

# Making the Leap

## *Organizing Your Irish Record Research*

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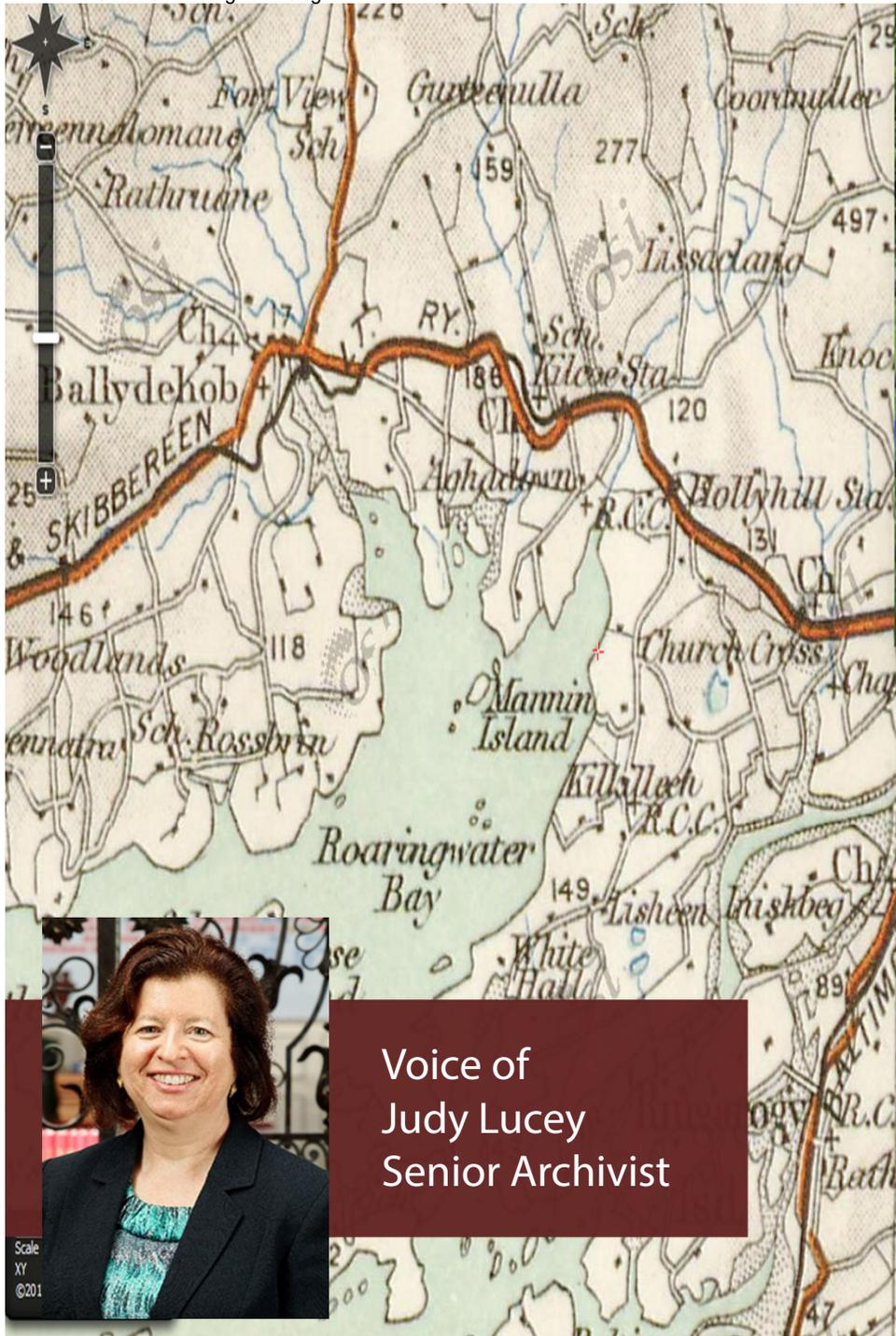


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# Creating a plan

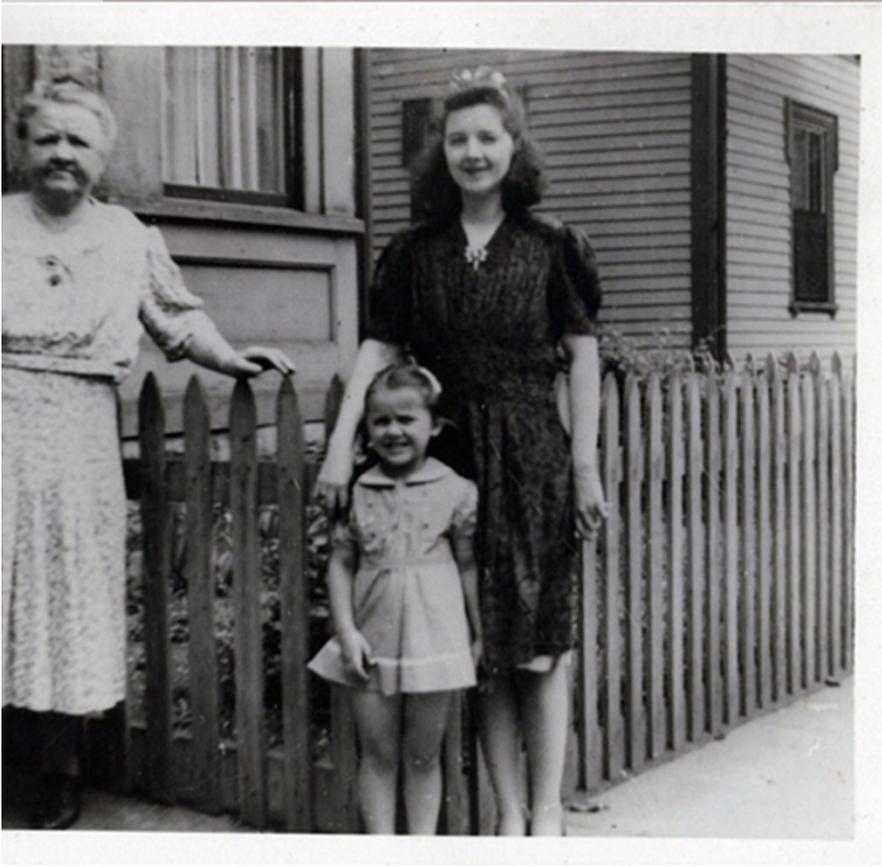
*What are you looking for?*

- Finding birth or marriage information on immigrant ancestors?
- Attempting to trace the line back?
- Identifying who was left behind?
- Want to know more about how and where they lived?





# The Right Ingredients



- Place name in Ireland
- Time period
- Parents of immigrant ancestor and maiden name of mother
- Religion of family
- Online indexed records
- A little Irish luck!

