

Finding Irish Ancestors: A Guide to Civil and Church Records

Class 4: Exploring Other Church Records

March 2026

THE BRUE FAMILY LEARNING CENTER



American Ancestors[®]

A NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILY HISTORY, HERITAGE & CULTURE

Meet today's presenter



Eileen Curley Pironti

Senior Genealogist of the
Newbury Street Press

OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Church of Ireland Clerical Directories, Vestry Records
 - Presbyterian Fasti and Session Books
 - Methodist Minister Lists and Publications
 - Quaker Migration and Suffering Records
 - Additional Records
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

Breaking through your brick wall using lesser-utilized sources:

- **Minister diaries**
- **Meeting minutes**
- **Newspapers, journals**



Voice of
Eileen Pironti,
Senior Genealogist

☰

Ireland Church Records

Select Language ▼

Contents [hide]

Ireland → Church Records

Beginning

Online Resources

Catholic Church Records

Offices to Contact

Church of Ireland RCB Library

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)

National Library of Ireland

Historical Background

Major Religions

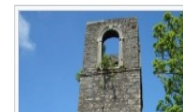
Research Tutorials at FamilySearch

Search Strategies

References

Online Resources

- [Ireland Birth, Marriage & Death](#)
- [RootsIreland](#), index (\$).



Major Religions

Full Wiki articles are available on records for each of these churches.

- **Church of Ireland Records** began in 1536, but two-thirds were destroyed in 1922. This was the religion of many of the Northern Ireland London Company plantation settlers in the 17th century and the settlers of the Protestant Pale around Dublin.
- **Ireland Catholic Church Records** began from the mid 1700s. Most rural parishes did not start keeping records until Catholic Emancipation in 1828. Many of the city registers date from the 1750's.
- **Ireland Presbyterian Church Records** In 1605 Scottish estate owners resettled mostly Presbyterian tenants from their estates to newly established estates in Northern Ireland. Numerous registers date from the 1600's, but the average starting date for these registers is 1830.
- **Ireland Methodist Church Records** A Methodist society began in Dublin in 1746.
- **Ireland Quaker Records** In 1654, the Quaker faith (Religious Society of Friends) began in Ireland. By 1750, there were 150 Quaker meetings across Ireland within the provinces of Ulster, Leinster, and Munster. Many of its original records exist and are located in the repositories.

Research Tutorials at FamilySearch

- [Ireland Beginning Research Series: Church Records](#)
- [Ireland Presbyterian Church Records](#)
- [Ireland Catholic Church Records](#)
- [Tracing Irish Roman Catholic Ancestry](#)

FamilySearch.org/en/wiki/Ireland_Church_Records

PRONI
Public Record Office of Northern Ireland

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) is the official archive for Northern Ireland.

Search archives online

- [Will calendars](#)
- [PRONI Historical Maps viewer](#)
- [eCatalogue](#)
- [more ...](#)

What's on at PRONI

- [Talks and events at PRONI](#)
- [PRONI on YouTube](#)
- [Image gallery](#)
- [more ...](#)

Resources and learning

- [Ireland 1916](#)
- [First World War resources](#)
- [Plantations in Ulster](#)
- [more ...](#)

Your visit

- [Getting to PRONI and opening hours](#)
- [Registration and preparing for a visit](#)
- [Subscribe to PRONI's eNewsletter](#)
- [more ...](#)

Your research

- [PRONI enquiry service](#)
- [Family and local history records](#)
- [Information leaflets](#)
- [more ...](#)



Local History: 2

CHURCH OF IRELAND VESTRY RECORDS



The vestry was an assembly of parishioners which met to discuss parochial business and took its name from its meeting place - the vestry or room in the church in which the priest's vestments were kept. The vestry could raise funds for local services such as poor relief, parish constables and road repair. The select vestry was a small committee which could levy taxes for religious purposes - the maintenance of the church and the payment of parish officers such as the sexton and the parish clerk.

The money which the churchwardens spent on behalf of the parish was raised largely from the parish cess, a local tax on householders, and from a lesser extent from the sale of seats in the parish church. The applotment, or assessment, of the parish cess, which appears periodically in the churchwardens' account books or the vestry minute books, is a valuable record of the local community. Following the abolition of the penal laws, membership of the general vestry was open to all householders in the parish irrespective of their religion although its proceedings were effectively controlled by the Protestant minority since all officers had to be members of the Church of Ireland.

