

**Genealogy Special Interest Group (SIG)**  
**Thursday, June 2, 2005**  
**3:30 pm – 5:00 pm in Classroom**

During our last meeting in May, the SIG decided to research available genealogy resources for various countries (other than the USA). Each member agreed to e-mail five (5) URLs (web sites plus a one line description for the URL) for a **single country** to Dr. Leon Chapman ([Chapy@cox.net](mailto:Chapy@cox.net)) one week prior to the meeting (May 26, 2005). Dr. Chapman will combine all of the information and print copies for everyone who attends the SIG meeting on June 2, 2005. During the SIG meeting, we will review the sites on the Internet. Each member should be able to describe the URLs they have found and review them during for the SIG.

**Who:** Genealogy SIG members

**What:** Genealogy information

1. 5 URLs for a single country
2. A one line description for each URL

**When:** By May 26, 2005, E-Mail your country URLs to Dr. Chapman ([Chapy@cox.net](mailto:Chapy@cox.net))

Internet Sites / Links for country genealogy information is provided for the following countries:

1. Armenians
2. Australia
3. British / UK
4. Germany
5. Ireland
6. Norwegian
7. Jewish URLs
8. Other useful URLs

## Armenian Genealogy Links

**Armenian Genealogical Society – AMGS.** This is a small group of dedicated Armenian-Americans who are actively engaged in seeking out Armenian records for preservation through microfilming and in assisting the formation of the first Armenian Family History Center (in-country) at Yeravan.

<http://feefhs.org/am/frg-amgs.html>

**Message board for Armenians searching for relatives.**

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/armenia/>

**Links to other sources**

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Ridge/6925/links7.htm>

**Message board. A little dated**

<http://feefhs.org/am/AMRL.HTML>

**List of 2000 Armenians**, mostly living in Turkey, who were killed in the genocide. It lists names, alphabetically, occupations where known and places of residence. These people had life insurance policies that were never paid.

<http://www.armenianinsurancesettlement.com/policies.htm>

**Armenian Genealogy Links**

<http://www.armenianlinks.com/History/Genealogy/>

**Genealogy and Family History Directory – Armenian Genealogy**

<http://genealogy.freewebsitehosting.com/links/armeniangenealogy.html>

**Cyndi's List - Eastern Europe – Links to Armenian genealogy sites**

<http://www.cyndislist.com/easteuro.htm>

**Cyndi's List – The Middle East**

<http://www.cyndislist.com/mideast.htm>

**Armenian Genealogy Resources**

<http://www.distantcousin.com/Links/Ethnic/Armenia/Genealogy.html>

## Australia Genealogy Sites

- **RecordSearch: The National Archives of Australia Online**



RecordSearch is the **National Archives of Australia** collection database. It contains descriptions of 80,000 collections and over 4 million record items as well as details of about 9,000 Australian Government agencies. Every year the National Archives of Australia adds hundreds of thousands of new descriptions.

You can search for descriptions of documents, photographs, posters, maps, films, sound recordings. Please point your browsers to:

[http://www.naa.gov.au/The\\_Collection/recordsearch.html](http://www.naa.gov.au/The_Collection/recordsearch.html)

- **Ireland-Australia Transportation Records Database**

The **National Archives of Ireland** holds a wide range of records relating to transportation of convicts from Ireland to Australia covering the period 1788 to 1868. In some cases these include records of members of convicts' families transported as free settlers.

To mark the Australian Bicentenary in 1988, the *Taoiseach* presented microfilms of the most important of these records to the Government and People of Australia as a gift from the Government and People of Ireland. A computerized index to the records was prepared with the help of IBM and is available for use at various locations in Australia.

While the collection of convict petitions dates from the beginning of transportation from Ireland to Australia in 1791, all transportation registers compiled before 1836 were destroyed in the Four Courts fire of June 1922. Therefore, if the person you are researching was convicted before 1836, but was not the subject of a petition, he or she will not appear on this database.

Online searching is available by pointing your browsers to:

<http://www.nationalarchives.ie/topics/transportation/search01.html>.

### **Australian and New Zealand Records at RootsWeb**

This free database contains 795768 records (71363 distinct surnames). The data was contributed by volunteers and contains book indexes, burials, court appointments, military records, newspaper indexes, passenger lists, vital statistics, registries and name lists.

