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WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? LIVE 2016



Council Officers are busy making plans to attend WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? LIVE 2016, which is being held at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham from 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> April. It's a great opportunity to raise our profile and promote the society.

We will be glad to hear from any Members who can help man the stand. If you have carried out your own research in Ulster you will be able to help! **Free admission** if you can do a whole day or even half a day.

- o Answering queries ~ where places are where records are available – our booklets have the answers!
- o Offering advice on how to begin researching
- o Encouraging folk to join the Society; explain benefits of Associate membership (info on posters)
- o Selling publications ~ *All the prices will be clearly on display.*
- o *There will always be others on the stand to help with advice.*

Contact [chair@nifhs.org](mailto:chair@nifhs.org) if you can help.

[www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com](http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com)

RESEARCH CENTRE

SATURDAY OPENING

For a trial period the Research Centre and Randal Gill Library will be open on the third Saturday of each month from 10.30am-12.30pm.

Volunteers will be there to help and remember that free Wi-Fi is available.

Tuesday opening continues as usual, 2.00pm-8.00pm with other times by arrangement.

DNA INTEREST GROUP

A DNA (Family Finder) Interest Group will meet in the Research Centre on the last Saturday of each month from 2.00pm-4.00pm. This is for members who have attended Martin's class to have dedicated time to work on their results and support each other.

There is no need to register, just come along when you can!



ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

It's that time of year again when Associate members are thinking (or forgetting!) about renewing their membership. You will have received a form with the journal North Irish Roots, which you received before Christmas, or you can renew via the website using PayPal. [www.nifhs.org](http://www.nifhs.org)

Please keep your email address up to date in our records so that you don't miss any news!



## COURSES AND WORKSHOPS



The new programme of courses and workshops is now planned and further information about each may be found on the website.

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

### **"Tagging Your Family History" - a creative craft class, materials provided**

Tuesday evenings 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 1 March, 7.00 pm-9.00 pm.

Members £20 - non-members £25



### **"You've taken the DNA test, what next? - Understanding Family Finder"**

Monday evenings 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00 pm-9.00 pm

Members £15 - non-members £20

### **"Writing up Your Family History"**

Tuesday mornings 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March & 8<sup>th</sup> March, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Members £15 - non-members £20

### **"A Beginners' Guide to Facebook"**

Tuesday evening 8<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00 pm-9.00 pm

Members £5 - non-members £10



### **"Using Newspapers for Family History Research"**

Tuesday morning 15<sup>th</sup> March - 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Members £5 - non-members £10

### **"Understanding Heraldry"**

Tuesday mornings 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 29<sup>th</sup> March, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Members £10 - non-members £15

### **"Life in Ulster in the 1830s"**

Tuesday morning 5<sup>th</sup> April, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Members £5 - non-members £10

### **"Researching Military Ancestors"**

Saturday afternoons 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2.00 pm-4.00 pm

Members £10 - non-members £15

To enrol for any of the courses e-mail the Education and Development Officer at:

[education@nifhs.org](mailto:education@nifhs.org)

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## ORDNANCE SURVEY MEMOIRS

Don't overlook the Ordnance Survey Memoirs for interesting background material. For example the Parish of Templepatrick in Volume 35, includes the following essential information!

"The usual superstitions concerning fairies, brownies, enchantments and magic, and the spells by which they are abated, are prevalent among all and generally believed by the old people, but by most of the rising generation of the better class they are ridiculed."

"Cure for the chin cough: take the child or send to a man whose wife's maiden name is the same as her husband's surname, and obtain from him a piece of bread, butter and cheese, and give it to the child, which will immediately prevent its coughing."



## IRISH GLEANINGS



### Connecting US immigrants to Irish townlands

<https://sites.google.com/site/irishgleanings/home>

This interesting set of records has been compiled from letters received by US Consulate offices in Ireland and the United States, requesting help with topics such as citizenship, estates, birth & death records, immigration and pensions.