# Key Strategies

- Identify the records you will need
  - Church records
  - Civil Registration
- Where do you find them
  - Before jumping online learn more about Irish records and how to use them
- Understanding Irish history and customs



Four Courts Fire, 1922, Dublin

Tip

Learn about  
Irish History

# Three Major Groups

- Anglo-Irish
  - Professional and landed class
  - Members of the Church of Ireland
  - Historically opposed to Home Rule and Independence
- Roman Catholics
  - Gaelic clans and Sept system
  - English plantation of Ireland and penal laws
- Scots Presbyterian
  - Dissenters
  - Subject to same penal laws as Catholics

# Church of Ireland records

- Established Church until 1869
- Records begin earlier than Catholic or Presbyterian
- Half of parish registers destroyed in Four Courts fire, 1922
- Baptisms frequently lack maiden name of mother
- Catholics/Presbyterians look for extant COI records :
  - Prior to 1820 all burials in Church of Ireland cemeteries
  - Responsible for burying the poor

Baptismal register parish of Annaclone, County Down

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BAPTISMS administered in the Church of *Annaclone* in the Parish of *Annaclone* in the Diocese of *Down*, in the Year 1877

When Baptized.	When Born.	Child's Christian Name.	Parents' Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was Performed.
			Christian.	Surname.			
1877/48 12 Aug 1878	24 Sept	Henry Jane	Wm Weir	Wm Weir	Capt	Labour	Wm Haining
No. 1							
24 Sept No. 2	22 July 1878	Henry May	Wm Bingham	Wm Bingham	Annals	Labour	Wm Haining
22 Aug No. 3	1 July 1878	David Anne	John Anderson	John Anderson	Latt	Labour	Wm Haining
29 Sept No. 4	17 June 1878	Mary Margaret	Wm Cumber	Wm Cumber	Bally more	Farm	Wm Haining
20 Nov No. 5	31 July	Wm Mary	Wm Gale	Wm Gale	Bally more	Labour	Wm Haining
10 March No. 6	12 March	Sarah Bella	Sarah May	Sarah May	Holiday	Bally more Down	Labour Wm Haining
6 May No. 7	6 March	Wm Sarah Jane	Wm Weir	Wm Weir	Capt	Labour	Wm Haining
20 Sept 1877 No. 8	23 July 1879	Robert Wm	Wm Weir	Wm Weir	Wm Weir	Farm	Wm Haining

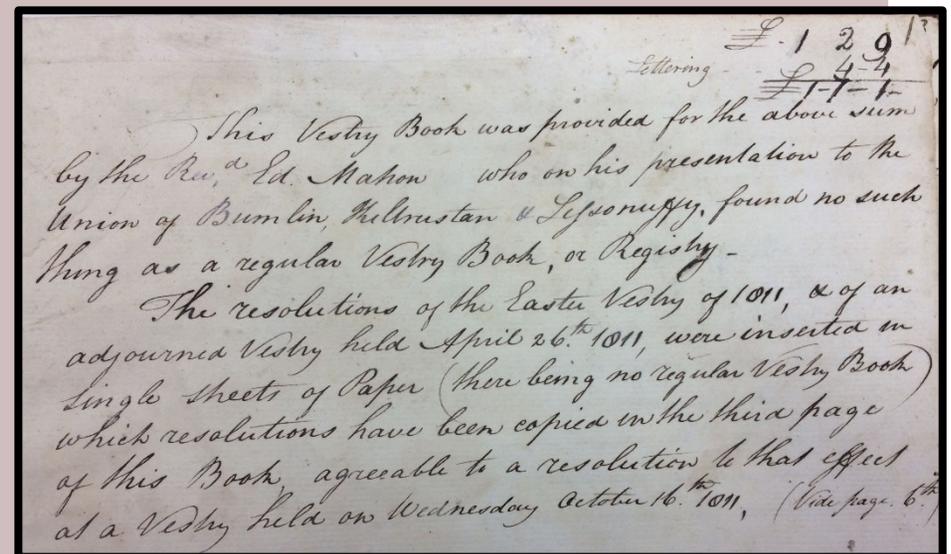
Tip

Don't overlook Church  
of Ireland Vestry Books

# Vestry Books

- Important source for local and parish history
- Can contain:
  - Parish accounts
  - Occupation of land
  - Records of the poor
  - Lists of names!!
- Repositories:
  - Representative Church Body Ireland (Dublin)
  - Public Record Office of Northern Ireland

Strokestown (Bumlin Parish), Co.  
Roscommon vestry book, at Representative  
Church Body Library (RCB Library  
P.737/5/1.)





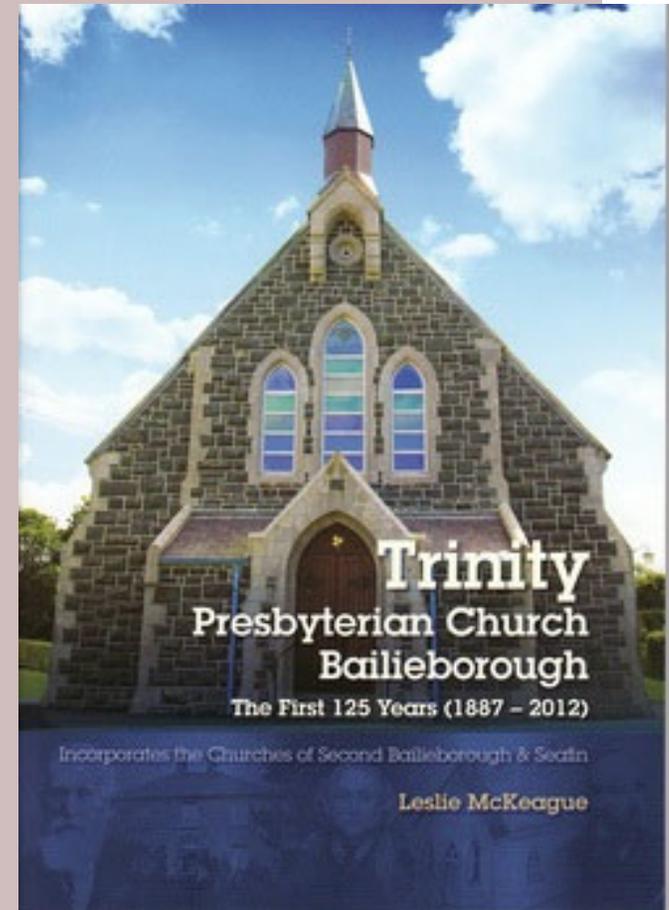
# Customs and Traditions

- Bride married in parish where baptized
- First child (children) baptized in mother's parish
- Burial sometimes outside the area where they lived
  - Tap into local knowledge
  - Try website, Ireland Reaching Out
- Not everyone had a headstone!



# Presbyterians

- Most records begin 1820s, 1830s
- Illegal until 1782 for ministers to perform marriages
- Search in Church of Ireland parishes for marriages!
- No set parish boundaries
  - Brian Mitchell's *New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland*



# Why did my ancestor leave?

(Source: Paul Milner's *Irish Emigration to North America: Before, During and After the Famine*)

## "Push"

- Economic
  - Rack-renting
  - Drought/famine
- Religious persecution
- Political refugees
  - 1798 rebellion
  - 1922 Irish Civil War

## "Pull"

- Economic
  - Land
  - Business
- Religious tolerance
- Chain migration – follow one's family and friends

## Irish Emigration to North America: Before, During, and After the Famine

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### Overview

Examination of migration from Ireland to the US and Canada looking at the push (internal issues influencing emigration) and pull (external) factors and how these changed over time. The presentation will illustrate how to use historical information about migration routes, and Irish settlement patterns as clues for locating Irish ancestors.

### Early Colonial Period (pre - 1717)

*Situation in Ireland:* Flight of the Earls (1607); Ulster Plantation by Scots and English (1609-1625); Rebellion of 1641; Cromwell's Transplanting (1650+); Battle of the Boyne (1690); Treaty of Limerick and Flight of the "Wild Geese" (1692); Penal Laws (1695-1710); Test Act (1703)

Chiefs and landed gentry dispossessed of their estates. People were affected by the land confiscations and often would not move to another part of the island. They suffered and were persecuted for their religious beliefs, were discouraged by frequent political disturbances and lost their businesses in the ruin of the woolen trade. Thousands of poor transported by Cromwell. Many Protestants transported especially during 1665-1675 and 1685-1699.

*Migration:* Irish peasants, men and women, deported by the tens of thousands to Barbados and Jamaica under Cromwell. "Wild Geese" - Irish regiments and brigades in the armies of France, Spain and Austria. 1600's boys from the Nore and

2. O'Brien, Michael J. *Pioneer Irish in New England*. 1937, reprinted 1988 by Heritage Books, Bowie MD.
3. O'Brien, Michael J. *Irish Settlers in America: A consolidation of Articles from the Journal of the American Irish Historical Society*. 2 vols. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company. 1979. Lists and articles about Colonial Irish.

