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EDITORIAL

Welcome to this edition of 'The South West Genealogist,, in this edition I continue the index for Family Tree magazine this month covering volume five, parts 1 to 6, Irish Connection continues the series on The Peoples of Ireland and I continue to discuss computer hardware in Computer Corner. Please note the

Please note the following article on the 1991 GRD, don't put it off, do it now before its too late as closing is only a couple of weeks away.

Well I hope you enjoy this issue of our newsletter, happy hunting.

1991 GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH DIRECTORY

Well its that time of year again to submit your entries for the 1991 edition of the Genealogical Research Directory. Two types of entries are permitted, the well known family entries and the newer subject entries.

Entries close on 31st October 1990 and cost is \$26.00 plus \$4.00 postage for a total of \$30.00. The 1991 GRD is published in April and delivered in May 1991.

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GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS

Issue 25 of Wodonga's BORDERLINE NEWS has a list of addresses of suppliers of conservation materials including photograph and document storage bags. Also included is an entry form for the Local Pioneer Index being compiled by Wodonga and Districts Group of the GSV.

Volume 39 number 6 of IRELAND OF THE WELCOMES features County Limerick with articles on Limerick City and the County, 'Sarsfields Ride of August 16901, 'A Pearl of Wisdom: Limerick's new University at Plassey', 'Foynes Flying Boats', 'Kate O'Brien', 'The Clare Glens', and 'By-Ways Rather Than Highways' looks at a day away from Limerick.

Issue 50 of INSIDE IRELAND is a special fiftieth issue with a range of articles including 'The Fourth Dimension', Glad to be Back,, 'Collectors' Items', 'The Enviromental Bandwagon', 'The Irish Arts and Crafts Movement', 'County Wicklow: The Garden of Ireland', 'Irish Agriculture Today', 'Spellbound', two articles 'Going Back To Your Roots' and 'Books in Brief' are of particular interest to family historians. Other articles include 'Ireland and the Eastern Europe Dimension', 'Tips A-Z for Visitors', 'Death and the Banshee,, 'Sailing to an Island', 'Retiring to Ireland', 'An Irish School' and 'The Reluctant Bridegroom'. A bumper issue with something for everyone.

THE IRISH CONNECTION

Over the past two months we have been looking at The Peoples of Ireland and so far have looked at the Celts, the Vikings and the Normans. This month we will look at the English and next month the Scots.

THE ENGLISH

Only months after the Norman Strongbow landed in Ireland he was followed by King Henry who landed at Crook with two aims, firstly, to curb the power of his Norman Barons and secondly, to secure the submission of the Irish Chiefs to his rule.

Many Irish Kings Including MacCarthy, O'Brien and O'Rourke did submit and in 1175 Henry became Lord of Ireland.

Ireland was effectively ruled by a Lord Deputy on behalf of the King and was based in Dublin. True English control was only ever total over an area around Dublin called the Pale, outside of this area the land was controlled by the Gaelic and the Hiberno-Norman families.

A second area of English control was over County Down and the southern half of County Antrim which had been taken from de Courcy.

Some of the major English families to come to power in Ireland included the following;

Bagenal	Savage	Boyle
Browne	Ha t ton	Plunkett
Courtney	Denny	Carew

The English gradually gained control of Ireland and virtually took total control with the fall of Western Ulster in 1603.

In 1608 in the so called Plight of the Earl's, O'Donnell and O'Neill fled Ireland and their lands were taken by the Crown. In 1610 the plantation of Western Ulster with Scot and English farmers took place, the Idea being to prevent the re-emergence of the Gaelic families In the future.

Eastern Ulster had effectively been privately planted when the O'Niell lands of Clanaboy had been forfeited to James the Second in 1603 and sold to private planters, lowland Scots, for six pence per acre.

In 1640 some 100,000 Scots and 20,000 English had settled in Ulster, by 1672 the number of English had risen to 200,000 spread all over Ireland, the total population of all of Ireland at this time being just over 1,000,000.

In 1649 Oliver Cromwell landed at Dublin with a Puritan Army to crush the Irish who had become powerful again during the English Civil War which had seen the excecution of King Charles by the Puritan Parliament. In a brutal war all Irish resistance was crushed and the lands of the Irish Lords were confiscated by the Crown and distributed to Cromwells Troops as payment for their services, and to Cromwells creditors who had financed his war in Ireland.

