



W.I.S.E. Family History Society (WISE-FHS)

MEMBERS' SURNAMES OF INTEREST INSTRUCTION SHEET

The WISE Members' Surnames of Interest list is a list of family surnames that are being researched, or are otherwise of interest, to members of the W.I.S.E. Family History Society (WISE-FHS).

In addition to the surnames, the following information is also collected on the "Members' Surnames of Interest" form:

1. Any other names associated with the surname, such as given name(s)
2. The general period of time during which the surname is of interest; e.g., 16th C, 1740-1800, etc.
3. The city, town, and/or townland in which the surname is to be found
4. The county or shire of the search (Note: Please identify using the Chapman codes)
5. The country of the search

The following table is provided as an example:

Surname	Other Name	Time Period	City/Town/Townland	County/ Shire	Country
Jackson	Robert	1793-1820	Carrickfergus	ANT	IRL

Hardcopy "Members' Surnames of Interest" forms are available at all WISE-FHS meetings and on our website on the "Membership" page. Completed hardcopy forms can be turned in at a scheduled WISE-FHS meeting, or mailed to Sandra Keifer-Roberts using the following address: Sandra Keifer-Roberts c/o WISE Family History Society, P.O. Box 40658, Denver, CO 80204-0658.

A fillable MS Word electronic form is also available on the website. When completed please email it to our webmaster at webguy@wise-fhs.org. He will convert it into PDF document and forward it to Sandra Keifer-Roberts.

An MS Excel Spreadsheet is also available on the website for those of you who wish to submit your information in spreadsheet

format. When completed, please email it directly to sandrakr@wise-fhs.org

Sandra will then enter the information into our surnames database. In this way, everyone's surnames of interest are available to our other members. Subsequently, anyone who has information or interest in another member's surname may contact that member and possibly collaborate, or at least commiserate, in their research. In many cases, even in such a relatively small society such as ours, two or more members can be working on the same surname, within or near the same locality of origin.

The greater the number of names listed, the better the chance of finding surnames of mutual interest. There are currently more than 600 names on the list, including spelling variations, multiple locations, and multiple dates. Please don't give up if your names do not appear on the list. Instead, put your names on the list so other members interested in these surnames can reach out to you. The surnames list is available at monthly WISE-FHS meetings and as a downloadable PDF document on the WISE-FHS Website's "Membership" page.

When you find a name on the list which is of interest to you, please contact Sandra by email, or at the next WISE-FHS meeting, and she will help you obtain contact information for the person researching the surname of interest to you.

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