The paper records, which are arranged in books by year, are stored at The National Archives at College Park, Maryland and these extracts come from records created between 1869 and 1934, and in many instances refer to earlier records. Some folk mentioned had returned to Ireland but had relatives in USA and many of the letters relate to probate of property in US and beneficiaries in Ireland.

Records may be browsed or use the search facility to see results for a particular surname or place. The results pages are long and have all surnames highlighted so use Ctrl F to find the entry you are looking for.

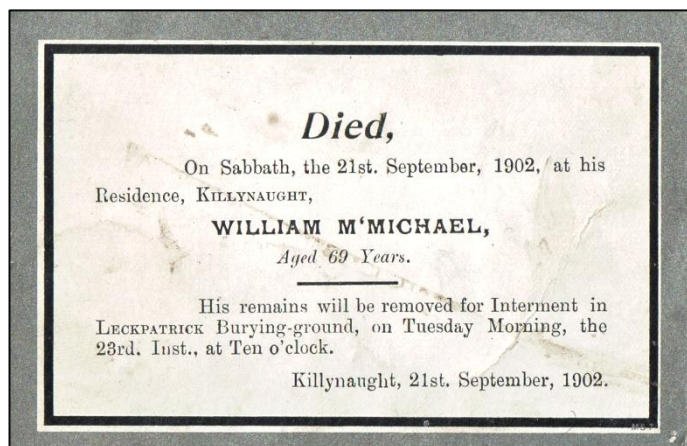
For example a search for **Crozier** found:

*William **CROZIER** born 1904 Belfast married 1930 to Clarice at Manchester, CT, son William b 1931, daug Barbara Jean b 1933, now resides Canning St, Belfast date 1934-06-14*

*Carl EKENKRANTZ married 1928 to Mary **CROZIER** at Long Island, daug Lillian born 1930 now reside Bangor, Co Down date 1933-07-28*

### MOURNING CARDS

Our collection of mourning cards has been updated and another 130 added. The images have been scanned and are now available to members through the 'look up' service. Most scans are from original cards but some are from poor photocopies, and for some we have no images. See the transcriptions on the website: [www.nifhs.org/resources/miscellaneous-records/index-to-mourning-cards/](http://www.nifhs.org/resources/miscellaneous-records/index-to-mourning-cards/)



*From our collection of Mourning Cards*

### MCMICHAEL/MACMICHAEL SURNAME PROJECT

This project is based on Y-DNA testing to help sort out the many variant spellings of McMichael family trees and branches. So far most of the project participants are from around Loughguile, Ballymoney, Ballycastle and Portrush.

The more men who test the more connections may be made!

Joining the group does not cost anything and ultimately the aim is to find a person in Scotland likely to be related to a family/branch progenitor.

If you would like more information contact Brian McMichael at:

[mcmichael.brian@gmail.com](mailto:mcmichael.brian@gmail.com)



## CHURCH RECORDS



This is a list of online baptism, marriage and burial records that have appeared in previous issues of the Newsletter.

### **Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Co. Donegal**

Online records of: Baptisms 1811-2000, Marriages 1820-1999, Deaths 1854-1895

<http://mcn.ie/crossroads/genealogy/intro.html>

### **Derramore Presbyterian Church, Co. Londonderry**

Baptism records, 1825-1899 and gravestone inscriptions.

[www.derramorepresbyterianchurch.co.uk](http://www.derramorepresbyterianchurch.co.uk)

### **Derryloran Parish Church, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone**

Parish registers beginning 1797

<http://www.derryloran.com/ParishReg/index.aspx>

### **Donagheady & Leckpatrick Parishes, Co Tyrone**

[www.breadyancestry.com/](http://www.breadyancestry.com/)

[www.cotyroneireland.com/menus/churchrecord.html](http://www.cotyroneireland.com/menus/churchrecord.html)

### **Drumragh Parish, Omagh, Co. Tyrone**

Baptisms 1846-1910, Marriages 1846-1927, Deaths 1846-1942

[www.drumraghparish.com/archiver.asp](http://www.drumraghparish.com/archiver.asp)

### **Fortwilliam Park Presbyterian Church, Belfast**

Baptism records 1885-2005 can be searched by name and filtered by date. Images of the original registers in PDF format can be downloaded and browsed.

