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Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>>,

FORTHCOMING DAY COURSES

The Parish and The Manor - Monday 20th May 2019

There is much more to parish records than merely the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials. This course will introduce you to the many other records available and how they can not only help you to trace your family history but can also give an insight into the daily life of our ancestors.

How to Draw a Pedigree Tree Using Your Computer - Wednesday 5th June 2019

The very popular Pedigree Drawing module presented by Les Mitchinson. The course will demonstrate how traditional pedigrees can be created using Microsoft PowerPoint and will be particularly attractive to those wishing to undertake commissioned work, students on the Correspondence Course in Genealogy and for those who want to display their ancestral lines correctly. Places are going fast so book soon to avoid disappointment.

Army and RAF - Monday 17th June 2019 and **Royal Navy and Royal Marines** - Monday 1st July 2019

Military records can give invaluable insight not only into your ancestor's life whilst in the military but can also give essential genealogical information to help extend your family tree. The course will cover records from the 18th-21st centuries and will discuss both online and original sources. The day will be led by Les Mitchinson, IHGS Director of Education and Vice Chair of AGRA, who also specialises in military records. **If you purchase one you can purchase the second for half price.**

DNA: A beginners' guide for family historians - Saturday 14th September 2019

No matter which way we look DNA testing is mentioned more and more within the field of genealogy and DNA data can be a powerful addition to our research tool box. However, there are a variety of tests available from a number of testing companies and it can quickly become overwhelming trying to work out whether to test and which test to take. This day course is run by Dr Karen Cummings, one of our Tutors, who is a professional genealogist with a background in the pharmaceutical industry. During the day Karen will guide you through the minefield of DNA tests available, looking at what to consider before you test, which test is most suitable when, suitable candidates for each type of testing and what you can do with your results. The day will include hands on sessions, giving you opportunities to become familiar with the data. The course is equally suitable for those considering taking the first step and those who have already taken a test and want to know what to do with the results.

[Click for more details on all our courses and to book](#)

DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES

Awaken your Ancestors - Elementary Course

Broadening Your Family Tree - Intermediate Course

Completing Your Ancestral Journey - Advanced Course

Correspondence Course in Genealogy

A fully assessed 24 module course leading to The Higher Certificate in Genealogy.

Heraldry

This is suitable both for beginners and those with some experience. It covers the full range of heraldic sources in depth.

Tracing Your British Ancestors from Overseas - Elementary to Intermediate

Special Offer for AGRA Members & Associates

AGRA Members and Associates can now claim a 10% discount on all IHGS courses, including those which are assessed by tutors, and all day-courses and tutorial weekends. When booking any IHGS course or event use the code AGRA together with your membership number (AGRA123) when booking online at <https://shop.ihgs.ac.uk/courses-agra-members>

BOOK OF THE MONTH

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors, John Grenham

Genealogical research in Ireland has always depended on records that are more fragmented, localised and difficult to access than anywhere else. The internet is changing that. More and more records are coming online and this book is an indispensable guide to what these records are, where they are, and what they mean. The fifth edition of *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors* retains its familiar three-part structure, combining a detailed guide for beginners with thorough descriptions of all the useful sources and county-by-county reference lists. Additionally, all of the changes that have been brought about by modern technology – internet records and DNA testing, which make researching your family background easier than ever – are explained in this indispensable guide.

£24.99. Book of the Month £20 post free in the UK

Make Your Purchase

IHGS NEWS

EXAMINATION RESULTS

Congratulations to IHGS Diploma Graduate Christopher Broom who recently achieved the Intermediate Level Certificate in Heraldry awarded in conjunction with The Heraldry Society.

DIPLOMA MENTORING COURSE

The Diploma Mentoring Course will be held in Canterbury starting the 24th September 2019. The course is open to anyone who has the IHGS Certificate in Genealogy or Strathclyde's Postgraduate Certificate in Genealogy. The Course will guide students through the Diploma and its three component parts [the portfolio, task and library test]. Held in Canterbury the course includes five classroom sessions, practical workshops and a personal mentor. The cost of the course is £1,285, which also includes the registration fee and free enrolment to the IHGS modules Report Writing and Drawing a Pedigree Using Your Computer. The personal mentor will aid the student throughout the course, helping them to adhere to the timetable and to offer advice on coursework and report writing. The course will run from September 2019-June 2020. For more details contact registrar@ihgs.ac.uk

THE REGISTER OF QUALIFIED GENEALOGISTS (RQG)

One advantage of gaining the IHGS Diploma in Genealogy is that it is recognised by the RQG. The aim of the RQG is to improve standards of professional genealogical practice and deliver these improvements to customers for genealogical and family history services. It provides, and makes public, a record of those genealogists who hold a recognised qualification in the field of genealogy and associated practices, and who may be willing to provide professional services in that field. If you want to learn more about the RQG go to the website www.qualifiedgenealogists.org

THE FAMILY TREE LIVE EVENT, ALEXANDRA PALACE, 26th and 27th April

We were pleased to see so many current and former IHGS students at the Family Tree Live event. It was also pleasing to see so many involved with the show. A number were stallholders, others gave talks or facilitated workshops and quite a number were present at the AGRA 'Ask the Expert' desk.

