

Locate exact place of origin in Ireland

These Australian record categories can help you pinpoint a place of origin in Ireland:

- Convict records
- Shipping and immigration records
- Birth, death and marriage certificates.
- Cemetery headstones
- Newspapers – obituaries, anniversary and birthday notices
- Family resources – oral family history (talk to older relatives); birthday books; family bible; diaries; journals and other family memorabilia. Look at house names and property names.

Irish administrative divisions

- Provinces (4)
- Counties (32)
- Baronies (330)
- Poor Law Unions (131)
- Parishes (Civil (2,500), Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic)
- Townlands (61,000+)

Names and place names

www.irishtimes.com/ancestor/placenames

Irish Ancestors by Irishtimes.com offers a placename search of the 65,000+ entries from the *1851 General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland*. This site also offers surname searching.

www.logainm.ie

Placenames Database of Ireland. A, new generation, resource designed to help you find place names and locate them on interactive maps.

maps.osi.ie/publicviewer

Ordnance Survey Ireland, National Mapping Agency. The historic map archive offers online access to maps of Ireland, surveyed between 1829 and 1842. Maps can be searched and viewed online but fees apply for copies. A free PDF version of Lewis' *Topographical Dictionary of Ireland* is online.

books.google.com.au

Google Books offers searches and previews of millions of books from libraries and publishers worldwide. Samuel Lewis' *Topographical Dictionary of Ireland* is available online, fully keyword searchable plus hundreds of other Irish titles.

Mailing lists, blogs and online classes

www.list.jaunay.com/irlnames/

Online Irish Names Directory details the surnames being researched, the county (if known), and lists the email contact of the researcher. There are also online forms for adding your surnames to the directory.

lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com

RootsWeb Mailing Lists. Use this site to find archived posts to 30,000+ genealogical mailing lists or find and subscribe to a list. The Irish lists can be found here

lists.rootsweb.ancestry.com/index/intl/IRL/

www.geneabloggers.com

GeneaBloggers has 1,700+ genealogy and family history blogs listed. Use this site to search for family surnames or keywords across all the blogs listed. Also do a *Blogs by Type* search for Ireland to see what is 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.familysearch.org

FamilySearch, the family history site of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offers free research courses online for England, Germany, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Poland, Mexico, Russia and the USA. Click on *Learn* for access.

Archives and Libraries

www.nationalarchives.ie

National Archives of Ireland. Online resources can be accessed using the Online Finding Aid Databases link on the homepage. Records of interest include the Famine Relief Commission Papers, 1845-1847, Probate Offices (searches the Testamentary Index from 1983), Ireland-Australia transportation database and the directory of sources for women's history in Ireland.

www.census.nationalarchives.ie

National Archives of Ireland, Census Records for Ireland 1901 and 1911. The household returns and ancillary records have been digitised and are available online for free. This fully searchable site offers a basic name, age and place search. Other search options available include religion, occupation, relationship to head of family, literacy status, county or country of origin, Irish language proficiency, specified illnesses, and child survival information. There is also a browse by county option available.

www.nationalarchives.ie/genealogy/transportation.html

The Ireland-Australia Transportation Database 1791-1868 is an online index to a series of records held by the National Archives of Ireland. In 1988 the Archives presented Australia with a set of these records, on 105 reels of microfilm, as Ireland's Bicentennial gift to Australia. This set of records is held by the National Library of Australia, State Library New South Wales, Society of Australian Genealogists and the Kiama Family History Centre.

members.pcug.org.au/~ppmay/

The Mayberry Homepage by Peter Mayberry. This site features an Irish Convicts to NSW (1791-1849) Database which provides full details from the convict indents held by SRNSW. There is also information on Irish rebel convicts.

www.proni.gov.uk

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland online indexes and images include:

- Freeholders' Records
- The Ulster Covenant
- Will Calendars project
- Name Search
- Street Directories

www.nli.ie

National Library of Ireland offers access to online catalogues and databases. Click on the *Family History Research* link for access to a *Family History Getting Started guide* that can be downloaded as a PDF file. The online catalogue searches across printed, manuscript, visual and digitised material (including 33,000+ photographic images). Details of Catholic parish registers held can be found here www.nli.ie/en/parish-register.aspx

sources.nli.ie

Sources: A National Library of Ireland database for Irish research. It contains over 180,000+ catalogue records for Irish manuscripts and for articles in Irish periodicals.

Records of Births, Deaths and Marriages

www.rootsireland.ie

RootsIreland.ie is a commercial site run by the Irish Family History Foundation co-ordinators of the network of county genealogy centres in Ireland. These genealogy centres' databases include parish church records of baptisms, marriages and deaths, census returns, civil registration records, gravestone inscriptions and Griffith's Land Valuation index only (free). Over 18 million+ of these records are searchable online. A free name search is available and it costs €5.00 to view a detailed transcript of the original record.

