

The newsletter of www.rootsireland.ie and the Irish Family History Foundation



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Welcome everyone to our fourth and final newsletter for 2020. We normally keep you informed of the activities of the Irish Family History Foundation (IFHF) centres, but due to the current coronavirus pandemic, things have been quieter than usual of late, although many of our centres have been working extremely hard to get records transcribed and uploaded to Roots Ireland. But many of our centres have reopened and others are beginning to do so. So in this newsletter we hope to update all of our readers on the very exciting recent updates to our website, www.rootsireland.ie and what our centres are getting up to.

NEW RECORDS! • NEW RECORDS! • NEW RECORDS! • NEW RECORDS!

Since our last newsletter we have uploaded the following records to our database at www.rootsireland.ie:

- **20,000 South Tipperary** RC baptismal records;
- **61,000 Clare** Roman Catholic and civil records;
- **10,500 Kilkenny** records;
- **11,000 Limerick** records;
- **22,000 Sligo** records.



Ennis, County Clare, 1912

These are in addition to records already uploaded this year, which include:

- **220,000 Kerry** Roman Catholic baptismal and marriage records;
- **61,500 Cork** Roman Catholic records;
- **30,000 Kilkenny** records;
- **700 Dublin** dog licence owners;
- **North Mayo**: Over 79,540 Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Methodist burial registers, gravestone inscriptions and tithes;
- **Wicklow**: Over 34,000 burial records from County Wicklow – mostly Church of Ireland but also some Roman Catholic;
- **Armagh**: over 41,000 baptismal, marriage, death and headstone inscription records of various religious denominations in County Armagh;
- **Westmeath**: Over 13,000 Roman Catholic and church of Ireland parish records and gravestone inscriptions.

This means that over **584,000** records have been added to the Roots Ireland database in 2020!

You can read more about these various records to have been uploaded in 2020 on our blog at www.rootsireland.ie/category/blog/

We will notify those on our mailing list when new records are uploaded and available, so make sure to register to our mailing list to keep abreast with new additions to www.rootsireland.ie!

EYE ON COUNTY CENTRES

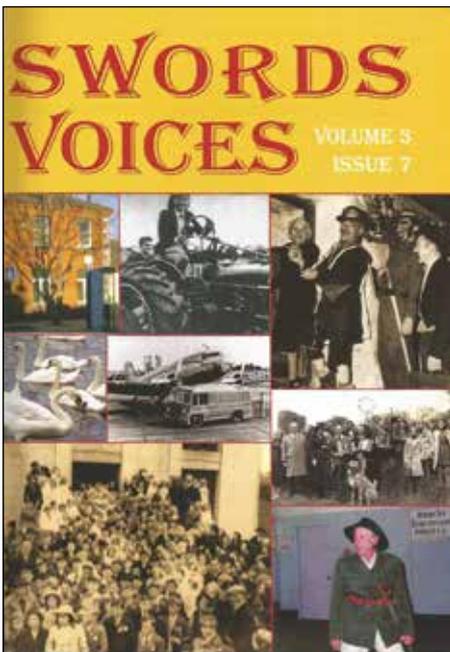


COVID-19 CRISIS

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak, our centres have been closed for much of the year, although continuing to operate their online service. As restrictions are slowly lifting, many of our centres will have an on-site presence, although not open to the public in general. It is strongly recommended that you contact centres before attempting to make appointments in person. Should you have any difficulty contacting one of our centres, please email us directly at enquiries@rootsireland.ie. Obviously, Roots Ireland continues to provide its normal service as usual. Please keep yourself and those around you safe.

SWORDS VOICES

Our centre in Swords, County Dublin, is involved in the production of an excellent magazine, entitled *Swords Voices*, the most recent issue of which has been published recently.



The current issue of *Swords Voices* is available at the Card & Party Shop, 52 Main Street, Swords. Phone number: (01) 8956553.

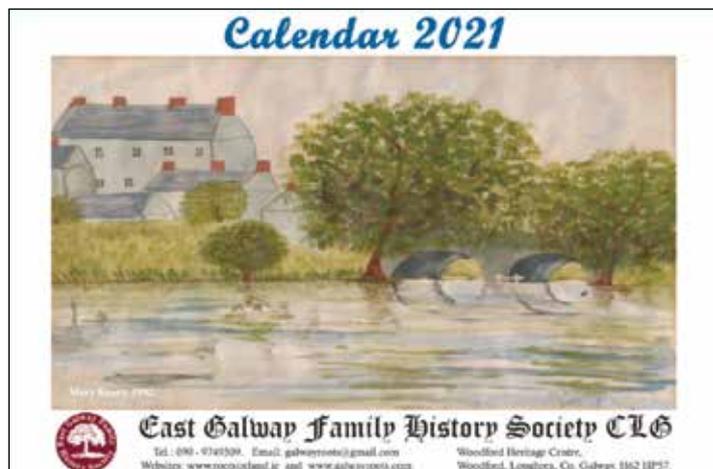
It makes a great present for friends and relatives abroad. In this magazine you can read about Swords in the 1930s, Mumming in Swords, growing up near Seatown Estuary and lots more.

