'Josephine Heffernan World War 1 nurse'

To be presented to the Society meeting held at the
Family Centre Holy Rosary Church, Greystones, County Wicklow
given on 21st October 2026
Presented by: Brian White
Chaired by : Dr. Cormac Moore

Subject



In 1918 Josephine was working as an a nurse with the American Army in France. She lost a bracelet which was found by a child in 2002 and then began the long story of how it was reunited with her family in Bray in 2017.

The Photograph collection she left included picture of China, Japan, USA, France and the Philippines. She took photographs as America prepared to enter WW1.

One of her ambulance drivers was Walt Disney. She also took a Photograph for the first couple married in the air.

Presenter

Brian White has spent over 70 years researching local history. First with the Bray Camera Club and then with the Bray Cualann Historical Society since 1977. He has published many books and is a regular guest on East Coast Radio.

Author of :-

- *The County Wicklow Database,*
- *The Little Book of Bray & Enniskerry.*
- *The Way to Bray 150 years of the Railway.(Irish Rail)*
- *The Enniskerry Guide to the Enniskerry Power Station (ESB).*
- *Track & Trails (Bray Head), Josephine H. (France 2 TV).*
- *Terry Wogans Ireland (BBC) Shamrock Fund (BBC/ABC.*
- *Regular guest on East Coast Radio.*