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A Sheansailéir agus a mhuintir uilig na hOllscoile<sup>i</sup>,

Today we honour **JOSEPH DANIEL WALSH** designer, craftsman, decorative artist<sup>ii</sup>, sculptor in wood, metal, glass, stone, and resin. He has presented his work in solo and group exhibitions, and received commissions from private and public collections, in **Ireland** (National Museum of Ireland – Decorative Arts; Sacred Heart Church, Minane Bridge, Cork; St. Mary's Church, Innishannon, Cork), **England** (Devonshire Collection, Chatsworth House), **USA** (Museum of Arts and Design, New York; Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum, New York; The Mint Museum of Craft and Design, Charlotte, North Carolina; John H. Bryan Collection, Illinois), **Japan** (Embassy of Japan, Dublin); **Uruguay** (Rafael Vinoly collection); and **France** (The Pompidou Centre, Paris). The Financial Times has recommended his unique pieces to the private collector on several occassions. He is not yet forty.

In 1999 the nineteen-year-old Joseph Walsh opened his design studio and furniture workshop. The international challenge that he faced may be grasped by opening Charlotte & Peter Fiell's book, published two years earlier, "1000 Chairs" hackneyed subjects that have been so populated by artists that one cannot imagine the possibility of a fresh take [on chairs, or tables, or beds]" iv.

Twelve years later in 2011 on the occasion of an exhibition of Walsh's work in the Sears Gallery, Dublin, Oliver Sears wrote<sup>v</sup>

"With extraordinary technical skill the material is allowed to reveal its mystery. Wondrous free form design has created a body of work in a language of its own. The functionality of the [Walsh] tables and chairs, [and canopy beds] is never compromised ... But such is the seeming impossibility of the designs that the viewer is left believing that he is seeing something for the very first time. Van Gogh does this with landscape. Morandi with still life and Hockney with flowers."

High praise indeed!

But seeing is believing. The *Enignum Free Form Pair* (2013)<sup>vi</sup> of chairs in Walsh's *Enignum Series*<sup>vii</sup> may be seen on the Walsh Studio website. The chairs are "a fluid, continuous, uninterrupted sculpted form"<sup>viii</sup>, in layered bent olive ash, finished with white oil, and upholstered respectively in five and eight interlocking pillows of green suede of different shapes. Each chair sits on three bent legs, two short, ending at right angles on the floor. The third leg of each chair stands *effacé* in the third ballet position, asking to be placed *tête-à-tête* as a post-modern courting bench. What fortunate young man would not wish to engage in conversation his Gráinne, his Guinevere, his Iseult, his Beatrice, amid such beauty?

Flat photos are no substitute for immediate experience of a piece of furniture as sculpture: writing at it, sitting on it, lying in it, in the *Enignum Canopy Bed* (2010)<sup>ix</sup>, feeling the texture of its oiled frame, smelling the olive ash, looking at the play of light on material mass, or moiré patterns in the drapery of the silk organza canopy. Changing one's position repeats the enjoyment; or, behaving as a child, tasting, touching, bouncing, banging<sup>x</sup>, crawling, in and through the space-filling *Erosion I Low Table* (2009)<sup>xi</sup> of built-up rippled and olive ash, delights all the senses.

Knowledge perceived through the senses is the first mode of knowing. The artist-designer in his or her work is possessed by it; the connoisseur searches for it in the finished piece.

The second mode of knowing is intellectual, an unrestricted desire to know the answers to questions: What? Why? How?, repeated with greater and greater precision, until the savant<sup>xii</sup> can place the answers in a logical structure. Such

questions unfold in very different ways for the artist-designer, and the connoisseur of the completed work, in moments of insight, surprise and delight.

