

The Society

The IGRS was established in 1936 to encourage and promote the study of Irish genealogy worldwide. Specifically, it set about assembling a library of books and manuscripts of great genealogical value to compensate for those lost in the 1922 fire at the Public Records Office. The initial priority was to collect copies of records and documents compiled from manuscripts before that devastating event.

These archives form the core of our specialist Library which is recognised as the world's largest and most important collection of Irish genealogical material in private hands.

Celebrating its 80^h anniversary in 2016, the Society remains true to its original mission but has evolved to take advantage of modern technology and the Internet.

It is a registered charity with a worldwide membership. Our President is Fergus Gillespie, former Chief Herald of Ireland.

Research

The Society is run entirely by volunteers and is therefore unable to undertake research for members. However, the Hon. Librarian will respond to short letter or email enquiries (see Council page of website for email address) and try to provide guidance and direction. Individuals wishing to commission professional research should consult Accredited Genealogists Ireland (www.accreditedgenealogists.ie).

Members can also seek help and share knowledge through the Society's online Discussion Group. In addition, a growing number of our unique manuscripts and Library resources are now offered via the Society's website.

The Library

Details of the IGRS Library, its extensive collections and location can be found on the Society's website.

Ireland Branch

The IGRS Ireland Branch is very active, and organises its own series of lectures, events and AGM. It works closely with the Council in London in running the Society.

Publications

The Irish Genealogist: the Society's annual journal is noted for making a unique scholarly contribution to the field of Irish genealogical studies.

Monthly research e-bulletin: To aid current research, the members-only bulletin carries the latest news of resources, publications and developments in Irish genealogy. This is supplemented by an active Facebook page.

Bi-annual newsletter: The twice-yearly Newsletter keeps members up to date with Society matters, Library acquisitions, new members, news of major developments or campaigns that impact research, and gathers snippets of general interest to members.

Register of Members' Interests: The register facilitates co-operation between members with mutual areas of research interest.

Website: The Society's website — IrishAncestors.ie — is one of the world's Top 100 genealogy websites* and an ever-growing resource for all Irish family historians. While most of our specialist materials are held in the Members' Area, some are publicly accessible.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are payable on 1st January annually and a number of payment methods are now available, including Paypal. Details are available on the website and membership rates can be found on the attached application form.

Membership applications received from 1st October count as commencing from the following year.

New Members

New members are always welcome whether they are new to Irish genealogical research, have many years' experience or have an academic interest in Ireland's families.

A full list of membership benefits is to be found on our website: www.irishancestors.ie.

* Genealogy In Time magazine's Top 100 2014



Application for membership of the Irish Genealogical Research Society

Applications can also be made at www.irishancestors.ie

Full name, Title etc _____

Address, incl. zip or post code _____

Country _____

Email _____ Date DD/MM/YYYY

Do you pay UK income tax? If you do, the IGRS can reclaim 20p in the £1 from your subscription — at no extra cost to you — through the Gift Aid scheme. If you pay UK tax and would be prepared to sign a Gift Aid declaration, please tick the box.

Annual Subscriptions

Republic of Ireland: €26
All other applicants: £21
Applicants from outside Ireland and the UK can pay through PayPal (see www.irishancestors.ie) by dollar cheque, remitting the equivalent of \$35.
Subscriptions are due for payment on 1st January annually.

Signature of applicant _____

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Established 1936

"The great granddaddy of all Irish family history societies"

John Grenham FIGRS, MAPGI, *Irish Times*, April 2011

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The IGRS has a hugely popular Facebook page.

Check it out!

To keep costs to a minimum, the IGRS sends the bi-annual Newsletter by email as well as our monthly e-bulletin. The IGRS will use your personal details and email address only for genuine IGRS membership purposes and will not pass them to any third party.

Where did you hear about the Society?

Please post this application form to : The Membership Secretary, The Irish Genealogical Research Society, 18

Stratford Avenue, Rainham, Kent ME8 0EP, UK. **If you are resident in Ireland, you should post it to:** The Treasurer, The Irish Genealogical Research Society, 10 Wellpark Avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin 9, Ireland.

For Office Use only: Initial subscription received

Treasurer

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