

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



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Welcome everyone to our latest newsletter in which we keep you all informed of the activities of the Irish Family History Foundation (IFHF) centres and the Roots Ireland website. We hope you all had a great summer and are ready to get down to some serious genealogical research as the nights begin to draw in.

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:

- **26,210 Armagh** census substitutes, headstone inscriptions, Church of Ireland and Presbyterian baptisms, marriages and deaths;
- **16,441 Kerry** Roman Catholic baptismal and marriage records, Firies parish, marriage records, Ballyferriter and Dingle parishes;
- **21,036 Monaghan** census substitutes from the 16th–19th centuries.

This means that **106,987** records have been added to the Roots Ireland database in 2022 so far, with more to come!

You can read more about these various records to have been uploaded in 2022 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



The Navan Centre, Armagh

2023 IRISH GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE

Armagh Ancestry will be hosting the 2023 Irish Genealogical Conference in Armagh at The Navan Centre, Armagh between 19th–21st May 2023. Speakers and talk subjects are currently being finalised,



however, some of the foremost Irish genealogists and local historians will be delivering talks on many aspects of Irish genealogy and history. Representatives from The National Archives, the Public Record Office of NI, Irish Family History Foundation (Roots Ireland), Ulster American Folk Park and the library service will all deliver talks. Dr William Roulston, Brian Mitchell and Feargal O'Donnell will also be delivering talks and we will

also be hosting talks from family history societies.

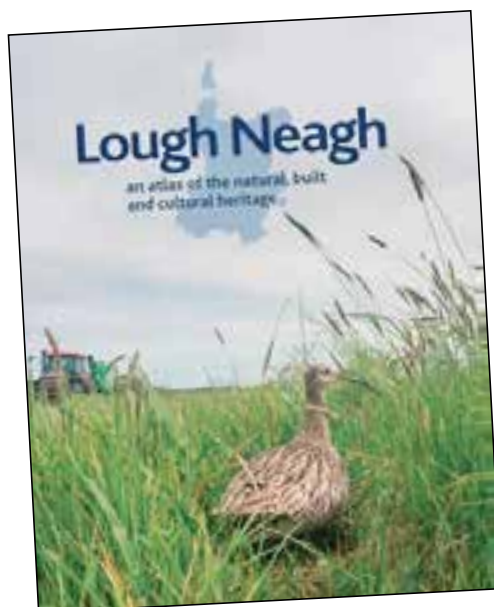
The last conference in 2019 was a huge success and this promises to be an event not to be missed. The final programme will be finalized in September 2022 and further information can be had from info@armaghancestry.ie or our website at www.armaghancestry.ie.

NEW BOOK FROM THE ULSTER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

LOUGH NEAGH: AN ATLAS OF THE NATURAL, BUILT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

A new publication from Ulster Historical Foundation which explores the diversity of interactions between the people of the lough and the natural, cultural and built environment from the earliest times to the present day.

Standing on the shoreline, whether it be in Ballyronan, Washingbay, Oxford Island or Antrim, one could easily be transported to some coastal



seascape but for the faint outline of the opposite shore, often set in a haze by the winter drizzle or the summer heat. This is Lough Neagh, the largest lake in these islands

Published in June 2022, this beautifully produced hardback book is priced at just £24.99 and is sure to be of interest to anyone interested in the history and environs of Northern Ireland.

For more information please visit: www.booksireland.org.uk/store/all-departments/lough-neagh-atlas

BRITISH INSTITUTE, 10-14 OCTOBER 2022

The Ulster Historical Foundation's Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt, will be delivering the Irish research stream at the 2022 British Institute – a major event from the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History (ISBGfH).

The event will be fully virtual this year, meaning you can participate from the comfort of your own home.

More information on how to register can be found at the link below

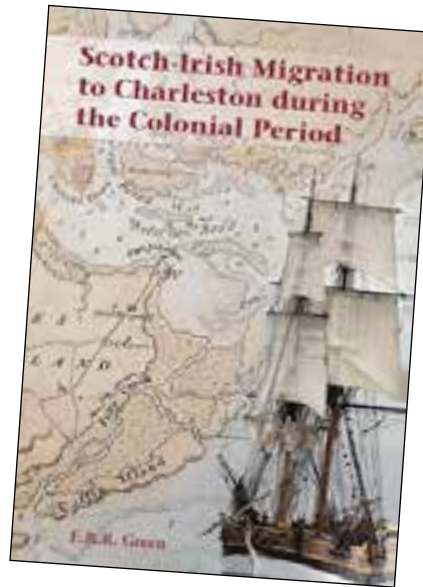
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NEW BOOK PUBLISHED BY THE UHF WHICH WAS DISCOVERED IN THE ARCHIVES:

Scotch-Irish Migration to Charleston During the Colonial Period

This little gem was uncovered by Ulster Historical Foundation's staff in the archives of PRONI: an unpublished typescript by respected historian, E.R.R. Green – professor of history and founding director of the Institute of Irish Studies at Queen's University Belfast. This long essay focusses on the attraction of South Carolina for Ulster emigrants, many of them of Scottish origin and provides an interesting assessment of migration from



Ulster ports to Charleston and the Ulster-Scots settlement in South Carolina in the pre-revolutionary period.

