

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

**1.0 'Medieval Ireland I-X'** is a compilation of ten illustrated lectures based on various aspects of the Barryscourt Castle, a large 16th century domestic tower house at Carrigtwohill, near Cork. Topics include furnishings, wallpaintings, gardens, tower house typology, the archaeology of the site and the political and technological history of the Anglo-Norman Munster. Victor and Jan Chinnery have contributed a chapter on their partially-completed scheme of replica furnishings, which are intended to illustrate living conditions in the tower in c.1600. David Barry, Viscount Barrymore, refitted the castle in the 1950s at which time he was on friendly terms with Sir Walter Raleigh who lived at Myrtle Grove, in nearby Youghal. The material culture of medieval and post-medieval Ireland has been a much neglected subject, mainly due to the very rare survival of original furniture (fig. 2) and other objects. This study attempts to place the lives of the Old English faction into a proper physical context, and to rationalise the scant evidence for the character of domestic furnishings and interior decoration in the region. Visitors will find the castle open to the public, just off the N25, 14 miles east of Cork. Copies of the book are available from Gandon Editions, Oysterhaven, Kinsale, Co. Cork, republic of Ireland. Tel: 00353 214 770830 Fax 770830, email gandon@eircom.net. €35 each. Please check p&p with publisher.

**2.0 'The Sutherland Chair, history, design and construction'** by Dave Hutchinson, published by The Byre, 12 Lotts, Achtothy, Skerry, Sutherland, 2002. ISBN 0 9531 724 14

Available for RFS members at £2.50 inclusive of postage and packing. Contact D. Hutchinson.

**3.0 American Furniture 2003** edited by Luke Beckerdite, published by the Chipstore Foundation, distributed by University Press of New England, Hanover and London.

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