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“Avoncroft Nailers Cottage”

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In 2012 an 1840s nail maker's cottage was carefully dismantled for reconstruction at Avoncroft Museum. With the construction work currently taking place at the Museum site we will explore the history of this humble cottage from its 1840s construction up to the present day and follow the story of the people who lived there from Victorian nail makers to Austin's motor Company employees in the early 20th century.

In 1801 Great Britain and Ireland became the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland following acts passed by both parliaments (although the Irish parliament was far from representative of its population). In 1922 the Irish Free State was created, so from that point onwards it was the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The British Isles is a geographical term for the islands of Ireland and Great Britain, together with thousands of smaller islands.

The term ‘midlands’ is first recorded (as ‘mydlande’) in 1555. It is possible therefore that until then Mercia had remained the preferred term.

From a 1911 census household returns:-

“Incidentally, we have an Airdale Terrier. I do not know whether particulars are required, but in case you want them here they are
Roger age 5 male, number of children born ? But something over 100, watch dog , looking after house, born Keithley, Yorkshire”

The Ladbrook family of 358 Bramford Road, Ipswich included Bobs, the black cat. He was described as being one year old and his birthplace as “a stable in Ipswich”. His occupation was listed as “Nomad” working in the “Mice Hunting” industry, “mostly” from home.

Margaret (Coen) Clarke of County Galway was 101 years old when she died in 1875. She led a typical life. She married young and had twelve children: eight boys and four girls. At the time of her death, she had seventy-nine grandchildren. Little did she know that she would one day end up in the Guinness Book of World Records.

James and Hubert, realizing as young men that the family farm could not continue to support the large family emigrated to America in the 1920s. Charles was taken into the Black and Tans in 1921, and the following year he was a founding member of An Garda Siochana, the national police force for the Republic of Ireland.

Daughter Madge (Clarke) Fanning is the last surviving sibling. And what do she, James, Charles, and their brothers Joe and Pat all have in common? Like their mother, each lived to be more than 100 years old.

Ellis Island has a new website

<http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/>

The only problem is I can't look at it as it has horizontal scrolling images. It makes me feel ill. Vertically scroll images do the same, shots from in a boat on the tv, the modern unsteady filming techniques.

I have always been travel sick – no swings or roundabouts or fairground rides for me.

I generally drive the car but have had to stop on occasions whilst driving.

Is it inherited ? I never new my mother had it until we went for a holiday on the Norfolk Broad and after an hour on the flat still water we both ad to sit on the bank.

On the computer I solve the problem with Flashblock and Noscript Firefox add ons.

Maybe I'll “grow out of it”

November 11th meeting

“Nailers of Bromsgrove” by Jenny Townsend & PatTansell.

Regards

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