

Finding Irish Origins

Class 3: Additional Resources

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Free Newspapers

- The Ancestor Hunt - <https://theancestorhunt.com/newspapers.html>
- Chronicling America - <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
 - U.S. Newspaper Project 1690-Present - <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/>
- U.S. Newspaper Program - <https://www.neh.gov/us-newspaper-program>

FamilySearch Full Text Search - <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/full-text>

Land Deeds in Ireland –

- Registry of Deeds Index Project - <https://irishdeedsindex.net/>
- FamilySearch (includes wills) - <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/catalog/185720>

Land Deeds in the United States

- Generally found at the county level (or town level for Connecticut, Vermont, and Rhode Island, parish level for Louisiana)
- Check FamilySearch catalog <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/catalog>

Wills in Ireland

- National Archives of Ireland has several databases - <https://nationalarchives.ie/collections/genealogy-website/>
- Virtual Treasury - <https://virtualtreasury.ie/>
- Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) 1858-1965 <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/search-archives-online/will-calendars>
- PRONI Pre-1858 - https://apps.proni.gov.uk/ProniNames_IE/SearchPage.aspx
 - Also searchable on Ancestry.com (Ireland, Wills and Admons, 1515-1858) - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62773/>

- Ancestry - Ireland, Abstracts of Wills and Marriages, 1620-1923 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62059/>
- Ancestry - Ireland, Registers of Wills and Administrations, 1828-1885 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62076/>

Probate Records in the United States

- Generally found at the county level (or town level for Rhode Island, probate districts for Vermont and Connecticut, and parish for Louisiana)
- Check FamilySearch catalog - <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/catalog>
- Ancestry.com has separate wills and probate databases (note: Not all records in the collections are searchable or indexed) – ex. https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/clp_wills/

School Records in Ireland

- National School Registers, 1847-1954 - <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/collection/4496116>
- National School Registers, 1847-1933 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62023/>
- National School Registers 1860-1922 - <https://www.findmypast.com/discover/education-and-work/schools-and-education/ireland-national-school-registers>

Naturalization Records

- United States
 - Check the county where your ancestor lived within the United States in the FamilySearch catalogue. They are usually listed under the Naturalization and Citizenship Category (<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/catalog>). You may need to browse the indexes and/or contact the local courts to find the naturalization record.
 - If you can locate your ancestor in voter records, they often identify the naturalization date and court. You can learn more about voter records from this webinar: <https://www.americanancestors.org/video-library/using-voting-records-family-history-research>

- Canada
 - Citizenship was not required for Irish people before 1947 as Canadians were British subjects. The Canadian Citizenship Act implemented on 1 Jan. 1947 created a new legal standing for Canadians.
 - Naturalization Lists, 1915-1951 published in newspapers - <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/immigration/citizenship-naturalization-records/naturalized-records-1915-1951/Pages/introduction.aspx>
 - Obtain a copy of Canadian citizenship records, <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/canadian-citizenship/proof-citizenship/search-records.html>

Irish Naming Pattern Conventions

- First son usually named for the father's father
- Second son usually named for the mother's father
- Third son usually named for the father
- Fourth son usually named for the father's eldest brother
- Fifth son usually named for the mother's eldest brother
- First daughter usually named for the mother's mother
- Second daughter usually named for the father's mother
- Third daughter usually named for the mother
- Fourth daughter usually named for the mother's eldest sister
- Fifth daughter usually named for the father's eldest sister.

Wildcards table

Operator	Usage	Example
*	Represents zero or more characters	Cl*rkin returns Clerkin, Clarkin
?	Represents a single character	Burke? returns Burke, Burk, Burkhart, and others

Filby's U.S. and Canada, Passenger and Immigrations Lists, Index, 1500s-1900s - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7486/>

Irish names spreadsheet – See spreadsheet

U.S., Border Crossings from Canada to U.S., 1895-1960-

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1075/>

John Grenham's - <https://johngrenham.com/> - tools include surname distribution, resources by location

Records/Websites with Ancestor Photos:

- Passport Applications
 - Ancestry – U.S. Passport Applications, 1795-1925 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1174/>
- A-Files
 - Request from National Archives in Kansas City, Missouri - <https://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/aliens>
 - A-Files Index, 1944-2003 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/62493/>
- Yearbooks
 - U.S. School Yearbooks, 1900-2016 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1265/>
- Naturalization Records
 - Declaration of intention (or first papers) started including photographs on or after 1 July 1929.
 - Naturalization certificates included photographs starting on 13 Jan. 1941
 - Naturalization records can be found in the county (and sometimes city) where they lived – check FamilySearch catalogue and Ancestry for more specific collections
 - Ancestry – U.S. Naturalization Records Indexes, 1794-1995 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1192/>
- Military Records
 - National Archives - <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/pictures>
- Newspapers
 - Irish Newspaper Archives (available through American Ancestors membership) - <https://www.americanancestors.org/search/external-databases>
- Criminal Records
 - Wanted! Dead or Alive: Researching Criminal Ancestors webinar recording - <https://www.americanancestors.org/video-library/wanted-dead-or-alive-researching-criminal-ancestors>