

## **Genealogy - September 2022 Report**

Sixteen members of the joint Teesdale and Bishop Auckland Genealogy Group met in person at Enterprise House. The topic was 'Civil Registration of Births Marriages and Deaths'.

Civil registration commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1837 in England and Wales but not until 1<sup>st</sup> January 1855 for Scotland and 1<sup>st</sup> January 1864 for Ireland. The talk discussed how these records can help the family historian and where they can be found.

A 'certificated copy' of the entry in the birth, marriage or death register - normally called the birth certificate etc - provides the most information, names, exact date and place of the event and more. The 'certificate' is only available from either the local registrar's office or from the General Registry Office (GRO) but the index to the registers is readily available on-line from FreeBMD, FamilySearch, as well as paid-for sites such as Ancestry, FindMyPast etc. The index information is very useful in its own right since it gives the name, approximate date and location of the event and some additional information. A free index to the births and deaths is also available online from the GRO which provides the additional information of age at death for deaths and the mother's maiden name for births. The main index only provides this information from 1866 and 1912 respectively.

In October the topic will be "Parish records of Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths". The meeting will be in person at 2pm on **Wednesday** October 5<sup>th</sup> in the Dales Room at Enterprise House on the Harmire Estate in Barnard Castle. (Our meeting room is not available on Thursday). A one-hour tutorial will be followed by a one hour practical session.

Our meetings will revert to the first Thursday of the month for November and December.

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