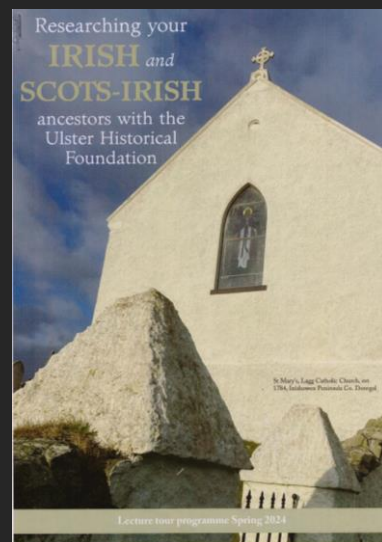
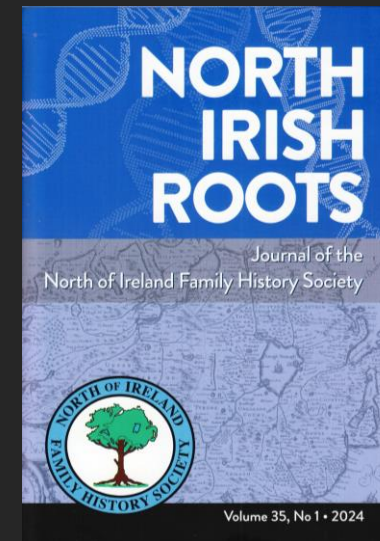




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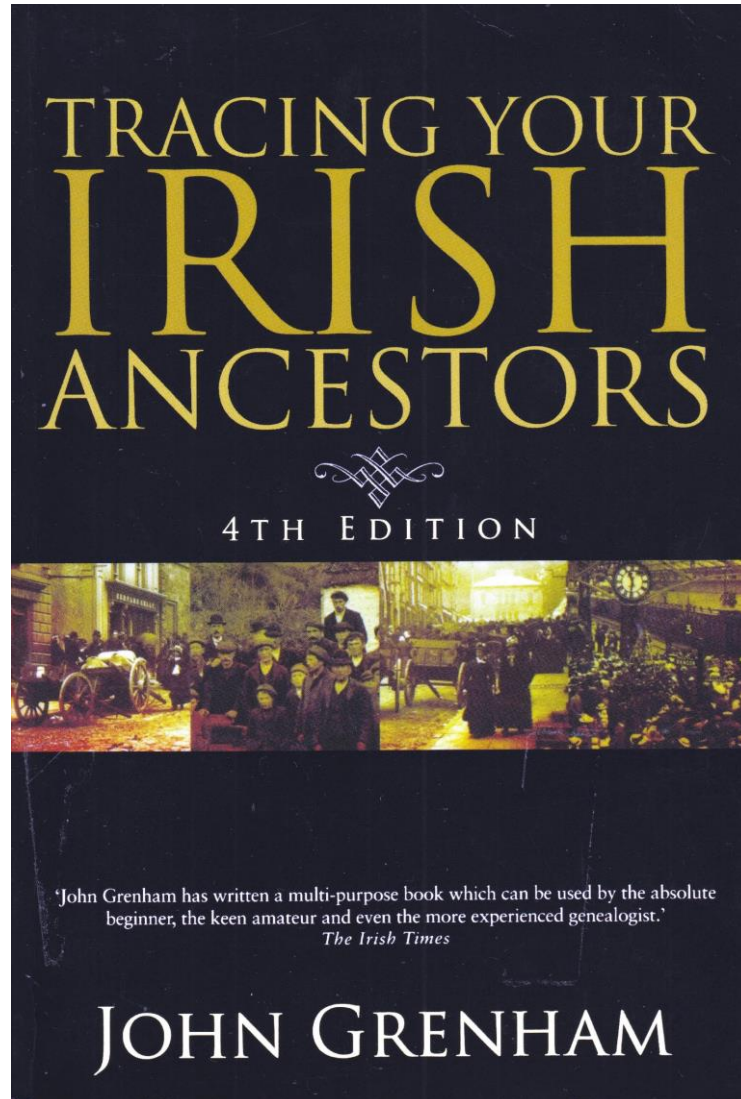
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Tracing Your Irish Ancestors – 4th Edition

Reviewed by Tom Rice CGSM

That Grenham's *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors* is valued by the Irish genealogy community is affirmed by the issuing of this 4th edition. Few genealogy method or reference books ever make it to a 2nd edition much less a 4th edition. For there to be a new edition of any book there is generally a need for new information to be brought to the reading community. A mere increase in demand for the same information generally results in a reprinting, not in a new edition.

