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MEETING SCHEDULES 1989-1990

IGS QUARTERLY MEETING... November 8, 1989, 9:30 - 12:00 at the Southdale Public Library, 7001 York Avenue South at W. 70th in Edina).

In addition to a short business meeting, we'll have genealogists sharing what they learned earlier this year when they attended the National Conference of Genealogy in the States in St. Paul. As always, be sure to bring your problems and questions. Come and have a cup of coffee and some soda bread with us - look over the selection of books we have for sale, talk with other genealogists (somebody knows something about what you're looking for that you don't!) - and go home renewed and ready to tackle your fascinating and elusive roots once again.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS: you will be advised at a later date where and when each meeting will be held (most sites do not accept reservations more than 30 days in advance). The dates for those meetings are:

18 November 1989, 17 February 1990, 19 May 1990,
15 September 1990, and 17 November 1990.

IRISH DAYS: are held the **SECOND SATURDAY** of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the MGS Library. These are the times you can get help on a one to one basis for as long as you need. Be sure to call and make sure the MGS library is open before you leave home: 222-6929.

If you have a question about any of the above activities, please feel free to call one of the officers listed on the next page.

All telephone numbers listed in the newsletter are in area code 612 unless otherwise noted.

Board Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held at the MGS (Minnesota Genealogical Society) Office and Library at 1101 W. 7th St. (at Bay St.), two blocks south of Randolph and West 7th. You are welcome to attend. The dates are:

13 Nov 1989, 8 Jan, 12 February, 14 March, 9 April, 14, May, 11 June, 9 July, 13 August, 12 September, 8 October, 12 November and 10 December 1990.

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The newsletter is published four times a year and is available through membership at \$10.00 per 4 quarters. The newsletter is mailed to new members upon receipt of payment and thereafter mailed once per quarter with the last issue mailed in the last quarter of membership. Contributions to the newsletter are requested and welcome. Articles should be associated with Irish research or be of genealogical interest. Material should be mailed to the address above.

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NEWS AND NOTES

IRISH BOOKS AND MEDIA has moved to The Franklin Business Center, 1433 Franklin Ave. E., Mpls., MN 554042135, telephone: 871-3505.

AN IRISH MEMBER found copies of four pages of a family record in a bible. There isn't much information but it does list the marriage of ? McIntire and Caroline Parker on 23 October 1843 as well as some births and deaths. If anyone is interested call Beth Mullinax.

HELP FOR GENEALOGISTS and record searchers: Gorry Research, 16 Hume Street, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2, Ireland. Telephones: 353-1-761757, 1-353-616608, 1-353-616601. Additional information and application forms can be obtained from Beth Mullinax.

THE IRISH GENEALOGICAL Society has several speakers available to give presentations on beginning Irish research. If your organization is interested, please call Virginia Mahoney or Beth Mullinax.

THE ORDWAY PRESENTS the Chieftans, "A Christmas in Ireland" on Tuesday, December 19, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$19.50, \$17.50, \$15.50 and \$12.00. For over two decades, the Chieftans have uncovered a vast wealth of traditional Irish reels, jigs, airs and ballads that have accumulated over the centuries. You may call for ticket information at 224-8537.

WHEN YOU RENEW it will help Eileen Casey immensely if you put the IGS number on your mailing label on your check.

DUES 1989-90 ARE \$10.00 for all members. There are no discount memberships available.



THE NEWSLETTER...By now all of you should have received the green postcard we sent out explaining the lack of a newsletter since the Spring issue. When a member whom we knew volunteered to do the newsletter I, without making copies, gave him everything I had. A few weeks later when neither I, nor the Board could make telephone, fax or letter contact with him, I realized copies of the material should have been made so that the newsletter could still be produced. The result is that all the queries, articles and information you sent in for the next newsletter are gone - although we are still trying to make contact. Please resubmit your material to me (Nancy Lee-Ryan, 1851 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105). Since the green postcard, seven volunteers (and one who wants to be on the bottom of my list), have "recruited" themselves to help with the newsletter. Thank you for your warm response. **We will be meeting on Monday, November 27, at 7 p.m. at the MGS library.** At this meeting, we will be planning a production and mailing schedule, as well as how we want the newsletter to look and what logo we want to present to the Board for the new name (the SEPTS). All who are interested in mailing, labeling, writing, gathering etc., are very welcome to attend - even if you haven't called.