The IHGS will be present at the Genealogy Show at the NEC on the 7th and 8th June. If you are planning to visit the show make sure you come along and say hello.

IHGS EVENT DAYS 2019

Canterbury 17 July

The inaugural event in Canterbury was held on Monday the 18th March and was very well received. The second Canterbury event is planned for Wednesday 17th July and will feature talks and practical exercises presented by IHGS tutors Les Mitchinson and Ann Ballard.

The event is open to students on any of our distance learning courses and to non-IHGS students. For further information, or to make a booking, go to the IHGS website link www.ihgs.ac.uk/course-ihgs-event-canterbury-2019-07-17_

Petersfield 12 June

The next Petersfield IHGS event will be held on Wednesday the 12th June. The theme for the day will be 'Putting your Research into Context'. Apart from a full and interesting programme students will also have the opportunity to meet the tutors and to discuss course topics. The cost of the event will be

£50 which includes refreshments throughout the day, a buffet lunch and free parking. Further Petersfield events for 2019 are planned for the 9th October and 11th December.

The events are open to students on any of our distance learning courses and to non-IHGS students. Anyone who is interested, or who wants further information, or wishes to make a booking, should contact Les directly on education@ihgs.ac.uk or for the latest updates go to the Announcements section on the IHGS Student Forum. At the time of going to print there are only FOUR places remaining.

IHGS WORKSHOPS

The workshops are also open to non-IHGS students. The series of workshops provide guidance on a broad range of issues covering a number of lectures and each will have at least one practical exercise. It is also a good opportunity to meet fellow students and to share ideas. The workshops are held at the Petersfield Community Centre, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU31 4BW, commencing at 11.45am and will last approximately four hours. The cost for each workshop is £20.

Summer Term dates are:

Wed. 19th June: Broadening students & Higher Certificate students on lectures 7-12

Wed. 26th June: Awaken students & Higher Certificate students on lectures 1-6

To book go to the link www.ihgs.ac.uk/courselist and for all the latest updates go to the **Announcements** section on the IHGS Student Forum.

EXAMINATIONS

Examination Dates 2019

Saturday 15th June 2019.

- Higher Certificate in Genealogy
- IHGS Elementary Level in Genealogy
- IHGS Intermediate Level in Genealogy
- IHGS Advanced Level in Genealogy
- IHGS and Heraldry Society Elementary and Intermediate

On the first Wednesday in every month the IHGS Elementary Level in Genealogy, IHGS Intermediate Level in Genealogy and IHGS Advanced Level in Genealogy examinations may be taken. The next exam date will be 5th June.

For more details concerning any of the examinations please contact registrar@ihgs.ac.uk.

FAMILY HISTORY EVENTS

IHGS will be attending a number of genealogical fairs including:-

The Genealogy Show, 7th & 8th June 2019, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham

The Family History Show- South West, 6th July, UWE Exhibition Centre, Bristol

RootsTech London 24-26 October 2019, ExCel London Convention Centre

GENEALOGICAL NEWS

The Great Migration Parish Web Mapping App is launched. This web mapping app shows you the last-known parish for all 1,795 emigrants whose origin is confirmed, about a third of the nearly 5,700 emigrants who left England (and a few other places) for New England between 1620 and 1640. The emigrant information is based on The Great Migration Directory by Robert Charles Anderson. The web mapping app gives you a map view of parishes and a list view of emigrants. The app opens in map view, and includes a set of options and tools for the map and access to the list view. <https://www.americanancestors.org/specials/great-migration-parish-map>

Court of the Lord Lyon new website www.courtofthelordlyon.scot/.

Skibbereen Heritage Centre relaunches website <https://skibbheritage.com/>

Common Wealth War Graves Commission are looking to gather stories of those servicemen and women who we commemorate on Malta. If you have a story about someone then please upload it to their Malta Stories Project: <http://ow.ly/gj5i3omLILx> #WW1 #WW2

The **AGRA Conference 2019** 'Bloomin Ancestors' will be held on 28 September 2019 in Pembroke College, Oxford University. Janine Ramirez will give the Keynote presentation on "Personalities of the Past".