The database is searchable by Surname Only (the minimal requirement), Surname and First Name, record type and location. Please point your browser at <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/aus/>

- **Australasia Births, Deaths and Marriages Exchange**

This Web site is a free resource to genealogists who wish to share information about details of births, deaths or marriages from Australian and New Zealand vital records. The goal of this site is to save a fellow researcher from making an unnecessary purchase. In addition their submission may save you time and money. You are invited to participate in a wider effort to make vital records available to everyone, without the restriction of membership to an

organization.

- Access all the information submitted at no cost or voluntarily upgrade your account for advanced search access and support the site.
- Participate in a unique project and be credited with the records you contribute, while safeguarding the privacy of your contact information.
- Retain control over the records in your possession and have unrestricted access to submissions you have made, amendable at any time.
- Keep track of your vital records by using [ausbdm.org](http://ausbdm.org) as your personal database, with the ability to download your records.

Please point your browser at <http://www.ausbdm.org/>

**Kindred Trails – Worldwide Genealogy Resources – Australia Resources for Family History**  
<http://www.kindredtrails.com/australia.html>

**Cyndi's list for Australia**  
<http://www.cyndislist.com/austnz.htm>

**Australian Family History Compendium**  
<http://www.cohsoft.com.au/afhc/>

**AustraliaGenWeb**  
<http://www.australiagenweb.org/>

**Web Sites for Genealogists – Very good resource**  
<http://coraweb.com.au/index.htm>

**Looking 4 Kin Australia Genealogy Links & Chat – Large # of links**  
<http://www.looking4kin.com/au.htm>

## British Genealogy Links

**The National Archives – over 1000 years of history on UK**

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/default.htm>

**UK Genealogy – The Portal for UK Family Research**

<http://www.ukgenealogy.co.uk/>

**UK Genealogy Heraldry and History – Free resources**

<http://www.uk-genealogy.org.uk/>

**Ancestry.com's genealogy information on UK**

[www.Ancestry.co.uk](http://www.Ancestry.co.uk)

**Genealogy Today – British Family History & Genealogy Lookups**

<http://www.genealogytoday.com/uk/>

**UK Genealogy Links**

<http://members.tripod.com/~AlanCheshire/index-2.html>

**CuriousFox UK genealogy message boards – villages, towns,**

<http://www.curiousfox.com/>

**United Kingdom Genealogy Search Engines – some of the best resources into one place to get you started in UK genealogy.**

[http://www.ancestorhunt.com/united\\_kingdom\\_genealogy\\_search.htm](http://www.ancestorhunt.com/united_kingdom_genealogy_search.htm)

**Cyndi's List of General UK Sites**

<http://www.cyndislist.com/genuk.htm>

**Cyndi's List of England Sites**

<http://www.cyndislist.com/england.htm>

**Cyndi's List of Scotland Sites**

<http://www.cyndislist.com/scotland.htm>

**United Kingdom Genealogy – My CinnamonToast Genealogy**

<http://www.mycinnamontoast.com/perl/results.cgi?region=7&sort=n>

## Germany Genealogy Links

Here is a listing of some internet sites and links for German related genealogy. Most of the links lead you to other sites. Many of the sites are “for fee” or want to sell you books, papers or CDs. However, there is a fair amount of maps and background information that you can get to. Within the sites are subcategories such as “Records, Census, Cemeteries, Land, Obituaries, Personal, Taxes and Vital”. A sampling of the sites is below:

### **Cyndi’s List - Germany/Deutschland**

<http://www.cyndislist.com/germany.htm>

### **Cyndi’s List - Germans from Russia**

<http://www.cyndislist.com/germruss.htm>

### **Cyndi’s List - Austria/Osterreich**

<http://www.cyndislist.com/austria.htm>

### **Cyndi’s List - Poland/Polska**

<http://www.cyndislist.com/poland.htm>

### **Cyndi’s List - Ports of Departure (Lists 10 Ports Plus A General Section)**

<http://www.cyndislist.com/portsdepart.htm>

### **Cyndi’s List - General**

<http://www.cyndislist.com>

### **Germans from Russia**

<http://blacklake.biz/meck/index.htm>

### **Virtual University Internet Genealogy Site And Links**

<http://www.genocities.com/SilicanValley/Haven/1538/index2.html>

### **Germany Genealogy Links**

<http://www.genocities.com/SilicanValley/Haven/1538/german.html>



## Ireland Genealogy Related Internet Sites

### Beginning Your Irish Research on the Right Foot

Mention Irish research and many genealogists groan. That's because on 13 April, 1922, a disastrous fire in the Four Courts building (the Public Record Office) in Dublin, Ireland, destroyed virtually all pre-1901 Irish census records, wills, and Church of Ireland parish registers. The result is that Irish genealogical research is more difficult than research in the rest of the British Isles -- *More difficult, but not entirely impossible in many instances.*