THE MINNESOTA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY wrote our Society a lovely thank you note for the map cabinet which we, and the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society matched dollars on and presented to them.

IRISH MARRIAGE CUSTOMS: Marriage customs of the early eighteenth century meant that brides were married in their own homes, not the church, and it was also usual that the majority of wedding ceremonies took place on the few days before and on Shrove Tuesday. **Heritage Quest #21, March/April 1989, p 51.**

IRISH NAMING CUSTOMS decreed that the first boy was named for his father's father. The second boy was named for his mother's father. The first girl was named for her father's mother and the second girl was named for her mother's mother. Source: **Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin, Winter, 1989 v 30, No 1.**

LIBRARY NEWS

Beth Mullinax

LIBRARY PURCHASES SINCE JULY 1989

THE FOLLOWING GRAVESTONE inscriptions were all purchased from the Ulster Historical Foundation, 66 Balmoral Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6NY Northern Ireland:

- Belfast, Volume 1.** Shankhill Graveyard, Christ Church and St. George's Memorials. Edited by R.S.J. Clarke. pp. 169, 1982. Note: publisher same for all volumes listed below.
- Belfast, Volume 2.** Friar's Bush Graveyard and Milltown Cemetery. Compiled by Tony Merrick. pp. 270. 1984.
- Belfast, Volume 3.** Balmoral Cemetery, Friend's Burial Ground, and Malone Presbyterian Church Inscriptions. Edited by R.S. J. Clarke. pp. 193. 1986.
- County Antrim, Volume 2.** Parishes of Glynn, Kilroot, Raloo and Templecorran. General Editor R.S.J. Clarke. pp. 174. 1981.
- County Down, Volume 1.** Baronies of Upper and Lower Castlereagh (Breda, Carryduff, Castlereagh, Drumbo, Gransha, Hillhall, Killybawn, Monevea and Tullynakill). Compiled by R.S.J. Clarke. 1966. pp. 124.
- County Down, Volume 2.** Baronies of Upper and Lower Castlereagh (Baileymill, Boardmills, Dundonald, Killaney, Knockbreda, Legacurry). Compiled by R.S.J. Clarke. 1968. pp. 181.
- County Down, Volume 5.** Baronies of Upper and Lower Castlereagh, (Ballygowan, Blaris, Carrickmannon, Comber, Kilcairn, Killyinchy, Killysuggan, Kilmood, Raffrey, and Ravara). Second Edition. Compiled by R.S.J. Clark. 1984. pp. 234.
- County Down, Volume 8.** Barony of Lecale (Ardglass, Ballee, Ballycruttle, Bright). Compiled by R.S.J. Clarke. 1972. pp. 98.
- County Down, Volume 12.** Barony of Ards (Ballyblack, Greyabbey, Kircubbin, Loughinisland, Magheradrool Addenda). Compiled by R.S.J. Clarke. 1972. pp.124.
- County Down, Volume 13.** Barony of Ards (Ardkeen, Ardquin, Ballycranbeg, Ballygalet, Ballyphillip). Compiled by R.S.J. Clarke. 1975. pp. 113.
- County Down, Volume 14.** Barony of Ards, (Balligan, Ballyhemlin, Carrowdore, Cloghy, Inishargy, Slanes, Templepatrick). Compiled by R.S.J. Clarke. 1975. pp. 126.



- County Down, Volume 15.** Barony of Ards (Ballyhalbert, Glastry, Whitechurch, and Index of volumes 11-15. Compiled by R.S.J. Clarke, 1975. pp. 201.
- County Down, Volume 16.** Barony of Ards (Ballycopeland, Copeland Islands, Milisle, Donaghadee). Compiled by R.S.J. Clarke. 1976. pp. 181.
- Library Purchases Since July 1989 (continued)
- County Down, Volume 17.** Barony of Ards (Balloo, Bangor, Clandeboye, Groomsport). Compiled by R.S.J. Clarke. 1978. pp. 203.
- County Down, Volume 18.** Baronies of Castlereagh and Lower Iveagh, (Annahilt, Cargacreevy, Eglantine, Gilnahirk, Hillsbrough, Kilwarlin, Loughaghery, Maze, Moira, Addenda). Compiled by R.S.J. Clarke. 1979. pp. 203.
- County Down, Volume 19.** Barony of Lower Iveagh (Donaghcloney, Dromara, Dromore, Garvaghy, Magheralin). Compiled by R.S.J. Clarke. 1983. pp. 215.

NOTE TO MEMBERS: You will notice we do not list **County Antrim, Volume 1** or **County Down, Volumes 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, or 11.** This is because they are out of print and unavailable. If any of you have these volumes you would do us a GREAT service by donating them, selling them to us, or having them copied and we will pay the copying and shipping costs. We need your help in completing our collection.

Also, the following volumes are in preparation: Belfast Clifton St. Graveyard, County Antrim parishes of Ballylinney, Ballynure and Carrickfergus, and County Down baronies of Upper and Lower Iveagh (Afhaderg, Banbridge, Magherally, Seapatrick, Tullylish and Indices to Volumes 16-20). We will purchase these as soon as they are available.

I should add that this collection is not just gravestone information, but some of the volumes contain histories of the deceased taken from the Will Calendar of 1858-1900. There is much more genealogical information than we are used to seeing in cemetery/graveyard inscriptions.



FURTHER LIBRARY PURCHASES:

- Discovering Kerry, its History, Heritage and Topography.** T. J. Barrington. Mount Salus Press Ltd., Bishop St., Dublin 8, Ireland. 1976. pp. 336. Category: history and maps.
- County Wexford in the Rare Oul'Times.** Nicholas Furlong and John Hayes. Old Distillery Press, Rosslare Road, Wexford, Ireland. 1987. v 2. pp. 184. Category: history.
- Urban Ireland, Development of Towns and Cities.** Curriculum Development Unit. 1982. O'Brien Educational Ltd., 20 Victoria Rd., Dublin 6, Ireland. pp. 128. Category: history.
- How to Trace Your Irish Roots.** Nora Ni Aonghusa. Michael and John Hennessey, Tankardstown, Kilmallock, County Limerick. 1987. pp. 68.
- Pioneer Irish In New England.** Michael J. O'Brien, LL.D. Heritage Books, Inc., 1540 E. Pointer Ridge Pl., Bowie, MD. 1988. pp. 325.
- Townland Maps** (microfiche) for the following counties: Antrim, Armagh, Cavan, Clare, Derry, Donegal, Down, Fermanagh, Galway, Leitrim, Mayo, Monaghan, Roscommon, Sligo, Tyrone, Waterford. Inner City Trust, 10 Bishop St., Derry NI BT48 6PW.
- Irish Emigration Lists 1833-1839.** Brian Mitchell. Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., Baltimore, MD. 1989. pp. 118.
- Grosse Ile, Gateway to Canada 1832-1937.** Marianna O'Gallagher. Carraig Books, P.O. Box 8733 Ste-Foy, Quebec, G1V 4N6. pp. 185.
- Saint Brigid's Quebec.** Marianna O'Gallagher. Carraig Books, P.O. Box 8733 Ste-Foy, Quebec, G1V 4N6. pp. 185.
- Saint Patrick's Quebec.** Marianna O'Gallagher. Carraig Books, P.O. Box 8733 Ste-Foy, Quebec, G1V 4N6. pp. 185.

**DONATIONS TO IGS LIBRARY
APRIL 1989 - JULY 1989**

- My Irish Heritage, Maloney-Flanagan.** Thomas A. Mahoney. Donated by Thomas A. Mahoney, 7920 NE Loowit Loop #33, Vancouver, WA 98661. Published privately, 1987, pp. 482.
- Kilmeen and Castleventry Parish, County Cork.** Daniel O'Leary. pp. 123 Photocopy donated by Virginia Mahoney, IGS member.

