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WELCOME

This is the seventh edition of "News 45". It will bring you information on interesting websites, Record Centres in Ireland, our own Research Centre at No. 45 and any other news that crops up. Previous editions, with an index, are available on our website, under 'Resources'.

Federation of Family History Societies - 2010 Awards NIFHS awarded second place in the Large Societies category



Our President, Randal Gill receives the award from Lady Teviot, President of the Federation of Family History Societies

CONGRATULATIONS

And thanks to our webmaster Caryl Sibbett, for all her hard work in maintaining the website, and achieving this award for the second year.

www.nifhs.org



Following the success of last year's visit to 'Who Do You Think You Are?' Live, where we raised the profile of the Society and gained more than 50 new members, Council officers and members of the Society are preparing to exhibit again. We will be delighted to meet any members who are visiting the show, so please stop and say Hello!

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Our Research Centre at 45 Park Avenue, Belfast is open on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Access at other times is by prior arrangement. See the website for contact details.

www.nifhs.org

LDS LIBRARY

Holywood Road Belfast

The LDS library has improved conditions in its Family History Centre with the acquisition of several microfilm readers, to replace the older models. The library is open on Wed. and Thur. 10.00 am-3.00 pm, and on Sat. morning 10.00 am-1.00 pm.



DONEMANA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CO. TYRONE



Transcriptions of Baptisms 1861-1889 are posted on this webpage

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cotyroneireland/churchrecord/donemanapresbreg.html>

PRONI

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland will be opening in its new premises at Titanic Quarter, Belfast, on 30th March 2011.

Their website will have up to date information on opening times, charges, and how to get there.

www.proni.gov.uk

LURGAN ANCESTRY

The Lurgan Ancestry website is active again and came online last September.









On the site are gravestone transcriptions, newspaper articles, directories, and photo galleries, all relating to the Lurgan and Portadown area.

E books in PDF format are for sale.

www.lurganancestry.com

**** Remember! ****

Members can request a "look up" from resources held at "No. 45". The list has been extended and now includes church registers and gravestone inscriptions in the following sections -

-  Church of Ireland registers under shelfmark IR 100
-  Methodist registers under shelfmark IR 125
-  Presbyterian registers under shelfmark IR 150
-  Roman Catholic registers under shelfmark IR 175
-  Other church registers under shelfmark IR 200
-  Church of Ireland gravestone inscriptions under shelfmark IR 575
-  Presbyterian gravestone inscriptions under shelfmark IR 625
-  Other gravestone inscriptions under shelfmark IR 675

The Library List Catalogue gives the precise reference for an individual church or cemetery book. To find it at www.nifhs.org - on the 'Home' page click on 'Resource Centre,' then the 'Library List', then look in the Irish Genealogy section to find the above references.

Send your request to lookup@nifhs.org

New indexes are added regularly so keep checking the website for the latest additions.

LOUGHRICKLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BANBRIDGE, CO. DOWN

The website of Loughbrickland Presbyterian Church has a section on Grave Records and contains photographs of the tombstones in the graveyard at the church. The photos can be enlarged and downloaded.

<http://web.mac.com/cupples/loughbrickland/Graves.html>



PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND
ONLINE DATABASE



PRONI has updated the Wills Calendar database which is available on their website.

They have added 93,388 digitised images of copy wills, which are linked to the corresponding will calendar entries, covering the period 1858-1900. They have also added over twenty years worth of calendar entries providing a searchable index to wills proved in the District Probate Registries of Armagh, Belfast and Londonderry during the years 1858-1919 and 1922-1943. Part of 1921 has been added, and the remaining entries for 1920-1921 will follow in the near future. www.proni.gov.uk

GEOGRAPH BRITAIN AND IRELAND

www.geograph.org.uk

The Geograph Britain and Ireland project aims to collect photographs and information for every square kilometre of Great Britain and Ireland. To date the collection contains more than 2 million images, and more than 4 thousand of them relate to Northern Ireland. The photos include churches, streets, views and much more, with grid reference and location shown on a map. You can search for something specific or 'anything' near to a location.

MOVILLE, CO. DONEGAL

The Roman Catholic parish registers for Moville from 1847 to 1866 are online, and include births, marriages and deaths, searchable by year. Other records for the Moville area are also on the website.

