



SHOW TIME!

Raising our profile!

A group of three Council Officers will be attending the National Family History Fair in Newcastle upon Tyne, England and will be delighted to meet any of our members who are in the area. So come along and meet us at:

The National Family History Fair 2011

Tyne Suite
Newcastle Central Premier Inn
Newbridge Street
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 8BS

Saturday 10th September 2011

10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Admission Price: £3.00

www.nationalfamilyhistoryfair.com

Back to our Past

"The Irish Genealogy and family/social history experience"

Council Officers will be attending this exhibition in Dublin for the first time, with the intention of raising awareness about the society, and hoping to engage with representatives from other family history organisations. It is being held in:

Industries Hall
RDS Dublin
Ireland

21st, 22nd and 23rd October 2011

Opening times are -

Friday: 12pm-7pm Sat & Sun: 11am-7pm

<http://www.backtoourpast.com/mysitecaddy/site3/>

During the coming months the Society will also be represented at numerous family history fairs which are being held in Northern Ireland libraries, and in October we are joining with the Federation of Family History Societies to promote family history at the Trident Creative Crafts Show at the King's Hall, Belfast.

Thursday 13th, Friday 14th and Saturday 15th October 2011

www.sccshows.co.uk/belf_bo11_buttons

JSTOR

Past issues of our journal North Irish Roots are available in the Irish Collection, at JSTOR, and other journals such as the Clogher Record provide background information for your research, and often include lists of names and transcriptions of gravestones.

Please remember that your access to the Irish Collection at JSTOR needs to be validated every year. Within a couple of months of renewing your membership you will be sent an email from JSTOR asking you to re-activate your account, and **you must click on the link in the email to do so.**



Although the National Archives is in Kew, London, many of the records it holds have relevance to Ireland, and some of these are explained in the podcasts of talks which have been given at Kew. Below are listed a few of the talks on more general topics that relate to people and places in Ireland.

<http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/podcasts/>

Royal Hospital Chelsea: Soldiers' service documents

Published date: Mon, 15 Nov 2010

Military records specialist William Spencer talks about WO 97, one of The National Archives' most popular record series. This series holds detailed and comprehensive military records of over 1.5 million soldiers who served in the British Army between 1760 and 1913. This talk reveals the enlightening information found in the records, for anyone with ancestors who served in the army during this period.

Author: William Spencer **Duration:** 00:07:19

(These records are available by subscription on www.findmypast.co.uk)

Nineteenth century soldiers: getting the most from online resources

Published date: Fri, 22 Jul 2011

This talk aims to explain the intricacies of soldiers' service records online, in record series WO 97, and how using the records of the First World War is something which should be considered when researching nineteenth-century soldiers. William Spencer is The National Archives' principal military specialist, and has worked for The National Archives for the past 17 years. He is the author of a number of books including 'Army Records: A guide for family historians'.

Author: William Spencer **Duration:** 37:08

The London Gazette - not just the brave and the bankrupt

Published date: Fri, 19 Nov 2010

Family History specialist Audrey Collins discusses how researchers can get the most out of the London Gazette, Britain's oldest continually-published newspaper. From its first edition, produced in Oxford in November 1665 while London suffered through the plague, it became well-known as the source for official notices. This treasure trove for family and local historians and can reveal details of gallantry awards, notices of bankruptcy, changes of name, and much more.

Author: Audrey Collins **Duration:** 00:46:04

(Before 1922 all military and government appointments and legal notices for Ireland were listed in the London Gazette. See also the Edinburgh Gazette, and the Belfast Gazette which first appeared on 7 June 1921)

www.gazettes-online.co.uk

Look-up offer for members

Thanks to Marie Crowley, a member of Foyle Branch, who has offered to look-up of the registers of St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Iskaheen, (Upper Merville/Muff) Co. Donegal.

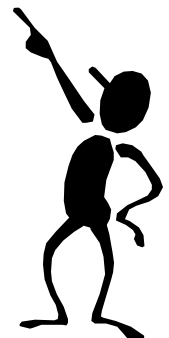
Dates covered are:

Baptisms: 1858 - 1950

Marriages: 1903 - 1984

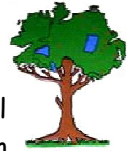
Deaths: 1913 - 1946

E-mail Marie directly at: mariecrowley@btinternet.com





Grave News



Belfast City Council has made available on-line the burial records of three municipal cemeteries; Dundonald (from 1905), Roselawn (from 1954) and Belfast City Cemetery (in use since 1868) including the Jewish, public and Glenalina extension sections.

