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NEWSLETTER

SUMMER LAUNCH OF 1995 JOURNAL

Following a Committee decision in early February, the Society will publish the 1995 Tipperary Historical Journal at least four months earlier than has been the practice heretofore. Members can therefore look forward to receiving their 1995 Journal in May this year.

The Committee has had a Spring/early Summer launch of the annual Journal as a priority for a number of years now reasoning that, since each Journal is identified solely by its year of publication, a late launch date adversely affects sales. Criticisms have also been voiced by retailers who would like to see the Journal issued in time for the all important Summer tourist trade. Henceforth, the Journal will be available for both the Summer and Christmas market in the year of publication. Members are welcome to write to the Newsletter with any views they might have about this move.

Tentative content

As members are aware, celebrations begin this year of the 150th anniversary of the Great Famine, and continue through to 1997. The Great Famine will be recognised in the Tipperary Historical Journal for the next three years with important, new articles on the subject, beginning this year with contributions from Des Marnane and Anne Lanigan. Des Marnane's article will be the first of three he is preparing for the Journal on the area of the Famine while Anne Lanigan's focuses on Tipperary workhouse children. Other Famine related articles include the statements collected in 1945 by the UCD Folklore Commission and a family memory of the time, around Nenagh, by Máirtín Ó Corrbuí.

Aside from the Famine, highlights of the 1995 Journal will also include:

- the first of a series of reports on the archaeological excavations in Clonmel since 1990
- emigration from Clonoulty by Dr. Richard Reid of Canberra
- Eoin Devereux of Limerick University on Muintir na Tíre
- Prof. John F. Quinn of Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island on Fr. Mathew and the See of Cork
- Dr. Peter Harbison, the well known archaeologist, on a medieval altar slab near Clonmel.

NOTICE OF A.G.M.

The 1995 Annual General Meeting of the Co. Tipperary Historical Society will be held at the County Library, Thurles on Saturday, 25th of March, 1995 at 3.00 p.m.

All members are hereby cordially invited to attend.

Please regard this as official notice of the 1995
A.G.M.

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DUE FOR 1995
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A NOTE FROM THE Chairman

Dear Members,

Despite the long pause since our last Newsletter, you will be glad to know that the Society continues to flourish, with membership now close to 500. Sales of the 1994 Journal have exceeded all expectations thanks to a more even and widespread distribution here in Tipperary. Signs are that the 1995 Journal will be published early Summer, which will be a new departure for us and, no doubt, this will come as good news for you, our members.

This year, and for the next few years, we turn our attention to the blackest period in our history - the Great Famine. Our journals over that period, while not wholly dedicated to the subject, will undoubtedly reflect fresh research and study in that particular area. Naturally, too, we would hope to hold some lectures on the Famine over the coming months - perhaps some of you might already have undertaken work of this nature and would like to pass on the fruits of your endeavours?!!

Mar focal scoir - let us hope that the peace which has descended on Northern Ireland since our last communication will be a lasting one, and when historians record the events of late 20th century Ireland they will have a positive note on which to conclude.

Le gach dea ghuí

Martin Maher
Chairman

T. J. Maher Launches 1994 Journal



The 1994 Tipperary Historical Journal was launched by former M.E.P., and former President of the I.F.A., Mr. T. J. Maher at the County Library on 1st October. In his speech Mr. Maher expressed delight to be allowed the opportunity to officially launch a publication of such a high standard, and recommended it to all with an interest in Co. Tipperary, while stressing the specific value it holds for the emigrant community as a link with their home county. Mr. Maher stated "A nation draws strength from its past. Unless we know our past, and draw lessons from it, we are in trouble about the future because we have to base our decisions on our experiences and the great truth is that human nature does not change very much....We should all applaud those who have researched our past and published their findings in Journals of the kind we launch here to-day. This Journal is well up to the high standard of past issues and even the photographs tell their own story. There must be a wealth of material that lies hidden and it is very important that this material be made available to people who publish the fruits of their research because we all benefit from it". Mr. Maher went on to place history and its research in a European context: "Europe is rich in its diversity and not in its sameness and, unless we know ourselves and unless we stand up fearlessly for our values and the things we believe in, there is a danger we will become unrecognisable from others. That certainly is not the kind of Europe we want. I think that, too

frequently, politicians remain silent or seem to accept the norms and traditions of people whose traditions are far away from our own, and certainly not consistent with the kind of general Christian outlook that we have. Too few of our politicians are prepared to stand up and be counted. I often think it is because they do not understand fully our history and the sacrifices that were made to defend what we have. What I am doing is underlining the work of this Society and this Journal".

