

GENEALOGY VII LAND: TOPOGRAPHY & TENURE

How land could affect the family in the past.

LEVELS OF PLACENAMES

Country,
County/State/Province
Town/Parish
Suburb/Locality
Street or Road & #

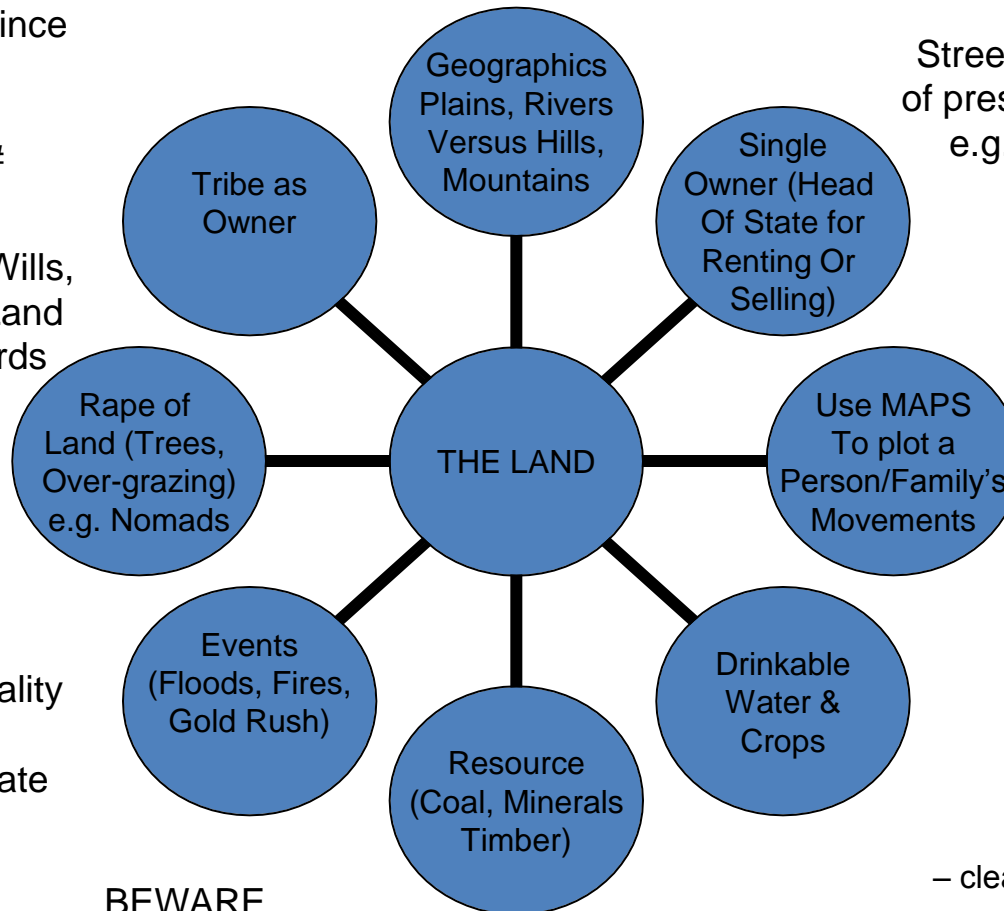
Land may be
Entailed
especially if
peerage

Explore maps, local
history, travel books,
photos of the
landscape --

POLITICAL JURISDICTIONS

Kingdom or Principality
Dukedom/Duchy
Parish & County/State
Diocese/Barony
Province/Regions
Townland

CAN AFFECT THE FAMILY



BEWARE

'Chinese' Whispers⁵⁹ e.g. information heard
wrongly, Ashford MDX, not Ashford Kent

In a New Country – places can be
named for the old Country's
regions or places lived.
Street names can reflect names
of present and past landowner/s,
e.g. in London - Holland Park,
Holland Street, etc.

Old street numbering - start
at 1 and number
consecutively down left side
to end then across to the
right side and back to
beginning so that the highest
number is opposite #1.

