



NIFHS 40th Anniversary

There can't be many of our members who are not aware that the Society turns 40 this year.



A year of events and projects to celebrate is planned culminating in a full Celebration Day on the **20th June 2020 at the Hilton hotel Templepatrick**. There will be Presentations, entertainment and food. Also, the chance to meet with members from all the branches and to meet up with old friends. Please keep the date free, it should be a great day to remember and you don't want to miss it!



Also look out for other events throughout the incoming year, some have already been mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. There will be more planned. Think also about supporting those who are organising things, whether in your branch or at Society level. You might also think about what skills you could bring to the Society - and this also applies to the associate members at home and overseas.

A skills trawl form has been circulated to all members, have another read at it and see what you have to offer. You will enjoy getting involved in what after all is YOUR Society - remember life begins at 40!

Finding Your American Cousins

As part of the 40th anniversary celebration year, the society has planned a series of special talks, projects and initiatives to raise the profile of the society and commemorate our anniversary.

The first such event is a talk by Donna Moughty, a renowned professional genealogist who is based in the United States. For a number of years Donna has been leading a series of Irish research trips to Dublin and Belfast and this year it is our privilege to have her provide a talk especially for our society whilst she is in Northern Ireland.



The subject of the talk is 'Finding Your American Cousins' and is sure to provide expert advice and tips on how we can access and use US records to expand our family trees.

Venue: Castle Upton Suite, Hilton Hotel, Templepatrick, Co Antrim
Date: Sunday 20 October 2019
Time: 2.30pm.

FINDING YOUR AMERICAN COUSINS

NORTH OF IRELAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY
1979-80 2019-20

You are invited to a talk by our
40th Anniversary Guest Speaker
DONNA MOUGHTY

On Sunday 20th October 2019 at 2.30pm
CASTLE UPTON SUITE
HILTON HOTEL, TEMPLEPATRICK
Admission £5
Come along and bring a friend

Donna Moughty is a Professional Genealogist who has been conducting family research for over 25 years. She teaches and lectures on a variety of subjects including Internet, Irish research, methodology and computer topics locally and at national and regional conferences and institutes.

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Whether you are looking to find new American cousins through DNA or searching for a family member who emigrated, this is the talk for you! As this talk is unlikely to be repeated this is one not to miss!

Further details can be found here: <https://www.nifhs.org/resources/courses/american-cousins/>



Autumn Courses

It is that time of the year again and alongside a new season of branch meetings and talks comes a fresh programme of courses. This year we have a varied schedule covering all aspects of genealogy from DNA and heraldry to finding new source materials.

We began with a One Day beginner's course to support those starting off which attracted 12 enthusiastic newcomers to Family History.

Then this season will continue with more advanced courses on specialist subjects like WikiTree and autosomal DNA.

Pretty much something for everybody!

You can find full details here:

<https://www.nifhs.org/resources/courses/>



As usual all courses are held in the Honneyman Room, NIFHS Research Centre, Unit C4, Valley Business Centre, 67 Church Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 7LS. Courses can be booked by emailing education@nifhs.org or by completing the online form at the above link.

Ballycarry Project



Following on from the meteoric growth of our DNA project over the last few years, the North of Ireland Family History Society has decided to take the bold step to take things to the next level.

Recognising that many people will never take a DNA test, we have decided to carry out mass testing on descendants of those who used to live in the small historic village of Ballycarry in County Antrim. By providing free tests and managing them within the society, we hope to encourage lots of people to test who would otherwise not do so. This will help us find connections within a small community with the objective of finding confirmed links between people and reconstructing family trees back beyond paper records.

This is an exciting project and we arranged a launch meeting in the village of Ballycarry on Tuesday 8 October at 7.45pm. On that evening Anne Johnston and Martin McDowell explained more about the project and, along with David Hume from the Ballycarry & District Community Association, encouraged volunteers, who met the project criteria, to test their DNA.



