

### Your Personal 'Coffee Table Book'

- Your personal Coffee Table Book
- Something to share with friends & family.
- A subject to stimulate conversation
- A book that describes your own family's history and in particular, the social history of the times and places your ancestors lived and worked.
- Need not be restricted to your family - it can serve to display the 'family history' of any family.
- No need for any specialist knowledge - it is a hard copy book, which can be passed down through the generations.
- An unusual gift for lots of different occasions
- Gift vouchers can be purchased to either cover or defray the cost.

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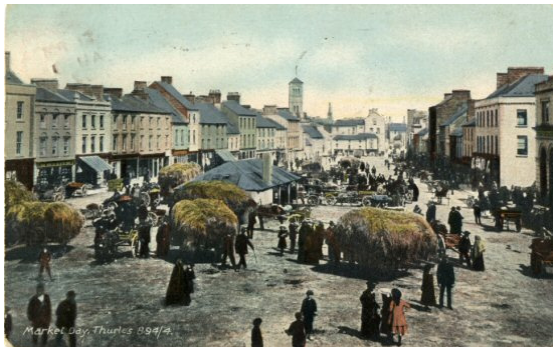
Have you ever wondered who your ancestors were, where they lived, what they did for a living?

Perhaps now is the time to investigate –  
Blake Court would be happy to carry out some research on your behalf.

In today's world of mobility, many of us have lost the identity that for centuries our ancestors had as most families lived, married and died in the same locality.

In recent years many individuals have been wanting to attach a geographical as well as a social identity to themselves and to learn about their ancestors.

Your family history need not be restricted to names and dates. Using various sources of information you can discover their social background, where they lived and what they did.



Researching your ancestor's lives can be so very rewarding and can often help you to understand things such as tales of family folklore as well as revealing facts about which you had previously been unaware.

Our expertise lies in tracing ancestors with British and Irish roots, although it must be noted that researching Irish roots presents us with some interesting challenges owing to a fire during the civil war in 1922, which destroyed many records.

## What can you expect?



- A description of the origin of your own surname if one exists.
- A description of any generic or specific arms for your family.
- A folder containing details of all of our research on your ancestors.
- Your folder will have the facility for additional pages to be added.
- A list of your ancestors' occupations as well as places they lived.
- Where they survived WWII bomb damage, any relevant military records.



## Some Snippets!

If we know where we came from, we may better know where to go. If we know who we came from, we may better understand who we are.

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In a cemetery in England:  
Remember man, as you walk by,  
As you are now, so once was I,  
As I am now, so shall you be,  
Remember this and follow me.



Know your relationships: An ancestor is a person from whom you are descended. A descendant is a person who is descended from an ancestor. A relative is someone with whom you share a common ancestor but who is not in your direct line.

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Your children may not thank you, but if you preserve the family genealogy your great great great great descendants will remember you as super-great!