



Family History Research

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Family History Research

Getting started

Beginning the search

Your research begins with you and your immediate family. Ask questions of family members you think might know a little bit more about your family history. Consult old photographs on which names and dates may be noted, newspaper clippings, old letters, family Bibles as well as family gravestones. Try to establish approximate dates (of births, marriages and deaths) as well as names (forenames and related family names) and places of residence. This information will point the way to relevant records. Religious denomination is also important in determining which records are relevant to your research.

Research tip

It is important to be organised when you are doing family history research, so make sure to record the source of your information and its location. Keep a note of all the records searched, even if you have found nothing. You won't want to have to search the same records twice.

Begin with census records and civil records

You should use census records and civil records to begin researching your family history.

Census records

Although a census of the Irish population was taken every ten years from 1821 to 1911, the earliest complete surviving Census is for 1901. The 1901 and 1911 Census are both fully searchable online, free of charge at www.census.nationalarchives.ie.

Research tip

Use the ages of persons recorded in the Census to narrow the range of years to be searched in earlier birth or baptism records.

Civil records

State registration of all non-Catholic marriages in Ireland began in 1845. In 1864, civil registration of all births, marriages and deaths commenced. These records are held at the General Register Office in Dublin, www.groireland.ie.

Did you know?

An index to records of civil registration in Ireland from 1845 to 1958 is available at www.familysearch.org.

Natus Numerus.	Anno Domini 1877		Natus		Ex parentibus legitime Matrimonio junctis.	Habitant in
	Baptizati Nomen.	Cognomen.	Die.	Mens.	Nomen Patris.	Dominum.
145	Petrus	M ^c Mahon	11	Nov ^{is}	Patritius McMahon & Maria McPary	Guagh
146	Maria	Money	16	"	Michael Money & Maria Langfield	Drumlane
147	Maria	Sluffy	20	"	Edwardus Sluffy & Maria Anna Coyle	Tyransoo
148	Jaames	M ^c Eloy	23	Nov ^{is}	Jougenius McEloy & Cath ^a Hamraty	Dummaunee
149	Patritius	Murphy	24	Nov ^{is}	Jaames Murphy & Maria Mc Mahon	Ballihay
150	Margareta	Duffy	25	Nov ^{is}	Jessama Duffy	
151	Michael	Warkley	3 ^a	Dec ^{bris}	Peter Warkley & Maria Daily	Drumgarra
152	Maria Johanna	McManus	4 ^a	Dec ^{bris}	Jaames McManus & Catharina Lilly	Ballihay

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Parish registers

For most family history researchers, parish registers provide the earliest direct source of family information. Unlike many other records, parish registers provide evidence of direct links between one generation and the next (via baptismal registers) and one family and another (via marriage registers).

Catholic records

The NLI holds microfilm copies of the registers for most Roman Catholic parishes in Ireland (including the counties of Northern Ireland). These registers consist primarily of baptismal and marriage records. Records of burials are uncommon.

The start dates of the registers vary from, for example, the 1740/50s in some city parishes in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Waterford and Limerick, to the 1780/90s in counties such as Kildare, Wexford, Waterford and Kilkenny. Many of the parish registers in counties on the western seaboard do not begin until the 1850/60s. 1880 is the cut-off date for the filming of the vast majority of registers, although a few later registers were microfilmed. For records beyond 1880, you will need to get in touch with the parish directly.

What kind of information is contained in the registers?

The quality of the information in the registers varies from parish to parish. Latin was used in many registers, but neither surnames nor placenames were translated. In general, baptismal registers contain the following information:

- Date of baptism
- Child's name
- Father's name
- Mother's name and maiden name
- Names of godparents (sponsors)
- Sometimes the place of residence is also included.

Information contained in marriage registers includes:

- Date of marriage
- Bride's name
- Groom's name
- Names of witnesses
- Sometime the names of the parents and their place of residence are also included.

Locating the correct parish

If you know the name of the Roman Catholic parish, you can consult the **List of Parish Registers on Microfilm**, available on our website, www.nli.ie. This contains covering dates of the registers in each parish, and the call number. For example P.5000 contains the registers for the parish of Doneraile, 1815-1880. The microfilms are available on self-service access in the Genealogy Microfilm Reading Room. It is possible to print from the microfilm and copies cost 10c per page.

If you know the name of the townland but not the parish you will first need to find out the name of the civil parish in which the townland is situated. You should consult the *General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland* (1861), available in our Genealogy Service. An online version of this information is available at www.seanruad.com and www.logainm.ie.

When you find out the name of the civil parish, you will then need to locate the corresponding Roman Catholic parish by consulting either Samuel Lewis's *Topographical Dictionary of Ireland* (1837) or *A Guide to Irish Parish Registers* by Brian Mitchell (1988), both available in our Genealogy Service.

