



Kith and Kin



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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

Looks like spring has been pushed back a few more weeks but don't let that hamper your celebration of St. Patrick's Day---a day when we are all Irish at heart.

Soon the flowers will be blooming and the grass will need mowing and we can take those trips to the country cemeteries we want to search, the courthouses and libraries that are beckoning and the MAGG trips to Madison and elsewhere this summer. Come and join us. There is always room for a few more.

Ken Wood, President MAGG

UPCOMING EVENTS -

MAGG MEETINGS FOR THE UP COMING YEAR:

March 24, 2005

April 28, 2005

May 26, 2005

All meetings will be held in the General Meeting Room of the Marshfield Public Library at 7:00 pm.

WEB SITES OF THE MONTH-

- 1880 Online Strategies: Part I
(www.rootdig.com/adn/online1880one.html)
- 1880 Online Strategies: Part II
(www.rootdig.com/adn/online1880two.html)

Very interesting ways to get more from the census than just what is on the sheet.

With St. Patrick's Day around the corner here is a database for the UK and Ireland at: <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/uki/>

THE HOW TO COLUMN- Locating Where Your Family Lived in Ireland

To use church, civil, and other types of Irish records, you need to know where in Ireland your ancestors lived. Knowing the county is a start, but knowing the name of the townland or parish will make your searches much more productive. In the following excerpt from one of the introductory chapters in Brian Mitchell's *Pocket Guide to Irish Genealogy*, the author explains what resources in your ancestors' country of immigration, such as the United States or Australia, can help you find the information you need.

The *Pocket Guide to Irish Genealogy* is a 63-page book containing information about Irish history and use of major Irish research sources including civil records, parish registers, gravestone inscriptions, wills, the 1901 and 1911 censuses, and the Griffiths Valuation and Tithe Applotment Books. It also contains the names and addresses of major Irish record offices and heritage centers. You can order the *Pocket Guide to Irish Genealogy* from Genealogical Publishing Company.

This chapter is intended for those people of Irish descent whose immediate ancestors have lived in those countries with large Irish communities, namely the United States of America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Great Britain. Many people in these countries make the mistake of believing that tracing their Irish roots begins in Ireland. It does not, it begins in their home country. It is only by building up a picture of your ancestors there that you will find the necessary clues to make a worthwhile search in Ireland.

Knowing that your ancestor came from Ireland is just not enough. Ideally you want to find out where in Ireland he came from, preferably a townland or parish address, the year he emigrated, the port he arrived at, his age on emigration, if he was married when he came out, and if so, the Christian name and maiden name of his wife and the names and ages of any children. In some cases family tradition may be able to provide answers to these questions, but in most cases various records will have to be searched for this information. It is, therefore, the intention of this section to give heart to those who think this is a daunting task by giving examples drawn from a variety of record sources in the various countries. It will show how clues can be built up on the origins of an Irish ancestor. Always remember when examining any record source that your purpose is essentially to extract information against three key words: NAME, LOCATION and DATE.

Hopefully, all these examples show that much can be done in the home country to identify as precisely as possible the names of ancestor who emigrated from Ireland; their age, so that an approximate date of birth can be estimated; where they lived in Ireland and their religious denomination. Armed with this information, you can then begin to plan your trip to Ireland.

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November 1944-Deaths

Ernest R. Wonser, Takoma Park, Md.
Goerge H. Gemeke, 46, town of Hendren
Harold Lyle Dobson, Black River Falls
Bruce A. Richardson, Black River Falls
Lyle Eddy, Black River Falls
Andrew T. Swift, Black River Falls
Andrew P. Reshel, City Point
Louis Garkowski, Black River Falls
Horace T. Olson, Hixton
Harold C. Sjuggerud, Hixton
George Jenswald, Humbird
Mrs. Tillie Anderson, 77, Black River Falls
Charles Thrasher, Black River Falls
Mrs. Hilda Woodworth, 56, Black River Falls
Lyman R. Paulley, 46, Black River Falls
Jay Buckley, Alma Center
Alex Bocian, 74, Thorp
Valentine Jaras, Sr. 69, Willard
Fred Glass, 76, Hayward
Mrs. Augusta Hemp, 64, Neillsville
Wayne Frederick Bush, 10 days, Greenwood
Mrs. Clara Gustafson, 79, Thorp

