

Using Irish Land Records in Your Family History Research
Class 2: Griffith's Valuation: A Second Look

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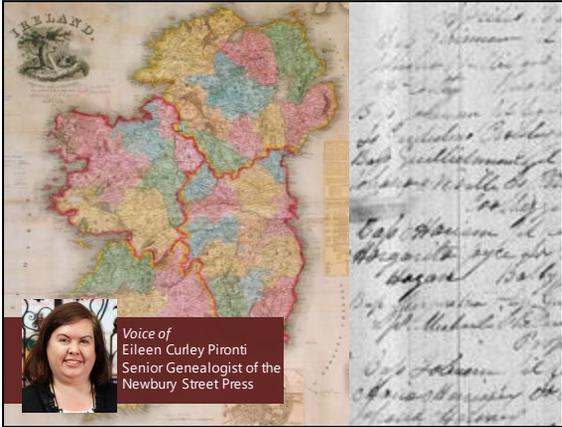


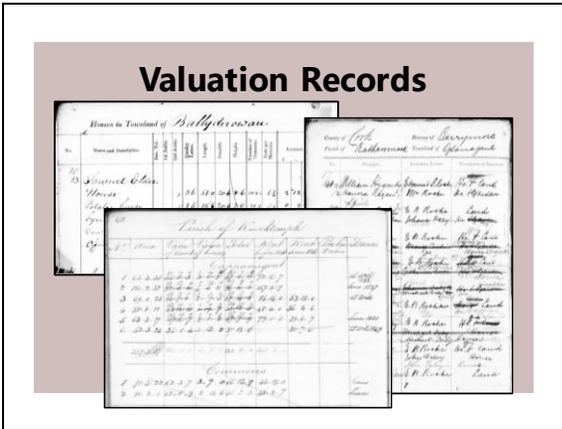
Eileen Curley Pironti
 Senior Genealogist of the Newbury Street Press

OVERVIEW

- **Presentation** (60 mins.)
 - Valuation Books
 - Cancelled Land/Revision Books
- **Q&A** (30 mins.)

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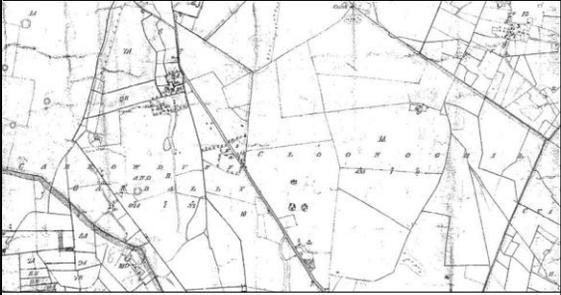


Townland Valuation Act of 1826

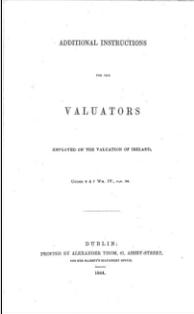
- Sought to assess the value of land and buildings throughout Ireland
- Using the information collected, a calculation would then be made regarding the annual tax amount to be charged to each property

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Collecting Data for Townland Valuation



Valuator Instructions



- An instruction book to keep the method of collecting data uniform among valuers
- Updates to the instruction books were made regarding the measurement and condition of the soil, the value of buildings, etc. Later versions of the instructions called for naming the occupiers of the buildings.

1838 Irish Poor Law Act

An Act for the more effectual Relief of the destitute Poor in Ireland. [31st July 1838.]

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide for the more effectual Relief of the destitute Poor in Ireland: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Poor Law Commissioners for the Time being shall be the Commissioners to carry this Act into execution.