ABOVE: Back row, left to right; Willie Corbett, P.R.O., Liam Ó Duibhir, Eagathóir Gaeilge, Des Marnane, Secretary, Marcus Bourke, Editor; Front row; Mai Quinn, Chairperson, Thurles U.D.C., T.J. Maher, Martin Maher, Chairman, Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Morris, Patron.

BELOW: The Society's Chairman, Martin Maher, presenting a specially bound edition of the 1994 Tipperary Historical Journal to Mr. T. J. Maher



The Book Page

Gravestone Inscriptions

Recent additions to the Local Studies Department of the County Library dealing with gravestone inscriptions in Co. Tipperary:

The County Library has just completed an alphabetical name index to the following Clonmel graveyards: Ballyclerihan, Derrygrath, Donoughmore, Kilonan, Kiltegan, Lady's Abbey, Lisronagh (Castle), Marlfield, Newchapel, Old Ardfinnan, Powerstown, Rochestown, St. Mary's, St. Stephens, St. Necklos, Society of Friends (Quakers), Tullameelin (COI) and Woodrooffe. The transcribing of the inscriptions was carried out by the Clonmel Joint Cemeteries Committee in association with FÁS and the database of names was established by the County Library (4,914 entries).

Templemore Burial Register (to 1993): the register of the old graveyard in Templemore, compiled by Templemore Urban District Council.

Hayes, William J.: *The Graveyard in the Old Church Site, The Town Park, Templemore: its historical background, its tombstone inscriptions and some historical notes on families buried there.*

Ryan, James: *St. Mary's Church, Thurles*: index to the gravestones of St. Mary's Church, published in *Irish Family History: The Journal of the Irish Family History Society, Vol. X, 1994.*

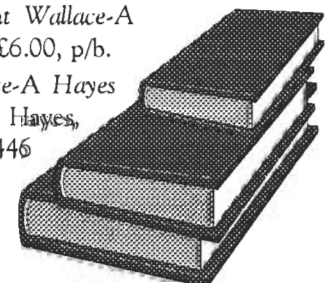
American Civil War

Michael Fitzgerald draws our attention to four recent titles, published by Fordham University Press, on the Irish who took part in the American Civil War, 1861-1865. (\$27.00- \$30.00): (1) *An Irishman in the Iron Brigade: the Civil War Memoirs of James P. Sullivan, 6th Wisconsin Volunteers*, (2) *Memoirs of Chaplain Life: Three Years with the Irish Brigade in the Army of the Potomac* by William Corby; (3) *Irish Green and Union Blue: The Civil War Letters of Peter Welsh, Colour Sergeant, 28th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers*; (4) *The Irish Brigade and its Campaigns* by David Power Conyngham. The latter three have been edited by Prof. Laurence F. Kohl of the University of Alabama. He uses and acknowledges Michael's article from the 1988 Tipperary Historical Journal [*From Ballingarry to Fredericksburg: David Power Conyngham (1825-1883)*] extensively in the introduction to the Conyngham book. Prof. Kohl is now writing a definitive history of the Irish Brigade.

Local Studies - Recent Stock Additions

- ❑ Barrett, Max: *A Riot of Ryans-The 19th Century Ryans of Boorowa*. 131pp, Church Archivists Press, P.O. Box 130, Virginia Ald 4014, Australia.
- ❑ Grant, Jacqueline : *Providence-The Life and Times of John Grant (1792-1866)*. 204pp, Jacqueline Grant, £18.00 p/b.
- ❑ Kiely, Brendan: *The Connerys: The Making of a Waterford Legend*. 145pp, Geography Pub., £6.99 p/b.
- ❑ Cunningham, George (Ed.): *Roscrea People*, Vol. 10, December 1994. 124pp, Roscrea People, £3.99 p/b.
- ❑ *Tipperary G.A.A. Yearbook 1995*. 152pp, G.A.A., £4.00
- ❑ Thurles Tidy Towns Committee/Plettenberg, Josephine: *A Town Improvement Plan for Thurles*. 86pp.