For Joseph Walsh the questions behind his recent work were initially inchoate: "I looked at each [piece of my] work [from the previous 5-8 years that were brought together in the 2008 'Realisations' exhibition in New York] and wondered how ... to break some of the rules I had created around my work, ... the restrictions, the crisp lines, the respectful principles, ... [how] to find the essence of each piece, [and] how I was to achieve what I could not [yet] visualize, even if I felt it very passionately." He has given us a magnificent answer to these questions worthy of the very best of reflective practitioners xiv.

"One evening when the studio was quiet ... I started to explore the idea of bending the [layers of] wood free form to create the desired shape, instead of building [up] solid wood [in layers] and carving [into them]. ... As soon as I began to create the scale model with the layers of wood, placing them where essential and allowing the material to find the path, I realized that this was the way I had to make the actual piece too. The wood moved and interrupted what I could not imagine; it was as if I pointed the direction and it would find the way." The result, in the words of Oliver Sears, is "jaw dropping". This method of design, driven by scale models in free-form material, is very different from conventional design practice in engineering or architecture<sup>xvi</sup>. We honour Joseph Walsh for this today.

Joseph Walsh is self-taught<sup>xvii</sup>. To understand him we must seek out his dúchas, ei le frodorol, son pays, his genus loci, his native place<sup>xviii</sup>, his family, his cultural landscape of nature, materials<sup>xix</sup>, machines and tools, the sources of his art. So I invite you to join me on an brief journey in cinematic time, begging the indulgence of any historians among you for the liberties we take, as we travel ten miles from the industrial city of Cork<sup>xx</sup> to his áit dúchais in the Barony of Kinalea, in the parishes of Tubrid, Tracton Abbey, and Ballyfeard<sup>xxi</sup>, in the townland of Fartha, between Minane Bridge and Riverstick, between Carrigaline and Kinsale<sup>xxii</sup>. We bring our sketchbooks.

We borrow today for our imaginary journey the horse-drawn carriage of the first President of the University. Its brass plate may have read 'XXIII Johnson (formerly Edden), Nelson Place, Cork. Makers of fine coaches, tandems, carriages, carts, and drays.'XXIV Before we enter the carriage, we sketch the chassis, lacquered carrosserie, and upholstered interior, with many questions posed graphically: why are the wooden wheels dished with the spokes arranged in a flat cone, how does an iron rim without nails or screws stay on the carriage wheel as it rattles over cobble stones, why does the number of leaves in the leaf-spring diminish towards the support points of the carriage? ... We imagine Joseph Walsh asking similar questions and recording them in his sketchbook.

On the way into town we stop at the Hive Iron Works and Foundry<sup>xxv</sup> in Hanover Street, now long gone, of course. Through the arch we imagine the Perrotts discussing the purchase of a self-acting steam-hammer for forging crankshafts of steam engines for delivery to the shipyards of nineteenth century Cork. The sales catalogue before them says 'James Nasmyth<sup>xxvi</sup>, Bridgewater Foundry, Manchester, inventor of the new steam hammer, famous for its powerful, rapid and precise action.' Joseph Walsh helped his father "building some farm machines and buildings in the winter when the busy farming season was past".

We make a detour up Wellington Road to invite Mr. Herbert Potter to join us, whose family members were landlords of the Walsh farms in Fartha<sup>xxvii</sup> from the early eighteenth century, until the Land Acts gave the Walshes freehold tenure. We imagine a feudal sense of duty in Mr. Potter's interest in the artistry of Joseph Walsh, and were he a time-traveller, he might commission a piece of furniture for his new 1850s house near St. Luke's Cross.

As we cross the river Lee, we sketch the warehouses with their masonry walls of rough-dressed Old Red Sandstone, trimmed in Cork White Limestone, the county colours. We make an imaginary stop at the Ford Tractor Works and Foundry, to buy a maintenance manual for vintage tractors on the Walsh farms, which the teenage Joseph Walsh helped to repair. On the road to Carrigaline we pass Douglas Community School where he studied metal work for a short time.