II. And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, or any One of them, at any Time or Place, by Summons under the Seal of the Commissioners, or under the Hand and Seal of any One of them, to require the Attendance of all such Persons as they or he may think fit to call before them or any of them upon any Matter connected with the Objects or Purposes or the Execution of the Provisions of this Act, and to make Inquiries, and require Returns, and to administer Oaths, and examine all such Persons upon Oath, and to require and enforce the Production upon Oath of Books, Contracts, Agreements, Maps, Plans, Surveys, Valuations, and Writings, or Copies thereof respectively, in any-wise relating to any such Matter, or, where the Commissioners or Commissioner shall think fit, in lieu of requiring such Oaths as aforesaid, to require any such Person to make and subscribe a Declaration of the Truth of the Matters respecting which he shall have been or shall be so examined: Pro-
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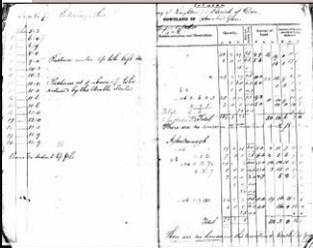
Funded by a property tax assessed separately from work being done with Townland Valuation surveys.

Tenement Valuation

- 1846 Valuation Act: tenement rather than townland used as a measure of valuation. For areas where valuation already took place or was underway, the use of the townland valuation remained in use until the passage of the 1852 Valuation Act. Previous work reassessed to change to tenement valuation
- "Tenement" pertained to lands, buildings, bogs, etc.

Valuation Books

House and Field Books



- House and Field books exist for both the Townland Valuation and the Tenement Valuation
- Not a complete set, not all are available online

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TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH Upper				TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH West			
NAME OF OCCUPIER AND DESCRIPTION OF HOLDING				OBSERVATIONS			
103	James Murphy	100	6 1/2	3	1840	2 8 0	2 17 6 1/2
104	Richard Henry Moore	100	4 1/2	2	1840	2 10 0	2 10 0
- Kinnage Road -							
105	John Murphy	100	10 0	1	1840	2 10 0	2 10 0

1847, St. Peter's Parish, County Dublin

Tenure Book

- Several edits made to book over the course of its use
- Mostly rural areas covered, but some towns are listed
- Information about occupiers and lessors, as well as the type of lease

Townland of Tembroke			
No	Name of Occupier	Name of Lessor	Rent
102	Christoph Case	Wm. P. Stammers	7.0.0 1840
103	William Murphy	Same	2.15.0 1835
104	William Murphy	Same	2.15.0 1845

- Contained information regarding occupiers, immediate lessors, descriptions of properties, tenure and rent.

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Rent Books

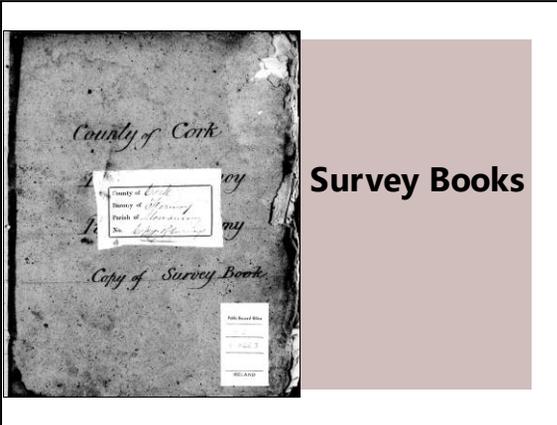


62 Parish of Knocktempel

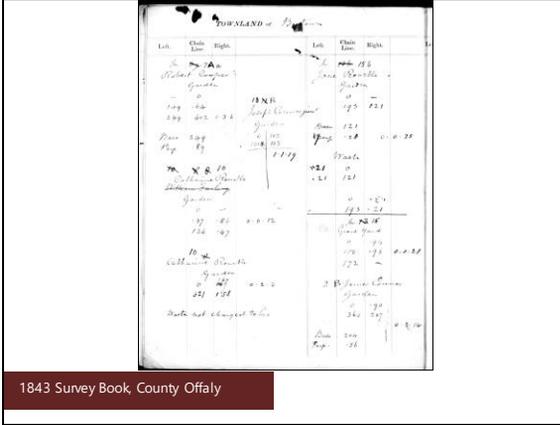
No.	Area of land of house	Value	Value	Total	Rent	Rent	Value	Value	Value
Commons									
1	65.3.30	34.0.0	3.0.0	37.0.0	12.0.0	25.0.0	12.0.0	12.0.0	at will
2	20.2.32	10.0.0	1.0.0	11.0.0	3.0.0	8.0.0	3.0.0	3.0.0	at will
3	69.0.25	34.0.0	2.0.0	36.0.0	12.0.0	24.0.0	12.0.0	12.0.0	at will
4	58.1.11	28.0.0	1.0.0	29.0.0	9.0.0	20.0.0	9.0.0	9.0.0	at will
5	63.3.17	31.0.0	2.0.0	33.0.0	11.0.0	22.0.0	11.0.0	11.0.0	at will
6	42.3.25	21.0.0	1.0.0	22.0.0	7.0.0	15.0.0	7.0.0	7.0.0	at will
Commons									
1	11.5.22	6.0.0	3.0.0	9.0.0	3.0.0	6.0.0	3.0.0	3.0.0	at will
2	11.2.0	6.0.0	2.0.0	8.0.0	2.0.0	6.0.0	2.0.0	2.0.0	at will

