

Walking in the footsteps of your ancestors, 15 March 2013

Timetable

10.15am - 10.45am

Registration

Morning session:

10.45am - 11.05am

Introduction: why do family history research?

11.05am - 11.25am

Introduction to Irish birth, marriage and death records.

11.25am - 11.45am

Using the 1901 and 1911 Census.

11.45am - 12.05pm

Tea/coffee break

12.05pm - 12.40pm

Internet sources for Irish research: free sites and subscription sites, including findmypast and Ancestry.

12.40pm - 12.55pm

Newspapers online.

1pm - 1.45pm

Buffet lunch

Afternoon session:

1.45pm - 2.05pm

Walking in the footsteps of your ancestors: Using the records of the Valuation Office to trace the old family homestead.

2.05pm - 2.25pm

'Hatched, matched and despatched': Customs and traditions around life events in 19th century Ireland.

2.25pm - 2.45pm

Some success stories to inspire you.

2.45pm - 3.15pm

Where do I go from here? Q&A session to panel.

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Speakers

Jennifer Doyle is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin and of King's College, London. Her historical interests are varied, ranging from criminal jurisdiction in medieval Ireland, to social and cultural history in 20th Century Europe. Jennifer has worked as a researcher with Eneclann since 2011, and has developed an expertise in using newspapers and journals for family history. She is currently undertaking a certificate course in Oral Heritage Studies at the University of Limerick, and later this year (2013) will start a doctoral programme in King's College, London.

Fiona Fitzsimons is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin, and a co-founder of Eneclann, a Trinity College Campus Company specialising in history and heritage. Fiona has led the Eneclann team to research Irish stories for '*Who Do You Think You Are?*', RTÉ's '*Ancestors During the Famine*', and PBS's '*Faces of America*' and *Finding our Roots*. She is a director of findmypast - Ireland, and lives in Dublin with her husband and three young sons.

Carmel Gilbride is a graduate of U.C.D., and the University of Limerick. In 2011 Carmel became Eneclann's research manager, running the day-to-day operation of the research department to ensure optimum results for clients. One of her key areas of interest in research is the use of oral traditions in family and local history, and has given public papers on this topic. In Summer 2012, in addition to her Eneclann duties, Carmel was one of the panel of experts providing the Genealogy Advisory Service in the National Library of Ireland. The experience of listening to the many family stories from visitors to the Library has deepened Carmel's passion for her subject.

Aoife O'Connor is the author of *Small Lives: Photographs of Irish Childhood 1860-1970* and was formerly an exhibition curator at the National Library of Ireland. She currently works with findmypast.ie, a genealogical sources website. Her main research interests are in material culture and the minutiae of every-day life. She is currently studying for her MA in History, with an emphasis on juvenile crime in the nineteenth century.

Sean O'Duill is a fluent Irish speaker from Louisburgh, Co. Mayo. He taught in St. Declan's College, Dublin and has published several articles in Irish and English on Irish folklore. Sean was the keynote speaker at the 2005 National Genealogical conference, lectured at FGS Conference in Boston in 2006 and at the Irish Genealogical Conference in Sligo in 2004. His research into Irish Folklore has developed lectures which have been of great interest to family historians in Ireland.



Eileen O Duill, CG, has been a professional Irish genealogist since 1990. She specialises in probate genealogical research in international estates involving Irish people. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland and was Trustee for Britain and Ireland of the Association of Professional Genealogists, U.S.A., (2007-2012). Eileen has lectured at conferences in Ireland, Great Britain and the USA between 1998 and 2012. She is a member of the panel who provide the Genealogical Advisory Services in the National Archives and National Library of Ireland. In March 2011, Eileen teamed with Lou Szucs to provide a webinar on Irish genealogy for Ancestry.com.