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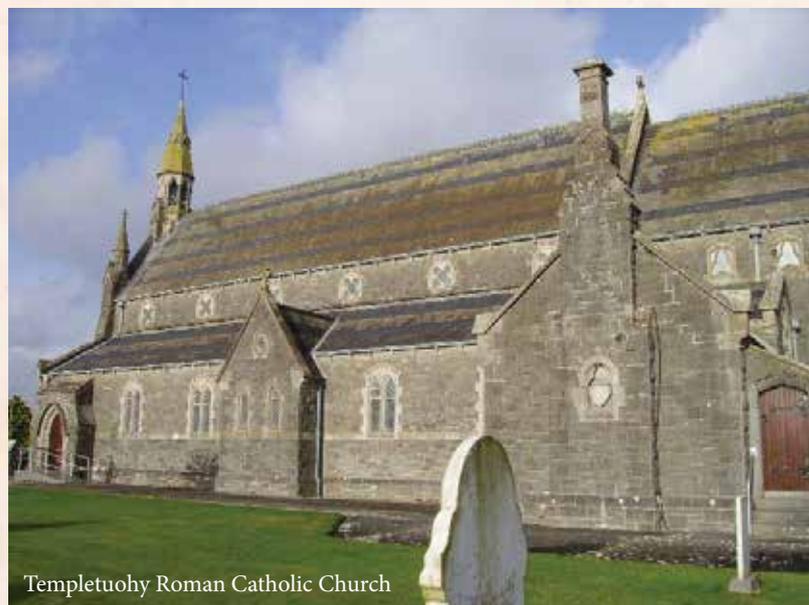


Welcome everyone to the first of our newsletters in which we aim to keep you informed of the activities of the Irish Family History Foundation (IFHF) and new features and updates on our website, www.rootsireland.ie.

NEW RECORDS! • NEW RECORDS! • NEW RECORDS!

Since 2017, a wide range of new data has been added to our website, including:

- Over 11,000 RC baptisms, deaths and marriages from Monageer, Rathangan and Piercestown parishes, Co. Wexford;
- 9800 Baptisms and 2040 marriages for the RC parish of Moyne/ Templetuohy, Co. Tipperary (north);
- Over 58,000 RIC records for the entire island of Ireland;
- Over 62,000 baptismal, non-Catholic marriage, census and graveyard records for East Galway;
- Almost 25,000 baptismal, marriage and death records, as well as graveyard inscriptions for Co. Kildare;
- Over 60,000 graveyard inscriptions from South Mayo;
- Baptismal, marriage, death/burial, and cemetery records for Castlepollard, Co. Westmeath, as well as over 3000 graveyard inscriptions;
- Armagh diocese marriage licence bonds (1727-1845).



Templetuohy Roman Catholic Church



Records due to be uploaded to our website over the coming months include:

- Civil records from Co. Sligo;
- Civil and Church records from Co. Cavan;
- Seventeenth-century muster rolls (census substitute) for the counties of Ulster;
- Graveyard inscriptions from Dublin;
- Burial records from Co. Wicklow;
- Burial records from Co. Westmeath;
- Tithe book and census returns from Co. Limerick;
- Baptismal records from East Galway.

We will notify those on our mailing list when these records are uploaded and available, so make sure to register to our mailing list and keep your eye out for some great new records!

FIRST NAME VARIANTS SEARCH FACILITY ADDED

Following the huge success of our standardised surname search, users of www.rootsireland.ie can now avail of a first name variant search facility, which was introduced in late 2017. Whereas before, if you searched for 'Bridget', for example, you would not be able to find a 'Biddy', 'Brigid', or some other such variant, this new search facility now allows it. This new innovation will make it much easier to find your ancestors, particularly from a time when names were not always standardised, or could have been recorded in Irish, Latin or perhaps in a shortened version (e.g., 'Matt' or 'Mattie' for 'Matthew').

The new standard firstname search facility can be seen on the bottom right hand side of the screen

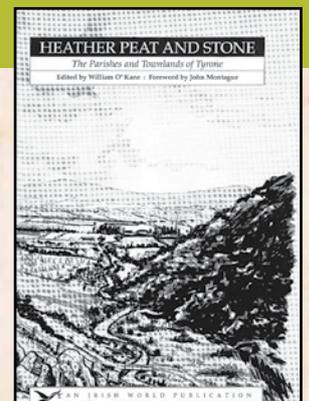
EYE ON COUNTY CENTRES

LANDMARK BOOK ON COUNTY TYRONE REPUBLISHED

Family research company Irish World (who cover Tyrone and Fermanagh for the IFHF) has been involved in the republication of an e-book edition of Willie O'Kane's *Heather, Peat and Stone*, a definitive guide to the parishes and townlands of County Tyrone. It has done so in conjunction with Canadian company Ulster

Heritage, based in Ontario. *Heather, Peat and Stone* is priced at \$12.95 (Canadian) and can be obtained directly from Ulster

Heritage as a downloadable, fully searchable PDF file. Simply go to www.cotyreneireland.com/estore/index.php and download a copy.



