From: James Smith <james.smith.2@bc.edu>
Date: October 22, 2011 6:41:31 PM GMT+01:00

To: "Nuala.NiMhuircheartaigh@dfa.ie" < Nuala.NiMhuircheartaigh@dfa.ie >

Cc: Claire McGettrick <clairemcgettrick@gmail.com>,

Subject: Fwd: Website Details

Hi Nuala,

See Evelyn Glynn's email regarding the Good Shepherd Limerick Laundry Ledgers below -- very concerning that these historical artifacts are in the possession of a local pub owner? Perhaps Senator McAleese could work, with the help of Evelyn, to contact the person in question (the owner of the White House pub in Limerick) and request access to the registers to determine if they help with the Committee's task of creating a narrative of State interaction, e.g., the ledgers might reveal whether government departments and/or state-related businesses engaged the services of the laundry in Limerick, perhaps CIE, the Department of Agriculture, State hospitals, other State institutions?

You can see Evelyn's email below, but do come back to me if you would like any further assistance in this regard. The lecture on Monday night is being presented by JFM's Claire McGettrick based on the same Powerpoint presentation shared with the Committee on Sept. 9.

Best jim

Begin forwarded message:

Prom: "evglynn <a href="evglynn" < evglynn <a href="evglyn

To: James Smith < james.smith.2@bc.edu>

Subject: Re: Website Details

Thanks James, I will get on to John the webdesigner regarding the size of the published materials and see if he can increase the resolution. He is on holidays at the moment. In the meantime I will scan the images and forward them to you. It might take a little bit of digging to locate them right at the moment ... so it will be a few days. With regards the state function, I have no idea if this is of any help to you but I do know that the laundry ledgers were bought by the owner of the White House pub in Limerick and are displayed on a shelf in the pub!(That sounds a bit mad I know)I had no luck in getting permission to look at them but I do think they are of huge historical importance and would give valuable insight into business side of the laundry etc. Apparently the nuns asked him to stop showing them to people and he has respected their wishes...

I would have loved for you to see the exhibition. The opening night was quite special. John Gilligan and Dr. Kieran Cashell gave two very impassioned, powerful and honest acknowedgement to the women past and present. And there is alot of interest for Monday's talk. I'm really looking forward to it.

Kind regards,

Evelyn

---- Original Message -----

From: "James Smith" < james.smith.2@bc.edu>

To: evglynn@

Sent: Friday, 21 October, 2011 5:04:16 PM

Subject: Fwd: Website Details

Hi Evelyn,

The website looks fabulous ... congratulations again ... and I love the images.

I looks at some of the documents but were unable to read some of them as the print is so small. I tried printing them but not much better. If you have originals and can scan and forward I would love to read them ... also, if there is any reference to any state function I want to forward to Senator McAleese too.

Again, my only regret is that I can't be there in person ... I know Claire is using my powerpoint, so I hope that makes some small contribution.

Best jim

----- Original Message ----- Subject: Website Details

Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2011 15:29:37 +0100 (IST)

From: evglynn(

To: Claire McGettrick <clairemcgettrick@gmail.com>

Hi Claire,

Just a quick update. Website is up and going. www.magdalenelaundrylimerick.com (Breaking the Rule of Silence). It looks like there will be a good crowd coming to the talk! Launch went well - John Gilligan was great.

See you Monday,

Evelyn

James Smith
Associate Professor
English Department & Irish Studies Program
Boston College
617-552-1596
smithbt@bc.edu

James Smith
Associate Professor
English Department & Irish Studies Program
Boston College
617-552-1596
smithbt@bc.edu