

IRISH ANCESTRY GROUP NEWSLETTER #1
Genealogical Society of Victoria

IRISH GROUP GETS THE NOD

At its meeting last Wednesday (11th May 1988) the Council of the Genealogical Society of Victoria formally accepted the Irish Ancestry Group as an official Special Interest Group of the Society. We are grateful to Council for looking favourably on our request and hope that we will be able to make a positive contribution to Irish-Australian family history in this state.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

The formation of the Group will be notified to the general membership in the June quarter Ancestor. This will give those members who did not attend the inaugural meeting a chance to join. Within a few weeks of the appearance of Ancestor, a meeting will be arranged for the purpose of electing a formal committee. You will be notified of the date and place per medium of Newsletter #2. It is hoped to have a guest speaker.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

1988 is a vintage year for Irish family history in Australia: We will be visited by no fewer than three of Ireland's top genealogists:

- * Dr Brian Trainor, Former Director of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland and Administrator of the Ulster Historical Foundation
- * Dr Chris O'Mahony, Mid-West Regional Archivist and Foundation Chairman of the Irish Family History Society
- * Mr Pat Nolan, Chairman of the Kilkenny Genealogical Circle and Convenor of the Irish-Australian Kilkenny Conference

All three have indicated their willingness to address the Group. It would be wonderful if we could have them all at the same venue (for a weekend conference, for example) but this will depend on their individual travel arrangements. Keep watching your Group Newsletter for further details.

IRISH FAMILY HISTORY JOURNAL

Volume III of this excellent journal has just arrived in Australia. It is every bit as good as its two predecessors. Volume IV, due to be published in June 1988, will be a special Australian Bicentennial issue. A further bit of good news: The Irish Family History Society has just published a complete report

on research centres, family history societies etc. throughout Ireland. For details of membership, publications etc., write to:

Irish Family History Society
Charleville Road
Tullamore
Co. Offaly, Ireland

The Society is doing a remarkable job in co-ordinating the activities of Irish organisations and individuals involved in family history. It deserves our strong support.

DONATION

The Group sincerely thanks Mrs Alison Stephen for her kind donation of two published family histories of Irish interest for the Group library (which now consists of two books!). Hopefully others will follow Alison's generous example.

INSIDE IRELAND

"Inside Ireland" is a bright, breezy Information Service and quarterly Newsletter from the Emerald Isle. It has been described as 'an eclectic collection of witty and informative tidbits, in-depth articles, humor, services such as accommodation reviews, queries on costs etc. of an Irish visit, genealogy research etc etc.' The people who produce "Inside Ireland" will expertly answer even your most off-beat questions on any and every aspect of Ireland. For details, write to: INSIDE IRELAND, Rookwood, Stocking Lane, Ballyboden, Dublin 16, Ireland.

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT?

One of the functions of the Group will be to keep an eye on the standard of research coming out of Ireland. We aim to build up a detailed reference file so that we can direct people to reputable researchers who offer value for money. You can help in this process: If you ^{have} had any positive or negative experiences with Irish genealogists or organisations, please let us know - tell us exactly what went wrong or right so we can warn people off or send them to the right place.

ANYONE FOR IRELAND?

On Tuesday 31st May 1988 at 6.30 p.m. there will be an information night on Des Regan's 1988 Family History Tour of Ireland, which leaves on Thursday, September 14th. Venue for the information night is 3rd Floor, 420 Collins Street, Melbourne. As space is limited, please ring 602 3866 if you would like to attend.