Two miles south of Carrigaline, on the marine alluvial floodplain at Minane Bridge, in the ancient townland of Tubrid, we find the remains of Tracton Abbey, one of the first 'foreign direct investments by a multinational' in Ireland. This 'green-field site' by the wooded Minane river, *an gaoire* in Irish, like The Gearagh on the river Lee, with oaks dominant, and ash, birch, hazel, willow, and alder also, present on the fertile soils coils The engineer-monks of the Cistercian Order brought their Rule, know-how and tools to build in stone, wood and iron, the Order's standard design for a consecrated "machine for living in" Welsh-speaking Cistercians Cistercians the white monks from Whit(e)land Abbey (Alba Landa) in Carmarthenshire built Tracton Abbey (Alba Tractus) in 1224-25, under the patronage of the Norman *de Barry* and the Irish *McCarthy* families Welsh means Welshman Welshman the Walsh family has lived on the lands of Tracton calmost 800 years.

Nearby, we visit the Sacred Heart Church of Minnane Bridge to admire the largest collection of early furniture by Joseph Walsh, an ecclesiastical commission: altartable, lectern, seating bench for two altar servers, side-table for liturgical vessels, priest's sedile with side-table for a missal, and a matched pair of wedding prie-dieux and chairs.

We turn west, 'passing carts of seaweed and sea-sand, fertilizer for the tillage farms' on the loamy upland soils derived from the under-lying sandstone sandstone hedgerows pass us by in a bocage of "prickly spine-bearing hawthorn and blackthorn, ash, elder, guelder rose, dog rose, wild cherry, crab apple, holly, hazel, spindle, wild damson and buckthorn".

We find the Ballintrideen<sup>xxxix</sup> Road. We stop when we reach the town-land of Slieveroe rising to the north on our right, and the town-land of Fartha on our left, our destination. Our attention is caught first by Heathburn House<sup>xl</sup> in Slieveroe. We begin to observe the trees and shrubs<sup>xli</sup> of its demesne<sup>xlii</sup> and the furniture and artifacts of its noble rooms<sup>xliii</sup>, but we see in the distance, Joseph Walsh, inviting us into his Studio, on the southern side of the road.

As we approach him, we see to the left of the entrance, the rear-elevation of a traditional three-bay farmhouse. It has been restored recently, and now has a fine

thatched<sup>xliv</sup> roof, sitting on white masonry walls with small windows of antique glass, set in green widow frames. A snug window in the hipped thatch of the western gable looks out from a sleeping loft. Through the front door we enter the kitchen and turn right to admire the great open chimneybreast with its crane for a cooking pot above the fire on the hearthstone. A cast-iron bellows from Pierce of Wexford is set into the floor, the mark of a strong farmer. An old framed newspaper photograph of a man driving a tractor, candlesticks, lamps, some crockery, sit on the wooden mantelpiece beneath an antique clock and school photograph – no JFK or perpetual lamp. A traditional dresser displays its delf ready for use on two country<sup>xlv</sup> tables with their painted benches, and red floral oil-cloth. They serve as the refectory for the craftsmen and women of the Studio. Visitors may enjoy morning coffee here, or in the grand parlour behind the chimneybreast, used originally for the Stations, or for receiving the landlord, but now decorated and furnished for the post-modern connoisseur. This is the house of Joseph's paternal grandfather, William Walsh.

We cross the farmyard to the large barn that once stored potatoes, onions, carrots, oats, ... harvested from the fields to the south. A great square arch divides the barn in two. To the right stands the Studio's display gallery and office, to the left the workshop and design studio, and to the rear facing full west, a recently planted orchard.

We enter the display gallery and examine the archive of work recorded in half-adozen A3 folders in chronological order. The office space upstairs is full of books, gifts from his maternal grandfather, Seamus Duignan, national and international civil servant, who put a fretsaw in Joseph's hand as a boy and fired his love for working wood into beautiful objects. The books<sup>xlvi</sup> are a record of the Masters from whom Joseph Walsh learned his craft: John Makepeace<sup>xlvii</sup> and his School for Craftsmen in Wood (1977-1989) at Parnham House, Dorset; its first resident tutor<sup>xlviii</sup>, Robert Ingham<sup>xlix</sup>; and their Masters<sup>l</sup>.