Did you know?

Church records for some parishes in Dublin, Cork, Kerry and Carlow are available online at www.irishgenealogy.ie.

Research tips

If the information you are searching for relates to a later date than the foundation date of a particular parish, check the surrounding parishes for earlier registers.

Where the name of the county but not the name of the parish is known, narrow the areas to be searched by checking for occurrences of the surname in *Griffith's Valuation*.

Allow for variants of spelling and known dates.

Other denominations

Church of Ireland (Anglican) records

These records are housed in a number of different locations. Some original registers are held in the National Archives, others are held in the Representative Church Body Library, and some are retained in individual parishes. The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) also holds many original and copy registers.

Presbyterian records

These records are held in three main locations: in local custody, in the Presbyterian Historical Society and in PRONI.

Methodist records

Records of Methodist births, marriages and deaths which took place prior to about 1820 are found in the Church of Ireland registers. For details of surviving records after that date, contact the Methodist Church in the area closest to your area of research. PRONI holds a county-by-county listing of surviving registers for Northern Ireland.

Quaker records

These records are held in two main repositories: Libraries of the Society of Friends in Dublin and Lisburn.

Jewish records

Enquiries about Jewish records should be addressed to the Irish Jewish Museum.

A list of useful addresses and websites is available on pages 22-23 of this booklet.

Congested Districts Board for Ireland.

SURVEYOR'S SCHEDULE OF AREAS.

LANDS HELD UNDER TENANCIES.

ESTATE The Marquis of Seigo COUNTY Mayo (Westport Rural District)
TOWNLAND OF Lurnace

No. in Rental.	Reference Numbers on Vendor's Map.	Tenants' Names	Area (Statute Measure).			Particulars of sub-tenancies, if any, including area, rent, tenure, and date of instrument creating sub-tenancy.
			A.	R.	P.	
1 to 1	A	<i>Reps Thomas Mullen for Thomas Noone</i>	28	"	12	
2		<i>Shady Haran</i>	22	1	17	<i>See also N^o 13</i>
3		<i>Pat Laville</i>	15	2	38	" " " "

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Property records

Records of place can provide useful information about where your ancestors lived. The main sources are *Griffith's Valuation*, the Tithe Applotment Books, estate papers and maps.

Start with *Griffith's Valuation*

The Primary Valuation of Ireland or *Griffith's Valuation* – carried out between 1848 and 1864 – provides detailed information on where people lived in mid-nineteenth century Ireland and the property they possessed.

Griffith's Valuation was a valuation of property holdings carried out to determine liability to pay the Poor Rate (for the support of the poor and destitute within each Poor Law Union). It is arranged by county and, within counties, by Poor Law Union. Each Poor Law Union is broken down into electoral divisions, civil parishes and townlands.

What kind of information is contained in *Griffith's Valuation*?

Griffith's Valuation contains the following information for each townland or street:

- Map reference number (corresponds to the location of the holding on the first edition six-inch Ordnance Survey maps)
- Name of occupiers of holdings (tenants, heads of households)
- Names of immediate lessors (the person from whom the holding was leased, landlord)
- Description of the tenement (holding)
- Area (acres, roods and perches) of each holding
- Valuation of buildings, land, etc. and total annual valuation of each holding

Griffith's Valuation is fully searchable online, free of charge at www.askaboutireland.ie.

Did you know?
The 'Cancelled Land Books' and 'Current Land Books' available in the Valuation Office give details of all changes in holdings, from the time of the original valuation to the present day.

Tithe Applotment Books

The Tithe Applotment Books were compiled between 1823 and 1838 as a survey of land in each civil parish to determine the payment of tithes (a religious tax). Unlike *Griffith's Valuation* they do not cover cities or towns.

What kind of information is contained in the Tithe Applotment Books?

The Tithe Books contain the following information:

- Name of occupier
- Name of townland
- Acreage
- Classification of land
- Amount of tithe due

The Tithe Applotment Books are available online, free of charge at www.familysearch.org.

Research tip

If you know the county of origin of your ancestor but are unsure of his or her exact place of residence, *Griffith's Valuation* or the Tithe Applotment Books will allow you to pinpoint the civil parishes in which persons of the same surname lived.

Estate papers

In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the vast majority of the Irish population lived as tenant farmers on estates. The administration of these estates produced large quantities of records such as leases and deeds, rentals and account books, maps and correspondence. During the twentieth century many of the estates were broken up and sold off under various land purchase acts, and many estate collections found their way into public repositories such as the NLI.

What kind of information is contained in estate papers?