The records of the transactions of the vestries, essentially vestry minutes and churchwardens' accounts, provide an important and much under-used resource for the local communities and their inhabitants. They complement the basic information which can be obtained from registers of baptisms, marriages and burials by providing additional details of the activities and circumstances of the residents of the parish. They often record, for example, the names of the poor and widowed who were supported by the parish and the names of the overseers of the poor and of the roads. Inevitably, vestry records are richest for the cities and large towns; vestry records for rural parishes tend to be less rewarding.

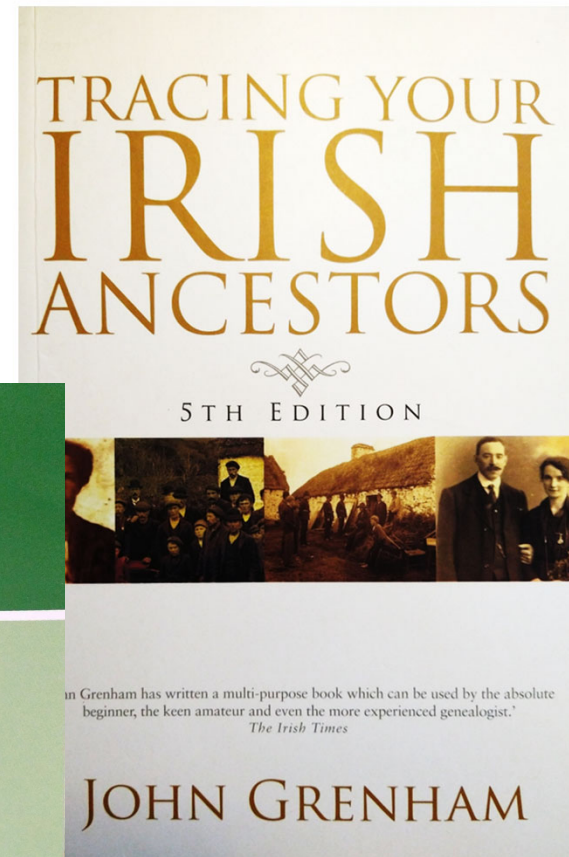
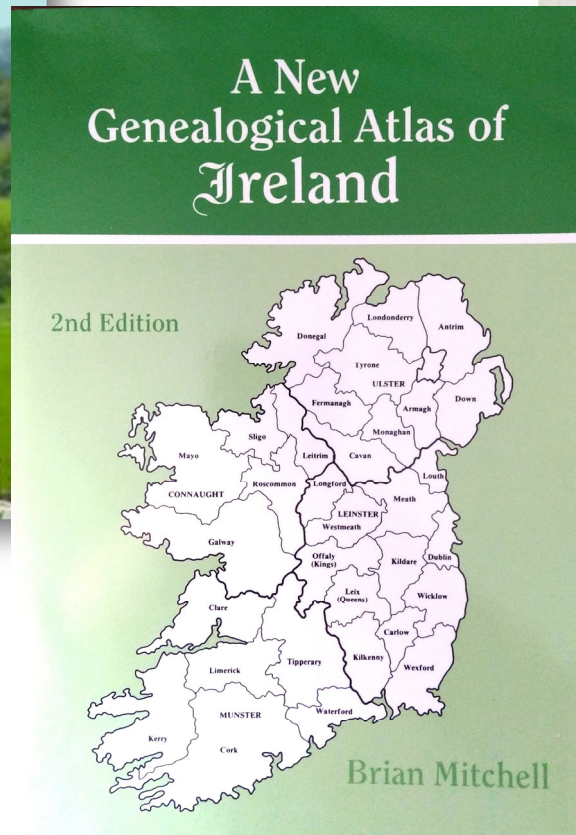
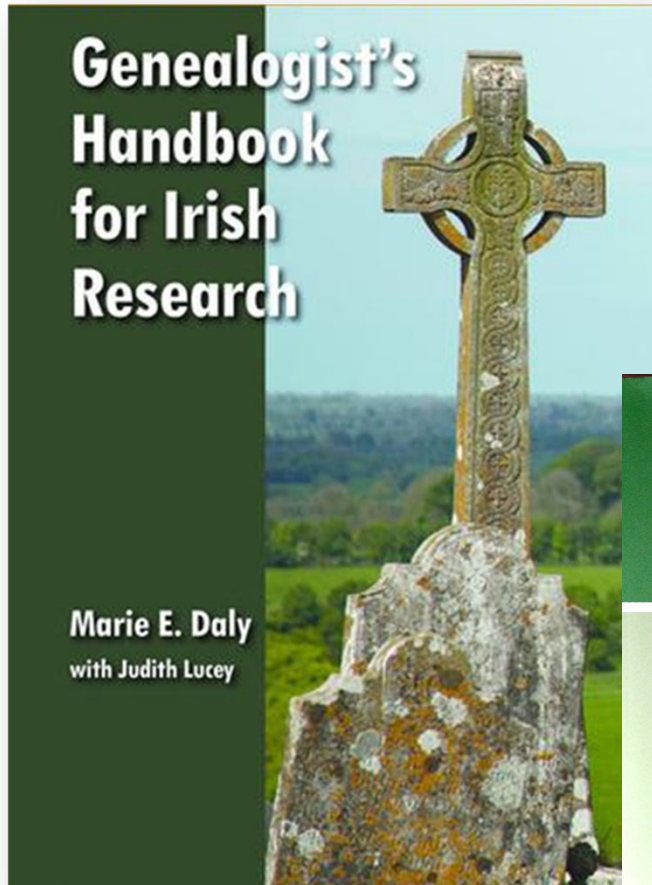
Many of the vestry minute books only cover the last 100-150 years. There are, however, exceptions such as the Parish of Shankill in Lurgan, whose minutes go back to 1672 (**PRONI Ref MIC1/18**) and the vestry minute books for Christ Church Cathedral, Lisburn, which date back to 1675 (**PRONI Ref MIC1/4**). In order to identify which records exist for a particular area and for what dates you should consult the *Guide to Church Records* available in PRONI and online. The Guide

