



## Lisburn Branch Newsletter



April 2019

Newsletter compiled by Louise and Elizabeth

*History is the sum total of the experiences of everyone whether they are famous or not.*

---

### 1828 'Regium Donum' Petition from Balteagh Presbyterian Church (Co. Londonderry)

The Irish Genealogical Research Society has added this petition to its website. The document lists approximately 200 families and their members (1023 names). The database can be searched but full records are only available to IGRS members. The records cover 16 townlands in three civil parishes just south of Limavady. A subscription costs £21.

<https://www.irishancestors.ie>

---

### Landowners in Ireland 1876 <https://www.failteromhat.com/lo1876.htm>

The Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act of 1870 had allowed many tenants to purchase their farms especially those on estates where collecting rents was no longer profitable. This site lists the name, address, farm size and valuation of every landowner in Ireland who had at least one acre of land. Many of them would have been new owners. The alphabetical lists of owners are arranged by county.

---

### Eddie's Extracts <https://eddieextracts.com/>

This free website is the labour of love of Eddie Connelly. There is a great variety of extracts from newspapers, books, rolls of honour, baptismal and marriage records, maps etc. etc. etc. An extract from the Lisburn Standard of March 1918 entitled 'How Margarine is Made' informed readers that The National Food Journal had said there was practically no difference (nutritionally) between margarine and butter, except one of flavour.

---

### Railway Work, Life and Death Project <http://www.railwayaccidents.port.ac.uk>

In the past working for the railways was incredibly dangerous. My great uncle who was a shunter on the Lough Swilly Railway lost a foot in 1907 when he was 20. He had to purchase the prosthesis himself! This project is working to record railway worker accidents in Britain and Ireland in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. At present the database contains accidents investigated by the state between 1911 and 1915. In all of Ireland, there were 176 investigations. Details of those injured and descriptions of the accidents are given.

---

### Book: Social Change and Everyday Life in Ireland, 1850-1922 by Caitriona Clear

This is an interesting social history book which covers topics such as Agriculture, Education, Emigration and Migration and Marriage etc. It is the period in which much of our research of our ancestors will fall and provides background to their lives.

Registered Charity Number NIC106071

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

## Everyday Life in Nineteenth Century Ireland.

*Robyn Atcheson* who gave a talk on Poverty in Victorian Belfast in February is taking a 5 week Open Learning Course at Queen's on this topic. The course runs on Friday mornings (10 to 12 noon) from 10<sup>th</sup> May. Fee £38 (concession rate £23) Book on line at [www.qub.ac.uk/ol](http://www.qub.ac.uk/ol)

---

## Walking in the Footsteps of your Ancestors

With summer on the way, thoughts turn to holidays. Why not plan a family history road trip? It was a thrill for me to walk down a farm lane in Donegal that was marked on a lease map dated 1768. For tips on planning your 'roots adventure' see <https://familytr.ee/organised>

---

[www.theartofireland.emyspot.com](http://www.theartofireland.emyspot.com)



While you are away on your 'roots adventure' you may decide to send some postcards. This postcard image comes from The Art of Ireland website and reminds me of childhood holidays in Portrush. The website contains many beautiful artist signed postcards and prints of Ireland. Have a look, you may find pictures of places once familiar to your family.

---

## Freemason Ancestors [www.freemason.ie](http://www.freemason.ie)

The Freemasons' Hall at 17 Molesworth Street in Dublin welcomes genealogical researchers to their Grand Lodge Library and Archive. The Museum is open to the public all year round from Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. Tours are available at 2.30pm in June, July and August.

---

## Genealogical Websites

Sometimes we stumble across a genealogical website that looks like it might be of interest for family history research. <https://www.thearmchairgenealogist.com/> then click on 'helpful research tips' for lots of advice including 3 important questions to ask in judging a website. Who created the website? Look for an 'About Us' or 'Profile' page. If not available, move on. Is the content current? The internet is littered with sites that are not updated regularly. Where does the information come from? Always look for a source. Many websites have only transcriptions which should be treated as a guide. It is important to see the original document for yourself though this may mean visiting a distant archive.

---

## What's on in April and May

**Linen Hall Library Tuesday 16 April at 1pm** *Tom Hartley* will be talking about his recent book, *Balmoral Cemetery: The History of Belfast Written in Stone*. FREE but book at <https://linenhall.com/>

**Advance Notice - Armagh Ancestry Conference 17 - 19 May Navan Centre, Armagh.** Theme '*Emigration - voluntary or forced.*' Cost £20 per day or £30 for Saturday and Sunday. Friday - mayoral welcome and reception is free. Attendance and optional £5 lunch must be pre-booked [www.navan.com](http://www.navan.com)