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~ ~ NEW WEBSITE ~ ~

After many months of work our new website has been launched. With its new layout and information more easily accessible from 'drop down' menus it is a wonderful shop window. The updated e-commerce section (the shop to you and me!) will make purchasing our publications easier than ever. Please visit the website!

www.nifhs.org

CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & INTEREST GROUPS

The Autumn Programme is planned and details are in the accompanying attachment and on the website. If you are interested in some very practical courses please check out the list and email education@nifhs.org to book.

EVENTS

BACK TO OUR PAST

Held at the RDS, Dublin this year's show takes place from Friday 9th - Sunday 11th October. It is a great opportunity to make contact with other genealogical organisations and make ourselves known. If you are available to help promote the Society, encourage new members and sell our publications at this event please contact chair@nifhs.org

To see who else will be there see www.backtoourpast.com/mysitecaddy/site3/index.htm

Creative Crafts Fair

The autumn Creative Crafts Fair in Belfast has moved to a new location at Titanic Quarter. It takes place on Thursday 15th, Friday 16th (10am - 4pm) and Saturday 17th October (10am - 5pm) in the new Titanic Exhibition Centre which is on Queens Road opposite Titanic Studios.

As in previous years Society members will attend and man a stand to raise awareness of the Society, sell our publications and encourage membership. If you can help for part of a day please contact education@nifhs.org

CANCELLED

Our Research Centre is open on Tuesdays from 2.00pm-8.00pm. Access at other times is by prior arrangement. See our website for contact details and a map of the location www.nifhs.org/research-centre/

Unit C4, Valley Business Centre, 67 Church Road, Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim BT36 7LS

If you can't make it to the Research Centre remember that members can request a look up.

Email: irishsect@nifhs.org or use the message box at: www.nifhs.org/resources/look-up-service



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

Journal: nroots@nifhs.org Newsletter: education@nifhs.org



NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND



On the National Library of Ireland website are digital images of microfilms of R.C. parish registers which had been microfilmed in the 1950s and 1960s.

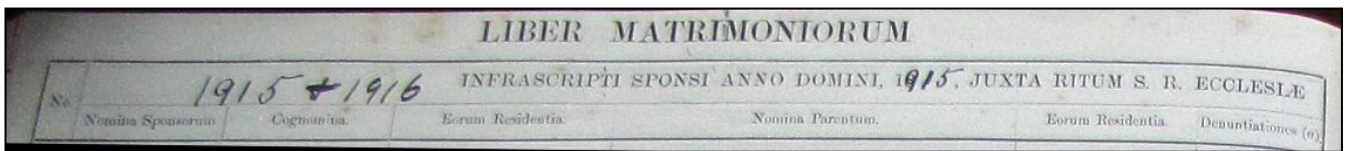
The images are browsable by parish at: <http://registers.nli.ie/> and there is a map facility on the Home page to help find the correct parish.

The churches did not all send their registers to Dublin and one of those which didn't is Holy Family Parish Church, Belfast. Members of the Society have transcribed the records of Holy Family and they are available in the Randal Gill Library and as a "look up" for members.

Surnames are listed on our website and the full transcription is available to members.

Births 1895-1921 ~ Marriages 1895-1946 ~ Deaths 1931-1963

The records show the huge numbers of people who flooded into Belfast to work and the marriage records include the addresses of the parents of the bride and groom. The baptism records include confirmation and marriage dates and locations. Holy family does not have a graveyard but the death records record the place of burial.



IRISHGENEALOGY.IE

The Irish Government sponsored website has now got the indexes to Civil Registration back online. It is useful to be able to check more than one transcribed source as sometimes an entry shows in one set of records and not in another. www.irishgenealogy.ie

PRONI

Document of the Month

PRONI seeks to highlight within its collections archival documents which are particularly unusual, or which tie in to notable dates on the calendar.

Within this page, you will find information relating to PRONI's past and current 'Document of the Month'.

www.proni.gov.uk/index/exhibitions_talks_and_events/document_of_the_month.htm

DID YOU KNOW?

The PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE of NORTHERN IRELAND has made recordings of many of its lectures available on YouTube.

For example the series of lectures in the "Home Front Conference: NI in the Second World War," that took place in 2013 can be found listed at this link -

www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/proni-on-youtube.htm

Click on a title under 'Further Information,' and then on the link that follows the description.

WOODLAND TRUST

The Woodland Trust's First World War Centenary Wood in Ireland is Brackfield Wood in the Faughan Valley, Co. Londonderry and consists of 53 acres of grassland stretching along the banks of the River Faughan. Individuals can dedicate a tree to a fallen service person for a donation of £20. 15,000 trees have been planted so far and planting will continue until the end of 2018.

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/support-an-appeal/centenary-woods/northern-ireland

Note that a tree can be dedicated to anyone in any of the Trust's woodlands.

For more information see their website.



SCOTTISH LINKS



Intimations is the Watt Library's index of over 100,000 family notices containing details of births, marriages and deaths as seen in the pages of the *Greenock Advertiser*, *Greenock Telegraph* and other local newspapers from 1800 until 1915.

