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GSI Publications on FindMyPast

Leading Family History website Findmypast, has today announced the online publication of all the journals dating from 1992 to 2016. These journals will be joined by the expansive range of other GSI publications over the coming weeks. The publications consists of a wide range of documents including transcripts of original records, memorial inscriptions, local and surname studies and collections of specialist sources and guides. The information dates back to 1798 and covers many counties in Ireland including Cavan, Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Louth, Offaly and Wicklow.

The release is comprised of two sets of important publications, namely: Journals – In 1992 the Society commenced publication of a journal. Back then it was the Dún Laoghaire Genealogical Society, but immediately expanded its remit to cover much more than the area around the Borough. It published 224 articles between then and 1999 when it changed its name to the Genealogical Society of Ireland. Since 2000 it has published over 600 articles on Irish family history including transcripts of source materials, scholarly articles, name studies and other material.

Publications – Alongside the journals, the society has had an ambitious publishing programme. It has so far published over 40 individual volumes of source materials. Its first in 1992 was an 1837 memorial from Wicklow signed by hundreds of residents. Thereafter they have published many volumes of gravestone inscriptions and memorials, several school registers, military records, extracts from the 1821 and

1901 census returns, occupational records, information about the population in 1798, and specific family studies, and much more.

Brian Donovan, Head of Irish Records at Findmypast, comments: "The GSI occupies a unique position in the Irish genealogical landscape. Not only is it the largest volunteer society in the Republic, it is by far the most active, involved in campaigns, publications, international events and the promotion of the hobby of family history. It is dedicated to making the complexities of research understandable to the novice, while at the same time developing unique expertise across a range of topics. It is particularly important as a lobbyist to government for the shared interests of the genealogy sector in Ireland and opens its doors to everyone to help in this task. With all this in mind, we at Findmypast are especially pleased to see their fabulous collection of publications available to our audience. We also wish them every continuing success.'

Tom Conlon, GSI Director, Sales and Marketing, said "We are delighted to advance to a further stage of collaboration with Findmypast. It brings our portfolio of publications to a very much larger audience worldwide.

The range of information of genealogical interest available online continues to expand at a phenomenal rate. With a few clicks, one can find a whole range of information and records. By joining a society, members are helped to better interpret this information and to enhance their understanding of the times and circumstances in which their ancestors lived"

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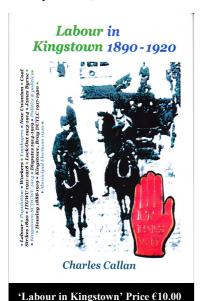
Go Raibh Maith Agaibh!

The Society's Director of the Outreach Programme, Eddie Gahan, wishes to sincerely thank all the volunteers who helped out at BTOP 2016 at the RDS, Dublin between 21-23 October 2016.

The GSI stand was very busy with visitors to the event seeking advice on their own research.

If you would like to help out with the Outreach Programmne please contact Eddie Gahan by email on eddie_gahan_snr@hotmail.com

In the meantime, a VERY BIG Thank You to all the volunteers at the RDS this year!!



OPEN MEETINGS

Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute

Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire

Tuesday 8 November—20.00hrs

Tuesday 13 December—20.00hrs

Royal Marine Hotel

Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire

Wednesday 23 November—10.30hrs

Wednesday 25 January 2017—10.30hrs

Contribution €3.00 p.p.

(including Tea/Coffee at the Morning Meeting)

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YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?

If you are thinking of starting your family history research and just don't know where to start, don't despair as Eddie and his team are on hand to show you the ropes.

Whilst the Society does not undertake commercial research assignments, it does provide research advice to enable you to take a D.I.Y. approach to your research.

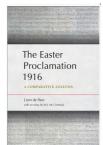
See page 4 of this newsletter for the times of opening of the Society's Archive and Research Centre. Also, please note that the Eddie and his team travel around the country promoting the study of genealogy.



Eddie Gahan and his Team ready to discuss your Family History Research

The Easter Proclamation 1916

As this centenary year of the Easter Rising draws to a close, we can look back on a most interesting year of commemoration and, in particular, we can be grateful for the many new works that were published on the events of 1916. Central to the commemorations throughout



published on the events of 1916. Central to the commemorations throughout the country and overseas amongst the Irish diaspora was the reading of the 'Proclamation of the Irish Republic' - the seminal document of our Republic. However, besides appreciating its radical position on equality, civil and religious liberty and proclaiming the sovereignty of the people, few have understood this document in a wider international or historical context.