You can read more : <https://www.nifhs.org/dna/ballycarry-dna-project/>

If you can help us with DNA results or with genealogical information, please get in touch with us on our new project email address: ballycarrydna@nifhs.org



Back to Our Past - in both Dublin and Belfast.

On Friday 18th and 19th October it takes place in Dublin in the RDS and will, as usual take the form of stalls and booths supported by a twin schedule of talks featuring genealogy and DNA. The genealogy talks will showcase two of our branch members - **Eileen Quinn from our new South Tyrone branch** who will be providing tips about how she found new relatives and **Andrew Kane, from our Causeway Coast and Glens branch**, who will be revealing some of the little-known gems of the North of Ireland Family History Society's research centre.

Back to our Past

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RDS, Dublin
18 & 19 October '19

ICC, Belfast
14 & 15 February '20

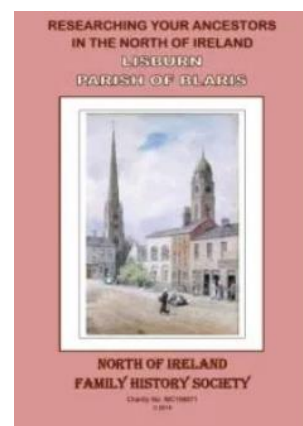
On 14th and 15th February 2020 we will welcome Back to our Past to Belfast for the third year. This event takes place the International Convention Centre situated at Belfast's Waterfront Hall. The society will be there to raise awareness of all our special events and no doubt we'll also be providing some special talks too. Don't forget to mark this in your calendars now. What better way to spend Valentine's Day than pursuing your love of family history! More details available here: <https://backtoourpast.ie/>

New Publications

Lisburn Branch launched a new publication in the Researching Your Ancestors in the North of Ireland series at the Society's AGM in September 2019.

Entitled '**Lisburn Parish of Blaris**', the booklet is full of information about the history of the area and references many useful sources for research. It is available for sale through the shop on our website - nifhs.org. This booklet is the contribution from Lisburn Branch to the Society's 40 Year Anniversary celebrations.

If producing the booklet didn't keep the members busy enough, the branch also hosted the **2019 AGM**, with an address by the Mayor of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, Councillor Alan Given. The business of the day was followed by a delicious lunch and tours of the Irish Linen Museum and Castle Gardens.



Forthcoming publication:- many of you will be familiar with the '*The History of Belfast, Written in Stone*' books by Tom Hartley. Those already published contain a mine of information about Belfast City Cemetery, Milltown Cemetery and, the latest, Balmoral Cemetery. Look out for the next in the series - Clifton Street Cemetery. If it's as good as the others, more than worth waiting for. The library in the NIFHS Research Library contains copies of the first three for perusal.

Fermanagh Genealogy Archives

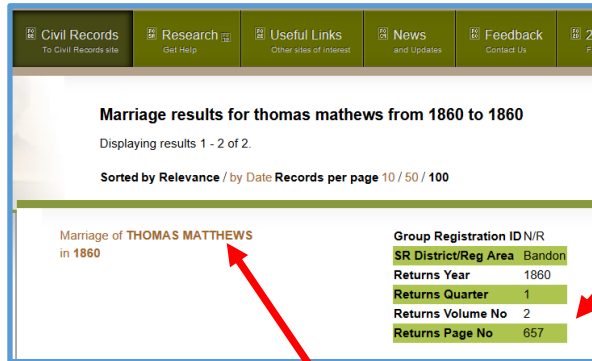
Anyone researching ancestors in the Fermanagh area will find a feast of information on the Ireland Genealogy Project website - <http://www.igp-web.com/Fermanagh/Links.htm> .