Alternative site for Griffith's Land Valuation

www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation

Ask About Ireland - Griffith's Valuation of Ireland 1847-1864 is an invaluable resource and census substitute. It was based on the productive capacity of land and the potential rent of buildings. It is arranged by county, barony, poor law union, civil parish and townland. 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).

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RootsIreland.ie - North Tipperary Genealogy Centre. Click on the Sources List for each County Genealogy Centre link to see what exactly has been indexed. The link is located directly underneath the search and return boxes on the right hand side. Also check out the sample transcripts to see exactly what you will get.

www.irishgenealogy.ie

Irish Genealogy. This free site offers access to 2+ 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 with some from the Diocese of Cork & Ross (ongoing project). Free digital images of the original records are being placed online as they become available.

www.familysearch.org

FamilySearch, the family history site of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offers free access to the following indexes:

- Ireland Births and Baptisms 1620-1881
- Ireland Deaths 1864-1870
- Ireland Marriages 1619-1898
- Irish birth, death and marriages civil registration indexes 1864-1958 and the Irish marriage index 1845-1864 (non-Catholic marriages). Click on *Europe* in the *Browse by location* section, then scroll down the alphabetical list of *Historical Record Collections* to locate the collections for Ireland, then select a collection to search.

Use the **FamilySearch** site to access films of the original records.

- Use the Library Catalog at www.familysearch.org to locate film number of the record you want to order
- Create a free account at film.familysearch.org
- Designate your local family history centre
- Order the film online and pay the fee (\$7.75 microfilm short term loan)
- Wait for the film to arrive 3-5 weeks
- Use the record at your local centre for up to 90 days. A 60 days renewal option is available (\$7.75)
- Extended film loan (\$19.50). Microfiche available on extended loan (\$7.75) - no set return date

Subscription databases from home for free

www.nla.gov.au/app/eresources

Register for a library card with the National Library of Australia (All residents of Australia) and access online subscription databases. This site has an online screencast that explains how to access resources. Free home access – This is a selection of what could be useful for Irish family history research:

- Bibliography of British and Irish History
- JSTOR - multi-disciplinary archive of scholarly material includes an Ireland collection
- 17th- 18th Century Burney Collection Newspapers. Contains approximately 1,270 titles
- 19th Century British Library Newspapers. 71 national, regional and local newspaper titles.
- Times (London) Digital Archive 1785-1985
- Irish Newspaper Archives - 1763 to the present

www.irishnewspaperarchives.com

Irish Newspaper Archives. This subscription site offers access to over 6 million pages from Irish national and regional newspapers. A free keyword search is available and fees apply to access to digitized copies of the newspapers. Australian residents can access this site for free from home through the National Library of Australia eResources at www.nla.gov.au/app/eresources

Titles available include:

- 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 (Donegal, 1980-2011)
- Finns Leinster Journal (Kilkenny, 1771-1828)
- Freeman's Journal (National, 1763-1924)
- Irish Farmers Journal (National, 1957-1998)
- Irish Independent (National, 1905-2011)
- Irish Press (National, 1931-1960)
- Kerryman (Kerry, 1950-2011)
- Leitrim Observer (Leitrim, 1904-1998)
- 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)
- Sunday Independent (National, 1906-2011)
- Southern Star (Cork, 1892-2011)
- Tuam Herald (Galway, 1837-2000)
- Westmeath Examiner (Westmeath, 1882-2011)

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 to access a vast collection of unique digital books. The collection is arranged by county and subject (church history, history of Ireland, geography of Ireland, Irish people and many more). Books can be viewed online.

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

Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives. This site offers access to a valuable collection of material that is not readily available elsewhere including monumental inscriptions, photographs of headstones, parish registers and civil registration records.

www.irishgraveyards.ie

Irish Graveyards offers access to photographs and monumental inscriptions from digitally surveyed graveyards and cemeteries in Ireland. Most of the records date from the 19th and 20th century. Search results are in table format with a thumbnail picture of the grave. Click on the thumbnail to view and download the photograph. The surveys are ongoing and new cemeteries will be added to this site as they become available.

tinyurl.com/cu7rhr

Registry of Deeds Index Project aims to index all of the names that appear in the memorial books held at the Registry of Deeds, Dublin. This repository holds wills, land transactions and other deeds from 1709. Currently there are over 61,500+ index records from nearly 8083 memorials of deeds online. There is a site search engine available.

www.coraweb.com.au

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

- Archives and 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. Discover how to use the Internet to access material previously only available in libraries, archives, newspaper libraries and local history collections. This fully searchable material (most of it free) opens up new and unprecedented search possibilities. This book explains what is available, how to find it and how best to use it. This easy to use book is suitable for beginners and experienced researchers. Use it to start your research, expand on what you know or to find new ways to trace those illusive Irish ancestors.