

Program

- 9:00am** *Zoom Room open*
- 9:30am – 10:30am** *Past and furious: Ireland and its shaping of family history*
Jennifer Harrison
How on earth do family historians start unravelling the many pasts of Ireland - its stories, religion, class, landscape and language? In this presentation, Jennifer will outline ways of untangling the threads to uncover the heritage left behind.
- 10:30am – 11:30am** *Accessing Republic of Ireland archives & online collections*
Pauleen Cass
Did you know that important records like wills and Catholic Church records are all available online? In this presentation Pauline will highlight important repositories particularly those freely accessible via the web.
- 11:30am – 12:30pm** *Irish land records, valuations and online collections*
John Grenham pre-recorded
The landholders' records in Ireland are essential for identifying your ancestor and helping to locate them in place and time. John will discuss the key land collections and the increased availability of online records for Ireland.
- LUNCH 12:30pm - 1:00pm**
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm** *Northern Ireland archives: PRONI and online collections*
Chris Paton pre-recorded
The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) is the key repository for records relating to Ulster. This presentation will outline its collections and also highlight online access to other important records.
- 2:00pm – 3:00pm** *Workhouses and poor law in Ireland*
Cathie Sherwood
This presentation is focused on workhouses and poor law in Ireland, from the 18th to the early 20th century. It will identify the location of records and how can you access them.
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm** *Irish Migration to Australia*
Helen Smith
Knowing the schemes under which our Irish ancestors emigrated helps us to place them in time and locality. Helen will outline many of the schemes and their impact on Australia.
- 4:00pm – 4:30pm** Drawing of raffles, lucky door prize, seminar round-up.
- 5:30pm – 6.00pm** Live Q&A with Chris Paton & John Grenham.



Exploring Irish Ancestry

Saturday October 24th 2020

9:30am - 4:30pm AEST

Q & A live with John Grenham & Chris Paton 5:30pm

Virtual Event via Zoom

Bookings and Payment

Early Bird Price if booked by 30th September:

GSQ/QFHS Members \$50 / Non-Members \$65

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GSQ/QFHS Members \$60 / Non-Members \$75

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Speakers' Biographies



Pauleen Cass

Pauleen Cass has a mixed heritage from Ireland, Scotland, England and Germany. She has researched in archives and libraries across Ireland with a particular interest in County Clare. She publishes the blogs *Family History across the Seas* and *East Clare Ancestors*, www.cassmobfamilyhistory.com.



Chris Paton

Northern Irish born Chris Paton, a Scottish resident, works as a professional genealogist through his *Scotland's Greatest Story* service, www.scotlandsgreateststory.co.uk. Chris is the author of *Tracing Your Irish Family History on the Internet* and *Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry Through Church and State Records*.

John Grenham

John Grenham is the author of *Tracing your Irish Ancestors*, the excellent reference guide for Irish genealogy. He develops heritage databases and ran the Irish Ancestors website in conjunction with The Irish Times until 2016. He now runs the successor website at www.johngrenham.com.



Cathie Sherwood

Passionate about history and addicted to family history, Cathie has been researching her Irish, English and Scottish ancestors for over forty years. She has presented at RootsTech London 2019 and featured in the 2020 Australian version of WDYTUA. Cathie can be contacted via www.ancestordiscovery.com.au.



Dr Jennifer Harrison

Patron of GSQ, Jennifer Harrison has studied, explored and tried to connect Ireland's history from ancient times to the present. She has used topography and people to gain local knowledge rather than just general interest. Her many Irish experiences are reflected in her own family and historical obsessions.



Helen V. Smith

Helen is the founder of Dragon Genealogy HVS Research and is a speaker, researcher and author. She has spoken in every state and territory in Australia, and internationally in New Zealand, Canada, USA, England and aboard the Unlock the Past cruises. Helen can be contacted via www.dragongenealogy.com.

Don't miss out on this world class full day seminar to learn about Irish genealogy from renowned Irish specialists. Find out how you can access Irish records online and what is available at various repositories. This will be an exciting day of family history exploration and Q & A opportunities.