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland



Opening Hours
Mon-Wed and Fri 9:00am-4:45pm
Thurs 10:00am-8:45pm
(Please check in advance for late evening opening)

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland
2 Titanic Boulevard, Belfast, BT3 9HQ
Tel: (028) 9053 4800 Fax: (028) 9053 4900
Web-site: www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni
e-mail: proni@communities-ni.gov.uk



Church of Ireland Records

UK, Crockford's Clerical Directories

Search Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

Year Location

Any Event City, County, State, Country

Publication Info —

Keyword

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers"▼

Directory

Search **Clear search**

Browse this collection

To browse this image set, select from the options below.

Year

- 1868
- 1874
- 1885
- 1898
- 1908
- 1932

More help

[View a sampling of handwriting examples](#)

Source Information

Ancestry.com. *UK, Crockford's Clerical Directories* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2009.
Original data: *Crockford Clerical Directory*. England: 1868-1932. See title page image of each directory for original source information.

Established Church of Ireland.

PROVINCE OF ARMAGH.

Comprising the Dioceses of Armagh and Clogher; Meath; Derry and Raphoe; Down, Connor, and Dromore; Kilmore, Elphin, and Ardagh; Tuam, Killala, and Achonry.

United Dioceses of Armagh and Clogher.

Armagh—Four Parishes in Derry, one-third of Tyrone, and nearly all Armagh and Louth;

Clogher—Counties of Monaghan, Fermanagh, and small part of Tyrone, Donegal and Louth.

ARCHBISHOP—The Right Hon. and Most Rev. MARCUS GERVAIS BERESFORD, Primate and Metropolitan of all Ireland, *Armagh Palace*, and 42, *Prince's Gardens, London, W.*

Born, 1801; Trin. Coll. Cam. B.A. 1823; M.A. 1828; D.D. 1840.

Consecrated Bp of Kilmore, 1854; translated to Armagh and Clogher, 1869.

(Armagh—Area, 869,770 acres; Pop. 386,260; Benefices, 71; Perpetual Cures, 37; Total, 108. Clogher—Area, 889,082 acres; Pop. 262,572; Benefices, 44; Perpetual Cures, 33; Total, 77; Inc. of See, 83287.)

His Grace is Prelate of the Order of St. Patrick, Lord Almoner to the Queen, and a Privy Councillor in Ireland.

Diocese of Meath.

Counties of Meath, and West Meath, and part of King's County, and small part of Longford and Cavan.

BISHOP—The Right Hon. and Most Rev. SAMUEL BUTCHER, Premier Bishop of Ireland, *Ardraccan House, Navan.*

Born, 1811; Dub. A.B. 1834; A.M. 1838; B.D. 1844; D.D. 1849. Consecrated Bp of Meath, 1866.

(Area, 1,264,995 acres; Pop. 253,354; Benefices, 102; Perpetual Cures, 10; Total, 112; Inc. of See, 43387.)

His Lordship was formerly Fell., Prof. of Ecclesiastical History, and Regius Prof. of Divinity in Trin. Coll. Dublin.

United Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.

Parts of Londonderry, Donegal, and Tyrone, and small part of Antrim.

