



TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN IRELAND

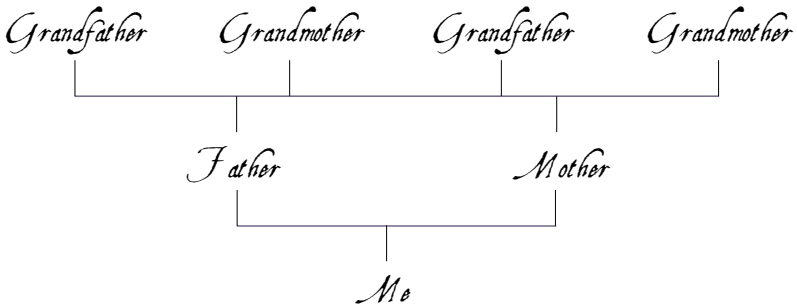

Ireland

TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN IRELAND



02

TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN IRELAND



Archival imagery on pages 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 13, 15 and cover are courtesy of the National Library.

Completing the *ancestral jigsaw*

Pulsing through Irish veins is an adventurous spirit that has inspired millions of Irish people to roam the globe over the centuries. The causes of the many waves of migration have been varied. Religious fervour motivated seventh century monks to set about re-Christianising Europe. In the seventeenth century disillusionment and defeat drove the warring Irish nobility to Continental Europe, where they made their mark in the armies of Austria, France and Spain. They were followed to the Continent in the eighteenth century by traders and merchants, while adventurous seafarers left for South America and Newfoundland. Presbyterians from Ulster crossed the Atlantic in their thousands throughout the 1700s to find a place free of trading and religious restrictions.

From the eighteenth century, the Irish made up a very large part of the British Army which brought Irish men to unexpected places such as India and South Africa. Soldiers were among the first Irish to reach Australia, along with Irish transported convicts, but they were followed by free settlers whose numbers increased throughout the nineteenth century. Emigration to Canada and the United States or migration to Great Britain were options pursued by people from all parts of Ireland and all religious denominations before the great catastrophe of the Famine in the late 1840s. It began a mass exodus that continued for decades, up to the mid-twentieth century. The descendants of the disparate groups that left Ireland's shores are all welcome on the ancestral trail.

Following the footsteps of our forefathers

In Ireland, the past is encompassed in the landscape. Ancient folklore, legendary tales and historical events abound in every corner of the country. Neolithic tombs rub shoulders with Celtic crosses and are situated mere miles from medieval castles and stately homes.

Ireland is an island that is steeped in beauty as well as history. Its green fields and craggy terrain are the subjects of many Irish songs and poems. Every corner of the countryside has a tale to tell and every city a 'yarn' to spin... and who better to recount these stories than the Irish people themselves.

NEOLITHIC TOMBS RUB
SHOULDERS WITH CELTIC
CROSSES AND ARE SITUATED
MERE MILES FROM MEDIEVAL
CASTLES AND STATELY HOMES.

Now that you are planning your trip to Ireland and hope to combine your holiday with a little family history research, this is the time to make good preparation. Before deciding to rush off and book a flight to the land of your ancestors, it is important for you to study the history of your family. In order to be in a position to attempt worthwhile research in Ireland and plan a visit to the ancestral area, you must work back through the records in your own country to identify your emigrant ancestor. Then you must gather as much basic information as possible on that ancestor, such as:

Name of ancestor

Approximate date of birth

Parish or county of origin in Ireland

Religious Denomination

Names of ancestor's parents

Name of ancestor's spouse

Date and place of marriage



TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN IRELAND

McCarthy, Callaghan, Devlin, Flynn, Murphy, Devlin, Flynn, Mara Mac

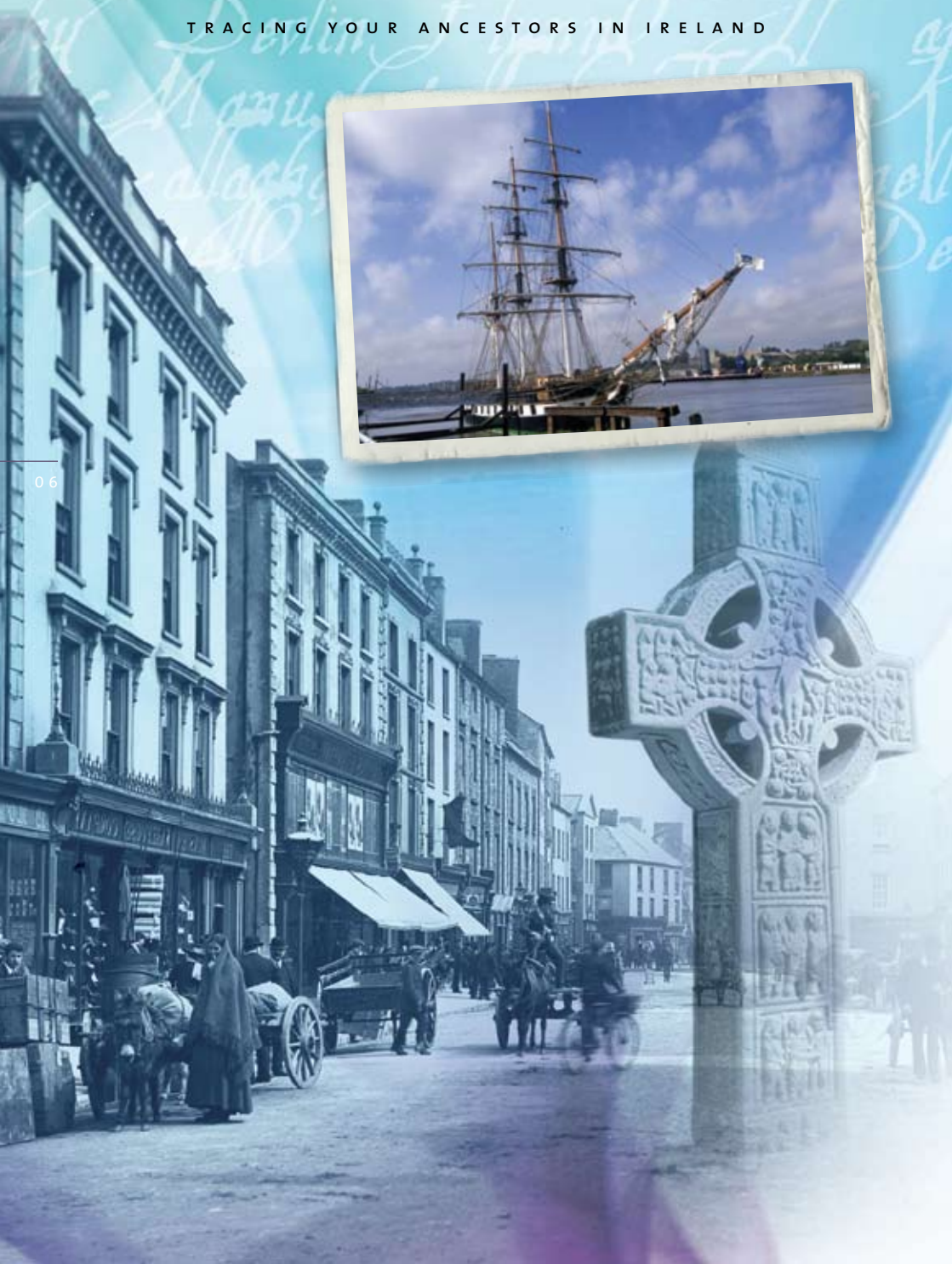
05



TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN IRELAND



06



Getting to the root of *your family tree*

The first task is to seek out information from your own immediate family. Encourage older relations to recount their stories. Gather all written material such as letters, wills, diaries, photographs, certificates and other family documents. If, however, you have no older relatives to consult about family history, or if the family archives hold no vital clues, don't be disheartened. A wide range of genealogical records should be available in record repositories in your country and many of these may be searchable on-line.

Sources vary from country to country, but the types of records that are likely to provide information include vital records (birth, death, marriage) held by civil authorities, census returns, city directories, church records (baptism, marriage), gravestone inscriptions, newspaper obituaries, wills, naturalisation papers and passenger lists. You might begin by seeking advice from your local library as to which records are applicable to your country and where they are held.

If your ancestor left Ireland before the Famine the research in your own country will inevitably become more extensive and the paper trail may become harder to follow. For example, the majority of Ulster Presbyterians who went to the American colonies in the eighteenth century sailed to ports such as Philadelphia and then dispersed throughout what became the southern states. There will be no record of their passage and finding wills or deeds may prove difficult. Remember that you have the option of engaging a professional researcher in your country if it becomes too specialised for you.

Once you have taken the search from your homeland to Ireland, you can decide how to approach the Irish records. Many people enjoy conducting their own research and are happy to spend successive holidays in Ireland doing so. Others prefer to have the digging done for them so they can go straight to the ancestral area (see 'Commissioning Research' on page 17). Others again like to combine some research with the personal visit. Either way, the most wonderful aspect of ancestral research is the visit to the county or the parish or even the very house where your ancestor was born; seeing the church where they worshipped or walking in their footsteps through the village or town that was once their world.

Conducting *Your Own* Research

If you enjoy doing your own family research and the chase is as important as the end result, you will get the most out of your stay in Ireland if you plan well. As many Irish genealogical sources are available in national repositories in Dublin and Belfast, this can be a useful starting point. If you know the county or counties of origin where you need to carry out research, you can also make contact with the relevant local repositories (you will find contact details on pages 24-25 of this guide). In Dublin the National Library of Ireland, the National Archives and the General Register Office are all centrally located.

The National Library has a dedicated genealogy room where researchers can access online resources and get advice from the trained staff there. The Library also holds many original and unique sources. Please visit www.nli.ie before your trip to learn more about its holdings.

The National Archives of Ireland similarly has many sources and provides a free genealogy advisory service to members of the public which is operated by the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland (APGI).

You can start your research before your visit to Ireland, by accessing the growing amount of Irish genealogical material available online. These are some of the key websites which provide access to free Irish genealogical material:

www.censusnationalarchives.ie – This site includes a database of the 1901 and 1911 Census returns including digitised images of the original documents forms for all parts of Ireland.

IF YOU ENJOY DOING YOUR OWN
FAMILY RESEARCH AND THE CHASE IS
AS IMPORTANT AS THE END RESULT,
YOU WILL GET THE MOST OUT OF
YOUR STAY IN IRELAND IF YOU PLAN
WELL.



www.irishgenealogy.ie – This is a government run site with a database of church records relating to many locations in Counties Kerry, Dublin, Carlow and Cork. Further records will also be added to this site.

www.askaboutireland.ie – This website is operated by the Library Council of Ireland and comprises a database of the Griffith's Valuation, a mid 19th century property valuation survey which includes images of the original and accompanying maps.

www.sources.nli.ie - This is a National Library website with a database of Irish Manuscripts held in various repositories and articles in Irish periodicals.

www.familysearch.org - This website is run by the Latter Day Saints Church and it contains a database of the Irish civil records index of births, deaths and marriages.

www.rootsireland.ie - This website is run on behalf of the county genealogy centres, providing access to a free index of over 17 million church, civil, land, census and gravestone records for the majority of Irish counties. There is a fee to view the full details of any record.



TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN IRELAND

IN RECENT YEARS THE GRO RESEARCH ROOM IN DUBLIN HAS BECOME A POPULAR HUNTING GROUND, SO YOU ARE ADVISED TO GET THERE AT OPENING TIME TO ENSURE A WORTHWHILE VISIT.



