

Archives and Libraries

www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie

National Archives of Ireland - genealogy site offers free access to searchable databases and images:

- Census of Ireland 1901-1911 and pre-1901 survivals
- Census search forms 1841-1851
- Tithe applotment books 1823-1837
- Soldiers' wills 1914- 1918
- Calendars of wills and administrations 1858- 1922 *
- Prerogative and diocesan copies of some wills and indexes to others 1596-1858
- Diocesan and prerogative marriage licence bonds indexes 1623-1866
- Catholic qualification and convert rolls 1700-1845
- Valuation Office house, field, tenure and quarto books 1824-1856
- Shipping agreements and crew lists, 1863-1921
- Will registers 1858-1900

Note: * Calendars 1923-1982 are on the main National Archives of Ireland site

Catholic Parish Registers

registers.nli.ie/

National Library of Ireland Catholic Parish Registers site has free images of Catholic Parish Register microfilms for baptisms and marriages from the majority of Catholic parishes in Ireland and Northern Ireland up to 1880 (some to 1900)

- There are no image transcripts or indexes on this site
- There are help videos on how to search and use the search features. Many registers are in Latin and there are links to help. *FamilySearch* has a handy guide here tinyurl.com/pshhgeh
- Local family history centres hold indexes and transcripts for their local areas. See RootsIreland www.rootsireland.ie/ \$
- Indexes and images also available from Ancestry.com and Findmypast \$

Church of Ireland Parish Registers

www.ireland.anglican.org/about/rcb-library

Representative Church Body Library holds the archives and manuscripts of the Church of Ireland, including surviving parish registers and vestry minute books. Also on this site:

- The Archive of the Month 2012-current - a great place to find other online resources
- Church of Ireland Gazette 1856-1949 is online
- The Anglican Record Project is digitising surviving parish registers
- *List of Parish Registers* (Mar 2019). This is a colour coded list of what survives, where it is plus information about copies, transcripts and online indexes. It can be downloaded as a PDF file (98 pages) and includes links to any online records. A direct link to the PDF here tinyurl.com/jmlg4qf

Regional Libraries

Regional libraries in Ireland offer access to local studies and family history collections with material not available elsewhere. Online resource lists are available for Carlow, Cavan, Donegal, Galway, Kerry, Laois, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo and Westmeath libraries. Extensive online resources are available for Clare, Cork City, Dublin City, Kildare, Mayo, Tipperary and Waterford libraries.

www.askaboutireland.ie/libraries/

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

www.clarelibrary.ie

Clare County Library site has an impressive array of online resources. Use the *Search this website* and search for place names and surnames. Also check the *What's New* tab.

www.iar.ie

Irish Archives Resource portal with links to archival collections throughout Ireland.

TIP: Using specialist archives and libraries is a great way to extend your research

Specialist Archives

www.delanyarchive.ie

The Delany Archive cares for four main archival collections:

- The Roman Catholic Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin collection includes papers of the Bishops of the Diocese, 1726-1967 including details of schools. The diocese covers most of Carlow and Kildare plus parts of Offaly, Laois, Kilkenny, Wexford and Wicklow
- Brigidine Sisters collection from c1807 relates to the Brigidine Sisters in Ireland, Britain, Australia, New Zealand, United States, Mexico and Papua New Guinea
- Patrician Brothers collection from c1808 includes archives for communities in Ireland, India, Australia, United States, Papua New Guinea and Kenya
- Carlow College - Founded in 1782, Carlow College educated priests for more than 200 years. The collection from 1783 details ecclesiastical students and staff, financial records, management and administration documentation plus more. This site has online documents and photos plus a link to a photo collection on Flickr (994 items). Use *Flickr Photo Search*, a photo search engine to find photos in the huge Flickr library. Use this link to search Flickr [itools.com/tool/flickr-photo-search](https://www.itools.com/tool/flickr-photo-search)

Major Genealogy Sites - Free

www.irishgenealogy.ie

IrishGenealogy.ie offers access to:

- 3+ million pre 1900 church records and images for Dublin City (COI and RC); Kerry and Carlow (COI) plus the Diocese of Cork and Ross (RC)
- Civil Records include registration indexes for births over 100 years, marriages over 75 years and deaths over 50 years. Free register images online for births 1864-1916, marriages 1870-1941 and deaths 1878-1966. Births 1917-1918, Marriages 1942-1943 and deaths 1967-1968 due to be added early 2019. Images back to 1845 for non RC marriages and deaths back to 1864 to be added when available. Records for all of Ireland available to 1921 and from 1922 for the Republic of Ireland only IrishGenealogy.ie 'one stop search' searches across multiple collections worldwide.

TIP: Check the surname variants that this 'one stop' search provides.

familysearch.org/search/

FamilySearch - worldwide historical record collections (2489+) includes 16 collections for Ireland:

- Births and baptisms 1620-1881; marriages 1619-1898 and deaths 1864-1870. These index original family, church and civil registration records held in repositories in Ireland. It is not a complete index. For details of coverage see the FamilySearch research wiki at [tinyurl.com/4qgggw6](https://www.tinyurl.com/4qgggw6)
- Civil registration collection includes: Indexes to birth, death and marriages 1864-1958 (Northern Ireland counties to 1922) and index to non-Catholic marriages 1845-1864
- Civil registration 1845-1913 - Index to civil registration records - births 1864-1913, marriages 1845-1870 and deaths 1864-1870. This work in progress is a new useful index to the free original records images at IrishGenealogy.ie.
- Calendar of wills and administrations 1858-1920 *
- Census survivals 1821-1851; 1901-1911 census and census search forms 1841-1851 *
- Petty Sessions Court Registers 1828-1912
- Tithe applotment books 1814-1855 *
- Valuation Office Books 1831-1856 are the original notebooks for the Griffith's Valuation *

TIP: * These collections and free images available at the National Archives of Ireland genealogy site.