Parish records, census information, police and military records - to name but a few sources available and free of charge. Browse the site and you'll find information about other areas too. I've said it before and I think it bears repeating, there's loads of information available without paying a huge fee to an online provider. Take a little time and you will reap benefits. Having said all of that, don't forget your own Society's county booklets:- Fermanagh, Tyrone, Monaghan, Cavan, Derry-Londonderry, all available through the NIFHS online shop.

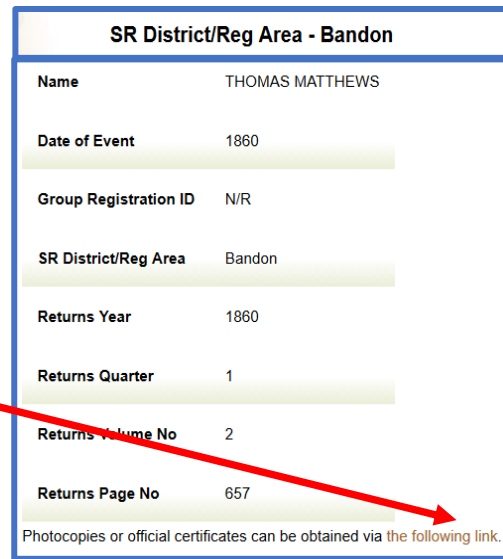


Irishgenealogy.ie - a helpful feature

This great site has all the Irish civil registration indexes plus very many actual images. Some images are not online yet and it is frustrating to find your record but then realise that it is one of the images which is not available yet. If the event occurred in what is now Northern Ireland, you can go to the GRONI site and get an image for £2.50. However, if the event took place in what is now Republic of Ireland e.g. like this marriage recently searched for - it may not be widely known that Irishgenealogy.ie provide an online facility to purchase a copy of the image for 4 Euro.



If after a search you see a result which at the bottom right shows, the Quarter, Volume and Page etc, that means there is no image on the website yet.



But if you click on the person's name, it takes you to this second screen as shown on the right.

Click on the link in the message at the bottom right.

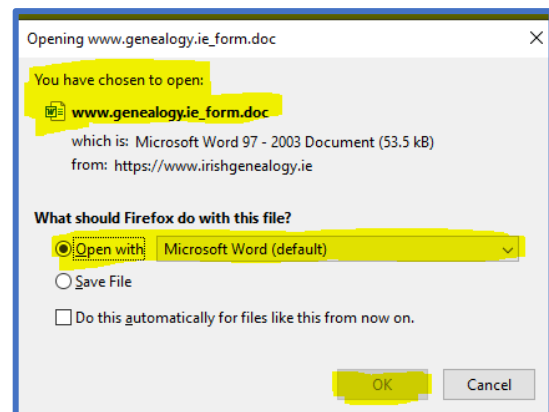
That will take you to a screen where you will see this.
Click on the link at the bottom right.

I want to get a copy of a certificate, what do I do

1. If you would like to request a photocopy of the Birth/Marriage/Civil Partnership/Death entry (for genealogy and research purposes),

a. A photocopy of an entry in any register can be purchased from the General Register Office by downloading the form here and submitting it by e-mail, fax or post as outlined on the form, or

This window will open, and if you click OK it opens the relevant Application Form.



The next page will show how to complete the Form, submit it, make payment online and then receive the image by email.



To complete it on your computer - Click **Enable Editing** - This is an example of a completed form.

Application for photocopy of Birth/Death/Marriage

How do I apply?

By Email: Our Email Address: groonlinepayments@groireland.ie
By Post: Our Address: Office of the Registrar General, Government Offices, Convent Road, Roscommon, Co. Roscommon, Ireland.
By Fax: Our Fax Number: +353 906632999

How do I pay?

Fee for each photocopy: €4

Payment for postal applications can be made by cheque or postal order in Euros only. Cheques should be made payable to the Civil Registration Service and must be drawn on a branch of a bank located in the Republic of Ireland.

