

Family History Newsletter

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The Family History Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library.

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Family History Group Meetings

The May meeting will be May 4, 2011.

Irish Marriage Record

By Andrea Lister

I have wanted to find the marriage record for my husband's great-grand parents, Alice Doyle and James Ryan, for a while so I finally decided to track it down.

What I Already Knew

The information I had been told was that they were married in Waterford, Ireland in 1916. I have a birth certificate for their son, born in 1921, residence at the time, 14 Upper Yellow Road, Waterford. James was a bootmaker.

My Search

So I went to Family Search and narrowed down my search to Ireland, Civil Registration Indexes, 1845-1958.

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

I looked for a marriage for Alice Doyle with a +/- 5 years date range from 1916 in Waterford.

I found: Name: Alice Doyle;
Registration District: Waterford;
Event Type: MARRIAGES;
Registration Quarter and Year:
Oct - Dec 1912; Film Number:
101262; Volume Number: 4; Page
Number: 399; Digital Folder
Number: 4199364; Image
Number: 00404.

Ok, but the Irish records are indexed by individual and not matched up with spouses.

So I typed in James Ryan and changed the date to 1912 exactly. James Ryan being a common name I got numerous results but only one James Ryan with the same Film Number as the Alice Doyle record.

Ok, now what? I looked at the information for the records and learnt that ordering the film would just give me the index information, not an image, so I needed to order the record. I found the website for the General Register Office:
<http://www.groireland.ie/> and wrote up a letter and faxed it off with our credit card information.

It Arrived

September 13, 1912, Catholic Church of Trinity Without, Waterford No. 2 Urban. James Ryan, Bootmaker, 24 years and Alice Doyle, spinster, 18 years. Both lived on Lower Yellow Rd. Parents: Patirck Doyle, Labourer and Daniel Doyle, Sailor.

Next Steps

Armed with this information I was able to find both families in the 1911 and 1901 Irish Census, <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>. I discovered the name of the mothers for both James Ryan and Alice Doyle and added some siblings for both people. Alice Doyle's father Daniel is missing in both censuses so my next step is to order Alice Doyle's birth record. One more brick wall has crumbled; another one yet to go.

Online Resources

The world's largest free genealogy search engine Mocavo
<http://mocavo.com/>

New at Family Search

<https://www.familysearch.org/>

Here are some of the records for Europe that have been added in the past year. Some records are fully searchable, while others you have to browse the collection. Many have images available too. To view the complete collection, scroll down to Browse by Location.

- Austria Births and Baptisms, 1651-1940
- Austria Burials, 1768 - 1918
- Austria Marriages, 1722 - 1898
- Austria, Oberösterreich, Catholic Church Records, 1581-1910 Austria, Vienna Population Cards, 1850-1895 Austria, Wien, Evangelical-Lutheran Church Records, 1848-1900
- Belgium Births and Baptisms, 1560-1890 Belgium Civil Registration, 1795-1910 Belgium Deaths and Burials, 1564-1900 Belgium Marriages, 1563-1890 Belgium, Antwerp Police Immigration Index, 1840-1930
- Channel Islands Births and Baptisms, 1820-1907
- Czech Republic Births and Baptisms, 1637-1889 Czech Republic Marriages, 1654-1889 Czech Republic, Northern Bohemia, Litomerice Archive Church Books, 1552-1905 Czech Republic, Northern Moravia, Opava Archive Church Books, 1571-1905

Czech Republic, Southern Bohemia, Trebon Archive Church Books, 1650-1900

- Hungary Catholic Church Records 1636-1895 Hungary Civil Registration, 1895-1920

Family History Events

Abbotsford Genealogical Society

- **Spring Seminar** with Professional Genealogist Lyn Meehan, Saturday, May 7, 2011. Doors open for registration at 10:00 am, Clearbrook Public Library, Fee: \$30 Before April 15, 2011, \$35 afterward.

Program

- **Canada's National Treasure** 10:30 am –12:30 pm
- **Before and Beyond the Internet** 1:30 pm –2:45 pm
- **Research Plans that Work!** 2:45 pm –4:00 pm.

Printable Registration Form at:

www.abbygs.ca

For more information call Donna at 604-855-3693.

BCGS

Meetings are at the Edmonds Community Centre, 7282 Kingsway, Burnaby BC. Visitors are always welcome.

- **Civil Registration Computer - Internet Researching - Tricks for Finding Elusive Ancestors**, Wednesday, June 8, 2011, 7:30 pm. Fee: Free.

Maple Ridge Library

- **100 years of Canadian War Brides**, with Annette Fulford,

Thursday May 19, 2011, 2:00 pm –3:00 pm. Fee: Free.

Surrey Libraries

5642-176A Street, Surrey offers free orientations the 1st Saturday of every month 9:30 – 10:30am.

- **Heritage Quest Database Online: Tutorial** with Laurie J. Cooke, Saturday, April 30, 2011, 10:30am – 11:30am. Free.

Pre-registration is required – please check the Family History section of the Surrey Libraries website www.spl.surrey.bc.ca or call us at 604-598-7328.

Vancouver Public Library

- **Tracing Your Ancestors in British Columbia**, Thursday, May 5, 2011, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Location: Peter Kaye Room, Lower Level, Central Library. Fee: Free.
- **Resources for Discovering First Nations Heritage**, with Laurie Cooke, Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm in the Alma VanDusen Room, Lower Level, Central Library Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: Free.
- **Chinese Genealogy Research Workshop: Overview**, with May Yan, Tuesday, June 14, 2011, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm in the Alma VanDusen Room, Lower Level, Central Library. Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee: Free.