'The Easter Proclamation 1916—A Comparative Analysis' by Liam de Paor with an essay by W.J. McCormack (ISBN: 978-1-84682-619-1: 128pp: P/bk: Price €14.95) and published by Four Courts Press provides an excellent, easily read, well presented interrogation of the Proclamation. This is a very important study not only for the historian, lawyer or political scientist, but for the ordinary citizen to understand the Ireland imagined by its authors.

Liam de Paor succinctly places the document in context as follows 'The purpose of the rising was to issue the Proclamation with sufficient force and

courage to give it meaning. The purpose of the Proclamation was to rouse the nation and make it free and independent'. The authors of the Proclamation were clearly aware of its potential and its significance as a founding document. Proclaiming the 'sovereignty of the people', so central to the ideals of the American Declaration of Independence of 1776, the French Revolution of 1789 and the 1798 Rebellion of the United Irishmen, was a direct challenge to the authority of the imperial parliament in London and the British establishment. Indeed, it could be said that the United Kingdom is still struggling with this concept in a state where parliament is sovereign, not the people.

The influence of the American and French political and revolutionary concepts are well attested in the text of the Proclamation. The authors attempted to reconcile the 'deep human need for community' and the 'modern universalist liberal concept of individual freedom' and the rights of all Irishmen and Irishwomen to 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness'. de Paor's line by line analysis is, at times, critical of the text and the context, into which, concepts and historical narratives have been woven.

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GSI Co-Founder Honoured by Pope Francis

A co-founder of this Society, Joan Merrigan, received the Benemerenti Medal at a special concelebrated Mass held on Sunday 9th October 2016 at Our Lady of Victories Church in the Parish of Sallynoggin/Glenageary marking the 60th anniversary of the building of the parish church.



The chief celebrant was His Excellency, Archbishop Charles John Brown, the New York born Papal Nuncio (the Vatican City's Ambassador) to Ireland assisted by the Parish Priest, Fr. Pádraig Glesson, and ten other priests from the archdiocese.

The Benemerenti Medal is an honour

awarded by the Pope to members of the clergy and laity of the Roman Catholic Church who have given exceptional service to the Church. It was first awarded by Pope Pius VI (1775-1799) and then from 1832 under Pope Gregory XVI (1831-1846) it became an established pontifical meritorious award. The current practice of awarding this medal as a mark of recognition to persons in service of the Church, both civil and military, lay and clergy, dates from 1925.

The medal presented to Mrs. Merrigan was designed by Pope Paul VI. It is a gold Greek Cross depicting Christ with his hand raised in blessing. On the left arm of the cross is the tiara and crossed keys symbol of the papacy. On the right arm is the coat of arms of the current Pope. The medal is suspended from a yellow and white ribbon, the colours of the Holy See.



Cllr. Cormac Devlin, Cathaoirleach (Chair) of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and Ms. Mary Mitchell O'Connor, TD, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, were amongst the hundreds who attended the event. There was a reception afterwards in the National School.

TOWNLANDS

Target of 60,400+ townlands reached!

In early October the completion of the project to draw all the townlands on the Island of Ireland was celebrated in Berlin. It was on the occasion of the annual world-wide conference of the volunteer driven OpenStreetMap community. The page for the main map is at openstreetmap.org

However at townlands.ie there is a dedicated page for each townland which has a blue highlight of the chosen townland boundary on a zoomable present day map. Also included is a list of neighbouring townlands, (in case your great-granny was buried nearby) and direct links to the 1901 and 1911 census pages as well as Griffith's Valuation. (except where a historically different spelling occurs). Townlands.ie can be searched for by Name, by County or by Civil Parish or in some cases by Electoral District.

Another extremely useful website maps.openstreetmap.ie has nationwide overlays for townlands and Civil Parishes and in some areas for EDs and Baronies. Well worth a browse. Details of other pages which include the beautiful (c.1900) map with coloured parishes and barony outlines as well as British War Office maps from 1940s are on <u>maps.openstreetmap.ie/</u> oocmaps These are available due to the kind co-operation of The Trinity College Map Library, the Hardiman Library in NUIG, the National Library of Scotland and the Bodleian Library in Oxford.

