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The first Michael F. Crowley Lecture for the 2005–2006 series was held on October 20th at the LaForge Casino restaurant. Nearly fifty people turned out to hear Professor William Matthews of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, talk about the Irish Rising of 1916 and how it led to the 1919–1921 insurrection against Britain. Dr. Matthews, whose family roots include the Matthews brothers who were incarcerated with Robert Emmett following the 1803 uprising, accompanied his presentation with film clips of the 1916–1919 era. The lecture series will continue in December. *See the announcement with more information on page 5.*

MICHAEL F. CROWLEY FIRST LECTURE WELL ATTENDED



Pictured is President Arnold presenting an Irish History video along with an honorarium to guest speaker Dr. William Matthews.

NEW WEBSITE COMING IN NOVEMBER

Watch for the Museum's new web site www.newportirishhistory.org, coming in November. We'll soon be online with the story of the Museum, a Home Page, Events, the Newsletter, History and much more!

NEW LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

Board member Joyce Botelho has donated three books on tracing Irish ancestry: *Tracing Your Dublin Ancestors* by James Ryan and Brian Smith; *Tracing Your Kerry Ancestors* by Michael O'Connor, and *Tracing Your Donegal Ancestors* by Godfrey Duffy. These excellent guides describe in detail church records, civil records, and probate records among other resources.

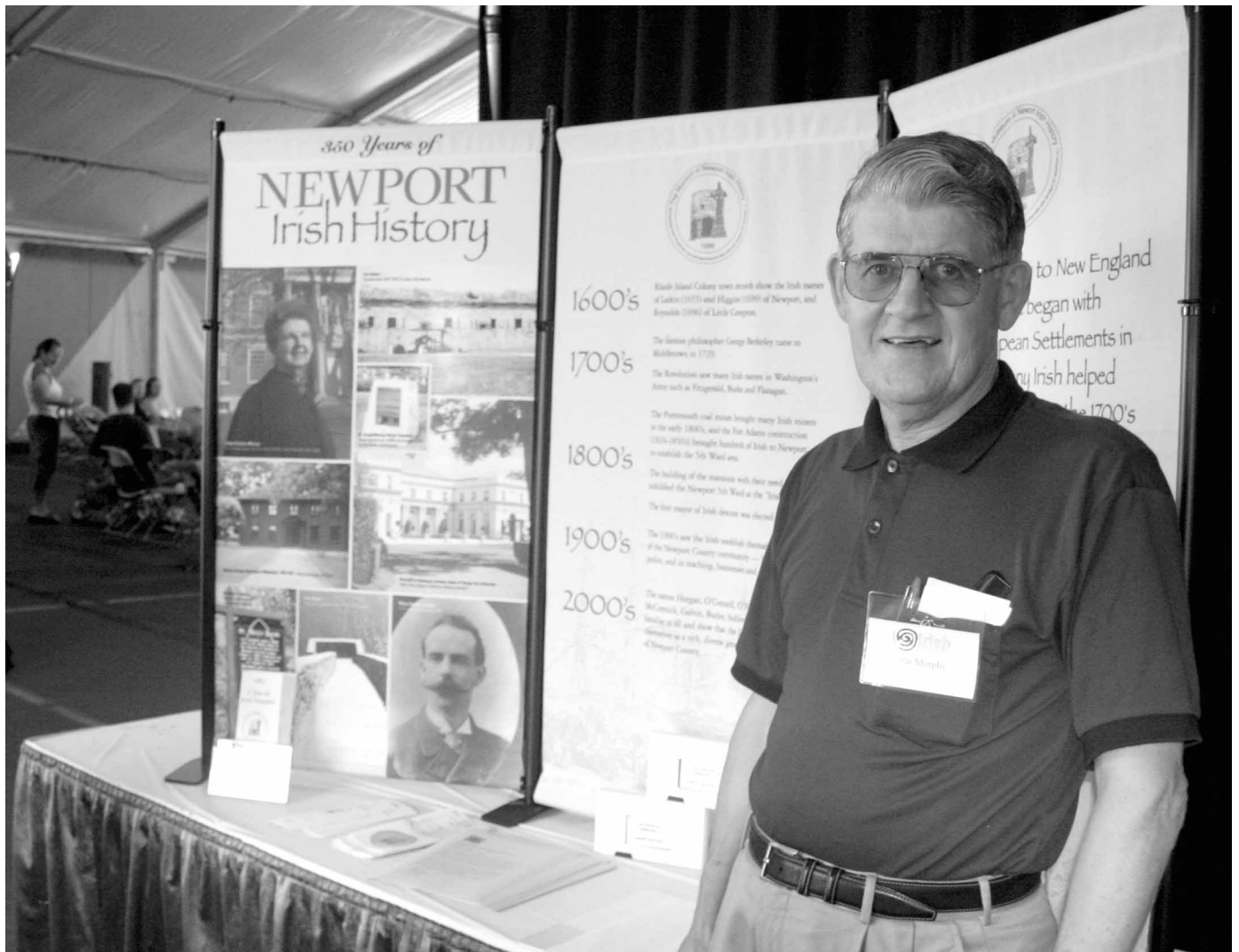
Several books have also been donated by Fr. George McCarthy of St. Mary's Church:

The McCarthy-Newport-Kinsale Connection

In his book, *The McCarthys in Early American History*, author Michael O'Brien reviews the history of the McCarthy family and quotes from O'Hara's "Irish Pedigrees" that Muireadach, son of the Carthach, became King of Munster in 1045 and assumed the name "MacCarthaigh", later anglicized to "MacCarthy". And, according to the Annals of the Four Masters, 30 of the Kings of Ireland – and 61 of her Saints – descended from the MacCarthy family, which also had the glory of producing the first Christian King in Ireland.

