

TRACING YOUR IRISH ANCESTORS

Cass County Public Library – Genealogy Branch

GETTING STARTED

Research your Irish ancestors the same way you would research any ancestor

- Start with yourself and work backwards
- Look for clues in basic American records (vital, military, census records, etc.)
- Determine your earliest Irish ancestor in America
- Figure out where to look for records in Ireland
- Then use Irish records to continue your research

Tip: Look for records that provide specific locations

While Looking for Clues in American Records, Be Sure to Check These:

US Census Records

Be sure to check, where applicable:

- Nativity section (i.e. ancestor's birthplace, their parents' birthplaces)
- Citizenship section (i.e. dates of immigration and naturalization)

Example: 1930 US Federal Census, Rochester City, Monroe County, New York

NAME	SEX	AGE	MARITAL STATUS	BIRTHPLACE	CITIZENSHIP
Clark, John P.	Head	35	Married	Ireland	Pa
Clark, Mary	Wife	36	Married	Ireland	Pa

Names: John P. Clark[e], and wife Mary

Age: 35; 36

Nativity Section —

Place of Birth: Irish Free State

Parents' Places of Birth: John: Irish Free State; Mary: Irish Free State

Citizenship Section —

Year of Arrival: 1920; 1924

Naturalization Status: "Pa" – First Papers filed

Research Tip: Based on the information provided here, both John P. Clarke and his wife Mary will have separate immigration papers, due to the nature of the naturalization process at the time, it is likely only John will have naturalization papers. As enumerated, he has already begun the process by filing his "First Papers," meaning a document called a "Declaration of Intent" was filed in court prior to March 27, 1930, the date of enumeration for this Census.

Always check for the individual's birthplace on any record, including:

- Registration
- Muster Rolls
- Pensions
- WWI & WWII Draft Cards

Class I comprises all persons subject to the military duty at the age of twenty years and thirty-five years, and all unmarried persons subject to the military duty above the age of thirty years and under the age of forty-five. Class II comprises all other persons subject to the military duty.

SCHEDULE I.—CONSOLIDATED LIST of all persons of CLASS I, subject to the military duty in the County of Madison Congressional District, consisting of the Counties of Schenley, Jefferson, Boone, and Wayne, State of Kentucky, enumerated during the month of June, 1863, under direction of Capt. Edmund C. Kettler, Provost Marshal.

RESIDENCE.	NAME.	AGE, IN YEARS, FEB. 1, 1862.	WRITE OR CHECKED.	PARTISAN, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE.	ARMED OR UNARMED.	PLACE OF BIRTH (Showing the State, Territory, or Country).	PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE.	REMARKS.
Orange N.Y.	1. <u>Levin E. Smith</u>	21	✓	Farmer	Single	N.Y.		1
"	2. <u>A. Kern Patrick</u>	30	✓	"	Single	Kentucky		2
Spencer "	3. <u>Adams Henry</u>	34	✓	Farmer	Single	N.Y.		3
"	4. <u>Adams Henry</u>	26	✓	"	Single	"		4
Newark N.Y.	5. <u>Adams Henry</u>	35	✓	Merchant	Single	"		5
"	6. <u>Allen Norman</u>	34	✓	Farmer	Single	"		6
"	7. <u>Anderson</u>	30	✓	"	Single	"		7
"	8. <u>Anderson</u>	30	✓	"	Single	"		8
"	9. <u>Arnold</u>	30	✓	"	Single	"		9
"	10. <u>Arnold</u>	30	✓	"	Single	"		10
"	11. <u>Beckman Joseph</u>	33	✓	"	Single	"		11
Richmond N.Y.	12. <u>Benjamin B.</u>	34	✓	"	Single	"		12
"	13. <u>Bennett</u>	39	✓	"	"	"		13
"	14. <u>Bennett Charles E.</u>	20	✓	"	"	"		14
"	15. <u>Bennett</u>	31	✓	"	"	"		15
"	16. <u>Bennett</u>	33	✓	"	"	"		16
"	17. <u>Bennett</u>	30	✓	"	"	"		17

3 men in Camp at Courtland Ky. Rec'd for draft duty.

Residence: Owego, Tioga, New York

Order no. 28
Form 1

REGISTRATION CARD

No. 9

Age in yrs 24

1 Name in full Peter Henry Acton
(Last name)

2 Home address Blifden Galway Co. Ireland
(Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth February 14 1893
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Declarant

5 Where were you born? Blifden Galway Co. Ireland
(Town) (State)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject? England

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Herding sheep 3
by whom employed? Patrick John Connolly
Where employed? Crewry Harney Co. Ore
Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)?
Married or single (which)? Single Race (specify which) Caucasian
What military service have you had? None
years
to you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? No
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.
Peter Henry Acton
(Signature of male)

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GETTING STARTED

From 1848-1950, over 6 million people emigrated from Ireland, 2.5 million through the port of Queenstown (known as *Cobh* post-1920s), County Cork alone

- Colonial immigration records available: *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index*, William Filby

Passenger Lists

- Starting in 1820, the US government mandated the use of passenger lists
- Earlier records are typically indexed or in book form rather than digitized
- Prior to 1900s, mostly handwritten and provide less detail
- Names on these manifests were typically as the passenger provided
 - Any name changes, "Americanization," or significant spelling variations came from the passenger, not the immigration official
 - Handwritten records are notorious for having questionable transcribing – *remember to try spelling variations or browsing and filter options when searching for pre-1900s passenger lists*

Commonly used arrival ports:

- New York
- Baltimore
- Boston
- Philadelphia
- New Orleans
- Great Lakes

New York Passenger Lists

During the years 1892 – 1924, over 20 million immigrants arrived at New York's Ellis Island

- Statistically, the most likely port used – *so when in doubt, check New York*

Online Resources for Passenger Lists from New York Ports

- Castle Garden (arrivals pre-1892)
- Ellis Island (arrivals 1892-1924)

Example: 1921 Passenger List, S.S. Celtic sailing from Queenstown, Ireland to New York

No. on List	NAME IN FULL	Age	Sex	Color	Place of Birth	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Place of Birth	Country	City or Town	Final Destination
1	BRADY, Michael	25	M	Irish	Irish	Farmer	Irish	Irish	Irish	Irish
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3	BRADY, Michael	25	M	Irish	Irish	Farmer	Irish	Irish	Irish	Irish
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Name: John Patrick Clarke, 23

Arrival: February 10, 1921

Born: abt 1898, in Ireland

Last Foreign Residence: Skibbereen, Co.

Cork, Ireland

Relative: Mother, Mrs. E. Clarke, Upper Bridge Street, Skibbereen, Co. Cork, Ireland

Clarke

John Patrick

23

M E Clerk.

Irish

Ireland

Skibbereen, Co. Cork.

Mother, Mrs. E. Clarke, Upper Bridge Street, Skibbereen, Co. Cork.

Research Note: Don't Forget the Second Page of Post-1900 Passenger Lists

Starting in the 1900s, passenger list forms like the one pictured above had a second page with over twenty additional questions about the passenger. These answers provide more contextual information, but some answers may provide clues on additional immigration records, relatives already living in the US, and the types of records that may be available in their home country (such as the questions about stays at institutions, charitable organizations, or workhouses).