The database is searchable by name, but you should also try alternative spellings of the name you are looking for, and it is often best not to enter the forename, as spelling can vary so much. Information given in the search results includes full name, age, sex, last place of residence, date of death, date of burial, cemetery they are interred in, grave section and number, type of burial (earth burial or cremation), and parents' names in the case of a baby. The burial of a stillborn baby is often the only mention of its existence, as the birth does not have to be registered.

<http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/burialrecords/index.asp>

No. 45

Our Research Centre at 45 Park Ave. Holywood Road, 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

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

"News 45" and "North Irish Roots"

An index to "North Irish Roots" is available on the Society's website, www.nifhs.org where most back numbers are available for purchase together with binders; payment may be made via PayPal.

Fully indexed back numbers of the journal are available as part of the 'Ireland Collection' on the JSTOR website at www.jstor.org and access to the whole of this collection is free for Members.

Previous editions of "News 45" with an index are available on our website.

Ireland Genealogy Projects

The IGP Archives website was created to help fill the need for free genealogical data about families originating in Ireland. The databases include records that volunteers have submitted and cover BMDs, newspaper notices, gravestone inscriptions and much more. Many of the graveyards have been completely transcribed, but some are entries relating to one family. Click on a county to see what is available.

<http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/>

Emigration to America

The United States National Archives has two online databases of records relating to emigration from Ireland. The Famine Irish Passenger Record Data File records more than 604,000 passengers who landed at New York from Ireland between 1846 and 1851, and the second is a list of ships that arrived at the Port of New York in the same years.

<http://aad.archives.gov/aad/series-list.jsp?cat=GP44>

Ellis Island Arrivals at the port of New York date from 1892-1924, and prior to that Castle Garden was the immigration centre with records dating from 1820-1892.

www.castlegarden.org

www.ellisland.org



Emigration to Australia

Almost 39,000 convicts who were sent from Ireland to Australia between 1780 and 1868 feature in a database on the website of the National Archives of Ireland.



<http://www.nationalarchives.ie/search/index.php?category=18>

Below is an example of a search result, with a document reference number. You can find out more about TR 7 and P 7 by entering the reference in the search box at the top of the National Archives Home page.

Match 1 from 'Ireland-Australia transportation database'	
Last name:	CROZIER
First name:	RICHARD
Full name:	RICHARD CROZIER
Sex:	M
Age:	21
Trial place:	Co. Armagh
Trial date:	22/07/1847
Crime desc:	Larceny from dwelling
Sentence:	Transportation 10 yrs
Ship:	Medway
Document ref:	TR 7, P 7

Belfast News-Letter Friday July 30th 1847

SENTENCES AT THE ARMAGH ASSIZES. –The following are the sentences passed at the Armagh Assizes:- Samuel Twinam, one month's imprisonment; Peter Coskeran, transported for life; John Lackey, same; Robert Cumming, ten years' transportation; James McMahon, same; John Sloan, same; Adam Black, same; James Black, same; Richard Crozier, same; Sally Devlin, two calendar months' imprisonment; William McCourt, same; John McCourt, same; Margaret Crosby, same; Robert Reford, same; Francis Carberry, same; Hugh Moore, one calendar month; Arthur Burke, three calendar months'; Hugh Morrison, same; Mary McCourt, same; Bridget O'Neil, same; Ann Neal, same; James Conroy, one week's imprisonment; William Turkington, six calendar months' imprisonment; John Coogan, same; John McParland, same; Eliza Graham, Rachel Kane, Matthew Kane and Sarah Kane, each to be imprisoned one week.

Find more information in the Belfast News-Letter, which is included The British Library Collection of 19th Century Newspapers. Many universities and libraries have subscribed to the collection which is freely available to students and staff through their institutions.

However it is now available online to individuals by subscription. A 24-hour pass costs £6.99 allowing you to view up to 100 articles, and a seven-day pass costs £9.99 allowing you to view 200 articles. Use Advanced Search to select a region, publication or time period to reduce the number of results and click on the thumbnail image of any article to see a free extract containing the words used in your search, before using credit to download the article. <http://newspapers.bl.uk/blcs/>

You may be able to gather more information on an individual in the National Library of Australia's Trove collection of digitised newspapers (1803-1982), which is free to use. Log in is not necessary unless you would like to help correct the text which has been electronically translated by computer.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper>

IGS

Irish Graveyard Surveyors provides a data recording and mapping service, recording and plotting the details of every grave within a graveyard. The database on their website is searchable by graveyard name, family name, county, or year, and each grave listed has a photograph attached. The map of graveyard locations shows completed projects and work in progress, with County Donegal being particularly well covered.

www.irishgraveyards.ie

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The editorial team is always pleased to receive contributions to the journal and suggestions for the newsletter.

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