Community archaeology in Ireland – the Historic Graves Project

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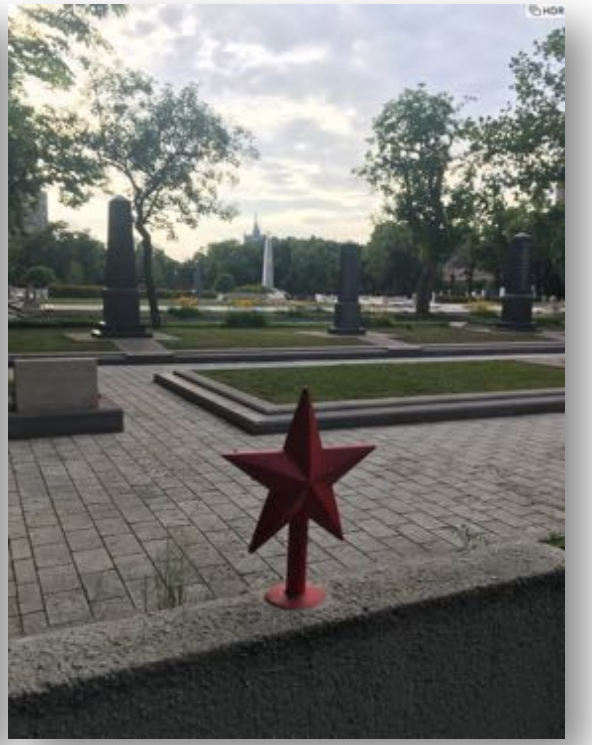
Kerepesi cemetery, Budapest

Family

Art



Politics

Where are your people buried?

- Your parents? (2?)
- Your Grand Parents (4?)
- Your Great Grand Parents (8?)
  - Name of graveyard
  - Have you been there?
  - Have you recorded it?

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A community based heritage project which digitally records and publishes historic graveyard surveys and stories.

Local stories uniting to form a national resource with a global audience.

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RECENT BLOG POSTS

Defining a mass grave

Do a google search for "mass grave Ireland" and Tuam comes up, top of the list.The phrase mass grave is used descriptively... Read more