- ❑ Murphy, Nancy: *Walkabout Nenagh*. 139pp, Relay Pub., £9.00
- ❑ Murphy, Donal: *The Two Tipperarys*. 342 pp, Relay Pub., £25.00/£15.00.
- ❑ Holohan, Jim: *They will remember him forever-Great miracles performed by Fr. James Russell of Kilcommon*. 159pp, Holohan, £12.00 p/b.
- ❑ Slattery, Pat: *God Save Ireland*. 226 pp, Rose Press, £5.00 p/b.
- ❑ Gleeson, Damian J.: *The Road to Stoney Creek-A History of the Gleesons of Nenagh, Windsor & Mudgee*. Gleeson, 55 Links Av., Concord, NSW 2137, Australia.
- ❑ MacDonagh, Sean: *Passion for the Earth*. 164pp, Chapman.
- ❑ O'Donoghue, Dan: *A History of Handball in Ballyporeen*. 80pp, Ballyporeen Handball Club.
- ❑ O'Donoghue, Dan: *Ballyporeen*. 86pp, O'Donoghue, £3.95 p/b.
- ❑ O'Donoghue, Dan: *'Cause there's something in you Irish*. 88pp, O'Donoghue.
- ❑ Slevin, Eamon: *A Parish History of Borrisokane*. £10.00.
- ❑ Smith, Raymond: *Tigers of the Turf*. Sporting Pub., £15.95/£8.99.
- ❑ Ó Riain, Séamus: *Maurice Davin (1842-1927)-First President of the G.A.A.*. 236pp, Geography Pub., £11.99 h/b.
- ❑ Fogarty, Richard: *History in the Making-Europe*. 445pp, Educational Co., £14.99 p/b.
- ❑ O'Connor, Yvonne: *Happy Endings*. 49pp, Mount Pleasant Press, £2.95 p/b.
- ❑ Lohan, McKinlay, Sheehan, Wallace: *Tourism Development Plan for Thurles*. Small Business Institute Programme of University of Limerick.
- ❑ Reid, Noel (Ed.): *A Table of Church of Ireland Parochial Records and Copies*. 108pp, National Archives/Irish Family History Society.
- ❑ Doherty, John/Watts, Sean: *Killenaule/Moyglass Newsletter 1994*. £0.50.
- ❑ *Fethard Killusty Newsletter 1994*. 71pp, Legion of Mary, £2.00.
- ❑ *Mullinahone Magazine*, 13th Ed. 48pp, £2.50 p/b.
- ❑ *Loughmore-Castleiney Parish Newsletter 1994*. 56pp, Legion of Mary, £2.00.
- ❑ *Newport News*, 140pp, Legion of Mary, £3.00
- ❑ Kearney, Pat: *Poems of Time and Space*. 64pp, Kearney, Cahir, £5.00 p/b.
- ❑ De Búrca, E.: *The Irish Fiants of the Tudor Sovereigns*. 4 vols, Edmund Burke, £150.00
- ❑ Hannigan, Ken/Nolan, William: *Wicklow History & Society*. 1005pp, Geography Pub., £39.95 h/b.
- ❑ *Towards developing Community Enterprise- A Preliminary Study of four Tipperary Parishes*. Muintir na Tíre, £3.00.
- ❑ Cullen, Leo: *Clocking Ninety on the Road to Cloughjordan & other stories*. 236pp, Blackstaff, £5.99 p/b.
- ❑ Moloney, Bernie (Ed.): *Times to Cherish-Cashel & Rosegreen Parish History 1795-1995*. 224pp, Parish of Cahel & Rosegreen, £9.95 h/b.
- ❑ Burke, Pat: *The Ring of the Anvil*. 96pp, Burke, £5.00 p/b.
- ❑ *Coolmoynne 1894-1994-Coolmoynne & Fethard Co-operative Creamery*. Centenary Organising Committee.
- ❑ Phelan, Robert: *William Vincent Wallace-A Vagabond Composer*. 125pp, Celtic, £6.00, p/b.
- ❑ Hayes, P.C.: *From the Minhouse-A Hayes Family History 1818-1994*. 170pp, Hayes, 12 Flobern Av., Wauchope, 2446 NSW, Australia, £15.00.



Calendar

Borrisokane Historical Society

No specific schedule to hand at the moment, but the Society usually holds lectures monthly, from October/November until around May. Field trips are planned for June until September. For further information contact Cyril Crawford, Secretary at (067) 27302

Cahir Historical Society

The inaugural meeting of this new venture was very well attended, with 27 people interested in joining and establishing a Society for the Cahir area. New members welcome, with a small membership charge of £2.00. At present, meetings are planned for the last Friday in every month, at 8.00 p.m., in the Galtee Inn. Initial appointments: Bernie Boles, Chairman (052) 42237; William Peters, Secretary; Winnie Casey, P.R.O. (052) 41951.

Clonmel & District Historical & Archaeological Society

February 20: A.G.M. and lecture by Fr. Edward O'Callaghan, O.F.M. on Dr. O'Dwyer, Patriot Bishop of Limerick. **March 20:** Lecture by Michael Moore of the O.P.W. on the Pre-History of County Waterford. The April lecture still to be arranged. All lectures in Hearn's Hotel, Clonmel at 8.15 p.m., Admission £1.00/£2.00 for non-members. **May 14:** Walking tour of Fethard; Guide Mary Hanrahan. Further information from Liam Ó Duibhir, (052) 22917.

Co. Tipperary Historical Society

A series of talks on the Great Famine is being planned for 1995. However, it seems likely that these will take place in the Autumn of 1995, so details will be in the next Newsletter.

Fethard Historical Society

Traditional music as the Mirror of Popular Irish Politics / Fintan Vallely on Tuesday, Feb. 14, front lounge of Pat O'Sheas, Admission £2/£2.50 for non-members. *Bikes and Bows: Cricket & Cycling at the Turn of the Century* / Colleen Dube on

Tuesday, March 28. More details from Joe Kenny (052) 31663.

Killenaule Society

It is hoped to form an Historical Society in the Killenaule area. Anybody interested, please contact Sean Watts, Knockavardagh, Killenaule (052) 56332 (work) or after 6 p.m. (052) 56461.

Newport Historical Society

No schedule finalised at time of printing. Contact Sean Guilfoyle at (061) 378130, or write to him at Black Road, Newport. A booklet is being planned to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the old church in Newport (1796-1996).

Old Cashel Society

February 16: *King Dermot McCarthy; The First Dissenter / The McCarthy Mór* at Feehan's Pub (upstairs), Main Street, Cashel at 7.30 p.m. **March 25:** *A Look at Prehistoric Spinning and Spindle Whorls* / Richard O'Brien. Time 8.00 p.m., venue to be announced. **April:** *Irish Words used in everyday Speech* / Eddie Dalton. Date and venue to be announced. **May:** Lecture by David Dixon, subject and date yet to be finalised. A Town walk of the lanes of Cashel also planned for this month. **June-August** Arrangements in progress for outings to Limerick University, Kilkenny and Fethard during these months. Further information from

Mrs. Margaret Leahy (P.R.O.), The Mill, Tubberadora, Thurles (0504) 41115.

Ormond Historical Society

February 21: *Illustrated introduction to the Burren* / George Cunningham. **March 21:** *Archaeology of Medieval Ireland* / Dr. Terence Barry of Trinity College. Venue - New Lodge Hotel at 8.30 p.m.

At Nenagh Heritage Center (now open), an exhibition of Bronze Age Gold photos from Mid-March to the end of April. Tipperary North Family History Foundation is also now open, contact (067) 33850.

Sr. Áine Historical Society

Schedule not yet available. Contact Jerry O'Keefe, Roscrea Road, Borrisbeg, Templemore (0504) 31740.

Thurles

St. Mary's Famine Memorial Church, Thurles now open on Saturdays (10 - 6 p.m.) and Sundays (2 - 6 p.m.). From May 1, 1995 it will be open Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tipperary Town & District Historical Society

Schedule not yet available. Please contact Denis Hartnett, 23 Marian Terrace, Tipperary (062) 52551 (home).

Help!

◆ Information about WILLIAM PERRY, 1811-1879, Woodroffe, Clonmel. William (Prim) Perry was born in Co. Kilkenny. His parents, Richard Perry and Ann Prim Perry, lived at Modreeny, Co. Tipperary. The family later moved to Newtownpark, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. William acquired land at Ennisnag or Stoneyford, Co. Kilkenny, perhaps on his marriage to SUSAN ANNA RYAN. He appears to have been of independent means and built up a valuable antiquarian collection. He may have been engaged in mining or quarrying in Modreeny. Information gratefully received at Co. Tipperary Historical Society, Castle Avenue, Thurles c/o Editor.

◆ Paul Murphy of 2 Gables Close, Cinnamon Brow, Warrington, WA2 0DR, England is looking for help in establishing details on his ancestors. His great grandfather, JOHN MURPHY had a family, all born in Worcester. He married HARRIET (K)NIBB, probably in Ireland between 1858/1862. Tradition seems to indicate that John's father was THOMAS MURPHY from Clonmel, a policeman. Research has uncovered a John Murphy and family, with parents Patrick Murphy and Bridget Latham from Killenaule, but these records show John to be about 8 years too young, dying in 1899 at the age of 69 in a workhouse infirmary in Birmingham. A long shot, but can anyone cast any light on this conflicting information?

◆ A complete run of Clonmel Historical & Archaeological Society: Journal of the Proceedings [V1(1) - V1(4) 1952-1956] to purchase. Please contact the Newsletter, c/o Editor.



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