About Will Calendars

- Up to Jan 1858 wills were proved by ecclesiastical (church) courts
- In 1858 civil probate commenced with wills proved by probate registries
- From 1858 annual alphabetical will calendars (indexes) were issued. These list name, residence, occupation, death date plus who probate was granted to, their address, occupation and estate value Searches and images (free) are available at
- National Archives of Ireland genealogy site - calendars of wills and administrations 1858-1922
- National Archives of Ireland site www.nationalarchives.ie - calendars 1923-1982. Use *Search the Archives* and enter a surname
- Public Record Office of Northern Ireland – will calendars indexes and images for the district probate registries of Armagh, Belfast and Londonderry. The index covers 1858-1965. Images of the copy will books 1858-1918 are online and these let you view the full content of a will

www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) online resources and free digital images include:

- eCatalogue
- Freeholders' records includes pre-1840 registers and poll books
- Londonderry Corporation records 1673-1901 - Includes minute books, correspondence, drawings, art work, and collections relating to the railway industry, shirt factories and civil rights
- Name search index to pre-1858 diocesan wills and administration bonds; surviving fragments of 1740 and 1766 religious census returns and 1775 dissenters petitions
- PRONI Historical Maps viewer
- PRONI Web Archive of sites of historical and cultural importance
- Street directories - thirty directories 1819-1900
- Ulster covenant – 500,000 signatures of those who opposed Home Rule for Ireland
- Valuation revision books - placename indexes and images for Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry and Tyrone 1864-1933. Use to extend research from Griffith's Land Valuation
- Will calendars index 1858-1965 with will copies online 1858-1909
- PRONI on YouTube – family history talks
- PRONI records on CAIN (Conflict Archive on the Internet). cain.ulst.ac.uk/

PRONI photos on Flickr, 3,239+ images www.flickr.com/photos/proni/

TIP: Use the magnifying icon top right to search a Flickr photo stream for place name and surnames

eBooks

freeirishebooks.blogspot.co.uk

Free Irish eBooks - Index lists Irish eBooks and eJournals in a wide range of categories. There are 4,000+ genealogy and 1,500+ history titles (with links to open the books). All titles can be read online and most can be downloaded to a device such as a Kindle, iPad or tablet. There is a *eBook of the Month Archive from October 2011-2013* which includes the following book (June 2012)

MATHESON Robert E Sir, *Varieties and synonymes of surnames and Christian names in Ireland for the guidance of registration officers and the public in searching the indexes of births, deaths, and marriages*, H.M. Stationery Office Dublin, 2nd edn, 1901. 94p. A must read book that uses examples, from Irish records, to show how Irish names evolved, were altered, and what variants and nicknames were used. If you are having trouble finding your Irish family this book could help.

Newspapers

www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/

British Newspaper Archive offers access to 31.9+ million newspaper pages 1700 to current. There are 175 titles covering all counties in Ireland. There is a free search but a subscription is needed to access the digitised images. Several reasonably priced packages are available \$.

TIP: This archive is available for free, onsite, at state, public and family history libraries. Check what might be available onsite at a library near you. This archive is also available through Findmypast \$.

www.irishnewsarchive.com

Irish Newspaper Archives offers access to 86 national and regional newspaper titles covering 1738 to present. This archive is available for free using the eResources link at National Library and also available to residents of Victoria and Western Australia from their state library.

eResources

Major libraries subscribe to a wide variety of subscription databases and make them available online for free as eResources. Historical material includes: books, directories, journals, periodicals, parliamentary papers, newspapers and much more.

www.nla.gov.au/app/eresources

The National Library of Australia eResources offers all residents of Australia free home access to 129+ subscription databases. State and territory libraries offer free home access to their residents.

TIP: Apply for a National Library and your local state library card and use the eResources offered by both libraries as they can vary. Also check what your local public library and family history library offer, both onsite and from home.

Sites with information not available elsewhere

www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/

Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives with access to material not readily available elsewhere. It includes cemetery records, headstone photos, parish and civil registration records plus more. The *Headstone Project* offers access to 144,000 monumental inscriptions and photographs if available.

TIP: You can search the full site, search data pages by county or search headstones by county.

www.genuki.org.uk

GENUKI - UK and Ireland Genealogy offers free access to a vast collection of resources. It is arranged geographically with a page for each county in Ireland. A great site for research help and information.

www.johngrenham.com/places/

Irish Ancestors placenames search offers searches of the 65,000+ entries from the 1851 General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland. A search for a place will list the county, civil parish, poor law union and registrar's district. Select the civil parish for access to the place names in the civil parish, adjoining parishes, most common surnames in 1855, maps and a summary of research sources and links for that parish. A must visit site.

How to stay up to date and save money

www.irishgenealogynews.com

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

TIP: Also use this site to learn about any offers, discounts or free access to paid sites.

What to know more?

Irish Research on the Internet, 2nd edn by Cora Num, 2013. The 2nd edition has been totally revised and updated (Sep 2018) to include lots of new and exciting Irish family history resources.

Use Coraweb www.coraweb.com.au with 2,300+ quality sites. There are 435+ Irish sites with 260 listed in *Resources by county*.