HOW TO BEGIN

The essential tasks of the researcher tracing Irish ancestry are to identify, from American sources, the immigrant ancestor's approximate date of birth or marriage in Ireland, and the precise place of origin (usually a parish or townland). This guide briefly describes the resources available in the Genealogy Department for your Irish genealogical research.

USING THE DEPARTMENT CATALOGS

There are several ways of identifying books on Ireland and the Irish in the online catalog at www.ACPL.Lib.in.us. You can look under "Ireland" followed by the name of a record type, or under "Irish in..." followed by the name of a place. In addition, you can look under a subject or record type followed by "Ireland." Of course, you can always look under the name of a specific Irish locality, or directly under a book's author or title, if known. Also, be sure to check the subject cross references given. Dial-up access is also available at (260) 489-7087.

Do not overlook important Irish sources available only on microfiche or microfilm! Be sure to check the microtext catalog drawer labeled "Ireland" for a list of holdings.

The references listed by record type in the balance of this guide provide only a sampling of the resources available in our growing collection. If you have any questions during your visit, please ask a librarian for assistance.

RESEARCH GUIDES

New Irish genealogical research guides of varying quality are published almost annually. Those listed here are among the most useful. Most contain important bibliographies. Individual research guides for some counties are also available.


Ryan, James G. *Irish Church Records: Their History, Availability and Use in Family and Local History Research.* 2nd ed. Glenageary, Ireland: Flyleaf Press, 2001. /Gc 941.5 Ir43a/


__________. *Sources for Irish Family History: A Listing of Books and Articles on the History of Irish Families.* Glenageary, Ireland: Flyleaf Press, 2001. /Gc 941.5 R95s/

**GAZETTEERS & MAPS**

Irish place-names, when found in American records, are often misspelled. The following sources are useful in properly identifying the place of origin, and locating the relevant record-keeping jurisdictions to which it belongs.


*Irish County Maps Showing the Locations of Churches in Ulster Province, Leinster Province, Connaught Province, Munster Province.* Research Papers Series A, Nos. 54-57. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1976-77. /Gc 929 G283re no. 53-58/


*Ordnance Survey Maps of Ireland.* Scale 6 inches to 1 statute mile. 1830s-1840s, Ottawa: National Archives of Canada. 1989? /microfiche /

**PASSENGER LISTS & EMIGRATION RECORDS**

Passenger arrival lists and Irish emigration records provide important information about your immigrant ancestor’s departure and arrival dates, traveling companions, and occasionally a specific place of origin. Besides the relevant microfilmed lists, check the published sources named here, most of which do supply the place of origin. Don't overlook *The Search for Missing Friends* series on "missing" immigrants throughout the U.S. and Canada.


**CENSUSES & CENSUS SUBSTITUTES**

All-Ireland Heritage. Full name indices to Griffith’s Valuation records for each county as well as the cities of Belfast and Dublin were published between 1986-1998. These are listed in the microtext catalog under Ireland. /microfiche/


*Griffith's Primary Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland, 1848-1864*. Dublin: Irish Microforms, Ltd., 1978. /microfiche/

*19th Century Irish Census Fragments*. 1821, 1831, 1841, 1851. /microfilm/

Pender, Seamus, ed. *Census of Ireland, circa 1659, with Supplementary Material from the Poll Money Ordinances*. Dublin: Stationery Office, 1939 /Gc 941.50004 Ir2c/


*Return of Owners of Land of One Acre and Upwards in the Several Counties, Counties of Cities, and Counties of Towns in Ireland*. Dublin: Alexander Thorm, 1876. /Gc 941.50004 Ir2L oversize/

*Surname Index for the 1796 Spinning Wheel Premium Entitlement Lists of Ireland*. Vienna, VA: All-Ireland Heritage, Inc., 1986. /microfiche/

*Tithe Applotment Books*. /microfilm/

**VITAL RECORDS**


*International Genealogical Index*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. /microfiche & CD/


WILLS
Reports of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records in Ireland. /Gc 941.50004 Ir216p/
#26 Index to Diocese of Dublin Wills to 1800. Dublin: Stationery Office, 1895.
Vicars, Sir Arthur, ed. Index to the Prerogative Wills of Ireland, 1536-1810. Dublin: E. Ponsonby, 1897. /Gc 941.5009 Ar727v/

FAMILY NAMES & HERALDRY
In addition to providing general historical background, the sources listed below can help narrow the geographic area of your search for an uncommon surname, if an exact place of origin in Ireland is unknown. Check the department's catalogs under the name of the family you are researching for previously compiled genealogies on individual Irish families.


PERIODICALS
The department houses an excellent collection of more than 240 Irish local history and genealogy periodical titles. Check the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) under the name of the Irish family or locality you are researching for citations to relevant articles. For additional references check this item:

**AUDIO CASSETTES**

Audio cassettes of Irish lecture subjects at national genealogical conferences can be checked out at the Genealogy Reference Desk by any patron. Check with a librarian if you want to know more about these and other Irish tapes. Some examples follow.

Gorey, Paul. *Sources for Tracing Irish Roman Catholic Families*. /Tape #639/
Rencher, David. *Ireland Census and Census Substitutes*. /Tape #465/

**OTHER SOURCES**

The indexing of parish registers at the Heritage Centers in each Irish county provides new hope to those who cannot identify an immigrant's specific place of origin. Search services vary from center to center, but the current *Directory of Parish Registers Indexed in Ireland*, listed below, describes the progress made in each county. Check the other items listed for additional contacts and research sources. Good luck!


*Family History Library Catalog*. www.FamilySearch.org


*Irish Roman Catholic Parish Registers in the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*. Salt Lake City, UT: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1992. /Gc 941.50004 Ir44r/

*Irish Telephone Directories 1991-1992*. /Gc 941.5 Ir18e/


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