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To the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa

On behalf of the Embassy of Ireland to Canada I congratulate the British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa on it's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and welcome registrants to the virtual annual conference on 26-27 October. The conference "Teaglach Gaelach: A Celebration of Irish Family History" will bring together expert Irish genealogists and avid family historians from Canada, Ireland and elsewhere to share their knowledge and engage with one another.

An important new resource for genealogists became available on 30 June 2022, when the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland was launched. This is an open-access resource, freely and permanently available online to all those interested in Ireland's deep history at home and abroad. The Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland is the outcome of a five-year State-funded programme of research entitled 'Beyond 2022' funded by the Government of Ireland under Project Ireland 2040 through the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.

Family history and genealogy are the inspiration for many people to visit Ireland, and we invite you to visit (or revisit) our beautiful country as you pursue your research.

I wish you the best of luck with your 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference and offer my sincere congratulations on this significant milestone.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Concannon".

H.E. John Concannon  
Ambassador of Ireland to Canada

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