



PROGRAMME

Family History Conference

Ballymoney Town Hall, 24-27 September 2014

WEDNESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2014

- 10.00am -10.30am **Tea/coffee**
- 10.30am -10.45am **Welcome**
- 10.45am -11.30am **Coleraine Branch, North of Ireland Family History Society**
Lecture by Chris Kirkpatrick, Branch Chairman
Web address: www.colerainefhs.org.uk/
- 11.30am - 12.15pm **Irish Internal Migration 1600-2000 : a neglected aspect**
Lecture by Dr Patrick Fitzgerald,
Mellon Centre for Migration Studies
Web address: www.qub.ac.uk/cms/
- 12.15pm -12.30pm **Q&A**
- 12.30pm - 1.30pm **Buffet lunch**
- 1.30pm Depart Ballymoney
- 2.15pm - 4.15pm **Visit to local studies service, Ballymena Library**
Facilitated by Mary Bradley, Heritage Services Manager
Web address: www.librariesni.org.uk/
- 5.00pm Arrive Ballymoney
- 7.30pm - 9.00pm **Book launch**
'Kilraughts Old Church Graveyard' by Dorothy Arthur
Web address: www.ballymoneygraveyard.com



THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2014

- 9.30am – 10.00am **Tea/coffee**
- 10.00am – 10.45am **An Introduction to PRONI:
Key Sources and How to Access Them**
Lecture by Dr. Glynn Kelso, PRONI
Web address: www.proni.gov.uk/
- 10.45am – 11.30am **Tracing ancestral origins using DNA testing**
Lecture by Dr Tyrone Bowes, Irish Origenes
Web address: www.irishorigenes.com/
- 11.30pm - 11.45pm **Q&A**
- 11.45pm – 12.30pm **The 1718 Migration: Local Links**
Lecture by Dr Linde Lunney,
Dictionary of Irish Biography, Royal Irish Academy
Web address: www.1718migration.org.uk/s_home.asp
- 12.30pm - 12.40pm **Q&A**
- 12.40pm - 1.30pm **Buffet lunch**
- 1.30pm – 2.15pm **Using the Ulster Historical Foundation on-line databases
and early 20th century census records**
Lecture by Gillian Hunt, Ulster Historical Foundation
Web address: www.ancestryireland.com/
- 2.15pm – 3.00pm **The Ulster Plantation**
Lecture by Deidre Speer-Whyte,
Ulster-Scots Community Network
Web address: www.ulster-scots.com/
- 3.00pm - 3.15pm **Q&A**
- 3.15pm - 3.45pm **Tea/coffee**
- 3.45pm - 4.30pm **Researching Roman Catholic ancestors**
Lecture by Elwyn Soutter, genealogist
- 4.30pm - 4.45pm **Q&A and Close**
- 8.00pm** **George Shiels Lecture**
Guest speaker: S. Alexander Blair



FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2014

- 9.30am Depart Ballymoney
- 10.30am – 12.30pm **Visit to Public Record Office of NI, Belfast**
Web address: www.proni.gov.uk/
- 12.30pm **Lunch**
- 2.00pm – 4.15pm **Visit to General Register Office of NI, Belfast**
Web address: www.nidirect.gov.uk/index.htm
- 5.15pm Arrive Ballymoney
- 7.00pm-10.00pm **Conference Dinner**

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2014

- 10.30am - 12.30pm **Visit to Ballymoney Branch Library**
Facilitated by Leah Tweed, Branch Manager
Web address: www.librariesni.org.uk/
- 12.30pm-1.30pm **Buffet lunch**
- 1.30pm – 2.15pm **Researching your WWI family history**
Lecture by [TO BE CONFIRMED]
- 2.15pm – 3.00pm **Ballymoney Emigrants**
Lecture by S. Alexander Blair
- 3.00pm-3.15pm **Q&A**
- 3.15pm-3.45pm **Tea/coffee**
- 3.45pm-4.30pm **Feedback session & Close**

SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2014

OPTIONAL EVENT

- 2pm **Tour of Kilraughts Old Church Graveyard**
Facilitated by Dorothy Arthur, author & genealogist