MEATH HERITAGE CENTRE AND TIDY TOWNS



Trim Tidy Town Volunteers and Noel French at the Pride of Place Awards Letterkenny December 2017

Noel French, director of the Meath Heritage Centre was pleased to represent the town of Trim at the awards ceremonies for the Friendliest Place in Ireland where Trim was one of the runners up and in the All Ireland Pride of Place when Trim came second to Clonakilty, Noel's home town. The Meath Heritage Centre continues to play its part in promoting tourism to the town, county and country.

THE GENEALOGY EVENT, ADARE, CO. LIMERICK

This long-running and very popular genealogy weekend, run in conjunction with Limerick Genealogy, will again run in Fitzgerald's Woodlands House Hotel in Adare, Co. Limerick, on Friday 31st August – Saturday 1st September. Packed with expert speakers, consultations and much more, further details can be found at www.thegenealogyevent.com.

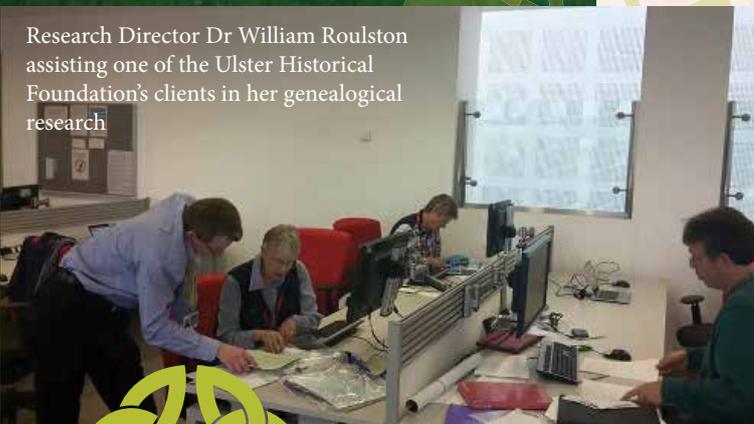


Catriona and Aoife from Limerick Genealogy at 2017's Genealogy Event

ULSTER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION: TRACING YOUR IRISH AND SCOTS-IRISH ANCESTORS, 5-8 SEPTEMBER 2018

Tracing your Irish Ancestors 2018 will mark the tercentenary of the 1718 migration and 300+ years of Irish migration with visits to sites and places synonymous with the migration of Ulster and Irish families to the New Worlds. Assisted personal research in the archives with the help of the Foundation's experienced genealogists, talks, tours and sightseeing are all part of the eclectic, friendly and fun mix of *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*. For more information please visit: www.ancestryireland.com/family-history-conference/autumn

Research Director Dr William Roulston assisting one of the Ulster Historical Foundation's clients in her genealogical research



NEW COUNTY ONLINE PAGES ADDED

New details on our centres in Cavan, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Mayo North, Mayo South, Galway East, Cork North & East and Meath have all been added to www.rootsireland.ie. They are packed with information on the centres themselves, as well as the history of their respective counties, notable people from their areas, the records which they hold and much more! They can be accessed through each county's search pages on www.rootsireland.ie.



The home page for our Galway East Centre

FOCUS ON A SOURCE

MUSTER ROLLS

Following the British Plantation of Ulster in the early seventeenth century, British landlords there were required to muster their tenants and weapons for inspection. Names were taken, along with the estate from which they came, along with some other details. These Muster Rolls are therefore a very useful census substitute for early seventeenth century Ulster. Over 13000 records from musters held throughout

Ulster (Counties Cavan, Donegal, Armagh, Fermanagh, Tyrone, Derry/Londonderry, Antrim, Down and Monaghan) c.1630 which have been transcribed by the Ulster Historical Foundation will shortly be going online at www.rootsireland.ie, a fantastic resource for those interested in Plantation Ulster and seventeenth-century Ireland.



GIFT VOUCHERS

Gift vouchers to the value of €50 and €25 can be bought for use on www.rootsireland.ie at the following link: <https://rootsireland.ie/ifhf/gift-voucher.php>. They make an excellent gift for the genealogist in your life!



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