The notices are sorted by surname, and then first name and the entry details include the name and date of the publication. The **Intimations** index is also available for perusal in hard copy form at the Watt Library.

The birth, marriage and death notices include information about folk who lived in the *Greenock* area but who had originated in Ireland and also folk who lived in Ireland but who were originally from the *Greenock* area.

For example Agnes Cooper of Port Glasgow married John Duncan of Oban at Ballymena on 25 December 1894.

www.inverclyde.gov.uk/community-life-and-leisure/libraries/archives-local-history-and-heritage/family-history/intimations

PRONI

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland will be open throughout **European Heritage Weekend** on **12-13 September** with a full service on the Saturday.

Also on Saturday 12 September at 1 pm, there will be a special lunchtime talk entitled:

SS Nomadic - A Titanic Restoration by Graeme Moore of Consarc Conservation.

www.proni.gov.uk

CWGC

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has added to its website documents of Grave Registration Reports and headstone engraving with next of kin being listed in many cases.

A column on the right of the search results shows if there are documents available and clicking on a name provides more detail; scroll down the page to see the documents which may be downloaded. www.cwgc.org

The War Graves Photographic Project has photographs of 1.6 million named gravestones and memorials available at:

www.twgpp.org

NIFHS DNA PROJECT

There has been fast growing interest in genealogical DNA testing as a means of making contact with 'cousins,' or to verify research. Last year Ballymena Branch committee arranged for Dr. Maurice Gleeson, from Family Tree DNA, to give a talk on how DNA test results can help to connect families. The talk was attended by members from several other branches and follow up discussions resulted in the North of Ireland Family History Society having its own DNA project.

Anyone can join the project but only members of NIFHS will get discount on the testing kit.

Members of the Society who wish to take up this offer should contact Maggie Lyttle at maggielyttle@hotmail.com or Alan Rosborough at rosboroughasd@dsl.pipex.com, who are the Ballymena Branch Committee officers co-ordinating the Project.

Quote your NIFHS membership number when you email, and when they have verified that you are a current member they will provide you with a code to use when ordering the test kit.

Order the test via the NIFHS Project at <https://www.familytreedna.com/public/nifhs> to qualify for the special prices. Just click on JOIN REQUEST in the dark blue bar at the top and go for:-

Option B if you want to buy a test **and** join the project

Option A if you already have taken a test and have a username and password.

www.familytreedna.com



THE ALLEN Y-DNA PROJECT



The Allen DNA Project is partnering with the Allen Guild of One Name Studies in an exciting new Research Endeavour. The Allen DNA Project is a US based group, but is very interested in expanding its membership to a world-wide audience by actively seeking out Allens from England, Scotland, Ireland, Mainland Europe, Canada, Australia, New Zealand or anywhere else on the planet. Additionally, any spelling variation of the Allen surname is welcome: Allan, Allyn, Allin, etc.

To this point, FREE yDNA 37 marker tests will be made available to any males carrying the Allen surname and residing outside the United States who are willing to join the project and participate in the testing. The only requirement for a **free** yDNA test in a known Allen/Allan (any spelling) lineage to at least the participant's Great Grand-father Allen/Allan (any spelling) in any country. Additionally, the Allen DNA Project is setting aside a specific Sub-group within the Project with a full commitment of assistance from Allen Project Co-Administrator Dr. Eric Allen who will be overseeing this specific International Sub-group.

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Guild of One Name Studies: one-name.org/name_profile/allen/

THOM'S DIRECTORIES

Findmypast Ireland has transcriptions of Thom's from 1844-1900.

Our Research Centre has Thom's Directories of Ireland ranging from 1853 to 1997. As well as inhabitants in the counties of Ireland the 1853 directory includes Army and Navy lists which include promotions from 1800.

See the Library Catalogue for a full list of indexes and books in the Irish Section; all of which are available for 'look up,' but please be specific about what you would like looked up and provide enough information with names and approx years that a family may have been in an area. Our volunteers cannot undertake a general search for a surname.

www.nifhs.org/resources/library-list

CHURCH OF IRELAND RECORDS ONLINE

The Swanlinbar Kildallon group of Church of Ireland Parishes in the Diocese of Kilmore is working to make available the records from the churches in the group. To date there are records available from Tomregan, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan; Christ Church, Kildallon, Co. Cavan; St. Peter's Church, Templeport, Co. Cavan; St. Augustine's, Swanlinbar, Co. Cavan and St. Paul's Chapel, Kinawley, Co. Fermanagh. Click on the church then the 'Genealogy' button.

www.swanlinbar-kildallon.kilmore.anglican.org/index.html



www.facebook.com/NIFHS

<https://twitter.com/NIFHS>



Several Branches of the Society have set up Facebook Pages or Groups and links can be found on the Home Page of the website. www.nifhs.org

Ballymena - Page & Group
Coleraine - Page & Group
Larne - Group
Lisburn - Group

Newtownabbey - Page
North Armagh - Page, Group & Twitter
North Down & Ards - Page & Group
Omagh - Group

Don't just 'Lurk' - 'Like' and 'Share'