NATIONAL RECORD REPOSITORIES

Please note that the staff of these repositories cannot conduct research on behalf of enquirers but they will facilitate visitors conducting their own research.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The National Archives in Bishop Street is situated within a five minute walk of the ancient St. Patrick's Cathedral. It is the ideal starting point because of its Genealogy Service. This service is provided free of charge to personal callers. Members of APGI offer expert advice to visitors on their specific family history research, explaining where to go and how to use relevant records. Visitors then go about their research in the Archives or in other repositories and they are welcome to return to the Genealogy Service for further guidance as often as they wish.

Among the many collections in the National Archives of interest to genealogists are the 1901 and 1911 census returns (also on-line), surviving fragments of the 1821, 1831, 1841 and 1851 census returns, transportation records – Ireland to Australia 1788 – 1868, Landed Estates Court rentals, Griffith's *Valuation*, tithe applotment books, testamentary records, many estate papers and microfilm copies of some Church of Ireland parish registers.

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE RESEARCH ROOM

The General Register Office's administrative headquarters is in Roscommon but its Research Room is in Dublin, close to the Abbey Theatre. The GRO holds the civil records of marriage, other than Roman Catholic, from 1845, and birth, death and Roman Catholic marriage from 1864 for all Ireland to 1921, as well as civil records of birth, marriage and death from 1922 for the Republic of Ireland. Civil records of birth, death and marriage from 1922 for Northern Ireland are held at the GRO in Belfast.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND

The National Library of Ireland on Kildare Street is situated within a twenty minute walk of the National Archives – just east of Dublin’s main shopping street, Grafton Street. Its staff-run Genealogy Advisory Service room has free access to a wide range of on-line databases. The Library’s holdings include microfilm copies of most Roman Catholic parish registers up to 1880 (and in some cases up to 1900), most Irish national and provincial newspapers, Griffith’s *Valuation*, tithe applotment books, many estate papers and, of course, printed books and periodicals. In addition, access to the Genealogical Office manuscripts is gained through the Library’s manuscript reading room or its microfilm room, depending on the particular manuscript.

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

If your ancestor was born in the Province of Ulster, a visit to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) in Belfast is essential. Among the records held by PRONI are (for all nine counties of Ulster) the 1901 census returns, Griffith’s *Valuation*, tithe applotment books and copies of church registers of all denominations; (for the six counties of Northern Ireland) testamentary records and Valuation Office material. In addition, PRONI holds estate papers from various locations in Ulster and other parts of Ireland as well as testamentary records for areas such as Co. Louth, which are not within Ulster.

VALUATION OFFICE

The Valuation Office is located in the Irish Life Centre in Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, close to the Abbey Theatre. It houses manuscript revisions of Griffith’s *Valuation*, documenting all changes of occupancy of land from the time of the original survey to recent decades. Corresponding maps are also available. The Valuation Office material is extremely valuable to the family historian, as it charts the history of a family’s property. The material for counties now in Northern Ireland are held in PRONI.

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND’S STAFF-RUN GENEALOGY ADVISORY SERVICE ROOM HAS FREE ACCESS TO A WIDE RANGE OF ON-LINE DATABASES.



Murphy
Dev

REGISTRY OF DEEDS

The Registry of Deeds is located in Henrietta Street – immediately north of Dublin’s main thoroughfare of O’Connell Street. It was established in 1708 to regulate property transactions. Registration of deeds was not obligatory but thousands of transactions were registered throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. They relate mainly to the professional and mercantile classes and ‘strong’ farmers, as well as to the aristocracy and gentry and can be a valuable source for more prosperous families. However, you are much less likely to find a registered deed for a small tenant farmer.

REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY LIBRARY

The Representative Church Body Library (RCBL) is the principal repository of archives and manuscripts of the Church of Ireland (the Anglican Church). It holds the registers of over 600 parishes from counties now in the Republic of Ireland as well as microfilm copies of many others. Note, however, that it does not hold all surviving C. of I. registers. Other sources available at the RCBL include biographical information on C. of I. clergy, vestry minute books for various parishes and material gathered by genealogists such as Swanzy and Welply.

PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Most Irish Presbyterian congregations were based in or near the province of Ulster and copies of the majority of their registers of baptism and marriage may be found in PRONI. Registers for congregations in the rest of Ireland can only be found in local custody. The Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland (PHSI) in Belfast holds some original registers, as well as copies of the registers micro-filmed by PRONI, some session minutes, presbytery minutes and biographical data on Presbyterian ministers.



Records Of *Smaller Religious Denominations*

For minority religious denominations *Irish Church Records*, edited by James G. Ryan, is a good starting point, while *Irish Methodists – Where Do I Start?* and *Dictionary of Dublin Dissent*, both by Steven C. Smyrl and Louis Hyman's *The Jews in Ireland: from the earliest time to the year 1910*, are essential guides. The Irish Jewish Museum holds some original sources as well as eleven volumes of material compiled from a variety of records (also on the open shelves at the National Archives).

Copies of the registers of almost all Protestant denominations based in or near the province of Ulster may be found in PRONI. Registers for some Methodist congregations in the Dublin area have been centralised in Dublin, while records from other areas are still in local custody. The Wesley Historical Society in Belfast has substantial holdings of original registers and microfilm copies, as well as a preliminary database of death notices and an index to Methodist preachers.

The Society of Friends or Quakers have been keeping records since the seventeenth century. Of particular interest are the transcribed registers of birth, marriage and death held at the Dublin Friends Historical Library (also on microfilm in the National Library).



TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN IRELAND



TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN IRELAND



16

NATIONAL
ARCHIVES'
GENEALOGY
SERVICE IS
PROVIDED FREE
OF CHARGE
TO PERSONAL
CALLERS, AND
IS AN IDEAL
STARTING POINT.