BISHOP—The Right Rev. WILLIAM ALEXANDER, *The Palace, Derry.*

Born, 1824; Brasen. Coll. Ox. B.A. 1847; M.A. 1853; D.D. 1867. Consecrated Bp of Derry and Raphoe, 1867.

(Derry—Area, 1,060,466 acres; Pop. 293,261; Benefices, 57; Perpetual Cures, 20; Total, 77.

Raphoe—Area, 885,430 acres; Pop. 169,204; Benefices, 32; Perpetual Cures, 9; Total, 41; Inc. of See, 55007.)

His Lordship was formerly Dean of Emly.

United Dioceses of Down, Connor, and Dromore.

Counties of Down and Antrim, and small part of Armagh and Londonderry.

BISHOP—The Right Rev. ROBERT KNOX, *The Palace, Holywood*, and *Athenaeum Club, London, S.W.*

Born, 1808; Dub. A.B. 1829; A.M. 1834; D.D. 1849. Consecrated Bp of Down, Connor, and Dromore, 1849.

(Down—Area, 355,188 acres; Pop. 163,943; Benefices, 33; Perpetual Cures, 10; Total, 43.

Connor—Area, 785,274 acres; Pop. 386,027; Benefices, 53; Perpetual Cures, 23; Total, 76.

Dromore—Area, 288,512 acres; Pop. 172,215; Benefices, 24; Perpetual Cures, 4; Total, 28; Inc. of See, 40004.)

Diocesan Bishops, UK, Crockford's Clerical Directories, 1868

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE CLERGY IN IRELAND,

WITH NAME, BENEFICE, DIOCESE, AND POST TOWN.

(Reprinted, by permission, from *Thom's Irish Almanac and Official Directory*.)The Name of the Diocese is printed in *Italics*.

- Abbott, Charles, A.B., Rural Dean, Vicar of Newcastle (*Dublin*), Newtownmountkennedy.
- Abbott, Thomas Kingsmill, A.M., Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin.
- Acheson, John, A.B., Prebendary and Curate of Elphin (*Elphin*).
- Adair, Thomas Benjamin, A.M., Vicar of Templepatrick (*Connor*), Belfast.
- Adams, Anthony, A.M., Rural Dean, Rector of Collon (*Armagh*), Cullon.
- Adams, Benjamin William, D.D., Rector of Cloghran (*Dublin*), Drumecondra.
- Adams, James, A.B., Rector of Kilbride (*Meath*), Oldcastle.
- Agar, William, Incumbent of Kileredan (*Cloyne*), Castle-martyr.
- Agar, William, jun., A.B., Vicar of Ballynoe (*Cloyne*), Conna.
- Alcock, Alexander, A.M., Incumbent of Maculee (*Ossory*), Waterford.
- Alcock, Alured H., A.M., Curate of Booterstown (*Dublin*), Blackrock.
- Alcock, George A., Curate of Killermogh (*Ossory*), Bailacolla.
- Alcock, James, A.M., Vicar of Rinagona (*Lismore*), Dungarvan.
- Alcock, Ven. John, A.M., Archdeacon of Waterford, Incumbent of St. Patrick's (*Waterford*), Waterford.
- Alcorn, John, D.D., Prebendary of Cashel, Rector of Kildry (*Cashel*), Clonmel.
- Aldworth, John, A.B., Prebendary of Cloyne, Rural Dean, and Incumbent of Glanworth (*Cloyne*), Glanworth.
- Anderson, Thomas T., Curate of Drumecondra (*Dublin*).
- Anderson, William, A.M., Rector of Raymunterdoney (*Raphoe*), Falcarragh.
- Andrews, William, A.B., Vicar Choral of St. Canice Cathedral, Kilkenny (*Ossory*).
- Anketell, Thomas, A.B., Perpetual Curate of Shanko (*Clogher*), Emyvale.
- Annesley, James B., A.B., Curate of Drumkeeran, and Minister of Vaughan School (*Clogher*), Kesh.
- Apjohn, Michael Lloyd, A.M., Precentor of Emly, Rector of Ballybrood, Curate of Liscormuck (*Emly*), Caherconlish.
- Archbold, Charles, A.M., Vicar of Rathmullan (*Down*), Downpatrick.
- Archdall, Charles, A.B., Rector of Clonbeg (*Emly*), Tipperary.
- Archdall, H. M., A.M., Perpetual Curate of St. Michael's, Trory (*Clogher*), Enniskillen.
- Archdall, John Charles, A.M., Rural Dean, Rector of St. Mary's (*Ferns*), Newtownbarry.
- Archdall, J., Curate of Templemore (*Cashel*), Templemore.
- Archdall, W., Curate of Lislea (*Ross*), Bandon.
- Archdall, Mervyn, A.B., Perpetual Curate of Templebredy (*Cork*), Crosshaven.
- Archer, Arthur E., Incumbent of Donard (*Dublin*).
- Archer, John, A.B., Curate of Clongish (*Ardagh*), Newtownforbes.
- Archer, William, A.M., Prebendary of Limerick, Rural Dean, Vicar of Croagh (*Limerick*), Rathkeale.
- Ard, A. J., A.B., Perpetual Curate of Magdalen Asylum, Belfast (*Connor*), Belfast.

