



The National Hall, Olympia, London, 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Council Officers will be joined by a number of Associate Members who live in England, and who have volunteered to help on our stand at the show. We look forward to a busy few days promoting the Society and selling our maps and booklets!

**\*\* BREAKING NEWS \*\***

For some months now Council Officers have been investigating properties as possible new headquarters, and are now pleased to report that our Research Centre and Office will be moving to Unit C4 at Valley Business Centre which is in Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim.

There is some work to be done to the premises, but we will keep members informed about the timing of the move.

The location is easily reached from the north via the M2, and from the south via the M1, Westlink and M2.

**No. 45**

Our Research Centre at 45 Park Avenue, Belfast will remain open as usual on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am until 12.30pm until further notice, but will have to close for a few weeks.

Access to the Research Centre at times other than Wednesday morning is by prior arrangement.

See our website for contact details and updates on the new premises

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



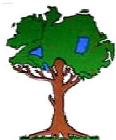
**LOOK UP OFFER**

One of our members, Marie Crowley has offered look-ups of birth, death and marriage announcements which were in the 'Derry Journal' from 1860 onwards. The Derry Journal is the second oldest newspaper still in existence in Ireland. All denominations are covered, relating to Counties Londonderry and Donegal.

Wikipedia - The *London-Derry Journal and General Advertiser* was launched on Wednesday 3 June 1772 and was a four page paper that cost one penny. It was initially published on Wednesday and Saturday but in October of the same year, the publication days were changed to Tuesday and Friday, and 1877 it became a daily paper for a brief time. However, after three months the paper became a tri-weekly publication (Monday, Wednesday and Friday).

It was renamed the '*Derry Journal*' in 1880. Contact Marie at - [mariecrowley@btinternet.com](mailto:mariecrowley@btinternet.com)

More historic detail is available at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Derry\\_Journal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Derry_Journal)



# The Gilbert Library



## Indexes to civil records of births, marriages and deaths

Indexes to civil records from the General Register Office, Dublin and filmed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, are available to consult on microfilm at The Gilbert Library, Pearse St. Dublin.

- Index to Births 1864 - 1885, 1888 - 1921, 1926 - 1931, 1935 - 1947, 1949, 1953 - 1958
- Index to Marriages 1845 - 1949, 1955 - 1958
- Index to Deaths 1864 - 1931, 1935 - 1950

Indexes to the civil records of **Northern Ireland** are available on microfilm, for the following years:

- Births 1941 - 1959
- Marriages 1930 - 1950
- Deaths 1934 - 1939

[www.census.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie)

When you are using the Census of Ireland website don't overlook "More Search Options". You can very easily reduce the list of search results by entering a County of Origin, i.e. Birth County. The counties have usually been spelt correctly when transcribed for the database so you don't need to worry about using an asterisk as a "wild card."

If you enter an occupation there is more risk of eliminating the person you are looking for, as jobs were described in different ways. Enter one word that you think might be part of the occupation, e.g. if you enter 'ship' you will find 'ship builder,' 'ship captain,' 'ship yard worker,' 'riveter in ship yard,' 'holder up in ship yard,' 'painter in ship yard,' and many more.

Entering 'mill' finds 'mill owner,' 'mill manager,' 'spinner in mill,' 'tenter in mill,' 'half timer in mill,' 'doffer in mill,' etc.

The Nicoll family living in the Duncairn area of Belfast shows several of the different mill jobs.

John	45	Holder up in Shipyard
Elizabeth	19	Reeler in Spinning Mill
Mary	17	Flax Doffer in Spinning Mill
John	15	Reeler Boy in Spinning Mill
Annie	13	Flax Doffer in Spinning Mill
Sarah	12	Flax Doffer in Spinning Mill
Thomas	9	Scholar
Eliza Ann	36	House Keeper
John	14	Handle Holder in Spinning Mill

When you change to search for someone else remember to remove these options as they don't automatically go.