### Late Colonial Period (1717 - 1783)

*Situation in Ireland:* Emigrant ports - Belfast, Londonderry, Newry, Larne and Portrush - busy especially when shipping agents looking for business.

#### 5 Waves

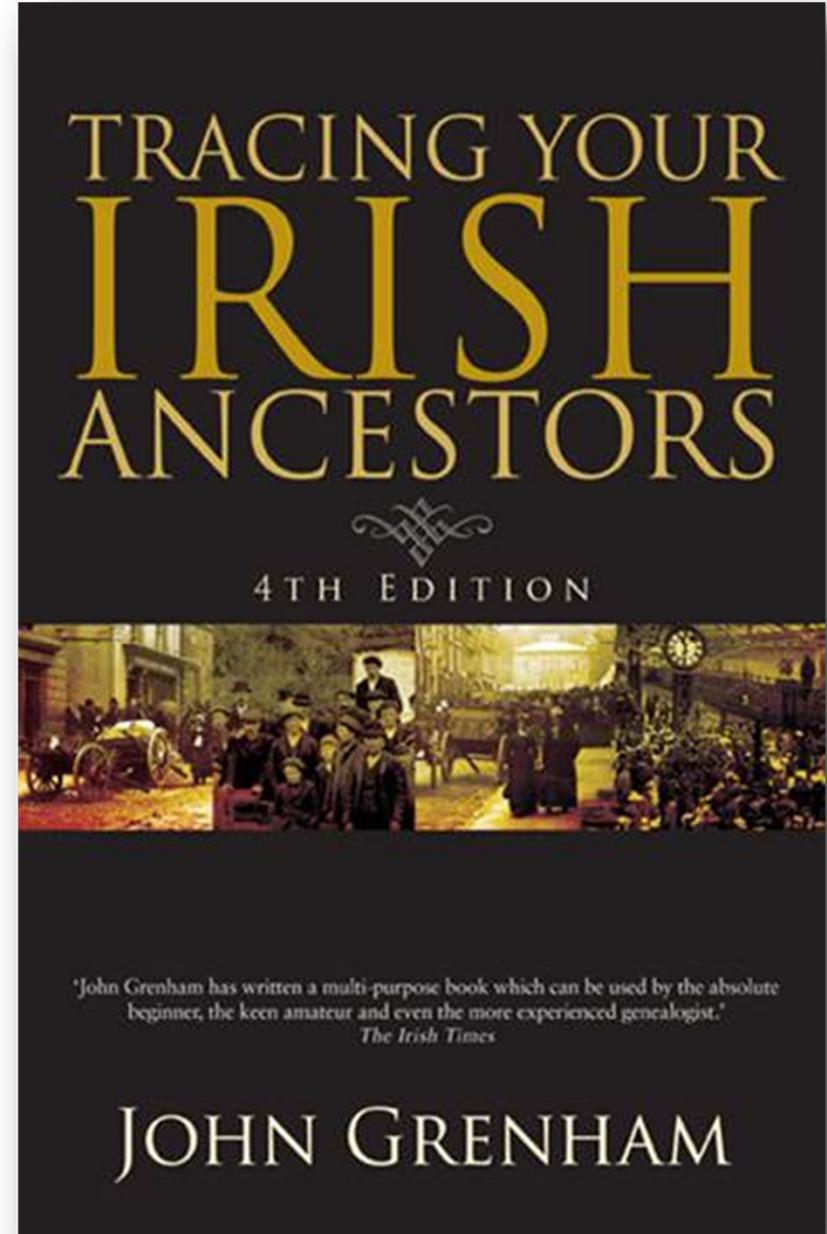
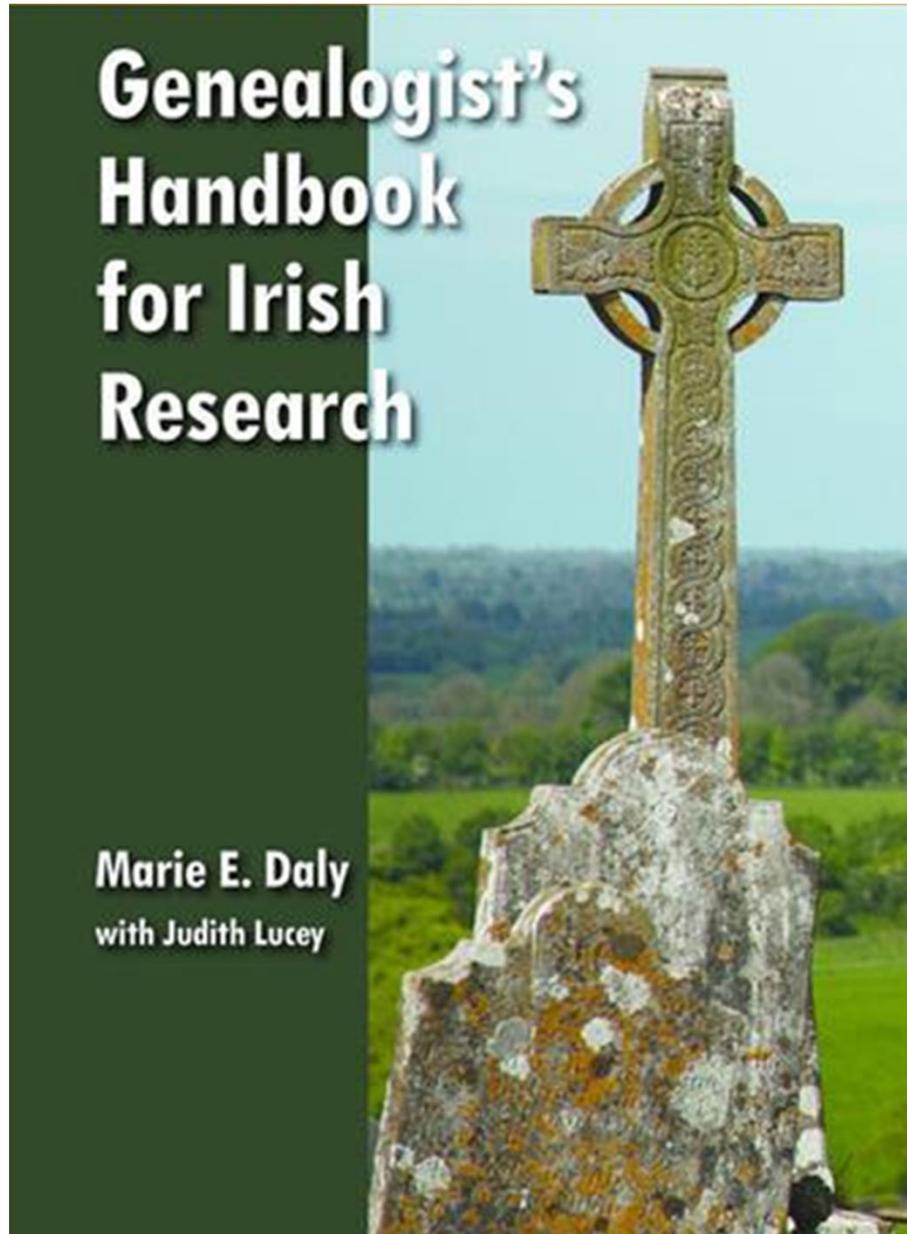
- 1717-1718: Drought and rack renting. Opened route. 5,000 in 1717. To: New England, PA and SC
- 1725-1729: Drought (3 bad harvests), scarcity of provisions, rack-renting, silver shortage, To: Southeastern PA.
- 1740-1741: Famine (400,000 died in 1740) To: Beyond PA to southwest into the Great Valley; Shenandoah Valley of VA, opening into NC and SC Piedmont.
- 1754-1755: Drought; Effective propaganda from US - Appeals from NC
- 1771-1775: Rack-renting (esp. Marquis of Donegal in County Antrim), mass evictions (25-30,000 passengers, Presbyterians)

*Migration:* Initially from Bann and Foyle River valleys in Ulster to Boston and then New England.