Clergy List, UK, Crockford's Clerical Directories, 1868



Thom's official directory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland ...

ADD TO PRINT LIST

Format	Microfilm 35mm
Language	English
Publication Date	1881-
Publisher	Alexander Thom
Place of Publication	Dublin, Ireland
Physical	volume
References	(Continued By) Thom's official directory of Ireland ... (Continues) Thom's Irish almanac and official directory ...

Notes

Annual.
[View this catalog record in WorldCat for other possible copy locations.](#)

Subjects

Locality Subjects
[Great Britain - Directories](#)
[Ireland - Directories](#)

DIOCESE OF CLOGHER.

AREA, 889,946 acres. Includes portions of the Counties of Monaghan, Fermanagh, Donegal, Tyrone, and Louth.

BISHOP—The Right Rev. CHARLES MAURICE STACK, D.D., *Knockballymore House, Clones.*

Elected Lord Bishop by the Synod of Clogher, 4th June, 1886.

Consecrated 29th June, 1886; was Archdeacon of Clogher, 1873-86.

BISHOP'S CHAPLAINS.

Ven. the Archdeacon of Clogher, D.D.

Rev. Canon Bradshaw, A.M.

Rev. Canon O'Leary, D.D.

Rev. Canon Bury, A.M.

RURAL DEANS.

Ballybay, . . . Rev. C. J. H. Tardy, A.B.

Castleblayney, . . . Rev. J. C. Hudson, D.D.

Clogher, . . . Rev. W. H. Bradley.

Clones, . . . Ven. the Archdeacon of
Clogher, D.D.

Enniskillen, . . . Rev. C. T. Ovenden, B.D.

Kesh, . . . Rev. E. Frank Naylor, B.D.

Kilakeery, . . . Rev. Wm. E. Fleming, A.M.

Monaghan, . . . Rev. E. J. Bury, M.A.

DIOCESAN SYNOD AND COUNCIL.

Hon. Secretaries, Rev. J. C. Hudson, A.B.; Colonel J.
G. Irvine, D.L.; Rev. A. Haire Forster.

Financial Secretary, Rev. S. Leslie Brakey, M.A., Bally-
cassidy.

Treasurers, The Northern Banking Co. (Lmtd.), Clones.

DIOCESAN TRUSTEES.

Right Hon. John T. Ball, LL.D.; J. W. E. Macartney,
esq., D.L.

Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Macartin, Clogher.

DEAN, Very Rev. THOMAS LE BAN KENNEDY, D.D.
(1874).

Archdeacon, . . . Ven. George Finlay, D.D.

Chancellor, . . . Rev. S. Leslie Brakey, A.M.

Precentor, . . . Rev. Chas. T. Ovenden, B.D.

CANONS.

Rev. David O'Leary, D.D.

Rev. Edward John Bury, A.M.

DIOCESAN NOMINATORS.

Ven. the Archdeacon of Clogher, D.D.; Very Rev. the
Dean of Clogher, D.D.; The Earl of Erne, D.L.

DIOCESAN COURT.

Chancellor, Hon. F. R. Falkiner, Q.C., Recorder of Dublin.
Members, Very Rev. the Dean of Clogher, D.D.; Ven.
the Archdeacon of Clogher, D.D.; Rev. G. Totten-
ham, A.M., Canon of St. Patrick's; Earl of Belmore;
Earl of Erne; Earl of Dartry, K.P.

Registrar, George Knight, esq., Clones.

District Officers appointed to issue Marriage Licences,
under the Act 33 & 34 Vict., c. 110.

Aghabog, . . . Rev. J. Magill.

Aughnamullen, . . . Rev. Augustus B. Young, A.M.

Bundoran, . . . Rev. E. F. Naylor, A.B.

Carrickmacross, . . . Rev. Benjamin Moffett, A.M.

Castleblayney, . . . Rev. J. C. Hudson, D.D.

Clones, . . . Ven. the Archdeacon of
Clogher, D.D.

Clontibret, . . . Rev. E. J. Bury, A.M.

Derryvullen, . . . Rev. William Nicholson, A.B.