Because the loss of many Irish records, it is highly important that you start your Irish genealogical research in the country of immigration (for example, the United States, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand). Make a comprehensive search of available records in the country of immigration. Search out family traditions; birth, marriage and death records; obituaries; cemetery records; wills; Bibles; census records; plus immigration and naturalization records. Look for the full names of your immigrant ancestors; their dates of birth and/or marriage in Ireland; their place of residence in Ireland; their religion, occupation; dates of emigration, etc. This preliminary research will greatly increase the probability of actually locating Irish records. To have the best chance of success, it is necessary to know at least four things:

- **The name of the family**
- **The parish or townland in which they lived**
- **The approximate date**
- **Religious affiliation**

A few records were saved from the conflagration and many records can be located at local levels. Reconstructing lost records has been the quest of both historians and genealogists, who have compiled substitute records, plus made available various indices, abstracts, and transcriptions of records that were created before the fire. Despite these gallant efforts, serious gaps in Irish records remain.

In addition, the highly important registers of births, deaths and marriages, which are indexed by quarters, were not housed in the Four Courts building and so did not burn. Most of these vital records date from 1864. Records for births, deaths and Catholic marriages commenced in 1864. Records for non-Catholic marriages date from 1845. The quarterly indices are available on microfilm through the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Once a record has been located in an index, it can be ordered from either the General Register Office of Ireland (Dublin) or the General Register Office of Northern Ireland (Belfast).

In addition, there is information available on the Internet. As with other research, you should know the surname, place or residence and approximate date so that you can effectively focus your search on pertinent Web sites.

Here are a few Irish genealogy Internet links to get you started:

**Cyndi's List - Ireland and Northern Ireland.** Find useful links to 'How To' articles, county Heritage Centres, maps, gazetteers, censuses, cemeteries and more: <http://www.cyndislist.com/ireland.htm>

**FamilySearch - Family History Library Catalog.** Search the catalog by a specific place in Ireland to learn what records are available in Salt Lake City or that can be ordered through local Family History Centers. Search by surname to find compiled genealogies of your Irish ancestors:

[http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset\\_fhlc.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp)

**The General Register Office of Ireland:** <http://www.groireland.ie/>

**The National Archives of Ireland.** Learn how to research your family history and use the records held in the National Archives: <http://www.nationalarchives.ie/index.html>

**The National Library of Ireland.** Library material much used by family history researchers includes the microfilms of Catholic parish registers, copies of the important nineteenth century land valuations (the Tithe Applotment Books and Griffith's Valuation), trade and social directories, estate records and newspapers: <http://www.nli.ie/default.asp>

**The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI).** PRONI hold millions of documents which relate chiefly, but by no means exclusively, to present-day Northern Ireland. The earliest record dates from 1219, with the main concentration of records covering the period 1600 to the present:

<http://proni.nics.gov.uk/index.htm>

**The General Register Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI):** <http://www.groni.gov.uk/index.htm>

**IrishGenealogy.com.** Over 200 MB of useful information and databases for Irish researchers:

<http://www.irishgenealogy.com>

**GENUKI: UK and Ireland Genealogy.** A large collection of genealogical information England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man: <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/irl/>

**Genealogical Society of Ireland.** Articles and publications for Irish researchers: <http://www.dun-laoghaire.com/genealogy>

**North of Ireland Family History Society.** Geared to families with roots in Northern Ireland:

<http://www.nifhs.org>

**Ulster Historical Foundation.** Research services and databases (for members): <http://www.uhf.org.uk>

**The Irish Ancestral Research Association (TIARA).**

Searchable databases: <http://tiara.ie>

**Origins.net - Irish Origins.** An Irish genealogy search engine service: <http://www.origins.net/cgi-local/redirect.pl?boxid=21&AID=5674051&PID=698882>