Commissioning *Research*

If the prospect of doing your own research seems daunting you may avail of professional research services within Ireland. All or part of your research can be carried out well before you travel to Ireland, allowing you to plan your itinerary in advance. You will be able to combine all the attractions that Ireland has to offer with visits to places associated with your family.

The success of any research that you commission will depend on the information that you can provide on your ancestor. Professional genealogists and records agents will access the sources in the Dublin and Belfast repositories. The genealogists in the county genealogy centres will carry out research using their county genealogical databases of parish records, land records, graveyard inscriptions and census returns, as well as using local knowledge and contacts to pinpoint that elusive Irish ancestor.

The Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland (APGI) is an all-Ireland professional body, with members based in the Republic and Northern Ireland. Admission to APGI accreditation is restricted to genealogists whose work is approved by an independent panel of assessors and members are bound by a strict code of practice. There are two other membership organisations for genealogists within Northern Ireland, the Association of Ulster Genealogists and Record Agents (AUGRA) and the Society of Genealogists Northern Ireland (SGNI). Their members are also bound by codes of practice.

The county genealogy centres provide a Do-It-Yourself option online at www.rootsireland.ie where you can use a free index search to locate records in a particular county or across any number of counties. You can then pay to view individual or groups of records online or, alternatively, you can commission a county genealogy centre to carry out your research for you. Centres provide a variety of different research options, including general advice and assistance. Over 29 county genealogy centres, covering 28 counties of Ireland, are members of the Irish Family History Foundation. Both the centres and the IFHF provide an online service and a local service run by trained genealogists and researchers.

Walking *the Ground*

Once you have found your ancestors on paper, whether by commissioned research or your own endeavours, the culmination will be the visit to your ancestral area. Calling to the relevant County Library and to the nearest branch library will help to put things in context, as these can be a source of valuable information on local history and oral tradition. Librarians can often put you in touch with local historians. Visiting the graveyards in the area may uncover more information but, more importantly, it will bring you closer to the Ireland your ancestors knew. The ultimate experience is to walk the ground once familiar to them, to look out on the world from their homestead and try to see it through their eyes.

18

Even if the exact details of your emigrant ancestor are lost in the mists of time and you cannot pinpoint their place of origin, learning about their circumstances can be very rewarding. For instance, a visit to the Ulster American Folk Park in Co. Tyrone would allow you a glimpse of the life they left behind and some understanding of the emigration process. Similarly, stepping on board the Dunbrody emigrant ship in New Ross or browsing the artifacts at the National Museum - Country Life in Co. Mayo would give an insight into your ancestor's experiences.



TRACING YOUR ANCESTORS IN IRELAND

ONCE YOU HAVE FOUND YOUR ANCESTORS ON PAPER, THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE IS TO WALK THE GROUND ONCE FAMILIAR TO THEM, TO LOOK OUT ON THE WORLD FROM THEIR HOMESTEAD AND TRY TO SEE IT THROUGH THEIR EYES.



Getting *More* Involved

If you feel like engaging a little more in the world of Irish genealogy you may like to subscribe to a magazine such as *Irish Roots* (in circulation since 1992) or even join a society. There are several genealogical organisations in Ireland and overseas offering membership. They provide information through their newsletters, journals and lectures.

The Irish Genealogical Research Society is the oldest. It was founded in London in 1936 as an international society. Its 'Ireland Branch', for members resident within Ireland, hosts lectures and open days in Dublin. The North of Ireland Family History Society, founded in 1979, is devoted to genealogy within Northern Ireland and it has several branches. The Irish Family History Society and the Genealogical Society of Ireland are two other membership organisations (see 'Useful Addresses'). In addition, there are some regional societies based in Ireland and several Irish Interest Groups abroad. Many of these and almost all the national societies are affiliated to the Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations (www.cigo.ie).

Most Irish surnames originate in an Irish Clan. Today, Finte na hÉireann or Clans of Ireland assists enquirers of Irish descent to form a Clan association where one does not already exist, or become a member of an existing Clan. The majority of registered Clans hold gatherings, usually in Ireland, but occasionally overseas. These Gatherings provide an ideal opportunity for Clan members to meet, socialise and exchange family history details. There are also organisations associated with specific immigrant groups and surnames, such as The Huguenot Society and The Irish Palatine Association.



There are many very useful books on Irish genealogical research.

Among these are:

Tracing your Irish Ancestors by John Grenham (Dublin 1992, revised editions 1999, 2006)

Tracing Irish Ancestors by Máire Mac Conghail and Paul Gorry (Glasgow 1997)

Irish Records: Sources for Family and Local History by James Ryan (Dublin 1988, revised edition 1998)

Tracing Your Ancestors in Northern Ireland: a guide to ancestry research in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland by Ian Maxwell (London 1997)

Researching Armagh Ancestors by Ian Maxwell (Belfast 2000)

Tracing Your Cork Ancestors by Tony McCarthy & Tim Cadogan (Dublin 1998)

Tracing Your Donegal Ancestors by Helen Meehan & Godfrey Duffy (Dublin 2008)

Researching Down Ancestors by Ian Maxwell (Belfast 2004)

Tracing Your Dublin Ancestors by James G. Ryan & Brian Smith (Dublin 1998, revised edition 2009)

Tracing Your Kerry Ancestors by Michael H. O'Connor (Dublin 1994)

Tracing Your Limerick Ancestors by Margaret Franklin (Dublin 2003)

Tracing Your Mayo Ancestors by Brian Smith (Dublin 1994)

Tracing Your Roscommon Ancestors by John Hamrock (Dublin 2008)

Irish Church Records edited by James G. Ryan (Dublin 1992)

Irish Methodists – Where Do I Start? by Steven C. ffearry-Smyrl (Dublin 2000)

Dictionary of Dublin Dissent – Dublin's Protestant Dissenting Meeting Houses 1660-1920 by Steven C. Smyrl (Dublin 2009)

The Jews in Ireland; from earliest times to the year 1910 by Louis Hyman (Shannon 1972)

Irish Civil Registration – Where do I Start? by Eileen Ó Dúill & Steven C. ffearry-Smyrl (Dublin, 2000)

Eneclann (www.eneclann.ie) publishes CD, DVD and on-line databases of Irish genealogical sources.

