

“Using Google for Family History Research”

2 sessions – **Saturday 13 April (11 am – 1 pm & 2 pm – 4 pm)**

When we think of searching the web, most of us think of Google’s search engine, but there’s a lot more to Google, especially when it comes to researching your family history. In this course, you’ll learn not only how to master the art of “Googling” to research your ancestors, but you’ll also discover the other Google tools and resources that are available to help you with your research. During the two sessions we’ll look at tricks and techniques for effective searching and getting targeted results. We’ll also look at other Google tools and resources useful to the family historian such as Google Maps, Google Alerts and Google Books. And we’ll look at tools which Google offers to help you organise your genealogy research and share it online. And don’t forget to bring your laptop and your family tree as there will be an opportunity to put what you have learnt into practice.

“Family Finder 3”

3 sessions – **Tuesdays – 30 April, 7 and 14 May 2019 (7 pm – 9 pm)**

This 3 session course is designed for those who have already taken Family Tree DNA’s Family Finder Test and have received their results. You will learn how to use the tools on their website to further your genealogical research and discover what steps you can take to confirm relationships with your cousins. The course also covers how Family Finder can be used to verify your research and how the unique X chromosome can help to confirm a match. If you have a laptop, bring it, along with your log-on details to allow for practical learning.

“Making the Most of Your Autosomal DNA Results”

2 sessions – **Saturdays 4 and 11 May 2019 (2 pm – 4 pm)**

This course is a follow up to the very successful Family Finder course and aims to reinforce and expand on some of the key concepts of autosomal DNA testing. It will also include a step-by- step guide to analysing your test results, how to use simple spreadsheets to record and organise your analysis and make suggestions on how you can maximise successful matching.

“Using WikiTree”

1 session – **Saturday 25 May 2019 (11 am – 1 pm)**

WikiTree is a free genealogy website that allows users individually to research and contribute to their own personal family trees, whilst building and collaborating on a single worldwide family tree within the same system. It also allows users to record DNA tests, linking them to relevant cousin profiles. This course will provide an introduction to WikiTree and by the use of practical examples it hopes to encourage you to join the WikiTree community with the overall aim of linking our shared heritage in the North of Ireland and beyond.



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The Courses for Spring 2019 with their dates:

- February 19th – **Using Newspapers for Family History Research** – £8
- February 26th – **It’s All About Me** – £8
- March 5th – **JSTOR – A free resource for NIFHS members** – FREE
- March 12th – **Family Tree Maker: Basics and Benefits** – £8
- March 12th – **The 1718 Migration** – £8
- March 21st – **Using Maps** – £8
- March 23rd – **DNA Day** – FREE
- March 30th – **School Records** – £8
- April 2nd, 9th & 16th – **From Family Tree to Family History** – £18
- April 4th – **Using Ancestry and FindMyPast** – £8
- April 13th – **Using Google for Family History Research** – £14
- April 30th, May 7th & 14th – **Family Finder 3** – £18
- May 4th, 11th – **Making the Most of Your Autosomal DNA Results** – £14
- May 25th – **Using WikiTree** – £8

These courses are available for members and non-members.

To enrol for a course, or if you have any questions, e-mail Education@NIFHS.org. Please give your Full Name, Membership Number (if any), Course Title and Course Date.

All courses are held in the NIFHS Research Centre which is located at [Unit C4, Valley Business Centre, 67 Church Road, Newtownabbey](#), Co. Antrim, BT36 7LS.

See www.nifhs.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/NIFHS-Location-Directions.pdf for how to get there.

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“Using Newspapers for Family History Research”

1 session – **Tuesday 19 February 2019 (11 am – 1 pm)**

Newspapers provide a daily record of life and people, not just in the town of publication but also in the wider world of the county, the country and the globe. Until recently, scouring old newspapers page by page was hardly practical but now that so many are online and have been indexed, albeit in a hit or miss fashion, it is a simple matter to locate articles about people, places or incidents and to use these to flesh out the lives of our ancestors, not only by discovering forgotten stories but also by gaining a better understanding of the context in which they lived their lives. The course covers what can be found and where.

“It’s All About Me”

1 session – **Tuesday 26 February 2019 (11 am – 1 pm)**

We are all used to researching our ancestors but what record should we leave for our descendants who may be curious about our own lives? This course will help you think differently and how to research yourself. You will learn how to decide how best to leave a legacy for future generations describing your life and the things that were important to you.

“JSTOR – a free online resource for NIFHS members”

1 session – **Tuesday 5 March 2019 (12 noon – 1 pm)**

This free talk explains what you can find in the **Ireland Collection** on the JSTOR website which is provided free of charge to all paid up NIFHS branch and associate members with an email address. The talk will explain what is there, how to find it and how to conduct searches on the site, concentrating on how JSTOR can help you research your family history and find out more about your ancestor’s lives.

“Family Tree Maker: Basics and Benefits”

1 session – **Tuesday 12th March 2019 (11 am – 1 pm)**

A beginners’ class on the basics and benefits of using Family Tree Maker software. Some of the points that will be looked at are installing photographs, how to create a timeline, preparation of reports. We will also look at the different ways to print out charts and family tree layouts.

“The 1718 Migration”

1 session – **Tuesday 12th March 2019 (7 pm – 9 pm)**

In 1718 the first group migration from Ireland took place to the new world. This course will give an overview and deal with the records available for the period which can be used by everyone whose family lived in the Derry/Antrim area at that time.

“Using Maps”

1 session – **Thursday 21st March 2019 (7 pm – 9 pm)**

Come along and find out how maps can be used in your family history research. You will hear the history of Irish maps and find out what is available at the NIFHS Research centre. You will also learn where to find useful maps online, with specific attention paid to how best to use PRONI’s historical map resource.

“DNA Day”

1 session – **Saturday 23 March 2019 (11 am – 5 pm)**

In the run-up to National DNA Day, the NIFHS is providing a day of help and advice on DNA testing. Call in at any time to see what is going on. If you are a total novice, then come along and learn what it is all about. If you are more experienced, then individual help and advice will be available. Light refreshments will be provided and there may be a surprise or two throughout the day!

“School Records”

1 session – **Saturday – 30 March 2019 (2 pm – 4 pm)**

School records are an under-utilised resource in genealogical research. They can be a rich source of information, containing details of the father and sometimes point to other schools that the child has attended. Come along and find out what records are available for both primary and secondary education and where you can access them.

“From Family Tree to Family History”

3 sessions – **Tuesdays 2, 9 and 16 April 2019 (11 am – 1 pm)**

You have a family tree and would like to develop that into a readable family history. But where do you begin? How do you organise your material? How are you going to find enough stories about those people? How are you going to find enough illustrations? These and other questions will be addressed and the course will be based on a real case study. Bring a family tree and discuss your next steps.

“Using Ancestry and Find My Past”

1 session – **Thursday 4 April (7 pm – 9 pm)**

Have you come to a Brick Wall in your research? More and more records are put on Ancestry and FindMyPast each month and these may help you with your family history research. Examples of what can be found through personal research will be included. Access to FindMyPast is provided free of charge at our Research Centre. Information will be given on how to access it and what can be found there, including their vast collection of historic newspapers.