

## **'ALL IRELAND SOURCES' NEWSLETTER**

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**Introduction:** '*All Ireland Sources*' is a monthly newsletter distributed free by E-mail to Family History Societies and interested researchers near the end of each month. Distribution by Australia Post each three months (three issues) costs \$6.00 annually within Australia. The aim is to bring items of interest regarding Irish record sources to the Australian genealogist. The editor would appreciate being made aware of records relating to the Irish, particularly those held in Australia or new in the LDS Family History Library. Back copies available free for downloading from [www.sag.org.au](http://www.sag.org.au)  
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### **ULSTER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE 1956-2006:**

The Conference is titled '*Belfast: Past, Present and Future*' and will be held in Belfast from 25 September to 30 September, 2006 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Ulster Historical Foundation.

**General Information:** Occupying the northeast quadrant of Ireland, Ulster is the most industrialised and urban of the four provinces. The Great Famine of the 1840s resulted in unprecedented levels of population dislocation, that saw many thousands of people flee the spectres of starvation, disease and death in search of a new life in the emerging towns of Ireland as well as to overseas countries.

The City of Belfast has gone through many incarnations: Linenopolis, Titanic Town and the Athens of the North, to name but a few. Belfast has a proud history and heritage. As Belfast now stands poised to take its rightful place as one of the major European Capital cities, Ulster Historical Foundation invites you to join us in this, our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference, as we investigate the history of the northern capital in depth and visit the cities of Lisburn and Derry in what promises to be a memorable exploration of *Belfast: past, present and future*.

Through a variety of talks, tours, presentations and events, *Belfast: past, present and future* will uncover the hidden history of Ulster and showcase the very best that it has to offer residents and visitors.

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Linen Hall Library and other major repositories are all close to hand and delegates will have ample opportunity to conduct their own historical and genealogical research under the close supervision of our expert team of researchers.

Ulster Historical Foundation has been serving the local and family historian for 50 years. We remain committed to providing the products and services that you want and representing your interests as members of the research community.

As we embrace the years ahead and move into a new phase in the history of Northern Ireland, we look forward to welcoming you to what will be a truly memorable event – *Belfast: Past, present and future*.

Although broadly themed 'Belfast' this conference will cater for all of your genealogical needs and is open to delegates of all levels of experience. No previous knowledge of research techniques or sources is necessary, the UHF researchers will be on-hand to offer assistance and guidance as required.

Optional tours are offered for spouses/companions with no particular interest in local and family history or for those delegates wishing to take a break from research.

The conference accommodation is at the Belfast Ramada Hotel (Mon-Thurs) located in the picturesque Lagan Valley Regional Park and the luxurious Radisson Roe Park Hotel & Golf Resort (Fri) on the outskirts of Limavady town, County Londonderry. All accommodation is en-suite. Group rates are available for a group of 4 or more.

This conference is a 6 day programme and there are no hidden costs. The fee includes 5 nights half-board (bed, breakfast, evening meal and the ‘famine picnic’ lunch). All transport between venues, conference materials, lectures, entrance fees to visitor attractions and all the optional tours are covered in the price.

Brief details: go to the website and download a Registration Form.

Non-Refundable registration fee: £25.00

Conference Fee:

Guild members (before 31 May 2006): £630.00 (after 1 June 2006) £670.00

Standard Fee (before 31 May 2006) £670.00 (after 1 June 2006) £720.00

Single room supplement: £155.00

## Provisional Timetable

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Registration followed by series of lectures on local and family history		Opening banquet
Tuesday	Presentations by the major archives, libraries, museums and heritage centres	Public Record Office of Northern Ireland <i>or</i> illustrated talk on the buildings of Belfast and Derry at Belfast Castle by Ulster Architectural Heritage Society	
Wednesday	Public Record Office of Northern Ireland/Linen Hall Library <i>or</i> ‘Industries that made a City’ tour. Linen and shipbuilding in Belfast and Lisburn. Ulster may have made ships and linen, but it is equally true to say that ships and linen made Ulster. Revisit Ulster’s industrial past		A night of entertainment, showcasing the very best of Ulster talent, traditional and modern
Thursday	Public Record Office of Northern Ireland <i>or</i> Tour to Mellifont Abbey – extensive and remarkably complete ruins of a Cistercian monastery – and Bru na Boinne (Newgrange), Ireland’s internationally renowned stone-age passage-tomb in the beautiful and historic Boyne Valley, one of Ireland’s two World Heritage Sites		Public Record Office of Northern Ireland/Belfast Central Library
Friday	Tour of County Tyrone, including Broughderg, an isolated rural community in the picturesque Sperrin mountains with a significant concentration of antiquities stretching back over an unbroken period of 5,000 years; the award winning Ulster American Folk Park; and Baronscourt – seat of the Duke of Abercorn. Tour includes ‘the famine picnic experience’, a unique opportunity to experience a traditional Irish meal of the 1840s in the Folk Park’s authentic open-air museum		
Saturday	Tour of Derry ‘The Maiden City’ – Ireland’s best-preserved walled town, immortalised in song and verse. Includes a visit to St Columb’s – the first Protestant Cathedral built in post-reformation Europe.	Closing address and Civic Reception	Return to Belfast – Conference ends