Joseph Walsh and his Studio Master Maker, Keisuke Kawai, Maker, Kenta Hirari, Senior Technician Russel Jacob, and Maker, Paul O'Brien, introduce us to the Lilium<sup>li</sup> project, that explores the symmetry of an exploding bulb, frayed in layers of

ash; form without function; that is, until a tabletop in glass, or other utilitarian dimension, is added for a connoisseur collector, and function follows form.

We end the journey in the workshop, with its stock of noble woods, looking at maquettes and scale models of work in progress, admiring craftsmen at work, the smell of sawdust, listening to the machines: 'band saw, combination dimension saw, planer thicknesser, spindle moulder, pillar drill, belt sander, disc sander, bobbin sander, router station, lathe, milling machine, veneer press, and their attendant tools and machines: cramps, jigs, chisels, gouges, planes, spokeshaves, horizontal shooting boards, veneer edging jigs, glue dispensers, compressors, dust extractors, vacuum cleaners, dehumidifiers, ... '

At the end of the working day,

there is a place for everything, and everything is in its place.

JOSEPH DANIEL WALSH I salute your achievements, I salute your family, your father John and mother Miriam, who nurtured your artistic gifts and encouraged you to find your own unique path as an artist, I salute the international guild of craftsmen and women whom you have welcomed to your Studio in Fartha.

On this auspicious day I wish you and your artistic enterprise long life and happiness.

Go mba fada buan sibh!

## Praehonorabilis Cancellarie, totaque Universitas!

Praesento vobis hunc meum filium, quem scio tam moribus quam doctrina habilem et idoneum esse qui admittatur, honoris causa, ad gradum Doctoratus in Artibus, idque tibi fide mea testor ac spondeo totique Academiae.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decorative\_arts

H 700mm x W 1000mm X L 1700mm; H 700mm x W 1050mm x L 1220mm

Also at <a href="http://www.josephwalshstudio.com/2011/index.php/current-work/enignum-pair">http://www.josephwalshstudio.com/2011/index.php/current-work/enignum-pair</a>

vii The website <a href="http://www.josephwalshstudio.com/2011/index.php/home">http://www.josephwalshstudio.com/2011/index.php/home</a> , presents the studio's current work, portfolio, archive and special projects. Photos and videos show the international scale of the Studio's achievement.

viii Sears. Op. cit. ante. Page 9.

ix Sears. Op. cit. ante. Pages 46 and 47. Edition: 12.

H 1965mm x W 2065mm x L 2500mm.

King size and Queen size versions are shown on the website

http://www.josephwalshstudio.com/2011/index.php/portfolio/enignum-canopy-bed

<sup>x</sup> To enjoy the musical vibration of a piece of sculpture, one must strike it and listen to the harmonics as they ring out and fade away. We can measure them with the instruments of physics. We can visualize them too, by following the recipe of Ernst Chladni (1756–1827): sprinkle sand uniformly on the glass top of the Enignum I Console Table (2011) [Sears. Op. cit. ante. Pages 64 and 65] and draw a violin bow vertically down its edge to make it vibrate. The sand, set in motion by the glass, reorganizes itself into beautiful patterns, posing a question, in the first instance to the mathematicians of the 18th century, to explain why a particular sand-pattern occurs and not another.

An interesting mathematical question for our time is the classification of the objects in Joseph Walsh's *oeuvre* according to topological genus, which is the largest number of non-intersecting simple closed curves that can be drawn on the surface of an object without separating it into disconnected parts i.e. when notional cuts are made along the curves. The genus of a ball is zero since no such curves can be drawn on its surface without separating it into two parts. The genus of a doughnut is one, since one, and no more than one, such curves can be drawn on its surface without separating it into two parts.

