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## Oileán feis

Hilton Head's Irish Festival Week  
March 6-19, 2000

### Tuesday, March 7 at the Heritage Library

7 PM Irish History Lecture — Dr. David Gleeson,  
Professor of History, Armstrong Atlantic State University  
**"Irish Americans in the Antebellum South"**  
The lecture is free and open to the public

### Thursday, March 9 at the Heritage Library

7 PM Irish Literature Lecture—Dr. Fred Sanders,  
Professor of Irish Studies, Georgia Southern University  
**"Irish History Through the Eyes of Contemporary Irish Poets"**  
The lecture is free and open to the public

### Saturday, March 11

10 AM-7PM Irish Festival opens See enclosed flyer for details  
Traditional Irish Music  
Irish and American food, games for Children,  
Irish gifts and souvenirs, family name histories,  
Murphy's Irish Stout, Murphy's Amber and more  
Price: \$5.00 ADULTS  
Children over 10 and students: \$3.00  
Children under 10 FREE  
anyone wearing a Scouting uniform FREE

### Sunday, March 12

1 PM Parade — Friends of St. Patrick Foundation

### Wednesday, March 15

7:30 PM Paddy Noonan in person at Dunnagan's Alley—tickets \$25  
Sponsored by Friends of St. Patrick Foundation

### Sunday, March 19

8 PM Tommy Makem in person at Self Family Arts Center—  
tickets \$30 — Sponsored by Hinchey's Chicago Bar & Grill

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## *From the President*

*by Tom Hanahan*

Our first annual Holiday Gala was a successful one. Through our silent auction and ticket sales we raised nearly \$4,000.00. Our continued support depends on these fund-raisers, donations and grants.

We were part of the Island's Gullah Celebration in presenting Dr. Frank Smith, and his lecture on US Colored Troops in the Civil War. We were pleased with the attendance at this talk. As mentioned in our last newsletter, the Foundation and native Island groups have formed a committee to determine the feasibility of erecting a memorial to the USCT on Hilton Head Island.

The Hilton Head Town Council has proclaimed March 6-12 as "Irish Heritage Week" on our island. We hope to raise additional operating expenses through our Irish Festival (see page one for the week's events and the enclosed flyer for more details). Mark the date now on your calendars. Wear your green and come join in the festivities!

If you're confined or just relaxing at home on St. Patrick's Day, the History Channel will be showing "The Irish in America" and "Short Story of Ireland" on March 17th. The Irish Tenors are on PBS at 8 p.m. that night. And, the Family Channel will be showing "St. Patrick the Legend" on his day.

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## Welcome New Members

The Board of directors and staff would like to welcome the following new members:

Ken & Kathy Dawson	Hilton Head Island, SC
Linda Neidich Hoffman	Beaufort, SC
Joann Schor	Beaufort, SC
Kathleen Paris	Hilton Head Island, SC
Marvalene Hoppin	Hilton Head Island, SC
Donald Robbins	Hilton Head Island, SC
James C. Riley	Hilton Head Island, SC
Toby Tobia	Bluffton, SC
Jack R. Williard, Sr.	Hilton Head Island, SC

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## **GENEALOGY.COM INTRODUCES VIRTUAL CEMETERY**

Genealogy.com, LLC has announced Virtual Cemetery, the first "online tombstone archive." This new database allows the sharing of tombstone images of ancestors without having to leave home. Quoting from the press release: Enthusiasts may post and browse images of tombstones worldwide in this easy-to-search, free archive, eliminating the cost and time of travel associated with capturing this pertinent information. These cemetery inscriptions are a key part of the genealogy research puzzle, as they are often the most permanent, inclusive, and accessible records available. "The fact that birth and death information is literally chiseled into stone makes tombstones perhaps the most permanent record in the preservation of family history," said professional genealogist and president of Ancestral Connections, Maureen Taylor. "These records are originals and are preserved for hundreds of years -- long after any burial books have been lost or destroyed." Online now at [http://www.genealogy.com/vcem\\_welcome.html](http://www.genealogy.com/vcem_welcome.html), the Virtual Cemetery archive contains continuously updated, user-generated content that is unique and difficult to duplicate. All images are filed geographically, and include text transcribed from the tombstone, making it easy to locate tombstone images by geographic location or by content. Virtual Cemetery users may also choose to use this service as an online memorial to loved ones by sharing images of their final resting place with family members and friends. I decided to check out the new Virtual Cemetery. I went to the site and soon found myself looking at a simple search form. The site allows searches using combinations of first name, middle name, last name, birth date, birthplace, death date, death place, name of cemetery or cemetery location. I simply entered my own surname into the box labeled "Last Name" and then clicked on SEARCH. There were no occurrences of the name in the Virtual Cemetery database. I decided to try some more common names of interest. I searched on the name CLARK and found two entries. I clicked on one of them, and a picture of the tombstone of Abraham Clark then appeared. Beneath the picture the following appeared:

Death Date: 11/24/1834  
 Spouse: Silence Clark  
 Location: Plainfield, MA USA

The name and mailing address of the person who submitted the photo were also listed. There was no e-mail address listed in the text, but clicking on the submitter's name opened an e-mail window with the person's e-mail address already filled in. In fact, when looking at the image and the data below the image, you can simply move the mouse over the person's name and then read their e-mail address in the bottom of your browser. Some of the entries had very little information below them, while others gave a lot of data. For instance, the following is listed below the image of Giles Smith's tombstone:

Inscription: Giles Smith  
 Born Union County South Carolina Aug 19 1835  
 Died Aug 20 1886  
 Birth Date: 08/19/1835  
 Birthplace: SC  
 Death Date: 08/20/1886  
 Death Location: Pittsboro, MS  
 Spouse: Rebecca L Bounds  
 Cemetery: Pittsboro City  
 Location: Pittsboro, MS USA



You can search the database now and even contribute your own images, all at no charge. As part of the announcement promotion, Genealogy.com is also giving away a digital camera that is valued at \$800. To access the Virtual Cemetery or to post images, [http://www.genealogy.com/vcem\\_welcome.html](http://www.genealogy.com/vcem_welcome.html).



**LDS FILM RENTALS  
AVAILABLE  
AT  
HERITAGE  
LIBRARY**

The Heritage Library has been approved by the Family History Library of Salt Lake City to become a rental site for its microfilm and microfiche, one of only 35 libraries so designated.

Patrons are now able to order films here on Hilton Head Island rather than driving to the Family History Centers in Beaufort, Ridgeland, or Savannah. The cost for the films is \$4.00. This includes the \$3.25 fee to the family History Library and a 75 cent return postage fee. Check the LDS Family Search site at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) or consult the LDS CDROM Library Holdings (available at the Heritage Library) for your film number(s). See the Librarian on duty to fill in the order form. Call the Heritage Library for more details and information at 686-6560.

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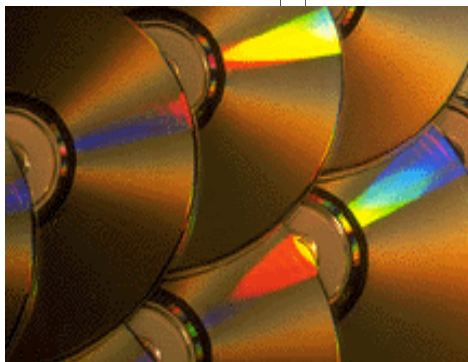
Barbard Kirichok	Bluffton, SC
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Edmund Noyes	St. Helena Island, SC
Chuck & Sue McClenachan	Greenwich, CT
Beverly Harris	Hilton Head Island, SC & Jenison, MI

**GENEALOGY  
DEFINITIONS AND QUESTIONS**

- Life takes it's toll. Have exact change ready!
- Searching for lost relatives? Win the Lottery!
- That's strange: half my ancestors are WOMEN!
- Do I even WANT ancestors?
- Some I found I wish I could lose.
- Every family tree has some sap in it.
- FLOOR: (n) The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.
- Can a first cousin, once removed, return?
- Cemetery: (n) A Marble orchard not to be taken for granite.
- Crazy...is a relative term in MY family.
- Genealogy: It's all relative in the end anyway.
- Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to better people.
- I trace my family history so I will know who to blame.
- It's hard to be humble with ancestors like mine!
- Friends come and go, but relatives tend to accumulate.
- Genealogists never die, they just lose their roots.
- Genealogy: A hay stack full of needles. It's the threads I need.
- Genealogy: Collecting dead relatives and sometimes a live cousin!
- Genealogy: Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.
- Heredity: Everyone believes in it until their children act like fools!
- I think my family tree is a few branches short of full bloom.
- Life is lived forward, but understood backwards.
- Take nothing but ancestors, leave nothing but records.
- My ancestors are hiding in a witness protection program.
- Research: What I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing.
- Theory of relativity: If you go back far enough, we're all related.

For those members unfamiliar with our collection, we began publishing the holdings of the Heritage Library in the last two issues of *Heritage Library News*. This is only a small sampling of what is available in the library and we hope everyone will stop by and spend some time with one of our librarians. The first 200 titles were printed in the last two issues of the *Heritage Library News*.

