

Family History Newsletter



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The Family History group supports members in researching their family history research. Members have ancestors from around the globe.

They meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library.

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Tracing Back in Time

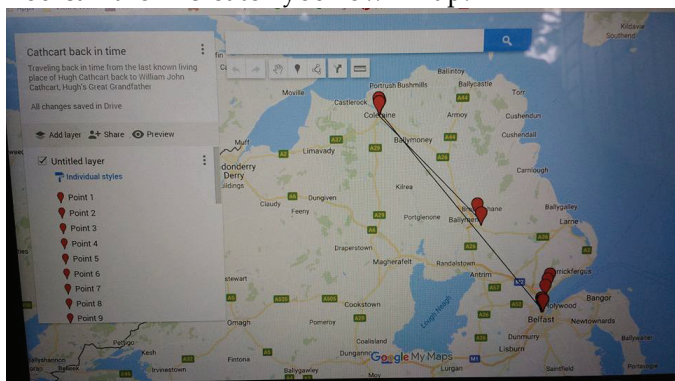
by Vicki Cathcart

<https://www.google.ca/maps>

During my research of my husband's family line, I had noticed that the Cathcarts moved around a lot, as well there were places that I couldn't even find in *Google Maps*.

I then decided that it would be interesting to "map" the course of the family backwards. I first started by asking my father-in-law of all the places he had lived and when, prior to his family immigrating over to Canada.

At first I wondered how I was even going to map it until I was looking through all the options in *Google Maps* and under "menu" I saw a tab that said "maps". You can then "create" your own map.



I would "add marker" to the last known place that my father in law lived; which happened to be

Jordonstown, Newtownabbey, Ireland: 1952-1965. I then went back in time, and used information from the census, birth, and death records as well.

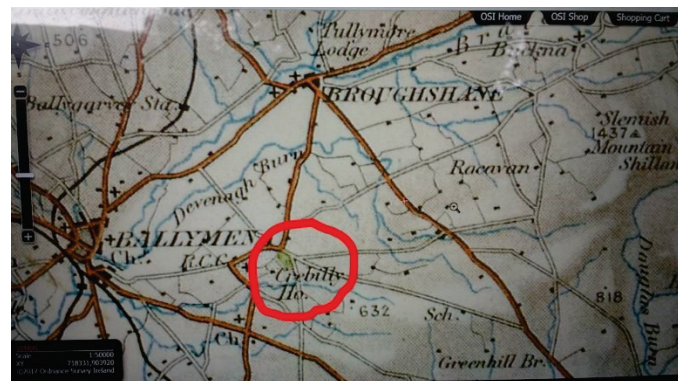
Sometimes I would come across a place that all the houses were torn down, but would put a marker anyways, as they had lived there at some point as well.

As I was nearing to the furthest point I had gotten with my research, I discovered that I couldn't find Crebilly or Dunnyvadden. Since the last date I had was 1851, I was told that sometimes places like this disappear.

With this information, I decided to see if there was any way I could find old maps. After quite a length of time, low and behold, I found it! This is the website:

<http://maps.osi.ie/publicviewer/#V2,717299,900879,4,8>

On the map, you can zoom right in and see all sorts of thing, including forts, wells and even school houses.

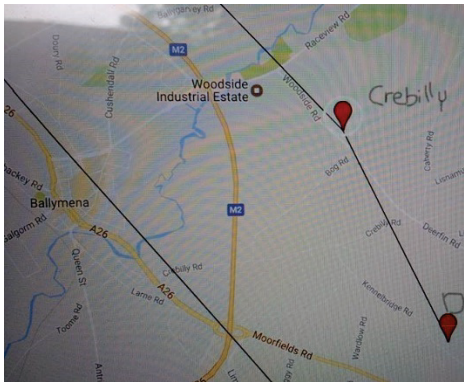


From a lot of zooming in and scrolling around I had found Crebilly and Dunnyvadden, which I was then able to figure out from looking at rivers and streets where it was in *Google Maps*.

Crebilly is now more of an industrial area with a racetrack out from Ballymena.

Dunnyvadden is now in an area where Deerfin currently is, which looks like a lot of farm land, also outside of Ballymena, Northern Ireland.

As I continue with my research, my map will eventually go back further, which I am finding so interesting.



Online Resources

Oxford Country (Ontario)

www.ocl.net/genealogy/oxford-county-historical-links

Name Indexes, Records, Local History, including Ingersoll newspapers and cemeteries indexes.

Barrie Public Library

<http://library.barrie.ca/adults/genealogy-ancestry>

Barrie newspapers.

Library and Archives Canada

www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2017/lac-acquires-maps-documents.aspx

Over 80,000 maps and related records from the historic Canada Lands Survey Records (CLSR) collection, totalling 1.5 linear kilometres of archival holdings.

FindMyPast

www.findmypast.co.uk

- Surrey institutional records 1788-1939
- Vermont, Enrolled Militia Records 1861-1867
- Nottinghamshire Baptisms Index 1538-1917
- City Of York Apprentices and Freeman 1272-1930
- City Of York Calendars of Prisoners 1739-1851
- City Of York Hearth & Window Tax 1665-1778

British Newspaper Archive

www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk

- Willesden Chronicle
- Warrington Guardian
- Dudley Herald
- Monitor, and Missionary Chronicle, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

Family History Events

British Columbia Genealogical Society

www.bcgs.ca/?page_id=2511#.WL-ecTsrJPY

- Canada 150 Seminar – Celebrating our Canadian Ancestors with Dave Obee, Claire Smith-Burns, Mary Read, and Xexia Stanford, June 9 to 11, 2017, Fee: Full Seminar – BCGS & affiliate members \$75; for non-members \$100.

Cloverdale Library

www.surreylibraries.ca

- Orientations, Saturdays, 10:00-10:50 am, June 3, Sept 9 Pre-registration recommended. Fee: free.

- Fun Family History Fridays, Fri Jul 7, Aug 4, Sept 8, 2017, 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
- Start Searching Your Family History: A Beginners Workshop in Five Lessons with Brenda Smith, Thursdays, Sept 28, Oct 19, Nov 02, 16, and 30, 5:30 to 8:30 pm, Fee \$100.

Kelowna & District Genealogical Society

www.kdgs.ca

- Harness the Power of the New & the Old: Put DNA to work for you, with Dave Obee and Pat Ryan, Sept 16, 2017, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Downtown Kelowna Library. Fee \$45 for KDGS; \$55 for non-members.

Mission Genealogy Club

www.missiongenclub.com

- Strawberry Tea, June 22, 2017, 1:00pm at 9356 Larkspur Avenue, Mission.
- Walk Among Us, Cemetery Tours, June 6 & Sept 14, OMI Cemetery; June 8 & Sept 19, Hatzic Cemetery; 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Surrey Family History Centre

www.findingyourroots.ca

- Finding Your Roots Seminar, Oct 14, 2017 all day. Speakers to be announced. Free.

Vancouver Public Library

www.vpl.ca

- Genealogy: Trace Your Ancestors with Ancestry Library Edition, July 19, 2017 2:30 pm-4:00 pm. Central Branch. Free.

Maple Ridge Family History Group, Wednesday, July 5, 2017, 7pm at the Maple Ridge Library.