



Newsletter No 12.

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Greetings to all Members,

Now that winter is upon us you will be spending more time inside with your research. With the great selection of web-sites to trawl through, you don't need to go out in the cold to some resource centre to find what you are searching for.

With the Irish 1901 and 1911 census now available on line, it is great for finding folk that came out after that date but also finding descendants of family that stayed behind in Ireland when your branch headed off to New Zealand.

The Family Search "Pilot" site is constantly adding Irish B/M/Ds. Go back every few weeks to see if any of your family had been added since your last visit.

I found my father-in-laws birth that hadn't been there 3 weeks earlier.

Our thanks go to the Thames Branch for another wonderful day. Their Branch does a great job. We caught up with a lot of our Irish Members and heard of their recent research finds.

As the Family History Fair is being held in Hamilton in July, we will not be having a mid-year "Cottage Day". I hope to catch up with some of you there.

This year we hope to repeat the Scottish & Irish combined Christmas Lunch. Last year it was enjoyed by all that attended. The date and place is yet to be confirmed.

For our August meeting we will be at the Hamilton Branch Open Day. There will be other Interest Groups there as well, so that will give you lots to choose from and make an enjoyable day.

Happy searching,
Margaret
Convenor



IRISH INTEREST GROUP (WAIKATO)

Will be at the NZSG Hamilton Branch

“OPEN DAY”

Saturday 21st August 2010

for Family History Month

10am3pm

Other Interest Groups Attending

Plus Hamilton City Library

at St Alban's Church Hall

Cr Belmont & Comries Road,
Chartwell, Hamilton

Door Fee \$\$5.00

Bring your own lunch. Tea, Coffee & Juice available

(This will be in place of our "Cottage Day")



Meeting dates for 2010

Sat 21st Aug Hamilton Branch “Open Day”

Sat. 6th Nov (Cottage Day)

A touch of “Irish Folk Law”

Korrigans are fairies who live in holy wells. They are so powerful that they are able to grant all your wishes. Village girls know they have to keep the fairies happy to ensure that they will be rewarded with a handsome, rich husband and plenty of healthy children. Every so often, it is a good idea to toss a penny into a well where it is known that the Korrigans live. The fairies love such shiny things and will grant the wish of the person who tosses in the coin

“Wanted”

A member’s item for the next newsletter. I know some of you have a story to share. We would all love to read it.



“Irish Blessing”

I am of Ireland
And of the holy land of Ireland
Good sir I pray of ye
For saintly charity
Come dance with me
In Ireland

Anonymous 14th century Irish Poet



Irish CD for Sale

2010 Edition

\$20.00

The 2009 CD is now produced in a new format. On opening it is like a web page and with a “find” function, it makes searching a lot easier. The CD includes a list of Members research names. Also contains links to Irish interactive web sites, linking basic Irish research to Immigration/Emigration, Shipping lists, Ships logs, Maritime Indexes, Passenger lists, Civil Registration, 1901 Census, Irish Military Records, Irish History and local histories, Family History Centres and Griffith’s Valuation, to name a few. Also features Irish graphics, poems and sayings.

To order or if you have an earlier CD and would like to update to the 2009 version return the CD and \$12.00 to:

Irish Interest Group (Waikato)
PO Box 1301, HAMILTON 3240

Please make all cheque payments to:

Irish Interest Group (Waikato)



New Resources:

“The McCAULEY Family Tree
Donegal, Ireland to New Zealand 1876
(Contains their family tree)

The New Zealand Electoral Atlas by Alan
McRobie

List of LDS films for Irish B/M/Ds

A Guide to Irish Parish Registers by Brian
Mitchell



Armagh

A County of Ireland, in the province of Ulster, 32 m. long and 19 broad; bounded E by Down, W by Tyrone and Monaghan, N by Lough Neagh, and S by Lough. It contains 5 baronies, 20 parishes, about 291,000 acres, 37,714 houses, and 196,577 inhabitants, and sends two members to parliament. The soil is in general rich and productive, but a hilly tract called the Fewes is barren. Some good marble is found in this county; and the linen manufacture flourishes in all its branches. The only river of consequence is the Blackwater, which separates it from Tyrone."

[From *The New London Gazetteer* (1826)]



NEW Websites to try:

The **1901 & 1911** Irish Census is now available for all 23 Counties, at
<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie>

A site that is offering death notices in Ireland, you might be lucky
<http://www.rip.ie/>

A personal site with tons of Irish web-sites for you to search
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tweetybirdgenealogy/ireland.html>

Registry of Deeds Index Project of Ireland
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~registryofdeeds/index.html>

German immigrants to Ireland 1700's from Palatinate (Rheinland-Pfalz)
<http://www.irishpalatines.org/index.html>

1641 Depositions. It is free but you need to register. The original can be viewed. It seems to be only Northern Ireland
<http://1641.eneclann.ie/index.php>

School rolls that have been lodged with the National Archives in Ireland
http://www.nationalarchives.ie/topics/Nat_Schools/ns.html

It is better to have life in your day,
Than to have days in your life.

If you do not wish to stay on this mailing list please click on the link below, and notify us at
nzsgirishwko@actrix.co.nz

Applying for Irish citizenship

Anyone who has a parent or grandparent born in either Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland can get an Irish passport by applying to your nearest Irish embassy or consulate.

The procedure is :

You need to have the following :-

1) For the Irish grandparent, Irish birth certificate and marriage license to whoever was the other grandparent of the applicant.

2) For the parent (child of the Irish grandparent) birth certificate and marriage license to your other parent.

3) For you: birth certificate

ALL of the above documents must have complete details that prove the connection. In other words, the birth certificate must show the names, dates of birth and places of birth of both your parents, so that they can be conclusively identified to be the same person mentioned on the marriage license and their own birth certificate. Irish documents seem to include these details automatically, but in the U.S., you may have to contact the Vital Statistics Bureau in the state of birth to get an official copy containing more details.

ALL of the documents must be official, i.e., must bear the raised stamp of the issuing agency.

To obtain these official full long form certificates see:

www.ulsterancestry.com/documents/

PRONI Notices

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland {PRONI} intends to close its archive from the 6th September 2010 to May 2011. As there will be no public access, regrettably we have to suspend our research services during this 8 month period.

To allow for the completion of customer's research projects before the closure we can accept new orders up to the 14th July 2010. Unfortunately no orders for research can be taken after that date.

During the closure period we intend to offer a reasonably priced assessment report which will be based on records and resources held outside of PRONI. Birth marriage and death certificates will be unaffected.

We apologise for the inconvenience this will cause but as you will appreciate the circumstances are beyond our control.

My best wishes
Robert Williams

PRONI Closure

PRONI have announced their "proposals" to maintain access to some microfilms, mainly Church records during their 8 month closure.

At the moment there are 23 film readers available to the public + another 6 in the reading room. PRONI have indicated that a total of 6 {SIX} readers will be available on a part time basis {2 days and 3 afternoons} at Cregagh Branch Library. " Of these 2 will be set aside for students who can pre book, leaving 4 for ALL other users including visiting genealogists. We can only imagine the mayhem that is bound to ensue.

PRONI is the National Archives of Northern Ireland. The idea of having this vital and unique facility operating on a part time basis with 4 film readers from a spare room in a small branch library would be hilarious, were it not so serious.

regards
Robert