14. *Number on list*
15. *Whether having a ticket to such final destination*
16. *By whom was the passage paid?*
17. *Whether in possession of \$50, and if less, how much?*
18. *Whether ever before been in the United States*
 - a. *Yes or No*
 - If Yes:*
 - Year or period of years?*
 - Where?*
19. *Whether going to join a relative or friend; and if so, what relative or friend, and his name and complete address*
20. *Purpose of coming to the United States*
 - a. *Whether alien intends to return to country whence he came after engaging temporarily in labor*
 - b. *Length of time alien intends to remain in the United States*
 - c. *Whether alien intends to become a citizen of the United States*
21. *Ever in prison or slumhouse, or institution for the care and treatment of the insane or supported by charity? If so, which?*
22. *Whether a polygamist*
23. *Whether an anarchist*
24. *Whether a person who believes in or advocates for the overthrow by force or violence of the Government of the United States or all forms of law, etc.*
25. *Whether coming by reason of solicitation, promise, or approval expressed to labor in the United States*
26. *Whether alien has been previously deported within one year*
27. *Condition of mental health*
28. *Deformed or crippled. Nature, length of time, and cause?*
29. *Height: feet, inches*
30. *Complexion*
31. *Color of hair and eyes*
32. *Marks of identification*
33. *Place of birth: country, city or town*

Border Crossings

Canada

- From Canada to US: 1895 – 1956 (on Ancestry)
 - US “Ports” include: Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New York, North Dakota, Vermont, Washington
- From US to Canada: 1903 – 1935 (on Ancestry)
 - Most English, some French

Mexico

- From Mexico to US: 1895 – 1964 (on Ancestry)
 - Manifest cards for temporary visits and permanent residence, applications for border crossing ID cards, traveling US citizens

A Note on Canadian Border Crossings

If you searching for an ancestor you believe to have been an immigrant, but struggle to locate a passenger list for them at an American port, try searching for them in Canadian border crossings. *Many immigrants reached America via Canada by sailing there first and crossing the border later.*

MANIFEST Part of Detroit, Mich. Date 5/25/26

Family name BENNETT Given name ROBERT Accompanied by family

wife Elizabeth and daughter Kathleen

Age 35 Yrs. -- Males Male Occupation Laborer Place of birth Co. Mayo, Ireland Money shown \$1000.

Nationality Canada Race Irish Language or occupation English

Last permanent residence Toronto Town To Destination Detroit State Mich.

Country Canada

Passage paid by 8011

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, Immigration Service. Form 246.

Example: 1926 Border Crossing Manifest (Canada to US), Port of Detroit, MI

Robert Bennett, accompanied by his wife Elizabeth and daughter Kathleen

Age: 35

Birth Place: Co. Mayo, Ireland

Nationality/Race: Canada/Irish

Last Residence: Toronto, Canada

Research Note: The fact that he lists "Canada" as his nationality raises questions about possible immigration and naturalization records generated in Canada that may be available and provide a more specific Irish residence and birthplace.

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Colonial Immigration Records

Researching immigrants who arrived in American colonies before 1790 can be difficult, but not impossible

- More often than not, these records are indexed instead of digitized and are not readily available online

Passenger and Immigration Lists Index

"Filby Books" – written by William P. Filby

- Comprehensive index of early passenger lists, 1600s – 1800s
- Arrivals of over 500,000 immigrants to North America and West Indies
- Compilation of source material (books, periodicals, etc.) from repositories all over

Naturalization Records

The Naturalization Process

Naturalization was a two-step process intended to take at least 5 years (until around the 1950s)

- After living in the US for 2 years, an alien can file "first papers" or a **Declaration of Intent(ion)**
- After an additional 3 years, the applicant could then file a **Petition for Naturalization**
- Both steps did not have to be filed with the same court
 - Typically whatever court was most convenient

Records **before 1906** are much less detailed

Pre-1906, naturalization records may include:

- Name, age of immigrant
- Port of arrival
- Date of arrival
- Place of residence
- Country of origin/allegiance

Post-1906, naturalization records typically include:

- Name, birth date and place
- Name of spouse and any children, their birth dates and places, marriage date
- Port and date of arrival, name of vessel
- Occupation
- Physical description
- Residence, last foreign address

Pre-1906

- ### Post-1906

- US Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization required the use of uniform and consistent forms
- Forms changed again in 1929, requiring a photo
- Declaration of Intent no longer required after 1951, though some still filed

[illegible]

I, Ellen Duffy, of the County of Dublin and State of Ireland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original which has been read, signed and attested by me.

now residing at 868 East Tremont Ave., Bronx, N.Y.

occupation Housewife, aged 46 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:

Sex female, color white, complexion medium, color of eyes brown

color of hair brown, height 5 feet 6 inches; weight 150 pounds; visible distinctive marks none

race Irish; nationality British

I was born in Co. Donegal, Ireland on September 15, 1890

I am married. The name of my husband is Francis

we were married on April 29, 1923 at St. Ann's Church, New York, N.Y.; she or he was

born at Co. Monaghan, Ireland on April 11, 1893 entered the United States

at New York, N.Y. on November 7, 1920 for permanent residence therein, and now

resides at 868 E. Tremont Ave., Bronx, N.Y. I have 1 child, and the name, date and place of birth,

and place of residence of each said child are as follows: Francis, born September 18, 1924 in New York, N.Y. and resides 868 East Tremont Ave., New York, N.Y.

I have not heretofore made a declaration of intention: Number

at Co. Donegal, Ireland

my last foreign residence was London, England, England

I emigrated to the United States of America from London, England, England

my lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at New York, N.Y.

under the name of Ellen McColgan on April 29, 1906

on the vessel Adelante

I, Ellen Duffy, being admitted to citizenship, renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate,

To the Honorable the U.S. District Court of Southern District of New York, P.Y.

The petition of ELLEN DUFFY hereby filed, respectfully shews:

(1) My place of residence is 991 Boston Road, Bronx N Y (2) My occupation is Housewife

(3) I was born in Donegal, Ireland on Sept 15, 1888 My race is Irish

(4) I declared my intention to become a citizen of the United States on Apr 8, 1936 in the U.S. District

Court of Southern District as New York N Y

(5) I am married: The name of my husband is Frank New York N Y ; he was

we were married on April 29, 1923 Apr 11, 1922 ; entered the United States

born at Monaghan Ireland on Oct 20, 1920 for permanent residence therein, and now

resides New York N Y I have ONE child and the name, date, and

and place of birth, and place of residence of said child are as follows: Francis, Sept 18, 1924, born and now

resides in New York N Y

(6) My last foreign residence was Donegal Ireland I emigrated to the United States of

America from Londonderry Ireland My lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States

was at New York N Y under the name of Ellen McGowan

on Apr 29, 1906 on the vessel Baledonia

and with such registration or facts of previous teaching detailed in or appended

ORIGINAL
(To be retained by
court) New

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PETITION FOR NATURALIZATION

U. S. District Court of the Southern District New York, N. Y.

In the Matter of the
Petition of
WILKIN DUFFY
of 342 Fifth Avenue in
New York, Ireland
for admission to the
Southern District of
New York, N. Y.
in the
U. S. District
Court of
New York, N. Y.
The name of my Office located in
April 22, 1923
was awarded on
November 14, 1922
New York, N. Y.
on Oct. 20, 1920
resides in New York, N. Y.

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original petition and exhibits thereto, as the same were filed in my Office on the 22nd day of April, 1923.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Southern District of New York, this 22nd day of April, 1923.

U. S. District Court of the Southern District of New York, N. Y.

By *W. J. [Signature]*
Clerk

Dep. Clerk

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
NEW YORK, N. Y.

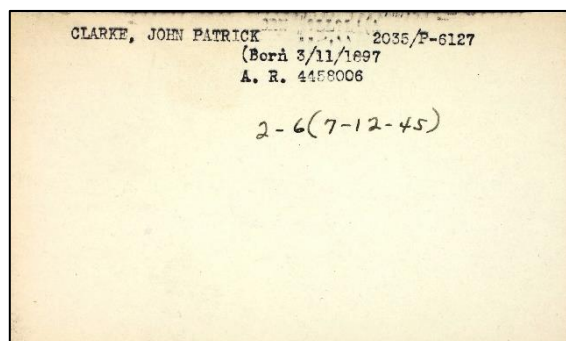
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- And a Petition may be used to locate a Declaration for an individual if you find it first
- Naturalization record collections online often have both forms for one individual organized together

Affidavits of Witnesses

- On more recent Petitions, witnesses to the information provided by the applicant have recorded their names, occupations, and residences

For some naturalization records, you may have to request copies [below]. Not all naturalizations are digitized and available online. Some naturalization collections (on Ancestry and elsewhere) are indexes or digitized index cards of records held at the National Archives or another repository. www.archives.gov/research/naturalization



Example: Index Card for Naturalization

Name: John Patrick Clarke

Birth Date: 11 March 1897

Record Collection: *Missouri, Western District Naturalization Index, 1840-1990* [held at The National Archives at Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri]

Research Note: Using the information on this index card, a copy of the naturalization documents for this individual can be requested from the National Archives at Kansas City.