See handout for URL

Tip

Create a list of  
“Go to” sources for  
information



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Clare is cut off from its neighbours to the south and east by the river Shannon, Lough Derg, and the Shannon Estuary, and is bounded to the west by the Atlantic. This geographical detachment has greatly influenced its character and history. More than most other areas of Ireland it has retained a deep sense of tradition and an intense pride in local achievements; it is famed for its hurlers and traditional musicians.

Historically the area was part of the north Munster Gaelic kingdom of Thomond dominated by the O'Briens, later Earls of Thomond, who comprehensively defeated the Norman family to whom the region was granted in 1275, the de Clares. It has long been asserted that the county name was taken from this Norman family when the modern boundaries were fixed by Sir Henry Sidney in 1565, but a local placename, *an clár*, (meaning "board" or "table") had already been used to describe an important crossing over the river Fergus outside Ennis, and this seems a likelier origin. This area is now Clarecastle.

After Cromwell's defeat of the Catholic Confederacy in 1641, Clare was one of the areas to which the native landowners were transplanted. The village of O'Briensbridge in East Clare records the name of a transplanted Cork family.

The effects of the Famine and subsequent emigration are clearly seen in the population figures. In 1841, before the onset of the Famine, the county had a population of 286,000. Ten years later, after the Famine, this had dropped by 74,000, to 212,000. In 1966, just over a century later, the total population was just 75,000, a decrease of almost 75% from the 1841 figure.

Surnames strongly associated with Co. Clare include O'Brien, McMahon, McNamara, Molony, O'Loughlin, O'Hehir, and O'Dea. Among the more unusual Clare names are Talty, Haugh, Minogue, Frawley, Clune and Mungovan.

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## Clare broken down by Registrar's district

[FamilySearch](#) has indexes to 1958 for the Republic, to 1922 for areas that became part of Northern Ireland after that year, and birth register transcripts 1864-1881; [IrishGenealogy](#) has indexes to 1914 for births (including mother's maiden name 1900-1914), marriages to 1939 and deaths to 1964. Images of the full records are available for all of these birth records, for the marriage records from 1882 and the death records from 1891.

In the Republic, most historic GRO records are online at [IrishGenealogy](#). A minority remains available by post or through the Dublin Search Room. [See the Browse section](#) for more detail.

Poor Law Union	Registrar's district	Births	Marriages	Deaths	Where	Comment
<a href="#">Scarriff</a>	<a href="#">Annacarriga</a>	1864 to 1914	1845 to 1939	1864 to 1964	<a href="#">IrishGenealogy.ie Online</a>	Index with linked record images. Images for marriages and deaths from 1882 and 1891 respectively,
<a href="#">Scarriff</a>	<a href="#">Annacarriga</a>	1864 to 1881			<a href="#">FamilySearch Online</a>	Partial transcript only
<a href="#">Scarriff</a>	<a href="#">Annacarriga</a>	1864 to 1958	1845 to 1958	1864 to 1958	<a href="#">FamilySearch Online</a>	Index only. Non-Catholic marriages only 1845-1863. Copies also on <a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> and <a href="#">FindMyPast.ie</a> .
<a href="#">Kildysart</a>	<a href="#">Ballynacally</a>	1864 to 1958	1845 to 1958	1864 to 1958	<a href="#">FamilySearch Online</a>	Index only. Non-Catholic marriages only 1845-1863. Copies also on <a href="#">Ancestry.com</a> and <a href="#">FindMyPast.ie</a> .
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<a href="#">Ballyvaughan</a>	<a href="#">Ballyvaghan</a>	1864 to 1881			<a href="#">FamilySearch Online</a>	Partial transcript only
<a href="#">Loughrea</a>	<a href="#">Ballyvaghan</a>	1864 to 1914	1845 to 1939	1864 to 1964	<a href="#">IrishGenealogy.ie Online</a>	Index with linked record images. Images for marriages and deaths from 1882 and 1891 respectively,
<a href="#">Gort</a>	<a href="#">Ballyvaghan</a>	1864 to 1914	1845 to 1939	1864 to 1964	<a href="#">IrishGenealogy.ie Online</a>	Index with linked record images. Images for marriages and deaths from 1882 and 1891 respectively,
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## List of County Clare Registrar Districts



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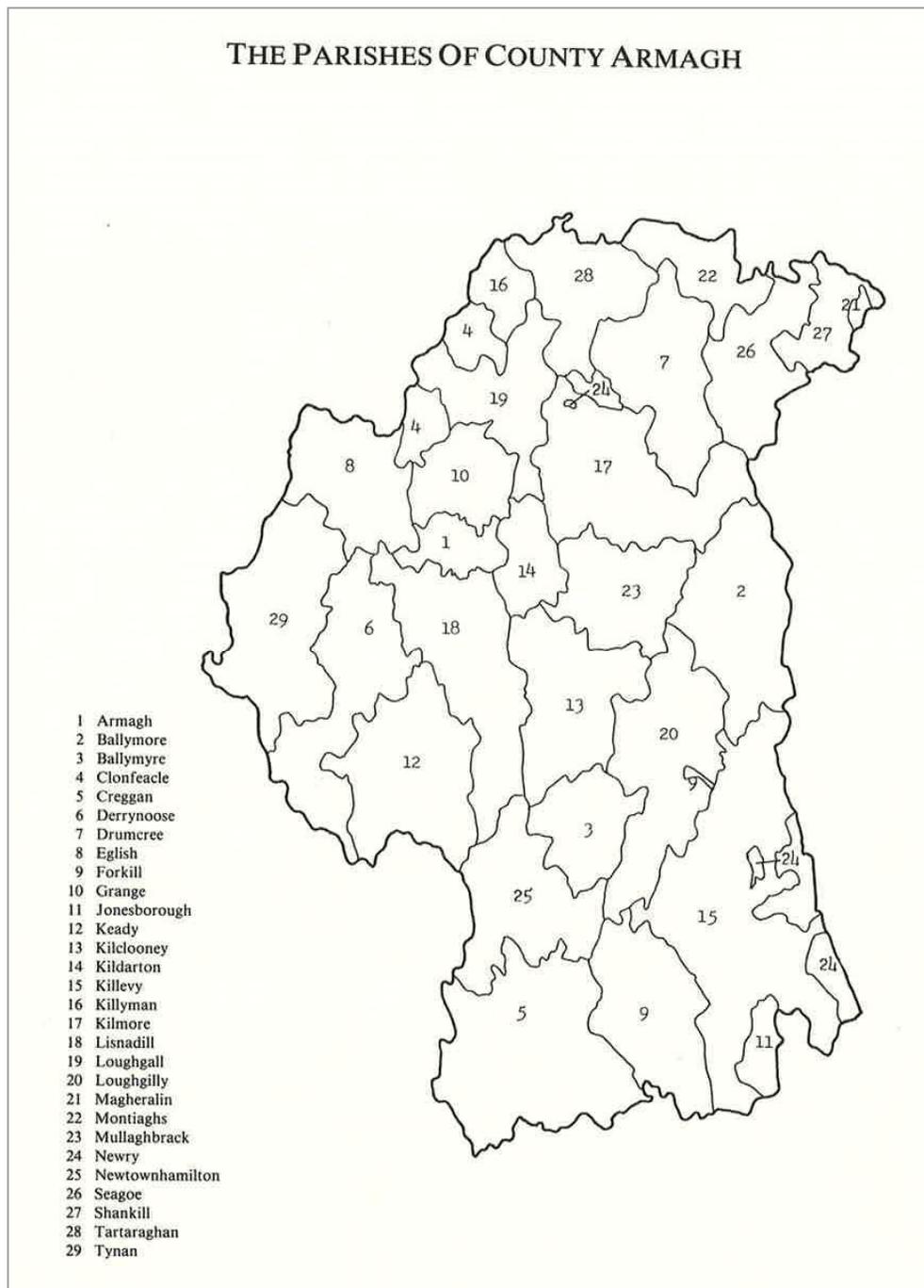
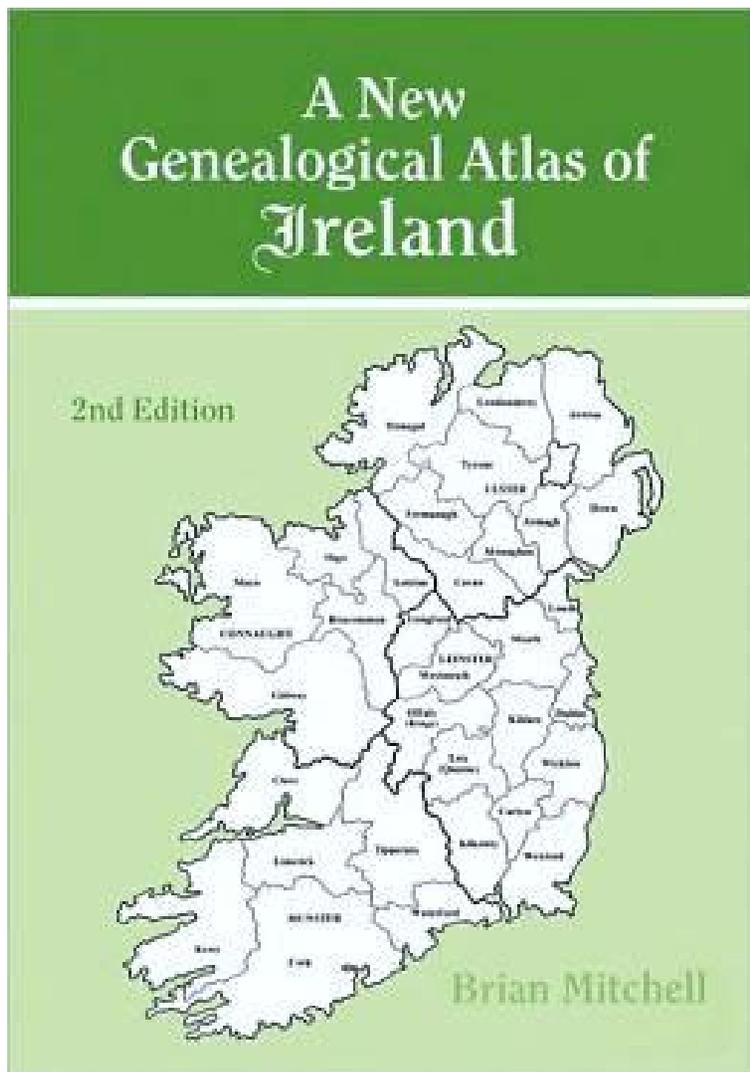
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Tip