[www.fmpci.com/fortwilliam-park/baptismal-register](http://www.fmpci.com/fortwilliam-park/baptismal-register)

### **Macrory Memorial Presbyterian Church, Duncairn Gardens, Belfast**

Baptism records from 1941 until amalgamation with Fortwilliam Park Pres. Church in 2005.

[www.fmpci.com/macrory-memorial/baptismal-register](http://www.fmpci.com/macrory-memorial/baptismal-register)

### **Market Hill 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Churches, Co Armagh**

Baptism and marriage records from 1821

[www.markethillpresbyterian.co.uk/genealogy.htm](http://www.markethillpresbyterian.co.uk/genealogy.htm)

### **Swanlinbar-Kildallon group of parishes**

[www.swanlinbar-kildallon.kilmore.anglican.org/index.html](http://www.swanlinbar-kildallon.kilmore.anglican.org/index.html)

### **Taughboyne Union, Co. Donegal, Registers 1820-1900**

The Union comprises Taughboyne, All Saints Newtowncunningham, Killea, and the Chapel of Ease at Craigadooish.

<http://ireland.anglican.org/about/189>

### **GRACEY/TURKINGTON SURNAMES**

One of our Associate members has amassed a wealth of information on the above surnames in the Portadown area. He is keen to make contact with members researching these names and anyone in the area who would be willing to check information locally. Join the North Armagh Facebook Group to exchange information or contact [nafhs.sec@btinternet.com](mailto:nafhs.sec@btinternet.com)



# THE FIRST WORLD WAR AT SEA



## The Battle of Jutland

From across Ireland over 10,000 men served in the Royal Navy, but many tens of thousands more served in the merchant fleet, keeping the seas safe and the vital supplies flowing to feed the Army and the people of Great Britain and Ireland. Despite the hostile submarine threat they provided essential rescue services off our coasts and maintained the essential industries directly linked to the sea.

This year is the Centenary of the Battle of Jutland: the most significant naval engagement of WW1. To mark the contribution of all involved in war and life at sea from 1914 - 1918 there will be a commemoration event held in Belfast on 31st May 2016. The event "*A Commemoration to the Irish Sailor in the Great War*" will be run in Belfast next to Jutland's only afloat survivor, HMS Caroline, and will include her official opening as a heritage visitor attraction.

If you have links to sailors, fishing, shipbuilding or other maritime activity from 1914-18 and wish to be involved, there is more information and an 'expression of interest' form on the website.

<http://historyhubulster.co.uk/irishsailor/>

### Irish Merchant Seamen 1918-1921

The Irish Mariners website is a searchable online database which contains information gleaned from the CR10 series of index cards which include a passport style photo and which are held in Southampton Civic Archives. The database contains personal and voyage details of over 23,000 Irish born and 1000 Canadian born merchant seamen.

Read the excellent information about the cards and their function, and how to order copies and enlargements from Southampton Archives.

[www.irishmariners.ie/index.php](http://www.irishmariners.ie/index.php)

These same records, with images, are available by subscription on Findmypast.co.uk

The Southampton copies are said to be of superior quality!

## FUNDRAISING

The Society's Fundraising Group has had their thinking caps on and has created a quiz sheet! The quiz sheet costs £1 and the questions are all related to genealogy. Ask your Branch committee for the sheet and support our fundraising efforts.

Completed quiz sheets should be returned to the Research Centre by 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> correct entry drawn will win a FTDNA Autosomal (Family Finder) DNA kit**

**2<sup>nd</sup> ~ a copy of 'Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors - The Essential Genealogical Guide to Early Modern Ulster, 1600-1800' by Dr. William Roulston**

**3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 3 hour's research support at the NIFHS Research Centre and/or PRONI**