

# Celtic Quest

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## A Research Trip to Belfast, Northern Ireland

**17–24 October 2009**

**Space is Limited  
So Register Early!**

**<http://www.celticquest.net>**

## **Attention Serious Researchers!**

Celtic Quest, LLC, has organized a unique research opportunity for the **serious and experienced researcher**. You determine which research facilities you want to use and when. Once you have pre-registered and before you take off for Ireland, Your trip director will review up to two of your research goals. Suggestions for additional research may be provided to make your valuable research time in Ireland more productive.

Arrive in Belfast on Saturday, 17 October and get your rest, because on Sunday you hit the ground running. Professionals familiar with Belfast facilities will start the week with introductions to the major research repositories. Monday morning, the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) staff will instruct researchers on the use of the facility. From there, you choose which facility fits your needs. Throughout the week, your trip director will be onsite to assist you.

You may move freely between research sites as your discoveries take you to new records. On some evenings, consult with your trip director to discuss and reevaluate your research objectives.

A research reference book list will be sent in your registration packet. *Please take the time to prepare research objectives for review by the trip director.* Previous experience has shown that those who take advantage of this opportunity have the most research success.

Your trip director will assist you if you'd like to share a room with another researcher. Prices are per-person, double occupancy. Single rooms are available for a higher fee. Non-researching companions are welcome; see the registration form for specific charges.

Participants should expect to share taxis between repositories and the hotel (the hotel is about a mile from PRONI and from downtown Belfast). Taxi fare is the responsibility of the researcher. Buses also run along the major roads near the hotel, about a half mile walk both from the hotel, and to PRONI from the bus stops. Participants need to arrange transportation to and from Belfast, and from the airport to the hotel and back.

### Malone Lodge Hotel

The trip hotel, the Malone Lodge Hotel, on Eglantine Avenue in south Belfast, is in between PRONI and the city center, where the other repositories are located.

<http://www.malonelodgehotelbelfast.com>

## Trip Inclusions for Researchers

- ✦ Seven nights' hotel accommodation with private bath
- ✦ Irish breakfast daily
- ✦ Professional program, including lectures/orientations
- ✦ Onsite research assistance
- ✦ Free evening consultations
- ✦ Pre-trip research assessment

(Non-researchers are entitled to lodging and Irish breakfast)

## Travel Arrangements

For attendee travel flexibility, participants are responsible for their own air and ground transportation.

## Medical and Travel Insurance

**Participants will be required to show proof of medical coverage prior to submitting final payment.**

Travel insurance is optional and is available through AAA, Travelguard.com, and other organizations.

## Meet Your Trip Director

**Richard M. Doherty** is a professional genealogist, author and lecturer with more than 35 years of experience and 27 research trips to Ireland. He has lectured on



Irish genealogy since 1982 in the U.S., Canada and Ireland, including two Irish Genealogical Congresses held at Trinity College in Dublin, and at Maynooth College in Co. Kildare. He is a past-president of the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan, Detroit Society for Genealogical Research and the Oakland County Genealogical Society.

Dick sits on the board of the Friends of the Burton Historical Collection, and is the director of Celtic Quest, LLC.

## Tentative Schedule

<b>Friday, 16 Oct</b>	Evening	Depart U.S. or Canada
<b>Saturday, 17 Oct</b>	Morning	Arrive Belfast/Check-in to hotel/Rest/Free time
<b>Sunday, 18 Oct</b> <i>Lectures</i>	1-2 pm 2:15 pm-3:15 pm 3:30 pm-5:00 pm	Orientation/Introductions Intro to the Linen Hall Library Other Belfast Repositories
<b>Monday, 19 Oct</b>	9:30-11 am 11:00am-4:45pm	Intro to PRONI and Its Sources Open for Research with trip director's assistance*
<b>Tuesday, 20 Oct</b>	9:00 am-4:45 pm 7:30 pm-8:30 pm	Open for Research with trip director's assistance* Consultations
<b>Wednesday, 21 Oct</b>	9:00 am-4:45 pm 7:30 pm-8:30 pm	Open for Research with trip directors' assistance* Consultations
<b>Thursday, 22 Oct</b>	10:00am-8:45pm	Open for Research with trip directors' assistance*
<b>Friday, 23 Oct</b>	9:00 am-4:45 pm	Open for Research with trip directors' assistance*
<b>Saturday, 24 Oct</b>	11:00 am	Checkout of Hotel [note that PRONI is closed Saturday]

\*See hours of specific repositories in descriptions on next page

### General Register Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI)

Oxford House, 49-55 Chichester Street, Belfast

<<http://www.groni.gov.uk/index.htm>>

GRONI includes registrations for births and deaths beginning on 1 January 1864 and marriage registrations beginning on 1 January 1922. Computer indexes are available for births and deaths from 1864 and marriages from 1845 (Catholic marriages from 1864). Facilities are limited and reservations should be made in advance. There are fees for both searching and obtaining photocopies and certificates. Indexes can be searched 9:30 AM–4:00 PM Monday–Friday.



### Linen Hall Library

17 Donegall Square North, Belfast

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

The Linen Hall Library is near Belfast City Hall. The library was established in 1788 to improve the mind and excite a spirit of general inquiry. Its collection includes an important Irish collection of more than 20,000 volumes, with a Robert Burns collection and an outstanding newspaper collection. The library is open 9:30 AM–5:30 PM Monday–Friday and 9:30 AM–1 PM Saturday.