Use maps when  
searching in records





# Irish Townlands



Search for a townland, civil parish, barony, electoral division or county

Search

Based on data in [OpenStreetMap](#), here is a list of counties in Ireland.

Click on each county to see baronies, civil parishes and townlands in the respective county.

This page should be updated (roughly) daily. The OpenStreetMap community is adding more data regularly. [See how much we have done and how much we have left to do, how long it'll take us to finish](#) and [townland mapping activity](#).

[Alphabetical index of townlands](#)

## Ireland

326 baronies, 2,509 civil parishes, 3,476 electoral divisions, 61,111 townlands currently mapped on OpenStreetMap.

## Counties

- [Antrim](#). 14 baronies, 81 civil parishes, 0 electoral divisions, 1,731 townlands , 21 subtownlands
- [Armagh](#). 6 baronies, 43 civil parishes, 0 electoral divisions, 959 townlands , 182 subtownlands
- [Carlow](#). 7 baronies, 48 civil parishes, 54 electoral divisions, 602 townlands , 5 subtownlands
- [Cavan](#). 8 baronies, 36 civil parishes, 93 electoral divisions, 1,985 townlands , 62 subtownlands
- [Clare](#). 11 baronies, 81 civil parishes, 154 electoral divisions, 2,265 townlands , 16 subtownlands
- [Cork](#). 23 baronies, 248 civil parishes, 391 electoral divisions, 5,471 townlands , 238 subtownlands
- [Donegal](#). 8 baronies, 53 civil parishes, 146 electoral divisions, 2,712 townlands , 1735 subtownlands
- [Down](#). 12 baronies, 76 civil parishes, 0 electoral divisions, 1,284 townlands , 2 subtownlands
- [Dublin](#). 8 baronies, 85 civil parishes, 353 electoral divisions, 1,053 townlands , 11 subtownlands
- [Fermanagh](#). 8 baronies, 23 civil parishes, 3 electoral divisions, 2,302 townlands , 245 subtownlands
- [Galway](#). 16 baronies, 115 civil parishes, 235 electoral divisions, 4,474 townlands , 117 subtownlands
- [Kerry](#). 9 baronies, 87 civil parishes, 163 electoral divisions, 2,722 townlands , 41 subtownlands
- [Kildare](#). 14 baronies, 113 civil parishes, 90 electoral divisions, 1,210 townlands , 66 subtownlands
- [Kilkenny](#). 10 baronies, 141 civil parishes, 113 electoral divisions, 1,574 townlands , 24 subtownlands

Access maps at [townlands.ie](http://townlands.ie)

Tip

Understand naming  
patterns and variations

# What's in a name?

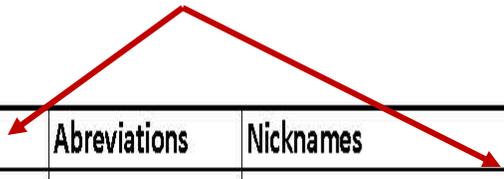
- Irish early to adopt hereditary surname
  - Gaelic origin, Irish clans
  - Norman, English, Scottish, Welsh origins
  - Names anglicized over time
- Common surnames and spelling variants
  - Mac and O in surnames: Connor, O'Connor, Connell, McConnell
- Be aware of use of nicknames!



Given Name Alternatives for Irish Research

Name	Abbreviations	Nicknames	Synonyms	Irish	Latin
Abigail	Abig	Ab, Abbie, Abby, Bina, Debbie, Gail, Gubbie, Gubby, Libby, Nabby, Webbie	Abina, Deborah, Gobinet, Dora	Abaigeal, Abaigh, Gobnait	Gobnata
Abraham	Ab, Abm, Abr, Abra, Abrm	Abe, Abby	Abram	Abraham	Abrahame
Adam		Edie		Adhamh	Adamus
Agnes	Agn	Aggie, Aggy, Annot, Assie, Inez, Nanny, Nessa, Nessie, Taggett, Taggy	Annais, Anneyce, Annis, Annys, Nancy, Una, Unity, Uny, Winifred	Aigneis, Mor, Oonagh, Una	Agna, Agneta, Agnetis, Agnus, Una

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Abraham	Ab, Abm, Abr, Abra, Abrm	Abe, Abby	Abram	Abraham	Abrahame
Adam		Edie		Adhamh	Adamus
Agnes	Agn	Aggie, Aggy, Annot, Assie, Inez, Nanny, Nessa, Nessie, Taggett, Taggy	Annais, Anneyce, Annis, Annys, Nancy, Una, Unity, Uny, Winifred	Aigneis, Mor, Oonagh, Una	Agna, Agneta, Agnetis, Agnus

Archibald	Ar, Archd, Archid	Archie, Archy, Baird		Easpuir, Gilla, Glolla	Ariadne
Arthur	Ar, Arth, Arthr,	Airt, Arie, Art, Arty	Arter, Arther, Artheur	Artonius, Artos, Artur, Arturius, Arturus, Ataigh	Arcturus, Art, Artur, Arturus
Augustine	Aug	Austey, Austin, Gus, Gussy, Gustus	Augustus	Aguistin, Aibhistin	Augustinius, Augustinus
Austin			Augustine	Aguistin	Augustinus
Barbara	Barb, Barba	Bab, Babbie, Babe, Babs, Barb, Barbie, Barby, Bobbie	Barbary	Bab, Baibin, Bairbre, Gormlaith	Barbara

