



Lisburn Branch Newsletter



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Tip of the month: Organise and Document your Family History AS YOU GO.

2018/2019

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2018/2019 session. Our programme for the year includes talks on resources which are available on line or at PRONI, There are also a talk on 18th century emigration from Ireland and one on following up your DNA results. The talk in February 2019 on Poverty in Victorian Belfast should be of interest to those whose ancestors moved to Belfast in the 19th century to look for work only to find that life became more difficult. A large number of people in and around Lisburn were mill workers. Sebastian Graham will give a talk in May on the many mills which were in the Lisburn area.

Ancestors from the Scottish Borders <http://www.bordersfhs.org.uk/>

The Borders Family History Society have indexed the Poor Law records dating from 1845 - 1930. This site also shows what records are available for each of the historical border counties of Berwickshire, Peeblesshire, Roxburghshire and Selkirkshire.

Ireland Illustrated 1680-1860 <https://ttce.nuigalway.ie/irelandillustrated/>

A database of over 500 images and accompanying text, drawn from more than 50 manuscripts and printed works - travel accounts of Ireland.

Death Records in the USA <https://www.deathindexes.com/>

This website is a directory of links to websites with online death indexes, listed by state and county. Included are death records, death certificate indexes, death notices and registers, obituaries, wills and probate records, and cemetery burials. You can also find information here about searching the Social Security Death Index online.

Many Ulster Scots emigrated to Pennsylvania. The State Library of Pennsylvania's online genealogy pages includes an index of personal names in Harrisburg, PA newspaper announcements of marriages and deaths published during the first quarter of the 1800s. There are also obituaries from Pennsylvania Scrap Book Necrology. Search by surname.

Irish Soldiers' Records - thanks to John Beatty for this item.

Five units of the British Army were disbanded in 1922 - The Connaught Rangers, the Leinster Regiment, The Royal Dublin Fusiliers, the Royal Irish Regiment and the Royal Munster Fusiliers. The Enlistment books contain details of soldiers serving between 1920 -1922. Almost 12,000 soldiers' names can be found <https://www.nam.ac.uk/soldiers-records/persons>

Ulster Architectural Society (UAS)

Before 1972, the UAS created lists (and photographs) of historic buildings and areas of architectural importance across NI. Examples are - Coleraine and Portstewart, Dungannon and Cookstown, Banbridge etc. These booklets are available at the Linenhall Library. PDFs cost £4 and may be downloaded from <https://www.ulsterarchitecturalheritage.org.uk>

Classification and description of Houses and Out Houses (offices) in 1839 Valuation

This month our talk is about Valuation Records. The **Townland Valuation** of 1828-40 included the valuation of certain houses. From 1838 this covered only property of an annual value of £5 or more. The Valuation Office Books are available in PRONI or for ROI on the NLI website. Information on interpreting this valuation <http://www.townlandvaluationtranslator.com/>

A +	New built or ornamented with cut stone, superior solidity and finish	
A	New substantial building, without cut stone ornament	
A -	New ordinary building or like above when built 20 to 25 years	
B+	Medium (not new) but sound and in good repair	
B	Medium, slightly decayed, but in good repair	
B -	Medium, deteriorated by age, not in perfect repair	
C+	Old, but in repair	C Old and out of repair
C -	Old and dilapidated, scarcely habitable	
1	All slated dwelling house / office - stone or brick and lime mortar	
2	Thatched house / office - stone or brick and lime mortar	
3	Thatched house /office - stone walls with mud or puddle mortar; dry stone walls pointed or mud walls of the best kind	
4 (house)	Basement stories of slated houses used as dwellings	
4 (office)	Thatched offices built with dry stone walls	
5 (office)	Basement stories or cellars used as stores	

NEW BOOK The Archives of the Valuation of Ireland 1830-1865 by Frances McGee (Four Courts Press E17.95) Review on johnngrenham.com -Irish Roots

GRO Ireland

GRO hope to upload the remaining images of marriage and death registers to irishgenealogy.ie in November. This will include all the outstanding historical records. Meanwhile Family Search has transcriptions of Marriages from 1845 -1870 and Deaths from 1864-1870. These contain a little more information than the Irish Genealogy's simple index.

What's on in September

Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th September European Heritage Open Days.

See www.discovernorthernireland.com for programme.

Talks at PRONI

Monday 10th Oceanic: White Star's 'Ship of the Century' 7.30pm FREE but register on line.

Wednesday 12th Circus Stories of Belfast and Ireland 1.30 pm FREE but register on line.