Exceptions to This Process

"Derivative" Naturalization

- 1790-1922 – wives of naturalized men automatically became naturalized citizens
- 1790-1940 – children under 21 of naturalized individuals automatically became naturalized citizens

Minor Aliens

- 1824 to 1906 – minors living in the US for 5 years before 23rd birthday could file Declaration and Petition simultaneously

Veterans

- 1862 – Honorably discharged could file a Petition without Declaration after 1 year of residence
- 1894 – extended to 5-year veterans of Navy and Marines
- 192,000 veterans naturalized from May 1918 – Jun 1919 without filing Declaration or 5-year residence

Women's Naturalization Records

- From 1907 to 1922: "...any American woman who marries a foreigner shall take the nationality of her husband..."
- From 1922 on, a woman retained her citizenship unless she formally renounced it
 - Native-born women seeking to *regain* American citizenship had to file a **Petition for Naturalization**
 - So many women repatriated following the repeal, that a new form was created in 1936: ***The Application to Take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America***

Colonial Naturalization

- British immigrants were automatically citizens of the colonies; all others had a few ways of becoming naturalized citizens of the colonies
- The US Constitution allowed for the establishment of a uniform naturalization process, prior to that each colony had its own and the process and requirements varied from colony to colony
- Most of these records, if they still exist, are indexes in book format
 - ***Denizations and Naturalizations in the British Colonies in America, 1607-1775***; Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck

Passport Applications

- U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925 (on Ancestry)
- U.S. Government began issuing passports in 1789
 - Mandatory for a short time after Civil War
- Passports were not required for foreign travel until WWI
 - Law passed during WWI lapsed in 1921 after treaties and the end of the war
 - Requirement was re-instated during WWII
- Foreign-born applicants had to submit proof of citizenship status and immigration information
 - Often an excellent source of information regarding the individual's immigration, providing the date of arrival, the ship's name, port of departure and arrival, etc.
- May help locate passenger lists and border crossing records and may also include a photograph

Information provided by passport applications includes:

- Name of applicant
- Birth date or age
- Birthplace
- Residence
- Date of application or issuance of passport
- Father's and/or husband's name
- Father's and/or husband's birth date or age
- Father's and/or husband's birthplace and residence
- Wife's name
- Date and place of immigration to the U.S.
- Years of residence in the U.S.
- Naturalization date and place
- Occupation
- Physical characteristics

Example: Passport Application

The original and each copy of an application for a passport must have attached to it a copy of the applicant's photograph. A true recent photograph of the applicant must be attached to the application. The photograph must be on this paper, should have a light background, and be not over three inches in size.

ALL THIS BOOK MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D. C., 4 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE PASSPORT.

(FROM FOR PERSON CLAIMING CITIZENSHIP THROUGH NATURALIZATION OF HUSBAND OR FATHER)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF Pennsylvania
COUNTY OF Philadelphia

I, Margaret Cooke Adams, a NATURALIZED AND LOYAL CITIZEN of the UNITED STATES, hereby apply to the Department of State, at Washington, for a passport.

I solemnly swear that I was born at Moneymore Co Londonderry Ireland on or about the 21 day of March, 1888, that my husband, Mervyn Samuel Adams was born in Ireland that he emigrated to the United States, sailing on board the _____ from _____ on or about _____ that he resided about 17 years, uninterruptedly in the United States, from 1903 to 1920 at Bryn Mawr Pennsylvania; that he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States before the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware at Medea Penna on February 24 1909 as shown by the accompanying Certificate of Naturalization; that I am the unmarried wife of the person described in said Certificate; that I have resided in the United States, uninterruptedly, for _____ years, from 1912 to 1920, at Philadelphia Bryn Mawr; that I am domiciled in the United States, my permanent residence being at 13 Warner Gate Bryn Mawr the State of Pennsylvania, where I follow the occupation of Housework. My last passport was obtained from _____ and was _____ (Date of expiration).

I am about to go abroad temporarily; and intend to return to the United States within _____ months with the purpose of residing and performing the duties of citizenship therein; and that I desire a passport for travel to the countries hereinafter named for the following purpose: for my health Scotland (Name of country.)

I intend to leave the United States from the port of Philadelphia sailing on board the Camford on July 4 1920 (Date of departure.)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Further, I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion. So help me God.

Margaret C. Adams (Signature of applicant)

Sworn to before me this 18 day of May 1920 (Date of application)

at Philadelphia (Place of application)

Charles J. Staudinger (Signature of official)

Clerk of the _____ (Title of official)

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Name: Margaret Cooke Adams

Birth Date: 21 March 1888

Birthplace: Moneymore, Co. Londonderry, Ireland

Naturalization: Through husband (Mervyn Samuel Adams)

Naturalized: Court of Common Pleas, 24 February 1909

Travel Plans: Ireland ("for my health"), Scotland; departing 9 July 1920, returning within 6 months

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IRISH RECORDS

Before Making the Jump to Irish Records...

- Determine a specific area in Ireland
 - at least a county, preferably a poor law union or parish if available
- Try casting a wider net
 - look for other family members, neighbors, friends, etc. (FAN research)
- Prepare all possible spelling variations

Challenges with Irish Records

- Up to 32 counties, 1000+ parishes in Ireland
- Some family names are very common even in specific areas
- Country-wide vital records were not kept until 1864
- Indexes online, but not all records
- Ages are almost never accurate

Irish Geography

- *Provinces*: 4; Munster, Leinster, Ulster, Connacht
- *Counties*: 32 (pre-1838); 28 (modern day)
- *Parishes*: 1,000+; Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland; Civil
- *Poor Law Unions*: 32, (replaced civil parishes in 1898)
- *District Electoral Divisions* (DED): 3,751; subdivision of a Poor Law Union, grouping of townlands
- *Townlands*: 60,000; small administrative division of land, often seen with “bally” or “baile” in name

Interactive map available at: www.johngrenham.com/places/civil_index.php#counties

CHURCH RECORDS

Catholic Church Records

- Recorded and kept by parish
- Rural areas generally start around 1820, urban areas sooner
- Mostly baptism and marriage records, some may have death or burial registers
- Occasionally will include a parish census

Baptisms were performed as soon as possible, sometimes even on the day of birth.

- The date is listed first, then the child’s first name, the father’s, the mother’s maiden name, and then names of witnesses/sponsors (“godparents”) present
- *Sometimes* the child’s birth date and a place of residence are also included

Marriage registers

- Typically provide: marriage date, names of bride and groom, names of witnesses – and *sometimes* place of residence, and if bride and groom are related, a degree of relation

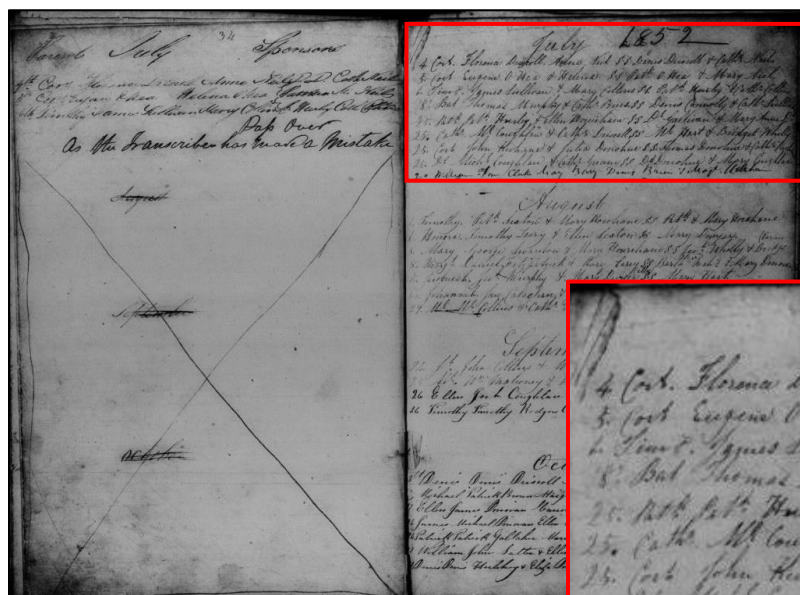
National Library of Ireland (NLI) Parish Database

