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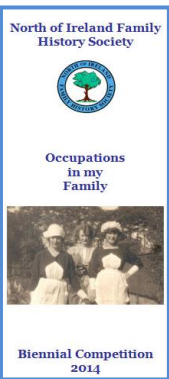
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? LIVE 2014



Another year has rolled round and Council Officers are again making plans to attend WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? LIVE 2014, which is being held at Olympia, London from 20th - 22nd February. It's a great opportunity to raise our profile and promote the society.

For the last few years some of our Associate Members have come along to help man the stand, and it has been a great opportunity for us all to meet. We have some helpers lined up for this year but would be pleased if a few more members who live within reach of Olympia would be able to come along and help on the Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Contact chair@nifhs.org if you are able to help.

www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com



OCCUPATIONS IN MY FAMILY

The title of this year's competition is 'Occupations in my Family'. Weave a story which you can share with members of your family, fellow members of the North of Ireland Family History Society and others by entering the Society's Biennial Competition for 2014. You still have nearly 2 months to put your knowledge of your ancestors onto paper.

Entries must be received by 30th March 2014 and a completed entry form must accompany all entries. For more information see the website: www.nifhs.org

ANCESTOR CHART

Thank you to the many members who submitted an Ancestor Chart, having received it in the autumn journal. The index to these charts is currently being updated, and will be available with the charts in our Research Centre.

NEW PUBLICATION



The second book in our county series, *Researching Your Ancestors in the North of Ireland: Co. Cavan* is now published and will be launched at *Who Do You Think You Are? Live*. It will be available on our website by the end of February.

FINDMYPAST

The Society has taken a subscription to the UK Library Edition of Findmypast.co.uk. Members can access the United Kingdom section of the website on one of the computers at the Research Centre.

BMDs for Ireland are not available but it is particularly good for Military records (British Army Service Records 1760-1915) and transcriptions of the GRO Indices to Regimental Births 1761-1924

Includes passengers leaving Britain and Ireland between 1890 and 1960.

Also other British records that apply to Ireland before partition.



PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND



The Cooper Photographic Collection

In 1913 London born Herbert Cooper took over a photographic studio in Railway Street, Strabane, Co. Tyrone. The previous proprietor had been J. Burroughs who had run the studio from about 1901 to 1913.

Cooper amassed a huge collection of photographs and also recorded films. He took photographs throughout the counties of Tyrone and Donegal and also visited towns in Counties Derry, Armagh and Fermanagh, with occasional visits into Co. Down. His informal approach to taking photographs of life in the countryside and small towns of the west of Ulster has resulted in the best record of life in provincial Ireland between the wars. The archive of around 2,500 photographs covering the period c.1881-1960 is arranged by county (D1422/A) and subject (D1422/B) and can only be viewed by visiting PRONI. However they do offer a remote search and copying service. A summary of the collection can be seen at:



www.proni.gov.uk/introduction_-_cooper_papers_d1422.pdf

PROFILE FORM

Information from Profile Forms, which contain your surname interests, is printed in the journal, and if you choose, on the website. Information on the website never includes a member's name and contact details. Only the surnames of interest and a membership number are shown and any member wanting to make contact has to do it through the Society, by quoting the membership number.

Do submit Profile Forms regularly (maybe yearly), to see if any other members can offer help or suggestions about your particular research.

The form is in the Membership section of the website, and can be completed on screen, and then saved to your computer. To get it to the Society Office you can either:

-  Print the form and send by post *or*
-  Send it as an Attachment by email

ASSISTED EMMIGRATION FROM CLONES, COUNTY MONAGHAN

We have been contacted by Dermot McCabe who is researching families who were 'Assisted to Emigrate' from The Lennard Estate in Clones. He would be pleased to hear from anyone who can add to his knowledge of Clones families that went to America, Canada, Australia, Tazmania, England and Scotland. He intends to publish his findings in the near future.

He can be contacted at:
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County Monaghan
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IRISH LIVES REMEMBERED

This is an online monthly magazine which is free to view/download. The October, December and January issues contain articles about the Society and its Branches and most were written by members of the Society. All the back issues are available on the website.

www.irishlivesremembered.com



GRONI ~ NEWS

Breaking news from the General Register Office of Northern Ireland! See the Facebook post by Maeve Rogan, our Publicity Officer. The BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH indexes will soon be online.

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/north-of-ireland-family-history-society/one-to-look-out-for-good-news-about-forthcoming-online-service-for-birth-marriag/65603427788663>



STEP SHORT

Remembering the soldiers of the Great War



Harbour Canteen Visitors' Books

Folkestone, on the south coast of England, was the coastal port through which more than 10 million men passed between 1914 and 1918, on their way to or from the Western Front.

As they marched through the town and came to the top of "The Slope" down to the harbour (Now called the Road of Remembrance), they would have heard the order "Step Short," an instruction to shorten their stride in order to negotiate the gradient safely.

The Step Short project wants to bring to life the part that Folkestone played in the Great War and with the 2014 centenary as its focus, Step Short will honour the men and women who served while marking the town's vital role in those world-changing events.

The Harbour Canteen, which stood on the harbour during the First World War, served refreshments to the troops on their way out to France. For many of those about to board ship, the cafe would have offered a welcome final cuppa before their journey.

What makes the canteen so special is that an estimated 42,000 of the soldiers who stopped at the canteen signed visitors' books that were rediscovered a few years ago by local historian Charles Fair.

Step Short volunteers have now scanned all eight of the books and have almost completed transcribing the entries. The books are due to be put on line and made available to historians and family researchers within the next few weeks. Access will be free to browse the images, but there will be a charge for the use of the index and transcriptions.

WELSH NEWSPAPERS ONLINE

Welsh Newspapers Online (Beta) is a **free** online resource from the National Library of Wales. To date nearly 200 newspaper publications covering the years up to about 1910 have been scanned and digitised. There is also a long list of journals.

The reason for mentioning a Welsh resource is that newspapers frequently publish stories and articles from other newspapers, and they may help you to locate information on an ancestor. For example the item below relating to Lurgan, Co. Armagh, was published in the Cardiff Times on 10 August 1889.

SAD DEATH FROM LOCKJAW

A sad death from lockjaw is reported from Lurgan. Mrs Crozier, a widow, of 60 years of age, reared fowls, and a few days ago a valuable gamecock flew at her and cut her on the wrist with its spurs. At first little attention was paid to the injury, but lockjaw subsequently supervened, and Mrs Crozier died on Wednesday after suffering much pain.

<http://welshnewspapers.llqc.org.uk/en/home>

Junior Genie



We have been developing activities to interest children in beginning to research their families. At Culture Night in Belfast last September we tried out our Junior Genie character and had stickers, colouring pages and a 3 generation tree for children to complete. The activities went down well and we will use them again where there may be children with their parents.

