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Rain, Rain. But we need it so are glad to get it, This April-like weather makes us think about getting a garden started and, of course,, making plans for the June conference. Brochures should be coming soon. Just save the day. You can check our website for anything new on registration also.

I do not have any society notes to publish this time and I wish there were some. This might be at least another avenue for getting the word out if we can synchronize our publication dates. Keep it in mind.

I have been reading some good stuff:

I have been working on my kids' cousins' genealogy lately. Some of them have nice photographs of older generations and having access to them has made my latest family book all the better. So, in case you have not thought of it, maybe your family's younger generations have some materials you can use. You might want to check.

I have been reading again:

**Ireland** – FindMyPast has added to their collection of Quaker (Society of Friends) congregational records from Ireland. Some 250,000 new records in this collection list details of attendance at various gatherings and activities as well as minutes of more formal half-yearly meetings. A typical record lists the person's name and date the address of the meeting. Must subscribe to access.]

**Ireland** — The Church of Ireland has just published an updated list of historic parish registers for Ireland. This very useful 96-page pdf document lists by parish and diocese what baptism, marriage and burial records exist by date range and where to find them (including where to look online).

This guide is indispensable for anyone trying to trace their Irish ancestors. It will save you many hours of unnecessary frustration. The first step in any ancestral search (and one that many genealogists unfortunately overlook) is making sure that a record exists for a given place and time. This guide allows you to do that.

[[List of Church of Ireland Historic Parish Registers](#)]by

**England** - The website *The British Newspaper Archive* has reached an important milestone by complete digitization of a newspaper from all the 48 cities in England. The collection spans nearly 300 years. Access is by subscription.

**France** - FamilySearch has indexed some 600,000 records from the Saone-et-Loire census of 1876. The district is near Burgundy. The census lists the name, address, gender, age, marital status, occupa

tion Access is Free.

**US** – Great news for anyone with ancestors from the US Virgin Islands. The Danish National Archives has just launched a free new website to commemorate the day one hundred years ago in which the Dutch transferred the Territory of the Virgin Islands over to the United States. The website is called *DanishWest Indies - Sources of History*. Known historically as the Danish West Indies or Danish Antilles, it consisted of the islands of Saint Thomas, Saint John and Saint Croix. The Dutch controlled these islands from 1754 until 1917. It was transferred over to the United States on 31 March 1917.

This new website contains some 5 million images of original documents, maps and drawings related to the time when the Dutch controlled the island. More than 150 volunteers have been working on digitizing these records for genealogical research. It is a treasure trove for anyone looking for ancestral records, including slave records.

The search engine on this website works just like our own [Genealogy Search Engine](#). You can enter names, dates and places. A complete search guide is also available for anyone who requires assistance. Access is free. [[US Virgin Island Genealogy Records](#)]

[FamilySearch](#), the world largest free ancestral record website has put together a couple of short and very useful videos on how to find records on their vast website. These are great videos to watch if you are new to the website. They also provide useful tips for more experienced users.

[Canada](#) - The 1842 census can be accessed on Family Search at no cost

**Ireland** – *Dublin City Library* has released a collection of historic photographs. Also included in this new collection are postcards, letters, pamphlets and city maps. This release contains about 43,000 items in total.

Most of the photographs date from the 1930s to the 1990s. Some are images of street scenes, and various cultural and social events. Most of the images of people seem to be publicity shots of actors from the Irish Theatre. Some of the maps show property boundaries listing the names of the owners of the property (see example below). This collection can be searched by keyword (like a name). Access is free. [[Historic Dublin Photographs](#)]

*Okay , Just a few ideas for your research.*

*Til next time,*

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