



WELCOME

Welcome to the fourth edition of "News 45". The newsletter is 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.

PayPal

We are delighted that PayPal is now available on our website for payment of membership fees and for the purchase of publications.

Thanks to our webmaster Caryl Sibbett

NIFHS

Our AGM on May 30th (hosted by Newtownabbey Branch) was held on a beautiful summer's day. A tour of Sentry Hill was followed by lunch and AGM at Carnmoney Parish Church Hall. Photographs of the event are on the website under 'What's new'.

www.nifhs.org/photogallery.htm

www.newtownabbey.gov.uk/heritage/sentryhill.asp

Ask About Ireland

Griffith's Valuation is available on this website. It can be searched by family name or place name and shows scans of Griffith's Valuation Index, a transcription of the page and a historical map showing the location of the land.

The site is still under development but is well worth a look.

http://griffiths.askaboutireland.ie/gv4/gv_start.php

'News 45'

Please keep your email address up to date, so that you keep getting the news.

Any new members, who would like to receive the previous editions of News 45, just ask!



1911 Census of Ireland

More counties have been added to the website. Cork, Donegal, Galway, King's Co. and Wexford are now online.

Counties, Armagh, Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Fermanagh, Kildare, Kilkenny, Leitrim Limerick, Mayo, and Waterford are due online mid-July.

www.census.nationalarchives.ie



THE TIMES



The Times has obtained a list of British soldiers who fought in a series of battles in northwestern France in the First World War. All of these men were declared Missing in Action and their bodies were never found.

They want to make contact with any relatives or descendants of these men to learn more about where they came from, what they did and who they were. Do you recognize any of the names? Are they a grandfather, great-uncle or even great-great grandfather? Take a look at the list of names.

If you recognize any of them, or even recognize an unusual name from your own genealogy or family tree, please get in touch at kaya.burgess@thetimes.co.uk

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article6156586.ece>

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.

Closed Wed 8th and 15th July www.nifhs.org

TOWNLANDS

Find that elusive Townland! The alphabetical list on the PRONI website can also be searched by county or parish.

www.proni.gov.uk/index/local_history/geographical_index/townlands

Familysearch

FamilySearch, in partnership with Ancestry.ca and the Libraries and Archives Canada (LAC), has added the 1851, 1861, and 1871 Canada Census indexes to its online collection.

The new indexes can be searched free at www.familysearch.org (click **Search Records**, and then click **Record Search pilot**).

The 1891 Census of Canada will follow shortly.

The pilot site also now has the indexes for births, deaths and marriages in Eire up to 1958.



British Convicts

The State Library of Queensland has re-released the British Convict Transportation Registers Database (over 123,000 convicts sent to Australia between 1787 and 1867). The original underlying software has been changed as it did not cope adequately with the amount of traffic experienced - the new system is much better equipped to cope with demand.

A new feature of the database is the ability for researchers to post comments on a chosen convict's record. This comment field is a great way for researchers to share their notes on a convict's life.

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh/convicts>



ALL AT SEA?



Findmypast has just added the records of 270,000 crew members of British merchant ships for the period 1861-1913. These records are indexes to the original crew-list documents, which hold the employment details of these men and women. Altogether they reference around 30,000 lists.

Original crew-list documents are not online, but if you find an ancestor listed, you can order the relevant document from the repositories that store them around the country and in Canada. Full details on how to locate the original crew-list documents are found on the crew lists search page.

The online indexes represent only a fraction of the records available. Many have not yet been transcribed.

www.findmypast.com

Trade Directories

Mary Lennon has a great website which includes entries from Belfast trade and street directories ranging between 1805 and 1910. Also the 1913 Telephone Directory for Belfast, Cork and Dublin.

www.lennonwylie.co.uk/index

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



The Surman Index Online

Charles Surman's biographical card index of Congregational ministers has been made available electronically via the internet for the first time. The index includes the names of about 32,000 ministers, and, where known, their dates, details of their education, ministries or other employment, together with the sources used. It covers the period from the mid-seventeenth century to 1972, and though it focuses on England and Wales, it includes Congregational ministers serving abroad provided they trained or served as ministers in Britain. Although intended as an index of Congregational ministers, it also gives details of seventeenth and eighteenth century Presbyterians.

<http://surman.english.qmul.ac.uk/>



IRISH GENEALOGY TOOLKIT



Claire Santry's website contains a wide range of content for those interested in Irish research and heritage. There are pages on how to begin researching, availability of records, blank forms and charts, information on different types of land records, and much more.

www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com

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