The Foundation has brought this valuable study to a modern audience of historians and genealogists which helps to reinforce the view that the year 1772 was hugely important in the context of the relationship between Ulster and America, and in particular South Carolina.



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK AT CAVAN GENEALOGY!

Don Mathews from Illinois visited Cavan Genealogy Centre recently. Don was researching his ancestor named John Leatham who was born in Cavan c.1860. During the course of researching his family, Concepta McGovern, researcher at Cavan Genealogy, was able to identify Don's specific family line. Concepta realised that Catriona O'Reilly, who is the Arts Officer for Cavan County Council, and who coincidentally has an office in the same building as Cavan Genealogy, was Don's cousin. So Concepta was able to bring together the two cousins who had never met – all in a day's work at Cavan Genealogy!

Catriona O'Reilly, Cavan Arts Officer, with her cousin Don Mathews from Illinois.

NEW NORTH MAYO GENEALOGY VIDEOS

For National Heritage Week 2022, North Mayo Heritage Centre created, among other things, a series of online videos relating to the journey undertaken by so many from 1845 to the US. These explore the theme of emigration to the United States in the 19th century, and how the process of emigration developed and changed into the 20th century. These videos are hosted on YouTube channel and can be accessed for free.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=north+mayo+heritage+centre



Videos 1-5

Coming to America: European Exodus

Hear how the Irish Famine made a dramatic impact on the history of immigration into North America.

Coming to America: The Journey

What was the journey like for an Irish immigrant escaping the famine of 1845-49?

Coming to America: The Influx

How were immigrants into the United States documented and recorded in the 1840s and '50s?

Coming to America: Your Grandparents' Time

Part I: Between 1900 and 1930, over 750,000 Irish people left for America. What did their journey involve?

Coming to America: Your Grandparents' Time

Part II: Arriving in New York or Boston in the early 20th century, each immigrant was questioned, recorded, and sent on their way. For many, their journeys were only at the halfway stage.



TAOISEACH LAUNCHES INVALUABLE 'MANNION COLLECTION' RECORDS



Taoiseach Micheál Martin with Mary Sullivan, manager of Cavan Genealogy



Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD was in Cork City Hall on 5 September to launch 'The Mannion Collection' project, the digitised version of the very extensive records held by Dr John Mannion, retired Galway-born professor of Geography at Memorial University of Newfoundland and his wife and research partner, Maura, reflecting their lifetimes' work on Irish emigration to, and settlement in Newfoundland.

The project was jointly funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade and the Provincial Government of Newfoundland & Labrador and contains almost 160,000 records of individuals and families who migrated from South-East Ireland and settled in Newfoundland, primarily in the years 1765-1835.

An Taoiseach stated:

'I thoroughly enjoyed the examples of genealogy and that "completion of the circle" of information which this dataset allows. We are seeing names and details and information here that will go a long way in strengthening relations and cultural ties between our two islands, and that can only be a positive thing.'

The digitisation work was carried out by dedicated technical staff at the Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency in St John's, the NL Government's central statistics agency. The project was co-managed and led by the Agency and Memorial University's Dr Sean Cadigan, with collaboration and support of the NL Irish Connections and Irish Newfoundland Connections groups.

Visiting Ireland for the launch, chairman of cultural body Newfoundland-Labrador Irish Connections, Councillor Ralph Tapper of Torbay, NL stated:

"The value of this record set cannot be underestimated, both from an Irish viewpoint and from a Newfoundland one ... these are records from pre-Famine times that simply don't exist elsewhere and are now available for researchers at home and abroad to fill in the gaps in their family history."

The website holds extensive information on the largest single migration from a small confined geographical area - that of Southeast Ireland - to another small confined geographical area in Newfoundland.

The Cork launch was hosted by Waterford based group Ireland-Newfoundland Connections, who since 2005, along with its Canadian counterpart, Newfoundland and Labrador Irish Connections, has operated annual cultural and social gatherings in both places, alternating between South-East Ireland and the Irish heritage areas of Newfoundland, with over 60 communities in Ireland and 40 in Newfoundland and over 1,000 participants taking part so far. In attendance at the launch were representatives from our Waterford, Kilkenny and Cavan centres.

The official launch of the project sees all these records available for the first time on a free to access on-line portal, now available at the URL www.mannioncollection.ca

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