EAST GALWAY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The East Galway Family History Society based at the Woodford Heritage Centre is open to the public this December and has more on offer than family history research and is well worth a visit. Wiltrud Dull, a local artist, has a beautiful exhibition taking place which will run daily during office opening hours, admission is free and well worth a visit!



The East Galway Family History Society have also launched their unique 2021 calendar which for the first time is in colour and consists of beautiful paintings from past and present artists from a number of county Galway parishes.



Artists include from Woodford: Wiltrud Dull, Mary Gorman, Maura Hackett, Mary Keary and Bridie McGuire. From Loughrea: Sallyann Beirne and Moira Harney. Other artists include: Bridie Clinton - Kilchreest, Therese Murphy - Abbey, Martin McDonnell - Killeenadeema, Tommie Madden - Portumna, Chrissie Broderick - Duniry and siblings; Mary Glennon - Dalystown and Claire Loughnane - Cappataggle. Deceased artists include: Dorien Roche - Abbey, Delia Shaughnessy - Tynagh and Ken Hall - Gort.

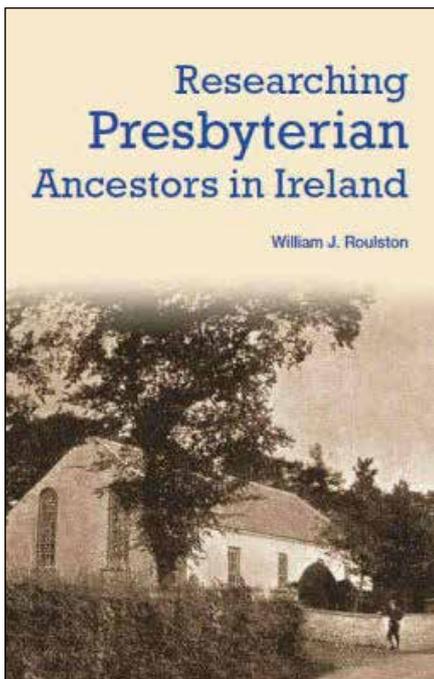


The Society hope to launch their newly designed website www.galwayroots.com in early 2021 which has been funded by Hidden Heartlands Website Improvement Programme; here is a sneak previous of the home page, we will keep you posted on this exciting new development in 2021.



NEW AND FORTHCOMING BOOKS FROM ULSTER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

Written by Dr William Roulston, author of the best-selling *Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors* and Research Director of Ulster Historical Foundation, *Researching Presbyterian Ancestors in Ireland* is a new genealogical guide to help you find your Irish and Scots-Irish ancestors.



Place names in Ulster by Jonathan Bardon

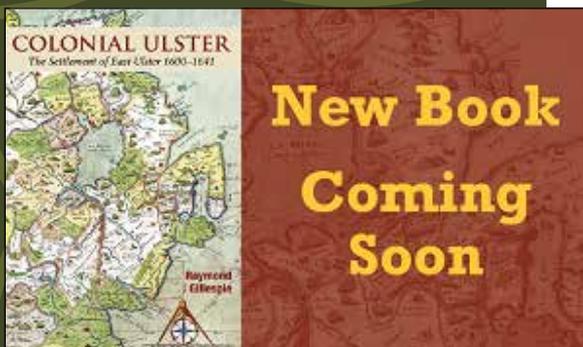
Originally published as *Investigating Place Names in Ulster* (1991) this excellent small guide is a practical research tool and a superb introduction and essential reading for anyone making a foray into the origins of the place names of Ulster.

This book provides a guide to the interpretation of place names in Ulster, gives historical background and explains the origins of many of Ulster's place names.

Colonial Ulster: The Settlement of East Ulster 1600–1641 by Raymond Gillespie

Ulster Historical Foundation is pleased to announce the forthcoming publication of a new edition of Raymond Gillespie's *Colonial Ulster: The Settlement of East Ulster 1600–1641*.

This landmark volume by Raymond Gillespie reconstructs the society of 17th century east Ulster – particularly the counties of Antrim and Down – and explores in remarkable detail the economic, social, political and cultural developments of the region during a period of rapid change.



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Exploring your Derry Ancestors

5. Search Church Registers and Graveyards

Derry Genealogy has transcribed and computerised the early baptismal and marriage registers of 97 churches (38 Roman Catholic, 24 Church of Ireland and 35 Presbyterian) and gravestone inscriptions from 117 graveyards at www.derry.rootsireland.ie

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Brian Mitchell of our Derry Centre has produced a PowerPoint slide show - Exploring your Derry/Londonderry Ancestors - which identifies the steps to follow in tracing Derry roots. It provides a self-guided tour in which the viewer can

identify the steps to follow, in their own time, at their own pace, together with the relevant links if they wish to explore further. This is available on the Derry page on the Roots Ireland website.



Please stay safe and have a wonderful, peaceful and happy Christmas



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