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## WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? LIVE SCOTLAND 2014



Council officers are busy making plans to attend WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? LIVE SCOTLAND 2014, which is being held at the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre in Glasgow from 29-30 August, 2014. It's a great opportunity to raise our profile and promote the society.

We would be delighted to meet any of our members who attend and to hear from any Associate Members, who could help at our table, and supplement the small team travelling from Ulster.

[www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com](http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com)

## FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY QUILT

We will remember them.....

This is a project to commemorate those who served with the Commonwealth forces and did not return home from the First World War, 1914-1918. The aim is to produce a quilt made up of squares embroidered with the names of your ancestors, or those in your local community, who gave their lives.

You are invited to contribute to the project by stitching a square or squares with the name(s) of the person(s) you wish to commemorate. For a minimum donation of £3.50 a pack made up of a fabric square and the thread to complete the stitching may be ordered from the website, and all profits will be divided equally between Help for Heroes and Q4IS (Quilts for Injured Servicemen)

Order forms are available on the website - [www.spanglefish.com/firstworldwarcentenaryquilt](http://www.spanglefish.com/firstworldwarcentenaryquilt)

## GRONI

The General Register Office of Northern Ireland has recently made the birth, marriage and death registrations available at - <https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk/>

Registration of non Catholic marriages began in 1845 and births, deaths and Catholic marriages in 1864. You must register and purchase at least one credit (40 pence) to perform a search. The search is free and to see an image of the registration uses 5 credits (£2).

You will be able to access the following records online:

- birth records over 100 years old
- marriage records over 75 years old
- death records (including World War II death records) over 50 years old

Each search can cover a period of 5 years and Birth registrations can be searched using the child's surname and mother's maiden name. Keep in mind that the search will not show alternative spellings so you may need to try different options.

Images cannot be printed from the website, but try Print Screen or the Snipping Tool.

More recent records may be viewed if you visit the GRO at Oxford House, Chichester Street, Belfast.



## NEW PUBLICATIONS



### "Resting in Larne's Green Land"



This month Larne branch is launching its most recent publication entitled 'Resting in Larne's Green Land'. The book records the Gravestone Inscriptions and Interments of Larne's Greenland Cemetery, on the Upper Cairncastle Road, Larne, Co. Antrim.

The book includes maps of the location and a cemetery plan, making it easy to locate a specific grave.

There are almost two thousand graves in the old section of the cemetery which dates from 1904 and inscriptions are listed alphabetically.

The book is selling at £15 and will be available on the Society website soon.

### NIFHS OPEN DAY

**Where?** Research Centre, Unit C4, Valley Business Centre, 67 Church Rd., Newtownabbey

**When?** Saturday 23 Aug 2014 10.30am-4.30pm

### "The Corner Graveyard"



Newtownabbey Branch will be launching a CD of gravestone inscriptions at the first Branch meeting of the new season; 8 September 2014.

The transcriptions are from the third section of the graveyard at Carnmoney Parish Church, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim. (Graveyard No. 2)

Plans are included and transcriptions are listed alphabetically in PDF files. There is a separate file of war graves with photographs.

The graveyard around the church (Graveyard No. 3) was recorded in 'Carved in Stone' which was published by the Belfast Branch of the Society in 1994. (Now available on CD)

The section across the road from the church and down a lane (Graveyard No. 1) was recorded in 'The Hidden Graveyard' which was published in 2009 by Newtownabbey Branch.

The CD will be available at Mossley Mill and on the website by the end of September. £10

### Now you see it, now you don't!

No, you didn't imagine that GRO Ireland made the indexes to birth, marriage and death records available online at [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie). The records were indexes up to 1958 and unfortunately the department responsible didn't consult the Information Commissioner who demanded that records of living people be removed. The result was that all the indexes have been removed from the website and there is as yet no word on when amended databases might be available.

Church records are still available on the site.

### Who Do You Think You Are? Live 2015

New venue for 2015!

The show will take place at Birmingham's NEC, from Thursday 16 April to Saturday 18 April 2015.



## MORE CHURCH RECORDS GO ONLINE



### Derryloran Parish Church

St. Luran's, Church Street, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone

The baptism, marriage, burial and confirmation records of Derryloran Parish Church have been made available online as PDF images of the registers. Browsing through the first file, 'All Records 1797-1825' there are some very interesting notes added by the Rector, J. Caulfield. They relate to his own family, to soldiers and their regiments and even a note about a woman named Mary Gray who gave birth to a son on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1803 at the home of Eleanor McCachy, 'who acts as midwife in the parish.' Mrs Gray was on her way to Londonderry to join her husband; a soldier.

<http://www.derryloran.com/ParishReg/index.aspx>

Also available on the Representative Church Body Library's website

<http://ireland.anglican.org/about/179>

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### Taughboyne Union, Co. Donegal, Registers 1820-1900

The Union comprises Taughboyne, All Saints Newtowncunningham, Killea, and the Chapel of Ease at Craigadooish. The Library of the Representative Church Body has added these transcripts of parish registers to its website. The transcribed records are presented in date order, but can be searched using the 'Edit' menu and 'Find.'

<http://ireland.anglican.org/about/189>

### WHEN DOES MY NAME APPEAR IN THE JOURNAL?

**All Members' names do not appear in every Journal.** Your name will be published in the first Journal after you have joined the Society (unless you opt out) and also when you submit a Profile Form, contribute an article or submit a query.

### NIFHS DNA PROJECT

There has been fast growing interest in genealogical DNA testing as a means of making contact with 'cousins,' or to verify research. Earlier this year Ballymena Branch committee arranged for Dr. Maurice Gleeson, from Family Tree DNA, to give a talk on how DNA test results can help to connect families. The talk was attended by members from several other branches and follow up discussions resulted in the North of Ireland Family History Society having its own DNA project.

Anyone can join the project but only members of NIFHS will get discount on the testing kit.

Members of the Society who wish to take up this offer should contact Maggie Lyttle at [maggielyttle@hotmail.com](mailto:maggielyttle@hotmail.com) or Alan Rosborough at [rosboroughasd@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:rosboroughasd@dsl.pipex.com), who are the Ballymena committee officers co-ordinating the Project.

Quote your NIFHS membership number when you email, and when they have verified that you are a current member they will provide you with a code to use when ordering the test kit.

Order the test via the NIFHS Project at <https://www.familyreedna.com/public/nifhs> to qualify for the special prices. Just click on JOIN REQUEST in the dark blue bar at the top and go for:-

*Option B* if you want to buy a test **and** join the project

*Option A* if you already have taken a test and have a username and password.

[www.familyreedna.com](http://www.familyreedna.com)