

BELFAST MARRIAGE INDEX: 1741 - 1845

Civil registration of non-Catholic marriages commenced in Ireland on April 1st 1845. From this date all non-Catholic marriages are indexed in Dublin. However, prior to 1845 a marriage may only be located by searching the marriage registers of the various churches serving the area where your ancestors lived. In a rural area this procedure would be fairly simple, but in the Belfast area the task would be quite difficult. The 19th century witnessed a phenomenal growth in the population of Belfast and as a consequence of this growth many churches were built to tend to the spiritual needs of the inhabitants. Therefore a search for a marriage in Belfast may mean searching 20 or more marriage registers. To help overcome this problem **Irish Genealogical Services** have compiled an index relating to the various Protestant churches in Belfast that have in their custody marriage registers prior to April 1st 1845. (Plans for a Catholic Marriage Index for Belfast: 1798 - 1864 are under way). For a limited period, they will search this index for a marriage, at a cost of £4 (or U.S.\$5). Reduced rates are available for subsequent requests. Further details from: David McElroy, 121 Saintfield Road, Belfast BT8 4HN, N.I.

The Index covers the following churches:

Second Rosemary Street (Presbyterian)	1741-1845
St Anne's (Church of Ireland)	1745-1845
All Soul's (Non-Subscribing Presbyterian)	1771-1845
First Rosemary Street (Non-Subscribing Presb.)	1790-1845
St George's (Church of Ireland)	1817-1845
Fitzroy (Presbyterian)	1821-1845
Ballymacarrett (Church of Ireland)	1827-1845
Fisherwick (Presbyterian)	1828-1845
May Street (Presbyterian)	1829-1845
Crescent (Presbyterian)	1831-1845
Salem New Connection (Methodist)	1834-1845
Donegall Square (Methodist)	1835-1845
Christ Church (Church of Ireland)	1837-1845
York Street (Presbyterian)	1840-1845
Eglinton (Presbyterian)	1840-1845
Frederick Street (Methodist)	1840-1845
St John's, Malone (Church of Ireland)	1842-1845

Queries can be accepted only from members, and should be kept as clear, concise and specific as possible. Readers who reply direct to an enquirer are asked to send a copy of their answer to the Editor, for possible future use.

16/1 **FRASER:** John Fraser, Easter Moniak, & wife Christian b. Inverness County 7 April 1770, m. 7 Jan 1796, had children Isobel b. 30 March 1797, & Thomas b. 7 Oct 1799 my g.g.grandfather. John, prior to emigrating with family to Pictou N.S. on brig "SARAH" in 1801 from Fort William, was employed as servant to Mr Fraser of "Reelig", Kirk Hill, Inv. Witnesses at birth of Thomas were Donald Fraser, Moniak, & Finlay Fraser, catechist. Any knowledge of John & Christian Fraser's family connections in Inverness County would be appreciated. - J.R. Fraser, Box 137, Gaagetown, N.B., Canada E0G 1V0.

16/2 **MACKENZIE:** Grateful for information about: Jessie Mackenzie, b 7:10:1870, will dated 5:11:1946 witnessed at Carroll Nursing Home, Inv; John Mackenzie, b 25:6:1872, former head gardener on Lochluichart Estate, last known address 15 Inglis Rd., Invergordon; Christina Ann Mackenzie, b 28:9:1876, m William Macdonald (formerly of Invergarry, then of Invergordon, worked as stevedore at Invergordon Naval base.) Their family were Angus, Christina (m Duncan MacRae, son John may be in Rosyth area), Sarah (m George --, dau. may have been Invergordon Town Clerk, & son was policeman in Orkney), Margaret, and James (Royal Navy diver?). Also seeking information on Mrs Jean Rolls (living at Rosemount, Gordon Terrace, Inv, in 1912). - Donald Mackenzie, 25 Eyres Drive, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 3TD.

16/3 **DOUGLASS:** I am interested in finding a Douglass or Douglas family of Inverness who were contractors or builders c.1775-1800. My g.g.g.grandfather, John McKenzie, was trained as a builder by his mother's family whose name was Douglass. - Glen W. McKenzie, Box 1767, Swan River, Manitoba, Canada R0L 1Z0.