The *Exploring Family Origins* booklet series by Noel Farrell (www.exploringfamilyorigins.com) provides extracts and transcripts from various genealogical sources for over thirty of the larger Irish towns.

Irish Roots (www.irishrootsmedia.com) is a quarterly magazine and the only commercially produced periodical on Irish genealogy currently being published anywhere in the world.

NATIONAL REPOSITORIES:

General Register Office Research Room
 Floor 3, Block 7
 Irish Life Centre
 Lower Abbey Street
 Dublin 1
 Web: www.groireland.ie

General Register Office for Northern Ireland
 Oxford House
 49-55 Chichester Street
 Belfast BT1 4HL
 Tel: +44(0)28 90 252000
 Web: www.groni.gov.uk/about-us
 Advance appointment is necessary for research facility.

National Archives of Ireland
 Bishop Street
 Dublin 8
 Tel: + 353(0)1 4072300
 Email: mail@nationalarchives.ie
 Web: www.nationalarchives.ie

National Library of Ireland
 Kildare Street
 Dublin 2
 Tel: + 353(0)1 6030200
 Email: info@nli.ie
 Web: www.nli.ie

Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland
 Church House
 Fisherwick Place
 Belfast BT1 6DW
 Tel: +44(0)28 90322284
 Email: phslibrarian@pcinet.org

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)
 Tel: +44(0)28 9025 5905
 Email: proni@dcalni.gov.uk
 Web: www.proni.gov.uk
 Please check PRONI website for details of their location

Registry of Deeds
 Henrietta Street
 Dublin 1
 Tel: +353(0)1 8048417
 Web: www.landregistry.ie

Representative Church Body Library
 Braemor Park
 Churchtown
 Dublin 14
 Tel: +353(0)1 4923979
 Email: library@ireland.anglican.org
 Web: www.ireland.anglican.org

Valuation Office
 Irish Life Centre
 Lower Abbey Street
 Dublin 1
 Tel: +353 (0)1 8171000
 Email: info@valoff.ie
 Web: www.valoff.ie

REGIONAL REPOSITORIES:

It is advisable to make an advance appointment to view sources in most of the following repositories:

Antrim & Down
 Belfast Central Library
 Belfast, Ulster & Irish studies
 126 Royal Avenue
 Belfast
 County Antrim
 BT1 1EA
 Telephone: +44(0)28 9050 9100
 Email: buis.belb@librariesni.org.uk

Armagh Public Library
 43 Abbey Street
 Armagh BT61 7DY
 Tel: +44(0)28 37 523142
 Email: admin@armaghpubliclibrary.co.uk

Carlow County Library
 Tullow Street
 Carlow
 Tel: +353 (0)59 9170094
 Email: library@carlowcoco.ie

Cavan County Library & Archives
 Farnham Centre
 Farnham Street
 Cavan
 Tel: +353(0)49 4378500
 Email: library@cavancoco.ie
 Email: archives@cavancoco.ie

Clare County Library
 The Manse
 Harmony Row
 Ennis
 Co. Clare
 Tel: +353(0)65 6846271
 Email: mailbox@clarelibrary.ie

Cork City & County Archives
 33a Great William O'Brien Street
 Blackpool
 Cork
 Tel: +353(0)21 4505876
 Email: archivist@corkcity.ie

Cork City Libraries
 57-61 Grand Parade
 Cork
 Tel: 353(0)21 4924900
 Email: libraries@corkcity.ie

Cork County Library
 Carrigrohane Road
 Cork
 Tel: +353 (0)21 4546499
 Email: corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie

Derry Central Library
 35 Foyle Street
 Derry BT48 6AL
 Tel: +44(0)28 71272300
 Email: derrycentrallibrary@librariesni.org.uk

Donegal Central Library
 Oliver Plunkett Road
 Letterkenny
 Co. Donegal
 Tel: +353(0)74 9124950
 Email: central@donegalibrary.ie

Down – see Antrim

Dublin City Library & Archives
 138-144 Pearse Street
 Dublin 2
 Tel: +353(0)1 6744999
 Email: dublinstudies@dublincity.ie

Dublin South County Library
 Library Square
 Tallaght
 Dublin 24
 Tel: +353(0)1 4620073
 Email: talib@sdblincoco.ie

Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown Area
 Dún Laoghaire Library
 Lower Georges Street
 Dún Laoghaire
 Co. Dublin
 Tel: +353(0)1 2801147
 Email: localhistory@dlrcoco.ie

Fingal Local Studies & Archives
 Fingal Museum
 Forster Way
 Swords
 Co. Dublin
 Tel: +353 (0)1 8704495
 Email: local.studies@fingalcoco.ie

Fermanagh
 Enniskillen Library
 Halls Lane
 Enniskillen
 Co. Fermanagh BT74 7DR
 Tel: +44(0)28 66322886
 Email: enniskillenlibrary@librariesni.org.uk

Galway County Library
 Island House
 Cathedral Square
 Galway
 Tel: +353(0)91 562471
 Email: info@galwaylibrary.ie

I N F O R M A T I O N D I R E C T O R Y

Kerry Library
Moyderwell
Tralee
Co. Kerry
Tel: +353(0)66 7121200
Email: info@kerrycolib.ie

Kildare Library & Arts Service
Riverbank Arts Centre
Main Street
Newbridge
Co. Kildare
Tel: +353(0)45 431109
Email: colibrary@kildarecoco.ie