Estate records provide circumstantial evidence about the people who lived on an estate. The information available in these records depends on the type of document. The most useful documents for family history research include rentals containing a list of tenants' names, the location of the tenants' land holdings and the amount of rent payable; leases or agreements containing information on property to be rented by a tenant from a landlord; correspondence from land agents about particular tenants and events on an estate; household and farm accounts showing names of tenants and their families who were employed in the landlord's house and on the estate farm; and papers relating to encumbered estates, the Land Commission and Congested Districts Board.

Locating estate records

In order to search for collections of estate papers, the first step is to find out the name of the landlord. A search of *Griffith's Valuation* will indicate the name of the landlord of a particular townland in mid-nineteenth century Ireland. The published *Landowners in Ireland: Return of owners of land of one acre and upwards* (1876) which is available online at www.failteromhat.com contains names and addresses of landlords. Another useful website is www.landedestates.ie which gives detailed information on estates and landowning families in Connacht and Munster.

PARISH OF DONAGHMOYNE.

No. and Letters of Reference to Map.	Names.		Description of Tenement.	Area.		
	Tenants and Occupiers.	Proprietors.		A.	R.	P.
	<p>In order to determine if records belonging to a particular estate are located in the NLI, you can search our Catalogue and Sources database at www.nli.ie.</p>					
11	Peter M'Cabe,	Marquis of Bath,	House and land,	2	1	5
12	James M'Arns,	Same,	House, offices, and land.	31	3	15
	<p>Many collections of estate papers contain detailed maps of parts of the estate. In addition, we hold a large number of maps created by individual surveyors, such as the Longfield Map collection. Maps can contain a wealth of information on the topography of a particular location as well as on landholdings of individual tenants.</p>					
1	John Naginn,	Marquis of Bath,	House, offices, and land,	28	0	20
2	Edw. M'Arns,	Same,	Land,	3	1	0
3 A	Henry M'Arns,	Same,	Land,	6	0	0
3 B	John M'Arns,	Same,	Land,	6	0	20
4	James M'Arns,	Same,	Land,	4	3	30
5	James M'Arns, sen.,	Same,	House and land,	10	0	0
6	Patrick Callan,	Same,	Land,	2	18	
7				1	0	
8				3	30	
9				2	20	
10				2	20	
11				1	20	
12				1	25	
13				1	35	
14	John M'Arns,	Same,	House and land,	1	1	35
15	Laurence M'Arns,	Same,	Land,		0	
16	Anne M'Arns,	Same,	Land,		5	
17	Mary M'Arns,	Same,	Land,		5	
18 A	Jas. M'Arns,	Same,	Land,		25	
18 B	James Brogan,	Same,	Land,		20	
19					5	
20 A	Marquis of Bath,				35	
20 B					15	
20 C					0	
20 D					10	
21	Dundalk Killen I (Thomas Secretary)				20	
22					1	
				10		123
	<p>DRUMGRISTIN, LOWER. (Ord. S. 25.)</p>					
1 A	James M'Guiggan,	Marquis of Bath,	House, offices, & land,	10	2	5
1 B				0	1	35
1 C				1	3	0
2	Peter M'Guiggan,	Same,	House, offices, and land,	4	1	10
3 A				13	1	30
3 B						

Maps

Locating maps

Search our **Catalogue** and **Sources** database at www.nli.ie to locate maps for a particular county or estate.

Did you know?

The **Sources** database contains information on manuscripts held in the NLI, and in other archives and libraries around the world.



Lennon, B. 14 Moss street
 M'Asey, Thomas, 94 Bride street
 M'Cann, James, 17 Kevin street, upper
 M'Cann, Thomas, 28 Kevin street, upper
 M'Creedy, Thomas, 28 Earl street, north
 M'Keever, J. 34 Wood street
 M'Kenzie, Robert, 4 Halston street
 M'Leod, William, 41 Moss street
 M'Neale, David, 29 Montgomery street
 Magill, Patrick, 7 Chapel lane
 Mowles, John, 33 Earl street, south
 Murphy, Edward, 190 Townsend street
 Murphy, Laurence, 158 Church street, old
 O'Connor, P. 21 Kevin street, upper
 O'Reilly, John, 111 Church street, old
 O'Reilly, Peter, 11 Frederick lane, south
 Pender, Ed. 46 George's st. lr. Kingstown
 Peters, John, 81 Phibsborough road
 Power, Michael, 8 Frederick lane, south
 Quinn, J. 34 New street
 Quinn, James, 31 Ranelagh road
 Quinn, John, 28 Moss street
 Quinn, Michael, 25 Harold's cross
 Quirk, Christopher, 5 Belview
 Segrave, John, 35 Coombe, lower
 Smith, J. 8 Chancery place
 Taylor, George, 3 Coppinger's row
 Thompson, William, 30 Abbey st. up.
 Tinkler, Brothers, 42 Bridgefoot street
 Tinkler, John, 21 Peter street
 Tinkler, William, 20 Peter street
 Verdon, Christopher, 26 Kevin street, up.
 Wall, Patrick, 7 Rogerson's quay
 Walsh, Edward, 3 Oliver's alley

Smiths and Farriers.