RECENT GRAVEYARDS

St Mary's New Ross

Town/location: New Ross
Province (County): Wexford (IE)
View graveyard

Status & History in Fort Hill, Galway

Graveyards are about history and social status.
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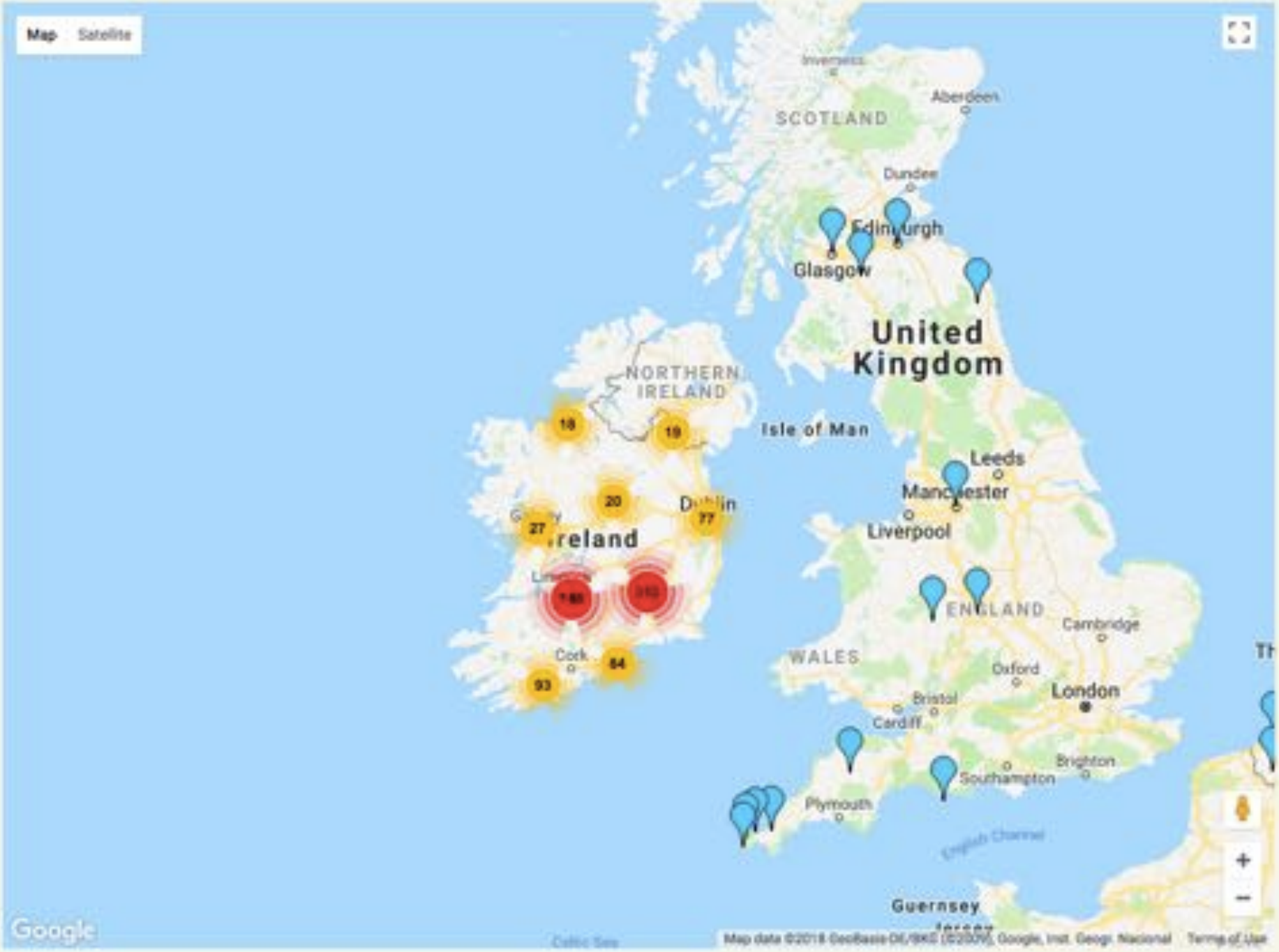
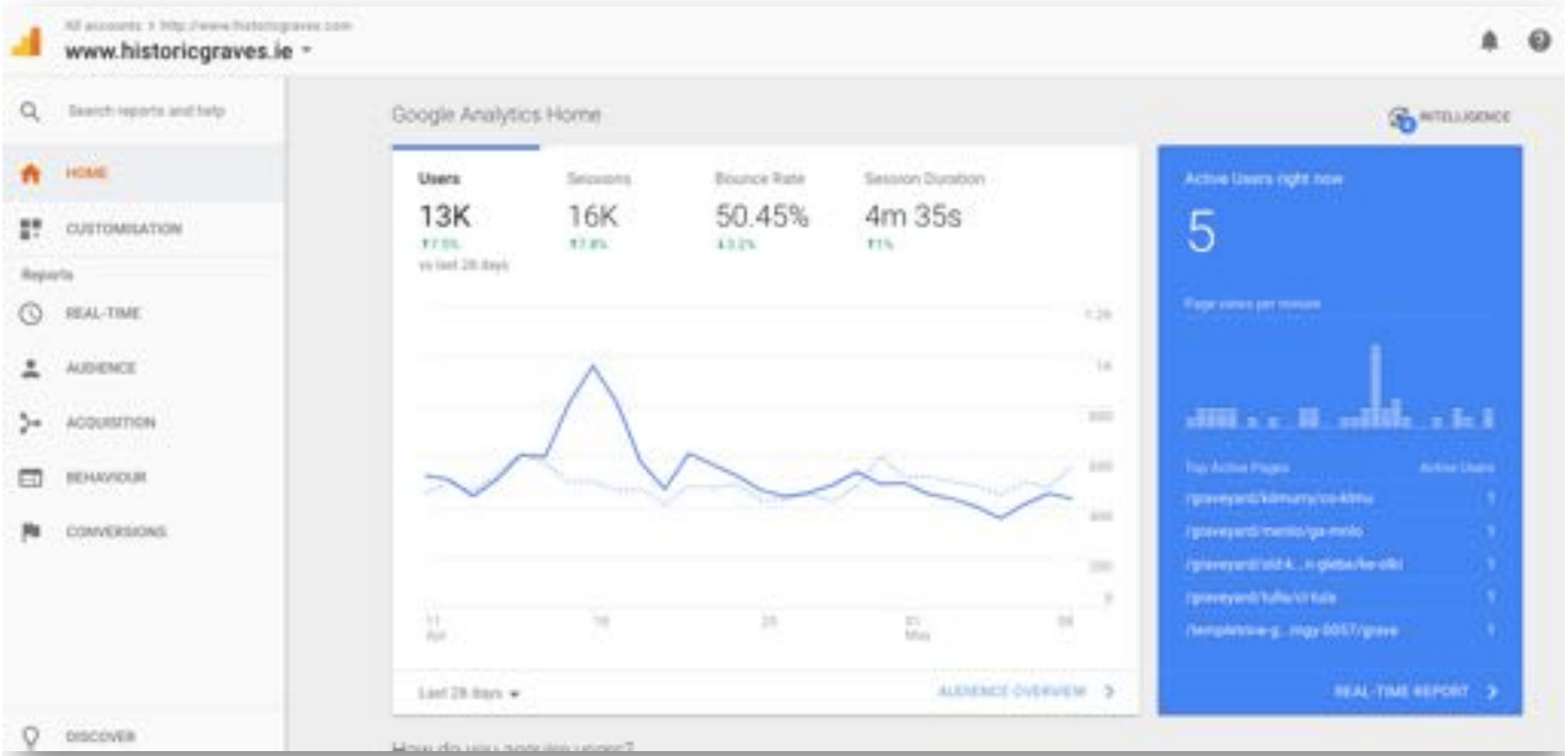
Map of surveyed graveyards

