



RESEARCH CENTRE EXTENSION!

We have extended our premises at Valley Business Centre and now have a space suitable for meetings, workshops et al. It will be called the Honneyman Room in honour of the Society's first President, Dr. David Honneyman, who did so much to expand the Society, and still, aged 96, takes an active interest in Society events.



Nearly ready for the first meeting!

NEW! CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & INTEREST GROUPS

The first of these is '**Beginning your Research**' a 3 session course/workshop for those who are new to researching. *It will cover researching, recording and resources including some free websites, and is for absolute beginners.* The class will be on 3 Monday evenings from 7.30pm - 9.00pm on 16th, 23rd February and 2nd March 2015. There will be a charge of £10 per person for the course. To sign up please email Sandra at newtownabbey@nifhs.org.

And for more experienced researchers there will be a 4 week course on '**Writing up your family history**'

Have you gathered much family history material but haven't managed to write it up yet? This is your opportunity. The course consists of a mixture of talks and workshops to help you get started. Topics include how to organise your material, how to find stories and background material to make your account readable, how to use illustrations to perk up the text and how to use source material to make your story believable.

The course will run on 4 Tuesday evenings from 7.30 - 9.00pm on 17th and 24th February and 3rd and 10th March. There will be a charge of £15 per person for the course and participants are asked to bring along their family tree. To sign up please email Sandra at- newtownabbey@nifhs.org.

Other classes and workshops are in the pipeline and if you have an interest that you would like to share perhaps you could take a class or co-ordinate an interest group. Same email as above.



Have a look at our Research Guides on the website! www.nifhs.org

Our Research Centre is open on Tuesdays from 2.00pm-8.00pm and Wednesday mornings from 10.00am until 12.30pm. Access at other times is by prior arrangement. See our website for contact details and a map of the location. www.nifhs.org/rescentre.htm



Who Do You Think You Are? Live 2015



NEW VENUE



DIFFERENT DATES

NEC Birmingham 16-18 April 2015

We have a table booked and would love to hear from any members in the Birmingham area who would be available to help 'man' the stand for a day or even part of a day. It is a great opportunity for Council Officers and Associate Members to meet. Please email chair@nifhs.org if you can help.

With WDYTAY? Live going to Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre (NEC), there is an opportunity for Northern Ireland based NIFHS members to visit just for a day should they wish! The NEC is right alongside Birmingham International Airport which has direct flights from Belfast 'George Best' City Airport. A free 'Air-Rail' link takes you from the Airport concourse to the concourse of Birmingham International railway station in 90 seconds! Then it's just a short walk on the same level into the NEC. The first flight from Belfast City is 06.55 which lands at Birmingham at 08.05 so there's time for some breakfast before the show opens. Current outward flight prices for this flight are £14, although same day return is rather more expensive!

Thanks to Rob Davison for this information.

INTERNATIONAL GENEALOGICAL INDEX

Hugh Wallis has compiled a list of Batch Numbers from the old IGI records.

He has included a link from each batch number to the actual search engine provided at www.familysearch.org allowing you to enter the surname of interest. This makes it very easy to search all the batches for a particular geographic location using just the last name you are searching for - something that is not easily done on the Familysearch website.

Clicking on Ireland, then County Antrim results in this →

It is also possible to refine the search to a town. You can then click on the Batch Number to search just that set of records.

Click on the first letter of the town
A B C D E F G H I J K L M

Town or Parish (Church or Chapel)	Births or Christenings	Marriages	Other Co
Aghalee	C700141	1811-1875 M700141	1811-1845
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Ballyeaston	C701051	1814-1821 M701051	1813-1845
Ballylinny Parish (Presbyterian Church)	C701101	1837-1868 M701101	1837-1864
Ballymoney	C320759	** -1872	
Ballymoney Parish	C700001	1807-1875 M700001	1805-1845
Belfast	C320758	-1872	
(First Presbyterian Church)	C701721	1755-1790	
(Rosemary St. Church)	C700181	1821-1867 M700181	1810-1846

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hughwallis/IGIBatchNumbers.htm>

16th June 1866



MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS IN IRELAND.

The following is the quarterly return of the marriages, births, and deaths registered in the divisions and districts of Ireland, dated General Register Office, Dublin, 5th June, 1866. This return includes the marriages registered during October, November, and December, 1865; and the births and deaths registered during January, February, and March, 1866, in the 720 registrars' districts of Ireland:—

This issue of the Belfast News-Letter covered the report of the quarterly return of the births, marriages and deaths that were registered in Ireland during the last quarter of 1865 and the first quarter of 1866. As well as numbers of registrations in each District there are figures for emigration from Ireland and reports from the District Registrars on sanitary conditions in their areas, with ages and numbers of deaths from diseases and infections.

It seems that Antrim Board of Guardians had set a good example by having a spring cart with bed to transport patients to hospital, whereas in most of the Districts patients travelled in cabs and other public conveyances, thus spreading infection.



VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS



Have you ever wondered about the number plate on the car or motorcycle in a family photograph? Wikipedia explains the different registration marks for the UK, and all the different areas in Northern Ireland. Vehicle registration plates of the United Kingdom, Crown dependencies and overseas territories are included at:

http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vehicle_registration_plates_of_the_United_Kingdom,_Crown_dependencies_and_overseas_territories#Northern_Ireland

The Irish Motor Directory, edited by Henry G. Tempest and published by Dundalgan Press in Dundalk, listed all those who owned and registered a motorised vehicle. It gives the name of the owner, the registration mark, the address and the type of vehicle. The Directory for 1911-12 is available in the Linen Hall Library, Belfast and four Irish Motor Directories with dates from 1907-1916 are in the National Library of Ireland, Dublin.

To make things easier for us Lurgan Ancestry has placed the 1911-12 Directory online where you can see the name of the registered owner, the address, the registration mark and the type of vehicle.

To search select a County Council or County Borough from the list on the right of the webpage. Remember that the vehicle may not be registered in the area of residence, so you may have to look e.g. in Belfast and Co. Antrim.

<http://lurgan-ancestry.co.uk/index.php/the-irish-motor-directory-and-motor-annual-1911-12/>

Lurgan Ancestry also has the Co. Armagh entries extracted from the 1914-15 Motor Directory.

<http://lurgan-ancestry.co.uk/index.php/irish-motor-directory-for-county-armagh-1914-15/>

Our Publicity Officer, Maeve Rogan, has created this link so that the whole Motor Directory can be searched. Just replace 'McGrath' with your name or place of choice.

<https://www.google.co.uk/#q=McGrath+motor+site:lurgan-ancestry.co.uk/index.php/&newwindow=1&filter=0>



Robert Martin of Woodvale Road on his father William's motorcycle, which is listed in the Belfast section of the 1911-1912 Irish Motor Directory.

A handy shortcut for finding a particular name or place on any page is Ctrl F, and type in the box that appears on screen. Where the "find" box appears on your computer screen will depend on which browser you use -

Internet Explorer - top left ~ Firefox - bottom left ~ Chrome - top right

Belfast News-Letter

5th May 1829

On Sunday, 26th ult. by the Rev. Mr. McCartan, P.P. Derriagy, MR. JOHN MCMAHON, aged 70, to ELIZABETH BRADY, aged 60, both of the same place. After the ceremony, the buxom bride was chaired by a select band of the angelic maidens of the neighbourhood, and a similar honour was paid to the venerable but gallant bridegroom.



www.findmypast.co.uk

To assist members in their research the Society has taken a subscription to the UK section of Find My Past. It is available on a laptop in the Randal Gill Library.

All Find My Past databases are available to search, but only documents from the UK site can be opened as part of this subscription.

The military records include British Army Service Records 1760-1915, Royal Air Force records 1912-1939 and some Merchant Navy and Royal Navy records.

Passenger lists record those leaving the UK for ports other than Europe; 1890-1960.



NIFHS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Can you help?



Using social media is a useful way of keeping in touch with the latest genealogy news. The Society has Twitter and Facebook accounts - see the bottom of our website's homepage for links: www.nifhs.org

We would appreciate it if you would "Like" us on Facebook & "Follow" us on Twitter!

There are some quirks though. For Facebook in particular, you will not get all of the posts we share even if you "Like" our page! A way around this (on a laptop or PC) is to click the small arrow that appears on the "Liked" button, then click "Get Notifications". It also helps if you interact with the page in some way, for example by making a comment or by clicking the links we post or clicking "like" or "share" on each post. The more you interact with a particular genealogy-related page the more you will see genealogy posts from other pages too. For Twitter, you could re-tweet our posts or click the star on any posts you like.

The pages belong to the members so feel free to jump in & help someone out. Check the comments under each post or the "Posts by Others" section on our Facebook page in case someone has posted a query that you may be able to help with.

A number of our Branches also have pages or groups on Facebook - we will shortly be posting a "Note" on our Facebook page with links to these so do keep an eye out.



www.facebook.com/NIFHS

<https://twitter.com/NIFHS>



Don't just 'Lurk' - 'Like' and 'Share'

Drumragh R.C. Parish Omagh, Co. Tyrone

Drumragh Parish records are available online with images of the original registers.

You can search by name using the database which then allows you to access the original page of the register.

Baptisms 1846-1910
Marriages 1846-1927
Deaths 1846-1942

www.drumraghparish.com/archiver.asp

www.rootsireland.ie

Changes from 'Pay per View' to a 'Subscription' Site

The Irish Family History Foundation has announced that the rootsireland.ie website has become a subscription based service, giving users access to search an index of over 20 million Irish records and to view the details of the records. While they do not have all Irish records on their site they do add new records at regular intervals. Check online source lists to see what is currently available.

There are 3 types of Subscription available: 1 month, 6 months or 12 months. You can avail of a Single Payment Subscription or Continuous Membership. Any remaining Purchased Credits in your account can be used against the value of any of the three subscriptions offered.



During the Second World War many people received parcels from relatives in the United States. Seventy five years on parcels are going in the opposite direction as British and Irish folk living in the United States want goodies from the UK. Cadbury's chocolate seems to be causing a problem for the Hershey Company and they took legal action against a New Jersey company that was importing the chocolate. However the lawsuit has been dropped now that the company has agreed not to import Cadbury's!

If you are still receiving emails supposedly from sandraardis at btinternet.com please 'block' the address from entering your mail box. This address is no longer in use by Sandra but the hackers are still using it.