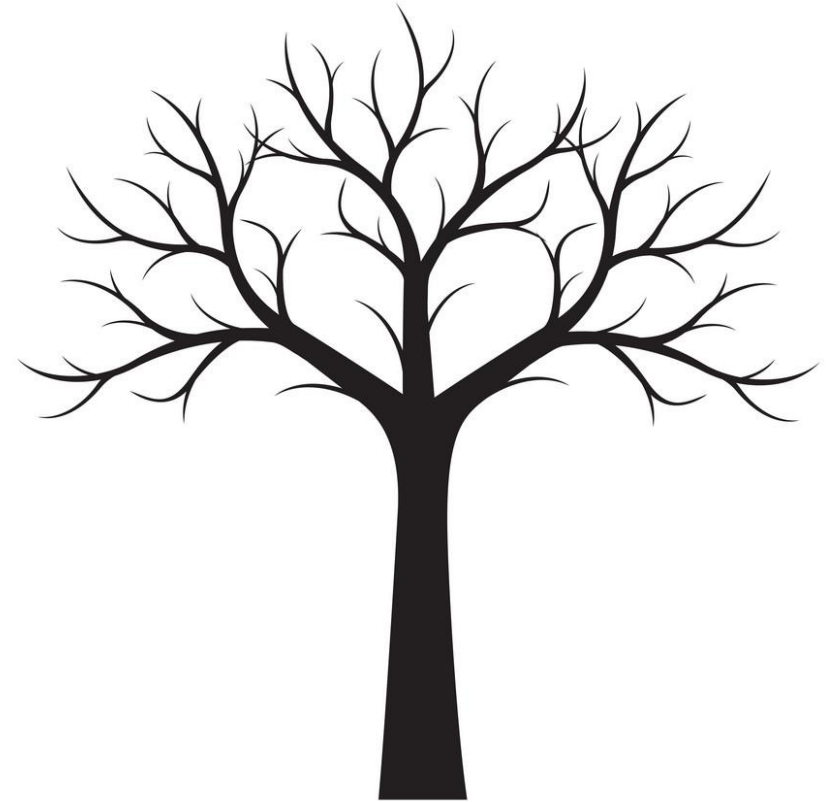


Getting the most from online databases: tips and tricks for searching

(Lecture 1 of 6)

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What's included

- Setting priorities (with Lucinda)
- Some well-known online databases
- Some not so well-known online databases
- Getting some of the information you need (want!)
- Some questions answered
- Searching databases to get the most from them
- Some worth-while paysites
- Primary v secondary sources
- Copy of the Powerpoint presentations
- Microsoft Word file with links

What's not included

- All data sources – there are lots more resources
- NI records
- Dublin-specific records; other county-specific records – Elphin census 1749, Cloyne census 1766
- Estate records
- Not many secondary sources
- Doing the searching for you!

Some search strategies

- Good understanding of the resource helps to get the most from it
- We are using some databases for different purposes than the data was collected for
- Boundaries change or have changed – search in neighbouring townlands/parishes
- Start at the end; find a death record and work backwards
- Keep focused
- Be wary of ‘family lore’, information from others, etc.
- Validate information
- Patience and perseverance
- Write the information and share it as you go