

Meeting Reports – Update

8th September 2023

'Research Guidance Notes' from u3a's Subject Advisor – follow-up

We followed up the welter of guidance from Stephen Dyer (see July meeting notes) with discussions about Wills, Admons etc and the range of sources which hold originals and copies, going back centuries. There was a quiz about 'peculiers' and the complication that they can cause in research. Well, it's much less complicated if you have access to The Phillimore Atlas and Index of Parish Registers in England & Wales! The role of the Court of Chancery, the practice of soldiers making wills on enlistment (good for identifying next of kin), irishgenealogy.ie and the GRO were discussed. FindMyPast and its access to registers of wills was also covered, along with access to obituaries in old newspapers.

In conclusion, a reminder that Stephen Dyer had sent us details of u3a Genealogy/Family History talks – no fees, no travel expenses, just request a Zoom PowerPoint talk via Mr Dyer, also available in PDF format for groups without Zoom but have a projector (that's us). All talks are the copyright of the Genealogy Subject Advisor, permission must be granted.

These talks are:

'Uncovering your family's past' Getting started the u3a way

'The 1921 Census' – with research guidance from FindMyPast, plus How far back can you get?

'FamilySearch' review, with their new guidance notes

'Genetic Genealogy' – understanding DNA testing

'Early 20th century family & social history records – leading up to the 1921 census

'Ten most common research blocks aka Brick Walls' (excluding Irish records)