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NEWFOUNDLAND RESEARCH

It is very fitting that we open our 35th Anniversary Year with our firstly monthly lecture of the New Year on **Tuesday 14th January 2025** at 20.00hrs on a very special place and its enduring and deep Irish connections—*Talamh an Éisc* or the beautiful island of Newfoundland.

Many remember the wonderful talk given at the Society's 2023 Annual General Meeting by **Dr Edmund Gilbert** of the **Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)** on a paper that was published by 'Nature' on 'A mosaic founder population of an Irish and British diaspora from 300 years ago'. This study drew on the 'Irish DNA Atlas' project—an academic collaboration between the RCSI and this Society. It generated great interest here and in Canada and, no doubt, further studies will follow.



We are delighted to welcome **Craig Morrissey** from the **Family History Society of Newfoundland & Labrador (FHSNL)** as our guest speaker this month on the subject: 'Across the Pond: Resources in Newfoundland and Labrador for Your Family Tree Research'.

Craig Morrissey is a genealogist based in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. His business (*More You See Genealogy*) has been assisting people worldwide for over 25 years who are seeking their ancestral connections to Newfound-

land and Labrador. Prior to dedicating himself more fully to his passion, Craig spent 34 years in the disability rehabilitation field. He is a proud graduate of the **International Institute for Genealogical Studies**; a board member of the FHSNL and a part-time staff member at **The Rooms Provincial Archives of Newfoundland and Labrador**. He wears his passion and heart on his sleeve for family tree research and looks forward to welcoming people from around the globe to the **Genealogy Conference** in St. John's July 25th-27th, 2025.

The monthly lecture is a free event. All welcome. **Meeting ID:** 891 7889 5725 **Passcode:** 94 73 54

INAUGURAL VEXILLOLOGY LECTURE

The **Inaugural Annual Vexillology Ireland** will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday 11th February 2025** at 20.00hrs (UTC+0) (Irish Time). The guest speaker will be the renowned vexillologist and author of Ireland's only guide to flag design, 'Flagging Ireland', **Stan Zamyatin-Moore, MA**.

Stan has delivered presentations on Irish vexillology around the world and his topic will be 'The County Arms & Flags of Ireland'. This is a free event. All welcome. **Meeting ID:** 863 2163 3963 **Passcode:** 08 30 11

HOLIDAY WORLD SHOWS

Once again this year, the Director of the GSI Outreach Programme, **Eddie Gahan, FGSI**, and his team will host the Society's stands at the **Holiday World Shows** to be held in **Belfast** and at the **RDS in Dublin**. These stands have always been extremely popular with visitors to the Shows seeking free family history research advice.

LIMERICK

Holiday Show Limerick
8/9th February 2025

BELFAST

Holiday World Show Belfast
10/12th January 2025 Belfast

DUBLIN

Holiday World Show Dublin
24th - 26th January 2025

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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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MONTHLY MEETINGS

EVENING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Tuesday 14 January 2025 —20.00hrs

Tuesday 11 February 2025 —20.00hrs

MORNING OPEN MEETING

(via Zoom)

Wednesday 22 January 2025 —11.00hrs

Wednesday 26 February 2025 —11.00hrs

Free of Charge—Donations Welcome!

(Donations via www.familyhistory.ie)

JOHN GOODWILLIE, MGSI, RIP

A much respected and longtime member of the Society, John Goodwillie, MGSI, passed away after a short illness on 4th December 2024.

John was a very accomplished genealogist and local historian. He also had a great interest in heraldry and vexillology. Always ready to advise on anything relating to flags, heraldic banners, emblems, coats-of-arms and their use. In February last year, John delivered a very well researched talk on the Stoney family and its available on the Society's YouTube channel. His passion for the subject and his attention to detail was always inspiring to others embarking on their family history journey of discovery. On reading the many condolences posted on RIP.ie we learned so much more of John's life, his encyclopaedic knowledge of Irish and EU official publications while working at Trinity College Library; his passion for social justice, equality, environment protection; his much valued membership of many groups, including the Green Party/Comhaontas Glas, the National Lesbian & Gay Federation, and his outstanding work on the LGBTQI+ archival history.

DIASPORAN STUDIES

The Board 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. Submissions by authors only.

This new collection of themed 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 President **Amb (ret) Francis M. O’Donnell, FGSI**.