# Be Aware of Naming Patterns

- First born son named after his father's father - *Jeremiah*
- Second born son named after his mother's father - *John*
- Third born son named after his father - *Patrick*
- First born daughter named after her mother's mother – *Mary Ellen*
- Second born daughter named after her father's mother - *Honora*



Patrick and Mary (Hogan) Lucey, 1918

# What else to know?

- The poorer the family, more likely to use naming patterns
- More likely to use for sons than daughters
- May name a child after recently deceased relative
  - Can alter naming pattern
- Search tips:
  - Use surname variants
  - Use nicknames
  - Be familiar with the Latin or Irish given name

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## Irish Ancestors

surname:

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# coughlin

## Maps

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## The surname

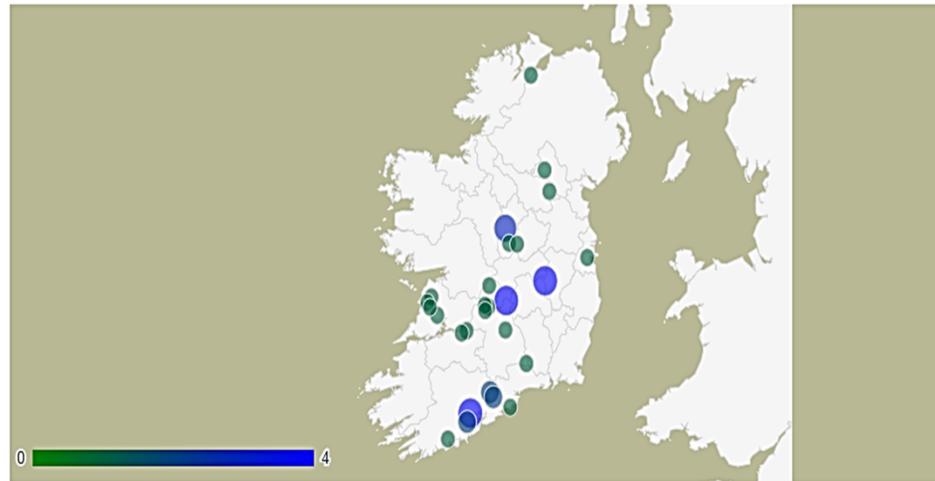
- [Family histories: 3](#)

## Websites

[Coughlan](#)  
(archived)

Parishes where coughlin and a second surname are found together

Surname:



Household numbers by county in Griffith's (1847-64), as on the map

Click on a county to see more detail

Cavan:	1	Clare:	4	Cork:	7	Cork city:	4
Derry:	1	Dublin city:	1	Kildare:	4	Limerick:	1
Limerick city:	1	Longford:	3	Monaghan:	1	Tipperary:	10
Waterford:	1	Westmeath:	2				

## Surname Dictionary

Coghlan | numerous: Munster etc. Ir. Ó *Cochláin*, probably from *cochail*, a hood or mantle. More usual as Coughlan, q.v.

## Variants in Griffith's & total households

[Click here](#) to see all variants on a single map

Click on a name to see it on the map.

Cochlan: 8  
Cocklin: 2  
Coghlan: 1165  
Coghlin: 24  
Coglane: 2  
Coughlan: 261  
Coughlin: 41



## Non-Griffith's Variants

[Click here](#) for all variant sources.

Click on a name below for just its sources.

Caghlan  
Caugh'n  
Caughalane  
Caughlan  
Caughlane  
Caughlen  
Caughlin  
Caughlon  
Coaghlan  
Coachalane  
Coachelane  
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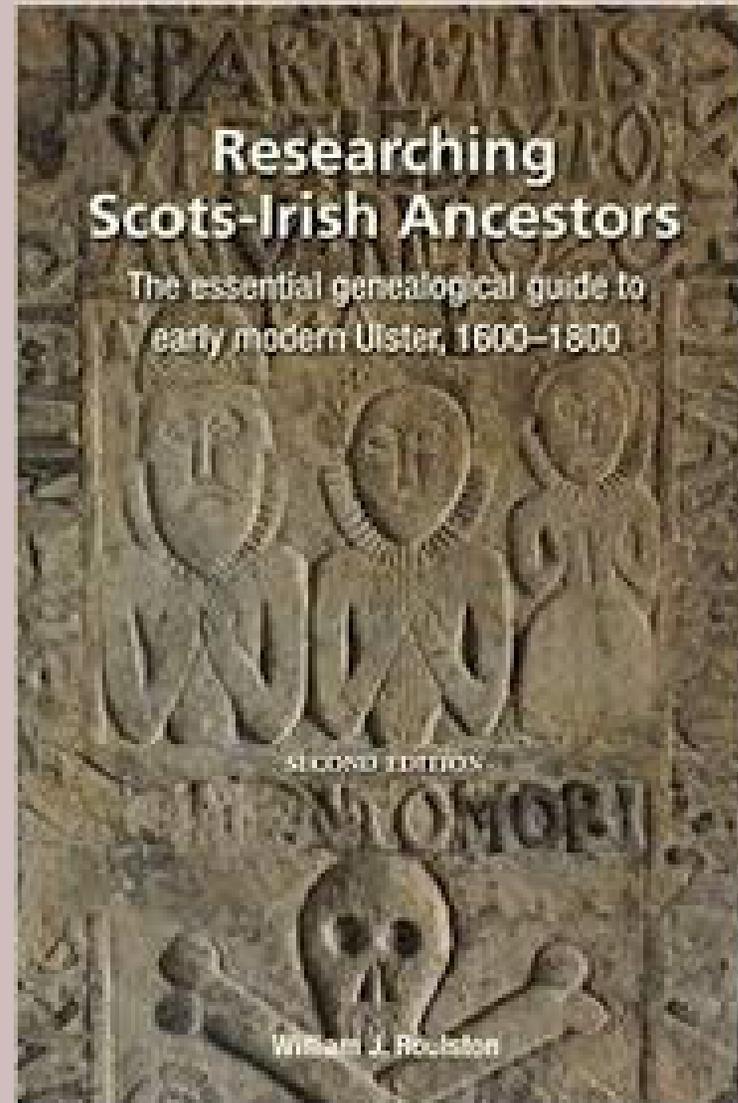


# “Catch-All” Records

- Valuation Office records
  - Griffith’s Valuation, 1847-1864
  - Covers from 1830 well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century
  - Complete set of records with original maps on [Findmypast.com](http://Findmypast.com)
  - Also free on [AskaboutIreland.ie](http://AskaboutIreland.ie) with maps(1870s)
- Petty Sessions Court records
  - Courts for minor crimes, 1858 -1924, on [Findmypast.com](http://Findmypast.com)
  - Provides glimpse of everyday Irish life
- Dog licenses
  - Licenses requirements began 1865
  - Includes name, address, county and description of dog
  - Over six million names on [Findmypast.com](http://Findmypast.com)

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Famine,  
1845-1849!**

**Researching  
Scots-Irish  
Ancestors:  
The essential  
genealogical guide to  
early modern Ulster,  
1600-1800**





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- eCatalogue

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### Resources and learning

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- 1916
- First World War resources

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- Preparing for a visit and registration
- PRONI charges

### Your research

- Enquiry Service
- Family and local history records
- Information leaflets

PRONI, [www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni)



## Use Name Search to find early family history records

Search surviving pre-1858 will indexes found in various PRONI collections like the diocesan will and administration bond indexes; surviving fragments of the 1740 and the 1766 religious census returns and 1775 dissenters petitions.

### Before you start

Name Search pulls together into a single database the information provided in a variety of indexes to records, and extracts from records. This information can be accessed by a simple search by personal name and/ or location. The application doesn't link to digitised images of original records.

