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www.archive.org

The Internet Archive is a non-profit digital library. It contains archived websites (150 billion+ on the Wayback Machine), music, moving images and books. The Archive oversees one of the world's largest book digitization projects and offers free access to the full texts of 3 million+ public domain books. Access options currently include: Read online or download PDF, EPUB, Kindle, Daisy, full text (transcript) or DjVu files.

Tip: Use the Internet Archive in conjunction with the Open Library to search for books.

openlibrary.org

Open Library is the online catalogue project of the Internet Archive. It has been gathering catalogue records from world's biggest libraries since 2007. Currently there are over 20 million edition records online and access to 1.7 million scanned versions of books.

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Tip 2: Search this site, and others, using a phrase search - "William Murphy". The quotation or speech marks holds the two words together during the search. Also consider alternatives - "Wm Murphy," "Mr W Murphy" or "Bill Murphy."

www.hathitrust.org

HathiTrust Digital Library is a repository of digital material from 50+ research libraries plus content from Google Books and the Internet Archive. There are 9.7+ million volumes with 2.6 million in the public domain. There is full-text searching across the entire repository. A free *Friend Account* allows you to create your own collections which can be set to public or private.

Tip: You can search just within your own collections for the full-text of items.

www.askaboutireland.ie

Ask about Ireland is an initiative of Irish public libraries, local museums and archives to digitise and publish online original, unusual and unique material from their local studies' collections. Use the *Reading Room* link for access to a vast collection of unique eBooks.

www.libraryireland.com

Library Ireland is a free online resource of books and articles on Irish history, genealogy, and culture. The transcripts of a wide range of journal articles and old books are available online with full text searching.

Tip: Transcripts can be easily cut and pasted into your documents or family history program.

books.google.com.au

Google Books

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- Viewing options: Preview, Snippet or Full View
- Full View books can be read online and many can be downloaded for free
- Use the *Full View* option when you search and check out the *Related books* list that Google produces
- A great place to look for Irish resources
- Create your library with a free Google account – sign in from this site.

books.google.com/googlebooks/mylibrary/

Google Books Library

- Organise, review, rate and search
- Collections can be accessed anywhere you can log into your Google account
- Bookshelves set to public (globe icon) are visible to those who have the link
- Your collections can be shared with others by sending the link to your Google Books library

Tip: Use the *Clip* tool for cutting and pasting into your documents or family history program.

GRENHAM John, *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors: The Complete Guide*, Genealogical Publishing Co, Baltimore, 3rd edn, 2006. 550p. Use the extensive county-by-county lists of local history and sources to locate relevant books, then check Google Books and other online book sites to locate any online versions.

trove.nla.gov.au

Trove is a search engine developed by the National Library that aggregates the information from 1000 libraries, art galleries, archives and museums in Australia. Over 90 million items are available.

Tip: To locate online material – Use *Refine your results – Availability – Online*. Items held by the Open Library, HathiTrust Digital Library and others are identified and linked.

Subscription databases from home for free

www.nla.gov.au/app/eresources/

The National Library of Australia eResources page offers home access to 97+ subscription databases. This free service is available to anyone residing in Australia who has a National Library card. You can apply for a library card online from this site. The card will be mailed to you within 5-10 working days. You then use the number on the card and your surname to login using the black box, top right of screen. Click on *Licensed resources* (yellow keys icon) to access an alphabetical list of available databases.

Tip: Watch the online screencast that explains how to use this wonderful resource.

This is a selection of what could be useful for Irish family history research:

* These databases are also available remotely from the State Library of New South Wales.

- Bibliography of British and Irish History – From 55BC *
- British Periodicals – 460+ from 1680s to 1930s
- Dublin Castle Records 1798-1926
- Early English Books – digital copies of books printed 1473-1700
- Eighteenth Century Collections Online – access to 180,000+ items
- Eighteenth Century Journals – rare journals printed 1685-1815
- House of Commons Parliamentary Papers - 1715 to present *
- JSTOR – a multi-disciplinary archive of scholarly material that includes an Ireland collection *
- MEMSO - Medieval and early modern sources online
- 19th Century British Library Newspapers *
- 19th Century UK Periodicals *
- 17th-18th Century Burney Collection Newspapers *
- The Illustrated London News Historical Archive 1842-2003 *
- The Times (London) Digital Archive 1785-1985 *
- Irish Newspaper Archives - 1763 to the present

Irish Newspaper Archives has 6+ million pages from Irish national and regional newspapers. Currently there are 26 titles (1763 to 2011). Use the National Library of Australia's eResources page for free access.

