



Ulster Historical Foundation

Established in 1956, Ulster Historical Foundation is one of the principal genealogical research agencies in Ireland and a leading publisher of quality historical and genealogical books.

The Foundation is an educational non-profit organisation whose aim is to encourage an interest in the history of the province of Ulster; promote a positive image of Northern Ireland overseas; strengthen the links between Ireland and those of Ulster descent; broaden access to historical documents and records for Irish and Scots-Irish genealogy; and to inspire pride in its heritage and culture.

The membership association – called the Ulster Historical and Genealogical Guild – enables friends and supporters to belong to a growing body of like-minded individuals interested in family history, developing a lasting connection to Ulster and Ireland, and which brings people together from all over the world in their quest to discover Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestors.

Ulster Historical Foundation is entirely self-funded and depends on the support of its customers and members to continue to provide the range of services offered. See their website for further information: www.ancestryireland.com

Fintan Mullan is Executive Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation and has been responsible for the management of this successful Northern Ireland-based, educational non-profit since 2001. Fintan Mullan is Executive Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation and has been responsible for the management of this successful Northern Ireland-based, educational non-profit since 2001. He has extensive experience in Irish family history research and is a regular international speaker on Irish genealogy, having spoken in Ireland, Britain, Australia New Zealand, Canada and most of the lower 48 states of the USA. In October 2018 he co-delivered (with Gillian Hunt) the British Institute's week-long Irish genealogy course in Salt Lake City (hosted by the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History). Fintan has managed the production of more than 150 Irish history and genealogy titles, including many of the Foundation's most important and successful publications. He has ensured the Foundation has been at the forefront of developments in Irish genealogy, including heritage tourism products and the provision of online resources. He helped to pioneer www.rootsireland.ie – the unique database with over 22 million Irish historical records. He is a non-executive director of Irish Family History Foundation and a board member of NIPR, The National Collection of Northern Ireland Publications.

Gillian Hunt is Research Officer with the Ulster Historical Foundation and is responsible for the management of the Foundation's many genealogical activities. As well as managing the genealogy side of the Foundation's work, Gillian carries out research for clients and is a hugely experienced user of the General Register Office and the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland where she sits on PRONI's Stakeholder Forum. She regularly teaches courses in Northern Ireland and gives talks on family history in the rest of Ireland, the UK, the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Gillian has been co-presenting our annual North American lecture tours since 2013 and also co-delivered (with Fintan Mullan) the British Institute's week-long Irish genealogy course in Salt Lake City in October 2018 (hosted by the

International Society for British Genealogy and Family History). For the past twelve years, she has taught a number of extra-mural courses at Stranmillis College and at Queen's University, in Belfast, as well as to community groups across Northern Ireland in addition to co-presenting the Foundation's week-long genealogy courses at our offices in Belfast. Gillian has carried out the research for a number of television programmes, as well as appearing in several, most recently BBC's 'Stephen Nolan: Ulster-Scots, My Family and Me' (www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0014vjd/stephen-nolan-ulsterscots-my-family-and-me). She has been with the Foundation since 2001.