[Search 'Name Search' >](#)

### Name Search

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Name index database, PRONI



The image shows the top portion of a website. On the left is a small photograph of a classical building facade. To its right, the title "Registry of Deeds Index Project Ireland" is displayed in white text on a dark green background. Below this is a horizontal navigation bar with green tabs labeled "Home", "Search", "Submit", "Browse", "Familysearch navigation aids", and "Guides".

## This is the home page of the Registry of Deeds Index Project

### Purpose

The purpose of this project is to provide finding aids for the records held at the Registry of Deeds in Dublin. There are three sets of indexes produced by the project:

- The main index is building a name index for the memorial transcription books held at the Registry of Deeds
- The grantors index consists of transcriptions of the Registry of Deeds' grantors indexes
- The townland index consists of transcriptions of the Registry of Deeds' townland indexes

Each of these index databases can be searched on a number of fields. None, of course, is complete. Each has those index entries contributed by the project volunteers.

### Background

The [Registry of Deeds](#) is located in Henrietta Street, Dublin, Ireland and is a repository of records of wills, land transactions in Ireland and other deeds from 1709. While the purpose of the Registry of Deeds was to enforce rules limiting the land transactions of Catholics, even before the removal of these rules in 1782 many Catholics and representatives of Catholic families registered deeds. Many memorials involved people of modest means who were merchants and traders who registered deeds to provide some form of security of tenure. Moreover, Catholic families are often mentioned.

The Registry of Deeds is a rich source of genealogical information. Marriage and other settlements are particularly informative about family relationships.

### FamilySearch Films on-line

FamilySearch has put all the memorial volumes and indexes up on line. There is a link at the bottom of this page to the catalogue entry. Use the Guides pages from the top of the page to go directly.

### Guidance

The guides menu item above has a number of guides.

This page shows how to index and submit the index entries to the project. [How to guide](#)

Index to abstracts of wills, deeds, and marriage settlements

# Example of marriage settlement, Familysearch.org microfilm

N<sup>o</sup> 102701. To the Register appointed by Act of Parliament for registering Deeds  
Wills and so forth  
Dillon A Memorial of an Indenture Dated the Twelfth of April one thousand Seven  
hundred and Fifty two Made Between John Dillon of Quarter town in the County  
of Corke Esq<sup>r</sup> of the one part, and William Ryves of Castlejane and Andrew  
Croker of Annett both in the County Limerick Esq<sup>r</sup> of the other part Whereby  
to after Reciting an Indented Deed of Settlement made upon the Intermariage of  
Ryves of the said Andrew Croker with Elizabeth Taylor Daughter of Walter Taylor Esq<sup>r</sup>  
the said John Dillon as Surviving Trustee in the said Marriage Settlement  
Mentioned assigned and Transferred the said Trust unto the said W<sup>m</sup> Ryves his  
heirs and assigns with full power and Authority to Act and do in the premises  
in such Manner as by the said Marriage Settlement is Directed, Which said  
Deed is witnessed by Edward Croker the younger of Annett in the County of  
Limerick Esq<sup>r</sup> and by John Webb of the City of Dublin Gent and this Mem<sup>o</sup>  
is witnessed by the said Edward Croker and by William Lewis of Shrovel  
in the County of Tipperary Clerk  
in the presence of William Lewis Edw<sup>d</sup> Croker The above named  
Edward Croker this Day Made Oath before me that he was present and saw  
the

Reg<sup>d</sup> the 18<sup>th</sup> day  
of April 1752 at  
10 a Clock in the  
fore Noon



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The IED is a virtual library of emigration-related primary sources, principally letters to and from emigrants, compiled by the Centre for Migration Studies, Omagh. This extensive collection of more than 33,000 records is drawn from a number of collections, including the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland and many private donors, and is capable of expansion as new records become available. It covers a wide time period, but with a concentration on the period between c.1780 and c.1920.

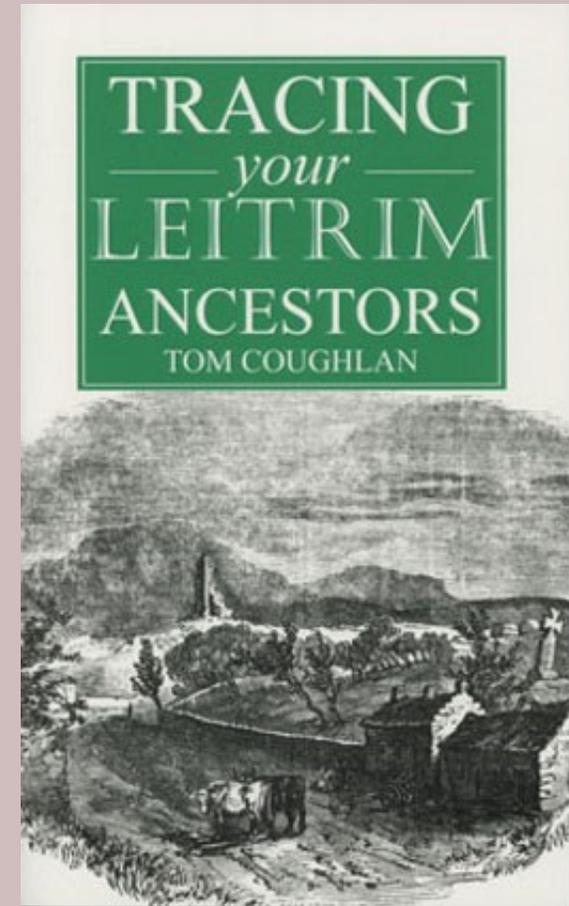


<http://www.dippam.ac.uk/>

# Don't Overlook Local Records

# Seek Out Local Resources

- Local histories and genealogical sources
- Check out local county archives and libraries websites
- Mine records available locally



# Why use?

- Many local records not online
- Knowledgeable and helpful staff
- Wealth of records
  - Records of the poor law (Workhouse records)
  - Small family estate records
  - Grand jury records
  - Family and local history materials
  - School records



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## The County Archives Collection

### Introduction to the collection

Archives are the recorded or documentary heritage of a community, organisation, person or country, in whatever format that appears. Archives are part of our national and local heritage. They provide the raw material of history, as historians write the history of people and places based on preserved archival material. The Archives held by the Donegal County Council Archives Service are the written documentation that reflect the lives, progress, development, skills, language and culture of the people of Donegal.



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# Records of the Workhouse

- Poor law act of 1838
  - Established Poor Law Unions
  - Construction of Workhouses
  - Centered around market towns
- Most records cover 1840s until early 1920s



# County Donegal Archives and FindmyPast.com



# What they may contain

- Indoor relief registers
- Infirmary and hospital records
- Death registers (pre-date 1864)
- Board of Guardians minutes and correspondence
  - Emigration assistance

# Assisted emigration Milford workhouse, County Donegal

June 1854

Resolved that the Commissioners be requested to sanction the expenditure of the sum of Three Pounds in providing an outfit and paying a portion of the passage to Philadelphia of a child named **Catharine Murray** aged 6 years entered in the Register opposite to No. 3464, chargeable to the E. Division of Termon a portion of the child's passage £2 7 0 having been paid by its parents who live there, the Guardians desire to inform the Commissioners that it is proposed to send the above child in charge of Rose Doherty who has promised to take charge of her. -

That this Meeting do now adjourn till Monday the 3rd July at 11 o' clock AM.