For many MacCarthy's immigration to America transformed "MacCarthy" to many alternate spellings such as "Macarte" and "Mecarte", but most often to "McCarthy". The first McCarthy noted in Newport records is a Charles McCarthy who was awarded some 100 acres of land in Narragansett in 1677, apparently for his part in the King Philip Wars. In his will of 1682 he indicates that he came to America via the West Indies, sent there from Kinsale by Cromwell's "cleansing" of Ireland. His brother was banished to Spain from Kinsale at the same time. Another McCarthy, this time spelled "McCarty", Timothy McCarty, was a prominent mariner living in Newport. The Trinity Church archives of 1744 record the marriages of Eleanor and Judith McCarty, daughters of Timothy. Today's Newport telephone directory lists many McCarthys as well as McCartys.

Families of County Kerry by O'Laughlin: 1994 Irish Genealogical Foundation; *The McCarthys of Early American History* by Michael O'Brien: Garner & Co., reprint of 1921 edition (1968) (*see the article in this newsletter on the Newport-McCarthy-Kinsale connection*); *Autobiographic Memoirs of Hon. Patrick J. McCarthy* (edited by his daughter, Mary Bannon): Providence Visitor Press, 1927 (*Note: Patrick McCarthy was a very active lawyer and was Mayor of Providence in 1907.*); *1898 Centenary Souvenir Atlas and History of Ireland* by P.W. Joyce LL.D., and *Story of Ireland* by A.M. Sullivan: Murphy and McCarthy Publishers, which contains some wonderful old photos of late 1800's Ireland.



Above: Pat Murphy, one of the several Museum Board members who tended the booth.

MUSEUM SPONSERS BOOTH AT IRISH MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Museum participated in the annual Irish Waterfront Music Festival in September with a booth in the Cultural/Music Tent. Historic pictures and displays of Museum activities were featured at the booth as well as a continuous showing of the *History of the Irish in Newport* video. Thanks to a visitor log provided by Museum Membership Chair Shannon Buss, the Museum received about 40 inquiries from potential members. Additionally, the Museum obtained several new memberships during the festival.

While scanning the Newport Library's recent acquisitions last year, the editor came across a new book by actress Maureen O'Hara entitled *Tis Herself*: Thorndike Press, Maine, 2004. In her autobiography, Maureen O'Hara (her married name was Price) revealed that she was the first person to be recognized as an Irish Citizen by the United States Government. This came about in 1946 when she applied for U.S. citizenship (dual, with Irish citizenship) and the U.S. authorities wanted to list her as a citizen of Britain. When Prime Minister Eamon De Valera heard of this he sent instructions to the Irish envoys in Washington

to change the process for ALL Irish citizens who followed. Below is a picture of her certificate of Naturalization dated January 25, 1946, showing her former nationality as "Irish".

A STORY OF HISTORIC INTEREST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	
ORIGINAL TO BE GIVEN TO THE PERSON NATURALIZED	No. 6637127
Petition No. 127576	
Personal description of holder as of date of naturalization: Age 21 years, sex Female complexion Light color of eyes Hazel color of hair Auburn height 5 feet 7½ inches weight 125 pounds, visible distinctive marks None Marital status Married former nationality Irish I certify that the description above given is true, and that the photograph affixed hereto is a likeness of me.	
 Maureen Fitzsimons Price (Complete and true signature of holder) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SOUTHERN DIST. OF CALIFORNIA	
Be it known, that at a term of the District Court of The United States held pursuant to law at Los Angeles on JAN 25 1946 MAUREEN FITZSIMONS PRICE then residing at 1435 Stone Canyon Rd., West Los Angeles, Cal. intends to reside permanently in the United States (when so required by the Naturalization Laws of the United States), had in all other respects complied with the applicable provisions of such naturalization laws, and was entitled to be admitted to citizenship, thereupon ordered that such person be and (she was admitted as a citizen of the United States of America. In testimony whereof the seal of the court is hereunto affixed this 25th day of January in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-six and of our Independence the one hundred and seventieth.	
It is a violation of the U. S. Code (and punishable as such) to copy, print, photograph, or otherwise illegally use this certificate.	
Edward L. Smith U. S. District Court By:  Deputy Clerk	
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	

SECOND MICHAEL F. CROWLEY LECTURE DECEMBER 1 – SAVE THE DATE

Dr. Paul O'Malley, Director of the Graduate Program in History at Providence College, will be the speaker at the 2nd Michael F. Crowley Lecture on Thursday, December 1. Dr. O'Malley's talk, entitled "Ireland and the Spanish Civil War: A Foreign Policy Racy¹ of Irish Soil", will center on President Eamon De Valera's struggle to remain neutral in the Spanish Conflict, which drew in armed forces from Italy, Germany and Soviet Russia. Despite his efforts Ireland had armed units fighting on both sides of the conflict. A further notice will be sent prior to this talk.

1.) Professor O'Malley explains that the term "Racy" has been used in the past as a way of commending the organization or policy as exhibiting the excellence of the Irish race.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Museum welcomes recent new members

From Newport:

Dan Bloodwell

Michael and Donna Henlyshy

From South Dartmouth, Mass.:

Barbara Breen & Family

From Sandwich, Mass.:

Judy Dingley

WELCOME TO ALL AND THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

COCKTAIL PARTY FUNDRAISER NOVEMBER 16

The Museum will hold a cocktail party fundraiser on Wednesday, November 16 at 6:00pm at Vincent's on the Pier, Howard's Wharf, Newport. Invitations have been sent out for this elegant evening at one of Newport's nicest waterfront restaurants. Vincent's has kindly donated their fine hors d'oeuvres so come enjoy an evening of conversation with friends and history on the historic Newport waterfront.

For more information call Skip at (401) 683-4137.

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