 $^{xi}$  Sears. Op. cit. ante. Pages 38 and 39. Edition: 12 + 2 artist proofs. H 550mm x W 885mm x L 1600mm. The *Erosion II Low Table* (2010) is on pages 54 and 55.

One Erosion Low Table is shown on the website

http://www.josephwalshstudio.com/2011/index.php/portfolio/erosion-i-low-table

xii The English language is impoverished in having but one verb 'to know', whereas most Indo-European languages have two or more: savoir et connaître; sapere et cognoscere; wissen und kennen; fios, eolas agus aithne;...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Chancellor and the entire community of the University

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ii</sup> The decorative arts are arts or crafts concerned with the design and manufacture of beautiful objects that are also functional. It includes interior design, but not usually architecture.

iii Benedikt Taschen Verlag, Köln,1997.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>iv</sup> Oliver Sears "Joseph Walsh - Enignum and other stories". Preface. First edition, 2011. Second and extended edition co-published by Joseph Walsh Studios and Atelier Projects, 2014. 79 pages.

v Sears. Op. cit. ante. <a href="http://www.oliversearsgallery.com/about/">http://www.oliversearsgallery.com/about/</a>

vi Sears. Op. cit. ante. Pages 52 and 53. Edition: one of a kind.

xiii Sears. Op. cit. ante. Page 9.

- xiv Donald A. Schön "The Reflective Practitioner: How Professionals Think in Action" London: Temple Smith, 1983.
- xv Sears. Op. cit. ante. Page 10.
- xvi "To design is to invent." [page 12] "The soul of a machine is a pile of paper" [Bruno Latour, page 210 n6] in Eugene S. Ferguson "Engineering and the Mind's Eye". The MIT Press, Cambridge, MA. 1992.

A conventional method of design: first imagine the desired object, in the mind's eye; draw it in plan, elevation and section; explore a range of suitable materials, and of processes for making it; analyse it to ensure compliance with the user's or patron's specifications; correct the design and prove it works; finally, send the drawings to the machine shop, factory, or builder, to have it made. Design: Disegno\*dessin\*drawing. See also

John Fernandez "Material Architecture – Emergent materials for innovative buildings and ecological construction". Elsevier-Architectural Press, Amsterdam, 2006+.

Mike Ashby and Kara Johnson "Materials and Design – The Art and Science of Material Selection in Product Design". 2002+

Michael F. Ashby "Materials and the Environment – Eco-Informed Material Choice". 2009+.

Michael F. Ashby "Materials Selection in Mechanical Design". 1992+.

- all published by Elsevier-Butterworth-Heinemann, Amsterdam, in various editions differing somewhat from each other.
- xvii He attended Belgooley Primary School and Douglas Community School, leaving at the age of twelve because of illness.
- xviii The languages of his native place are Irish, Welsh, French, Latin and English.
- xix David Hickie and Mike O'Toole (2002) "Native Trees & Forests of Ireland" Gill & Macmillan, Dublin. Conceived as a celebration of the People's Millennium Forests Project consisting of 16 forests throughout Ireland, none in Cork.
- xxi The pre-reformation parish of Tracton Abbey included Ballyfeard (Wall panel in the Sacred Heart Church, Minnane Bridge, listing the Abbotts and parishes of the Abbey. Archdale's Monasticon Hibernicum, and Dr. Smith's History of Cork.).
- xxii F.H.A. Aalen et al. (1997) "Atlas of the Irish Rural Landscape" Cork University Press, Cork. 352 pages.
- xxiii Text enclosed between single apostrophes indicates artistic license. Text enclosed between double apostrophes is a referenced quotation.
- xxiv Andy Bielenberg (1991) "Cork's Industrial Revolution 1780-1880 Development or Decline. Cork University Press. Page 98. Nelson Place is now called Emmett Place.

xxv Andy Bielenberg. Op. cit. ante. Pages 96-99.