- The Recorder: A Journal of the American Irish Historical Society.** Winter 1988, v.3, no. 1, pp. 107. Donated by the American Irish Historical Society, 991 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10028.
- The Genealogy of John Maloney 1819-1905 and Deborah Moriarity 1826-1914.** Compiled by Bill and Clara Maloney. July 1979, pp. 154. Donated by Eileen Condon, 67 Marquis Crescent, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4S 6J8.
- Land Owners in Ireland, 1876, Return of Owners of Land of One Acre and Upwards.** Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, MD, pp. 325. Donated by Jean Anderson, IGS member.
- County Leitrim: Griffith's Valuation and Index of Surnames of Householders.** Microfiche. Donated by Jean Anderson, IGS member.
- The Newspaper Book: A History of Newspapers in Ireland 1649-1983.** Hugh Oram. Devin-Adair, Greenwich, CT. pp. 357. Donated by Irish Books and Media, St. Paul, MN.
- County Kerry/Cork, Ordnance Survey Map #21.** Donated by Mark Bigaquette, IGS Past-President.
- County Clare: Griffith's Valuation and Index of Surnames of Householders.** Microfiche. Donated by Eileen Condon, 67 Marquis Crescent, Regina SK, S4S 6JB.
- Family History Library-Ireland-Locality Catalog.** Microfiche (9). Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. 1988. Donated by the Czechoslovakian Genealogical Society, St. Paul, MN.
- The Clan McKiernan, A Family History.** Thomas H. McKiernan. Donated by Tom McKiernan, 5317 Pinedale Heights, Rapid City, SD 57702.

A SINCERE THANK YOU to all who have contributed to our Library through such generous donations with dues, by books and through bequests in their wills. We are grateful to each of you and want you to know that we have one of the finest Irish genealogical libraries in the United States.

QUERIES

IT IS A REQUIRED courtesy among family researchers and professional genealogists anywhere in the world, to include a self addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) when writing to a person or organization expecting a reply. We ask that you include a SASE (regular business size) and your IGS

membership number when sending a query for this column or an inquiry for Virginia Mahoney. Without a SASE and IGS membership number we cannot respond due to the heavy volume of mail we receive. Our mailing address is: P.O. Box 16585, St. Paul, MN 55116.

Stephen V. Dennehy, 400 W. Mercury, Apt. B, Butte, MT 59701. William and Margaret (WILSON) KELL(E)Y KELL(E)Y immigrated from Ireland (prob Prov of Ulster) to Buffalo, NY, ca 1834, then to Cleveland or Toledo, OH; in Detroit, MI by 1860. William was a laborer and d 186? in Detroit. Known ch: William b ca 1833 Ire and Thomas b 1835 in Buffalo, NY.

2) Thomas W. KELLY m Mary Ann FITZSIMMONS 1860, Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Detroit, MI, d 1910, Detroit, bur Mt. Olivet Cem, Detroit. Thomas was a plumber.

3) Mary Ann (FITZSIMMONS) b 1839 County Limerick, dau of Patrick and Ann (QUIRK/CUIRK) FITZSIMMONS. Mary Ann imm 1854, had bro Michael in Detroit in 1860, their sis Margaret m Bartholomew O'CALLAGHAN, Detroit, 1860. Either Thomas or Mary Ann had rel named McCOLLUM.

Ch of Thomas W and Mary Ann (FITZSIMMONS): William V., Margaret, Charles P., Henry Emmett, Elizabeth, George Thomas, Lida (m Wm. F. FORD-d 1936 Detroit), Mary Ann (m Bert MATHEWSON, d Detroit 1928).

Want to correspond with anyone working on KELLY/KELLEY in Detroit or Toledo, OH 1840-1880.

WINNER OF NEWSLETTER NAMING CONTEST MERLYN C. BURK

SOME TIME AGO, we announced a contest for renaming our newsletter. We had marvelous suggestions and took several weeks at board meetings tossing the names back and forth. We finally decided that THE SEPTS, the name submitted by Merlyn C. Burk (our new book sales chair) was the very best name. This issue of the newsletter would have been renamed, had Jim Kellen from the College of Saint Thomas Celtic Library not called me and asked if we would hold off the renaming until after December 31, as it is a librarian's nightmare when periodicals change their names midyear. Thus, the new name will begin in 1989.



THE IRISH CLAN-SEPT SYSTEM by Merlyn C. Burk

ONE OF THE chief heralds of Ireland, Edward MacLysaght, defines the Irish sept simply as "a group of persons who bore a common surname and inhabited the same locality."

