



WELCOME

Welcome to the second 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 Research Centre at No. 45 and any other news that crops up.

CONGRATULATIONS!

And THANKS to our Webmaster Richard Burns

Our website was Highly Commended in the County or Area Society section of The Federation of Family History Societies Best Website Award 2007.

[www.nifhs.org](http://www.nifhs.org)

NIFHS

A new Branch has grown on our tree! The Fermanagh Branch meets in The Library, Hall's Lane, Enniskillen, on the third Saturday of the month at 2.30pm. For the secretary's contact details and programme, see the website.

<http://www.nifhs.org/fermanagh.htm>

Markethill, Co Armagh

The First and Second Markethill Presbyterian Churches have combined to produce an attractive Website which gives the history of the churches, up to date news, and of particular interest is the genealogy page which lists baptism and marriage records from 1821 to 1945, and a list of the members of the Congregation dating back to 1763.



[www.markethillpresbyterian.co.uk/genealogy.htm](http://www.markethillpresbyterian.co.uk/genealogy.htm)

Ballymena Local Studies Library

The Local Studies Service is now located in Ballymena Central Library, 5 Pat's Brae, Ballymena. Resources relate to the North Eastern Education and Library Board area which includes most of County Antrim and the eastern part of County Londonderry, comprising the Local Government Districts of Antrim, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Carrickfergus, Coleraine, Larne, Magherafelt, Moyle and Newtownabbey.

Among the resources are newspapers (some of which are indexed), maps, journals, school registers, directories, the Irish Emigration database and microfilm of the 1901 census covering the Board area.



Tel: 028 2563 3960

E-mail: [localstudies.neelb@ni-libraries.net](mailto:localstudies.neelb@ni-libraries.net)

Peter J Meaney has updated his web pages with Co. Down strays from the 1891 census of England. These can be reached quickly via the 'latest updates' link.

The site contains 1901 and 1911 Census of Ireland records for parts of Co. Down.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~meaneypj/index.htm>



## THE BELFAST NEWSLETTER



The Belfast Newsletter is included in the Thomson Gale Digital Archive, in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century British Library Newspapers section. Many libraries have this subscription site available to their users. A free trial for organisations is available on the Home page. The basic search allows keywords to be searched for by date boundaries and there is also the option to sort the listing by date, publication, or type of article. The search words are highlighted on the newspaper scan.

### Ireland Old News



This website has transcriptions of articles and notices from newspapers published throughout Ireland.

The links on the home page will take you to the articles currently on the site, which are organized by county of publication, year and month. Or you can put a name in the Search box at the top of the Home page. These pages are updated frequently so be sure to check back often for your particular interests. There is a free subscription mailing list at the bottom of the home page.

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

#### LDS Library, Holywood Road, Belfast

The L.D.S. library has not yet moved to facilitate refurbishment, but if you are planning to visit it would be wise to telephone, as it will close at short notice.

Tel. 028 90769839

#### The Registry of Deeds

The Registry of Deeds Index Project is in the early stages of development. The purpose of this project is to index all of the names that appear in the memorial books at the Registry of Deeds, which is located in Henrietta Street, Dublin, and is a repository for records of wills, land transactions in Ireland and other deeds from 1709. Currently there are over 15,000 index entries from just over 2,000 memorials.

These can be found at:

[freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~registryofdeeds](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~registryofdeeds)

#### No. 45

Our Research Centre at 45 Park Ave. Belfast is open on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Access at other times is by prior arrangement. See the website for contact details.

[www.nifhs.org](http://www.nifhs.org)

### The National Archives



The National Archives is presenting a new programme of talks and lectures.

The events are free of charge and will take place in the new 'Talks' room on the first floor at Kew, each event starts at 14:00 and lasts for approximately one hour.

For those unable to get to Kew most talks and lectures will be available as *podcasts* soon after they have taken place. <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/rss/podcasts.xml>

### Familysearch

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is working on digitisation of their microfilm records so that they can be freely available on the Familysearch website. Volunteers have been working for many months on records which include births, deaths and marriages for Ireland.

To volunteer go to [www.familysearchindexing.org](http://www.familysearchindexing.org)



## THE BELFAST GAZETTE



The Belfast Gazette was first published on 7 June 1921 and weekly on a Friday since.

After partition an official publication was needed in Northern Ireland to replace the functions of the Dublin Gazette (available through 'Old Irish News' see above), which was first published in 1706 and has been in continuous production since.



Gazettes are official Government publications, and searchable online copies are available at <http://www.gazettes-online.co.uk/>. They include matters relating to Civil Service appointments, solicitors' notices, military appointments, bankruptcy notices, honours, and on occasion, long lists of shareholders.

London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes

### PRONI

The Public Record Office for Northern Ireland has digitised its holdings of commercial and street directories up to 1900.

They are available at:

[proni.aetopia.com/streetdirectories/index.html](http://proni.aetopia.com/streetdirectories/index.html)

### Remember!

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

[www.nifhs.org](http://www.nifhs.org)



### GRONI

The General Register Office in Belfast has become extremely busy, and for those wishing to book an index search it is necessary to book months in advance rather than weeks. Details are under the 'Public Search' button on their website.

[www.groni.gov.uk](http://www.groni.gov.uk)

## CONNECTIONS WITH INDIA?

### Families in British India Society

If you are researching family of British or Anglo-Indian descent, which lived and / or served within the Indian Sub-continent from 1600 to 1947 then have a look at this website. The data presented has been contributed by a number of hardworking and enthusiastic individuals and a small army of 'FIBIS Volunteers'. The data is largely taken from sources within the British Library's India Office Records Section (IOR). Clicking the Search button will take you to a list of records, and a Quick Search option which will find all references available for a name.

Records include - East India Company, wills, military records, marriage announcements, Indian Mutiny medal roll, and a surname index of individuals listed in the 1881 British Census, who were born in India.

<http://www.fibis.org/>

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