Colin Rynne (1999) "The Industrial Archeology of Cork City and its Environs" Dúchas, The Heritage Service. Pages 126-131.

- xxvi J.A. Cantrell (1984) "James Nasmyth and the Bridgewater Foundry A study of entrepreneurship in the early engineering industry". Printed for the Chetham Society, Manchester. Correspondence with R. Perrott of Cork quoted on pages 71 and 78.
- xxvii The Down Survey (<a href="http://downsurvey.tcd.ie/">http://downsurvey.tcd.ie/</a>) records the townland of Fartagh in the Parish of Beallefeard in the Barony of Kinnelea, as a forfeited denomination of 271 plantation acres of profitable land owned by Richard Roch (Catholic) in 1641 and by Giles Burstead (Protestant) in 1670. In the 1659 census of Sir William Petty there were

23 English and 2 Irish tenants in Fartagh. The adjoining townland of Ballintrideen to the east remained in Catholic ownership. The Griffith Survey (1825-1844) lists two Walsh's, William and John, and Cornelius Ahearn renting land from Leonard Potter in the town land of Fartha in the parish of Ballyfeard. They are Joseph Walsh's paternal ancestors. http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-

<u>valuation/index.xml?action=doPlaceSearch&Submit.x=31&Submit.y=10&Submit&freetext=Fartha&countyname=Cork&baronyname=&unionname=&parishname=Ballyfeardxxviii} http://gis.teagasc.ie/soils/map.php</u>

xxix Hickie & O'Toole. Op. cit. ante. Page 24.

The model Cistercian abbey, a consecrated machine for living in, straddles an artificial canal running through the workshops, living quarters, and refectories, providing (1) waterpower for sawing, cutting, crushing, finishing, forging, milling, sieving, tanning and fulling, and (2) running water for cooking, washing, bathing, and finally, for sewage disposal. Technology transfer was promoted at the annual international chapter meetings of hundreds of abbeys across Europe. The engineermonks of the Cistercian order follow the rule of St. Benedict. They promote enterprise and entrepreneurial spirit, catalyze the development of local market economies, pioneer sustainable development in agriculture, and sanctify manual labour. Their 'architecture of light' raises the observer from the material to the immaterial in praise of the Lord.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cistercians

http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ordre\_cistercien

http://www.monasticwales.org/site/36

Roger Stalley (1987) "The Cistercian Monasteries of Ireland: An account of the History, Art and Architecture of the White Monks in Ireland from 1142 to 1540". Yale University Press, New Haven and London.

xxxi "Une maison est une machine-à-habiter." (A house is a machine for living in.)

Le Corbusier (1923) Vers une architecture. Editions Flammarion (1995) frequently mistranslated as "Towards a New Architecture". The Getty edition, translated by John Goodman, is "Towards an Architecture". Frances Lincoln; 2nd Edition (2008).

http://www.getty.edu/visit/events/cohen\_lecture.html?cid=egetty074

"You employ stone, wood and concrete, and with these materials you build houses and palaces. That is construction. Ingenuity is at work. But suddenly you touch my heart, you do me good, I am happy and I say: "This is beautiful." That is Architecture. Art enters in." https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Le Corbusier

xxxii "A perfect order, one in which the community united by the best love is embodied in the most self-sustaining society, could be described, as science describes nature, in terms of laws-of, but the description would be irrelevant, the relevant description being 'Here, love is the fulfilling of the law' or 'In His will is our peace'; the traditional term for this ideal order is Paradise. In historical existence where no love is perfect, no society immortal, and no embodiment of the one in the other precise, the obligation to approximate to the ideal is felt as an imperative 'Thou shalt'." W. H. Auden, The Dyer's Hand and Other Essays, Vintage Books, New York, 1989. Part II, Chapter II 'The Virgin & The Dynamo'. Pages 63–64.

xxxiii Tracton (Traghton) was suppressed in 1540-1 and granted in 1568 to James Craig and Harry Guildford. It ceased to be a sacred place and became a quarry for building stone. Very little of the Abbey now remains in the grounds of the local Church of Ireland church.

