



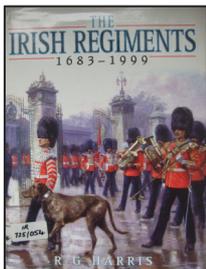
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? LIVE 2013

Council officers are busy making plans to attend WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? LIVE 2013, which is being held at Olympia, London from 22nd - 24th February. It's a great opportunity to raise our profile and promote the society.

For the last couple of years some of our Associate Members have come along to help man the stand, and it has been a great opportunity for us to meet. We have some helpers lined up for this year but would be pleased if a couple more members who live within reach of Olympia would be able to come along and help on the Saturday and Sunday. Contact akrobinson@lineone.net if you are interested.

www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com

From The Randal Gill Library



The Irish Regiments 1683-1999 by R. G. Harris contains information on every Irish regular and territorial unit that has existed in the past 350 years.

The book records the history of the various regiments and almost every page includes illustrations and photographs which show the uniforms worn by the different regiments through the centuries.

Glenavy History

Near the eastern shore of Lough Neagh lies the village of Glenavy in County Antrim. This website celebrates the rich history of the village and the surrounding district. The site contains information on the parishes, townlands, war memorials, places of worship and schools in the area. Under 'Places of Worship' the churches are listed by Parish and many include burial records/gravestone inscriptions with additional notes and newspaper articles.

www.glenavyhistory.com

Foclóir.ie

An English-Irish Dictionary, launched on 24 January 2013 is available free of charge, and has been adapted to work on desktop computers and mobile devices.

The dictionary is being published on a phased basis, and the full content won't be online until 2014. The entries published in January 2013 consist of approximately 30% of the eventual content; however this range covers approximately 80% of general English usage.

www.foclóir.ie

You might also be interested in this website where the meanings of names are explained and spoken by Frank McCourt. www.babynamesofireland.com



The Royal Air Force Museum London is located on the former Hendon Aerodrome, in North West London. It is dedicated to the history of aviation and the British Royal Air Force and plans to develop a major exhibition at its London site to coincide with the 2014-2019 commemoration of the centenary of the First World War. The museum has received £64,000 from the Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund to digitise, preserve and provide public access to around 300,000 First World War personnel records as part of a new permanent exhibition exploring the 1914-18 conflict.

The grant will allow the Museum to complete the conservation and digitisation of its vast collection of First World War Royal Flying Corps, Royal Naval Air Service and Royal Air Force personnel records and enable public access at the museum and online.

www.rafmuseum.org.uk

Mary Martin Diary

Students from Trinity College Dublin and University College Cork have transcribed and digitized 132 diary entries written in letter form by Mary Martin, a widow and mother of 12 children who lived in south Dublin. She began writing on 1 January 1916 after receiving word that her son Charlie, serving with the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, was missing in action. The diary describes the daily activities of the family and their friends and was written in the hope that one day he would return home and be able to read it.

It can be read chronologically or searched by name or place.

<http://dh.tcd.ie/martindiary/>

New Publication

marry late/remain celibate/emigrate

Faced with these choices Thomas Nicholson of Drumawhey, Co. Down decided on the last option and immigrated to Australia in 1879.

Thomas wrote letters to his relatives in Co. Down describing his new life and enquiring about folk back home, and these have been brought together by society members Tom and Anne Johnston in a book called -

Pioneer Among the Gum Trees

Available from www.amazon.co.uk

There will be a more information about the book in the next issue of North Irish Roots.

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)

MAJOR REVAMP OF ONLINE DATABASE

http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/street_directories.htm

In the new version of PRONI's database, keywords which match the search criteria are highlighted on the scanned directory pages, meaning relevant information is immediately visible. (You might want to uncheck that option at the bottom of the screen before saving or printing a page). A roll-over zoom function also greatly enhances viewing of the digitised directories on screen. The results can be easily filtered by section or Locale and there are options to print and download the image and/or a transcript.

Donnelly, Rev. J. J., C. curate, St. Matthew's,
St. Matthew's Presbytery, Bryson st
Donnelly, Thomas, warder, 33 Bristol st
Donnelly, Wm., shoemaker, 17 Cargill st
Donnelly, Wm., bookkeeper, 22 California st
Donnelly, William, engine driver, 25 Parker st



DNA PROJECT

Donnelly Surname



IrelandsDNA is a new company which has been founded with the goal of improving and communicating the understanding of Irish ancestry from the perspective of genetics.

IrelandsDNA is initiating a study of the **Donnelly** surname to see if all Donnellys descend from one recent progenitor, or whether different branches exist within the surname group. According to historical records the original carrier of the **Donnelly** surname was Donnghaile Ó Néill (d. 876) who in turn descended from Niall of the Nine Hostages. If all male Donnellys carry a very similar Y chromosome type, it points to a common founder (in Donnghaile). If several distinct Y chromosome types are observed it suggests independent founder events. Regardless of the number of apparent founders, this project is seeking to shed light on the origins of the **Donnelly** surname.

The research is being carried out by a research group of medical geneticists based in the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland, as part of a wider study of the O'Neill clan, and IrelandsDNA is seeking male carriers of the Donnelly surname to participate in the study. All that is required to participate is a saliva sample. **Participants will receive a free IrelandsDNA test.**

Space is limited so please make contact quickly if you are interested in learning more. For further information on this project please e-mail info@irelandsDNA.com noting the Donnelly DNA project.

Northern Ireland Place Names Project

The Northern Ireland Place Names Project at Queen's University has re-launched its website of place names in Northern Ireland. The project has analyzed the historical meaning of place names and their origins. The research has gathered evidence on counties, parishes, townlands, cities and areas dominated by rivers, Loughs and mountains. The database is searchable by map or name and by using the tab 'Place Name Search' you can enter part of a place name; very useful when you are trying to identify a name where there is a variation in the spelling.

www.placenamesni.org

PRONI eCatalogue

The eCatalogue has been mentioned in previous issues, but is worth another mention. While searching I discovered a document entitled Rough Minute Book 10 October 1844 - 2 April 1846. (BG/1/A/1) This Board of Guardians document relates to the Antrim/Randalstown/Toome area and it has been transcribed on the website. It includes names of business people who have tendered for the supply of goods, inmates mentioned in the punishment book and any issues that the Guardians had to discuss. Below is a small extract:

The punishment book was examined and orders made on the cases therein reported as follows:

Biddy McGeown to be confined 4 hours in the refractory ward.

Mary McFarlane to be confined 24 hours in the refractory ward.

Margaret Ingram to be confined 6 hours in the refractory ward.

Ann Wilson to be confined 24 hours in the refractory ward.

Hanna (?) Johnson to be confined 24 hours in the refractory ward.

There are other Board of Guardians minutes that have been transcribed and are available in the eCatalogue. www.proni.gov.uk

LOST PROPERTY



At our Research Centre we have a gent's hat and a charcoal grey scarf which have been with us since last summer or autumn. They were left on different occasions by different members.