The conference dinner will be held on Friday 27th September in the medieval College Hall, IHGS have sponsored the pre dinner drinks. Nick Barlay will be the after-dinner speaker. Nick has written four novels, including Scattered Ghosts, which tells the 200-year story of his Hungarian Jewish family through war, Holocaust and revolution to contemporary Britain. Registration can be made using the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/agra-conference-2019-tickets-53689375367>

Website Updates

FindMyPast

- Devon: Port Books, Land Tax and Valuation Records, baptisms Appledore, Independent Chapel Appledore, Ebenezer Baptist Chapel, Appledore, Methodist Chapel and Bideford, Methodist Circuit, Burials Northam
- Durham Bishops' Transcripts
- Kent parish registers [held by Kent History and Library Centre in Maidstone].
- Queensland: Hospital Registers and Soldier Portraits, 1914-1918
- USA, Ontario Genealogical Society Provincial Index

FamilySearch

- England and Wales National Register, 1939 Index
- Surrey Parish Registers, 1536-1992
- France, Saône-et-Loire, Census, 1896
- French Combatants in the Revolutionary War, 1778-1783
- Peru, Cemetery Records, 1912-2013
- USA, California, Los Gatos, Los Gatos Memorial Park Cemetery Card Index to Burials, 1889-1989
- USA, Hawaii, Hansen's Disease Records, Kalaupapa Vital Records Card Index, 1928-1947
- USA, Michigan, Census of World War I Veterans with Card Index, 1917-1919
- USA, Montana, Deer Lodge County, Anaconda, Cemetery Records, 1878-2005
- USA, New York, Staten Island, Moravian Cemetery, Interment Records, 1866-1967
- USA, New York, New York, Department of Health, Manhattan Birth Index Cards, 1866-1890
- USA, Pennsylvania, Carbon County, Jim Thorpe, Cemetery Records, 1747-2007
- USA, South Carolina, Colleton County Marriage Licenses, 1911-1951
- USA, Utah, World War I Service Questionnaires, 1914-1918 and World War I County Draft Board Registers, Name Index, 1917-1918
- USA, Wyoming, Reclaim the Records, State Archives Vital Records, 1908-1966

Ancestry

- Cheshire Parish Registers

- Kent Parish register indexes
- USA, Boston, Massachusetts Archdiocese Roman Catholic Sacramental Records, 1789-1900
- USA, U.S. Navy Muster Rolls, 1949-1963;

The Genealogist

- 1697 to 1862 jailed for debt or bankruptcy.

EVENTS AND COURSES TIMETABLE 2019

Mon 20 May	Day Course	The Parish and the Manor
Tue 4 June	Examinations	Diploma in Genealogy
Wed 5 June	Day Course	How to Draw Your Pedigree Using a Computer
7-8 June	Event	Family History Show - NEC
Wed 12 June	Day Course	IHGS Event [Petersfield]
Sat 15 June	Examinations	Elementary to Higher Certificate levels Heraldry Elementary and Intermediate
Mon 17 June	Day Course	Army and RAF
Wed 19 June	Workshop	Modules 7-12 [Petersfield]
Mon 24 Jun	Day Course	Royal Navy and Royal Marines
Wed 26 June	Workshop	Modules 1-6 [Petersfield]
Wed 17 Jul	Day Course	IHGS Event [Canterbury]
Sat 27 July	Event	Awards Day
Sat 14 Sep	Day Course	DNA: A beginners' course for family historians
Mon 23 Sep	Day Course	Report Writing. How to Manage a Research Task
Wed 2 Oct	Day Course	Using Archives and Getting Organised
Wed 9 Oct	Day Course	IHGS Event [Petersfield]
24-26 Oct	Event	RootsTech – ExCel Centre, London
30 Oct	Open Day	
Sat 23 Nov	Examinations	Elementary to Higher Certificate levels Heraldry Elementary and Intermediate
Wed 6 Nov	Day Course	IHGS Event [Canterbury]
Wed 11 Dec	Day Course	IHGS Event [Petersfield]

[See Our Courses](#)

Did You know that.....in certain parts of the British Isles it was not possible to make a will of realty [real property] until the 19th century? In Guernsey, a will of realty could not be made until 1841, in Jersey it wasn't allowed until 1851 and on the Isle of Man it was illegal until 1864 and Scotland prohibited wills of realty until 1868. Testators in these parts could only make wills that involved personalty, a person's moveable goods and chattels. One reason for this was that upon a man's death, his freehold estate automatically passed to his heir, according to the local custom.

The situation in England was somewhat different. Freehold land could be devised by will from 1540 and the joint deed known as the "Last Will and Testament" came into existence as a consequence. Previously, a testament only concerned personalty. In England it was therefore

much easier for a father to make provision for younger sons who might otherwise go without where it was the custom for the eldest son to inherit the estate. Copyhold land could not be devised by will before 1815 but as it could be surrendered to the use of a will, the testator could still, in effect, devise it to whomever he or she wished.



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