Payment for e-mail and faxed applications. When your application has been received an e-mail will be sent to you. (If faxing you must provide an e-mail address). This e-mail will advise you of the fee due, and will have a secure link which allows you to make the payment directly to the General Register Office by credit or debit card. You will need to click on the 'Pay Now' button to make the payment. A receipt automatically issues by e-mail to you when the payment is made. The General Register Office will also receive a confirmation e-mail and the application will be processed and issued by post or e-mail. If an entry cannot be located you will be issued with a certificate of "no trace" and your card will be refunded.

How will I receive my photocopy?

A photocopy can be e-mailed or posted to you. Please tick relevant box. Post E-mail

Details of person applying for the photocopy

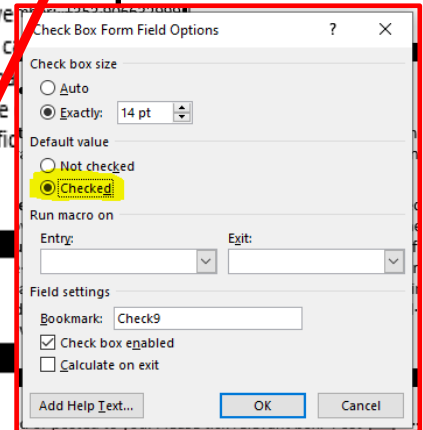
Applicant's Forename: **Joe** Applicant's Surname: **Bloggs**
 Full Postal Address: **44 Anywhere St, New Town, County, Postcode**
 Telephone No: **0000 9988888** E-mail Address: **joe.bloggs@anywhere .com**

Details of photocopy required

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Then fill in details of the person applying for the photocopy.

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Once you have completed the Form, you should Save it to your pc. You then send an email to the address at the top of the completed form - with a copy of the completed Form attached. In a few days, GRO Ireland will reply and ask you to pay the 4 Euro fee, by using their online facility with Worldpay. An acknowledgement will be emailed to you. About a week later GRO Ireland will email you and attach a copy of the image of the Marriage which you had purchased. You may then save the image to your own computer. These images will eventually all be online at Irishgenealogy.ie but in the meantime, the above provides an easy way to obtain the image at a reasonable cost.

GRIFFITHS VALUATION MAPS - did you notice this button? [Guide to Maps](#) click to see useful info.

Map Versions

For many locations, several different map versions exist for the same location. These various versions correspond to the different years in which map sheets relating to Griffith's Valuation were updated. The exact year of revision/publication for each of these versions has not been possible to identify. The earliest map versions are those in black and white sketch and the latest versions are those in coloured print.

To view different versions of a map sheet/location, click on the arrows below the 'Map Version' heading located on the upper right side of the map view. For some locations/map sheets, only one map version may exist, while for other locations/sheets, up to 8 versions may exist (and up to 12 for Dublin City).

Also, there are 2 extra features described below - coverage seems to be widespread in the Republic of Ireland sadly, very little in the 6 counties of Northern Ireland, but quite a lot in Donegal, Monaghan and Cavan.

