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Irish Genealogy Research Group

Goal: Research, learn and share information and tools used to improve knowledge of our Irish heritage.

Names being searched

- Sheila Smart—Haley (Wexford) Married a Fitzpatrick; Gillen/Gellan (Antrim); Martin (Fermanagh)
- Karen Beagle- Keneally/Kenneally (Cork & Limerick); Hallanan (Askilane, Mayo); O'Malley (Westport, Mayo, Leitrim); Looney (Cork); Lynch (Kerry); Donovan (Cork/Westmeath); Neil/Neill; Lyons/Lyon (NI) Thompson/Thomson (Ulster); Murry(Ulster); Curry/Currie (Ulster); Reed/Reid (NI); Caldwell (Ulster)

Names Continued

- Joanne Close – Campbell; Walsh (Waterford); Nugent (Waterford); Ahern/Ahearn/O’Hearn (Cork) Madden (Cork); Dalton
- Nora Hollis– Flavin (Cork/Limerick); Fitzgerald(Same); Morrissey (Same ,maybe Waterford)
- Peter Stauder– Curley (Galway); Lyna/Lynagh ; Faherty (Galway), McDonough (Galway); Duffy/Duffey (Roscommon)

Names Continued

- Nancy Alfieri- McCarthy, Donnelly, Cawley, Gscheidle, O'Brien
- Michele Merwarth- John Moran, Claire McNamara, Mooney, Hickey
- Ken Kmitter- Byrne, Joyce, Flynn, Shaughnessy
- Deena Scintilla- Risbon/Rispin- Mayo and Louth; Byrne/Burn-Dublin/Wicklow; Maley-Mayo

Names Continued

- Theresa Wilson- George Wilson and Ben Wilson County Down
- Archer – Waring, Waringtown, County Down
- Lyons- Lyons, county unknown: Granahan & Makin, County Mayo-Bally Castle area; Conway, Robinson & Kilacky, County Galway
- E. Cullity- Mc Laughlin, Ryan, Mack, Green. West Meath- Murtaugh, Quin

Names

- L. Nimer– Michael, Kilrea, Londonderry (also Boveedy, Timaconway, Garvogh, Magherafeet.)
- M. Kolbe– O’Leary (Leary), Donovan: Hayes, Casey; Cork-Malone McCutcheon; NI-Reynolds, Dillon.
- C. Peace- McKeane and Graham
- M. Flanagan- Mary Barton, James Henly McClosky, James Stewart, Skaggs, Robert Weakley, Charles Kennedy and Mary Gillen.

Research Involves Many Sources

In doing my family research I found I had to use many resources:

- Ancestry- census US and State, immigration, naturalization, B/M/D, Civil and religious records.
 - Findings can conflict/ raise question
- Family Search- really must use catalogue to narrow search field –US/Ireland.

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- FindMYPast- helped with more detailed records.
 - Parish records B/M/D indexed and viewable, not always legible!
 - Griffiths Valuation, Petty Court Records, more.
- Ireland Reaching out- Webinars on topics helped focus sources. Pictures, history, events, message groups and more.

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Ireland Government sources-

- National Library of Congress
- National Archives of Ireland
- Government Records Office

— Private Sources

- John Grenham-distribution of Surnames, parish records, Griffiths Valuation, etc.

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Challenges:

- Names- Surnames: Curley, Carly.
Seyhern/Teyhan/ Tyhan. Lynagh/Lyna/Lynar.
 - Changed by source researched.
- First names- changed by source- Paul,
Patrick, Peter.
 - Unusual Irish name- Marcella
- Dates change by source- census, B/D/M
certificates.

Port of Philadelphia

Topics Covered

- We have covered 17 subjects, some twice:
 - Basic Irish research, including 1901 & 1911 census
 - Church Records
 - Naming patterns and Griffiths valuation
 - Canada research
 - Northern Ireland (2)
 - Three research tools online
 - Research Plan

Topics Covered

- Death and burial records
- Marriage Records
- Workhouses
- Brick Walls
- Finding and using old Irish Maps
- Irish Head Stones
- Deed Records
- Philadelphia Port

Summer Break

- Come back September
- Sharing a project/result of research?

General Research

- Start with you-What do you know and what records do you have?
 - Birth, marriage, census, bible, more?
- Move to one person as start. What do you know?
 - Records-birth, marriage, death, bible, naturalization, Immigration, Military service, military, will, property, divorce, newspaper articles, Census records.

General Research

- Follow the trail-one person- through internet and physical search.
- Some helpful sites:
 - Ancestry.com; FindMYPast.ie; Familysearch.org; MyHeritage.com; JohnGrenham.com; Ireland Reaching out-irelandxo.com; Irishgenealogy.ie; National Library of Ireland -nli.ie; National Archives of Ireland-NationalArchives.ie; Ask About Ireland.ie. General Records Office and the Public Records Office of Ireland- Republic and Northern Ireland.

Names

- Helpful information
 - In local oral tradition people were known by the given name of a parent or grandparent. John McDermott(Bryan) ; John Mc Dermott(James).
 - Locally known as John Bryan and John James.
 - Important in records search.
- Naming Patterns:
 - 1st.born son named for Fathers Father
 - 2nd born son named for Mothers Father
 - 3rd Born son named for Father
 - 4th born son named for Fathers Eldest Brother.
 - 1st born daughter named for Mothers Mother
 - 2nd born daughter named for Fathers Mother
 - 3rd born daughter named for Mother
 - 4th born daughter Named for Mothers Eldest Sister

Names Continued

- Naming pattern not always followed.
- Useful Website on Ireland
Irelandxo.com, chronicles Insight series. (Free site)
 - Irish Surnames 101
 - Old Irish First names and aliases.