Kilkenny County Library
John's Green House
John's Green
Kilkenny
Tel: +353(0)56 7794160
Email: info@kilkennylibrary.ie

Laois County Library
J.F.L. Avenue
Portlaoise
Co. Laois
Tel: +353 (0)57 8674315
Email: laoislibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Leitrim County Library
Main Street
Ballinamore
Co. Leitrim
Tel: +353(0)71 9645582
Email: leitrimlibrary@leitrimcoco.ie

Limerick County Library
Lissanalra House
Dooradoyle Road
Limerick
Tel: +353(0)61 496526
Email: libinfo@limerickcoco.ie

Longford County Library
Town Centre, Longford
Tel: +353(0)43 3341124
Email: library@longfordcoco.ie

Louth County Library
Roden Place
Dundalk
Co. Louth
Tel: +353(0)42 9335457
Email: libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie

Mayo Central Library
John Moore Rd
Castlebar
Co. Mayo
Ireland
Tel: +353(0)94 9047922
Email: librarymayo@mayococo.ie

Meath County Library
Railway Street
Navan
Co. Meath
Tel: +353(0)46 9021134
Email: colibrarian@meathcoco.ie

Monaghan County Library
98th Avenue, Clones
Co. Monaghan
Tel: +353(0)47 51143
Email: clennon@monaghancoco.ie

Offaly County Library
O'Connor Square
Tullamore
Co. Offaly
Tel: +353(0)57 9346832
Email: libraryhq@offalycoco.ie

Roscommon County Library
Abbey Street
Roscommon
Tel: + 353 (0)90 6637275
Email: roslib@roscommoncoco.ie

Sligo Reference & Local Studies
Library
Westward Town Centre
Bridge Street
Sligo
Tel: +353(0)71 9111858
Email: sligolib@sligococo.ie

Tipperary Studies
Source Library
Cathedral Street
Thurles
Co. Tipperary
Tel: +353 (0)504 29278
Email: studies@tipperarylibraries.ie

Tyrone
Omagh Library,
1 Spillars Place
Irishtown Road
Omagh
Co. Tyrone BT 78 1HL
Tel: +44(0)28 82244821
Email: omaghlibrary@librariesni.org.uk

Waterford County Local Studies &
Archives
Dungarvan Central Library
Davitt's Quay
Dungarvan
Co. Waterford
Tel: +353(0)58 41231
Email:
dungarvanlibrary@waterfordcoco.ie

Westmeath County Library
Local Studies Department
Mullingar Library
County Buildings
Mount Street
Mullingar
Co. Westmeath
Tel: +353(0)44 933 2161
Email: mgarlib@westmeathcoco.ie

Westmeath County Library
Local Studies Department
Athlone Civic Offices
Church Avenue
Athlone
Co. Westmeath
Tel: +353 (0)90 6442157
Email: athlib@westmeathcoco.ie

Wexford Library
McCauley's Car Park
Off Redmond Square
Wexford
Tel: +353(0)53 9121637
Email: wexfordlib@wexfordcoco.ie

Wicklow County Library
Boghall Road
Bray
Co. Wicklow
Tel: +353(0) 1 272 3205
Email: library@wicklowcoco.ie

OTHER USEFUL ADDRESSES:

Association of Professional
Genealogists in Ireland (APGI)
30 Harlech Crescent
Clonskeagh
Dublin 14
Email: info@aggi.ie
Web: www.agpi.ie

Association of Ulster Genealogists
and Record Agents (AUGRA)
Glen Cottage
Glenmachan Road
Belfast BT4 2NP
Email: secretary@augra.com
Web: www.augra.com

Centre for Migration Studies
Ulster American Folk Park
Mellon Rd
Castletown
Omagh
Co. Tyrone BT78 5QY
Tel: +44(0)28 8225 6315
Email: cms@librariesni.org.uk

Clans of Ireland
3 Cherry Park
Newcastle
Galway
Email: info@clansofireland.ie
Web: www.clansofireland.ie

Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations (CIGO)
31a All Saints Road
Raheny
Dublin 6
Email: info@cigo.ie
Web: www.cigo.ie

Genealogical Society of Ireland
11 Desmond Avenue
Dun Laoghaire
Co. Dublin
Email: eolas@familyhistory.ie
Web: www.familyhistory.ie

Irish Family History Society
P.O. Box 36
Naas
Co. Kildare
Email: ifhs@eircom.net
Web: www.ifhs.ie

Irish Jewish Genealogical Society & Family History Centre
Irish Jewish Museum
3 Walworth Road
Portobello
Dublin 8
Email: masterc@medianet.ie
Web: www.jewishireland.org/genealogy

Irish Genealogical Research Society
Church of St Magnus the Martyr
Lower Thames Street
London EC3 6DN
Email: info@igrsoc.org
Web: www.igrsoc.org

Huguenot Society of Great Britain & Ireland
Irish section
C/o Mrs Elizabeth Bicker,
Honorary Secretary
Echo Hall
Spa
Co. Down BT24 8PT
Email: EchoHall@aol.com

Irish Roots Magazine
Blackrock
Blessington
Co. Wicklow
Email: editor@irishrootsmagazine.com
Web: www.irishrootsmedia.com

Irish Palatine Association
Old Railway Buildings
Rathkeale
Co. Limerick
Email: info@irishpalatines.org
Web: www.irishpalatines.org

Linen Hall Library
27 Donegall Square North
Belfast BT1 5GB
Tel: +44(0)28 90321707
Email: info@linenhall.com

North of Ireland Family History Society
C/o School of Education
69 University Street
Belfast BT7 1HL
Email: nquire@nifhs.org
Web: www.nifhs.org

Society of Friends (Quakers) in Ireland
Quaker House
Stocking Lane
Dublin 16
Email: office@quakers-in-ireland.ie
Web: www.quakers-in-ireland.ie