- Marriage Index—AL, GA, SC
- Everton's Family File vol.1, vol. 2 & 3, and vol. 4
- Pedigrees—Everton Publishers
- Everton's "Roots" Cellar
- Loyalists in the American Revolution
- German Genealogy Research Guide
- US/Canada Surname Folder Index
- PA Wills
- Marriage Index—IA
- Marriage Index—TN
- Marriage Index—GA
- Marriage Index—WV
- Marriage Index—CT
- Marriage Index—MI & WI
- Marriage Index—NC
- Marriage Index—AR
- Marriage Index—CT
- Marriage Index—TX
- Marriage Index—ME
- Marriage Index—Washington, DC, DE, MD
- Marriage Index—AZ, CO, NE, NM, OR & WA
- Genealogical Records —NY
- Census Index—New England 1900
- Census Index—DE, DC, MD, PA, OH, VA & WV
- Census Microfilm—KY 1850 and PA 1850
- Census Microfilm — CA, NM, OR, TX, UT 1850
- Land Records—KY 1774-1924



- Immigrants to PA—1600s-1800s
- Census Records: Adams, Berks & Lancaster Cos., PA 1729-1881
- VA Land, Marriage & Probate, 1639-1850
- Land Records — Bucks and Lancaster Cos., PA
- Scottish Immigrants to North America
  - NY Passenger and Immigration Lists
  - New Orleans Passenger & Immigrations Lists
  - Naturalization Records—Philadelphia
  - Irish Tithe Applotment Books
  - Gazetteers of England, Scotland & Ireland
  - Irish Flax Growers
  - Census Index — UK 1851
  - VA Colonial Records
  - MA Probate, Town & Vit Rec 1600s-1900s
  - Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy
- Pilgrim Genealogies & Histories, 1600s-1900s
- Vital Records — NY Deaths 1700s-1900s
- Baltimore Passenger & Immigration Lists
- Ontario & Nova Scotia Settlers, 1790—1860
- Early New England Settlers 1600s-1800s
- Midwest Pioneers 1600s-1800s
- NC Wills 1665-1900
- Land & Tax Records: OH 1787-1840
- UK—Information
- Griffith's Valuation & Householders Index for County Mayo

### ***NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY***

Our Library Director and Foundation President recently returned from a trip to Ireland and brought with them the following books:

O'Brien, People & Places  
 O'Connor People & Places  
 Blood in the Streets  
 Diocese of Kilmore  
 Historical Essay/King of Munster  
 Laois—History & Society  
 Donegal, Past & Present  
 Story of the Rosses  
 Story of Ireland  
 Cork History & Society  
 Our Inis Enghain Heritage

Celtic Rituals  
 Gods of the Celts  
 Wild Geese of the Antrim MacDonnell's  
 Celtic & Early Christian Wexford  
 Bellews of Mt. Bellew  
 Catholic Diocese of Dublin  
 St. Jarlath's College, Tuam  
 People Make Places  
 The Annals of Connacht  
 Fragmentary Annals  
 Stranorlor Parish Roots  
 Letterkenny Family Roots  
 Mayo—video  
 Redingtons of Clarinbridge  
 Gravestone Inscriptions County Down—volume 1  
 History—Diocese of Derry  
 Royal Irish Constabulary

## TRACING THE FAMILY TREE IN IRELAND

BY TOM HANAHAN

*All happy endings are beginnings as well... Irish proverb*

After my recent trip to Ireland, I wanted to share with you some tips for researching ancestors on the Emerald Isle. As you add branches to the family tree from the old sod, keep in mind the words of George Bernard Shaw: “The danger in tracing your family is that you may find an ancestor hanging from a branch, either by his neck or by his tail.”

An overwhelming number of internet sites, books, organizations, and individual genealogists offering insights to one’s past can boggle the mind. Today’s outlook on genealogy is very different from times past. In the old Irish kingdoms, genealogists played an important role assuring rights to power. From the 5th to 12th centuries, Ireland contained approximately 150 petty tribal kingdoms, with many great Gaelic families having their own genealogists or historians to endorse their right to kingship and land. The last great representative of the hereditary genealogists was the 17th-century’s Dubhaltach MacFhirbhisigh of Lackan, Tireragh, County Sligo. His greatest work, The Book of Genealogies, which includes a large number of pedigrees of ancient Gaelic and Anglo-Norman families, can still be found today at University College, Dublin.