If you’re interested in submitting an essay please email us eolas@familyhistory.ie with an outline of the topic of your essay. *Go Raibh Maith Agat*

“ARCHIVE DROP-INS”

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

The “Drop-ins” are held via **Zoom** between 11.00hrs and 12.00hrs every Wednesday. So, why not grab a coffee and let’s talk genealogy.

Non-members may also attend these weekly “Drop-Ins” and they are especially useful for those just beginning the family history research. Members can send in their research query in advance to Archivist@familyhistory.ie

Zoom Meeting ID: 830 9870 7989

Passcode: 67 09 45

IRISH HISTORY with Davy Holden



I’m currently living in Brooklyn, and a few miles away from me are the graves of Theobald’s wife, son and granddaughter, in Green-Wood Cemetery.

Theobald Wolfe Tone is a household name in Ireland. He was one of the founding members of the United Irishmen who were founded in Belfast in 1791, and the United Irishmen

are known as the founders of Irish Republicanism. In 1785, in Dublin, Martha Witherington married the Irish revolutionary at the age of only 17 years old. Martha would then change her name to Matilda. She moved from Ireland to New Jersey and then from New Jersey to France, following Theobald along on his journey to overthrow the parliament in Ireland and form an independent Irish Republic.

After Wolfe Tone’s arrest and death, she initially decided to stay in France and try build a life there for their three kids. But two out of their three kids would die of tuberculosis in France, so in 1807, she moved with her one remaining son, William, to America.

Three years later in 1810, herself and William moved back to France again. Matilda got French citizenship for her son through Napoleon Bonaparte and William would become a Cadet in the Cavalry Military School and eventually rise to the rank of Lieutenant in the 8th Chasseurs. After the defeat of Napoleon in 1815, the British Government denied William entry into Ireland, so the family would move once more from France to the United States and eventually settle in Georgetown, Washington DC in 1817.

In 1826, two years before passing away, William published two books on the life of his father, Theobald Wolfe Tone. Both William and his mother Matilda were initially buried in Georgetown, Washington DC, but in 1891, they were both re-interred in Green-Wood Cemetery, Brooklyn.

On a hill, in the beautiful Green-Wood cemetery, Matilda and William are buried beside William’s daughter, Grace Georgiana Tone Maxwell. Theobald Wolfe Tone himself, the father of William and the husband of Matilda, is buried in Bodenstown in County Kildare, Ireland.

Check out my short videos on various aspects of Irish history, recently featured on ‘Nationwide’ on RTÉ television. available on my Instagram account below:

https://www.instagram.com/davy_holden

We’ll All Stay Connected Each Week via Zoom

A Dictionary of Irish Saints (Second Edition)

A Dictionary of Irish Saints – Second Edition by **Pádraig Ó Riain** (ISBN: 978-1-80151-162-9 : H/bk : 740pp : Price: €65.00 : Web Price: €58.50) published by Four Courts Press.

Whether one’s interest concerns genealogy, heraldry, vexillology, local history or social history, geography, or onomastics, especially, toponymy, or any combinations thereof, this book will be of considerable interest for those with Irish ancestry or connections. Indeed, the subject of the forthcoming *Inaugural Annual Vexillology Ireland Lecture* (see page 1) will likely refer to the influence of the legacy or history of Irish saints in the symbolism employed for coats-of-arms and flags of places and organisations throughout Ireland.

Scarcely a parish in Ireland is without one or more dedications to saints, in the form of churches in ruins, holy wells or other ecclesiastical monuments. This book is a guide to the (mainly documentary) sources of information on the saints named in these dedications, for those who have an interest in them, scholarly or otherwise. The need for a summary biographical dictionary of Irish saints, containing information on such matters as feast days, localizations, chronology and genealogies, although stressed over sixty years ago by the eminent Jesuit and Bollandist scholar Paul Grosjean, has never before been satisfied.

Professor Ó Riain has been working in the field of Irish hagiography for upwards of forty years, and the material for the over 1,000 entries in his *Dictionary* has come from a variety of sources, including Lives of the saints, martyrologies, genealogies of the saints, shorter tracts on the saints (some of them accessible only in manuscripts), annals, annates, collections of folklore, Ordnance Survey letters, and other documents. The body of the *Dictionary* is preceded by a preface, list of sources and introduction, and is followed by comprehensive indices of parishes, other places (mainly townlands), alternate (mainly anglicized) names, subjects, and feast days. This second edition also incorporates the material from *A supplement to A Dictionary of Irish saints* (2022).