All in all, a tremendous resource for Genealogists and those involved in family or local history. Further information at openstreetmap.ie

Brian Hollinshead, MGSI

CONGRATS EILEEN!

Eileen M. Ó Dúill, CG, received the APG Professional Achievement Award. The award, created in 2007, recognizes "exceptional professional achievement and ethical behaviour with contributions to the field of genealogy".

Originally from the United States, Mrs. Ó Dúill, lives in Ireland and served on the Board of the US based Association of **Professional Genealogists** (APG) from 1995–2000 and 2007–2012.

Mrs Ó Dúill is a hugely experienced and very well respected professional genealogist, writer, and lecturer on Irish genealogy topics and is a co-author of '*Irish Civil Registration—Where Do I Start*?'

The Board and Members of the Genealogical Society of Ireland warmly congratulate Eileen on this wonderful achievement.

In Brief.... GSI MEMBERSHIP

Join this Society 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.

PARKING AT DFEI

Car-parking facilities at the Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute. The best option is to use public transport. Dublin Bus nos. 7, 7A, 46A and 75 all serve the college or streets adjacent to the college—Lower George's Street, York Road, Clarence Street. The DART (suburban rail) services to Salthill & Monkstown. On street car-parking is usually available in the area also. Members are asked to consider 'car pooling' for each month's open meeting. For details on the Institute and its courses please checkout www.dfei.ie courses please checkout www.dfei.ie

DISCOUNTS

Exclusive discounts for the Members of the Society are available for online genealogical services and publica-tions, including, Findmypast, Irish Newspaper Archives, Forces War Records and from Flatcapsandbonnets.com. To avail of any of these Member discounts, please contact Barry O'Connor, FGSI, by email at membership@familyhistory.ie

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Genealogists and local historians are relatively easy souls to please at Christmas—books! Some ideas for your Christmas shopping. Books by our Members. Much of the research for these books was undertaken at the Society's Archive & Research Centre—An Daonchartlann.

'Victorian Dún Laoghaire' by Tom Conlon—excellent local history of the town and the first to deal extensively with the poor and "the courts" where they lived. Price: €20.00

*Labour in Kingstown, 1890-1920' by Charlie Callan—explores a much neglected subject—the working class of Kingstown (now Dún Laoghaire and the development of organised labour and its political representation. Price: €10.00 (published privately contact: chascallan@gmail.com)

'Twice Built—The Construction of St. Patrick's Church, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, 1861-66' by Tom Conlon. An intriguing story of "church politics" surrounding the building of a parish church in Dublin. Price €12.00







Inside the Society's Archive & Research Centre in Dún Laoghaire

JAMES SCANNELL REPORTS...

BRAY CUALANN

At 20.00hrs on Thursday 17 November U.K. based railway historian and author Tom Ferris will present his lecture 'The Railways of Ireland's East Coast' in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All Welcome - Visitors €5. The lecture look at the railway companies established along the East Coast of Ireland in the 19th century included the Dublin and Kingstown Railway, the Dublin and Drogheda Railway, the Atmospheric Railway and the Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway, to name some.

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY

At 18.00hrs on Wednesday 09 November Lar Joye will present this lecture 'Five Months of Failure: The Battle of the Somme and the Irish soldier ' in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free. All welcome - admission free.

INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

At 20.00hrs on Wednesday 16 November James Scannell will present his lecture 'Captain Herman Görtz, a German intelligence gatherer in Ireland during the Second World War' to the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dún Laoghaire. All welcome admission €3.50.

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY **CLUB**

The AGM of the Foxrock Local History Club takes place at 20.00hrs on Tuesday 15 November in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre at the rear Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin, and will conclude with a talk by David Doyle on 'The Revd. Thomas Goff (1722-1844) of Carriglea. All welcome – admission €5.00

1916 FAMILY STORIES

At 20.00hrs on Thursday 17 November Colin MacNamee will present his lecture 'Family stories of 1916' to the Greystones Archaeological and Historical Society in the Parish Centre beside the Holy Rosary Church, Greystones, Co. Wicklow.

