

Family History Newsletter

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Family History Group Meetings

The May meeting will be May 1, 2013.

The Elusive Doyle

by Andrea Lister

Do you have an elusive relation? Try looking in unexpected places. Daniel Doyle is the 2nd great-grandfather of my husband. I know of his existence from the marriage certificate of his daughter Alice. On September 13, 1912 she married James Ryan at the Roman Catholic Church of Trinity Without. She lists her father as Daniel Doyle, sailor. She is living on Lower Yellow Road.

I found Alice in the 1911 Irish census living with her mother Bridget and her sister Stasia. Bridget is listed as married, not widowed, so I assumed Daniel was at sea. I try the 1901 census and encounter the same problem.

I sent away for Alice's birth registration for 1894. Daniel is listed as a labourer. I still do not have much to go on as I do not have a birth date for Daniel. Bridget's maiden name appears to be Aspill so I look for a marriage record. The only one I can find is from 1892 of a David Doyle to a Bridget Aspill. Since it is the closest fit I sent for the record but received a transcription instead of a copy of the original. His father is listed as Daniel. She is living at Lower Yellow Road so that seems to fit but is David a transcription error or do I have the wrong record? David/Daniel is living on Morris Road at the time of the marriage.

The tree I was given by my husband's family indicated that Daniel died in 1916; a stoker with the Royal Navy. There is a Daniel Doyle, from Waterford, who died in 1916. His parents are listed as Daniel and Mary; husband to Mary. Further digging indicates that a Bridget Doyle died in 1913 so it is possible that Mary is a second wife.

Out of frustration I typed Daniel Doyle with the residence Waterford into the general search on www.familysearch.org. Daniel Doyle comes up under *Ireland, Prison Registers, 1790-1924*. Yikes.

The 1892 record has a Daniel Doyle, residence Morrison's Road, arrested for being drunk and disorderly. Morris Road = Morrison's Road? I check the 1901 census. There is no Morris Road but there is a Morrison's. I start to lose faith in the accuracy of the transcription for the marriage record. Daniel's birthplace is listed as Parliament St. on the prison record. I filtered for the rest of prison registers for a Daniel Doyle with the birthplace of Parliament St. The earliest record I find is from 1883, age 18. In 1884 he is arrested for being a deserter from 18 Regiment of Foot. The records continue with various arrests for being drunk and disorderly and then in 1895 I find the record for assault of Bridget Doyle.

Everything appears to be adding up for this Daniel Doyle to be the one, though I have nothing concrete. The last prison register record I can find for him is in October 1897; he was arrested for being drunk.

What happened to Daniel Doyle after 1897? Am I even on the right trail?

Possible next steps: order the birth record for Alice's sister Stasia; order the death record for Bridget; write to the Roman Catholic Church of Trinity Without and see if they have other records.

Sharing the Information

Found an interesting website? Discovered a unique document? Help us share the information by sending in articles, events or websites for our newsletter.

Word of the Month

Relict: While transcribing the Will of an ancestor I came across this term. It means the deceased person's widow.

Online Resources

FamilySearch

FamilySearch.org

FamilySearch has added 23.9 million indexed records and images including:

- India, Gujarat Diocese Protestant Church Records, 1854-2012
- Italy, Cuneo, Saluzzo, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1866-1942

- Italy, Ragusa, Modica, Civil Registration (Tribunale), 1866-1942

HistoryPin

Historypin is a global archive where millions of people can come together around the history of their neighbourhoods, from across different generations and cultures, to explore and create rich, communal archives and build stronger communities.

www.historypin.com

Where's the Path

Free Ordnance Survey Mapping side by side with Google aerial imagery for UK.

<http://wtp2.appspot.com/wheresthepath.htm>

Family History Events

Abbotsford Genealogical Society

- **The Story of Two Prairie Women** with Sharon Syrette. Tues., June 18, 2013, 6:30pm.
- **Writing Your History** with Andrea Lister. Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013, 6:30pm.
- **A La Carte Maps** with Brenda Smith, Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013 1:00pm.

BCGS

- **BCGS Seminar:** The British Army in Canada 1750-1871; Canadians at War – 1885 Rebellion; South African 1899-1902; First & Second World Wars; Pre 1865 Immigration; What's new at Ancestry? with Glenn T. Wright and Lesley Anderson, Saturday, April 27, 2013, 8:30am – 4:30pm Danish

Lutheran Church, Burnaby.
Fee: \$45 for BCGS & Affiliate [Society] Members; \$55.00 for non-members.

Details on the BCGS website.
www.bcgs.ca/?page_id=2511

Capilano College

Family Historian Summer Camp with Brenda L. Smith, Monday June 10 to Friday June 14, 2013, 1:00pm – 3:00 pm daily. Capilano University Course 92018. Register now by calling 604.984.4901. Fee: \$159.00.

Surrey Libraries

5642-176A Street, Surrey offers free orientations the 1st Saturday of every month 10:00 – 10:50am.

- **Tracing your English Ancestors from Canada** with Susan Snalam. Saturday, May 4, 2013, 11:00am – 12:30pm. Fee: \$10.00.

Pre-registration is required – please check the Family History section of the Surrey Libraries website www.spl.surrey.bc.ca or call us at 604-598-7328.

Vancouver Public Library

Central Library, 350 West Georgia Street.

- **FamilySearch: Finding and Sharing Your Family Story**, Thursday, April 18, 2013, 2:30 pm. Fee: Free.
- **Genealogy in England**, Wednesday April 17, 2013, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. Fee: Free.

Surrey Tri-Stake

Mark your calendar, Saturday, October 19, 2013. 8:30am – 4:00pm.

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