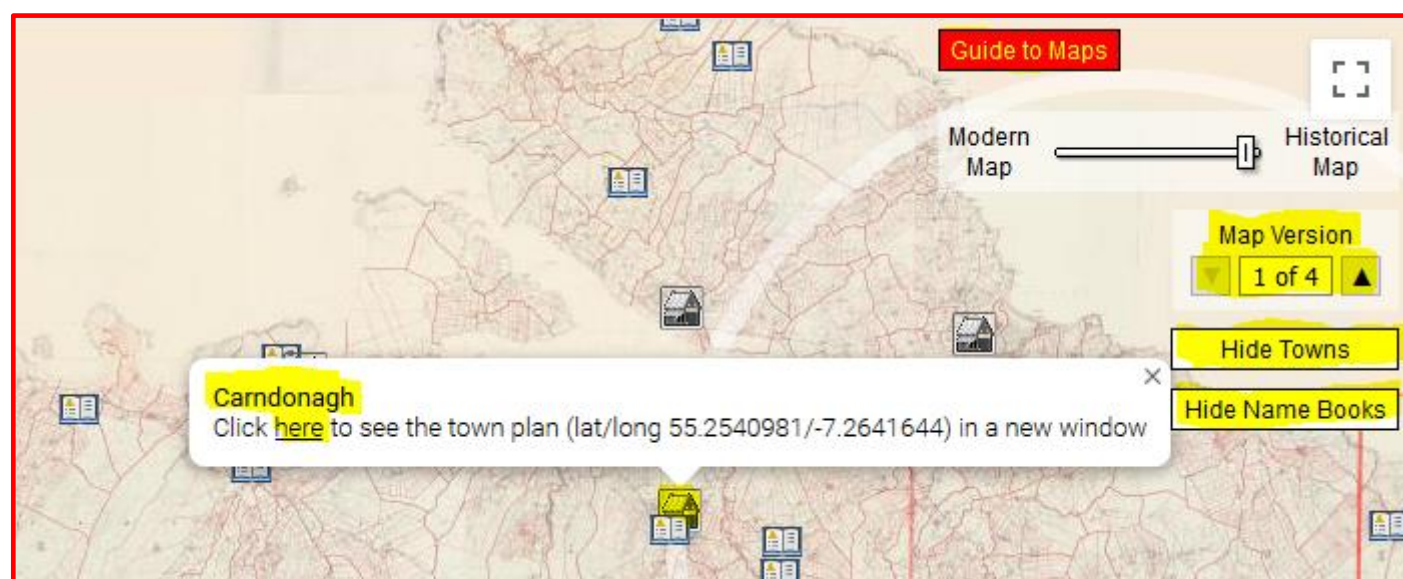


Town Plans symbol - Historical town plans are available for towns and many villages throughout the country. Click Show Towns to show towns within 10km of the centre of the map. Click Hide Towns to hide the town plans.



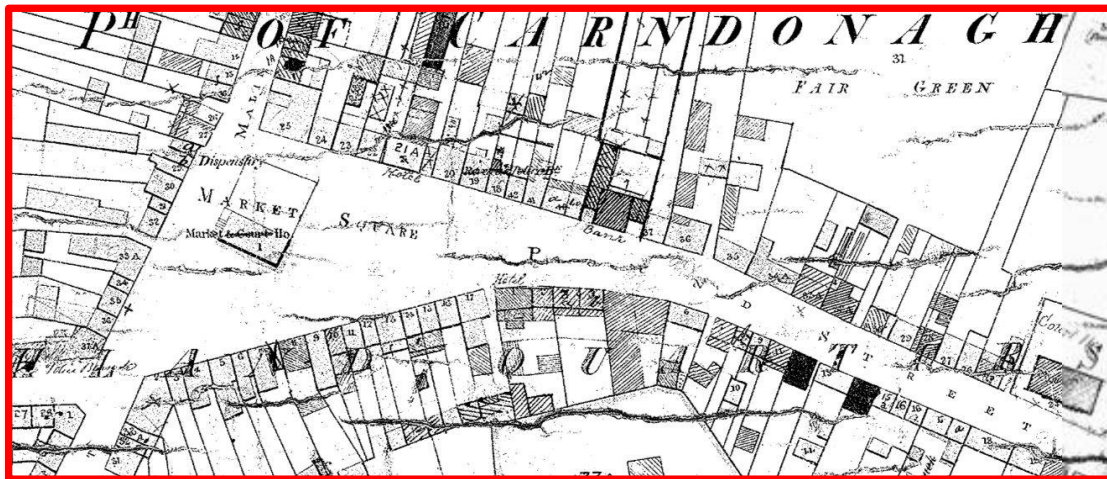
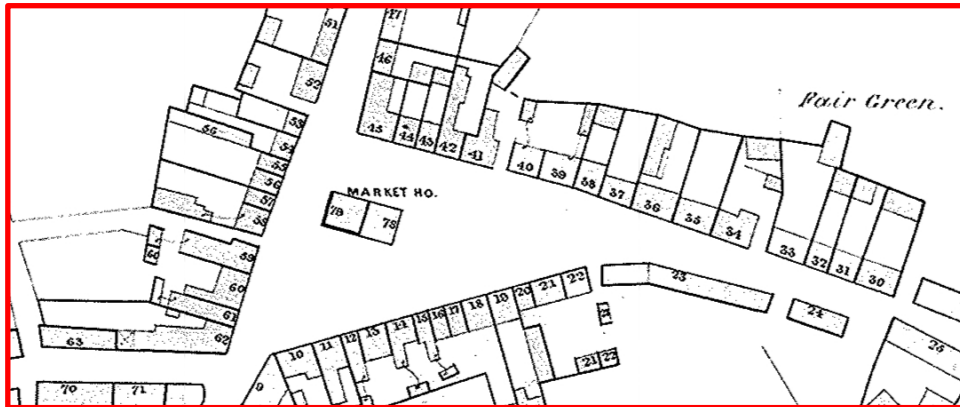
Name Books symbol - As part of the townland survey and mapping of Ireland in the first half of the nineteenth century, individual place name details and variants were collected in order to determine a suitable spelling for each name which did not already have a standardised English form. This information was recorded in a series of volumes known as Name Books. Click Show Name Books to show the Name Books within the current view. Click Hide Name Books to hide the Name Books.