All of the Irish who had been involved in the war were transplanted to Counties Clare and Connacht, west of the River Shannon. Cromwells enemies were deported to mainland Europe and the West Indies, some as slaves.

In 1660 the Puritan Commonwealth collapsed and Charles the Second was restored to the throne of England. An act of settlement returned about one third

COMPUTER CORNER

Last month I began to discuss basic computer systems and what they can do for the family historian and began looking at the various modules that comprise a home computer. This month we continue to examine these modules.

AN INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER HARDWARE - PART 2

INPUT/OUTPUT PORTS

Most computers have a range of input/output ports to which various peripherals such as printers and modems connect.

110 Ports come in two basic types, serial and parallel. The C64 uses serial connections **whilst IBM compatibles use both** types. In a serial port data is transmitted in a stream, one bit at a time, and is a fairly slow means of transmitting data between system components.

In a parallel port eight (or sixteen) bits of data are transmitted at the same time, each down a separate wire. Obviously this is a much faster means of transmitting data.

KEYBOARD

As you will have noticed keyboards vary greatly, some are attached to the computer as in the C64, whilst others are connected by a detachable cable as in most IBM compatibles.

most computers follow the basic QWERTY layout of a typewriter but have differing amounts of special function keys and range from basic keyboards with around seventy keys whilst some enhanced keyboards for IBM compatibles have in excess of one hundred keys.

CASSETTE RECORDERS

Some computers such as C64 and Amstrad used cassette recorders to load and save programs. High quality data tapes similar to audio cassettes were used as the storage medium. This method of saving and loading programs and data is very slow compared to other devices such as floppy and hard disks.

CARTRIDGES

Some computers such as C64 and Atari used cartridges to load programs. These cartridges contain programs stored in ROM memory chips as discussed last month. Special function programs such as games and utilities are available in this form.

FLOPPY DISK DRIVES

The most common means of loading and saving programs and data these days is via 5.25 inch floppy disks. The disk has circular tracks onto which the data is stored in the same manner as a tape recorder. The read/write head is similar to that used in a tape recorder and is positioned over the track to which you wish to write to or read from. Early disk drives only had one head so the disk had to be turned over to write to the other side. Modern drives have two heads, one on each side of the disk.

Next month I will look at other types of disk drives and the various storage capacities of the various types and then begin to examine various other input and output devices that allow the computer to become useful to the operator.

LOCATING RELATIVES IN IRELAND : A DIRECT APPROACH

In the course of researching my family tree here In Australia I was lucky enough to determine the townland In County Antrim from which my ancestors had emigrated over a century ago.

With this Information In my hot little-hand I had now to decide how. to use it to trace any relatives remaining in Ireland when I had a mini inspiration. If I obtained a telephone book for the area maybe some of the family still lived nearby, so I set off to Telecom to order a directory for the area.

Finally my directory arrived and I eagerly looked up the family name and behold in excess of twenty families still lived In the immediate area which presented the next problem - which one to write to. I then selected five having common family Christian, **names that had, been** passed on from generation to generation.

I constructed a basic family tree and an appropriate covering letter and posted it off to the five families I had selected then sat back with fingers crossed to see what eventuated.

After some time I received a letter from one of the families saying that while not related they had passed my original letter on to a family they believed were. I was able to personally thank this correspondent when we met during our trip which was to come from this initial contact. A short time later the letter arrived from the secondary contact and subsequent research has linked our two families. We were later to stay with this family when we visited Ireland in late 1985.

Some months later a second reply from the original letters arrived and whilst not related, help to track relatives was again offered but was not needed although the correspondent was thanked for his help and offer.

When we visited Ireland our newly discovered relatives were able to show us the remains of the ancestral home which I was able to videotape and photograph for those back In **Australia to view.**

This approach **worked for me maybe It will** help someone else to also locate relatives In Ireland, I hope so. The main advantage of this approach is that it costs very little and the rewards can be very great.



The above article was originally published in IRISH LINK number 12 A in May 1987 and resulted in their providing a service of providing extracts from Irish Telephone books after a flood of requests from readers. The editor submitted the above article whilst resident in Lavington NSW. A similar service for Scottish Telephone books is also now provided.



LOCAL MICROFILM/FICHE RECORDS

We have recently obtained a list of local records available on microfilm or microfiche including newspapers, cemetery records, rate books and minute books, church records, hospital and fire brigade records amongst others.

If you are interested contact the Secretary for a look at this listing, copies of these records can be ordered at the Warrnambool City Library.