Our antecedents, in the very early days of Ireland, lived together in family clans under the same name and in very ancient times, tribes. "...for it was from his own genealogies that each man of the tribe, poor as well as rich, held the charter of his civil state, his right of property in the cantrel in which he was born, the soil of which was occupied by one family or clan (read "sept"), and in which no one lawfully possessed any portion of the soil if he was not of the same race with the Chief."

As the size of families grew and the parents home could no longer accommodate all of the family, the young ones spread out into other counties of Ireland so that family names are now quite generally found throughout Ireland.

Today, every Irishman, whether native or transplanted, should know that authentic coats-of-arms go with their ancient names and that they are entitled to display not only the arms of their own names but also of every Irish name occurring in their families! You might regard your coat-of-arms as a sentimental heirloom rather than a claim to some inscrutable kind of fame but in Ireland, every member of a sept bore the same coat-of-arms.

PIONEERS WHO CAME HERE IN 1854, 1855, 1856

Extracted from *The Belle Plaine Herald*,
March 7, 1974, Belle Plaine, Scott County, MN

John Kennedy and wife Margaret McKenna
from Kerry, Likely one of the earliest-late 1854
Daniel Sullivan and Mary McCarthy
from Cork, Derrynane, 1854 - almost the first
James Kilduff and Rose McGeary, Westmeath,
Blakely Twp., 1854
Thomas Terry and Hanora Lynch, from Waterford, Fall 1854
James Clark and Mary Linnen, 1854
Thomas Butterly and Mary O'Fallon, early 1850s
Michael Moran and Ellen McGeary, Mayo-likely Westmeath
Early 1850s

Patrick Sullivan and Ellen O'Connor, Kerry, 1855
 Pat Kane and Eliza Russell, Cork, about May, 1855
 Dennis Mahoney and Ellen Sullivan, Cork, about May, 1855
 Owen O'Neill and Catherine Healey, Roscommon-Sligo,
 Mayo, 1855
 John O'Connor and Ellen Flaherty, Kerry, 1855
 Peter Weldon and Ann Healey, Meath-Sligo, May 1855
 William Carr and Bridget Dray, Kilkenny, 1855
 Pat O'Brien and Johanna Ford, Tipperary, 1855
 John Fitzsimmons and Anna Smith, Meath, 1855
 Hubert Geare and Margaret McGeary, England-Westmeath, 1855
 Dennis McKenna and Catherine Needham, Kerry-Galway, 1856
 and Joanna Griffin
 Daniel Lucy and Mary McCarthy, Kerry, 1856
 John Meade and Jane Press, Limerick, 1856
 John McMahon and Bridget O'Brien, Clare. Early in Big
 Woods. Mid 1850s a store here at foot of Grove St.
 near river levee
 John Dewere and Mary or Bridget Carlin, likely Cork-Early
 Patrick Clark and Hannah Sweeney, early settlers
 John Donovan and Bridget Flanagan, Tipperary, Big Woods
 early settlers
 Michael Fogarty and Bridget Hanley, Kerry, 1850s
 Thomas Glynn and Mary Bridget O'Fallon-Early in the Big
 Woods
 Michael Griffin and Elizabeth Fraser-early settlers
 Martin Gannon and Mary O'Brien-early settlers
 Lawrence Gannon and Bridget Gory, Meath, 1856
 James Sullivan and Hanora M.?, 1856
 John Baldwin and Eliza O'Connor, old settlers
 Pat Hennessy and Ellen Russell, Cork, one of the earliest
 Bernard Kelly and Elizabeth Walsh, old settlers
 Michael Moriarty and Catherine Daly, Kerry, 1856
 Tim Cannon and Bridget Graham, Mayo & Meath, old settlers,
 1856
 Michael Carlin and Catherine McCarthy, old settlers
 John Bailey and Johanna Daly, Kerry, 1856, Faxon
 Pat Bailey and Julia Daly, Kerry, 1856, Faxon
 Mark Cauley and Hannah Sheridan, Mayo, 1856, Faxon
 John Donovan and Mary Griffin, Kerry, about 1856, St. John's

(to be continued next issue)

