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# NEWSLETTER

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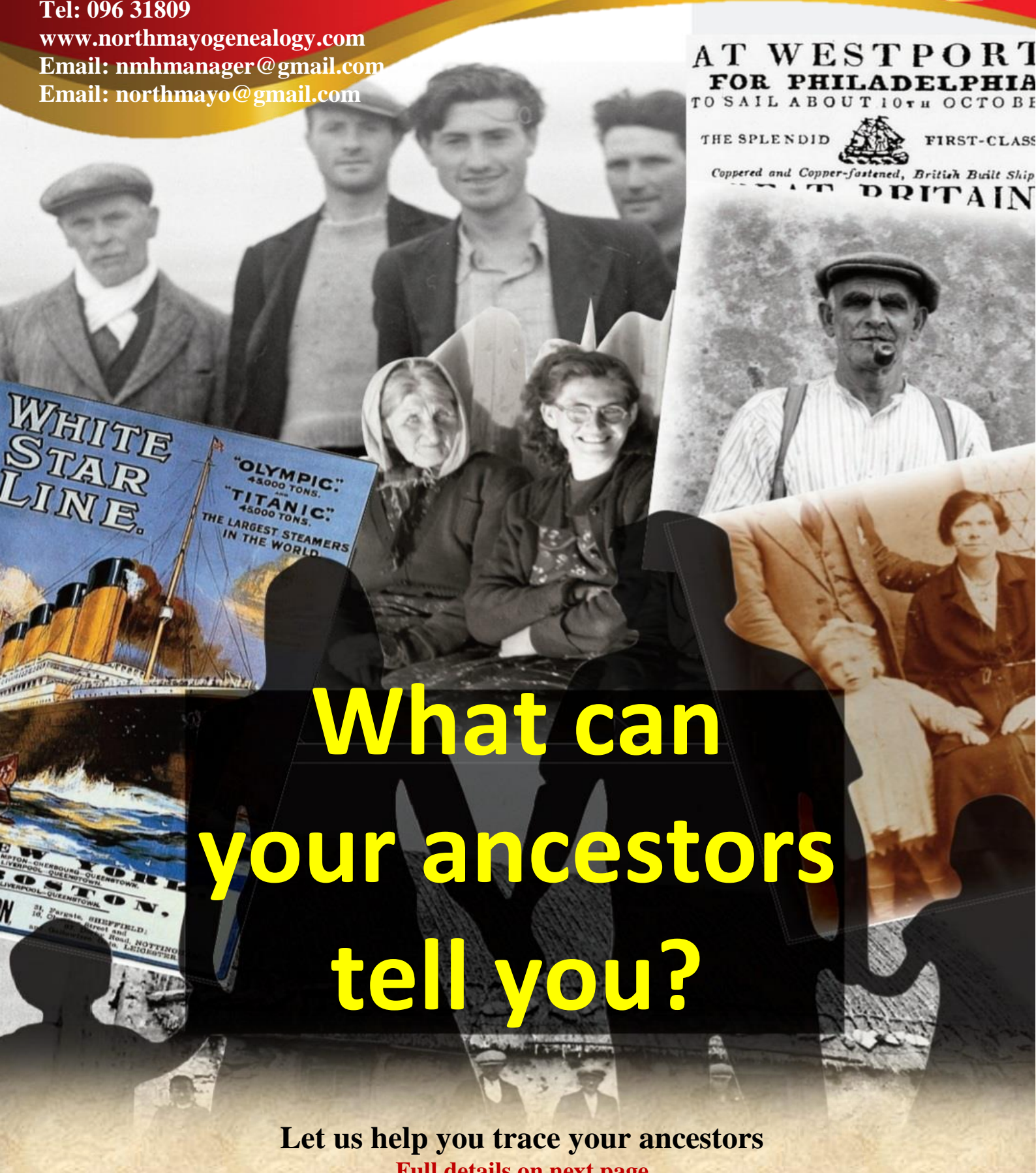
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TO SAIL ABOUT 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
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## What can your ancestors tell you?

Let us help you trace your ancestors

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The North Mayo Heritage Centre is dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich heritage of the region

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU COMMISSION US TO DO SOME FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH?

Our clients come in all shapes and guises. Some are curious, but don't know where to start. Others have been researching on their own for years and want the difficult questions answered.

You can contact us by phone, by letter, or by email. You can call into the centre if you are in the area to collect an application form. It doesn't matter where you are based, we can help you with your north Mayo ancestors.

The first thing we do when you contact us is have a short chat, by email, or over the phone, to find out what you already know, and what you would like to learn when we are finished researching for you. Maybe, it won't be possible to meet your needs, because the information you want is too early for the surviving records, or too recent and will be protected by privacy laws. But for most people, we can help you. We will set out what we can do, how much it will cost and how long it will take us. We charge for our research service, because you are buying our help as opposed to simply buying records. Because we do this every day, for multiple clients, we have plenty of experience in the twists and turns that come with family history research.

What you already know is always the starting point. From that, we build a plan for how the research will go. This usually goes off the rails very shortly after we begin, because research is always unpredictable!

We would often start with our basic records, Mayo based parish and civil records of things like baptisms, marriages, deaths and censuses etc.

Once we can build a reasonable body of information using those, we will go in one of two directions. If members of your family emigrated, we will document this.

Some people like us to research their ancestors' lives in the United States or England or wherever they went to in detail. Others like a summary, just to know where their ancestors went. We often provide a photo of the street their ancestors lived on as it looks today, to give a little context to the life changing journey that is emigration. We can provide a wealth of information on their lives abroad.

For those ancestors who remained in Ireland, we trace their lineage down into more recent times. We use records of birth, marriage, death, burial, as well as newspaper and sometimes court records to do this.

Every piece of research we produce is illustrated with maps and images, and we provide as much commentary as we can to explain the story the records are trying to tell us.

Once the report is written, it is copy edited by Heritage Centre staff twice over. No matter how small a project you commission, the researcher will have written it, and two other people will have checked it.

It is then sent to you as a draft for you to read and we ask you to tell us what you think. Once you are happy, we can then think about finishing the product off, perhaps as one of our hard backed, bound Family History Reports.



D. Ó. Gallchobhair O.S. and Pádraig Ó Fearaigh, Folklore informants, from Achill Sound, Co. Mayo in 1956.

(image from National Photographic Collection M003.03.00537)

We can include family photos or other information you may wish to add to the finished report. This is personal to you and your loved ones, so material like this is always welcome.

If you think you would like to ask us to help you find out more about your family history, even if you are starting from absolute scratch, get in touch and let's see if we can give you an insight into your past which is personal and unique to your family.

The North Mayo Heritage Centre has been gathering records from the region since the early 1980s and today holds in excess of 1.2 million records.



## SANTA EXPERIENCE

at the  
North Mayo Heritage Centre

10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December  
17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December

€20 (+booking fee)  
Adults free

For full details  
[www.northmayogenealogy.com/  
events](http://www.northmayogenealogy.com/events)

DEC 18<sup>th</sup> SOLD OUT

If you think we can assist you,  
please get in touch.

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Image of a bound Family History Report