Society of Genealogists Northern Ireland (SGNI)
Email: secretary@sgni.net
Web: www.sgni.net

Wesley Historical Society
Methodist Study Centre
Edgehill College
9 Lennoxvale
Belfast BT9 5BY
Tel: +44 (0)77 1511 2655
Web: www.edgehillcollege.org/library

Cork City Ancestral Project
C/o, Cork County Library
Farranlea Road
Cork
Tel: +353 (0)21 4346435
Email: corkancestry@ireland.com

Cork North
Mallow Heritage Centre
27-28 Bank Place
Mallow
Co. Cork
Tel: +353 (0) 22 50302
Email: mallowhc@eircom.net

Derry Genealogy Centre
Harbour Museum
Harbour Sq.
Derry BT48 6AF
Tel: +44(0) 28 71377331
Email: genealogy@derrycity.gov.uk

Donegal Ancestry Centre
The Quay
Ramelton
Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 (0) 74 9151266
Email: info@donegalancestry.com

Down - See Antrim

Dublin North County
Swords Heritage Centre
Carnegie Library
North St
Swords
Co. Dublin
Tel: +353 (0)1 8400080
Email: swordsheritage@eircom.net

Dublin South County
Dun Laoghaire Heritage & Genealogy
Craft Courtyard
Marlay Park
Rathfarnham
Dublin 16
Tel: +353 (0)1 2047264
Email: cmalone@dlrcoco.ie

Dublin City
See www.irishgenealogy.ie

Fermanagh & Tyrone
Irish World Heritage Centre
51 Dungannon Road
Coalisland
Co. Tyrone B71 4HP
Tel: +44(0)28 87746065
Email: info@irish-world.com

Galway East Family History Society
Woodford Heritage Centre
Woodford
Loughrea
Co. Galway
Tel: +353 (0)90 974309
Email: galwayroots@eircom.net

COUNTY GENEALOGY CENTRES:

It is advisable to make an advance appointment with most of the following centres:

Antrim & Down
Ulster Historical Foundation
Unit 7, Cotton Court,
Waring Street
Belfast BT1 2ED
Tel: +44 (0)28 90332288
Email: enquiry@uhf.org.uk

Armagh Ancestry
38A English St
Armagh BT61 7BA
Tel: +44(0)28 3752 1800
Email: researcher@armagh.gov.uk

Carlow
See Carlow County Library

Cavan Genealogy
Johnston Central Library
Farnham St
Cavan
Tel: +353 (0)49 4361094
Email: cavangenealogy@eircom.net

Clare Heritage Centre
Corofin
Co. Clare
Tel: +353 (0)65 6837955
Email: clareheritage@eircom.net

I N F O R M A T I O N D I R E C T O R Y

Galway Family History
Society West Ltd
St. Joseph's Community Centre
Shantalla
Co. Galway
Tel: +353 (0)91 860464
Email: galwaywestroots@eircom.net

Kerry
See www.irishgenealogy.ie

Kildare Genealogy
Riverbank
Main St
Newbridge
Co. Kildare
Tel: +353 (0)45 448350
Email: kildaregenealogy@iol.ie

Kilkenny Archaeological Society
Rothe House Trust
Parliament St
Kilkenny
Tel: +353 (0)56 7722893
Email: kilkennyfamilyhistory@rothehouse.com

Laois & Offaly
Irish Midlands Ancestry
Bury Quay
Tullamore
Co. Offaly
Tel: +353 (0)506 21421
Email: info@offalyhistory.com

Leitrim Genealogy Centre
Ballinamore
Co. Leitrim
Tel: +353 (0)71 9644012
Email: leitrimgenealogy@eircom.net

Limerick Genealogy
Lissanalta House
Dooradoyle
Co. Limerick
Tel: +353 (0)61 496542
Email: research@limerickgenealogy.com

Longford Genealogy
17 Dublin St
Longford
Tel: +353 (0)43 3341235
Email: longroot@iol.ie

Louth Co. Library
Roden Place
Dundalk
Co. Louth
Tel: +353 (0)42 9335457
Email: referencelibrary@louthcoco.ie

Mayo North Family History
Research Centre
Enniscoe
Castlehill
Ballina
Co. Mayo
Tel: +353 (0)96 9631809
Email: normayo@iol.ie

Mayo South Family Research
Main St
Ballinrobe
Co. Mayo
Tel: +353 (0)94 9541214
Email: soumayo@iol.ie

Meath Heritage
Town Hall
Castle St
Trim
Co. Meath
Tel: +353 (0)46 9436633
Email: meathhc@iol.ie

Monaghan - No service

Offaly - See Laois

Roscommon Heritage & Genealogical
Centre
Church St
Strokestown
Co. Roscommon
Tel: +353 (0)71 9633380
Email: info@roscommonroots.com

Sligo Heritage & Genealogy Society
Aras Reddan
Temple St
Sligo
Tel: +353 (0)71 9143728
Email: heritagesligo@eircom.net

Tipperary North Genealogy Centre
The Governor's House,
Kickham St
Nenagh
Co. Tipperary
Tel: +353 (0)67 33850
Email: tipperarynorthgenealogy@eircom.net

Tipperary South
Bru Boru Cultural Centre
Rock of Cashel
Cashel
Co. Tipperary
Tel: +353(0)62 61122
Email: bruboru@comhaltas.com

Tipperary Family History Research
Parish Registers for Archdiocese of
Cashel & Emly
Excel Heritage Centre
Mitchell Street
Tipperary Town
Co. Tipperary
Tel: +353 (0)62 80555/6
Web: www.tfhr.org

Tyrone - See Fermanagh

Waterford Heritage Survey
St. Patrick's Church
Jenkin's Lane
Waterford
Tel: +353(0)51 876123
Email: mnoc@iol.ie