**Irish Freeholders' Records Database.** Freeholders' records are lists of people entitled to vote, or of people who voted, at elections. A freeholder was a man who owned his land outright (in fee) or who held it by lease:

<http://www.proni.gov.uk/freeholders/>

**The Church of Ireland Genealogy and Family History**

The archives of the Church of Ireland, and particularly parochial registers of baptisms, marriages, and

burials, are a primary source for genealogists and family historians. Although many registers were destroyed in the fire in the Public Record Office of Ireland in 1922, many others have survived and are available to researchers: <http://www.ireland.anglican.org/library/libroots.html>

**Resources pertaining to all of Ireland**

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~cgaunt/irish.html>

**World-Wide Genealogy Resources: Ireland, Island of**

<http://www.genhomepage.com/world.html>

**Familia:** The UK and Ireland's guide to genealogical resources in public libraries:

<http://www.familia.org.uk/textindex.html>

## Norwegian Genealogy Links

### **St. Olaf College Site**

<http://www.naha.stolaf.edu/publications>

### **The National Arms of Norway**

<http://www.ngw.nl/int/nor/nornat.htm>

### **Mailing Lists for US States and international countries**

<http://lists.rootsweb.com/>

### **Some Norwegian-Americansites**

[http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~norway/nor\\_am.html](http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~norway/nor_am.html)

### **Norwegian Bygdelags (organizations of descendants of emigrants from Norway to North America)**

<http://www.fellesraad.com>

### **Emigrant ships**

<http://www.norwayheritage.com/ships/>

## Jewish Genealogy Links

**The *JewishGen Family Finder* (JGFF) is a database of ancestral towns and surnames currently being researched by Jewish genealogists worldwide.**

[www.jewishgen.org/Jgff](http://www.jewishgen.org/Jgff)

**Brooklyn naturalization papers.**

[www.jgsny.org/kingsintro1.htm](http://www.jgsny.org/kingsintro1.htm)

**Ships data base.**

[www.cimorelli.com/safe/shipmenu.htm](http://www.cimorelli.com/safe/shipmenu.htm)

**JewishGen's Holocaust Database is a collection of databases containing information about Holocaust victims and survivors. It incorporates all of the following 85 databases, which contain over 900,000 entries.**

[www.jewishgen.org/databases/holocaust](http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/holocaust)

**Great shortcuts to Ellis Island.**

[www.stevemorse.org/](http://www.stevemorse.org/)

**Jewish Records Indexing – Poland.**

[www.jewishgen.org/jri-pl/](http://www.jewishgen.org/jri-pl/)

**Center for Jewish History. American Jewish Historical Society Archives.**

[www.cjh.org/academic/findingaids/ajhs/institutionlist.html](http://www.cjh.org/academic/findingaids/ajhs/institutionlist.html)

**Family History Search Online. Free Ancestry Family Tree Software. 3,000 Family History Databases. Discover Your Family History and Build Your Family Tree.**

[www.familyhistory.com](http://www.familyhistory.com)

**Italian Genealogical Group**

[www.italiengen.org/](http://www.italiengen.org/)

## Other General Useful sites for Genealogy

### **Ancestor Search – An Easy Google Genealogy Search Site**

<http://searchforancestors.com/google/searcher.html>

### **Cinnamon Toast Genealogy – A huge index of links to genealogy web sites and databases**

<http://www.mycinnamontoast.com/>

### **City Directories of the USA**

<http://www.uscitydirectories.com/>

**USGS GNIS** - The Geographic Names Information System (GNIS), developed by the USGS in cooperation with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN), contains information for almost 2 million physical and cultural geographic features in the United States and its territories. The Federally recognized name of each feature described in the data base is identified, and references are made to a feature's location by State, county, and geographic coordinates. The GNIS is our Nation's official repository of domestic geographic names information.

