

Current Committee

Officers

Chairman: Robert Guthrie – Roe Valley Ancestral Researchers

Vice-Chairman: Joseph McCoy – individual member

Secretary: Vacant

Assistant Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Bridie Bradley, West Belfast Historical Society

Executive Committee

Johnny Dooher – Strabane History Society

Josephine Herbison: Immediate Past Chairman (Antrim H.S.)

Helen Meehan: Donegal Historical Society

Aine NíDuibhne: Donegal Historical Society

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Committee Vacancies

As you can see we have a few vacancies on the committee. Volunteers for the above positions or even to serve on the committee would be very welcome. If interested please email the Administrator—Patsymcshane@icloud.com. Details of the work of the committee can be found on our webpage www.FULS.org.uk

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Membership 2021-22

There are ninety four societies on the Federation's membership register. Over 89% of members on the register have now renewed their membership and we have been notified of one society that no longer exists. Two new members have joined the Federation—Boomhall Trust and The Association for Art and Design and they are very welcome. Reminders have been issued to those members that have still to pay their membership fees. The membership fee for the year to October 2022 is £25 per society

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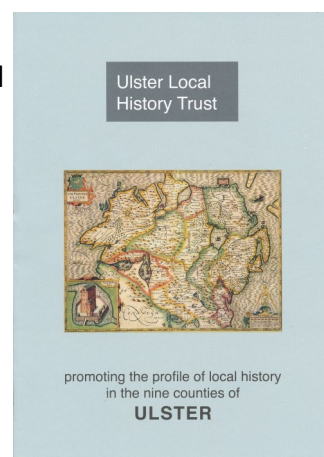
Public Liability Insurance

Societies have been notified that their Public Liability Insurance is now due. The cost for the current year to March 2023 is a flat £15.00 per member society. Quite a number of member societies have already paid and reminders have been issued to those that still have to pay. Payment is required immediately to ensure that your organisation is covered for meetings and events.

Ulster Local History Trust

The Ulster Local History Trust was established by the Federation for Ulster Local Studies in 1981 to help raise the standard of local historical work, particularly among voluntary groups. The Trust offers grants to support the publication of local and regional studies and research and provides advice to authors on good practice. Particular emphasis will be paid to innovation in demonstrating the value of local history to our shared communities.

For details of support available including financial see their web page—
www.ulht.org.uk



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Due North – Contributions and Articles Required for 2022 edition

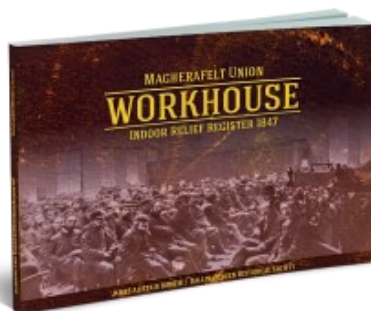
Due North has been a regular annual publication of the Federation for Ulster Local Studies over many years and an available platform for local historians to showpiece the rich variations of local studies in Ulster and beyond. In recent years, however, the difficulties in gaining access to Libraries, Museums and other depositories of valuable source material has made research difficult for many would-be authors and the output of local history articles has suffered. Due North has depended on the generous support of a coterie of writers from many parts of Ireland and it is hoped that some will be able to submit articles again this year. We need, however, to get more support from the Federation members and this appeal is directed mainly at our local societies and their members. We need more articles and other historical material like reviews of local publications and reports on innovative work at local heritage centres. Alert your members to this request for contributions and encourage the submission of items that would be of interest to the wider local history family. Recent issues of the Due North journal would provide examples of the articles and other reports that might be considered as exemplars. Ideally articles should be submitted by September if not earlier but the editor will probably be accommodating to some delay.

Queries can be addressed to outgoing editor Johnny Dooher at johndooher@btinternet.com [phone 07713636362] and Federation officers as listed on the FULS website. Please pass on this appeal to your members or to other people you think might be interested

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New Magherafelt Workhouse Book—Indoor Relief Register 1847

Ballinascreen Historical Society launched their 48th publication on 7th May 2022. This book is a painstaking transcription of the register of felt Workhouse, during the very darkest days of the famine, and furnishes a unique insight into the population of this local area. Providing the names, sex, age, marital status, family status, employment, religious denomination, health condition and date of death or discharge of most of the 2606 paupers admitted that year, it will be of great interest to genealogists and to all those interested in local history, especially since it pre-dates the Irish Civil Registration for births and deaths in 1864.



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Compiled by James Alistair Bodkin with a foreword by Graham Mawhinney. The first print-run sold out in a few weeks with numerous copies going around the world. However it has gone to reprint and will be available on the Society's on-line bookstore— www.ballinascreenhistoricalsociety.com

Coming Soon

The Maghera Embroidery Factory

The Embroidery Factory in Maghera is now long closed and the resounding memories and stories that I heard compelled me to write a small booklet about its existence says author Joe McCoy.

Work started in 1911 and finally opened in 1912 in order to serve Glendinning McLeish firstly as an embroidery school then as a fully functioning factory. The booklet shall contain a comprehensive history with old photographs and shall most importantly contain several social histories from local people who worked in the factory who were interviewed by Joe.

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Articles & Notices for the Newsletter

Articles and notices for publication from member societies are very welcome. The next issue of this newsletter will be available at the end of September 2022. Articles and notices for the newsletter will need to be forwarded to patsymcshane@icloud.com by Monday 12th September 2022

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Federation of Local History Societies

Below is some information from our sister organisation in the Republic of Ireland that may be of interest:

Co Cork - Buttevant Heritage Group

Buttevant Heritage Group is hosting a Heritage Day to celebrate the "Ancient Origins of Cahirmee Horse Fair." There is a talk by noted historian, Dr Dagmar O'Riain, a living history display and a market - fun for adults and children alike.

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Co Dublin - Dublin Historical Record

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New Book - Introduction - Irish Civil War

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Co Galway - Community Archives & Heritage Group - Conference

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Co Waterford - Book Launch - Thomas Meagher

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You can see more about the book here: <https://irishacademicpress.ie/product/thomas-meagher/>

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More of our 2022 titles can be found here: <https://irishacademicpress.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Spring-2022-catalogue.pdf>

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Co Louth—John Boyle O'Reilly Summer School

The Old Drogheda Society will be hosting its Annual John Boyle O'Reilly School in the Governor's House, Millmount on Saturday July 2nd.

This year's theme is "Divided Families The Civil War in Drogheda" and examines the social and political scene in Drogheda and its surroundings as the Irish War of Independence ends and Irish Civil War begins in June 1922.

Talks will give new insights into the Civil War in Drogheda, and the incidents surrounding the shelling of Millmount Tower just one hundred years ago as well as details of the conflict in Louth, and the impact it had on ordinary people living in Drogheda and its surrounding districts.

In addition to this there will also be a talk on the Irish involvement in the military service of France and Great Britain over two centuries including in the Battle of Waterloo to better understand how Irish military service evolved in the century before the Civil War.

This will be followed by a tour of the Battle of Waterloo Exhibition recently opened in Millmount Tower.

Tickets €15 including Lunch from The Governor's House, Millmount or Tel: 041 – 9833097 or online from [Eventbrite](#)

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