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IRISH MARINERS

<http://www.irishmariners.ie/>

David Snook has created an index of Irish born merchant seamen contained in the CR10 series of index cards in the Southampton Civic Archives. The CR10 Archive holds 270,000 cards covering the multinational workforce of the British Merchant Marine from late 1918 to the end of 1921, of which about 22,900

were found to be Irish born. All ranks and jobs at sea are covered, from master to scullion, including, but not limited to, officers, mates, engineers, boatswains, seamen of any rating, wireless operators, apprentices, boys, cooks, stewards, stewardesses, pantrymen, carpenters, firemen and trimmers. A unique feature of the CR10 cards is that they usually contain a good photograph of the seaman. Forty examples of these photographs are included on the website. Each individual may have several cards. If a card was lost, then a new identity card was issued with a new number and the old number was cancelled.

You can search based on a surname only, a surname and forename, a surname and initial, or an

identity number (with no name). The research results provide the following information for each matching entry: name, identity number, birth date/place, whether there is a photo and its quality (f0-f5), next of kin and voyages taken. You have the option to print a PDF version of the document in short

or long record format. At the bottom of the search results, a list of similar surnames, such as Nelson for Neligan, are suggested for further investigation.

The search results will tell you only that a CR10 card exists, along with select details. If you want more, you can order the card you're interested in from the Southampton Archives.

Given that, for most of these young men, whose families only have photos of them when they are much older, the ability to see a photo of them in their youth is priceless. With this easy-to-use index created by David Snook, access to these documents is easy! — DIANE L. RICHARD



ARCHIVES NEW ZEALAND

<http://www.archives.govt.nz/>

IF YOU ARE DOING New Zealand research, don't miss Archives New Zealand's website. Images of original documents held by the National Office and Galleries for the three regional offices, Christchurch, Dunedin and Auckland, are available through this website.

Overall, Archives New Zealand holds approximately 86 km (or 53.44 mi) of archives and over half a million maps and documents in four offices.

Under Exhibitions, you can find sections like: An Impressive Silence, a collection of public and personal documents and memoirs from World War I; Passchendaele Casualty Forms; and the Treaty of Waitangi.

The Christchurch Gallery, www.christchurch.archives.govt.nz/v/christchurch, has archives from Maori communities in Canterbury and Westland, including population tabulations and land claims. The Farrago Gallery contains miscellaneous items, from maps of the Godley Head Defence Area, to the Surgeon's Report from the 1850 voyage of the *Lady*

Nugent. You can also find the Canterbury Association papers from the first four emigrant ship voyages to the Canterbury Settlement in 1850-51, including images and surviving original documents, as well as documents from the *Strathallan*, the first immigrant ship to arrive in Timaru in 1859.

In the Dunedin Gallery, www.christchurch.archives.govt.nz/v/dunedin, you can find the Dunedin Fire Brigade Photographs; photos of Seacliff Hospital; a selection of photographs from certificates of registration issued by the Collector of Customs in Dunedin.

The Auckland Gallery, www.christchurch.archives.govt.nz/v/auckland, has images and documents from 1929-1976 for an underground railway link beneath central Auckland.

Just by perusing what was available via these exhibitions and galleries, I learned a lot about New Zealand's history — now, just imagine if your ancestors were a part of it! — DIANE L. RICHARD

INSTITUTE OF JEWISH LIFE DIGITAL ARCHIVE PROJECT

www.isjl.org/history/archivelindex.html

IF YOU HAVE southern Jewish roots, check out the new Institute of Jewish Life (ISJL) Digital Archive Project. The goal of this project is to present a history of every congregation and significant Jewish community in the South — many of which were not large or permanently established. Currently, they have completed Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Tennessee and will add other southern states in the future.

For each state, there is an overview of the state and its Jewish history. When you click on a listed community, detail is provided about significant people or events unique to that Jewish community. If there is additional information about a community, such as Woodville, Mississippi, you will find links to the supporting documents, pages or images. For several of the communities, information is included on

Jewish burials in local cemeteries.

If you know of a congregation or community that existed in any of these states, or you have additional information about any of the listed communities or congregations, ISJL would love to hear from you — you can contact them at rockoff@isjl.org.

South Carolina is the most recent state added to this website and the history of early Charleston is fascinating and surprising. I learned that by the mid 1700s, Charleston had a large enough Jewish population to form a congregation, only the fourth in what would become the United States, and by 1764, purchased land for a Jewish cemetery. A book about this cemetery and others, *The Old Jewish Cemeteries at Charleston, SC A transcript of the inscriptions on their tombstones, 1762-1903*, can be found at www.archive.org/details/oldjewishcemetery00elza. — DIANE L. RICHARD

FAMILY OLD PHOTOS

www3.familyoldphotos.com

AS GENEALOGISTS AND family historians, we know that sometimes a picture can say a thousand words. We also know that family photos get spread around to extended family and we might never know what photos survive, especially if we haven't identified all the branches of our family tree. And, often we inherit boxes and albums full of unlabeled photos of individuals or places, which may be of our ancestors, their friends, neighbors or colleagues. Trying to identify all of these people can be frustrating, and too often most of the individuals remain unknown.

The website Family Old Photos might help with these challenges through its free online archive of old photographs. It has more than 20,000 old photographs, representing more than 36,500 surnames and thousands of families, maybe even yours!

You can search the collection, browse through the surname index or use the navigation bar (US states, Canadian provinces, other countries, unknown photos, Civil War Photos, Railroad Photos, Circus Photos, Fire Departments, Schools and Special Sections). Obviously, those photos connected with a family name, or a particular location, are easy to search for

and might help fill in your collection.

To me, the most intriguing photographs are those labeled as unknown — grouped as Unknown Women, Unknown Men, Unknown Children, Unknown Groups and Unknown Places. Many of us may have ancestors included here — take a few minutes to check these out and you may spot a distant ancestor. Not only will you gain a photo for your collection, you will make a distant cousin happier by now knowing who that unnamed individual was.

You can add your own family's photographs, known or unknown, and make connections with relatives and long lost cousins. You just might find out who the mysterious individuals in your old family photos are! Whether you have your photos digitized, can get them scanned or just want to share them, instructions are provided to assist you in posting your photos.

Even if you don't plan to post your photos or need help identifying unknown individuals, it's just fascinating to scroll through the pictures and see all of these individuals and places captured in time!

— DIANE L. RICHARD