Branagan, George, 41 Parkgate street
 Brophy, Patrick, 1 Stephen's place
 Dowdall, M. A. 4 Baggot lane
 Farrell, Thomas, 16 Constitution hill
 Bennett, John, 28 Gardiner st. middle

Goodbody, T. P. and Co. 67 Abbey st. m.
 Greene, John, 169 King street, north
 Hickey, D. 48 and 49 Coombe, lower
 Hickey, John, 71 Thomas street
 Holebrook, George, 152 Britain st. great
 Holeywood, Mrs. A. 47 Meath street
 Hughes, Robert, 40 William st. south
 Humphreys & Co. 27 Mecklenburgh st. up.
 Hunt, James, 21 Molesworth street
 Hutchinson, Robt. Day, 43 George's st. sth.
 Kane, Michael, 5 Liffey street, west
 Kavanagh, Mary, 43 Bolton street
 Kelly, Gerald, 172 King street, north
 Kelly, Hubert, 29 Ellis's quay
 Kelly, John James, 3½ Baggot st. lower
 Kelly, Maria, 23 Grafton street
 Kennedy, Daniel, 101 Britain st. great
 Kenny, Catherine, 90 Britain street, great
 King, Mrs. 16 George's street, south
 King, John, 182 Britain street, great
 Kirwan, John, 6 Eden quay
 Ladden, Thomas, 39 Amiens street
 Larkin, John, 19 King street, north
 Lea, Andrew, 1 Dame street
 M'Dermott, B. 155 Church street, old
 M'Dermott, Chrstr. 29 Britain st. great
 M'Donagh, Simon, 65 Mary street
 M'Guinness, Edward, 65 King st. north
 Mackey, Kelly, and Co. 9 Beresford place
 Madden, J. and Co. 119 Grafton street,
 and 80 George's street, up. Kingstown
 Magee, James, 32 Ormond quay, upper
 Magrane, Mark, 26 Henry street
 Magrath, Daniel, 19 Crampton court
 Mahon, Peter, 20 Abbey street, upper
 Martin, Andrew, 23 Bolton street
 Meldon, Richard, 106 James's street
 Mellon, Edward, 20 Lincoln place
 Mitchell, George, 20 Sackville street, lr.
 Monks, Francis, 2 Wexford street
 Mooney, Patrick, 27 Capel street
 Morrison, John, 5 Grafton street

Stationers and Account- Book Manufacturers.

Armstrong, Andrew, 16½ D'Olier street
 Bainford, Elizabeth, 50 George's st. gt. s.
 Baker, Thomas, 82 Cook street
 Bellow, G. 79 Grafton street
 Bermingham, Walter, 103 Thomas street
 Boland, J. 106 James's street, west
 Brown and Nolan, 24 Nassau street
 Bryson, J. N. and Co. 19 Nassau street
 Byrne, Mrs. Maria, 1 Warrington place
 Carey, Michael, 122 Thomas street
 Carrick, Robert, 30 Bachelor's walk
 Carroll, D. W. 44 Sackville street, lower
 Carroll, P. J. 12 College green
 Chambers, John, and Son, 36 Dame street
 Chambers, John, jun. 1 Capel street
 Cherry & Shields, 40 Sackville st. upper
 Cornish, James, 18 Grafton street
 Cowan and Co. 16½ D'Olier street
 D'Arcy, J. 2 Merrion street, lower
 Devoy, John, 66 William street, south
 Dollard, Joseph, 9 Dame street
 Draper, John, 70 Camden street, lower
 Farrell, Thomas, 3 Verschoyle court
 Faulkner, Patrick, 110 James's street
 Ferris, Eliza & Ellen, 38 Camden st. lr.
 Flinn, Grace, 1 Harcourt street
 Frazer and Sons, 37 Arran quay
 Furlong, Brothers, 29 Dame street
 Glover, Mrs. 62 Stephen street
 Gonne, H. 26 Clare street
 Greene, John, 16 Clare street
 Haslam, A. M. 91 Rathmines road
 Hayes, Mrs. 61 Dawson street
 Hedgelong, Charles, 20 Grafton street
 Hely, Charles, and Co. 17 Dame street
 Hendrick, Ralph, 20 Clare street
 Hodges, Smith, and Co. 104 Grafton st.
 Houghton, Mrs. 2 Harcourt street

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Occupations

The NLI has a number of sources to help you trace the occupations of your ancestors.