<http://registers.nli.ie>

- Includes Ireland and Northern Ireland
- Marriage and baptismal records, 1740s - 1880s.
- Covers 1,091 parishes
- Provides interactive parish map
- Nearly 400,000 digitized images of original registers

Irish (excluding N. Ireland) registers also available at: www.irishgenealogy.ie

Example: 1852 Catholic Baptism Register from Diocese of Cork and Ross, Co. Cork, Ireland



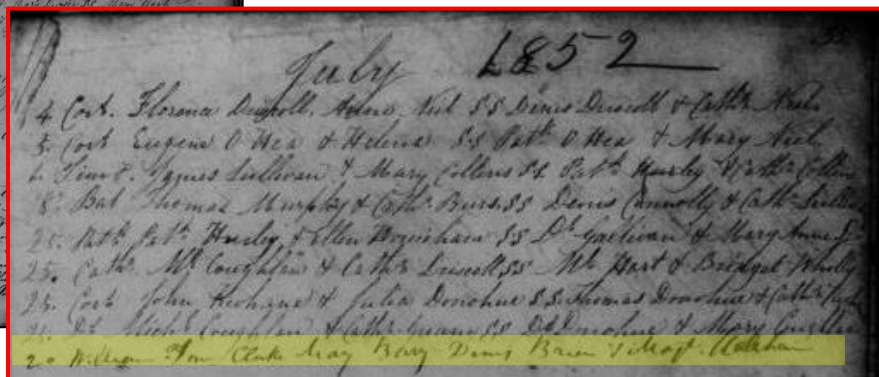
Child: William

Birth Date: 20 July 1852

Father's Name: Thomas Clarke

Mother's Maiden Name: May Berry

Sponsors: Denis Brien & Margaret Malahan



Example: 1846 Catholic Marriage Register from Diocese of Cork and Ross

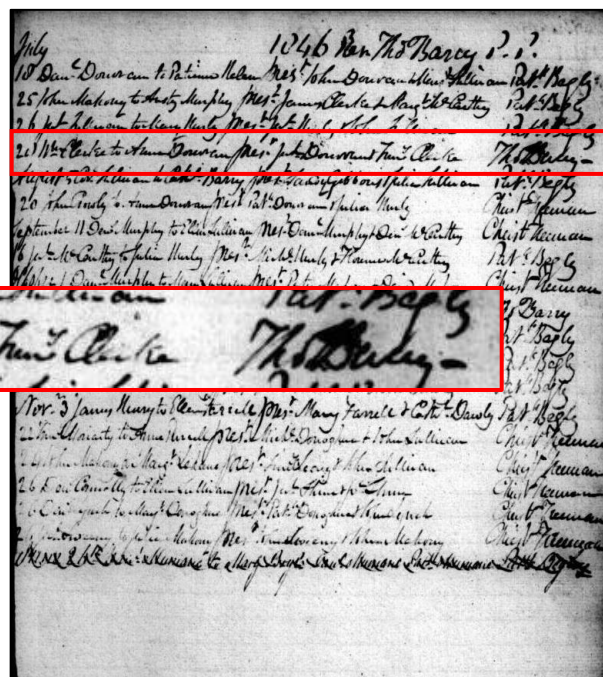
Marriage Date: 20 July 1846

Groom: William Clerke

Bride: Anne Donovan

Witnesses: [[illegible] Donovan & Thomas Clerke

Reverend: Rev. Thomas Berry



Church Records for Other Denominations

- **Church of Ireland** (state church from 1536-1869)
 - Over half of registers were destroyed in 1922 fire, now kept locally and at National Archives
 - A guide to existing registers and additional genealogy resources are available on the church website (www.ireland.anglican.org)
- **Quaker**
 - Records exist from late 1600s to present, available offline through the *Dublin Friends Historical Library*, (<https://quakers-in-ireland.ie/historical-library>)

- The Religious Society of Friends in Ireland, <https://quakers-in-ireland.ie>
- Limited records are online through www.findmypast.ie (paid subscription website)
- **Presbyterian**
 - Mostly in Northern Ireland, congregational records start in early 1800s, kept locally by ministers
 - Copies at PRONI – www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni
 - Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland – www.presbyterianhistoryireland.com

Church Record Collections Online at the Irish Archives:

<https://genealogy.nationalarchives.ie>

- Diocesan and Prerogative Marriage Licence Bonds Indexes, 1623 – 1866 (*Church of Ireland*)
- Diocesan and Prerogative Wills, 1596 – 1858 (*Church of Ireland*)
- Catholic Qualification & Convert Rolls, 1700 – 1845

Tithe Records

Tithe Applotment Books

- Church of Ireland, 1823-1837
 - Compiled to determine the amount which occupiers of agricultural holdings over one acre should pay in tithes
 - Provides only the names of heads of family
 - Urban areas were not included
- *Tithe Defaulters List* of those who refused to pay
 - All Irish citizens regardless of personal denomination were expected to pay tithes because it was the state church at the time

Example: 1823 Tithe Applotment Book

APLOTMENT OF THE AMOUNT OF COMPOSITION OF Payable to the Rev. Nicholas Wrixon, Rector of said Parish,					THE TITHES OF THE PARISH OF MALLOW, OWEN MADDEN & JAMES TARRANT, Gent. Commissioners.				
LAND WHERE SITUATE	Sub-denomination	Occupier's Name	No. of Acre	Value per Acre	Total Value	Composition per Acre	Total Amount of Composition	LANES	Quality
Ballydaheen	English	Brought Forward	277 2 15		537 2 3	2 15 6	594 16 1		
		John Jones	3 1 0		12 0 0	4 15 6	13 5		
		Thomas Leonard Esq.	0 3 0		3 0 0	4 15 6	3 1		
		Spe. Leonard	11 0 0		30 2 0	2 10 15	1 11 3		
		William Phelan	5 2 0		16 10 0	3 15 6	0 17 1		
		William Mullane	7 2 26		21 6 6	2 15 6	1 16 6		
		John Jones	1 0 0		2 11 0	2 15 6	0 3 10		
		Henry Jones	36 1 17		20 10 5	2 15 6	3 15 2		
		Robert Gwynne	1 1 11		1 11 2	1 15 6	0 1 11		
		James Rogers	5 2 15		7 6 3	2 15 6	0 2 11		
		James Leonard	20 0 11		52 1 5	4 15 6	2 0 6		
		Brought Forward	46 0 22		160 1 0	1 15 6	3 3 6		
		John Leonard	21 0 16		66 10 0	1 15 6	4 9 9		
		James Leonard	44 1 16		41 4 9	1 15 6	1 12 4		
		James Jones	4 1 0		2 10 2	1 15 6	0 5 11		
		James Jones	30 2 2		23 11 0	1 15 6	2 11 5		
		James Leonard	5 2 24		8 19 2	1 15 6	0 7 3		
		John Jones	3 0 3		7 10 6	1 15 6	0 7 9		
		John Leonard Esq.	14 2 0		17 4 0	1 15 6	2 10 2		
		Spe. Leonard	13 2 21		16 11 2	1 15 6	2 2 7		
		John Jones	26 0 22		24 0 12	1 15 6	2 1 7		
		Brought Forward	649 2 15		1039 15 4	1 15 6	11 16 1		

Occupier's Name: William Mullane

Parish: Mallow

Ploughland/Sub-denomination: Balleydaheen,
Co. Cork

Acres: 17, 2, 26

Total Value: 33 pounds, 6 shillings, 6 pence

Payable to: Rev. Nicholas Wrixon, Owen Madden
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Applotment Books available online: www.titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie

1831 Tithe Defaulters List available at www.findmypast.ie or by searching for book copies with WorldCat: (www.worldcat.org/title/tithe-defaulters-ireland-1831/oclc/57680232)

CIVIL RECORDS

1922 Records Office Fire

What was lost:

- 1821, 1831, 1841, and 1851 Irish census returns
 - *Very limited* fragments still exist
- Pre-1900 court and local government records
- Wills
- Roughly 50% of the Anglican Church of Ireland registers

What survived:

- 1901 & 1911 Irish Census
- Civil registration records
- Griffith's Valuation
- *Indexes* to wills and probate records
- Registers of Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, and Methodist churches; 50% of Church of Ireland

Civil Registration

- Universal registration began in 1864
 - birth, marriage, and death registers
- Indexes to Irish (excluding N. Ireland) civil registrations are available online: <https://irishgenealogy.ie>
- Originals are held by General Register Office, copies can be requested
 - Use the information provided by the index (i.e. the volume and page number) when submitting a request

Example: *Index to Births Registered in Ireland*

Child: Bridget Griffin

Birthplace: Cahersiveen, Co. Kerry

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— Peter. Oughterard	4	513	GRIFFEY, Bridget. Ennis	4	180	GUTHRIE, John Patrick. Dungarvan	4	555
— Thomas Christopher. Birt	5	280	— Mary. Ennis	4	180	— Patrick Stephen. Newcastle	5	417
GREANEY, Catharine Anne. Listowel	5	353	GRIFFIN, Agnes. Lisburn	1	636	GUTTON, Mary Bridget. Carrick-on-Suir	4	460
— Johanna. Dingle	5	173	— Alice. Waterford	4	636	— Thomas. Uringford	3	501
— Kate. Tralee	5	463	— Anne. Dublin, North	2	514	GUNN, Margaret. Ballymahon	3	27
(female). Newcastle	5	406	— Bartholomew. Bandon	5	9	GURRY, Martin Joseph. Sligo	2	257
GREANY, Mary. Newcastle	5	416	— Bridget. Cahersiveen	5	37	GURNEY, William James. Lishowen	2	124
— Mary Bridget. Kanturk	5	201	— Brigid. Dublin, North	2	417	GUTHRIE, Thomas John. Castlebar	4	86
— Patrick Joseph. Croom	5	161	— Catherine. Loughrea	4	280	GUTKIN, Montague. Dublin, South	2	617
GREAVES, Henrietta. Irvinestown	2	129	— Catherine. Kinsale	5	275	GUY, Bridget. Dublin, South	2	664
— Patrick Christopher. Belfast	1	264	— Christopher. Limerick	5	300	— Rebecca Ellen. Belfast	1	149
GREEN, Agnes Christina. Dublin, North ..	2	426	— Christopher Gerald. Limerick	5	303	— Robert John. Dublin, North	2	472
— Alice. Belfast	1	272	— Coleman. Oughterard	4	311	— Samuel. Belfast	1	195
— Annie. Coleraine	1	493	— Daniel. Ennis	4	173	— GYLE, John. Larne	1	585
— Annie Beatrice. Dublin, North	2	324	— Daniel. Croom	5	159	— William. Larne	1	585
— Annie Winifred. Lisburn	1	650	— Daniel. Dingle	5	176			
— Anthony. Dublin, North	2	460	— Edmond. Middleton	4	567			
— Denis. Dunfanaghy	2	48	— George. Lisburn	1	631			
— Denis. Millford	2	216	— Hannah. Londonderry	2	143			
— Desmond G. K. Newtownards	1	751	— James. Belfast	1	189			
— Ellen Dorothy. Belfast	1	184	— James. Rathkeale	5	421			
— Frederick William. Belfast	1	252	— James Christopher. Cork	5	197			
— Harris. Belfast	1	196	— James Francis Smith. Dublin, South ..	2	696			
— Hubert. Athlone	5	4	— John. Clonmel	4	177			
— James. Londonderry	2	165	— John. Killarney	5	240			
— James Leo. Enniskillen	2	78	— John Christopher. Cork	5	452			
— Jessamine. Dublin, South	2	602	— Julia. Killarney	5	241	HABERLIN, Katherine Waterford	4	821
— John. Cavan	3	75	— Kate. New Ross	4	508	HACKETT, Bridget. Ballymahon	3	26
— John. Swinford	4	849	— Kate. Dublin, South	2	651	— Bridget. Thurles	3	441
— John C. Ballymahon	3	25	— Kathleen. Kells	2	753	— Bridget. Rathkeale	5	419
— Kathleen Elizabeth. Lisburn	1	642	— Kathleen Bridget. Middleton	4	504			

Birth Registration

Information provided by these records includes:

- child's name
- sex
- birth date & place
- father's name
- mother's maiden name
- father's occupation
- place of residence
- informant's signature

Marriage Registration

Information provided by these records includes:

- date and place of marriage
- denomination (for church marriages)
- names and ages of bride and groom
- places of residence
- fathers' names and occupations
- parish (typically performed in bride's parish)
- name of registrant (usually the performing priest, minister, or registrar)

Example: Index to Civil Marriage Register

Name: Mary Amelia Borbidge

District: Rathdown, Co. Dublin

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SURNAME of Person Married	NAME of the same	DISTRICT	Vol.	Page
Boorland	Paul	Baltimore	2	310
Booth	Eliza	Dublin North	5	87
Booth	John	Dublin South	5	253
Booth	Martha	Ardee	1	190
Booth	Thomas	Dublin South	5	211
Booth	Catherine	Edmundry	5	660
Booth	Elizabeth	Marble	5	159
Borbidge	Mary Amelia	Rathdown	9	589
Borland	John	Smithdown	6	216
Borov	John Bray	Dublin South	5	372

Death Registration

Information includes:

- name
- age at death
- marital status
- occupation
 - child's occupation, if noted, is often "son/daughter of ..."
- date, place, and cause of death
- informant's name and place of residence
- name of widow/married woman's husband

Example: Index of Deaths Registered in Ireland in 1870

Name: Mary Grennan

Age: 42

District: Tullamore, Co. Offaly

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GRENEY, William. 1. Mallow	20	357	George. 70. Bawnboy	3	39
GRENNAN, Bridget. 55. Tullamore	8	547	Hannah. 85. Listowel	15	286
— Catherine. 0. Dublin, South	17	477	Helena. 18. Clifden	19	102
— Catherine. 1. Swineford	14	268	Henry. 29. Belfast	16	170
— Ellen. 62. Tullamore	18	467	Henry. 0. Kilrush	14	197
— John. 59. Athlone	8	20	Honor. 68. Mountbellew	14	228
— John. 67. Thomastown	4	684	Honor. 70. Galway	14	155
— Margaret. 80. Thomastown	19	537	Honora. 70. Glin	10	195
— Maria. 48. Tullamore	8	548	Honora. 74. Killarney	10	241
— Mary. 0. Athlone	3	14	Honora. 79. Lismore	14	437
— Mary. 42. Tullamore	13	447	Isabella. 83. Cork	15	94
— Patrick. 82. Naas	17	632	James. 57. Belfast	16	167
— Patrick. 3. Athlone	13	14	James. 84. Tralee	15	393
GRENNELL, Mary Jane. 0. Dublin, North	2	454	James. 63. Cahersiveen	20	24
GRENNON, James. 70. Athlone	3	13	James. 9. Croom	10	161
— Mary. 0. Athlone	8	14	James. 0. Middleton	14	449
GRENVILLE, Thomas. 89. Roscrea	8	484	James. 73. Youghal	19	597

Census Availability

- 1831-1851 – *limited fragments exist and are available through the National Archives* (most were destroyed in 1922 Public Record Office Fire)
- 1861 & 1871 – destroyed shortly after enumeration
- 1881 & 1891 – pulped during WWI due to a paper shortage
- **1901 & 1911 – Censuses can be searched and viewed online through the National Archives database: www.census.nationalarchives.ie/search**
- 1926-1946 (and part of 1951) – held by the National Archives, but aren't available for public viewing
 - *The 1926 Census will be released to the public in January 2027*
- 1961 to the Present – not publicly available

More information regarding the enumeration and availability of the Irish Census can be found here: www.census.nationalarchives.ie/help/history.html

Information available through the Irish Census

1901 Census provides for each family member:

- Name, age, sex
- Relationship to head of household
- Religion
- Occupation
- Marital status
- County of birth
- Languages spoken (Irish/English)
- Whether they can read and/or write

1911 Census has the same questions, adding for married women:

- Years married to current husband
- Number of children born to them
- Number of children still living

More information about the 1901 & 1911 Censuses can be found here: www.census.nationalarchives.ie

Example: 1901 Census of Ireland

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901.
(See Examples of the mode of filling up this Table on the other side.)