William Wallace Baxter, 52, Owen
Mrs. Reinhold Lippbrandt, 68, Thorp
Mrs. Elizabeth Kangas, 73, town of Longwood
Cecelia Jacobson, 52, Withee
Ben Packer, Withee
Fred J. L. Schroeder, 83, Neillsville
Joseph Horak, 85, town of Hewett
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Mrs. Lillie C. Farrington, 80, Black River Falls
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Mrs. Peter Statz, Alma Center
Mrs. G. Dimmer, 77, Thorp
Earl bashford, Gary, Ind.
Mrs. Bertha Rossow, Eatonville, Wash.
Ira Otis Waters, Alma Center
Mrs. Fay Conklin, Black River Falls
Leonard Billerbeck, Spokane, Wash
Ed. J. Nichols, Chicago
Mrs. Ed. Thompson, Oak Ridge
Peter M. Stranney, 63, Alma Center
William C. Bunkleman, 83, Neillsville
Mrs. M. W. Toby, Waukon, Ia
Thomas Milinowski, Fond du Lac
Mrs. Wilmer Brickett, Colby
Ezra Campbell, 81, Neillsville
John Kubat, 70, Neillsville
Lee Blecha, 29, Greenwood
Mrs. Delia Asselin, 83, Thorp
Mrs. Agnes Bonszyk, 83, Longwood
Mrs. Adell Bangle, 87, Owen
Gerald Meyer, Withee
Frank Soukop, 75, Melrose
Theodore Kouf, 60, Portland, Ore.
Hans Nelson, Sechlerville
Mrs. John L. Conklin, 27, Waukesha
Mrs. Ed. O. Thompson, 44, Oak Ridge
Mrs. Minnie Prust, 84, Chili
Mrs. Anna Luchterhand, 84, Neillsville
Christian M. Stricker, 60, Neillsville
H. V. Gard, Superior

Mrs. H. J. Bandel, 55, Stevens Point
Mrs. Rose Hagen, Black River Falls
Mrs. Bertha Franke, 69, town of Levis
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Hannah A. Riss, 67, Seattle, Wash.
Grant E. Frost, 74, Deraborn, Mich.
Mrs. Edmund Johnson, 60, Warrens
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The final entry for January 1945-Deaths of December 1944 will be next newsletter.

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OTHER BREAKING NEWS- German Interest Group-Wisconsin proudly announces John Humphrey as the speaker for the workshop”Developing German Research Skills” to be held on Saturday, July 9, 2005 at the University of Wisconsin –Whitewater.

***March 16-18 - Waynesboro, Pennsylvania: "Unlocking Your Past 2005", a FREE Family History Event. If you live in, or have a genealogical interest in: Franklin, Fulton or Adams Counties in Pennsylvania, or Washington County, Maryland, this is the conference for you! It is free, and worth every penny of it! Details are available at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~unlockingyourpast>**

GENEALOGY FUN- Ancient Rules for Ancestors!

And they were SO good at following them!

(1) Thou shalt name your male children: James, John, Joseph, Josiah, Abel, Richard, Thomas, William.

(2) Thou shalt name your female children: Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Maria, Sarah, Ida, Virginia, May.

(3) Thou shalt leave NO trace of your female children.

(4) Thou shalt, after naming your children from the above lists, call them by strange nicknames such as: Ike, Eli, Polly, Dolly, Sukey.---making them difficult to trace.

(5) Thou shalt NOT use any middle names on any legal documents or census reports, and only where necessary, you may use only initials on legal documents.

(6) Thou shalt learn to sign all documents illegibly so that your surname can be spelled, or misspelled, in various ways: Hicks, Hix, Hixe, Hucks, Kicks or Robinson, Robertson, Robison, Roberson, Robuson, Robson, Dobson.