Past works such as these, and centuries of documentation, act as genes from worlds left behind, bringing stories to today’s fragmented cultures. Ireland’s documenta-



A few members of my family in Tourmakeady, County Mayo, circa 1925. Left to right rear: Michael Joyce, Phil Staunton, Bridget Joyce Lally, Thomas Lally, Bridget Dever, (front) Grandma Nora Staunton Lally, Nora Lally Bourke and Mary Lally Moran, children.

tion trail contains many potholes. Because of the final defeat of the Gaelic order—which culminated in a radical change in land ownership and discriminatory legislation enacted in the 18th century against Roman Catholics—early records are often fragmented and difficult to follow.

The census returns for 1821, 1831, and 1841—as Ireland’s population increased from 5 million in the early 19th century to 8.5 million by the eve of the Great Famine in 1846—were destroyed, along with the treasury of the Public Records Office during the Irish Civil War in 1922. Census returns for 1851 were also lost, as were the registers of about 1,000 Church of Ireland parishes. For most present-day researchers seeking out descendants, Roman Catholic tenant farmers or laborers can be traced back only to the early 1800s, while original landowners, leaseholders, merchants, traders, clergymen, and medical or legal professionals can sometimes be traced back to the beginning of the 18th century or earlier.

After you have exhausted local and national sources, both personal and official, and have assembled an outline family tree based on the information you have gathered—you are ready to visit Ireland. Where should you start? Dublin, where the vast majority of genealogical material is held, either in original or copy form. A visit to record repositories in Belfast, Northern Ireland, would also be advised if your ancestor came from one of the six counties of Northern Ireland. The main locations for genealogical research in Ireland are:

- ♣ **The General Register Office, Joyce House, Lombard St., Dublin 2, Ireland; 011-353-1-671-1000** houses civil and vital records of births, marriages, and death. Registration commenced in Ireland in two stages: The registration of marriages, except for Roman Catholic marriages, from April 1, 1845, and the registration of all births, deaths, and marriages from January 1, 1864. The General Register Office holds copies of these records covering all of Ireland up to December 1921 and for the 26 counties of the Republic from January, 1922. **The General Register Office of Northern Ireland, Oxford House, 49-55 Chicester St./, Belfast, BT1 48L, Northern Ireland; 011-44-1-232-250-000** carries civil and vital records of residents of Northern Ireland from 1845 to the present.
- ♣ **The National Archives, Bishop Street, Dublin 8, Ireland; 011-353-1-407-2300; [www.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.nationalarchives.ie)**, has Ireland’s census returns and 19th-century householders; and landholders’ records. It also has most of the Church of Ireland parish records. If they are not in local custody, they can be found in the **Representative Church Body Library Braemor Park, Churchtown, Dublin 14, Ireland; 011-353-1-492-3979; [www.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.ireland.anglican.org)**, or The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland. As previously noted, many registers were destroyed in 1922.

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## GENEALOGY ON THE NET

[www.politicalgraveyard.com](http://www.politicalgraveyard.com) — contains alphabetical index; offices held or sought; date or year born or died; state and county of birth or death; leading political families. Many other categories!

[www.rootsweb.com/~argreene/greene1.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~argreene/greene1.html) — Greene County, Arkansas census, marriage records, cemeteries and more.

[www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/inddb/4296.htm](http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/inddb/4296.htm) — Massachusetts applications of Freeman 1630-1691. Contains the names of over 4800 men who applied for the designation of “free” by colonial courts. Entries include individual’s name, residence, and original source of the information.

[www.wvculture.org](http://www.wvculture.org) — The West Virginia Division of Culture and History has its own domain now. This link leads to the Archives, Genealogy, Surname Exchange, etc for the state.

[www.compuology.com/otherweb.htm](http://www.compuology.com/otherweb.htm) — Richard Wilson's Alphabetical Listing of Genealogy Related Internet Sites Sorted by Topic — General Genealogy Sites | Netiquette | Genealogy Megasites Ethnic and Special Interest Groups | Foreign Genealogy Research Sites | Language Aids | Genealogical Software Sites Genealogical & Historical Societies Online | Library & Catalog Sites | Map & Gazetteer Sites | Genealogy Book Stores & Publishers | Online Genealogy Publications | Online Databases for Genealogists | Genealogy Tools & Training | Citing Sources & Writing Skills | Copyright Information | List Servers, Newsgroups, & Chat Sites | Locate Living People | Other Computer Software Sites | Internet Search Tools | Genealogy Graphics | E-mail Services | New Sites.

[www.myfamily.com](http://www.myfamily.com) — Create your own home page and attach your family tree plus lots more.

[www.sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/warweb.html](http://www.sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/warweb.html) — general resources, biographical information; state/local studies by state; other military information; secession crises and before; histories, battles, and more.