FORM A. No on Form B, *100*

I, the **HEADERS** of this FAMILY and their **VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c.** who slept or abode in this House on the night of **SUNDAY, the 31st of MARCH, 1901.**

NAME AND SURNAMES.	RELATION TO HEAD OF FAMILY.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE.	SEX.	RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	MARRIAGE.	WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	If Deaf and Dumb, Blind, or Lame.
William Clarke	Head of Family	Roman Catholic	Read & Write	49	M	Farmer	Married	C ^o Cork	no	✓
Helly Clarke	Wife	do	Read & Write	44	F	do	Married	C ^o Cork	no	✓
Hannah M. Clarke	Daughter	do	Read & Write	10	F	Scholar	Married	C ^o Cork	no	✓
Mary J. Clarke	do	do	Read & Write	8	F	Scholar	do	C ^o Cork	no	✓
Helly J. Clarke	do	do	Read	6	F	Scholar	do	C ^o Cork	no	✓
Thomas Clarke	Son	do	Can't Read	5	M	do	do	C ^o Cork	no	✓
John P. Clarke	Son	do	do	4	M	do	do	C ^o Cork	no	✓
Deborah Clarke	Daughter	do	do	2	F	do	do	C ^o Cork	no	✓

I hereby certify, as required by the law, that the foregoing Return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: John P. Clarke, son

Age: 4

Religion: Roman Catholic

Education: Cannot Read or Write

Born: Co. Cork

Language Spoken: Irish & English

Residence: Upper Bridge Street, Skibbereen, Co. Cork, Ireland

NAME AND SURNAMES.	RELATION TO HEAD OF FAMILY.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE.	SEX.	RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	MARRIAGE.	WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	If Deaf and Dumb, Blind, or Lame.
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Deborah Clarke	Daughter	do	do	2	F	do	do	C ^o Cork	no	✓

Example: 1911 Census of Ireland

Name: John P. Clarke, son

Religion: Roman Catholic

Education: Can Read and Write

Age: 14

Occupation: Scholar

Marital Status: Single

Born: Co. Cork

Language Spoken: Irish & English

Residence: Upper Bridge Street,

Skibbereen, Co. Cork, Ireland

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1911.
Two Examples of the mode of filling up this Table are given on the other side.

FORM A.

No. of Form A. *50*

RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 2nd of APRIL, 1911.

NAME AND SURNAMES.	RELATION to Head of Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE (See Remarks) and SEX.		MARRIAGE, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE.				WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	If Dead, state: (1) Date of Death; (2) Cause of Death; (3) Place of Burial.
				Male.	Female.		1.	2.	3.	4.			
<i>William Clarke</i>	<i>Head of Family</i>	<i>Roman Catholic</i>	<i>Read & Write</i>	<i>60 yrs</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>Co. Cork</i>	<i>Irish & English</i>	
<i>John Clarke</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Roman Catholic</i>	<i>Read & Write</i>	<i>14 yrs</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Co. Cork</i>	<i>Irish & English</i>	
<i>Mary Clarke</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Roman Catholic</i>	<i>Read & Write</i>	<i>10 yrs</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Co. Cork</i>	<i>Irish & English</i>	
<i>Thomas Clarke</i>	<i>Son</i>	<i>Roman Catholic</i>	<i>Read & Write</i>	<i>10 yrs</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Co. Cork</i>	<i>Irish & English</i>	
<i>Elizabeth Clarke</i>	<i>Daughter</i>	<i>Roman Catholic</i>	<i>Read & Write</i>	<i>10 yrs</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Single</i>	<i>Co. Cork</i>	<i>Irish & English</i>	

I hereby certify, as required by the Act 10 Edw. VII., and 1 Geo. V., cap. 11, that the foregoing Return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I believe the foregoing to be a true Return.

John Clarke Signature of Head of Family.

Wills & Probate Records Online at the National Archives

<https://genealogy.nationalarchives.ie>

Will Calendars

- Name, address, occupation and financial effects on death of testator (person who made the will);
- Date of death of testator
- Date and place of probate of will or grant of letters of administration
- Name(s) and address(es) of executors/beneficiaries of the will, and relationship, if it exists, to testator
- Marital status of all women mentioned

Will Registers

- Copies of wills proved in District Registries from 1858 on survive in Will Registers, and are an exact replacement for the originals which were lost, except for the original signatures
- No copies survive for the Principal Registry, which means there is very little for people who died in Dublin or had particularly large estates.
- The Registers for Armagh, Belfast and Londonderry are held in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.

Soldier's Wills

- Digitized wills of Irish soldiers who died while serving in the British Army, mostly during WWI

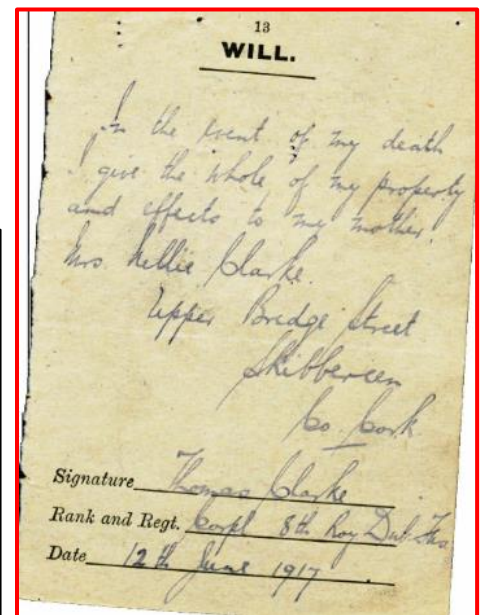
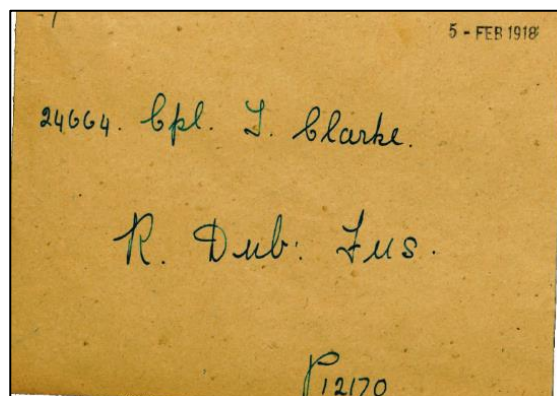
Example: WWI Soldier's Will

Text: "In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my mother Mrs. Nellie Clarke. Upper Bridge Street, Skibbereen, Co. Cork."

Signed: Thomas Clarke

Rank and Regiment: Corpl. 8th Royal Dublin Fusiliers

Date: 12th June 1917



Shipping Agreements and Crew Lists, 1863-1921

The records of the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen of ships registered in what is now the south of Ireland

Information contained here:

- **Crews:** Name, age or year of birth, town or district of birth, last ship served on, port to which she belonged, date and place of discharge from previous ship, date and place of joining present ship, capacity in which he joined, if service discontinued, cause, date and place
- **Ship:** Name, registered number, port of registry, date of registry, owner's name and address, dates and places of arrivals and departures
- **Log:** Date of event logged, occurrence situation by longitude and latitude, amount of fine or forfeiture inflicted
- **Wages:** Amount of wages per calendar month, share or voyage
- **Provisions:** Scale of provisions to be served to the crew each day given with weights per day for bread, flour, coffee, butter, water, beef, peas, sugar, tea, port
- **Apprentices:** Name, age, date of indenture, port of indenture, date of assignment, port of assignment
- **Births:** Date, name, sex, parents' names, mother's maiden name, occupation of father, nationality and last abode of parents
- **Deaths:** Of crew: name, agreement reference number, net wages paid. Of passengers: date of death, name, age, sex, occupation, parents' names, cause of death

Example: June 1863 Account of Voyages and Crew of Home Trade Ship: "Gipsy"

ACCOUNT OF VOYAGES AND CREW OF HOME TRADE SHIP, TO BE DELIVERED HALF-YEARLY TO THE SHIPPING MASTER AT THE ABOVE PORT.

