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About Perry



Perry McIntyre has worked as an historian since 1983. She was President of the History Council of NSW in 2005-06, councillor of the Society of Australian Genealogists for 20 years, has also served on the councils of the RAHS, the Australian Catholic Historical Society and is the current Chair of the Great Irish Famine Commemoration Committee. Perry has published and spoken extensively on immigration and family history. Her PhD on convict family reunion was published in Ireland as *Free Passage* in 2010 and she is co-director of Anchor Books Australia specialising in colonial Australia. Perry lectures to community groups and presents at Academic conferences in Australia and overseas and has been leader or co-tour leader and organiser of nine successful tours to Ireland (between 1991 and 2007).

Her topics

Remembering and commemorating our ancestors

All levels

As genealogists and historians we gather information about our ancestors and the places they lived, but we can never really know these fleeting ghosts from the past. What is it that we find or chose to remember about these people? This paper will look at why and how we become passionate about some aspects of history while neglecting other events and ignoring some people. How and why do we remember and commemorate the dead and some events.

'the infernal villain will be sent away': Convict Case studies in the National Archives of Ireland

All levels

The convict indents which survive in Australia can give us a wonderful glimpse into the trial, native place and personal details of a transported ancestor but in the National Archives of Ireland there is a wealth of documentation on the activities of men and women who came to the attention of the authorities because of their 'criminal' activities. For example, the man transported as a vagrant for seven years for singing ballads of the 'most mischievous and evil tendencies'; the story behind the barbarous murder committed by three men who were executed and the appeals for recompense by the women who were witnesses or the story of a man who was so well-behaved on the Hulk at Dublin while he awaited transportation that his sentence was remitted. This historical and genealogical gold mine will be examined here.