Drumkeeran, . . . Rev. Walter A. Stack, M.A.

Enniskillen, . . . Rev. Canon Ovenden, D.D.

Fintona, . . . Rev. Robert Donaldson, A.B.

Fivemiletown, . . . Rev. James M'Manaway, A.B.

Kilskeery, . . . Rev. Wm. E. Fleming, A.M.

Lisnaskea, . . . Rev. Wm. Crips Ledger, A.M.

Newtownbutler, . . . Rev. Geo. G. Parkinson-
Cumine, A.M.

PREBENDARIES.

Devenish, . . . Rev. George Tottenham, A.M.

Donacavey, . . . Rev. Henry C. Groves, D.D.

Kilskeery, . . . [Vacant].

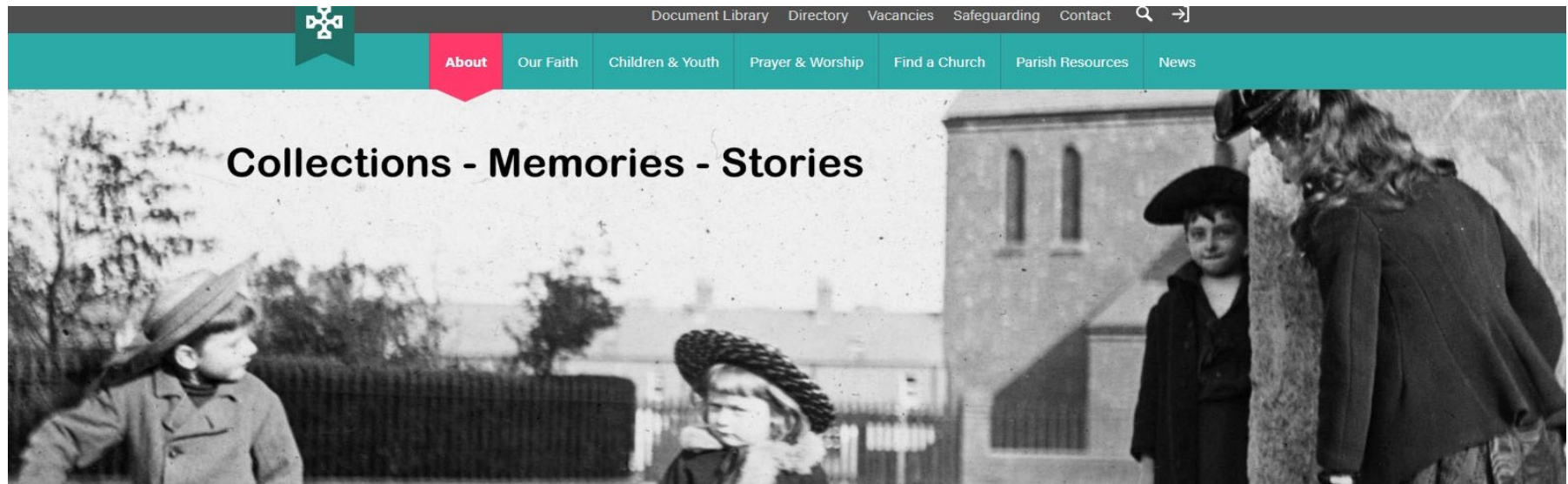
Tullycorbet, . . . [Vacant].

Tyholland, . . . Rev. Francis J. Hurst, A.M.

Diocesan Curate, Rev. Joseph Abbott, A.M., Clones.