SHIP'S PARTICULARS

Name of Ship	Registered Number	Port of Registry	Date of Registry	Owner's Name and Address	Master's Name and Address
Gipsy	470	Waterford	1863	W. J. O'Donnell, 120093	W. J. O'Donnell, 120093

ACCOUNT OF THE CREW AND OF OTHER PARTICULARS REQUIRED BY LAW, IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED VOYAGES OR EMPLOYMENT OF THE SAID SHIP.

Name of the MASTER and the Crew—Christian and Surnames to be set forth as full length.	Age	Town and County where born.	No. of Naval Volunteer's Certificate.	Ship in which he last served, and Port also belonged to, or was of Employment.	Date and Place of Discharge from such Ship.	Date and Place of joining this Ship.	In what Capacity Engaged, and Name, No. of Certificate (if any).	Date, Place, and Cause of Death, or Leaving this Ship, also of Maiming or Hurt.
Michael James O'Donnell	40	Liverpool	Not any	Gipsy	January 1863	Waterford	120093	Not any
Robert O'Donnell	41	Clonmel	Not any	Gipsy	January 1863	Waterford	100668	Not any
William J. O'Donnell	35	Waterford	50	Gipsy	January 1863	Waterford	50	5
Michael J. O'Donnell	27	Waterford	50	Gipsy	January 1863	Waterford	50	13
John J. O'Donnell	23	do	50	Gipsy	January 1863	Waterford	50	11
John J. O'Donnell	26	do	50	Gipsy	January 1863	Waterford	50	11

Name: Robert O'Donnell, son

Age: 41 (born c. 1822)

Born: Clonmel [Clonmel], Ireland

Ship Last Served and Port: Gipsy, Waterford

Discharge Date and Place: 5 January 1863, Waterford

Capacity Engaged: Mate (certificate no. 100668)

Poor Law Records

- Poor Law Workhouses
 - Admission and discharge records (available at www.findmypast.ie)
- Poor Law Union National Schools
 - Student registers
- Board of Guardians Minute Books & Correspondence
 - Account books & ledgers
- Hospital inmates
 - Death notices

Example: Death Notice from Wandsworth Poor Law Union

Recipient: Mr. V. Ireland

Deceased: Rosabella Ireland

Age: 74 years

Residence: Block St. Ward

Date of Death: 10 April 1924, 7:35 PM

WANDSWORTH UNION.
ST. JOHN'S HILL INFIRMARY,
ST. JOHN'S HILL, NEW WANDSWORTH, S.W.
STEWARD'S OFFICE.

To Mr. V. Ireland

I regret to inform you of the death of Rosabella Ireland, aged 74 yrs an Inmate of Block St. Ward of this Infirmary, at 7:35 p.m. on Thursday, the 10th day of April, 1924, and request that you will call at my office between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sundays excepted) to make arrangements for the funeral.

LEONARD EVANS, Steward.
houses.org.uk

These records are typically held at National Archives of Ireland (www.nationalarchives.ie) and/or county archives (i.e. Cork City & County Archives: www.corkarchives.ie)

Additional information on Irish workhouses can be found at: <http://irishworkhousecentre.ie/the-workhouse-story>

LAND RECORDS

Griffith's Valuation, 1848-1864

- Used property value to determine how much an individual paid to support the poor living within their poor law union (Ireland's first comprehensive property tax)
- Organized by parish and townland
- Lists the occupier and the lessor of a piece of land, a description of the land and any buildings located on it, and its value
- Can be used as a replacement for missing censuses
- Available to search at: www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation

VALUATION OF TENEMENTS.
PARISH OF AGHADOWN.

No. and Name of Tenement	Occupier	Description of Tenement	Area	Valuation	Rate	Amount
1	Jeremiah Driscoll	House, offices, and land	104 2 2	13 6 0	0 15 0	14 0 0
2	James Neale	House	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
3	Honoria Sullivan	House	—	—	0 2 0	0 2 0
4	Florence McLane	House and land	36 2 24	5 6 0	0 15 0	6 5 0
Total			142 0 31	18 15 0	1 17 0	20 12 0

Example: Valuation of tenements for Aghadown Parish, Co. Cork

Occupier: Jeremiah Driscoll

Lessor: Reps. Lady Carbery

Description of Tenement: Houses, offices, and land

Area: 104 acres

Annual Valuation: 14 pounds

Townland: Toormore

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TOORMORE.
(Ord. S. 141.)

No.	Occupier	Description of Tenement	Area	Valuation	Rate	Amount
1	Jeremiah Driscoll	House, offices, and land	104 2 2	13 6 0	0 15 0	14 0 0
2	James Neale	House	—	—	0 5 0	0 5 0
3	Honoria Sullivan	House	—	—	0 2 0	0 2 0
4	Florence McLane	House and land	36 2 24	5 6 0	0 15 0	6 5 0
Total			142 0 31	18 15 0	1 17 0	20 12 0

TURKHEAD.
(Ord. S. 149.)

No.	Occupier	Description of Tenement	Area	Valuation	Rate	Amount
1	Jeremiah Driscoll	House, office, and land	28 0 39	14 15 0	1 10 0	16 5 0

Valuation Office Books, 1824-1856

<http://census.nationalarchives.ie/search/vob/home.jsp>

- These four types of records contain over 2 million names in total
- Provide a comprehensive assessment of the rental value of Irish lands and property from the mid-1820s to the mid-1850s
- Reveal where and when individuals rented or owned property and provide rare glimpses of life in pre-famine Ireland

Field Books

Organized by civil parish, recording the following in columns:

- county, barony, parish and townland
- lot number
- technical description of the land
- quantity or square area of the lot in statute measure (acres, roods and perches)
- rate per acre
- amount of valuation of land and houses expressed in pounds, shillings and pence

House Books

Organized by parish and town, only lists the occupier's name (the head of house), recording the following:

- number of the property
- name of occupier and description of the property
- quality letter
- length, breadth and height (in feet and inches)
- number of measures
- rate per measure
- amount of valuation in money (pounds, shillings and pence)

Tenure Books

Organized by civil parish, recording for each tenement the following in columns across two pages:

- number of the property
- name of occupier and description of the property
- quality letter
- length, breadth and height (in feet and inches)
- number of measures
- rate per measure
- amount of valuation in money (pounds, shillings and pence)

Quarto Books

Date between 1839 and 1851, organized by both townland and town, two pages, recording the following:

- number
- name of occupier and description of tenement
- relative value by tables (i.e. as calculated by the standard method) in pounds, shillings and pence
- rent by year or by lease
- observations
- relative value multiplied by (i.e. the multiplier)
- relative value with percentage (i.e. value after the multiplier is applied)
- value finally settled
- value, deducting one-third

Land Registry Office Records

- Office established in 1892, recorded most property transactions after that date (www.landregistry.ie)
- Records of legal title available for search at www.prai.ie; creating an account with the *LandDirect* database will grant you more access to the records
- *Registry of Deeds*, created in 1707 covering the confiscation of land from native Irish (more information here: www.prai.ie/registry-of-deeds-services/#records)

- Good resource for Anglo-Irish landed families, 1740-1840

Rent Books and Tennant Lists

- Records of tenants on large estates, 1700-1900, record collections are split and held by various repositories
- Largest collections kept in the *National Library of Ireland* (www.nli.ie/en/homepage.aspx) and the *Public Record Office of Northern Ireland* (PRONI) (www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni)

Landed Estate Court Records

- Records of the selling of bankrupt estates
- 1850 – 1885 available at www.findmypast.ie

See also: *Tithe Applotment Books* (above) as an alternative resource

COURT RECORDS

The Four Courts

- Court of the Exchequer
- Court of Chancery
- Court of Common Pleas
- Court of King's/Queen's Bench
 - Detailed descriptions of these courts and their records are available on FamilySearch's Wiki (https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ireland_Court_Records)
- 1922 fire destroyed a significant portion of the court records generated prior
 - Only a small collection of Chancery Court records survives
 - A number of indexes, abstracts and transcripts do exist