- Anglo-Celt (Cavan and surrounding counties - Monaghan, Leitrim, Meath, Westmeath, Fermanagh, Louth and Longford, 1846-2011)
- City Tribune (Galway, 1984-2011)

- Connacht Sentinel (Galway, 1927-2011)
- Connacht Tribune (Galway, 1909-2011)
- Connaught Telegraph (Mayo + surrounding counties, 1975-2011)
- Donegal News (1980-2011)
- Fermanagh Herald (2011)
- Finns Leinster Journal (Kilkenny, 1771-1828)
- Freeman's Journal (National, 1763-1924)
- Gaelic Life (Ulster, 2011)
- Irish Farmers Journal (National, 1957-1998)
- Irish Independent (National, 1905-2011)
- Irish Press (National, 1931-1995)
- Kerryman (Kerry, 1950-2011)
- Kildare Observer (1880-1935)
- Leitrim Observer (1904-2007)
- Meath Chronicle (Meath, Westmeath and Cavan, 1897-2011)
- Munster Express (Waterford, 1908-2011)
- The Nation (National, 1842-1897)
- The Nenagh Guardian (North Tipperary, 1838-2011)
- Southern Star (Cork, 1892-2011)
- Sunday Independent (National, 1906-2011)
- Strabane Chronicle (Tyrone, 2011)
- Tuam Herald (Galway, 1837-2000)
- Tyrone Herald (2011)
- Westmeath Examiner (1882-2011)

www2.sl.nsw.gov.au/databases/athome.cfm

State Library New South Wales offers access to a big collection of databases that you can access from home for free. New South Wales residents can register as a State Library client online. A Library card will be mailed to you within 10 days. You then use this card to access the databases from home. SLNSW offers remote access to the ProQuest Historical Newspapers collection which includes *The Irish Times* (1859-2007) and *The Weekly Irish Times* (1876-1958). This collection is not available at the National Library.

Tip: Apply for a library card at both the National Library and the State Library.

Regional Libraries in Ireland

- Local studies and family history collections with material not available elsewhere
- Online lists of resources - Donegal, Galway, Kerry, Laois, Mayo, Offaly, Sligo and Westmeath libraries
- Extensive online resources - Clare, Cork City, Dublin City, Kildare and Waterford libraries.

Finding Regional Libraries

www.askaboutireland.ie/libraries/

Ask about Ireland - list of libraries in Ireland with links to available websites.

elibs.gov.ie

eLibraries is a complete online guide to Ireland's library catalogues.

www.clarelibrary.ie

Clare County Library site has an impressive array of online resources. Use the site search engine to search across the site or use the *Genealogy and Family History* link to browse.

www.proni.gov.uk

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland online indexes and images include Freeholders' Records; The Ulster Covenant; will calendars, name search (inquests), street directories and more. New material added regularly.

www.census.nationalarchives.ie

National Archives of Ireland, Census Records for Ireland 1901 and 1911. The digitised household returns and ancillary records are available online for free. This fully searchable site offers a range of search options.

www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation

Ask About Ireland - Griffith's Valuation of Ireland 1847-1864 is an invaluable resource and census substitute. It lists every household head and occupier of land in Ireland. This site offers a family name search and a place name search. There is free access to digital images of the original valuation and maps. These maps include the 1850s Griffith's map, a modern Google map and town plan (if applicable). Use the GPS function to tag locations. Email these to yourself or send to your smart phone for use if you plan to visit the location. Alternatively use street view to visit without the expensive airfare.

www.irishgenealogy.ie

Irish Genealogy. This free site offers access to 3+ million pre 1900 church record transcripts. Currently Church of Ireland records for Dublin City, Kerry and Carlow are available plus Roman Catholic records for Dublin City, the Diocese of Kerry and the Diocese of Cork & Ross. Free digital images of the original records are being placed online as they become available.

www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/index.htm

Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives offers access to a valuable collection of material not readily available elsewhere including cemetery records, headstone photos, parish and civil registration records plus more.

Tip: You can search the entire site or you can search by county using the drop down box.

www.irishgraveyards.ie

Irish Graveyards offers access to photographs and monumental inscriptions. Most records date from the 19th and 20th century. Search results are in table format with a thumbnail picture of the grave. New data will be added as it becomes available.

irish-genealogy-news.blogspot.com

Irish Genealogy News by Claire Santry. This blog is a free online guide to Irish family history research and is designed to keep you up to date with the latest information on genealogical resources in Ireland.

www.coraweb.com.au

Web Sites for Genealogists by Cora Num. There are over 260 links for Irish research.

Archives/ libraries, BDM, census, databases, maps, place names, wills at www.coraweb.com.au/ireland.htm

Sites arranged by county at www.coraweb.com.au/irelandcounty.htm

www.coraweb.com.au/irishdetails.htm

Irish Research on the Internet by Cora Num, 2011. A must have book for those with Irish ancestry. This book offers new and exciting ways to research your Irish ancestors using the latest Internet resources and techniques. This easy to use book is suitable for both beginners and experienced researchers.

You will find this handout on my homepage at www.coraweb.com.au. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the brown gopher (animal) on the left hand side for access.