- This programme may be subject to alteration as it is finalised
- Assisted research sessions provided at Public Record Office of Northern Ireland – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
- Assisted research available at Linen Hall Library on Wednesday morning
- Assisted research available at Belfast Central/Newspaper Library on Thursday evening
- Check our website for conference programme updates and full information on archives, repositories and heritage attractions to be visited - [www.ancestryireland.com](http://www.ancestryireland.com)

## *List of Speakers (to be confirmed)*

- Dr Jonathan Bardon      Writer, broadcaster, historian, author of *History of Ulster and Belfast – the definitive history of the city*
- Dr Allan Blackstock      Senior lecturer with the Academy for Irish Cultural Heritages, author of *Double Traitors: The Belfast Volunteers and Yeomen, 1778-1828*
- Ruairi O Baoill            Archaeologist with a special interest in the early history of Belfast
- Dr Bill Crawford          Vice-Chairman of Ulster Historical Foundation who has played a key role in local history for over forty years
- Angélique Day            Co-editor of the *Ordnance Survey Memoirs* and trustee of the Belfast Natural History and Philosophical Society
- Siobhan Deane            Professional genealogist with particular expertise on Belfast from 1800 onwards
- Terry Eakin                Australian genealogist and compiler of digital source material for Ireland
- Dr Paddy Fitzgerald      Lecturer & Development Officer, Centre for Migration Studies, Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh, Co. Tyrone
- Roddy Hegarty            Local historian and Director of the Federation for Ulster Local Studies
- Brian Hutton              Former Secretary of Ulster Historical Foundation and latterly with the National Library of Scotland
- Dr Joseph Kitchens      Director of Funk Heritage Centre, Reinhardt College, Waleska, Georgia
- Gareth McGrath          Business Development Manager with the Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland
- Dr Perry McIntyre        Australian genealogist with specialist knowledge on Irish-Australian links.
- Dr Ian Maxwell            Leading authority in Ulster genealogy and author of *Researching Armagh Ancestors, Researching Down Ancestors and Tracing your Ancestors in Northern Ireland*
- Ian Montgomery          Archivist with Public Record Office of Northern Ireland
- Dr Kay Muhr              Senior Research Fellow, Northern Ireland Place Names Project
- Trevor Parkhill          Keeper of History at the Ulster Museum, Belfast; co-editor of *Industry, Trade and People in Ireland, 1650-1950: essays in honour of Bill Crawford*
- Dr Brad Patterson        Director Irish-Scottish Studies Programme, Stout Research Centre for New Zealand Studies, Victoria University of Wellington
- Dr Eamon Phoenix        Author, broadcaster and senior lecturer in History at Stranmillis College
- Dr William Roulston      Research Officer with Ulster Historical Foundation and professional genealogist; author of the best-selling *Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors*
- Dr Brian Trainor          Research Director with Ulster Historical Foundation and past Chief Executive of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland

### **Overseas Visitors: A proposed tour:**

Overseas Visitors intending to visit Ireland and attending this conference are invited to contact Perry McIntyre [perrymcintyre@optushome.com.au](mailto:perrymcintyre@optushome.com.au) or Terry Eakin by email [tea04055@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tea04055@bigpond.net.au) for details of a proposed eleven day coach tour of Ireland with a few days of guidance on genealogy in Dublin. The land content and details of this tour are currently being costed and will be available soon. The outline is confirmed below and hotels have been secured in the places indicated. Although both Perry and Terry are Australians, both know a lot about Ireland and Irish research and this tour will appeal to all English-speaking attendees of the UHF conference but others are also invited to send expressions of interest.

Sunday 1 October – travel Belfast-Sligo via Drumcliff churchyard (overnight Sligo Town)

Monday 2 October – travel Sligo town to Aran via Westport-Croagh Patrick-Leenane-Maam Cross (overnight Aran Islands)

Tuesday 3 October – day on Aran (overnight Aran Islands)  
 Wednesday 4 October – travel Aran to Ennis via the Burren-Cliffs of Moher-Corrofin (overnight Ennis)  
 Thursday 5 October – travel Ennis to Tralee via Kilrush-Tarbert (overnight Tralee)  
 Friday 6 October – touring Dingle Peninsula (overnight Tralee)  
 Saturday 7 October – travel Tralee to Waterford via Cobh (overnight Waterford)  
 Sunday 8 October travel Waterford to Glendalough vis Enniscorthy (overnight Glendalough)  
 Monday 9 October – day around Glendalough (overnight Glendalough)  
 Tuesday 10 October – arrive Dublin – introduction to research ( Dublin)  
 Wednesday 11-Saturday 14 October – research in Dublin (Dublin)  
 Sunday 15 October – end of tour

## *Searching for that Elusive Irish Ancestor*

Pre-Conference Research Assessment: As part of the conference fee Ulster Historical Foundation will prepare an initial research assessment for all delegates. Please complete this form.

Full name of Ancestor	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Birth/baptismal date	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
County	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Townland/Parish	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Religion	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Church	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Occupation	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Married at	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Married to	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Ancestor's father	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Ancestor's mother	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Spouse's father	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Spouse's mother	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Date & place of emigration	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
Sources	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
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Please give as much information as possible. This information may be used to inform other conference delegates of your research interests. If you do not wish your research interests published in this way, please tick

Assessments will be prepared by Dr Brian Trainor and will be issued before the Conference.

Please let us know where you learned about the conference:

Articles, suggestions and information for this newsletter are welcome and may be E-mailed to: [tea04055@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tea04055@bigpond.net.au) or posted to **Terry Eakin, 334 Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove NSW AUSTRALIA 2066**