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About David



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His topics

FamilySearch Future and Vision

All levels

FamilySearch is focusing on bringing more people to family history and creating an experience that appeals to the novice as well as the expert. Learn where FamilySearch is headed and what to expect on the FamilySearch website.

Connecting the Community through FamilySearch

All levels

The growing collection of FamilySearch tools to connect the community is helping everyone to make breakthroughs in their research. These tools are crossing electronic and paper boundaries to share information across the globe.

Irish Census and Census Substitutes

All levels

This lecture is intended to explain the scope of what records survived and to focus on what can be done to mitigate the loss rather than focus on the loss itself. The intent is to broaden the researcher's perspective of what constitutes a census record and how the various name lists can be used to leverage their maximum potential.

Interpreting and Evaluating Name Lists

All levels

This session illustrates how to use and draw the most information out of name lists as substitute censuses. When someone says, "the name is there, but it doesn't tell me anything" this session is especially for them! Examples used are for both Ireland and Australia.

Chasing the Poor and the Landless

All levels

Defining the landless and alternate record sources is crucial for identifying the poorest of the poor. The records of the Irish poor are voluminous, but scattered throughout the country. This session helps you understand where and how to approach this particular type of problem.