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Aug 21 & Aug 22 2015

FITZGERALD'S WOODLANDS HOUSE HOTEL, ADARE, CO. LIMERICK
IRISH GENEALOGY & DNA CONFERENCE

FRIDAY

TREATY ROOM

10:30 AM – Overview on Limerick Genealogy
11:15 AM – Headstone to Homestead
12:00 PM – LUNCH
1:00 PM – Birth, Marriage & Death Records
2:00 PM – Genealogy Software – Applications and Uses
in Irish Genealogy Research
3:00 PM – What Were the Neighbours Up To?

RYAN ROOM

10:30 AM – Tech, Tea & Family Trees
12:00 PM – LUNCH
1:00 PM – Irish Genealogy Resources: Using School
Roll Books & Registers as a Family History Source
2:00 PM – Roundtable Discussions & Consultations

SATURDAY

TREATY ROOM

10:30 AM – Using Y-DNA to Research Surnames
11:15 AM – Using atDNA to Solve Adoption Mysteries
12:00 PM – LUNCH
1:00 PM – Native, Incomer and Colonist – Surname
Formation and DNA from Europe's Wild West Frontier
2:00 PM – Munster DNA Project
3:00 PM – Researching Your Irish Clans – Genealogy
Sources and Records

RYAN ROOM

10:30 AM – Tech, Tea & Family Trees
12:00 PM – LUNCH
1:00 PM – Irish Genealogy Resources: 800 Years of
Irish Local Government
2:00 PM – Roundtable Discussions & Consultations

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday: Welcome Reception & BBQ.

An opportunity to connect at hotel prior to conference
start over a summer BBQ.

Friday: 6:30 PM – Country House Dinner & Tour

Garden tour, followed by four course dinner at the Mustard
Seed, an award winning restaurant and hotel located in the
countryside on the Cork and Limerick border.

Saturday: 5:15 PM – Adare Castle Tour & Dinner

Join a tour and talk of Adare Castle, led by Adare
Heritage Centre, followed by dinner at Adare
restaurant, 1826.

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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Birth, Marriage & Death Records

Focus on: the benefits and types of options available for obtaining birth, marriage and death records. *Sponsored by Roots Ireland – Aoife Ryan, Limerick Genealogy*

Genealogy Software – Applications and Uses in Irish Genealogy Research

Focus on: useful genealogy software for Irish genealogy research, describing how to use apps, websites and software tools to get the most out of your genealogy research. *Lorna Moloney.*

Headstone to Homestead

Focus on: clues contained in historic headstones and how these clues and related data sources can be used to try and trace the homesteads of the people represented by the headstones. *John Tierney.*

Irish Genealogy Resources: Using School Roll Books & Registers as a Family History Source

Focus on: an overview on key Irish genealogy resources available to support your research. *Sponsored by Roots Ireland – Monica Hynes, East Galway Family History Society.*

Irish Genealogy Resources: 800 Years of Irish Local Government

Focus on: how Ireland was governed over the past 800 years, in the context of institutions such as county, city, town council grand jury, the board of guardians, baronies, parishes. *Dr Matthew Potter.*

Munster DNA Project

Focus on: how the project is organized, the genetic signatures found in the Munster region, the relationship between names. *Elizabeth O'Donohue-Ross / Finbar O Mahony.*

Native, Incomer and Colonist – Surname DNA from Europe's Wild West Frontier

One of the old saws about Ireland's history is that, as an island, it underwent "800 years of foreign domination". This generally is a reference to the claims on Ireland made by the French-speaking Angevin king, Henry II, in the 1170s and it ignores the important role that Scandinavian settlers made in creating the port towns of the coasts – Carlingford, Dublin, Wexford, Wicklow, Waterford, Cork and of course Limerick. It also ignores the fact that parts of Ireland remained under Gaelic Irish control right up to the Cromwellian plantations. In the mid-West, we have the remarkable facility of looking at English language and Irish language sources side by side for families whose surnames are often found on both sides of the river Shannon. Using the techniques of DNA investigation in conjunction with analysis of both sets of documentation allows us to investigate the genealogical background of our ancestors in a uniquely detailed fashion that throws important light on the hidden heritage of these islands. *Dr Cathy Swift.*

Overview on Limerick Genealogy

Focus on: Limerick genealogy resources, challenges and tips. *Sponsored by Roots Ireland & Catriona Crowe of Limerick Genealogy.*

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Researching Your Irish Clans – Genealogy Sources and Records

Focus on: clan sources through surname, places and spaces encompassed by clans in Ireland; investigating origins of such clans such as O'Briens, MacNamaras, MacCarthys, Hogans and many more. *Lorna Moloney.*

Roundtable Discussions

30 MIN table rotations focused on key topics. Lead by a roundtable leader, table participants will have opportunity to conduct exercises, ask questions, exchange ideas in an interactive environment. Topics include: genealogy resources, autosomal DNA, and more. In addition one on one consultations will be available on specific research queries. During this period, attendees can move between talks, roundtables and consultations at their leisure and as space is available. *Multiple roundtable leaders / consultants.*

Tech, Tea & Family Trees

A 90 MIN interactive learning session geared to those just starting out on Irish genealogy. Gain useful tips on how to begin, where to research, inclusive of general computer and internet tips when building one's family tree. Pots of tea included! A separately ticketed event or add on to main conference ticket. *Presented by BBNY Group in collaboration with Irish Ancestry Research Centre. Separate ticket.*

Using atDNA to Solve Adoption Mysteries

Focus on: DNA, particularly DNA (atDNA), can be used to help solve family mysteries around adoption and illegitimacies when documentary evidence is missing or unavailable. Using examples from his own experience, Maurice will show how Y-DNA has helped identify the birth father's surname, and how testing with atDNA with all major 3 testing companies can reveal close family who are simply waiting there to be found. More complicated techniques for discovering genetic ancestors will be discussed and these will be of relevance to everyone has hit a brick wall in their own research some time between 1800 to 1900. *Dr. Maurice J Gleeson.*

Using Y-DNA to Research Surnames

Focus on: How using Y-DNA traced a family from Adare back to Flanders in the 1400s. Just like surnames, Y-DNA is passed on from father to son. Because of this, it is proving to be an excellent tool for researching surnames and their origins. This overview describes the science behind it and how Y-DNA testing can help you in your own research. The talk will be illustrated with the results of some specific surname projects of Irish interest, including the surnames Gleeson, Farrell, and Spearin, the latter being of particular relevance to the Adare area. *Dr. Maurice J Gleeson.*

What Were the Neighbours Up To?

Focus on: studies and resources to use when looking at the local area where your ancestors came from. *Jane Halloran Ryan.*

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