WESTERN FRONT ASSOC

At 14.30hrs on Saturday 19 November the annual Joint Meeting of the Western Front Association (Dublin Branch) and the Leinster Regiment Association will take place in the lecture theatre of the Museum of

Decorative Arts and History (Including Military History), Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. All welcome - contribution €3.00

GENERAL POST OFFICE

At 20.00hrs on Thursday 24 November Stephen Ferguson will present his lecture 'Lives, Letters, Liberty – Dublin's General Post to the Rathmines, Ranelagh & $O\!f\!f\!ice$ Rathgar Historical Society in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Rathmines, Dublin 6. Admission €3.00 - Swan Centre Car Park Evening Rate €1.50 (Total) from 18.00hrs to 00.30hrs.

MILITARY HISTORY SOCIETY OF **IRELAND**

At 20.00hrs on Friday 02 December Professor Timothy D. Hoyt will present his lecture 'The Easter Rising and the beginnings of Modern Irregular Warfare' in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

CHRISTMAS 1916

At 18.30hrs on Tuesday 13 December James Scannell will present his lecture 'Christmas 1916 in Kingstown and Dalkey' in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission free.

GSI LECTURE PROGRAMME

Tues. Nov 8th 'Tracing Irish Police Ancestors' by Jim Herlihy; Tues Dec 13th 'The evolution of the Irish harp emblem' by Stanislav Zamyatin The Board is currently organising the speakers for the coming year. Forward any suggestions you may have for topics or speakers by email to Tony O'Hara, Director of the Society's Lecture Programme at toharadsl@gmail.com

SOCIETY NOTES

The Society's Director of Social Inclusion, Diaspora Affairs and the GSI Social Club, Anne Brophy, advised the Board that she wished to step down from the Board as she is unable to give the position the time and attention that this important role deserves. The Board accepted Anne's resignation with sincere regret but was delighted that Anne will continue to be a very active Member of the Society. The Board will endeavour to fill this position over the coming weeks and in the meantime, the General Secretary will manage this portfolio.

TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS

by John Grenham, MA, MAPGI, 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 latest edition of 'Tracing Your Irish Ancestors'. Please checkout the website www.gillmacmillan.com Price €22.99 [RRP].

4th Battalion Dublin Brigade

'Ireland First – Relatives Remember: 4th Battalion Dublin Brigade, 1916; South Dublin Union – Marrowbone Lane Garrisons', Editors Pádraigín Clancy and Clare Eager, published by the 4th Battalion Dublin Brigade 1916 Relatives Group, with the support of Council. 2016 saw the publication of numerous books dealing various aspects of the 1916 Rising and this excellent and fascinating book recalls the role played by the members of the 4th Battalion of the Dublin Brigade during that Rising who had the all-important task of holding the South Dublin Union, the present day St. James' Hospital, and the Marrowbone Lane Distillery, to impede the entry of British troops into the city from Richmond Barracks in Inchicore, Islandbridge Barracks, and Wellington Barracks on the South Circular Road.

In the opening chapter 'Before the Rising – Where the 4^{th} Battalion Met and Fought , local historian Cathy Scuffil provides the reader with a picture of the Dolphin's Barn area as it was in 1916 as this was the area where the members of the battalion lived, trained, mobilised, and fought.

Succeeding chapters look at Éamonn Ceannt, Commandant of the 4th Battalion, Cathal Brugha, his Vice-Commandant, Captain Con Colbert, Captain Séamus Murphy, 1st Lieutenant, William T. Cosgrave, and Rose McNamara, Officer in Charge, Cumann na mBan, all contributed by relatives. The bulk of this book is contained in Chapter 4 which contains individual entries and photographs of those took part in the I916 Rising, contributed by relatives and present day descendants. Some of the entries are detailed with information on their post-Rising career, some are short but most contain photographs of those included in this text.

One of the concluding chapters is the Centenary Roll of Honour of the 4th Battalion 1916 which has been compiled from a variety of sources and endeavours to be as inclusive as possible as no definite one existed previously. This is indeed one of the better publications dealing with a local aspect of the 1916 Rising, well produced, and packed with information and details on the participants, including photographs of many of them and the places they fought. An essential acquisition for anyone collecting publications on the 1916 Rising, especially for those collecting book relating to specific areas of Dublin during the 1916 Rising.

