



MARCH 2008 NEWSLETTER

Updates to the Archive

First drafts of **family trees** for all nine lines of Adamthwaites have now been loaded up on the site – with special thanks to Bob and Paula who provided GEDCOMs for their lines. I would be grateful if you could all take a look at the charts for your line and let me have any omissions and corrections.

There is also a new article on the Miscellany section – **Mary's story** (the PINK line of Adamthwaites), written by Ella.

Some more useful websites

- 1911 Dublin census <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>
- Currently only covers the Dublin area for 1911 but they are in process of digitising all of Ireland, first for 1911 then for 1901. As well as details of occupants of each property, you can also view the back of the enumerators form which describes the property in which they lived. FREE access!
- 1911 England and Wales Census – this is currently being digitised and put on line by Scotland online, you can register to be kept informed of progress at <http://www.1911censusinfo.co.uk/census-news.php>
- US Social Security death Index on Rootsweb <http://ssdi.rootsweb.com/>
- FREE to search, but you have to pay \$27 if you want a copy of the record
- Black Sheep Index <http://www.blacksheepindex.co.uk>
- South African Research (including soldiers in Boer War) <http://www.genealogyworld.net/>

Newspaper and Journal Archives

- The Guardian and Observer <http://archive.guardian.co.uk>
- The Irish Times www.ireland.com/search
- The London Gazette www.gazettes-online.co.uk
- The Scotsman www.archive.scotsman.com
- British Academy <http://www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/ilej/>
- Penny Illustrated Paper <http://www.collectbritain.co.uk/collections/pip/>

You may also be able to access the Times Digital Archive through your local library, if they have a subscription, just by entering your library card number as your password – I can in theory, however the site is constantly busy!

For a full list of worldwide online newspaper archives, go to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_online_newspaper_archives

Palaeography

Some on-line courses to help you read old handwriting:

- English Handwriting 1500-1700 www.english.cam.ac.uk/eres/ehoc
- Scottish Handwriting www.scottishhandwriting.com
- National Archives: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography

Contacting living relatives

At the suggestion of one of our members, I recently sent letters to all the Adamthwaites I could find in the English electoral registers ... in the hope of contacting anyone who might be interested in finding out more about their Adamthwaite ancestors, who may also be able to share information with us. I have received replies from a small number of people, one of whom has already sent in some splendid photos to add to the VIOLET line gallery and has also corrected some errors for us (thanks Phil).

If you would like a copy of the letter I used to send to any possible Adamthwaite contacts you may be able to find from electoral rolls or telephone directories for your part of the world, just let me know and I will email you a copy.

Finally ...

Please let me know if there are any additional areas you would like covered on the Adamthwaite Archive ... and more articles about your own ancestors are always very welcome.

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