## Photos from the Andrews/Vanaria Collection



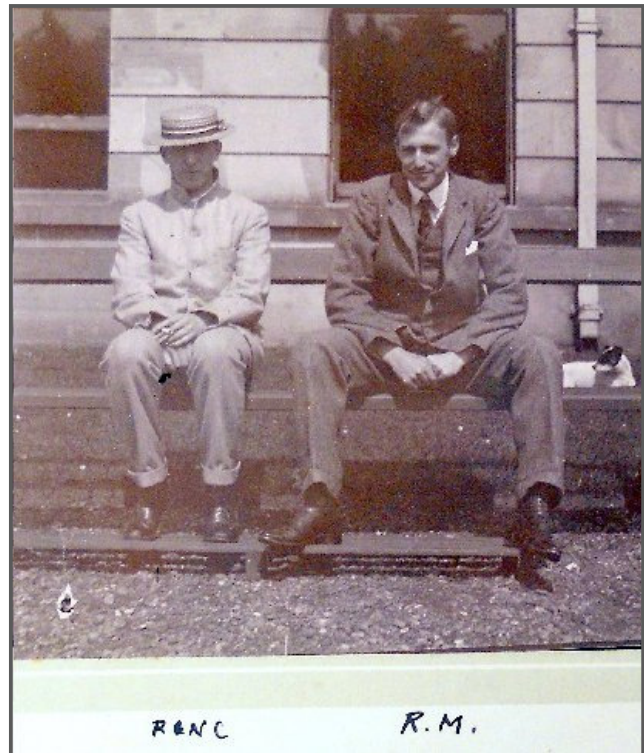
We have been contacted by Dr. T. Andrews who has a **Barbour** Family album dating from 1899-1905 with dozens of family photographs taken in and around Dunmurry as well as at Harold Adrian Barbour's home which was called "Strathearn."

The album will one day be donated to some library or historical society for preservation and availability to future researchers.

The identifications are by initials only. Do you recognize any of these people? Is "FB" Frank Barbour? Is "HH" Henry Harland?

If you can identify any of these folk Dr. Andrews would love to hear from you.

Dr. Andrews can be contacted at - [Andrews7349@aol.com](mailto:Andrews7349@aol.com)




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### Burial Records

Searching the records of burials on the Belfast City Council website has been greatly enhanced by the option to click on the grave number to see who else is in the grave.

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



## **\*\* REMINDER \*\***



Belfast Branch Competition

### **Life in a Townland Through the Eyes of my Ancestors Biennial Competition 2012**



A Townland is the smallest geographical division of land in Ireland and was originally the holding of an extended family. The title of this year's competition is 'Life in [Name of Townland] Through the Eyes of my Ancestors'. You might want to see it from the point of view of several generations or branches of your family, or you might want to bring in other families from the Townland and their inter-relationships with your family. The treatment is up to you.

Entries must be received by 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012, so there is still time to enter this year's competition; an entry form was attached with the "News 45" Extra that was sent in November 2011. There is always a very good response to the competition from our Associate Members, and we would love to have more entries from our Branch Members. The entries make great reading in North Irish Roots!

If you need an entry form with all the details contact [anne.johnston@nireland.com](mailto:anne.johnston@nireland.com)

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### **St. Mark's Church, Dundela, Belfast**

A great addition to online records! St. Mark's has made available as a downloadable spreadsheet, nearly four and a half thousand baptismal records dating from 1864 to 2009.

[http://dundela.down.anglican.org/stmarks\\_history\\_bap.html](http://dundela.down.anglican.org/stmarks_history_bap.html)

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### **DNA Testing**

One of our Associate members is keen to hear from any Stewart men who would be interested in taking part in a DNA Project. The testing organization is Family Tree DNA, located in Houston, Texas, and the test itself is quick and easy; just take a swab of the inner cheek lining and place the swab in a mailing vial.

For more information contact Dick Stewart - [whereaz@cox.net](mailto:whereaz@cox.net)

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### **"News 45" and "North Irish Roots"**

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

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