<http://www.movillerecords.com/parish.htm>

BELFAST HILLS PARTNERSHIP

The Belfast Hills Partnership has added a 'Trace your Ancestor' section to their website. They have researched the names of families living in the Belfast Hills in the 1840s. If you find an ancestor in their alphabetical list, they encourage you to contact them, as they may have more information in their archives.

www.belfasthills.org

BROUGHSHANE, CO. ANTRIM

Broughshane First Presbyterian Churchyard is listed on the website www.findagrave.com. The church is in the village of Broughshane, Racavan Parish, County Antrim, and the cemetery is in the church grounds. The inscriptions on many of the headstones have been transcribed, and some photographed.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2337091&CSentry=306&CSsr=21&>

PRONI PHOTO ARCHIVES NOW ON FLICKR!



Over fifty years of wedding and family portraits, taken between 1900 and 1952 by the Allison Photographic Studios in Armagh, have been brought back to life and made available online, using the photo-sharing website Flickr. The photos are being transferred from fragile glass plate negatives which were commonly used by photographers in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, prior to the advent of photographic film.

Eventually all 1,530 images will be posted on the site, where the photos are grouped alphabetically and labelled by surname. Some photos are from other branches of the Allison studios as well as Armagh.

See the collection at www.proni.gov.uk/pronionflickr

PRONI STREET DIRECTORIES



The Street Directories on the PRONI website are a great resource for tracking someone in the run up to the 1901 census. However, it is very easy to get bogged down with so many results that you lose track of the pages you have looked at. Here are some suggestions to help you search.

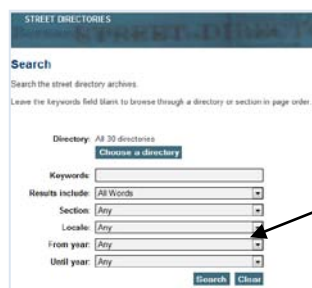


On the Home page of the website (www.proni.gov.uk), to the right of the page, there is a section of 'Online Records'. Click on 'Street Directories'.

On the next page click on 'Search the Street Directories'.



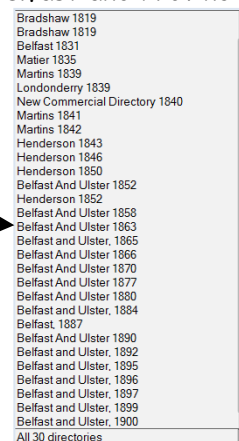
You have the option to search all 30 directories, or just one. If you choose to search all the directories you are likely to have a list of hundreds of pages, because the search will find the keyword everywhere it appears. E.g. if your keyword is 'James', the results will show every occurrence of James Street, every person where James is the forename or surname, and every business that includes the name, both in Belfast and Provincial towns and villages.



Clicking on 'Choose a directory,' and then the little arrow at the right of the 'Directory' field, will show the drop-down list.

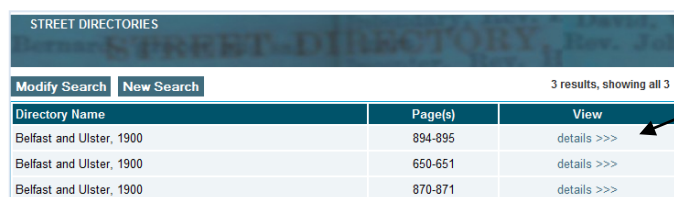
Click on the directory of choice.

When searching one directory, the year options will not be available.

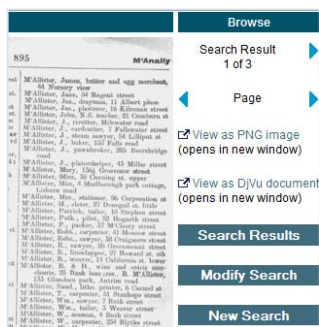


The 'Keyword' that you enter will usually be the surname of a person or the name of a street, and the search can be refined by choosing a section of the directory.

I have found it more efficient to search one directory at a time and select the section; Belfast Alphabetical Directory to search the names section, where the residents are listed alphabetically, or Belfast Street Directory, where the streets are listed alphabetically.



The page of results will show the Directory name, the pages that include the keyword and the 'details' button, which you click to show the directory page.



The 'Page' arrows allow you to move forwards and backwards through the pages of the directory.

Click on PNG or Dvju to see a larger image.

Forward and back arrows are at the top of the enlarged image, so that you can still move to another page in the directory from that view. This is useful if you want to check for alternative spellings of a name.

Clicking on 'Modify Search' allows you to go back and change to a different directory or make any other changes to your search.

To save the image to your computer, right click on the image and left click on 'Save Picture As'. Sometimes a name will appear in the Street listing, but not the Alphabetical listing, so if you know the street it is a good idea to check both.