



“NEWS 45”

WELCOME

Welcome to the first edition of "News 45". The newsletter will initially be sent twice a year, between journal issues. It will bring you information on interesting websites, Record Centres in Ireland, our own Resource Centre at No. 45 and any other news that crops up.

TRY THE TOOLBAR!

This is a free downloadable toolbar specifically for the use of members. It provides easy access to our website and other linked websites.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Members can request a "look up" from resources held at "No. 45"
Check the website for the latest indexes added to the list.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our President Randal Gill has been appointed Chairman of CIGO (Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations) for 2008.

PRONI

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland has launched its new website, which now provides a fully searchable index to the will calendar entries for the District Probate Registries of Armagh, Belfast and Londonderry 1858 to circa 1900. www.proni.gov.uk

L.D.S. Library, Holywood Road, Belfast

The post 1921 microfilm indexes and certificates are no longer available at the L.D.S. Library, Belfast. The library will soon be closing for approx 6 months for refurbishment.

G.R.O. Dublin

The GRO Dublin has moved from Joyce House to ~ 3rd Floor, Block 7, Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey St, Dublin 1.

More information on the website:

www.gro.ie/research

The building is a short walk from Connolly Station along Talbot Street. It's only about 10 minutes to the Irish Life Centre Arcade on the left hand side of Talbot Street. Walk through the arcade and turn left through a passageway and the entrance to the GRO building is on the left-hand side.

The National Archives, London, will be closed from 21st-27th January 2008. There will be continuing disruption to the reading rooms until March.



CENSUS RECORDS ONLINE



Belfast Family History

View a typescript of the census returns from families living in the Parishes of Shankill and Falls in 1901 and 1911. The records may be searched by name or address. The 1911 census included additional questions for married women. *How long have they been married? How many children were born alive? How many children are still living?* These are not included in the typescript.

www.belfastfamilyhistory.com

1911 census Dublin

The 1911 census records for Dublin City are now freely available online at -

www.census.nationalarchives.ie



Searchable by name or address, the scanned forms are available to view and download. Other areas will be added as they are completed.

Canada

<http://automatedgenealogy.com/index.html>

This site gives free access to some of the Canadian Censuses. Of particular interest are some of the projects where they link the 1901 and 1911 census information to First World War Soldiers' details. Search by name, then click on the page number to see a typescript of all entries on that page.

For 1911 note the details of Province, District, Sub-district etc and go to this site -

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/1911/006003-100.01-e.html>

where you can find an image of the census page, which can be saved to your computer.

Census-online

Census-online provides links to websites that contain census records from Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Canada and USA.

<http://www.census-online.com/links/>

British Telephone Books 1880-1984



Now indexed and online from www.ancestry.co.uk

The contents of the 1,780 different British phone books published between 1880 and 1984 are now available online. Included are the phone books for England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Civil Service Evidence of Age

www.findmypast.com has recently added Civil Service Evidence of Age records from the Society of Genealogists. These records aren't just for diplomats or employees of Whitehall. They include lower-ranking civil servants such as postmen, prison officers, engineers, workers at the Australian Royal Mint and many other professions that you may not associate with the term 'civil service'. A great number of the individuals included are Irish.



NEWSPAPER DIGITAL ARCHIVES



Many libraries and universities have subscribed to digital newspaper archives, which are available online through their library system. If there is a student in the family ask them to log in at home for you!

The Times of London Digital Archive (1785-1995) is available by subscription only.

www.galeuk.com/times

The Irish Times

The Digital Archive contains exact reproductions of all articles published by the Irish Times from 1859 onwards. Access to the articles is by subscription only.

www.ireland.com/search

The Guardian and Observer

This archive will eventually contain the digital reproduction of every page, article and advert published in the *Guardian* (since 1821) and the *Observer* (since 1791 - the oldest Sunday paper in the world). You can now search, browse, save and print articles and adverts from the Digital Archive. Searching is free of charge, but to view in full, or print out material you will need to subscribe. Go to

www.guardian.co.uk and click on *Archive Search*.

The New York Times

Use the facility on the Home page to search the NYT Archive 1851-1980. Many articles are available to view without subscription and this archive also is available through universities.

www.nytimes.com

The Sydney Morning Herald Archives

Search every edition of The Sydney Morning Herald and The Sun-Herald from 1955 to 1990 in this online archive. All articles, captions, advertisements and birth, marriage and death notices are fully keyword searchable, but you must purchase a subscription to view the articles in full.

<http://archives.smh.com.au/>

Nonconformist BMDs

The UK National Archives holds 5,000 registers for nonconformist congregations. These registers contain birth, marriage, and death information for thousands of individuals from 1567-1840. Records are from Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Protestant Dissenter, Independent, and some Roman Catholic communities. To search the registers, visit - www.bmdregisters.co.uk

The National Burial Index

This is a finding aid for burials that took place in England or Wales, between the years 1538 and 2005. Over 10 million records from the National Burial Index are now available on www.findmypast.com It includes records from parish registers, non-conformist registers, Roman Catholic, Jewish and other registers as well as cemetery and cremation records which members of local family history societies have been compiling since 1994.

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