Benefices, Incumbents, Curates, and Post Towns.			
Benefices.	Incumbents.	Curates.	Post Towns.
Aghabog	Magill, John . . . . .	. . . . .	Clones
Aghaves	Clinton, T. W., A.B. . . . .	. . . . .	Brookborough
Aghadrumsco	Sullivan, George B., A.M. . . . .	. . . . .	Clones
Aughalurcher	Triphook, John Crampton . . . . .	. . . . .	Fivemiletown
Aughnamullen	Montgomery, Alex. Nixon, A.B. . . . .	. . . . .	Ballybay
Ballybay and Tullycorbet	Young, Augustus B. R., A.M. . . . .	. . . . .	Ballybay
Bar, The	Elliott, Andrew . . . . .	. . . . .	Trillick
Belleek	Owen, Joshua . . . . .	. . . . .	Belleek
Bohee	[Vacant]	Knight, Alexander	Enniskillen
Carrickmacross	Moffett, Benjamin, A.M. . . . .	. . . . .	Armagh
Castle Archdall	Dickson, Joseph W., A.B. . . . .	. . . . .	Lisnarrick
Clabby	Hurst, Francis J., A.M. . . . .	. . . . .	Fivemiletown
Cleenish	Haro, Henry, A.B. . . . .	. . . . .	Enniskillen
Clogh	Watson, Thomas G., A.B. . . . .	. . . . .	Roslea, Clones
Clogher	Bewick, Charles Burchell, A.B. . . . .	. . . . .	Clogher
St. Mark's, Augher	Doherty, F., A.B. . . . .	. . . . .	Augher
Clones	Finlay, Geo. D.D., Archdeacon	Ruddell, Joseph	Clones
Clontibret	Bury, Edwd. John, A.M., Canon . . . . .	. . . . .	Monaghan
Colaghty or Lack	[Vacant] . . . . .	. . . . .	Kesh
Cooneen and Mullaghfad	Hannah, William . . . . .	. . . . .	Fivemiletown
Crossduff	Charlton, Thomas Joseph . . . . .	. . . . .	Castleblayney
Curra	Hillary, Francis, A.B. . . . .	. . . . .	Clones
Drum	Greer, James, A.B. . . . .	. . . . .	Drum, Clones
Derrybrusk	[Vacant]	Davis, Arthur, A.B.	Enniskillen
Derryvullen,	Stack, C. M., A.M. . . . .	. . . . .	Enniskillen
Devenish	Steele, William, D.D. . . . .	. . . . .	Enniskillen
Donacavey	Donaldson, Robert, A.B. . . . .	. . . . .	Fintona
Donagh and Errigle	Byrne, R. T., A.B.	Phelps, William E. C., A.B.	Glasslough
Donaghmoine, with Broom- field.	Kennedy, Thos. LoB., D.D., Dean	Leslie, William, A.B.	Carrickmacross
Dromote	Maginnis, Charles, A.M.	Davis, John A., A.B.	Omagh
Drumkeeran	Stack, Walter A., M.A.	Wilson, D. W. R.	Kesh
Drummully	Conway, Thomas R. . . . .	. . . . .	Drummully, Clones
Drumnat	Mitchell, R. J., M.A. . . . .	. . . . .	Monaghan
Emat's	Given, Henry Wilson S., A.B. . . . .	. . . . .	Dartrey, co. Monaghan
Enniskillen	Ovenden, Charles C., B.D., Pr.	Maturin, M. Perse, A.M.	Enniskillen