Example: 1911 Order Book for County Westmeath, Ireland

Complainant: The King (George V)

Defendant (1): Kate Barnes of Queen Street, Athlone

Date: 17 Oct 1911

Cause of Complaint: "Keeping beer or porter for sale on unlicensed premises" [convicted and fined]

Defendant (2): William Logan of Athlone

Cause of Complaint: "Drinking or tippling in a shebeen" (an unlicensed bar) [convicted and fined]

County of <u>Westmeath</u>		ORDER BOOK, as approved of by the Lord Lieutenant (with the advice and consent of			
No.	Name or Name of Justice or Justices by whom Order made, and if made out of Petty Sessions, or if entry in this Book made from a Certificate, name to be here stated.	PARTIES—COMPLAINANT AND DEFENDANT. (The Christian and Surname, Rank, Occupation, or other addition, and Residence, stating Parish and Township, to be given, and the parties to be distinguished by prefixing their appellations—Complainant or Defendant.)	Names of Witnesses examined, and whether for Complainant or Defendant.	CAUSE OF COMPLAINT as set forth in Summons.	TESTIMONIALS BY CAUSE OR DISMISSAL.
10	John Byrne R.M. Athlone	Prosecution of the franchisee of Barnes J. C. Queen Street Athlone	^a R. Taylor ^b A. Sheehy ^c A. Campbell	That on the 7 th October 1911 at Queen Street Athlone in said district & County you the said Barnes J. C. were unlawfully keeping for sale on your premises a quantity of beer or porter	Forwards with fine of £2 plus 1/6 costs, in default of payment to be paid to the Collector of the said District within 14 days of date of this Order.
21	do	James William Logan Athlone	^a A. Campbell ^b A. Sheehy	That on the 7 th October 1911 at Queen Street Athlone you were unlawfully drinking or tippling on the premises of one Kate Barnes - the said premises not being duly licensed for the sale of wine spirits beer ale or porter	Forwards with fine of £5 plus 1/6 costs, in default of payment to be paid to the Collector of the said District within 14 days of date of this Order.
22	do	James James Logan Athlone	^a A. Campbell ^b A. Sheehy	That on the 7 th October 1911 at Queen Street Athlone you were unlawfully drinking or tippling on the premises of one Kate Barnes - the said premises not being duly licensed for the sale of wine spirits beer ale or porter	Forwards with fine of £5 plus 1/6 costs, in default of payment to be paid to the Collector of the said District within 14 days of date of this Order.
23	do	James Michael Kelly Athlone	^a A. Campbell ^b A. Sheehy	That on the 7 th October 1911 at Queen Street Athlone you were unlawfully drinking or tippling on the premises of one Kate Barnes - the said premises not being duly licensed for the sale of wine spirits beer ale or porter	Forwards with fine of £5 plus 1/6 costs, in default of payment to be paid to the Collector of the said District within 14 days of date of this Order.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
No.	Date of Order.	Name or Names of Justice or Justices by whom Order made; and if made out of Petty Sessions, or if entry in this Book made from a Certificate, name to be here stated.	PARTIES—COMPLAINANT AND DEFENDANT. (The Christian and Surname, Rank, Occupation, or other addition, and Residence, stating Parish and Township, to be given, and the parties to be distinguished by prefixing their appellations—Complainant or Defendant.)	Names of Witnesses examined, and whether for Complainant or Defendant.	CAUSE OF COMPLAINT as set forth in Summons.	PARTICULARS OF ORDER OR DISMISSAL. If it is made, whether with or without penalties, and whether with or without Costs, &c. to be enforced, when to be enforced, and from what and whose Premises, &c. it is to be Whipped, or to be paid, or to be paid by, or to any Person, the amount to be written in Words at full length in this Column, as well as to be entered in Figures in the Money Column.)
20	1911 Oct 17 th	John Byrne R.M. Athlone R. J. C.	Prosecution of Kate Barnes Queen Street Athlone R. J. C.	R. Taylor A. Sheehy A. Campbell	Keeping Beer or Porter for Sale on unlicensed premises That on the 7 th October 1911 at Queen Street Athlone in said district & County you the said Kate Barnes were unlawfully keeping for sale on your premises a quantity of beer or porter	Forwards with fine of £2 plus 1/6 costs, in default of payment to be paid to the Collector of the said District within 14 days of date of this Order.
21	do	James William Logan Athlone	William Logan Athlone	A. Campbell A. Sheehy	Drinking or tippling in a shebeen That on the 7 th October 1911 at Queen Street Athlone you were unlawfully drinking or tippling on the premises of one Kate Barnes - the said premises not being duly licensed for the sale of wine spirits beer ale or porter	Forwards with fine of £5 plus 1/6 costs, in default of payment to be paid to the Collector of the said District within 14 days of date of this Order.

Various *District Court* and other court records available offline at National Archives of Ireland
Petty Sessions Order Books: 1.2 million records of petty crimes from 1842-1913 online at www.findmypast.ie

Published court record inventories are available at the Family History Library or by searching for copies of those titles held at other libraries through WorldCat (www.worldcat.org)
(<https://familysearch.org/catalog/search> – Enter “Ireland” into *Place* search and locate *Ireland – Court Records* in results for book titles)

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

City/County Directories

- Commercial or trade directories: business owners, tradesmen
- Court directories: government officials, private (upper-class) residents
- Law directories: judges, lawyers, constables, notaries, court staff
- Church directories: church jurisdictions, church building addresses, lists names of church leaders, ministers, priests
- Organization directories: societies, libraries, newspapers, schools, and other organizations

Criminal records (*gaols/prisons*)

- Prison registers may include:
 - Name of inmate, age, place of birth, marital status, last residence, occupation, crime committed, date committed, victim’s name, name and address of next of kin
 - Select collections available on FindMyPast (www.findmypast.ie)

Medical records

- General hospital records not widely available, some family exceptions
- Limited available collections include vaccination registers and asylum patient records (some on FindMyPast)
- Included with Poor Law Union workhouse records at the county level

Military records

- Prior to 1921, military service was with the British
- Service records kept by UK National Archives
- Irish Military Archives (www.militaryarchives.ie/en/home)
- Online collections include 1922 military census, image galleries, service pensions, etc.

DATABASES & REPOSITORIES

National Library of Ireland

Home Page: www.nli.ie/en/homepage.aspx

Collections and Databases: www.nli.ie/en/intro/catalogues-and-databases-introduction.aspx

Accessing Printed Collections and Microfilm: www.nli.ie/en/accessing-printed-material.aspx

Ask A Librarian Inquiry Submission Form: www.nli.ie/en/ask-a-librarian-query-form.aspx

National Archives of Ireland

Home Page: www.nationalarchives.ie

Search the Archives: www.nationalarchives.ie/search-the-archives

Resources for Genealogy Research: www.nationalarchives.ie/genealogy1/introduction-to-genealogy

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)

Home Page: www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni

Search Online: www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/public-record-office-northern-ireland-proni/search-archives-online

Search General Records Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI): <https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk>

About the PRONI eCatalogues: www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/about-proni-catalogues-and-ecatalogue

Irish Ancestry Database (Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs)

Home Page: www.irishgenealogy.ie/en

Irish Records: What is Available?: www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/irish-records-what-is-available/civil-records

Search Church Records: <https://churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords>

Search Civil Registrations: <https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/civil-search.jsp>

Databases and Resources Links: www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/useful-links

The United Kingdom National Archives

Home Page: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

Record Collection Catalog: <http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

Research Guides: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides

FindMyPast (paid subscription website)

Access to limited collections for free: www.findmypast.com/irish-parish-records

Full collections include census records, cemetery records, Catholic parish registers, poor law records, select court records, prison records, and more.

Visit the library's locations page (www.casscolibrary.org/locations) for CCPL Genealogy's location, contact information, and hours of operation.

Information regarding our digital collections, access to online databases, submitting inquiries, and more, can be found on Cass County Public Library's Genealogy Resources page, located here: www.casscolibrary.org/genealogy

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