### Newspaper Library

Library Street, Belfast

<<http://www.ni-libraries.net/libraries/belb/belfast-central-library-newspaper-library/>>

The Newspaper Library in Belfast Central Library houses more than 6,000 volumes of newspapers and hundreds of microfilm reels, including the *Belfast Telegraph*, *Irish News*, *Ireland Saturday Night* and *Newsletter*, as well as over 60 local weekly papers. It also holds newspapers which have ceased publication including *Cityweek*, the *Northern Whig* and *Taggart's Mercantile*. The library is open 9 AM–8:00 PM Monday–Thursday, 9 AM–5:30 PM Friday, and 9 AM–4:30 PM Saturday.

### Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland Library

Room 218, Church House, Fisherwick Place, Belfast

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

The society was formed in 1907 to promote the knowledge of, and advance public education in, the history of the churches of the Presbyterian Order in Ireland. The library's collection includes many Presbyterian church registers and sessions minutes—some microfilmed versions are available—but the collection also includes some originals not yet microfilmed. The reading room is open 10 AM–12:30 PM and 1:30 PM–4:00 PM Tuesday–Thursday.



### Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)

66 Balmoral Avenue, Belfast

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

As the official place of deposit for public records in Northern Ireland, PRONI holds literally millions of documents that relate chiefly, but by no means exclusively, to Northern Ireland. The records cover the period from ca. 1600 to the present day, with a few dating back as far as the early 13th century. Records fall into three general categories: government departments, records of ministries such as Agriculture and Finance; non-departmental public bodies, such as courts of law and local authorities; and private deposits by individuals, churches, businesses and institutions. The vast collection includes tax, and estate records, surviving Church of Ireland registers, Griffith's Valuation records, Tithes Applotment Books for Northern Ireland, wills, leases, and Valuation Office records for Northern Ireland. The main reading room is open 9 AM–4:45 PM Monday–Wednesday and Friday, and 10 AM–8:45 PM Thursday.



## Dates to Remember

**15 March 2009**  
\$500 deposit due

**31 July 2009**  
Final balance due

**31 May 2009**  
1/2 Remaining balance due

**31 May 2009**  
Research objectives due to  
trip director

# Celtic Quest 2009 Belfast Trip Registration

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street or P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Postal Code, Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (necessary for communication): \_\_\_\_\_

**TRIP COSTS FOR RESEARCHERS**

\_\_\_ Researcher (per person/double occupancy) US\$ 1980.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Researcher (per person/single occupancy) US\$ 2260.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL NIGHTS AT MALONE LODGE HOTEL**

\_\_\_ Researcher (per person/double occupancy) US\$ 125.00 per night \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Researcher (per person/single occupancy) US\$ 200.00 per night \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRIP COSTS FOR NON-RESEARCHING COMPANIONS**

\_\_\_ Companion (per person/double occupancy) US\$ 1000.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Companion (per person/single occupancy) US\$ 1525.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL NIGHTS AT MALONE LODGE HOTEL**

\_\_\_ Companion (per person/double occupancy) US\$ 125.00 per night \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Companion (per person/single occupancy) US\$ 200.00 per night \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** *Incidentals at the hotel are the responsibility of the participant.*

**SUBTOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DEPOSIT (\$500 PER PERSON REQUIRED)** - \_\_\_\_\_

**BALANCE DUE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**

\_\_\_ Check or Money Order—**Preferred** (Payable in U.S. Dollars on U.S. bank to Celtic Quest, LLC)  
 \_\_\_ PayPal (online only through www.celticquest.net)

I have a visual, hearing, or other physical impairment.

If you cancel your trip on or before 30 June 2009, all monies paid will be refunded that exceed \$500. After 30 June and before 1 September 2009, all monies paid will be refunded that exceed 1/2 of the cost. On or after 1 September 2009, no monies will be refunded. A minimum of 7 people is needed for the trip or the trip will be cancelled and all monies will be refunded.

**WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

The undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_, voluntarily makes and grants this Waiver and Assumption of Risk in favor of Celtic Quest, LLC, its principals and officers (collectively "Celtic Quest, LLC"), as partial consideration for the opportunity to engage in certain activities, events, and/or gatherings sponsored by Celtic Quest, LLC. I do hereby waive and release any and all claims whether in contract or of personal injury, bodily injury, property damage, damages, losses and/or death that may arise from the aforementioned. I understand and recognize that there are certain risks, dangers, and perils connected with such activity, which I hereby acknowledge. I fully understand, and which I nevertheless accept, assume, and undertake. I further agree to use my best judgment in undertaking these activities and to faithfully adhere to all safety instructions and recommendations, whether oral or written. I hereby certify that I am a competent adult assuming these risks of my own free will, being under no compulsion or duress. This Waiver and Assumption of Risk is effective from 17 October to 24 October 2009, inclusive, and may not be revoked, altered, amended, rescinded, or voided without the express prior written consent of Celtic Quest, LLC.

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Signature

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Date

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Signature

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Date

**Mail to:**  
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 Troy, MI 48085-3222

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<http://www.celticquest.net>

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**First payment of \$500 is due upon registration. For additional payment dates, see payment schedule.**