Pádraig Ó Riain is Professor Emeritus of Early and Medieval Irish at University College Cork, and the previous holder of Visiting Professorships at Bochum and Freiburg in Germany and at Aberystwyth in Wales. He is a former holder of the Parnell Fellowship at Magdalen College, Cambridge, and was the first Irish scholar to be awarded the Humboldt Prize. A former President of the Irish Texts Society and a former Member of Council of the Royal Irish Academy, Professor Ó Riain is the author of numerous publications on Irish hagiography, place-names, personal names, and textual transmission.

(Text informed by FCP website)

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GSJ BOARD NEWS

The Cathaoirleach convened a Special Meeting of the Board on **Thursday December 12th 2024** at 11.00hrs via Zoom to fulfil the Society’s duties as a **Nominating Body for Seanad Éireann**. Five members were in attendance with four apologies received. The quorum is five with nine directors.

As reported in the December issue, the Board was disappointed that no application for candidature in the **Seanad Éireann General Election** was received by the deadline on 3 December 2024. Following the Board meeting on Thursday 5th December 2024, concern was expressed regarding the process, the tightness of the deadline immediately after the General Election and the eventual receipt of a few applications thereafter.

The General Secretary, as is usual, provided an Explanatory Memorandum on an aspect of the process to assist the Board in its deliberations.

At the specially convened Board Meeting the matter was reconsidered and it was agreed by a majority in a vote to nominate **Sabina Purcell**, a solicitor and member of the **Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society**, to be a candidate for the Seanad Éireann Election on the Cultural & Educational Panel.

The Leas-Chathaoirleach, **Fiona Tipple, MA, FGSI**, was charged with lodging the Nomination Papers with the Seanad Returning Officer, Martin Groves, on Tuesday 17th December 2024.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors in 2025 was held on **Thursday January 9th 2025** at 11.00hrs via Zoom. We had a eight in attendance with **Eddie Gahan, FGSI**, in Belfast for the Holiday

World show which started on Friday 10th January.

In order to provide some deferred matters, including, **Fund Raising, Membership Drive** and the **Heraldry Project**, with the necessary time for consideration by the Board, these agenda items were rescheduled.

Lua Ó Scolai, MGSI, Director of Finance, delivered the **Monthly Accounts** for P.E. 31.12.2024. He also presented a budget for 2025 and prepared an inventory of the Society’s equipment.

The **Draft Annual Accounts** for the P.E. 31.12.2024 were presented by the Director of Finance and were adopted under **Res: 25/01/1887**. These accounts will be forwarded to the Society’s auditors and it is hoped to have the audited accounts ready for the Annual General Meeting in March 2025.

The issue of the current website was considered and the urgent need for a totally **new website** was unanimously agreed. A **Select Committee** will be established at the February meeting to progress this matter as expeditiously as possible given its urgency.

Fiona Tipple FGSI, Director of Archival Services & Education proposed the establishment of ‘**An Daon-chartann—Monographic Series**’ as a new electronic publication to make available transcripts, extracts, detailed descriptions, facsimiles, images and/or essays on the Society’s archival collections. The proposal was seconded by **Laura Price, MGSI, Director of Special Collections, Research & Specialist Groups** and was adopted under **Res: 25/01/1888**.

The next Board Meeting will be held on **Thursday 6th February 2025** at 11.00hrs via Zoom.

General Secretary

SEANAD ELECTION 2025

The Society is a registered ‘**Nominating Body**’ for Seanad Éireann (Irish Senate) and, as such, it may nominate a candidate to contest the Senate Election.

The Board agreed at the Special Meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2024 (**Res: 24/12/1880**), by a majority vote of the members present, to nominate **Ms. Sabina Purcell**, of Kilmacud, Co. Dublin, as the Society’s nominee for candidature in the forthcoming Seanad Éireann General Election.

Ms. Purcell, a solicitor and member of the **Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society**, will be contesting the election on the **Cultural & Educational Panel**. Many of her interests are aligned with the public policy issues raised by this Society over the years in respect of heritage and culture. See: www.sabinapurcell.ie

The Nomination Papers were lodged with the Seanad Returning Officer in Leinster House on Tuesday 17th December 2024 by our Leas-Chathaoirleach, **Fiona Tipple, MA, FGSI**, accompanied by the nominee.