Directories

Directories are very useful for researching the gentry as well as the professional, merchant and trading classes. They can provide circumstantial evidence of growing or declining prosperity, emigration or death.

What kind of information is contained in directories?

- Names, addresses and occupations of merchants and traders
- Names of doctors, lawyers, bankers, clergy, magistrates, and those involved in the administration of healthcare and justice in big towns and cities
- Names and addresses of noble and gentry families
- Some Dublin directories such as *Thom's*, contain a street-by-street listing of inhabitants of Dublin city and county

Locating directories

Search our **Catalogue** at www.nli.ie for directories relating to your area.

Some examples are:

- *Wilson's Directory* (1751-1837)
- *Pettigrew and Oulton's Dublin Almanac and General Register of Ireland* (1834-49)
- *Thom's Irish Almanac and Official Directory* (1844-)
- *Pigot's Commercial Directory of Ireland* (1820)
- *Slater's Royal National Commercial Directory of Ireland* (1846, 1856, 1870, 1881, 1894)


Other occupations

Army records

Records of Irishmen who served in the British Army (including Irish regiments) are held in The National Archives in Kew, London. A guide to these records is available on the National Archives website, www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

RIC/DMP records

Records for the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) and Dublin Metropolitan Police (DMP) are available on microfilm in the National Archives, Dublin and also in PRONI.



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CORK COMMERCIAL

THIS PAPER circulates very extensively in every District of the County of Cork; also in the Counties of Kerry, Limerick, Tipperary, Waterford, &c. &c.—in the different Public Institutions, and at Messrs. J. K. JOHNSTON & Co's, (Newspaper Agents); numerous Club Houses, &c. in England.

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 AND SATURDAYS. } CORK—THURSDAY, MAR

MEETING AT MALLOW.

PURSUANT to a Requisition numerously and respectfully signed, directed to the Rev. W. JONES, P.P. a Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town and Borough was held on Saturday the 21st inst., at which the following Resolutions and Petition were unanimously agreed to—

RICHARD JONES Esq. in the Chair.

RESOLVED—That as the Legislature in regulating the qualification of persons entitled to vote at an election for Knights of the Shire, has signified its intention of not extending the principle to Corporate or Borough Towns; we consider any attempt to alter or restrict the franchise therein, as officious, mischievous, and uncalled for.

Resolved—That having learned that a petition to disfranchise the 40s. Freeholders of this Borough, has been dispatched to Parliament, originating with a few Members of the Mallow Club, or News-Room—We enter our Protest against same, as not carrying with it either the feelings or the wishes of the great body of the Electors; and that however we respect and esteem the promoters of it, in private life, still in the capacity of petitioners we cannot view them in any other light than as the enemies of the freedom and independence of this Borough.

The following Petition was proposed and read by the Rev. Mr. JONES, and carried with acclamation—

HIGH SHERIFFS.

DUBLIN CASTLE, 2D MARCH, 1829.

THEIR Excellencies the Lords Justices have been pleased to appoint the following Gentlemen to be High Sheriffs for the present year:—

ANTRIM...Nich. Delacherois Crumlin, Esq. Ballymena.
 ARMAGH...Hunt-Walsh Chambre, of Killeavey, Esq. Forkhill.
 CAVAN...Theophilus Lucas Clements, of Rathkenny, Esq. Cotehill.
 CARLOW...James Butler, of Broomville, Esq. Tullow.
 CLARE...Simon George Purdon, of Tinnacraua, Esq. Killaloe.
 CORK...John Longfield, of Longueville, Esq. Mallow.
 DONEGAL...Joseph Pratt, of Corney Castle, Esq. King-court.
 DOWN...Daniel Delacherois, of Donaghadee, Esq. Donaghadee.
 DUBLIN...George Evans, of Portrane, Esq. Swords.
 FERMANAGH...Ambrose Upton Gledstoue, of Lisnaska, Esq. Lisnaska.
 GALWAY...John C. Burke, of Tyacquin, Esq. Atheury.
 KERRY...Thomas Herbert, of Cahirbane, Esq. Killarney.
 KILDARE...Sir Walter Dixon Borrowes, Bart. of Laragh, Emo.
 KILKENNY...R. Cox, of Castletown, Esq. Carrick-on-Suir.
 KING'S COUNTY...Sir William Cox, of Tullamore, Knight Tullamore.
 LEITRIM...Simeon Armstrong, of Hollymount, Esq. Manorhamilton.
 LIMERICK...Wm. Scallan, of Ballyncha, Esq. Rathkeale.

THE ARMY.

