

O'Shea Clan News July 2009

Here are some snippets related to O'Shea activities! A special welcome to new members of the O'Shea yDNA Project.

Those interested in the O'Shea yDNA project might like to know that Family Tree DNA have let project administrators know about their offer of discounted DNA kits. This offer runs until the end of July 2009. Here are the prices for the various tests:

Y-DNA37 – promotional price \$119 (reg. price \$149)
Y-DNA67 – promotional price \$199 (reg. price \$238)
mtDNAPlus – promotional price \$119 (reg. price \$149)

If you have someone in mind or know of someone who may want to purchase a kit, now is a good time.....note, the offer ends at the end of July! Kits must be ordered through a project to avail of the discount.

Have you heard of the Kerry "Rose of Tralee Festival"? This is the 50th anniversary of the Rose of Tralee Festival. This year, the Queensland Rose is Kelly O'Shea. Her paternal grandfather was from County Wexford. Kelly is hoping to become the Rose of Tralee (<http://www.roseoftralee.ie>) in August this year. Good luck, Kelly!

Note that Orla O'Shea who represented Kilkenny was the "Rose of Tralee" in 2004.

Another Australian, Mark Shea, intrepid traveller and film maker visited Ireland in 2006. He recently sent us links to two videos of his travels in Cork and Kerry. Mark interviewed our own Brian O'Shea, one of the co-administrators of the O'Shea yDNA Project. Brian talks about genealogy, emigration and other interesting topics which may be of interest to you.

All of the above information and videos are available to access on our O'Shea Clan news webpage: www.osheaclan.org/news.html

Irish 1911 Census Update: Counties Donegal, Cork, Galway, Wexford and Offaly are now available on the National Archives website (<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie>), which also has the returns for counties Dublin, Antrim, Down and Kerry. The National Archives hopes to have Limerick, Mayo, Waterford, Armagh, Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Fermanagh, Kildare, Kilkenny and Leitrim online by mid-July. Londonderry (Derry), Longford, Louth, Meath, Monaghan, Laois, Roscommon, Sligo, Tipperary, Tyrone, Westmeath and Wicklow are due to be online by the end of August.

If you have any news you want to include on our website or email to members, please let us know. Email: Margaret at: margaretlj@eircom.net, Brian at: brianos1@eircom.net, James at: joshea@douglas-esl.ie

Best wishes from the O'Shea Clan Committee

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