



Clare Roots Society

Genealogy & Family History Conference

Templegate Hotel Ennis, Co. Clare on Saturday 1 October 2011

Theme: "The Future of our Past"

Conference Programme

8.45 a.m. – 9.20 am	Registration
9.20 a.m. – 9.30 am.	Opening and Welcome by Gerry Kennedy Chairman of Clare Roots Society
9.30 am. – 10.15 am.	Liam Curran – "The Irish Soldier in the British Army in the First World War"
10.15 am – 11 am.	Dr. Catriona Crowe – Genealogical resources in the National Archives
11.00 am. – 11.15 am.	Tea / Coffee Break.
11.15 am - 12 noon	Jim Herlihy – The Black & Tans & the Auxiliaries'.
12 noon – 12.45 pm.	Dr. Jane Lyons

12.45 pm. – 2.00 pm.	Lunch
2.00 pm. – 2.45 pm.	Antoinette O'Brien – Clare Heritage Centre, Corofin
2.45 pm. – 3.45 pm.	Dr. Nick Barratt - 'Family History and the Media'
3.45 pm. – 4.00 pm.	Tea / Coffee break.
4.00 pm - 5.00 pm	John Grenham – "Jam Tomorrow: what's online and what's coming?"
5.00 pm. – 5.15 pm.	Questions & Answers
5.15 pm.	Conference ends

For Bookings & further information:

<http://www.eventelephant.com/clarerootssocietyconference2011>

The Clare Roots Society was formed in April 2006 as an amateur family history group in Clare. The Society meets once a month in Ennis, and has approximately 100 members. Anyone with an interest in tracing their family tree is welcome to join. Some members are experienced genealogists while others are novices in the field. In addition to local members, we have some Diaspora members who live overseas but who follow our activities via email, and dream that they are in Clare. Activities are advertised in the local press and in the Ennis Cathedral bulletin. The society works in partnership with Clare County Library in order to add to the wonderful fund of genealogy information already available on its website www.clarelibrary.ie

Conference Speaker Profiles

Dr Nick Barratt

Dr Nick Barratt is a TV presenter and commentator (credits include WDYTUA, History Mysteries, So You Think You're Royal, Hidden House History, Secrets from the Attic, Live the Dream: As Seen on Screen) He is Editor in Chief of Your Family History magazine and Chief Executive of Sticks Research Agency since 2000. He was the original genealogical consultant and lead researcher for BBC's show Who Do You Think You Are. He has written various books, including the Who Do You Think You Are Encyclopaedia of Family History, Tracing the History of Your House, and Guide to your Ancestors' Lives. Nick is a former columnist for the Daily Telegraph. He is also member of the Society of Genealogists Education Committee.

Dr Catriona Crowe

Dr Catriona Crowe is Head of Special Projects at the National Archives of Ireland. She is Manager of the Irish Census Online Project, which has placed the 1901 and 1911 censuses online free of charge over the last 4 years. She is an Editor of Documents on Irish Foreign Policy, which published its seventh volume, covering the period 1941-45, in November 2010. She is Vice-President of the Irish Labour History Society, and a former President of the Women's History Association. She is Chairperson of the Irish Theatre Institute, which promotes and supports Irish theatre and has created an award-winning website of Irish theatre productions.

Liam Curran

Based in County Clare, Liam Curran is an amateur historian with an interest in the Irish involvement in the First World War. His interest was inspired by the story of his grand uncle Michael Curran, who enlisted in the 6th Royal Irish Rifles in September 1914 and fought at Gallipoli, Salonika and Palestine. Liam's talk is titled "The Irish Soldier in the British Army in the First World War". The talk will cover the Irish involvement in the British Army in the 1914-1918 War, including the Irishmen in the Regular Army at the outbreak of the War, the raising of the 10th (Irish) Division, the 16th Division and the 36th Division, life in the trenches, how to research a First World War soldier and interweaved through the military history, the story of some local men who fought in the First World War.

John Grenham M.A., M.A.P.G.I., F.I.G.R.S.

John Grenham came to professional genealogy in 1981, as one of the panel of Genealogical Office researchers and later worked for Hibernian Research. As in-house researcher for the Genealogical Office

in 1990-91, he was instrumental in setting up the GO Consultation Service, the forerunner of the current Advisory Services in the National Library and National Archives. He was Project Manager with the Irish Genealogical Project from 1991 to 1995 and later went on to develop and market his own genealogical software, Grenham's Irish Recordfinder. Since 1998, he has run the Irish Times Irish Ancestors website. In 2005, he was the first Genealogist-in-Residence at Dublin City Library. In 2007, he was awarded a fellowship of The Irish Genealogical Research Society. Among his publications are Tracing your Irish Ancestors (3rd ed.2006), Clans and Families of Ireland (1995), Generations (1996), "The Genealogical Office and its Records" in The Genealogical Office , (1999), Grenham's Irish Surnames (CD-ROM, 2003) and numerous articles and columns in the UK magazine Your Family Tree. He has written the "Irish Roots" column in The Irish Times since February 2009. His website is www.johngrenham.com.

Jim Herlihy

Jim Herlihy, a member of the Garda Síochána, is the author of several books on policing in Ireland that are published by Four Courts Press including The Royal Irish Constabulary: A Complete Alphabetical List of Officers and Men, 1816-1922 (1998) and The Dublin Metropolitan Police: A Short History and Genealogical Guide (2000).

Dr Jane Lyons

Jane Lyons is a professional genealogist currently based in Abbeyleix Co Laois. She is the host and moderator of the Y-IRL Yahoo Group. Her website is at www.from-ireland.net

Antoinette O'Brien

Antoinette is a Genealogist and manager of Clare Heritage Centre in Corofin Co Clare. Her talk will focus on the work of the centre, www.clareroots.com, and the records available there.