(7) Thou shalt, after no more than 3 generations, make sure that all family records are lost, misplaced, burned in a court house fire, or buried so that NO future trace of them can be found

(8) Thou shalt propagate misleading legends, rumors, and vague innuendo regarding your place of origin:

(A) you may have come from : England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales.... or Iran.

(B) you may have American Indian ancestry of the _____ tribe.....

(C) You may have descended from one of three brothers that came over from _____

(9) Thou shalt leave NO cemetery records, or headstones with legible names.

(10) Thou shalt leave NO family Bible with records of birth, marriages, or deaths.

(11) Thou shalt ALWAYS flip thy name around. If born James Albert, thou must make all the rest of thy records in the names of Albert, AJ, JA, AL, Bert, Bart, or Alfred.

(12) Thou must also flip thy parent's names when making reference to them, although "Unknown" or a blank line is an acceptable alternative.

(13) Thou shalt name at least 5 generations of males and dozens of their cousins with identical names in order to totally confuse researchers.

Author unknown.

It was the first day of census
and all through the land;

The pollster was ready.....a black book in hand.

He mounted his horse for a long dusty ride;

His book and his quill were tucked close by his side.

A long winding ride down a road barely there toward the smell of fresh
bread wafting

up there in air.

The woman was tired, with lines on her face and wisps of brown hair she
tucked back into place.

She gave him some water..... as they sat at the table;

and she answered his questions--as best she was able;

He asked of her children... Yes, she had quite a few;

The oldest was twenty, the youngest not two.

She held up a toddler with cheeks round and red

His sister, she whispered, was napping in bed.

She noted each person who lived there with pride
and she felt the faint stirring of the wee one inside.

He noted the sex, the color, the age...

The marks from the quills soon filled up the page.

At the number of children, she nodded her head;

And he saw her lips quiver for the three that were dead.
The places of birth she "never forgot";
Was it Kansas? Or Utah? Or Oregon... or not?
They came from Prussia, of that she was clear
But she wasn't quite sure how long they'd been here.
They spoke of employment, of schooling and such;
They could read some... and write some....
through really not much.
When the questions were answered,
His job there was done;
So he mounted his horse and he rode toward the sun.
We can almost imagine his voice loud and clear;
"May God bless you all for another ten years."
Now picture the time warp.....it's now you and me;
As we search for the people on our family tree.
We squint the census and scroll down so slow;
as we search for that entry from long, long ago;
Could they only imagine on that long ago day
that entries they make would effect us this way?
If they knew, would they wonder at the yearning we feel;
and the searching that makes them so increasingly real.
Through their blood in our veins
And their voice in our heart.

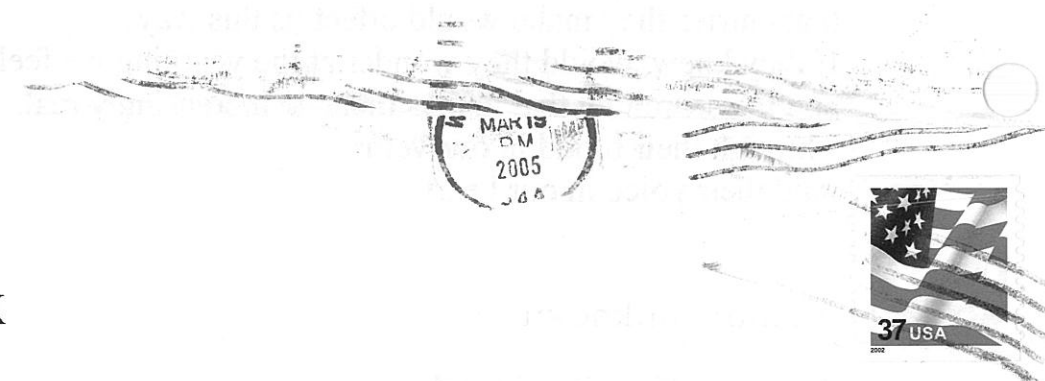
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