

GENEALOGY VI RESEARCH: LEGENDS & FOLKLORE

EVIDENCE WAITING : How to use legends in the Search

- What is Possible?
- Does the surname, or family appearance help?
- Is it based on an historic event (local or global)?
 Explore in depth, e.g. Battle of the Boyne.
- Beware 'Chinese whispers' – i.e. hearing wrongly.
- Is it so vague it needs exploration of peoples or places, e.g. gypsies?
- Could it be 'googled' using the right keywords?
- Could it be a 'big cover' for shady happenings, e.g. bigamy?
- Knowing what you now know of the family
 And Your knowledge of people/psychology

Has the Legend been solved (always from hindsight)?

- If yes, can you try to research it, or is it back beyond paper records?
- If not, Write it up answering: Who? Where? When? Which/What? How/ Why?
- Date your efforts - and try again later.