

Celtic Quest

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A Research Trip to Belfast, Northern Ireland

7–14 October 2018

**Visit the PRONI
Headquarters**

**\$100 Early-bird discount for
researchers who sign up
by 15 March 2018**

**Space Limited to 10 Researchers
So Register Early!**

Attention Serious Researchers!

Celtic Quest, LLC, has organized a unique research opportunity for *serious and experienced researchers*. It is required that you have at least identified the **country of origin of your ancestor**. To devote sufficient time to each researcher in Ireland, the trip is limited to the **first 10 registrants who send the deposit**.

After registration, you will receive a **Research Objective Form** to complete. It is critical that you be as complete as possible—especially in specifying a **detailed source citation** for each question. *Please take the time to prepare up to 2 research objectives for review by your trip director*. Then to make your research time in Ireland more productive, and to determine which research facilities will be most beneficial, **you can choose one of two pre-trip options**. (1) Up to 3 hours of pre-trip telephone consultation (can be multiple sessions) with your trip director; or (2) I will provide a written assessment of your research objectives.

Arrive Belfast on Sunday, 7 October and get your rest. Monday you hit the ground running. You will be introduced to the major Belfast research repositories, their records, and which facilities best fit 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 you can optionally consult with your trip director to discuss and reevaluate your research objectives.

We will try to assist you if you wish to share a room with another researcher. Prices are per-person, double occupancy. Limited single rooms are available at a higher cost. Non-researching companions are also welcome. See the registration form for fees.

Participants should expect to share taxis between the hotel and the other repositories (PRONI is directly across the street from the hotel). Taxi fare is the responsibility of the researcher. Participants need to arrange transportation to and from Belfast, and between the airport and the hotel.

Belfast Titanic Quarter Premier Inn

The trip hotel, Titanic Quarter Premier Inn, 2A Queens Road, is ideally situated directly across from the new PRONI facility, 1 mile from City Airport, & near city centre, where the other repositories are located.

Trip Inclusions for Researchers

- ✦ Seven nights' hotel accommodation w/ private bath
- ✦ Full Irish breakfast daily
- ✦ Professional program, including lecture/orientation
- ✦ Onsite research assistance at repositories
- ✦ Your option of:
 - Up to 3 hours of pre-trip telephone consultation, **OR**
 - A pre-trip written research objective assessment
- ✦ Free evening consultations

(Non-researchers are entitled to lodging & breakfast)

Travel Arrangements

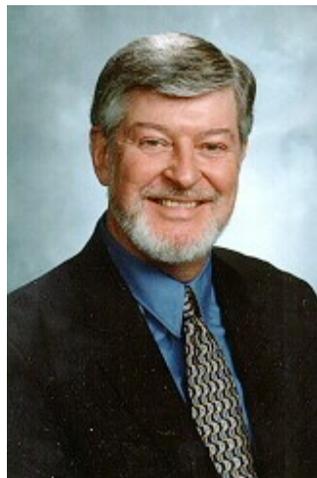
For attendee travel flexibility, participants are responsible for their own air and ground transportation.

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 40 years of experience and 37 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 Maynooth College in Co. Kildare; and at the Back To Our Past exhibition in Dublin. Dick is a past-president of the Irish Genealogical Society of Michigan, Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, and Oakland County Genealogical Society. He is also an FGS delegate.



| Tentative Schedule | | |
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| Saturday, 6 Oct | Evening | Depart U.S. or Canada |
| Sunday, 7 Oct | Morning 7:30pm | Arrive Belfast/Check-in to Hotel/Rest/Free time Informal Meet & Greet (for those not sleeping) |
| Monday, 8 Oct | 9:30 am-10:30am 10:30am-4:45pm | Intro to PRONI and Its Sources Open for Research with trip director's assistance* |
| Tuesday, 9 Oct | 9:00 am-4:45 pm 7:30 pm-8:30 pm | Open for Research with trip director's assistance* Optional Consultations |
| Wednesday, 10 Oct | 9:00 am-4:45 pm 7:30 pm-8:30 pm | Open for Research with trip directors' assistance* Optional Consultations |
| Thursday, 11 Oct | 10:00am-8:45pm | Open for Research with trip directors' assistance* |
| Friday, 12 Oct | 9:00 am-4:45 pm | Open for Research with trip directors' assistance* |
| Saturday, 13 Oct | 9:00 am-4:45 pm | Open for Research [Note: PRONI is closed Saturday] or Optional Tourist Activities |
| Sunday, 14 Oct | 11:00 am | Checkout of Hotel |

*See hours of specific repositories in descriptions on next page

General Register Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI)

Colby House, Stranmillis Court, Belfast
<<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/introduction-groni-and-its-records>>

GRONI includes registrations for births, marriages and deaths for Northern Ireland. Computerized indexes are available for births and deaths from 1864 and non-Roman Catholic marriages from 1845 (Catholic marriages are available 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–4 PM Saturday.



Newspaper Library

Library Street, Belfast
<<https://www.librariesni.org.uk/Services/Heritage/Pages/Newspaper-Library.aspx>>

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 PM Monday & Thursday; 9 AM–5:30 PM Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday; 10 AM–4:30 PM Saturday.

Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland Library

26 College Green, 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 9:30 AM–1:00 PM and 1:30 PM–4:30 PM Tuesday–Wednesday; and 9:30 AM–1:00 PM on Thursday.



Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)

2 Titanic Blvd., Titanic Quarter, 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, Tithe 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 to Wednesday and Friday, and 10 AM–8:45 PM Thursday.



Dates to Remember

15 March 2018
Early-bird deposit deadline

30 April 2018
Initial \$500 deposit due

15 June 2018
1/2 Remaining balance due

31 July 2018
Final balance due