<http://geonames.usgs.gov/>

[http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnis/web\\_query.gnis\\_web\\_query\\_form](http://geonames.usgs.gov/pls/gnis/web_query.gnis_web_query_form)

(City, County, State look ups)

### **Index of Places in England and Wales**

<http://www.fhsc.org.uk/genuki/places/>

### **MultiMap – Online Maps to Everwhere**

<http://www.multimap.com/>

### **Free Online Lookups (General topics)**

<http://www.melissadata.com/Lookups/>

### **Australian Government – Name / Places**

<http://www.ga.gov.au/map/names/>

### **WorldAtlas – Latitude & Longitude for any location**

<http://www.worldatlas.com/aatlas/imageg.htm>

**USGS Mapping** – You enter Latitude & Longitude, points to plot, labels, area to plot and it generates a map for you.

<http://stellwagen.er.usgs.gov/mapit/>

### **NACo – National Association of Counties (USA) – Find county information**

[http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Find\\_a\\_County&Template=/cfiles/counties/usamap.cfm](http://www.naco.org/Template.cfm?Section=Find_a_County&Template=/cfiles/counties/usamap.cfm)

### **A Barrel of Genealogy Links**

<http://cpcug.org/user/jlacombe/mark.html>

### **The USGenWeb Project – Land of the Free – Genealogy**

<http://www.usgenweb.org/>

## **Genealogy Portal – 8 separate search engines to help with your history searching**

<http://www.genealogyportal.com/>

**The New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)** is the oldest genealogical society in the country. For over 150 years, NEHGS has helped new and experienced researchers trace their heritage in New England and around the world. Located in Boston, Massachusetts, NEHGS today has over 20,000 members worldwide.

<http://www.newenglandancestors.org/>

**Genealogylinks.net** consists of 4,000 pages of more than 30,000 Free Genealogy Links; for US, UK, England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Europe, Canada, Australia & New Zealand.

<http://www.genealogylinks.net/>

**The DAR Patriot Index** contains names of Revolutionary patriots, both men and women, whose service (between 1775 and 1783) has been established by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. Additional information available may include: dates and places of birth and death, name(s) of wife (wives) or husband(s), rank, type of service, and the State where the patriot lived or served. If pension papers are known to exist, that fact will be included.

[http://www.dar.org/natsociety/PI\\_lookup.cfm?Rt=OV&ID=](http://www.dar.org/natsociety/PI_lookup.cfm?Rt=OV&ID=)

**RootsWeb.com – The oldest & largest Free genealogy site**

<http://searches.rootsweb.com/>

**RSSGenalogy.com – great site with lots of genealogy links**

<http://www.rssgenealogy.com/>

**GenCircles.com – Over 90 million ancestors**

<http://www.gencircles.com/>

**Find a Grave**

<http://www.findagrave.com/>

**Interment.net – About 4 million cemetery records from around the world**

<http://www.interment.net/>

**The Tombstone Transcription Project - USGenWeb**

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~cemetery/>

**Genealogy & Historie Of The Eastern Shore (GHOTES) of Virginia**

<http://www.esva.net/ghotes/>

<http://www.esva.net/ghotes/ghotes9.htm>

**GEDCOM 101 – Basic information about a GEDCOM file**

<http://genealogy.about.com/library/weekly/aa110100a.htm>

**GEDCOM TAGS – Definition of all the GEDCOM tags**

<http://helpdesk.rootsweb.com/FAQ/wcgedcom2.html>

**The GEDCOM Standard Release 5.5**

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~pmcbride/gedcom/55gctoc.htm>

**RootsWeb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees**

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/> - **RootsWeb Index to Guides**

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/lesson5.htm> – **Marriage Records**

**Obituary Central**

<http://www.obitcentral.com/>

**Obits Archive.com – US Obituaries**

[http://oa.newsbank.com/oa-](http://oa.newsbank.com/oa-search/we/Archives/?p_action=keyword&s_search_type=keyword&p_product=OBAR&p_theme=obar)

[search/we/Archives/?p\\_action=keyword&s\\_search\\_type=keyword&p\\_product=OBAR&p\\_theme=obar](http://oa.newsbank.com/oa-search/we/Archives/?p_action=keyword&s_search_type=keyword&p_product=OBAR&p_theme=obar)  
 [&s\\_sources=location&s\\_place=&f\\_clearSearch=yes](http://oa.newsbank.com/oa-search/we/Archives/?p_action=keyword&s_search_type=keyword&p_product=OBAR&p_theme=obar)

**The Mayflower Society**

<http://www.mayflower.org/>

**Mayflower History**

<http://www.mayflowerhistory.com/>