MILITARY PROMOTIONS AND EXCHANGES.
 WAR-OFFICE MARCH 19, 1829.

1st Regiment of Life Guards...Cornet and Ensign Thomas Middleton Biddulph, to be Lieutenant, vice Sir Edward Blackett, who retires; and under Nisbett, gent. to be Cornet and Subaltern by purchase, vice Biddulph.

1st Regiment of Dragoon Guards...Lieutenant John Polhill, to be Captain by purchase, vice Polhill; Cornet Edward Charles Hales Wilkie, to be Lieutenant by purchase, vice Wilson; James Smith Schoups, to be Cornet by purchase, vice Wilkie.

6th Dragoon Guards...Staff-Assistant-Surgeon Low Warren, M.D. to be Assistant-Surgeon, vice deceased.

1st Regiment of Dragoons...Quartermaster John B. to be Adjutant (with the rank of Cornet), vice resigns the Adjutancy only; Troop-Sergeant Edward Horton, to be Quartermaster, vice K. Adjutant.

7th Regiment of Light Dragoons...Hon. J. to be Cornet by purchase, vice Houston, promoted.

10th Light Dragoons...Robert Edward C. to be Cornet by purchase, vice Champion, who resigns.

6th Regiment of Foot...Capt. Thomas Shurlan, from the 56th foot, to be Captain, vice exchanges; Ensign John Lumley, to be Lieutenant by purchase, vice Foley, promoted; Warren Maunder, to be Ensign by purchase, vice Lumley.

10th Do...Captain Francis Dunne, from the 10th Do., to be Captain, vice George King, who resigns.

Family History Research Newspapers

The NLI has the largest collection of national and regional newspapers in Ireland, covering over 1,770 individual titles from the seventeenth century to the present day. We also collect titles of Irish interest published abroad.

Newspapers provide a contemporary commentary on the major occasions in the political, religious, sporting and cultural life of the nation. They are also a major source of information on everyday life - advertisements, reports of social events, accidents, court proceedings and inquests - all the exciting and mundane details that made up the daily lives of Irish people over the years.

Locating newspapers

To find out if we hold a particular newspaper, or to find out which titles were published in a particular county or town, use our **Newspaper database** at www.nli.ie. The database will tell you the publication dates of a particular newspaper and if it is available on microfilm or hardcopy.

Did you know?

A small number of newspapers are available to search online via subscription websites. These include *The Irish Times*, the *Irish Independent* and the *Irish Press*. You can access these titles on any PC in the NLI.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

BIRTHS.

CHILDERS—June 2, 1931, at 21 Rue de Longchamps, Neuilly, Paris, to Mr. and Mrs. Erskine H. Childers—a son.

CONNOLLY—May 19, 1931, at the Medical Hall, Cavan, to Minnie, wife of T. J. Connolly, Surgeon Dentist—a son.

MOYLAN—May 22, 1931, at 89 Lower Baggot St., to Dr. and Mrs. P. Moylan, 3 Bindon St., Ennis—a daughter.

MULVENNA—May 17, 1931, at "Liosnamara" Nursing Home, Bray, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Mulvenna, "St. Kevin's," Foxrock—a son.

Ó CEALLAIGH—Dealtaine 24, 1931, do bhronn Dia mac ar Una (ní Turnéir), bean Domhnaigh Uí Ceallaigh, "An Dungatóg," Bóthar Fionnghlaise, i mBailte Ársa Cluic (Seán Coinnead a ainm).

VEREKER—May 26, 1931, at 29a Wickham St., Limerick, to Madge (nee MacCarthy) and Seán Vereker, the gift of a daughter (Jane

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Emigration records

Information about emigrants was usually gathered at the port of destination rather than the place of departure.

USA and Canada

The National Archives, Washington DC holds immigration records for arrivals in the US from foreign ports between 1820 and 1982. These records usually contain information on the emigrant's nationality, age, profession, previous place of residence and the name and address of relatives in the US, in addition to the name of the ship and the place of entry to the US. These records are arranged by the port of arrival and are available on microfilm. See www.archives.gov for more information.

Some records for the port of New York are available online and free of charge at www.castlegarden.org and www.ellisland.org.

Information about records for emigrants to Canada is available in the Library and Archives Canada, see www.collectionscanada.gc.ca.