Another candidate in the Seanad Éireann General Election is **Senator Victor Boyhan, MGSI**, who is seeking re-election on the **Agricultural Panel**.

Senator Boyhan has been a public representative since he was first elected as a County Councillor on **Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council** in 1999. He very narrowly lost his seat in 2004, but was re-elected in 2009. He has been a very active Senator since 2016.

Senator Boyhan has been a very strong supporter of this Society for many years and has been proactive in the search for a more suitable premises for the Society.

Recently Senator Boyhan produced a presentation of four linked short **YouTube** video clips on his life as a senator and his passion for politics, highlighting issues and being a voice for some very worthy causes.

The YouTube video clips are available on the following link: [@senatorvictorboyhan6648](https://www.youtube.com/@senatorvictorboyhan6648) or just simply search YouTube for Senator Victor Boyhan.

In Brief....

GSJ MEMBERSHIP

Join on-line at www.familyhistory.ie Please note that GSJ Membership is open to all interested in genealogy and related subjects. Discounted membership rates available for under 25s and students at recognised genealogy courses. (proof required) Full details on the *Membership Package* on PAGE 4 of this newsletter.

For back issues of the 'Gazette' please see the Society's website.

Barry O'Connor, FGSI,
Director of Membership Services.
Email: membership@familyhistory.ie

GSJ OPEN MEETINGS

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

Tuesday January 14th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Craig Morrissey (FHSNL)—*Across the Pond: Resources in Newfoundland & Labrador for Your Family History Research.*

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) - (see page 1)

Wednesday February 26th—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday March 11th —Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Annual General Meeting - Speaker: Jim Herlihy, FGSI, - *'Savannah - A fight for a fortune of mystery'*.

Wednesday March 26th—Morning Open Meeting—11.00hrs (Zoom)—Informal discussion on family history and related matters.

Tuesday April 8th—Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - Speaker: Cauvery Madhavan—topic *TBA*

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

Tuesday May 13th—Evening Open Meeting—20.00hrs (Zoom) - *3rd Annual Heraldry Ireland Lecture*— Speaker & Topic—*TBA*

Wednesday May 28th —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

Suggestions on the Monthly Lecture Programme to: eolas@familyhistory.ie

Members may send their research queries in advance for the Morning Open Meeting by email to Archivist@familyhistory.ie

The Lecture Programme is recorded for the GSJ YouTube Channel as a free, publicly accessible educational resource. We endeavour to have each lecture up as soon as possible.

IRISH DNA ATLAS

Check out the videos 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...

KILLINEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Peadar Curran *'A Visit to Dalkey Island'* on Tuesday 04 February. Both meetings take place at 20.00hrs in the Druid's Chair Pub upstairs lounge, Killiney Hill Road, Killiney, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission is €5.00

RATHMICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting followed by a talk will take place on Wednesday 05 February at 20.00hrs in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin. Admission €5.00 non-members.

KILMACUD-STILLORGAN LHS

Michael Traynor will present *'Petticoat Pilots'* at 20.00hrs on Thursday 09 January in 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 - coin payment only.

MARINO 100 HISTORY TALKS

Sam McGrath will present *'The IRA in Fairview/ Drumcondra 1916-1923: Including the veterans who moved into Marino after the Civil War'* on Friday 10 January and John Healy *'Liam Devlin - Irish Revolutionary: Revolutionary, Publican, Industrialist (with a Marino connection)'* on Friday 07 February. Both talks at 19.00hrs in Carleton Hall (Marino Community Centre), 53A, Shelmartin Avenue, Dublin 3. All welcome.

MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY

Michael Barr will present *'24 Shipwrecks on the Irish Coast: The Spanish Armada and Ireland'* at 20.00hrs on Friday 10 January and Dr. Macdara Dwyer *'An Empire in search of subjects: Catholic Irish and the British Army in the 18th century'*. Both lectures take place at 20.00hrs in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All are welcome

MALAHIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Declan Brady will present *'A Century of Malahide and Fingal Politics in the Period 1848 - 1948'* at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 14 January, St. Sylvester's Church Parish Centre, Malahide, Co. Dublin. All welcome - €5.00

DUN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH HS

Cathy Scuffill will present *'A Tale from South Dublin: Down by the River Poddle'* at 20.00hrs on Wednesday 15 January in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome—€5.00. Free hotel parking for those attending this lecture.

