



Support and Administration

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Centre for Adult Continuing Education, UCC



Genealogy: How to Trace Your Family Tree

Fee: €230 for 10 weeks

Times/Dates: Tuesday 7-9pm, 29 September to 1 December 2009

Venue: Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, Room 263, UCC

Lecturer: Mr. Tony McCarthy, Centre for Adult Continuing Education, UCC

This course aims to equip attendees with the skills and information necessary to set out confidently on the ancestor trail. There are three strands to the course. Firstly, twelve important genealogical sources will be described in detail, with a focus on how to locate and use them to get information on your own ancestry. Secondly, a methodical approach to family history research will be outlined, advising how to tackle a mass of documentary material, and also suggesting how to produce a finished family tree document. Thirdly, the historical and social context necessary for a deeper understanding of our ancestors and our genealogical records will form a continuous backdrop to the course. The three strands will be intertwined to form a practical, informative and entertaining experience.

1. General Introduction; Source: Census Returns; Project Plan; History: First People
2. Source: State Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages; Start research with the live ones; History: The Bronze Age to the Celts
3. Sources: Catholic and Church of Ireland Parish Records; Administrative Divisions; History: St Patrick to the Vikings
4. Source: Valuation and Poor Law Records; The Easy Options; History: The Norman/British Conquest of Ireland
5. Sources: Wills and Administrations, Records of the Graveyard; The Matheson Report; History: The Plantations
6. Source: Estate Records; Parliamentary Papers; History: The 1641 Rebellion to the Battle of the Boyne
7. Source: The Registry of Deeds; Intensive Investigations; History: The Ascendancy
8. Sources: Tithe Applotment Books and the Land Commission; Finishing the Job; History: O'Connell's Ireland
9. Sources: Hearth Money Rolls and the Religious Census; Assessment of Material; History: Parnell's Ireland
10. Source: Miscellaneous other sources; The Final Document; History: de Valera's Ireland