•London (and other cities) has its
expensive and its poorer
suburbs.⁶⁰ Some merchants had
a town, and a country house, e.g.
City of London, and Sussex
City of London has over 100
parishes in an area the size of a
rural parish.

Great Fire of London
– cleaned out old 'ragged' street pattern
(see some town centres).
Paris done 1860s by Napoleon III

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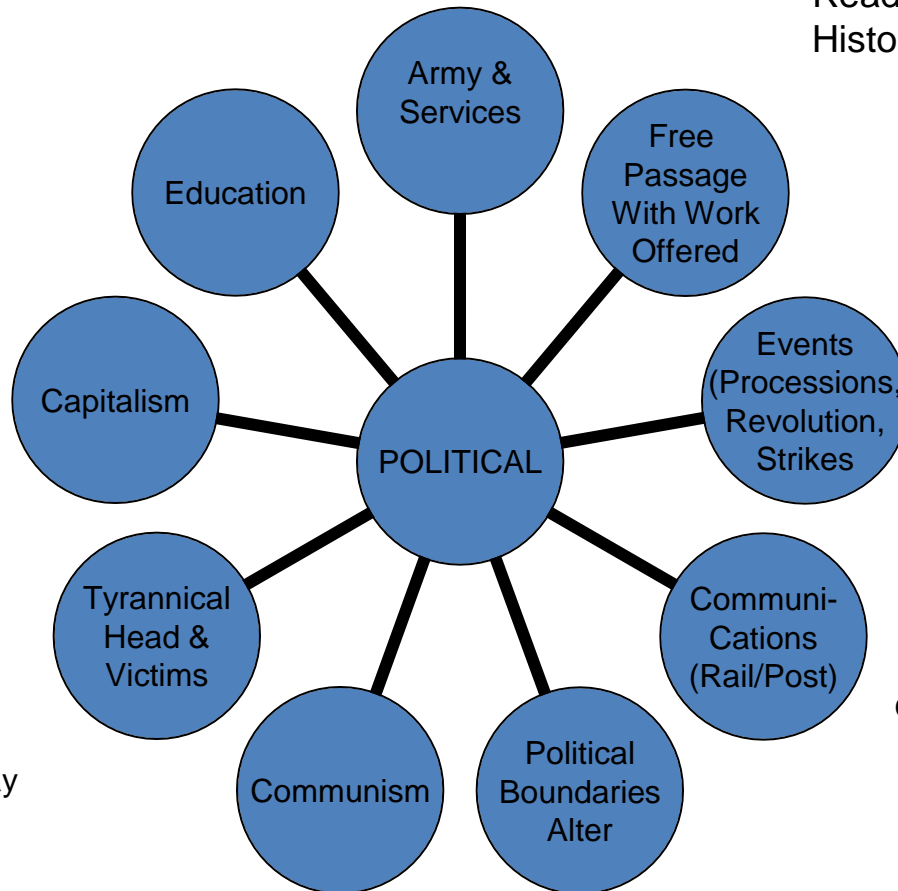
THE TIMES: POLITICAL

To help understand the political situation. And why family did what they did.

Chivalrous knights eased the gap between upper and lower classes. Brought them together via their need for work done by lower classes, e.g. butchery, carpenter. Then as servants in their homes, at first as part of the family (to 1700s). Then post WWI regular work for women, and now all 'mingle' freely. --

ABOUT HISTORY
Today is the present
Tomorrow is the future
Yesterday and back is history.
So everything in the World today has a time-line back in time.
Not just Politics.⁶²