BRAY CUALANN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Kieran Devenish will present *'Industrial Yarns, Bray'* at 20.00hrs on Thursday 16 January in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome. Admission €8.00 for non-members.

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Peadar McGing will give a short talk *'Death of a Servant - The Blackrock Tragedy Foxrock'* and Donal Donnelly the long talk *'Prisoner 1082: Escape from Crumlin Road, Ireland's Alcatraz'* at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 21 January in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission is €5.00.

WICKLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Brian White will present *'In search of (some) Wicklow Town Families'* at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 28 January in the De la Salle Pastoral Centre, beside St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Wicklow Town. All welcome - donation.

IRISH RAILWAY RECORD SOCIETY

Dave Rooney will present *'Luas, 20 years of light rail operation in Dublin'* at 19.30hrs on Thursday 30 Janu-

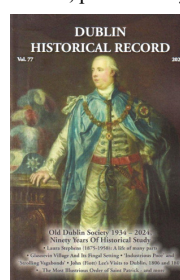
ary in the Society's Hueston Station, Dublin 8, premises. Strictly members and their guests only.

MOUNT MERRION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Frank Tracy will present *'History of Glendalough'* on Thursday 16 January and Dr Derville Murphy *'Finding Margaret Allen'* on Thursday 06 February. Both meetings take place at 20.00hrs in the Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €4.00/Students €2.00.

PUBLICATION

'Dublin Historical Record 2024', Editor **Thomas Burke**, published by the **Old Dublin Society**.



Articles featured in this issue include - 'From the Editor', 'The Old Dublin Society 1934-2024, 90 Years of Historical Study', 'Senator John O'Neill, Cycle Manufacturer and Motor Assembler' and 'The Earthquake of 1852' by Thomas Burke, 'Laura Stephens (1875-1958): A life of many parts' by John Lucey, 'Glasnevin Village and its Fingal Setting: A Glimpse of the Place and its 'Lower Sort' over the Centuries' by Proinsias de Rossa, 'Industrious Poor and Strolling Vagabonds: Attitudes and Responses to Poverty in 18th Century Dublin' by Francis Thackaberry, 'John (Fiott) Lee's Visits to Dublin, 1806 and 1807' by Angela Byrne, 'The Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick' by Albert Fenton, 'Dublin's Fruit and Vegetable Market, Associated Staff and Personalities' by John Conroy, 'Steering the Vessel Safely Home: The Irish Free State Pilots' Association, 1935-1962' by Francis Devine, 'The Coming of the Railway to Inchicore' by Liam O'Meara, 'Some Notes on Adderig' by Brian McCabe. 'A 1918 Police Shooting of a Burglar in Shankill' and 'A Forgotten Proposed Railway to Sandymount' by James Scannell, and 'Sir John Rogerson's Quay' (STRQ) - Transition from industrial to residual, 1960-1980' by Sean Magee.

Copies available via www.olddublinsociety.ie.

James Scannell, FGSI

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Thank You Very Much : Go Raibh Míle Maith Agat

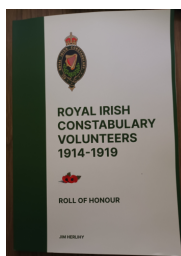
TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS

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 Price €24.99 [RRP].

PRÉCIS OF THE DECEMBER LECTURE

On Tuesday 10th December 2024 at our Evening Open Meeting we were delighted to welcome as our Speaker, **Jim Herlihy, FGSI** on the topic *'RIC WWI Casualties & Research Resources'*.



The talk was based on Jim's research undertaken for his latest book *'Royal Irish Constabulary Volunteers 1914-1919— Roll of Honour'* (ISBN: 978-8-89496-537-6 : 136pp : P/bk : A4 size : Price €20.00 plus postage) which was published by Staten House, (<https://www.statenhouse.com>). The Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) was a paramilitary "colonial style" police force in Ireland mainly dealing with areas outside of the Dublin metropolitan area which had its own police force. The RIC was disbanded in the 26 counties in 1922.

The book lists former members of the RIC who lost their lives in the First World War and who recorded as such by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Jim explained that at the outbreak of the war some seventy British army reservists serving with the RIC were called up. Then, 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 to their families in Ireland.

