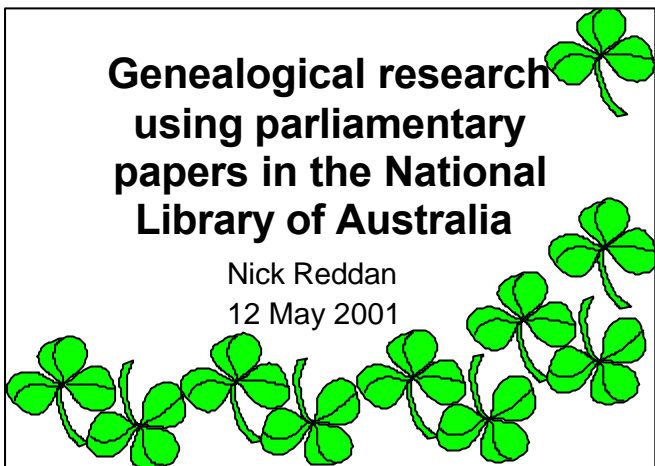


Genealogical research using parliamentary papers in the National Library of Australia

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Serendipity!!

- At the end of last meeting Barbara suggested a reprise on parliamentary papers
- a couple of days later I came across —

Serendipity!! (cont)

- Limerick Standard — 31 May 1839
- Deaths: In William Street, this day, Edward HOMAN Esq. He was for many years engaged in the pawnbroking business and evidenced a soundness of judgement and clearness of faculties in his examination before the Parliamentary Committee to enquire into that system in the year 1837. His manner was kind and unassuming and his conduct that of a faithful friend.

This provides an opportunity to explore the parliamentary papers

- What can we do with this obscure reference
- Look at the CD-ROM index
- After a few tries I found the right search for pawnbroking
- There were a couple of entries that looked promising — the best was:
- Select Committee on Pawnbroking in Ireland
- 1837-38 Volume 17 p173
- A quick trip to the stack to check. Then order

What was there?

- Several pages of evidence with interesting facts of genealogical nature.
- He was in business in Limerick for 30 years
- He was in business in Cork for six years
- He was representing the pawnbrokers of Limerick
- See photocopy

Lets refresh on what might appear in this useful resource

- Lots of things end up in parliamentary papers not just the reports of high ranking officials
- The National Library has a good collection (not perfect)
- They include:
 - ▶ lists of people
 - ▶ evidence
 - ▶ reports

Examples — names' lists

- Names of all persons admitted to the Dublin Trade Guilds apothecaries, Bakers... Smiths merchants — 1792 – 1837
 - ▶ 1837 (11) (161–91) Appendix 3
 - ▶ Sel. Cttee. on Fictitious Votes (Ireland). First Rep., Mins. of Ev., App., Index – 1837 (11) pt 1.1
- Account of sums received in Public Offices under fees due on demise of crown
 - ▶ 1822 (14) (509–

Examples — social history evidence

- Sel. Cttee. on Petition of Brewers of Dublin, Cork and Waterford. Report, Minutes of Evidence
 - ▶ 1810-11 (5) pp 17–
- Sel. Cttee. on Petitions of Mayor and Freeholders of City of Limerick, on Registration of Freeholds in Ireland. Report
 - ▶ 1817 (8) pp 31–

Annual sales of malt liquor from the principal breweries in Dublin

	1810	1811
Egan & Co	25,950	16,089
Trevor & Keogh	27,424	22,193
Michael Sweetman	24,024	19,697
Guinness's	70,614	55,488
Wm & Edw Conk	21,560	15,678
Grange Leeson & Co	27,463	16,658
Connolly & Sommers	50,571	41,595
Madder & Co	16,807	14,135
David Sherlock & Son	15,547	13,244

Total since 1810 equivalent to 200,000, 40 gallon barrels

How to find out what is available? — CD-ROM Index

- Published – Chadwyk-Healey Ltd 1995-97
- Available in reading rooms
- Main menu
- Indexes & Databases
- Politics & government
- go button
- Save full citation to disc
- have some luck
- Sq 328.42 GRE

A typical entry from the index

Paper type : COMMAND PAPERS -- ACCOUNTS AND PAPERS

Session : 1821

Paper number: (651)

Volume / Page : XX.63

Title : Account of Charges of Management for Out-port Dept. of Customs in Ireland and for Port of Dublin, 1819-20

Subject category : IRELAND

Subject : Trade and Commerce

TRADE, INDUSTRY, AND TRANSPORT

Customs (Ireland)

Microfiche number : 23.117

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