

POCATELLO FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

[HTTP://WWW.PRFHC.ORG/](http://www.prfhc.org/)



Webited at Mesa Arizona Regional Family History Center

http://www.mesarfhc.org/slc_favorites/library_favorite_websites.htm

Do History.org makes history come alive. Look at the section "creating a timeline".

<http://dohistory.org/>

For Those searching for lost relatives in Arizona, the AZ department of Health Services has put death certificates on-line at <http://genealogy.az.gov/>

PRESERVATION TIP—REPAIRING TEARS BY BECKY SCHIPPER

There are two types of tears, clean cut and bevel. Clean cut tears require tape to hold the two sides of the tear together. Beveled tears have overlapping surfaces that can be bonded together with adhesive.

Mending with Transparent Tape (Clean Cut Tears): Use Document Repair tape, Filmoplast Tape, or Scotch #811 Magic Removable Tape. These Tapes are **not recommended** for rare books or valuable documents, which should be repaired by a conservator. Cut tape 1/4 in. longer than the tear. Center it over the tear. Rub with a bone folder working toward the outer edge of the item. If the tear goes to the edge of a page fold a minute amount of tape over the edge.

Mending with Adhesive (Bevel Tears): Always use a pH neutral adhesive. Place a piece of wax paper under the document or page being mended. Lift one side of the tear and brush a thin coat of adhesive onto the exposed edge. Align the edges of the tear. Wipe away any excess adhesive. Place a second sheet of wax paper on top, weight it and let it dry.

Junior Genealogists:

Interview extended family members and find out about their lives. These interviews can be tape-recorded for future inclusion in other family projects such as a family history. For suggestions on successful oral history interviews see "Get Nosy with Aunt Rosie" at http://www.genealogy.com/70_tipsoral.html

Research Recommendations: *AskAboutIreland.ie*

by Michael J. Leclerc

Those with Irish ancestors may wish to check out a new website, AskAboutIreland.com. An initiative of the Information Society Fund, AskAboutIreland bills itself as "your place to find answers about Ireland." The site is filled with information about Irish culture, heritage, and locations, providing access to images and documents from Irish public libraries, museums, and archives.

The site has five main areas: Topics, Places, Student Zone, Resources, and Information. The Information section provides discusses AskAboutIreland and the Cultural Heritage Project, as well as providing contact information and links to participating organizations. Among these are the National Museum of Ireland, Linen Hall Library in Belfast, The Cork Archives Institute, the Waterford Museum of Treasures, Louth County Museum, Library.ie, Library and Information Services Council of Northern Ireland, Council of National Cultural Institutions (CNCI) and the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) from Ireland, England, Scotland, and Wales. The Student Zone provides information for both primary- and secondary-school students, including information, maps, and games.

The Topics section provides access through the broad categories of Arts and Literature, Environment and Geography, History and Heritage, Life and Society, and Sports and Recreation. Under History and Heritage, for example, you can find information on the Poor Law Unions and their records. Dr. Raymond Gillespie outlines the events leading to the creation of workhouses in Ireland, daily life in the workhouse, and records of these organizations that survive today.

Some features, such as the *Irish Times* Archive, are only available to residents of Ireland. Most, however, are free to all. One of the most valuable items for genealogists is the online version of *Griffith's Valuation*. A project of OMS Services, the National Library of Ireland, and well-known genealogical publisher Eneclann, you will find the valuation in the Resources section.

Published between 1847 and 1864, *Griffith's Valuation* was the first land valuation in Ireland. Overseen by Richard Griffith (for whom it is named), the valuation lists every landholder and householder in every county in Ireland in the mid-1800s. This version allows you to search by place name or person name. Simply plug in a last name, and as much additional information (first name, county, barony, poor law union, or parish) that you have.

The results show the surname and first name of the occupier, the county and parish name, and links to additional details, the original page of the valuation, and a map of the area. The maps are beautiful, scanned in full-color and very detailed. You can zoom in to see every detail. Loading the image can be slow at times, so be patient. AskAboutIreland makes extensive use of pop-up windows, so make sure you have allowed your browser to allow pop-ups from this site.

Many areas of the site, including *Griffith's Valuation*, are still in beta form and there may still be bugs. Problems will occur, but they are working to fix them. AskAboutIreland.ie is a must-visit for all with Irish ancestors.