Rent book entry, Knocktempel Parish, County Cork

Survey Books



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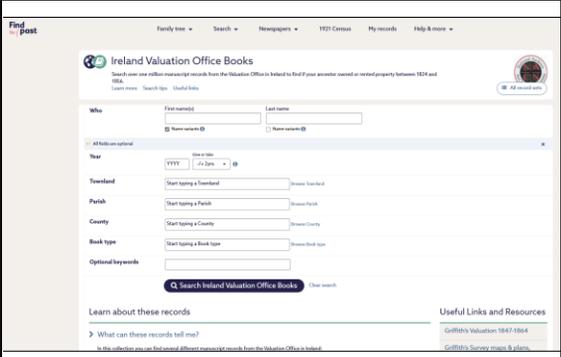


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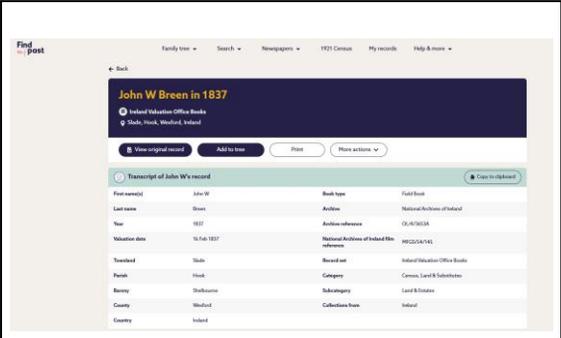
Online Sources



- Database collections at Findmypast, FamilySearch, and the National Archives of Ireland
- Blog posts, articles



Ireland Valuation Office Books, at www.FindMyPast.com

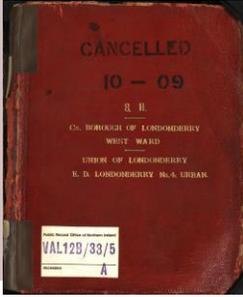


Transcript of John W's record			
First name(s)	John W	Book type	Field Book
Last name	Breen	Archive	National Archives of Ireland
Year	1837	Archive reference	OLW76336
Valuation date	15 Feb 1837	National Archives of Ireland file reference	MS2254745
Townland	Slane	Record set	Ireland Valuation Office Books
Parish	Trillick	Category	Common, Land & Subtenures
Barony	Shelburne	Subcategory	Land & Estates
County	Wexford	Collection name	Ireland

1837 Field Book Entry, John W. Breen www.FindMyPast.com

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Revision/Cancelled Books



- Noted changes to immediate lessors, occupants, size or value of properties
- Changes were marked on same page over a period of time in different colored pencil

nidirect.gov.uk/articles/about-valuation-revision-books

[nidirect.gov.uk/services/searching-valuation-revision-](http://nidirect.gov.uk/services/searching-valuation-revision-books)

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This course includes five 90-minute classes and exclusive access to handouts and recordings of each presentation. These recordings and all course materials will be available for the foreseeable future.

Zoom Link for Live Sessions:
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If you are unable to attend the live sessions, you will be able to watch the recordings on this course page.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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