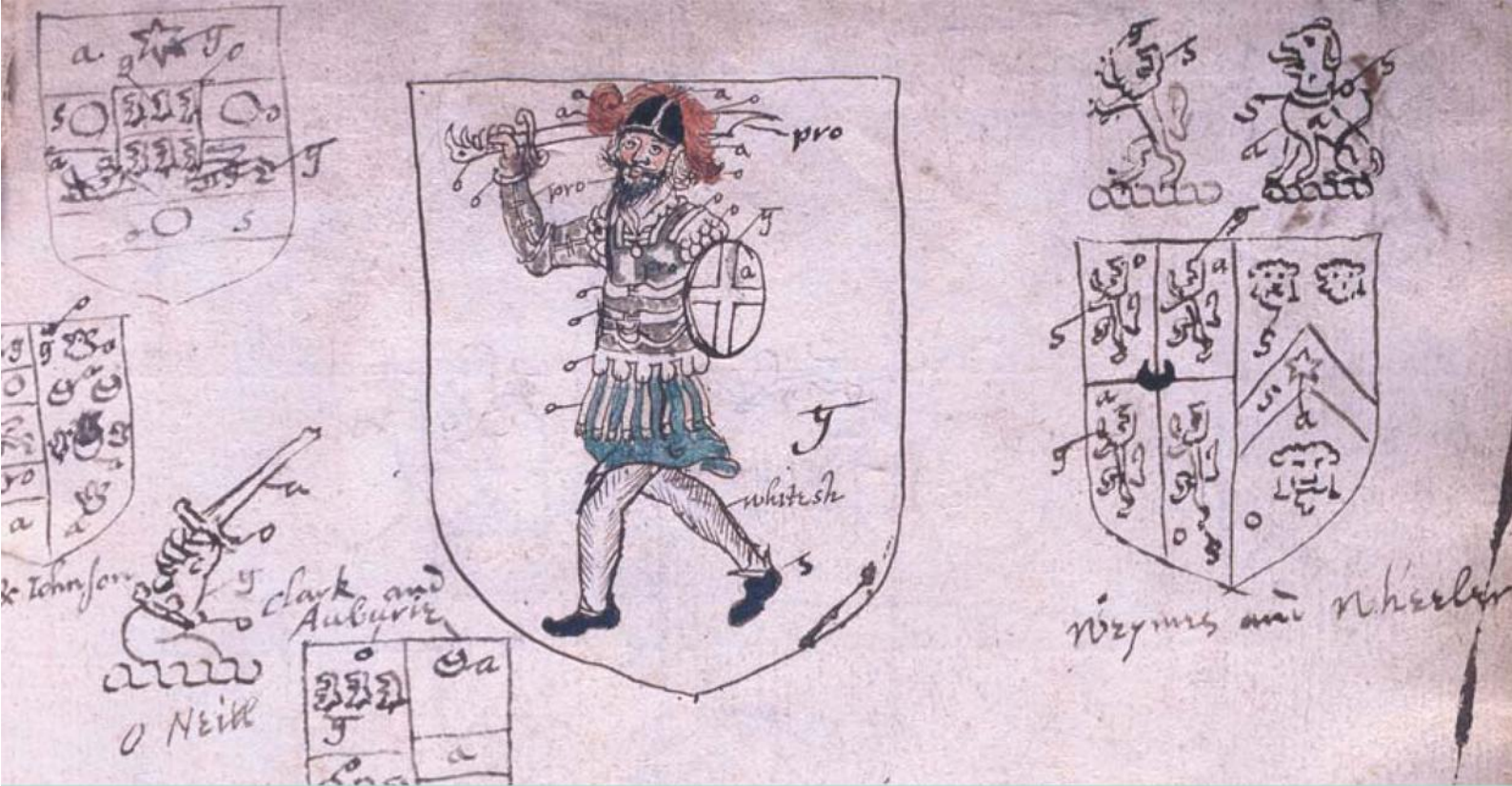
Useful published sources include:

- *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index: a guide to published arrival records of ... passengers who came to the United States and Canada in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries*, ed. P. William Filby (various dates)
- *The Famine Immigrants: Lists of Irish immigrants arriving at the port of New York 1846-1851*, ed. Glazier and Tepper (various dates).

Australia and New Zealand

Penal transportation from Ireland to Australia took place between 1791 and 1853. The records of the Chief Secretary's Office, held in the National Archives of Ireland, are a major source for information on transportees and include documents such as the transportation register entries, prisoner petitions and convict reference files. A database of surnames is available on the National Archives website, www.nationalarchives.ie.

The National Archives of Australia holds records of immigration after 1923 when immigration became a Commonwealth Government responsibility. Pre-1923 immigration records are held by the individual states. For example the records of New South Wales are held by the New South Wales State Records, see www.records.nsw.gov.au, while the records for the state of Victoria are held by the Public Record Office of Victoria, see www.pro.vic.gov.au.