James Scannell

Checkout the Society's website www.familyhistory.ie

Dún Laoghaire Harbour Cruise Berth

An Bord Pleanála (Irish: 'The Planning Board') has granted permission to the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company for the construction of a new berth in the harbour to provide for arrival of cruise ships up to 250m in length. Although, this is smaller than originally sought by the Harbour Company, the reduction in the scale of the overall project should allow for the harbour to continue to develop as a mixed maritime leisure and working commercial port facility.

According to the Harbour Company "it is estimated that this new berth will attract c. 50 cruise calls a year (from May to September), an average of two a week, each with an average of 2,000 cruise visitors who will disembark to spend money in the area. The money generated from these visitors will, over a season, amount to €10m" and this is surely to be welcomed. On hearing the news, the GSI Director of Sales & Marketing, Tom Conlon, said "our wonderful harbour is too valuable an asset to be allowed to be largely idle. Lets hope that the various commercial and administrative interests in the town can work together to maximise the opportunities which arise as a result".

The Society's Archive and Research Centre, *An Daonchartlann*, located at the Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire is ideally placed to provide these cruise visitors with advice on how to trace their Irish or indeed, overseas ancestors. This is certainly a very good news story for "roots tourism".

Précis of the October Lecture

On Tuesday October 11th 2016, members were treated to a very interesting illustrated lecture by **Mal Murray**, Forum Manager of the Gallipoli Association. The lecture had the intriguing title 'Easter 1916 – Rising or Civil War' and focussed on the Irishmen and their families that were on both sides in the events of Easter 1916. Irishmen serving in Irish regiments of the British Army based in Ireland putting down a rebellion, in which, family members participated.

Mr. Murray gave an overview of the British forces in Ireland and the various Irish regiments at the time. As World War 1 raged across Europe, Africa and Asia, the 1916 Rising in Dublin could, in time, be seen in that wider context of an international conflict.

Looking at particular families, Mr. Murray provided biographical details on the family members who served in the British Army during the Rebellion and those who served in the Irish Citizen Army or Irish Volunteers.

He also focused on the post-independence antipathy towards those who served in the British uniform, however, Mr. Murray pointed out that there was no 'state sponsored' hostility to those who returned from WW1. Asked whether he thought that the perceived discrimination of returned British soldiers who have been so marked if there had been no Civil War (1922-

1923) in Ireland, Mr. Murray said, in his view, that it had emerged very soon after 1916.

Returning to the title of the lecture, it is clear that 'civil war' in this context of Mr, Murray's lecture meant families divided by the conflict as it would be doubtful whether the established, albeit much disputed and debated, definition of a 'civil war' could be applied to the events of Easter 1916.

A lively Q&A followed this lecture with many members sharing their own family experiences.

IRISH DNA ATLAS

The Irish DNA Atlas is collaborative academic project undertaken by Prof. Gianpiero Cavalleri and Edmund Gilbert, PhD student, of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and Séamus O'Reilly, Michael Merrigan, Dr. Darren McGettigan from the Genealogical Society of Ireland.

The main objectives of the project are 1) to further our understanding of the population history of Ireland, and 2) to help us understand how genes influence disease within Ireland.

Contact **Séamus O'Reilly, FGSI** by e-mail on Irish.dna@familyhistory.ie Please checkout the project newsletter on the GSI website.

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FREE RESEARCH ADVICE

An Daonchartlann, the Society's Archive and Research Centre at the historic Carlisle Pier in Dún Laoghaire is open, as per the Society's autumn/winter schedule, for two days a week as follows: each Wednesday from 10.30hrs to 16.30hrs and each Saturday from 14.00hrs to 17.00hrs.

With around twelve hours of archival time available each week new volunteers are always needed and very welcome. Our Members are on hand to provide free family history research advice.

The use of our extensive archival resources is reserved for fully paid-up GSI members, however, day research membership is available for €5.00 and payable on-line at the GSI website.

Resources freely available to Members include a number of excellent pay-for-view websites including Ancestry.com, Findmypast, Forces War Records, Newspapers.com, British Newspaper Archives and Irish Newspaper Archives.

Travelling to the facility is best by public transport as both Dublin Bus (nos. 7, 7A, 8, 46A and 75) and the DART (suburban rail) are nearby.

Please note: *Pay-and-Display Parking* is available at the Harbour. See: www.familyhistory.ie