The following 4 images - show what is available for the area around the town of Carndonagh, Donegal.

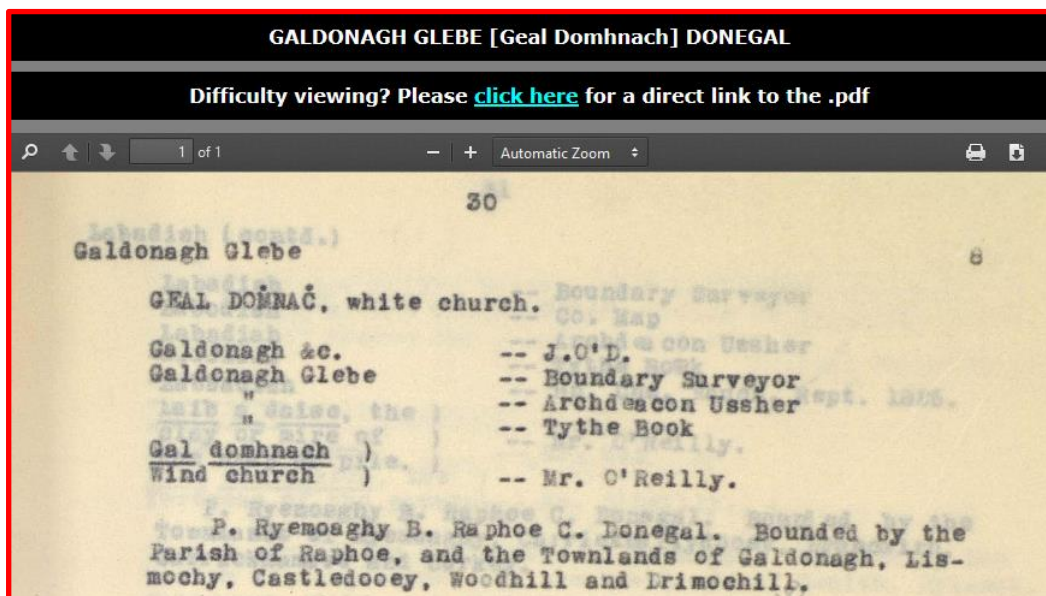




Extracts of 2 of versions of the Town Plan of **CARNDONAGH.**



This is an example of part of the nearby Name Book



More information see - www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/

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