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Heraldry

The records of the Genealogical Office can be a useful resource for family historians. A coat of arms is granted and belongs to an individual, not to a family or a surname, and may be borne by only one person at any time. Its correct use by direct descendants of the original grantee is subject to a system of marks of difference applied to the coat of arms. Because of this, a grant, confirmation or certificate of arms usually contains some genealogical information about the grantee. Genealogical Office manuscripts which can be helpful in researching a family history include documents relating to grants and confirmations of arms and registered pedigrees, as well as material such as will abstracts which were collected for research purposes.

Locating heraldic records

In order to locate information on an individual who may have had a coat of arms granted, confirmed or otherwise recorded, you can search the **Sources** database at www.nli.ie. An index of people about whom there are records held in the Genealogical Office manuscript collections may be found in V.W. McAnlis' *Consolidated index to the records of the Genealogical Office, Dublin*. A copy is available on our website www.nli.ie under Heraldry.

Did you know?

Coats of arms are still granted today by the Chief Herald of Ireland. They are created as a unique symbol for the grantee, to be passed on to their descendants forever.





Family History Research

Other sources of information

In addition to Roman Catholic parish registers, records of landed estates, newspapers and directories, the NLI holds a wealth of other information that can be used to trace the history of a family. This includes published family histories, photographs, and manuscript letters and diaries. Local history society publications often contain useful information on local sources such as gravestone inscriptions. You can search for these items in the **Catalogue and Sources** database on www.nli.ie.

Looking for help?

The NLI's free Genealogy Advisory Service is an ideal starting point for those beginning family history research. No appointment is necessary.

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Monday–Wednesday: 9.30am–5.00pm

Thursday–Friday: 9.30am–4.45pm

Recommended reading

(all available in the Genealogy Advisory Service and NLI Main Reading Room)

Grenham, John (2012) *Tracing your Irish ancestors: the complete guide*. 4th ed. Dublin: Gill & Macmillan

Helferty, Seamus and Refaussé, Raymond (2011) *Directory of Irish Archives*. 5th ed. Dublin: Four Courts Press

MacLysaght, Edward (1985) *Irish families, their names, arms and origins*. 4th ed. Dublin: Irish Academic Press

Mitchell, Brian (1988) *A guide to Irish parish registers*. Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co.

Ryan, James G. (1997) *Irish records: sources for family and local history*. Salt Lake City, Dublin: Ancestry Publishing, Flyleaf Press

Ryan, James G. ed. (2001) *Irish church records: their history, availability, and use in family and local history research*. Dublin: Flyleaf Press

E-resources

The NLI also provides free on-site access to a number of subscription websites which are helpful for genealogical research. These include:

- Irish Newspaper Archives
- Irish Times Digital Archive
- 19th Century British Library Newspapers
- Dictionary of Irish Biography
- Oxford Dictionary of National Biography
- Burke's Peerage
- The Times Digital Archive
- House of Commons Parliamentary Papers
- Irish Origins

Useful addresses and websites

NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF IRELAND

Bishop Street, Dublin 8

Tel: +353 1 407 2300

Email: mail@nationalarchives.ie

www.nationalarchives.ie

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE

3rd floor, Block 7, Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1

Tel: +353 90 663 2900/1890 252 076

www.groireland.ie

REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY LIBRARY

Braemor Park, Churchtown, Dublin 14

Tel: +353 1 492 3979

Email: library@ireland.anglican.org

www.library.ireland.anglican.org

REGISTRY OF DEEDS

Henrietta Street, Dublin 1

Tel: +353 1 871 6533

Email: rodquery@prai.ie

www.landregistry.ie

VALUATION OFFICE

Irish Life Centre, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1

Tel: +353 1 817 1035/817 1149

Email: archive_mail@valoff.ie

www.valoff.ie

LIBRARY OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS IN IRELAND

Quaker House, Stocking Lane, Dublin 16

Tel: +353 1 499 8003/499 8004

Email: office@quakers-in-ireland.ie

www.quakers-in-ireland.ie

IRISH JEWISH MUSEUM

3 Walworth Road, South Circular Road, Dublin 8

Email: info@jewishmuseum.ie

www.jewishmuseum.ie

PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2 Titanic Boulevard, Titanic Quarter, Belfast BT3 9HQ

Tel: +44 28 90 534 800

Email: proni@dcalni.gov.uk

www.proni.gov.uk

PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

26 College Green, Belfast BT7 1LN

Tel: +44 28 90 727 330

Email: phsilibrarian@pcinet.org

www.presbyterianhistoryireland.com

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES (UK)

Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU, UK

Tel: +44 20 88 763 444

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (USA)

8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001, USA

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NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA

Queen Victoria Terrace, PARKES ACT 2600, Australia

Tel: +61 2 6212 3600

Email: archives@naa.gov.au

www.naa.gov.au

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Open bank holidays: 12.00pm–5.00pm (exhibitions only)

NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

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