[www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com) — has a new “Family Connect” site. This site is similar to using Family Tree-maker’s World Family Tree. Go to the rootsweb homepage above and click on the link to “Family Connect”.

[www.ourheritage.tierranet.com/naming-patterns.html](http://www.ourheritage.tierranet.com/naming-patterns.html) — English 18th and 19th century naming patterns.

[www.intersurf.com/~rcollins/names.html](http://www.intersurf.com/~rcollins/names.html) — Colonial naming patterns.

[www.gillean.com/Roots/scotname.htm](http://www.gillean.com/Roots/scotname.htm) and [www.ednet.co.uk/~jeanmoore/names.html](http://www.ednet.co.uk/~jeanmoore/names.html) — Scottish naming patterns.

[www.hamrick.com/names](http://www.hamrick.com/names) — surname distribution site for years 1850, 1880, 1920, 1990. Good for hints on possible geographic locations to target your surname.

[www.wallofhonor.com](http://www.wallofhonor.com) — check for your Ellis Island ancestor on the site’s “Wall of Honor”.

[www.universitylake.org/primarysources.html](http://www.universitylake.org/primarysources.html) — The American Colonist’s Library, 29 pages of primary source documents pertaining to Early American History. This is an excellent site for researching colonial history and pursuing historical documents.

[www.FamilyTreeMaker.com/ifftop.html](http://www.FamilyTreeMaker.com/ifftop.html) — Not sure if your ancestor is on a particular Broderbund CD? Visit this Internet Family Finder site to find out.

[www.ipl.org](http://www.ipl.org) — The Internet Public Library hosted by the School of Information at the University of Michigan houses needed reference materials for genealogists.

The Editor thanks Catherine Speller for her assistance in creating this wonderful list of genealogy related internet sites! Thanks also to Betty Boyd for passing along the URL for Rootsweb Family Connect. If you find an interesting genealogy or history related site please email me at sandee@heritagelib.org.

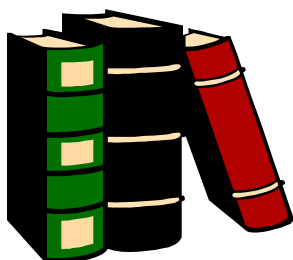
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- ♣ **The National Library of Ireland, Kildare St., Dublin 2, Ireland; 011-353-1-603-0200; [www.heatnet.ie/natlib/](http://www.heatnet.ie/natlib/)** maintains 19th-century householders; and landholders' records. It also holds microfilm copies of most of the Roman Catholic parish registers, up to 1880, and the transcribed registers of Quaker births, marriages, and deaths. The National Library of Ireland, with members of the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland acting as consultants, provides a genealogy service free of charge. To start you on your ancestral trail in Ireland, visit the Genealogy Room, where you will be given expert advice and guidance on how to proceed.
- ♣ **The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, 66 Balmoral Ave., Belfast BT9 6NY, Northern Ireland; 011-44-1-232-251-318; [www.proni.nics.gov.uk](http://www.proni.nics.gov.uk)**, holds the majority of Presbyterian records and covers the nine counties of Ulster. This office also carries some of the Methodist records, while others are held by the Wesleyan Historical Society in Belfast.
- ♣ **Irish Family History Library** has centers throughout the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. They conduct record searches for families and can be reached most effectively through the internet at [www.irishroots.net](http://www.irishroots.net).



Chicago, IL, About 1945 — Tom Hanahan, Sr., Mary Lally Hanahan, and Madeline Morini Hanahan (now age 89)—my father, grandmother and mother.

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### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>March 6-12</b>	<b><i>Irish Heritage Week</i></b>
<b>March 10</b>	<b><i>Irish Festival—food, games, music, and more...Courtyard Building Parking Lot</i></b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b><i>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society—Heritage Library at 10 A.M.</i></b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b><i>Richmond, VA: VA Genealogical Society Spring Conference “A Virginia Courthouse Crawl”</i></b>
<b>April 11</b>	<b><i>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society—Heritage Library at 10 A.M.</i></b>
<b>May 9</b>	<b><i>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society—Heritage Library at 10 A.M.</i></b>
<b>May 31-June 3</b>	<b><i>Providence, RI: NGS Conference in the States</i></b>
<b>June 13</b>	<b><i>Hilton Head Island Genealogical Society—Heritage Library at 10 A.M.</i></b>
<b>July 20-22</b>	<b><i>Ft. Wayne, IN: Allen County Public Library “Millennium Conference”</i></b>
<b>September 6-9</b>	<b><i>Salt Lake City, UT: FGS- “A World of Records”</i></b>
<b>December 7</b>	<b><i>Holiday Gala—Heritage Library</i></b>