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directories, Gravestone inscriptions, and Estate Records. For most listings he provides a pointer to the holding repository and the call number or Internet location. To have pointers to all of these County resources in one place is a gift.

The other major reference section is titled "Roman Catholic Parish Registers." Here Grenham provides a map of Roman Catholic parishes for each county. More importantly, for each parish he lists what years records exists for baptisms, marriages and burials along with a pointer as to where those records may be found: whether in a named major repository, a Family History Library film or still in local possession. Each reference to a repository or film provides the call number or film number. This is a most valuable resource for quickly learning what records still exists and where to find them. A key feature of this section is that Grenham points to alternative sources for these records whenever they exist. However, what is missing in this edition is the "Variant Names of Roman Catholic Parishes" section which was in the last edition.

Grenham is a major proponent for improvements in records access and for cooperation between Irish genealogical agencies to give better service to the Irish genealogy public. As such, he does not hesitate to comment on some of the bureaucratic idiosyncrasies that exist and the internecine rivalries and insecurities that get in the way of the development of needed improvements in record access systems, whether this be searching in person or on the Internet.

This is primarily a reference book not a methods book. However, there is a

presentation of methods, but this is more on how to use a repository, a website or resource rather than providing an overall strategy for your research. For that, look to *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Irish Ancestors* by Radford and Betit. The key value found in this book is the thoroughness of its pointers to what resources exist, what is in them and where they can be found.

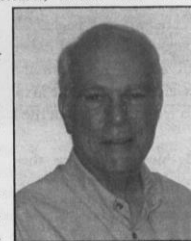
This book by John Grenham should be considered an essential part of every Irish genealogist's library along with Brian Mitchell's *New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland*, and Dwight Radford and Kyle Betit's *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Irish Ancestors*. I do not see how one can do Irish genealogy without these three books.

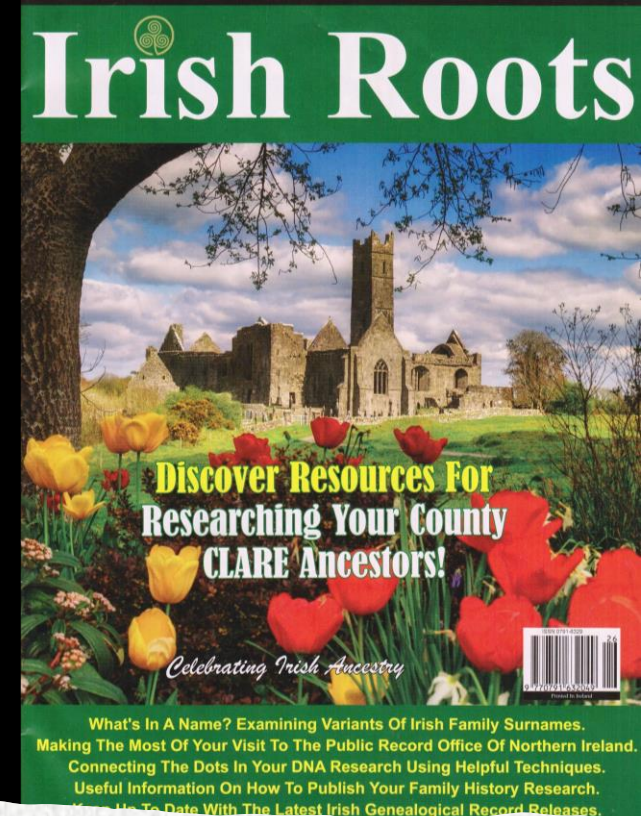
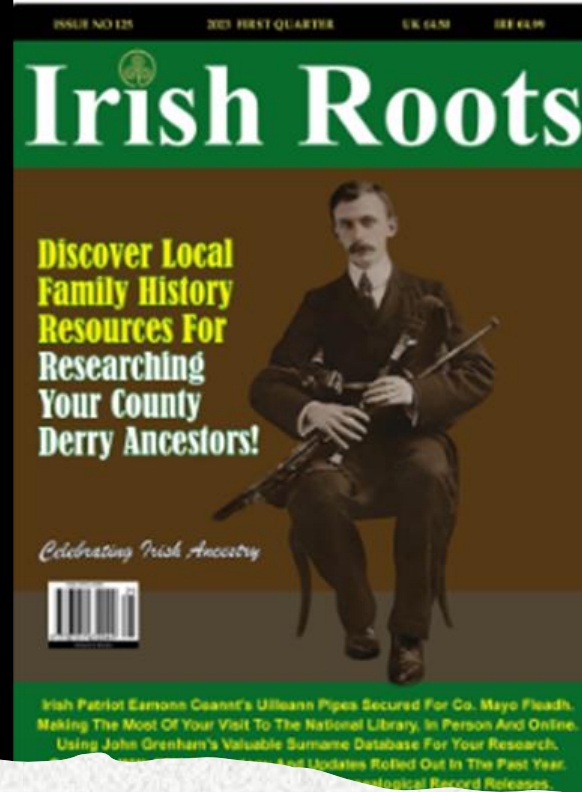
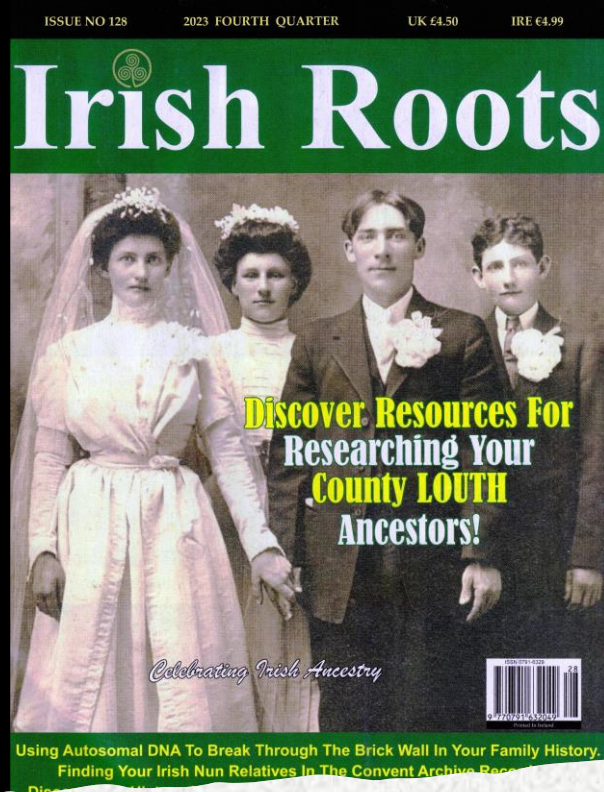
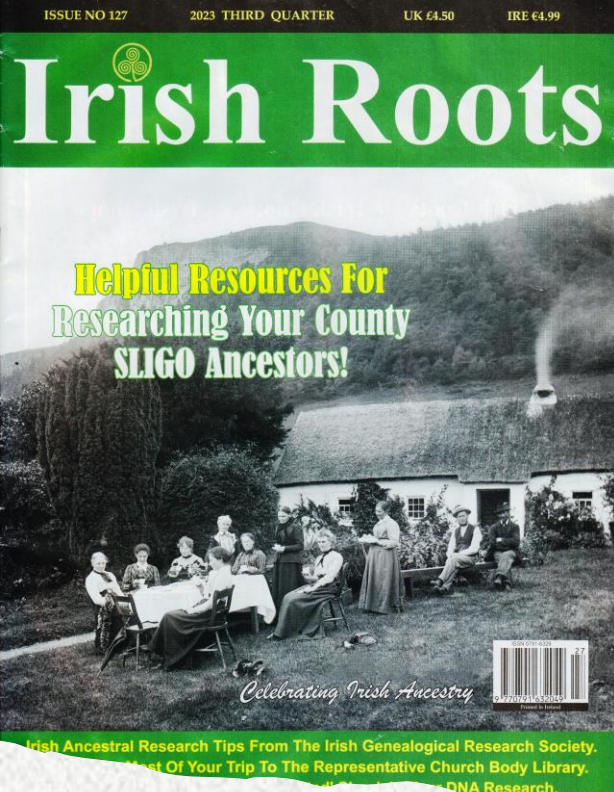
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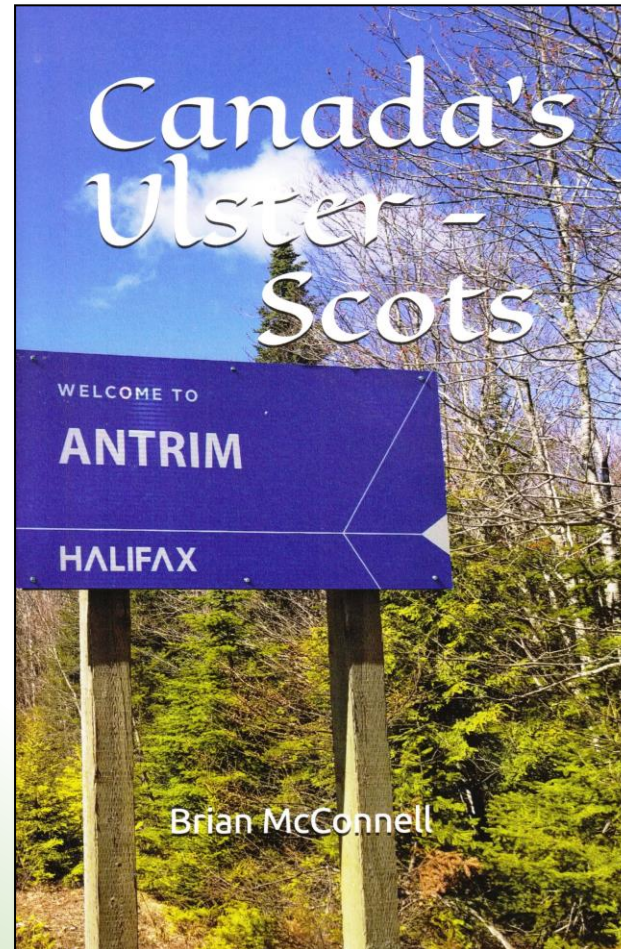
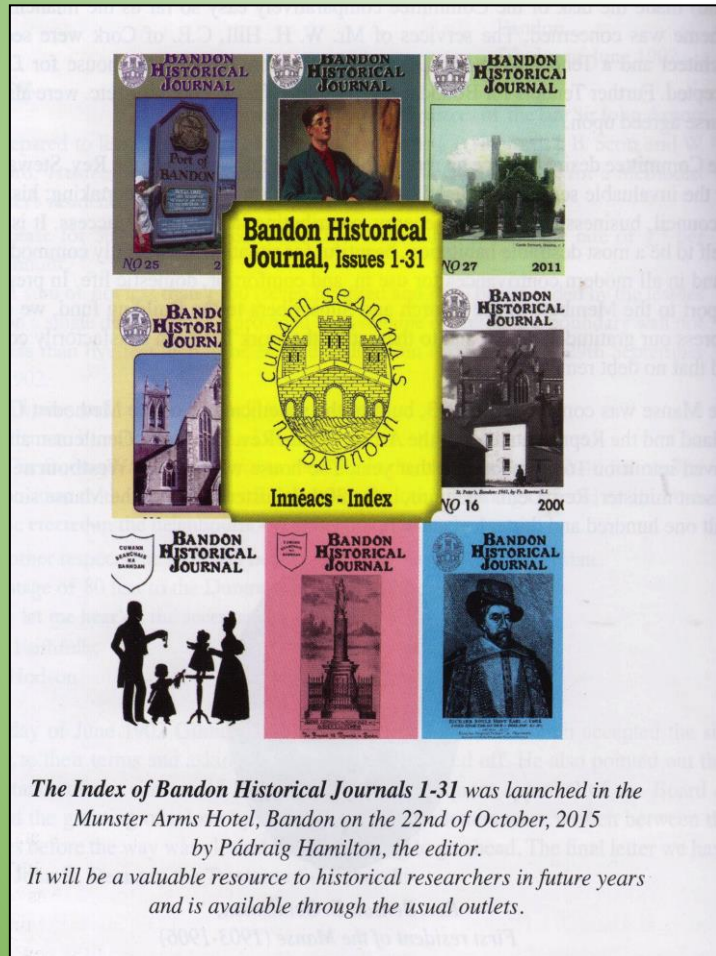
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1. INTRODUCTION

The dedication at the front of this book is to my great great grandfather John Campbell, born in County Cavan, Ireland who travelled to Canada to settle in 1847. He came with his parents William Campbell and Jennie Ferguson.

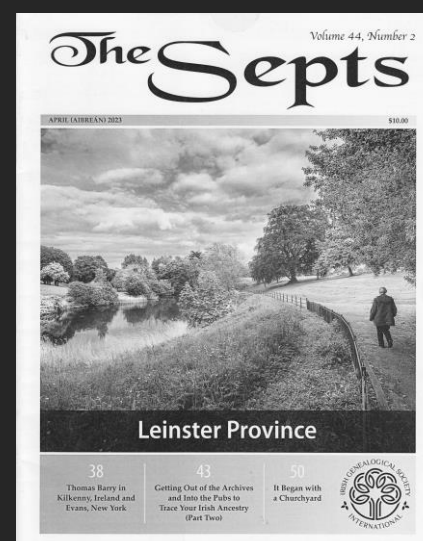
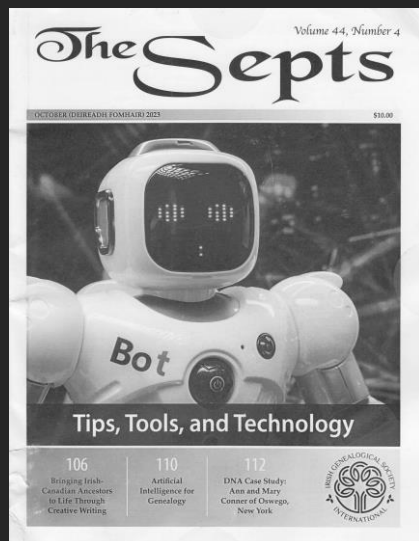
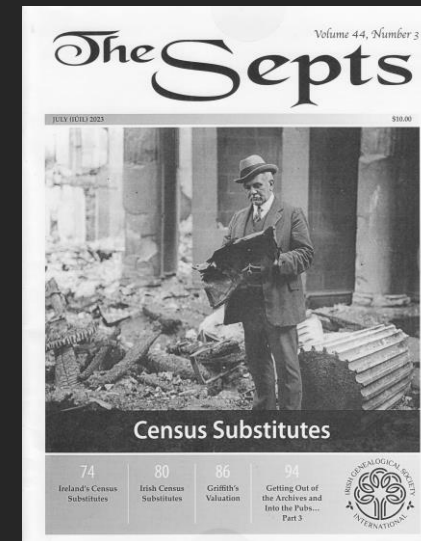
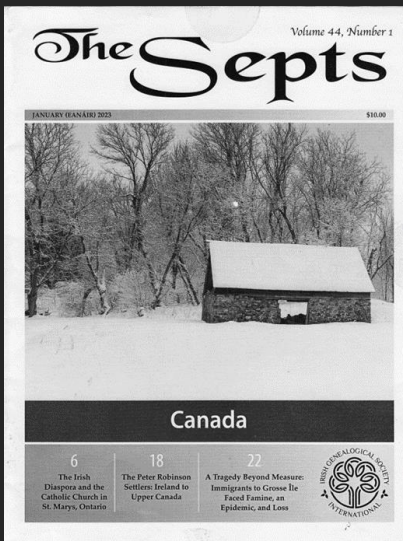
Ulster - Scots refers to those persons native of the old province of Ulster in the north of Ireland, being the nine Counties of Antrim, Armagh, Cavan, Down, Donegal, Fermanagh, Londonderry, Monaghan, and Tyrone, whose ancestors originated in Scotland. They were primarily Presbyterian in religion. In the 19th century they made up one of the largest groups of immigrants to Canada.

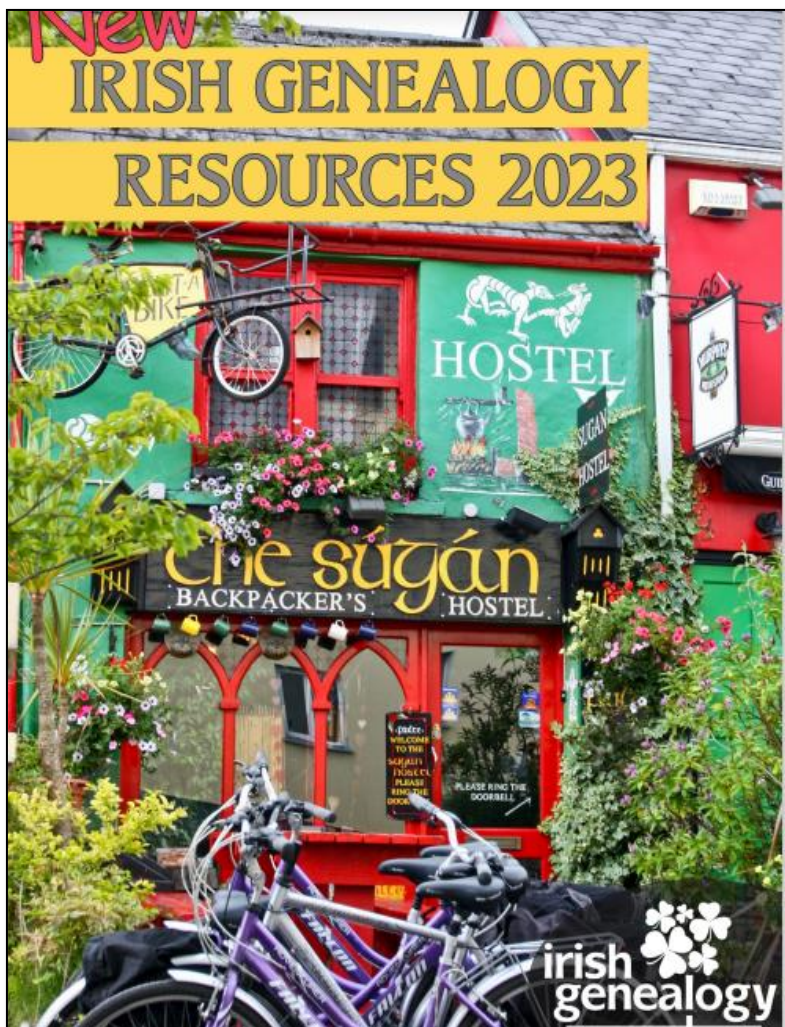
Among my Ulster - Scots ancestors there is also a United Empire Loyalist. My 7th great grandfather, James Humphrey, according to family stories settled in America prior to the American Revolution after being born in the north of Ireland. He served with the Loyal Rangers and after the conflict joined other Loyalist refugees in building a new life in Canada.

As my paternal grandparents also came to Canada from Ulster and were Ulster - Scots, I have three family connections. With this background I have researched the history of the Ulster Scots in Canada. In the U.S.A. the Ulster - Scots are often referred to as the Scotch - Irish.

The purpose of this book is to share some of my research and information on Canada's Ulster Scots.

Brian McConnell

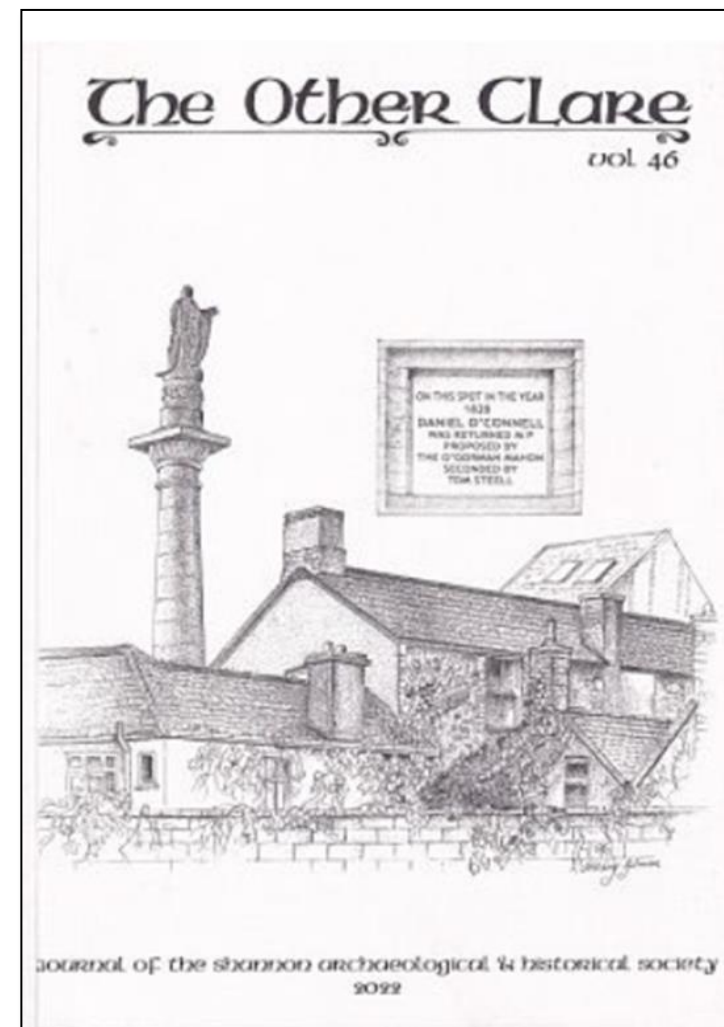




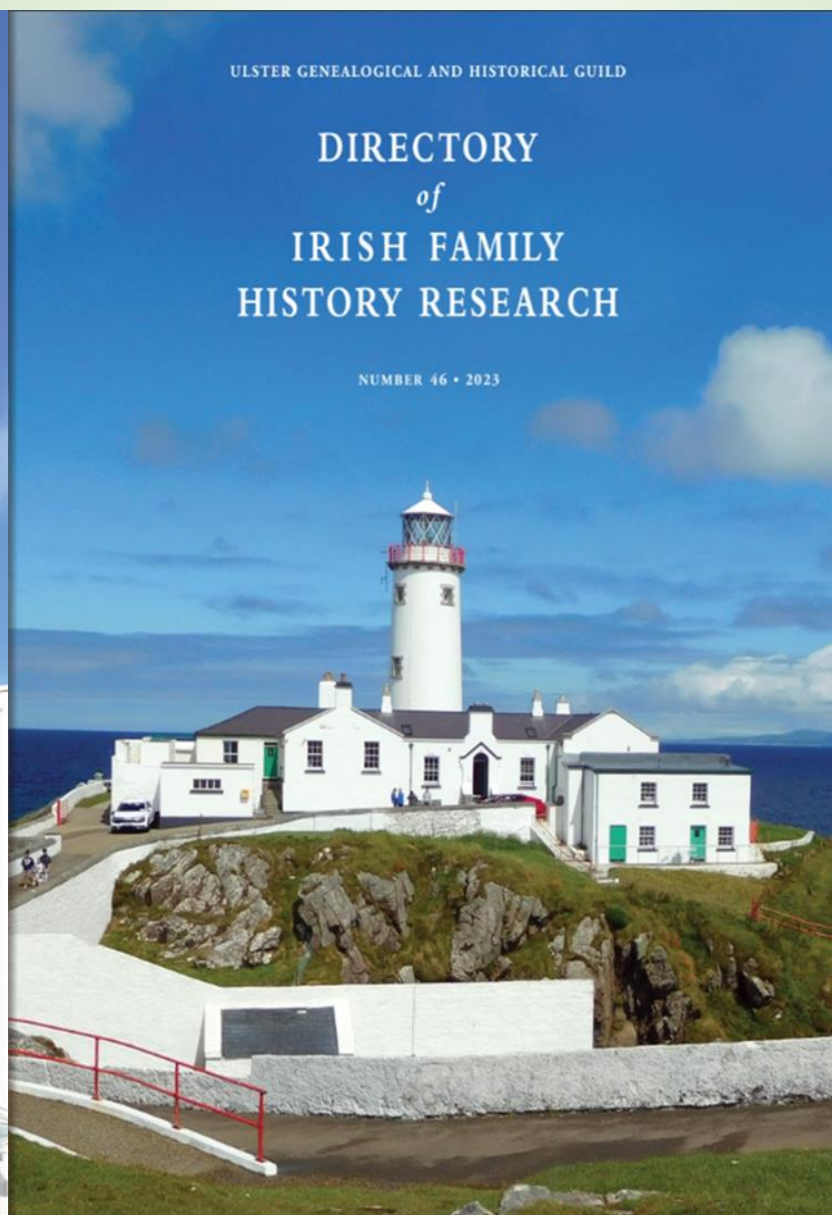
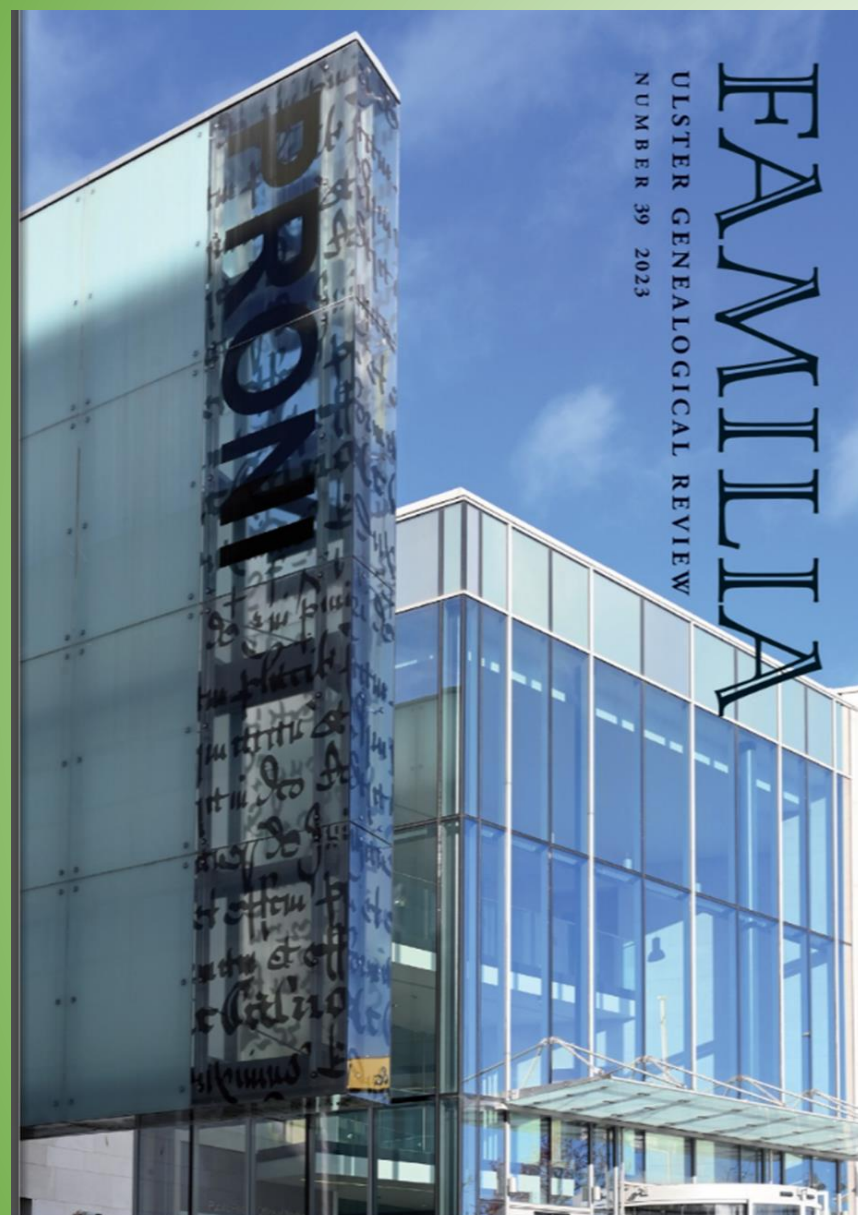
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