

Beginner's Course – Family History – 6 WEEKS
10-11.30am beginning 10th Jan 2017

WEEK 1. Introduction Tuesday 10th Jan 2017

What the course will cover, and what may be left until later.

Do I need a laptop?

Do I need software to build a tree? Which?

Do I need “Premium” software to research my family? Which?

What free software is available? Which? etc

Collecting the evidence.

Write down what you know. Names, dates, places, maiden names etc.

Then talk to the extended family :-

Stories, photographs, records, relations, friends, black sheep, myths, who else knows?, correspondence, scrapbooks, newspaper cuttings, family Bibles / Prayer Books / Hymnals, Prizes, Certificates, Identity Cards, Ration Books, medals, holidays, memorial cards, wills etc.

(Note. All this is hearsay and needs to be proven !!)

Write down who said what. Get copies of whatever you can.

Where to start.

Who first. Basic family tree. Accepted presentation. etc.

Names

Surnames may be an indication of where families came from in previous generations. History.

English, Welsh, Scottish, Irish. etc.

Research skills.

Gaps. Recording information. Problem solving. Etc.

Record Keeping

Identification, filing system, computers,

Certificates

Birth certificates, Marriage certificates, (to 1837)

WEEK 2 - 17/1/17 Back to the early 1800's

WEEK 3 – 24/1/16 Back to 1538

WEEK 4 – 31/1/17 Ireland, Scotland, Wales etc

WEEK 5 – 7/2/16 Working Lives

WEEK 6 – 14/2/16 For Crown and Country