

What's New

1862 property ownership records released

The Land Registry for England and Wales has released details of the first properties registered under the Land Registry Act 1862. This data includes almost 2,000 records that can be viewed or downloaded free of charge from the Land Registry website. 68,000 pages of handwritten parchments have been scanned and indexed. See more at:
<http://www.landregistry.gov.uk>

Pre-1901 Irish census records

The National Archives of Ireland's collections of 19th-century census fragments and census search forms are available now on the NAI's free genealogical website. They have also been added to the databases of FindMyPast and FamilySearch. See:
<http://www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie>

A Dictionary of Occupational Terms

The Dictionary defines 29,106 terms covering 16,837 different occupations of people who worked in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Many of these occupations, and the terms used to describe them, are today generally unknown.

The CDs are £10.00 each plus £2.70 postage (UK), £3.50 (Europe) or £4.70 (Rest of World) and can be obtained either through the Society website shop www.lfhhs.org.uk or by mail by sending a cheque and order to LFHHS Sales Officer 2 Straits, Oswaldtwistle Lancs. BB5 3LU U.K.

100th anniversary of WW1

To coincide with the 100th anniversary of the beginning of WW1 this summer, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario is finishing a massive project to digitize more than 1,350 trench maps and 580 photos from France and Belgium.

There are also more than 340 First World War recruitment posters and dozens of copies of sheet music for war songs.

So far, 500 maps and 600 photos are available at: <http://library.mcmaster.ca/maps/ww1/home.htm>

Library of the Society of Friends – online Quaker records

The online catalogue currently holds archived minutes from various Quaker meetings and organisations, along with manuscripts and personal papers of Quakers and Quaker families. See:

<http://www.quaker.org.uk/search-catalogue>

Soldiers' Wills

Scotlandspeople has added 31,000 Soldiers' Wills to its pay to view site. See:
<http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk>

What's On

Saturday 21st June, 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

"Getting to grips with World War 1"

Lancashire Infantry Museum

Various organisations including the LFHHS will be represented at this event.

Saturday 16th August 10 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Ryedale Family History Fair, Lady Lumley's School, Pickering

Admission £1. Accompanied children under 14 free. Free Car Park.

Refreshments available all day.

Saturday 23rd August, 9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. Lanarkshire Family History Society Local & Family History Fair, Civic Centre, Motherwell. See: www.lfhsshow2014.weebly.com

Friday 29th – Sunday 31st August, "Who Do You Think You Are? Live", the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow.

Saturday, 30 August, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cumbria Family History Society Family History Day Fair - "Connecting Cumbrian Cousins", The Lakes Leisure Centre, Burton Road, Kendal LA9 7HX Admission £3:00, Children under 16 free. Information from: ian.white4@live.co.uk or 01772 816841 or www.cumbriafhs.com

Saturday 11th October, 9.30am to 4.30pm, LFHHS Irish Ancestry Group One Day Conference, The Civic Centre, 157 Union Rd., Oswaldtwistle, BB5 3HZ. £17.50 with buffet lunch, £10.00 without lunch. Free parking. For further information, or to book a place contact: Marian Crossley, 50 Lighthurst Lane, Chorley, Lancs. PR7 3EQ Tel. 01257 268311 or Email marianc@fsmail.net. See: www.lfhhs.org.uk

from the War Memorial Trust via our Chairman Mike Coyle

The Trust has recently been informed of a project called 'Letter to an unknown soldier'. The idea is that members of the public will write the letter being read by the soldier in the war memorial statue at Paddington Station. See:

<https://www.warmemorialsonline.org.uk/node/112234>

These letters will all be archived and displayed on a website, and will form a new type of 'war memorial'. The Trust has been asked to promote this project in secondary schools but the project is open to everyone. The letters can be submitted now via the project website: <http://www.1418now.org.uk/letter/>. The last date letters can be submitted is 4th August 2014.