xxxiv http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walsh %28surname%29

xxxv A visitation by the Anglo-Norman Cistercian, Stephen of Lexington, in 1228, later Head of the Cistercian Order, reported satisfaction with the observance of the Rule at Tracton, but with a recommendation that French or Latin replace Welsh. [A History of Tracton Abbey by Margaret Daisy Corrigan. Wall Panels, Sacred Heart Church, Minnane Bridge.1

xxxvi James F. Collins (2008) "Quickening the Earth - Soil Minding and Mending in Ireland" UCD School of Biology and Environmental Science.

xxxvii http://geoschol.com/counties/CORK\_GEOLOGY.pdf

http://gis.teagasc.ie/soils/map.php

xxxviii http://www.noticenature.ie/files/hedgerows.pdf

xxxix The townland of Ballintrideen appears to have been absorbed into Fartha between the Down (1655-56) and Griffith (1825-1844) Surveys.

xl "A handsome classically inspired country house, with a interesting Gothic Revival wing added by Lieutenant Colonel F.G. Shaw, who is thought to have also been the architect. The related structures, including farmyard complex, gate lodges and folly add to its setting and context and indicate the wealth and grandeur of the estate in the past." The road, which ran on level ground from the front gate of He'burn House on the OS map of 1890 to the Walsh/Ahearn farm in Fartha, no longer exists, a geographical expression severed http://www.buildingsofireland.ie/niah/search.jsp?type=record&county=CO&regno=2090981

xli Henry John Elwes and Augustine Henry (1943) "The Trees of Great Britain and Ireland" Seven volumes and index. Facsimile edition, 2013. The Society of Irish Foresters, sif@eircom.net

The old Irish Brehon Law texts known as Laws of the Neighbourhood, divide trees and shrubs into four classes: Nobles of the wood for the chieftain (ash, hazel, holly, yew, ash, (Scots) pine and crab apple). Commoners of the wood for the peasant (alder, willow or sally, whitethorn or hawthorn, rowan or mountain ash, downy and silver birch, elm, wild cherry), Lower divisions of the wood (blackthorn, elder, spindle tree, whitebeam, arbutus, aspen, juniper), and Bushes of the wood (bracken; bog myrtle; furse, gorse or whin; bramble; heather; broom; wild rose). See Hickie & O'Toole Op. cit. ante, page 32 and "Trees in early Ireland" by Fergus Kelly in

http://www.societyofirishforesters.ie/pdf/Journals/1999 VOL56 NO1.pdf

xlii Finola O'Kane (2004) "Landscape Design in Eighteenth-Century Ireland – Mixing Foreign Trees with the Natives". Cork University Press. Cork.

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xliv David Shaw-Smith (1984) "Ireland's Traditional Crafts" Thames and Hudson, London.

xlv Claudia Kinmonth (1993) "Irish Country Furniture 1700-1950" Yale University Press, New Haven & London.

xlvi Jeremy Myerson (1995) JOHN MAKEPEACE A Spirit of Adventure in Craft & Design. Conran Octopus, London.

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Robert Ingham (2007) "Cutting-edge Cabinetmaking" Guild of Master Craftsman Publications, Lewes, East Sussex.

xlvii http://www.johnmakepeacefurniture.com/index.html

xlviii http://ojs.lboro.ac.uk/ojs/index.php/SDEC/article/view/964

xlix http://www.robertinghamdesigns.com/

<sup>1</sup> David Pye (1968) "The Nature and Art of Workmanship". Revised edition. The Herbert Press, London.

David Pye (1978) "The Nature & Aesthetics of Design" first published as "The nature of design" in 1964. The Herbert Press, London.

Derek Walker & Bill Addis (1997) "Happold - The confidence to build". Happold Trust Publications. England.

li http://www.josephwalshstudio.com/2011/index.php/current-work/lillium-i