CAN AFFECT THE FAMILY



Read Local & Political Histories for the Effects

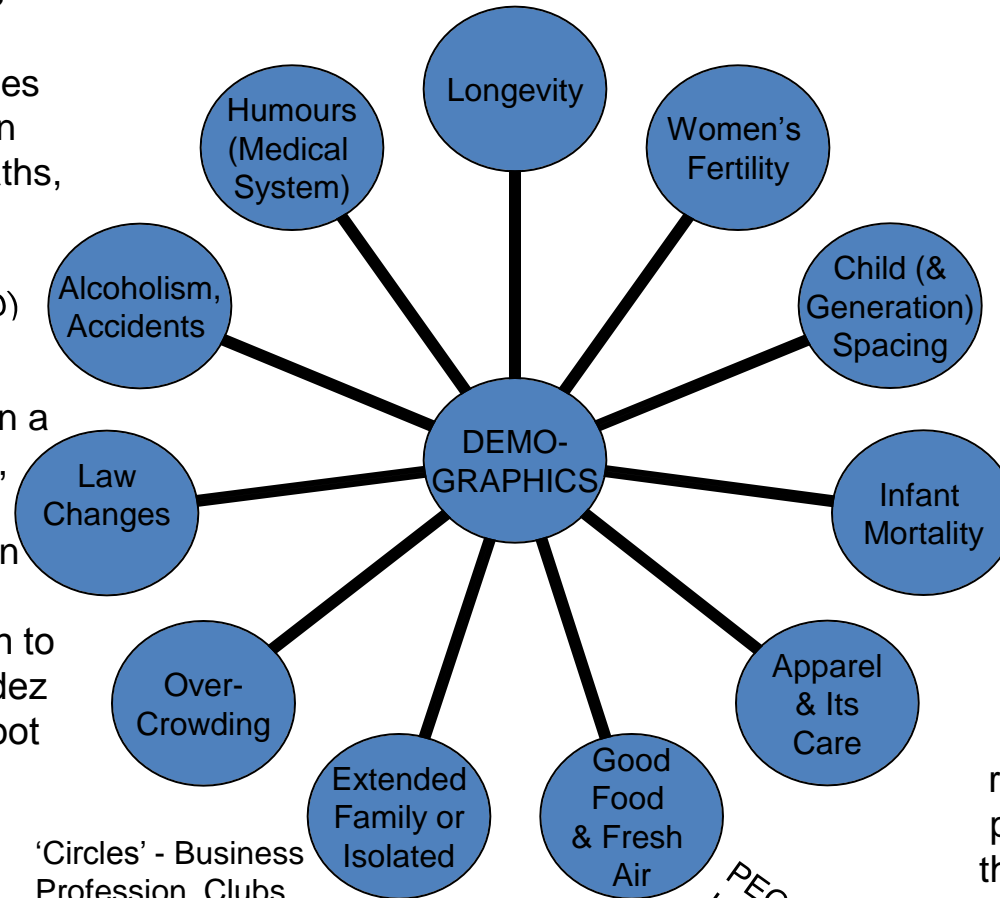
In England the Straight Roads the Romans made must have cut through local communities causing possible homelessness.

A family in same house could experience boundary changes⁶³, e.g. different counties, or electoral districts, or even the house number.

GENEALOGY VII THE TIMES: DEMOGRAPHICS

Facts about people - in the past.

ABOUT THE FAMILY



Pasteur discovered microbes, 1870s+. From this came sewer systems (stopped chamber pot incidents), and started Local Bodies taking on building plans.

Also drinkable water and infants' milk.

On Early Sea Voyages of several years, sailors had low alcoholic drinks or searched for fresh water when on land.

Herbs were used to relieve symptoms. The principal ingredient/s of these became the basis of today's medications.⁶⁴

A gap of no children in a family could mean the father was absent, or there were miscarriages (This term was used in the past for infant deaths, i.e. they did not reach toddlerhood. --

(& WORK-RELATED)

Overcrowding can be in a house, in an institution, e.g. asylum or workhouse, or in a town or city, e.g. London. Causes people's health to deteriorate. Also, 'Gardez l'eau!' when chamber pot contents tossed out of upstairs windows. All Lead to early death.

'Circles' - Business Profession, Clubs Sport, Politics Education
Wife chosen from Hobbies, Social

PEOPLE - BIGGER, HEALTHIER