

Connecting People and Place: Exploring your Ulster Roots

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Joe Mahon of UTV's *Lesser Spotted Ulster*



Free family and local history day

Saturday, 13 May 2017, 9:30am–4:00pm,
Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast

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More and more people would like to know how to trace their ancestors or to learn more about the history of their community. Family and local history go together like hand in glove. Many of the sources used and the research techniques employed for studying family and local history are the same, and an interest in one commonly leads to a growing involvement in the other. After all the story of our families is embedded in the local community in which they lived, worked, loved and died.

This event is aimed at anyone interested in finding out more about their ancestors or the local area where they live. It is free of charge and open to everyone irrespective of skills or experience – everyone is welcome. The presentations will focus on historical sources which are becoming easier to access, especially through their increasing availability on the internet, as well as introducing beginners to the collections held in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland and other local archives.

Using a variety of interesting sample records and drawing on valuable case studies, the presenters will demonstrate just what can be achieved using archival sources. It will be an ideal opportunity to get to know PRONI through the guided tours which will be provided, in addition to having access to the extensive knowledge of local experts who will be on hand to offer advice.

Morning Programme (10:00am–12:45pm)



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Joe Mahon: People and Place

Gillian Hunt: An introduction to family history research

Janet Hancock: Getting started online at PRONI

BREAK

Roddy Hegarty: Making connections with local and family history: a case study

John Doohar: The local press in Strabane in WW1, shared narratives and diverging priorities

LUNCH AND GUIDED TOURS OF PRONI (12:45pm–1:45pm)

Afternoon programme (1:45pm–4:00pm)

Rosemary Murphy: Glenelly My Home: A Facebook project in local and family history

Brian Mitchell: Getting Started on Genealogy – Tracing the Irish Roots of Mary T. Fisher, a lady's companion in Boston in 1880s

PANEL DISCUSSION

Valerie Adams: Church records

Dr Brian Lambkin: Migration records

Dr William Roulston: Landed estate records

Ann Robinson: The resources of the North of Ireland Family History Society

Facilitator: **Fintan Mullan**



SPEAKERS

Joe Mahon is the well-known presenter and producer of the successful and much-admired UTV programmes *Lesser Spotted Ulster* and *Lesser Spotted Journeys*, where Joe travels the length and breadth of Ireland meeting local and intriguing characters along the way.

Valerie Adams is Librarian and Archivist of the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland and previously spent many years on the staff of PRONI.

John Doohar is a long time member and past chairman of the Federation for Ulster Local Studies and current editor of their journal, *Due North*.

Janet Hancock is Deputy Head of Public Services at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.

Roddy Hegarty is Director of the Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich Library & Archive and previously served as the Development Officer of the Federation for Ulster Local Studies.

Gillian Hunt is Research Officer with the Ulster Historical Foundation. She has spoken on family history across Britain and Ireland, Canada and the USA.

Dr Brian Lambkin is Director of the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster-American Folk Park, Omagh, and past president of the Association of European Migration Institutions.

Brian Mitchell, of Derry Genealogy, has been involved in local, family and emigration research in the wider Derry area since 1982.

Fintan Mullan is Executive Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation.

Rosemary Murphy has been the driving force in establishing and developing the Glenelly Historical Society.

Ann Robinson is President of the North of Ireland Family History Society (NIFHS) and has been active in family history research for many years.

Dr William Roulston is Research Director with the Ulster Historical Foundation and author of a number of books looking at different aspects of the history of Ireland's northern province.

Celebrating 60 years of the Ulster Historical Foundation

WHERE AND WHEN

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REGISTRATION

The event is free to attend and light refreshments and lunch will be provided on the day.

Registration is essential.

Individuals can either contact the Ulster Historical Foundation in advance on:

Tel: 028 9066 1988 or **e-mail:** enquiry@uhf.org.uk

or book using the following Eventbrite link:

www.eventbrite.com/e/connecting-people-and-place-exploring-your-ulster-roots-tickets-33701918345

Contact details for venue

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, 2 Titanic Boulevard, Titanic Quarter,
Belfast, BT3 9HQ. T: +44 (0)28 9053 4800 W: www.proni.gov.uk

Parking is available at the SSE Arena. There is a small number of pay and display bays available on Titanic Boulevard. Translink operate services to the vicinity: check Translink timetables for details.

Programme Partners



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Ulster Historical Foundation is now sixty years old. Help us to celebrate reaching this milestone by joining us and our programme partners for *Connecting People and Place: Exploring your Ulster Roots*.