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. Jim's research provided greater detail on the lives of these men and their families. He provided illustrations and photographs of the RIC barracks in Ireland where some of them served and gave a general account of the duties, living accommodation and day-to-day lives of the Royal Irish Constabulary in Ireland at the time. Copies can be obtained by emailing dublin208@hotmail.com—price €20.00 plus postage. This talk will be uploaded to the Society's YouTube Channel ([see bottom of this page for the link](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)).

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?
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GSI MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE 2025-2026

The following proposal was unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors on Thursday 7th November 2024 under **Res: 24/11/1866**.



That, the Board agrees to the implementation of the following as part of the **Membership Package as and from January 1st 2025**, and that all existing fully paid-up Members on that date will have their Membership Packages updated to

include all the elements of the new package until the expiry date of their membership.

Understanding that the Society provides Monthly Open Meetings, operates an Archive and Research Centre, publishes newsletters and an annual journal, has Zoom meetings, website and a presence across the social media platforms, the following are the benefits of Membership.

Membership of the Society shall entitle the Member attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting and any general meeting of the Society; stand for election to the Board of the Society; to nominate a family member to be an "Associate Member" of the Society; receive the Monthly Newsletter and the Annual Journal electronically; free use of the Society's Archive and Research Centre; use of the Members' Only facilities on the Society's website; receive a free copy of any new electronic publication by

the Society; automatic simultaneous membership of the Society's Specialist Branches, *Heraldry Ireland and Vexillology Ireland*; weekly research advice Zoom sessions (except for the month of December), including one each month for new Members and beginners; monthly evening lectures; monthly morning meeting discussion group meetings; optional members of the GSI Members WhatsApp Group; opportunities to volunteer at the Society's Archive and Research Centre and at occasional events around Ireland; and to participate in group projects and research initiatives. Each Member shall be entitled to one vote (*Single Transferrable Vote form of Proportional Representation*) in the Electronic Ballot to choose the Society's nominee for candidature in Seanad Éireann (Irish Senate) General Elections. Members shall be entitled to purchase tickets to participate in the Members Only Monthly Draw organised by the Society.

The cost of this Membership Package will be €40.00 per annum (based on the date of joining) and a 50% reduction will be offered to persons under 25 years of age and to students of any age attending a recognised genealogical, heraldic, vexillological or local history course. Proof of attendance and/or course registration may be requested.

A metallic Membership Badge (see above) shall be sent to each paid-up Member, however, any replacement Membership Badge shall be charged at €5.00 plus postage & packing.

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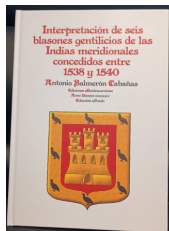
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Beautiful Heraldic Work Presented to *An Daonchartlann*

A copy of *'Interpretación de seis blasones gentilicios de las Indias meridionales concedidos entre 1538 y 1540'* (ISBN: 978-84-941511-7-00 : H/bk : 109pp : illustrated) by **Dr Antonio Salmerón Cabañas, SHA, FGSI, Hon. Herald of the Society**, has been presented to the Society's Archive & Research Centre by the author.

The title translates as *'Interpretation of Six Family Coats of Arms from the Southern Indies, [South America] Granted Between 1538 and 1540'* mainly from Perú. The text is in Spanish.

This is a really beautifully produced work, wonderfully illustrated in colour and with great attention to detail. This work includes a step-by-step guide with geometric constructions and detailed drawings of the coats of arms. All reconstructed from their original blazons and illustrations shown in the manuscripts of the grants preserved in the **Archivo General de Indias**.



The arms included are as follows: **Alonso Sánchez, Perú (1538); Juan de Argüello, Quito, Ecuador (1535); Juan Barbarán, officer with Pizarro (1539); Cristóbal Bernal, officer with Pizarro (1539); Diego Rodríguez de Figueroa, Cuzco, Perú (1540); and Baltasar García, Puerto Viejo, Perú (1540).**

An extensive bibliography is provided as is a detailed set of explanatory notes on the illustrations and terminology. See: <https://www.blason.es> for information.

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/GenerologicalSocietyOfIrelandGSI

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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.

The past issues of the Society's newsletter from 1996 to 2016 had been fully indexed by the late **Brendan Hall, MGSJ**. The "Hall's Index" now includes all issues up to date—please see 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/ 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)

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

