

Who do you think they were?

What's included for delegates

- Talks & Tours
- Transport for the excursions
- Entrance fees
- Research assistance by local genealogists
- 3 lunches
- 4 morning tea/coffee/scone
- 2 afternoon tea/coffee
- Gala evening meal (Guests £25)

What's not included

- Accommodation
- Transport to the hotel (the bus/train depot is quite close by).

Fee

- £315 discounted by the booking fee of £45 if paid before the end of March 2017. This should be paid through our pay-pal A/c or by cheque in Sterling (GB£) payable to Causeway Branch NIFHS.

For further information contact us at returntothecauseway.org.uk

The Venue

Portrush Atlantic Hotel
<http://www.portrushatlantic.com>

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Causeway Coast and Glens

Family History Conference

RETURN TO THE CAUSEWAY A JOURNEY INTO THE PAST

To be held at
The Atlantic Hotel, Portrush
25th – 29th September 2017



Portrush Harbour

The location of the conference is situated on the beautiful north coast of Ireland with its sandy beaches washed by the Atlantic breakers - a paradise for golfing, walking, surfing and fishing.

**Feel the Irish soil beneath your feet.
Walk in the footsteps of your ancestors visiting
the ancient walls of Derry.
Hear stories of how they used to live.
Visit Clarks of Upperlands - a family involved in the
linen industry for three centuries.
See emigrants last view of Ireland,
as they left for their new life.
Experience Irish hospitality**

Your hosts will be Causeway Coast & Glens Branch of the North of Ireland Family History Society. We have been in existence for over 20 years and have accumulated a wealth of knowledge and experience with over 100,000 Church records.



Some of the area covered Limavady, Coleraine, Ballymoney, Bushmills, Ballycastle, Portrush, Portstewart, Garvagh and Kilrea and all areas in-between

A taste of what is in the programme:-

Monday 25th

- Welcome Reception

Tuesday 26th

- Keynote Speaker Dr Wm Roulston
- Informal group sessions
- How to use PRONI
- Follow-up on group sessions.
- George Dallas discusses Dunluce Castle and environs

Wednesday 27th

- Bus Excursion to the historic Derry walls, learn about emigration from the port and a visit to Moville the last land touched before departure to North America with input by Brian Mitchell and Dick Montgomery.
- Book launch by Keith Beattie

Thursday 28th

- United Irishmen in this area
- Informal session with an opportunity to hear stories from local researchers and other delegates.
- Adoption and DNA by Sean T Traynor
- 1718 Migration by Dr Linde Lunney
- Country life by Graham Mawhinney
- Ulster Dialect by S Alex Blair
- Celebratory Dinner with a musical tour through N Antrim by Willie Drennan. Guests welcome.

Friday 29th

- Bus Excursion to Clarks of Upperlands to see and hear all about the linen industry, by Bruce Clark, followed by a visit to Upperlands Flax museum and the adjacent linen beetling mill from the 1700s, which we hope to have working for delegates to see.
- Ardtara House Hotel for lunch.
- Garvagh Museum to see their large collection of artefacts relating to rural life in Ulster
- Back to the hotel for a final session and farewell.

Every effort will be made to keep to the programme outlined here but it is possible that changes may take place due to circumstances outside the organiser's control.

When planning your trip to Ireland delegates may wish to consider allowing a day or two for private research in PRONI and other repositories here. Many of their records are only held in paper or microfilm format and are not on-line. A personal visit, with sufficient time, is therefore often an essential part of a genealogical visit to Ireland.