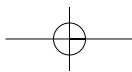
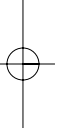
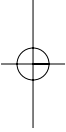


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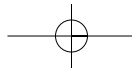
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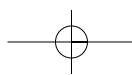
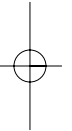
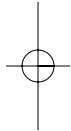
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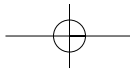


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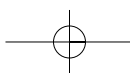
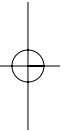
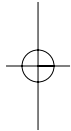
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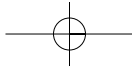
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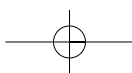
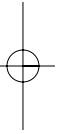
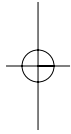
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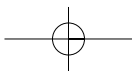
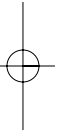
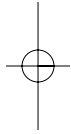
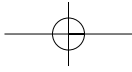




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NEW DIRECTIONS

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After a twenty year publishing pause the last ten years has seen a great deal of activity from Burke's Peerage. On the reference side four volumes of *Burke's Landed Gentry (The Kingdom in Scotland, The Ridings of York, The Principality of Wales and The North West)*, the *107th Burke's Peerage and World Orders of Knighthood and Merit* have all been produced. A number of well received non-reference works have also been published including *London's Waterfront* and *Right Royal Bastards*.

Remaining true to our restated publishing mission all of the genealogical works published in the past decade have been digitised and are now available in searchable form online in partnership with the Origins Network. Where possible Burke's will also be rolling out digital copies of the books published on CD-ROM in the years ahead.

Having delivered an extensive collection of genealogical reference works, we are now switching our activities towards two different, if not entirely new, areas. Firstly, Burke's will be returning to our archive to bring valuable past works into the electronic age and secondly offering more personalised services for those families within the books that would like to amend or enhance their records.

A quick scan of the Burke's Peerage bibliography in *Burke's Family Index* illustrates the large number of books produced by Burke's Peerage since the very first Peerage was published by John Burke back in 1826. This publication list runs to more than two hundred titles. While many of these are the regular editions of the Peerage

and Landed Gentry other fascinating reference works have also been produced down the years. These include books such as *Burke's Extinct Peerages*, *Burke's Extinct Baronetcies*, *Burke's Royal Families*, *Burke's Colonial Gentry* and, of course, *Burke's Irish Family Records*.

While some of these titles have been out of print for many years, they contain a great deal of valuable genealogical information that is not readily available in a searchable format anywhere. To address this gap Burke's will digitise much of our historical content and make it available online via the Burke's Peerage website over the next three years.

The first two titles to receive this treatment are the 1976 edition of *Burke's Irish Family Records*, which is also, of course, being reprinted and the 1883 edition of *Burke's Extinct Peerages* which will be digitised and become part of the Burke's Peerage online library in the first half of 2008.

While drawing on the content of past publications, Burke's is also continuing to work on new titles. A second edition of *Burke's Royal Families of the World, Europe and Latin America* is in the pipeline and will arrive in 2009.

The second half of the revised focus for Burke's is the introduction of personalised editorial and publishing services for those included within the books and databases that we produce.

The recently introduced Burke's Peerage & Gentry Record Updating Service allows individuals and families to amend and update their online Burke's Peerage record between editions of our reference works. This facility is one that has been requested

by many that access Burke's Peerage online. Details of how you can request such an update are included at the foot of this piece.

Building upon this core updating service, Burke's will also be introducing Burke's Peerage & Gentry Enhanced Family Records and Burke's Pedigree Books in 2008.

Enhanced Family Records will allow Burke's families to build on their standard entry by creating an article that explores their family history. Articles will be around three of four pages in length, include family images and photographs and be created by a professional journalist with family history expertise.

Burke's Peerage & Gentry Pedigree Books will, effectively, be the hardcopy equivalent of the enhanced family record. Inspired by the Burke's pedigree books produced by Henry Farnham Burke for the Darwin, De Trafford and Smijth families in the late 1880s and early 1890s, they will include a history of Burke's Peerage, a family history article and an updated Burke's genealogical record for the family in question.

To launch this new focus for Burke's Peerage what better place to start than *Burke's Irish Family Records*? While out of print for a number of years, demand for access to the book and the

content therein has remained strong. We are, therefore, delighted to be able to reprint the book in association with the Burke's Peerage Partnership. To enhance the research value of the book I am pleased to note that we have included a CD-ROM with searchable PDF files of the book's content. As a bonus Burke's have also included additional searchable PDF files of other Burke's Landed Gentry titles published in the past few years on the CD-ROM as well.

I trust that you find the book and associated digital content interesting and useful and would welcome any comments or suggestions that you might have.

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INTRODUCTION TO FACSIMILE EDITION

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This is a reprint of the fifth edition of Irish genealogies published by Burke's, although that numeration could be debated. The so-called first edition was debatably so, being in fact a re-issue with a supplement of the Irish supplement to the two-volume ninth edition of Burke's Landed Gentry of Great Britain, and indeed Burke's Landed Gentry had included Irish families as early as the first edition of 1833-37 (then styled 'Commoners of Great Britain and Ireland'); a second edition of 'The Irish Landed Gentry' followed in 1904 and a third in 1912. The contemporary politics of Ireland meant that the fourth edition of the 'Irish Landed Gentry' did not appear until 1958, and the present one eighteen years later, by which time the term 'Landed Gentry' seemed inappropriate. The editor in 1976 defined this book as 'a collection of narrative pedigrees of individual Irish families which do not have hereditary peerages or baronetcies', and this is probably the largest collection of Irish genealogies ever published in one volume.

But who are 'Landed Gentry'? those whom John Burke styled 'Commoners' in 1833-37 he defined as 'enjoying Territorial Possessions or High Official Rank, but uninvested with Heritable Honours', and re-styled them 'Landed Gentry' in later editions. Selection then was based on ownership of land, and their estates averaged around 1,000 acres (say 400 hectares). In the 21st century we have to remember that a century and a half ago, before banks were as secure as they are today, before shareholding in joint stock companies had evolved to its current

sophistication and when agriculture was the largest industry in the country, land was the safest way to hold and retain capital, yielding rent rather than dividends. One could perhaps describe landownership as investment in the agricultural industry with an added perquisite of country sports. The decline of agriculture in these islands, especially the agricultural recession of the 1920s and '30s when land was a liability rather than an asset, together with imposition by Lloyd-George and his successors of Estate Duty and Inheritance Tax has meant that prudent people of substance have moved their assets away from land and into the Stock Exchange, if not even offshore. The modern equivalents of the Landed Gentry of the past have no land at all, or just enough to graze their children's ponies, and the chief executive of Ryanair is mightier than most dukes. Landowning is no longer a badge of people of distinction.

In Ireland this process has been more marked, due to the added pressures of natural and political events, not least famine and civil war in the 19th and 20th centuries, adding to the enforced break-up of larger estates following the Land Purchase Act of 1903. Some 80% of the families in this book represent the 'Protestant Ascendancy' whose ancestors were mostly British, with a few Huguenots from France, who acquired Irish lands one way or another in the 16th and 17th centuries; most of the others are either old Irish families who managed to survive or the Anglo-Norman families who had settled in the 12th and 13th centuries, and were assimilated, becoming, it was said, *hibernicis ipsis hibernior* – more Irish

than the Irish themselves – including our founders, the Burke family (originally de Burgh).

In 1976, on a rough sample of this book, about one quarter of heads of families were still on their ancestral lands, another quarter had relinquished their lands but remained in Ireland, and the remainder had emigrated, with a higher proportion of the younger sons and daughters, joining the Irish Diaspora. This does not apply only to the survivors of the 'Protestant Ascendancy', but equally to the older Irish families for of the current representers of the fourteen recognised chiefships, only seven remain in Ireland; three are living in Britain, one (O'Callaghan) is a Spanish and one (O'Neill) a Portuguese nobleman, both descended from the 'Wild Geese' who left Ireland following defeat of the Catholic Jacobites loyal to King James II by the Protestant King William III in 1690-91. The Fox is living in Australia and the O'Donnell of Tirconnell is a Franciscan missionary in Zimbabwe. However readers will not find the Chiefs of O'Neill, O'Brien (Lord Inchiquin) nor O'Donnell in this volume as the first two were linked to hereditary peerages and the O'Donnell genealogy was unpublished. Your present editor takes the view that Scottish and Irish Chiefs are a more ancient aristocracy than most peerages, recalling that the Irish chiefly families and their Scottish kindred have the oldest documented genealogies in western Europe; therefore all the current recognised Chiefs can be found in the 107th

(2003) edition of Burke's Peerage and Baronetage including, published for the first time, the O'Donnell chiefly genealogy with their 'Wild Geese' collateral branches across Europe.

The Irish hereditary knights are a unique category, clearly analogous to baronets, who have challenged classification. There were three (possibly originally four) such titles but the title of the White Knight, surnamed Fitzgibbon, is dormant (the present Fitzgibbon of Kerry, listed here, is a possible claimant), and the 24th Knight of Kerry, 'The Green Knight' is also the 6th Fitzgerald of Valencia Baronet and lives in London. Being a baronet, he is listed in the Peerage. However the Fitzgerald Knights of Glin, 'the Black Knights' despite their hereditary title created before 1299, and still living in their ancestral Glin Castle, built 1260, have long been classified as Landed Gentry, and so appear in this volume. However your present editor considers the 29th and present Knight of Glin to be an hereditary aristocrat, and he will also be found in the 107th edition (2003) of Burke's Peerage and Baronetage.

A recent major landmark in Irish genealogy has been the publication in 2004, some 350 years after it was written, of the Great Book of Genealogies of Duaid Mac Firbis, which opens up a major source of Irish and indeed Scottish medieval genealogy, and hopefully it will be possible in the future to do more justice to older Irish families, as well as to their cousins in the West Highlands of Scotland.