Westmeath
Dun na Si Heritage Centre
Knockdomney
Moate
Co. Westmeath
Tel: +353(0)90 6481183
Email: dunnasimoate@eircom.net

Wexford - No service

Wicklow Family History Centre
Wicklow Historic Gaol
Kilmantin Hill
Wicklow
Tel: +353(0)404 20126
Email: wfh@eircom.net

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS IN IRELAND:

Bradley, Pamela
Research Ireland
Blue Rock, Killough
Kilmacanogue
Co. Wicklow
Tel/Fax: +353(0)1 2869645
Email: bradlepamela@eircom.net

Davison, Robert C
Enquireland
Ballynester House
1A Cardy Road
Greyabbey
Newtownards
Co. Down BT22 2LS
Tel: +44 (0)28 42788386
Fax: +44(0)28 42788986
Email: enquireland@tiscali.co.uk

ffeary-Smyrl, Steven C. FIGRS
6 Brighton Road
Rathgar
Dublin 6
Tel: +353(0)1 4063542
Fax: +353(0)1 4928645
Email: steven@masseyandking.com

Fitzsimons, Fiona
Eneclann Ltd
Unit 1B
Trinity College Enterprise Centre
Pearse Street
Dublin 2
Tel: +353(0)1 6710338
Fax: +353(0)1 6710281
Email: info@eneclann.ie

Gorry, Paul FSG, FIGRS
84 Ardglass
Baltinglass
Co. Wicklow
Email: gorry@indigo.ie
Gregory Kiara
47 Highfield Grove
Caherslee, Tralee
Co. Kerry
Email: gregoryk@eircom.net

Jordan, Margaret
27 The Cloisters
Ballincollig
Co. Cork
Email: m.jordan246@gmail.com

Kelly, Helen
30 Harlech Crescent
Clonskeagh
Dublin 14
Tel: +353(0)1 2784040
Email: helen@helenkelly.com

MacConghail, Máire B.A., FIGRS
14 Ascaill Ghairbhile
Ráth Garbh
Baile Atha Cliath 6
Tel: +353(0)1 4974621
Email: mairemacconghail@eircom.net

McDowell, Henry FIGRS
Celbridge Lodge
Celbridge
Co. Kildare
Tel: +353(0)1 6288347

McElroy, David
IGS Ltd
94 University Avenue
Belfast BT7 1GY
Tel: +44(0)28 90667274
Fax: +44(0)28 90661277
Email: research@igslimited.com

McGauley, Hilda M.Sc.
Records Ireland
13 The Glade
Woodfarm Acres
Palmerstown
Dublin 20
Tel: +353(0)1 6260189
Email: roots@recordsireland.ie

Martin, Justin Homan
9 Fortfield Gardens
Rathmines
Dublin 6
Tel: +353(0)1 4962617
Email: justinhmartin@eircom.net

Morris, Nicola
Timeline Research Ltd
146 Tritonville Road
Sandymount
Dublin 4
Tel: 353(0)87 6325673
Email: research@timeline.ie

Ó Dúill, Eileen M.A., CG.
47 Delwood Road
Castleknock
Dublin 15
Tel: +353(0)1 8217272
Email: info@heirsireland.com

Sharkey, Joan
68 Raheny Park
Raheny
Dublin 5
Tel: +353(0)1 8314729
Email: joan.sharkey@gmail.com

Underwood, Rosaleen
15 Whitechurch Drive
Ballyboden
Dublin 16
Email: underwor@eircom.net

Members currently unavailable for commissions:

Beglan, Mary
Grenham, John M.A. FIGRS
Moorhead, Patricia
Gregory, Máiread
O'Byrne, Eileen B.A., B.L., FAPGI, FIGRS

**TOURISM IRELAND OFFICES
OVERSEAS:**

For more information on travel to Ireland, as well as details of family history and heritage tour operators where you live, please contact Tourism Ireland at www.discoverireland.com

or at the following locations:

Britain
Tourism Ireland
Nations House
103 Wigmore Street
London
W1U 1QS
Tel: +44 207 518 0800
Email: info.gb@tourismireland.com

USA
345 Park Avenue
New York
NY 10154
Tel: +1 212 418 0800
Email: info.us@tourismireland.com

Canada
2 Bloor Street West
Suite 3403
Toronto ON M4W 3E2
Tel: +1 416 925 6368
Email: info.ca@tourismireland.com

Australia
5th Level, 36 Carrington Street
Sydney
New South Wales 2000
Tel: +61 2 9964 6900
Email: info@tourismireland.com.au
New Zealand
L7, Citigroup Building
23 Customs St East
PO Box 279
Auckland 1140
Tel: +64 9 977 2255
Email: tourism@ireland.co.nz

South Africa
Development Promotions
Everite House
7th Floor, 20 De Korte Street
Braamfontein 2017
Johannesburg
Tel: +27 11 339 4865
Email: tourismireland@dpgsa.co.za

For more information on travel to Northern Ireland, please contact :

Belfast Welcome Centre
Tourist Information (Belfast & Northern Ireland)
47 Donegall Place, Belfast BT1 5AD
T: +44 (0) 28 9024 6609
Email: welcomecentre@belfastvisitor.com

LOCATION MAP OF IRELAND



Every care has been taken to ensure accuracy in the compilation of this brochure. Fáilte Ireland cannot, however, accept responsibility for errors or omissions, but where such are brought to our attention, future publications will be amended accordingly. © Fáilte Ireland. Published by Fáilte Ireland



Fáilte Ireland

National Tourism Development Authority

For more information about the
Republic of Ireland, please contact :
Fáilte Ireland
Amiens Street, Dublin 1
Tel: 1890 525 525 / (01) 884 7700
Fax: (01) 855 6821

www.failteireland.ie
www.discoverireland.ie



FI/10895-10

HCC10ENCI02FI