38	Mary	do	7	Spinster	"	"	"
39	Roddy	do	1 mo.	Son	"	"	"
40	Grace	Strain	22	Spinster	"	"	"
41	Ann	Shannon	20	"	"	"	"
42	James	Montgomery	18	Labourer	"	"	"
43	John	Bold	18	"	"	"	"
44	Ellen	Govett	21	Spinster	"	"	"
45	Margaret	Russell	25	"	"	"	2 Bunks
46	George	do	18 mo.	Child	"	"	"
47	John	Ritchie	12	"	"	"	"
48	Daniel	McMullan	24	Labourer	"	"	"
49	Isabella	Perry	18	Spinster	"	"	"
50	Catharine	Sheerin	17	"	"	"	"
51	Catharine	Murray	6	"	"	"	7. Chest
52	Easy	Adams	20	"	"	"	"
53	William	Coyle	20	"	"	"	"
54	Nancy	Black	16	"	"	"	"
55	Grace	Gallagher	30	"	"	"	"
56	Ann	Fair	24	"	"	"	Two Bunks
57	Grace	Lugan	28	"	"	"	"
58	Thomas	Houston	19	Labourer	"	"	"
59	Suzanna	do	11	Spinster	"	"	"
60	Ellen	Levin	33	"	"	"	"
61	Elizabeth	do	14	"	"	"	"
62	Matilda	do	5	"	"	"	"
63	Mary Ann	do	2	"	"	"	Four Bunks
64	Eliza	Smith	21	"	"	"	"
65	Margaret	Mc	13	"	"	"	"
66	Elizabeth	McEady	50	"	"	"	"
67	Jane	do	24	"	"	"	"
68	Thomas	do	10	Labourer	"	"	"
69	Mary Ann	do	8	Spinster	"	"	Two Bunks
70	Mike	Devlin	16	"	"	"	"
71	Nancy	do	9	"	"	"	"
72	Patrick	do	7	Labourer	"	"	"
73	Ellen	Hamilton	10	Spinster	"	"	"

Ship Edward, Aug 1854, to Philadelphia



111	Jamies Quinn	29	Labourer	"	"	Two Barrels
112	James Hewton	19	"	"	"	"
113	Isabella do	17	Spinster	"	"	"
114	Ellen Lynn	40	"	"	"	"
115	Michael Brady	20	Labourer	"	"	"
116	Rose Dougherty	20	Spinster	"	"	"
117	Sarah King	21	"	"	"	One Boy
118	Catharine Simond	20	"	"	"	"
119	Pat. McCann	22	Labourer	"	"	"
120	James Kearney	12	"	"	"	"
121	Edward McCarron	18	"	"	"	Two Chests
122	Bridget McGaughan	17	Spinster	"	"	"
123	Jane Kane	33	"	"	"	"
124	James Carr	22	Labourer	"	"	"
125	Geo. Thompson	25	"	"	"	"
126	Malinda Edging	14	Child	"	"	"
127	Eliza do	12	"	"	"	"
128	Mary do	10	"	"	"	One Trunk
129	Jane McQuigan	18	"	"	"	"
130	James Campbell	45	Labourer	"	"	"
131	do	45	Wife	"	"	"
132	Shiels Sweeney	20	Spinster	"	"	"
133	Madge Synnott	24	"	"	"	"
134	Jane Taylor	18	"	"	"	One Chest
135	Mary Dingley	17	"	"	"	"
136	Mary Kerr	18	"	"	"	"
137	Mick Gallen	20	"	"	"	"
138	John Lynch	20	Labourer	"	"	"
139	David Thompson	18	"	"	"	"
140	James White	18	"	"	"	Two Barrels
141	Thomas Gormley	40	"	"	"	"
142	Ellen do	18	Spinster	"	"	"
143	Mary Galloghly	20	Wife	"	"	"
144	John do	28	Labourer	"	"	"
145	George do	4 yrs	Child	"	"	One Boy
146	James Cafferty	13	"	"	"	"
147	Mary do	15	"	"	"	"
148	Margt. Coulter	19	Spinster	"	"	"
149	do	21	"	"	"	"

Ship Edward, Aug 1854, to Philadelphia

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Tip

Make connections with  
locals

# 2019 Dublin Tour Group



# Discovering Cousins



- Each had Darcy ancestors from Co. Clare
- Ancestors used surname of Dorsey upon arrival in Canada and U.S.
- Families in neighboring parishes of Kilfarboy and Kilmurry (Ibrickan)





# Joanna "Joan" Darcy

**BIRTH** 1798 • Milltown Malbay, County Clare, Ireland

**DEATH** 07 JAN 1879 • Coldwater, Branch, Michigan, USA

LifeStory **Facts** Gallery

## Facts

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1798  
(AGE)

### Birth

1798 • Milltown Malbay, County Clare, Ireland  
1 Source

1820  
22

### Marriage

Abt. 1820 • Co. Clare, Ireland



**Patrick Dooly**  
(1795-1862)

1860  
62

### Came

1860 • to Coldwater- lived there 18 yrs.

1870  
72

### Census

1870 • BRC 1-Coldwater  
p. 133

1879

### Lived

1879 • son-in-law John Lennon-1st Ward  
w

1879  
81

### Death

07 Jan 1879 • Coldwater, Branch, Michigan, USA  
age 81  
1 Source

### Burial

## Sources

Ancestry Sources



U.S., Find A Grave Index,  
1600s-Current

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## Family

Parents



**Unknown Darcy**  
1775-



**Unknown Mother**

Spouse & Children



**Patrick Dooly**  
1795-1862



**Michael Dooly**  
1825-



**Margaret Dooly/Dooley**  
1827-1874



**Bridget Dooly/Dooley**  
1834-1899



**Mary Ann Dooly**  
1836-1898



**Joanna Dooly**  
1837-



**Elizabeth Dooley**  
1840-1898



**Katherine (Kate) Dooley**  
1845-

# Meeting the Locals



# Discovery of Ancestors

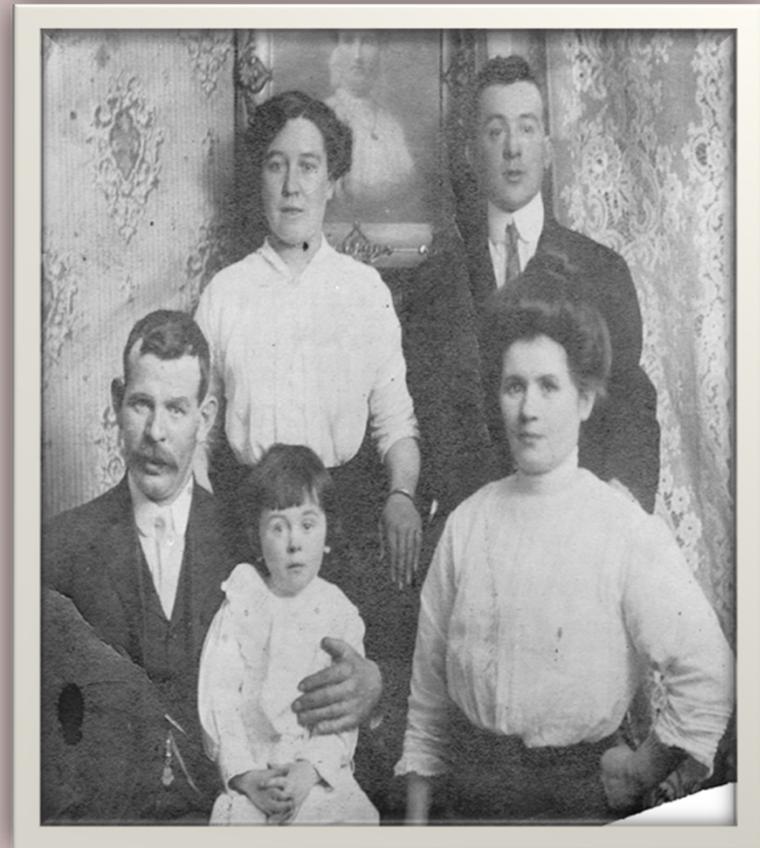


Tip

Persistence pays off!

# Conclusion

- The status of your research
  - Review the fundamentals of Irish genealogy
- Understand the history and social context of Ireland and its people
- Identify the records
  - Don't overlook local records!
- Create a toolkit of “go-to” websites and published sources



Charles Patrick Hogan (1879-1934), seated, and family, Cambridge, Mass.



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