Jim Herlihy, FGSI, advised us of the imminent publication of his latest work on the Royal Irish Constabulary and it is now out.

*'Royal Irish Constabulary Volunteers 1914-1919—Roll of Honour'* by **Jim Herlihy**, FGSI, (ISBN: 978-8-89496-537-6 : 136pp : P/bk : A4 size : Price €20.00 plus postage) is published by Staten House, (<https://www.statenhouse.com>) and it lists former members of the RIC who lost their lives WWI.



At the outbreak of the war some seventy British army reservists serving with the RIC were called up. Later following an appeal by the RIC Inspector, Sir Neville Chamberlain for further RIC men to enlist, a total of 752 RIC men of various ranks served in the British army during the war. 179 men never returned. They came from all around Ireland with the majority from Cork, Mayo, Tipperary, and Galway.

The overwhelming majority were Catholic (133) and there was even one Mormon. All the casualties were aged between 21 and 42 years.

Copies of this book can be obtained by emailing the author at [dublin208@hotmail.com](mailto:dublin208@hotmail.com)—price €20.00 plus postage.

**Jim Herlihy**, FGSI, will be the Society's guest speaker at the **Society's Monthly Evening Open Meeting** via Zoom on **10th Dec. 2024** at 20.00hrs (Irish Time).

### GS1 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/GenerationalSocietyOfIrelandGSI](http://www.YouTube.com/GenerationalSocietyOfIrelandGSI)

### GS1 ON INSTAGRAM

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

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## "HALL'S INDEX"

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

The past issues of the Society's newsletter from 1996 to 2016 had been fully indexed by the late **Brendan Hall**, MGS1. The "Hall's Index" now includes all issues up to date—please see [www.familyhistory.ie](http://www.familyhistory.ie)

Although we're not members of the **National Union of Journalists (NUJ)**, the team at the "Gazette" always endeavour to operate in accordance with the **NUJ Code of Conduct** [www.nuj.org.uk/about/nuj-code/](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))

## GENEALOGY HELP CENTRE

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

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

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