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5
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AUDIENCE OVERVIEW
REAL-TIME REPORT

Drumahillen, drone photograph

Three Simple Steps to Survey an Historic Graveyard

STEP 1

1. Number the memorials & take 1 photograph per numbered memorial

STEP 2

1. Record each numbered memorial

STEP 3

1. Draw a relative location sketch plan of all numbered memorials on A4 sheet
2. Combine all records in a Graveyard Folder

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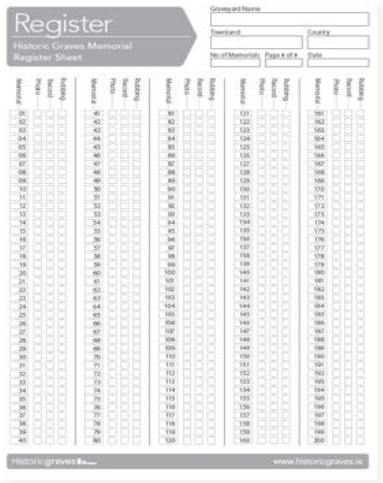
The Graveyard Folder

Every Historic Graveyard Survey builds a Graveyard Folder which contains

1. Grave Memorial Register
2. Sketch Plan
3. Thumbnail Contact Sheets (colour)
4. Numerically filed record sheets

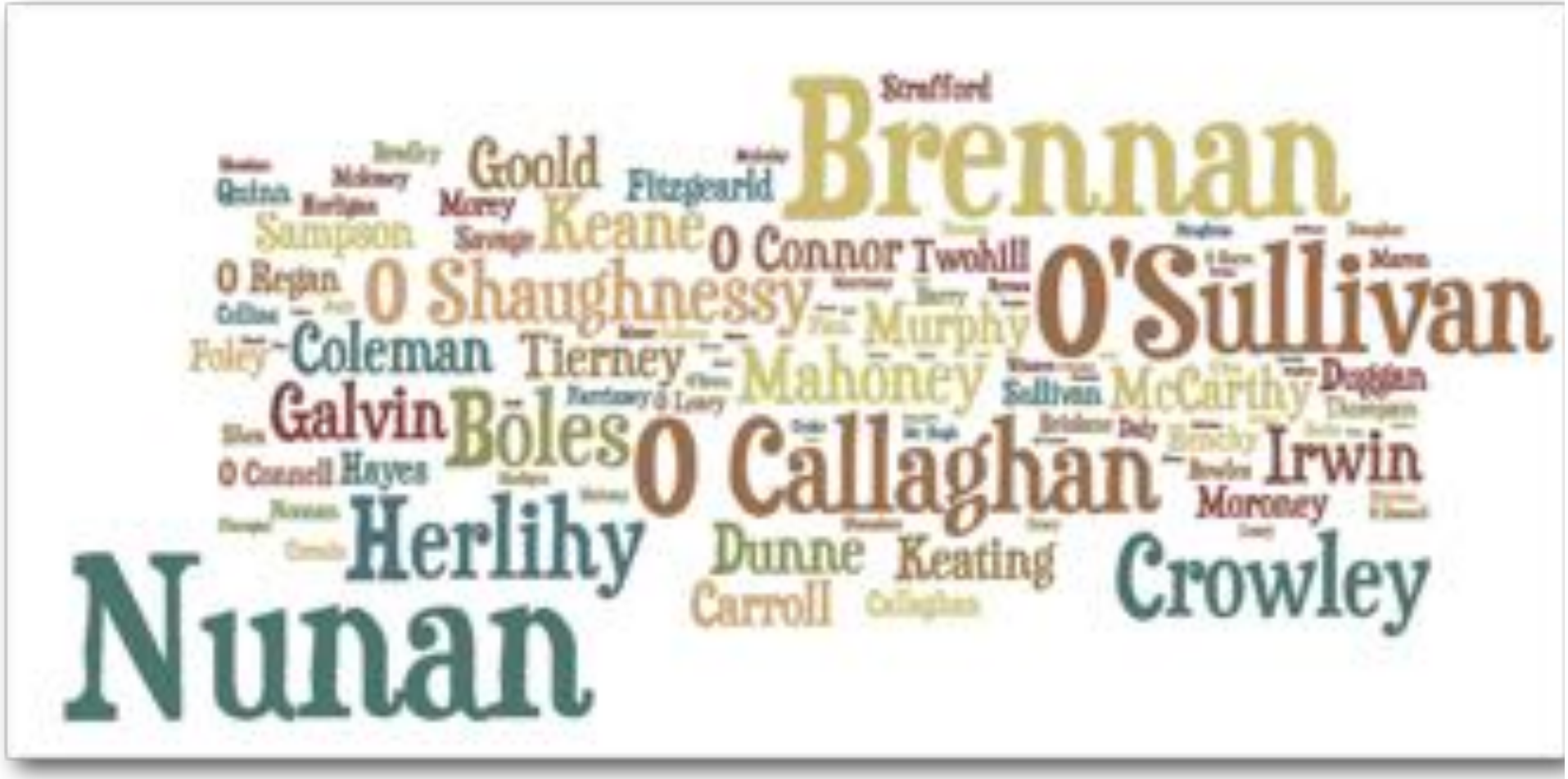
Register



Sketch Plan

Contact Sheets

Record Sheets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Keane
Sampson
O Connor
Twohill
O'Sullivan
O Regan
O Shaughnessy
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Mahoney
Sullivan
McCarthy
Doggan
Galvin
Boles
O Callaghan
Irwin
O Connell
Hayes
Moroney
Herlihy
Dunne
Keating
Crowley
Carroll
Nunan

Map of surveyed graveyards

What does an archaeologist bring to a community?

1. Survey Systems=Data
2. Describe
3. Interpret
    1. Test hypotheses
    2. Tell Stories
4. Archive
    1. Paper
    2. Digital
5. Always positive
6. Always listening (learning)

What does a community bring to a heritage project?

1. **Ownership**
2. Work
3. Expertise in people & **families** in the place
4. Continuity
5. **Content** –communities have content "coming out of their ears"
    1. **Metadata**
    2. **Geolocation**
6. **Reach** – Posters/Videos = **content** = not ours but communities.
    1. They share with us and it then becomes **our** story to tell. **Better** they also tell their story.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhHphbIetBg