

# Family Research - 'Irish Records' and 'A Black Hole' stories

## Welcome

**"Pains and Gains"** - reports on family research work completed during the month.  
(Includes the Facebook Recommendations post)

**Irish Records** - Irish born U3A member and keen family researcher Elizabeth Kearns will share tips on useful resources when researching Irish families and answer questions.

## Break

## This month's topic

**'A black hole...'** Write about a 'black hole' you are still perplexed about in your research. Who does it involve? What do you know about them? Where is the gap in your research? What do you think may have happened ie. What are your 'hypotheses'/What is your hunch? Why do you think you are still finding it hard to make a breakthrough? Where to next?

**Planning for 2022** - including a review of the Course Description in Program Guide:

"Family Research is a 'guided self-help group' which aims to provide support and encouragement to members who are working on their family history. We also provide

- Mentoring for members keen to develop skills in using family history resources such as [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com); Trove; My Heritage; Scotland's People and other online records such as Births Deaths Marriages, Rates Notices and Cemetery Records
- Links to the resources available at the Benalla Family History Group
- Opportunities to write about our families, with monthly topics such as 'Found'; 'A Family Secret'; 'A Family Treasure'; 'I wish I'd met...'; 'In search of ....'; 'A black hole'; 'Grandparents', and more!"

**Next Month's Topic** - 'Census' Find one of your favourite families in your family tree. Pick a year for a census in which you describe what you know about where they were living, who was likely to be living there, what their occupations were, what else was happening in the country, world at the time... in fact anything else you know about them then. Create your own census, or draw upon a census document you have found during your research to develop your 'census report' around.

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