Special Issue

Genealogy and Historical Geography

Message from the Guest Editor

Family historians, genealogists, and historical population and cultural geographers have much in common. Genealogy and family history research has a natural overlap with historical geography because they all deal with people who lived and died in the places of preceding eras. Genealogists are usually most concerned with finding related individuals using clues that include possible locations of life events, while historical geographers are more often focused on how larger social processes shaped bygone physical and cultural landscapes. We seek papers that explore the potential for genealogical data and methods to inform historical geography questions and problems for a Special Issue of Genealogy on "Genealogy and Historical Geography". This research collaboration will build on the growing literature in geography that already encompasses many studies that use a genealogical foundation to successfully explore issues such as family heritage tourism, personal identity formation, urban development, place name evolution, historical demographic shifts, spatial relatedness, last name distributions, and family migration patterns.

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