Thom's Directory, 1896

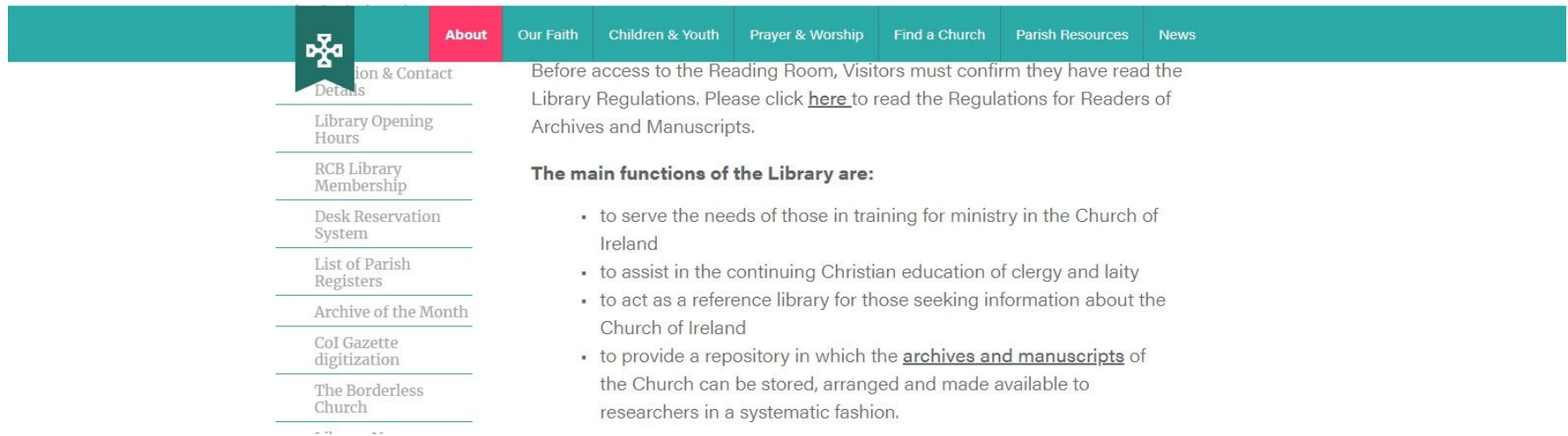


General Synod & its Committees

Representative Body & its Committees

Central offices

RCB Library

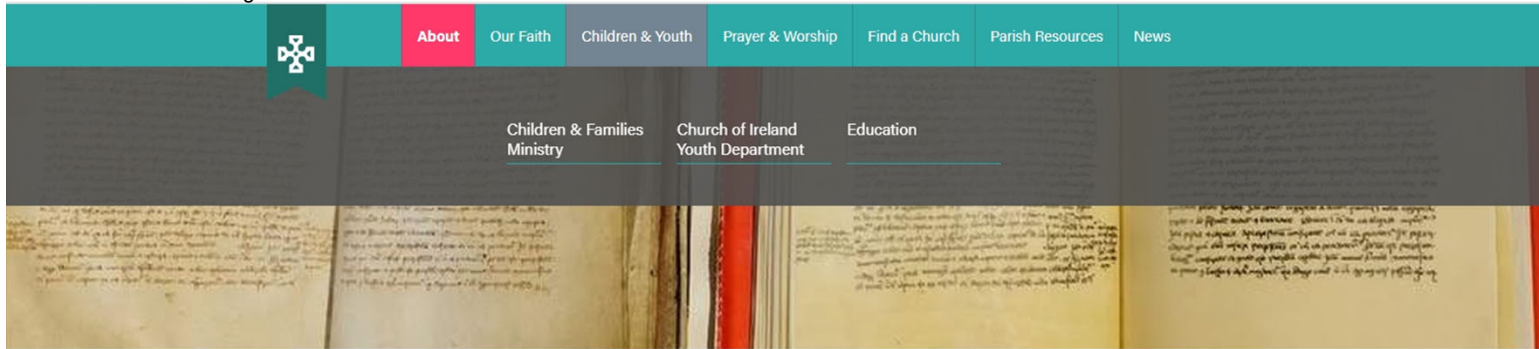


Before access to the Reading Room, Visitors must confirm they have read the Library Regulations. Please click [here](#) to read the Regulations for Readers of Archives and Manuscripts.

The main functions of the Library are:

- to serve the needs of those in training for ministry in the Church of Ireland
- to assist in the continuing Christian education of clergy and laity
- to act as a reference library for those seeking information about the Church of Ireland
- to provide a repository in which the [archives and manuscripts](#) of the Church can be stored, arranged and made available to researchers in a systematic fashion.

churchofireland.org/about/rcb-library



[Return to RCB Library](#)

[Catalogues](#)

[Printed Books](#)

[Helpful Information on Finding a Book](#)

[Online Printed Books Catalogue](#)

[Periodicals](#)

[Parish Records](#)

[Diocesan Records](#)

[Cathedral Records](#)

[General Synod Records](#)

[Representative Church Body Records](#)

[Manuscripts](#)

[Architectural Drawings](#)

Manuscripts

The Library currently holds 1,185 individual collections of manuscripts.

All of the available detailed hand lists to many of these unique and distinctive collections (already in hardcopy in the Library) are now available to download through the hyperlinks on the Online Catalogue [here](#)

Others are unavailable for research, in whole or in part, because of these restrictions:

- they have not been catalogued
- they include material of a sensitive or confidential nature
- of the terms and conditions under which they are held

Note this document is a PDF and 195 pages long. It was last updated in December 2025.

6 MEMORIALS

Inscriptions from plaques and headstones in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin 1727-1813; Artane, Dublin 1711; Rostrevor, Co. Down 1814; St Peter's, Drogheda, Co. Louth 1806; Coolock, Dublin 1794-1839; Tullow, Co. Carlow 1673-1837; Clondalkin, Dublin 1700-1830; Killiney, Co. Dublin 1794; Ardbraccan, Co. Meath 1755; Donoughmore, Co. Tyrone 1639.

1 vol. Mid 19th cent.
Click [here](#) for detailed handlist.

7 GROVES, Tenison Arthur (1863-1938) Record agent

Copies, by Tenison Groves, of the 1622 and 1673 visitations of the diocese of Clogher.

26 ff 20th cent.

8 LINDSAY, Hon. Charles Dalrymple (1760-1846) Bishop of Kildare, 1804-46

Notebook of Charles Lindsay recording his episcopal visitations in the diocese of Kildare.

1 vol. 1804-08
Click [here](#) for detailed handlist.

9 MAGENNIS, William (c.1771-1825) Dean of Kilmore, 1801-25

Papers of William Magennis: B.A.(Dublin) certificate 1790; chaplaincy commission 1794; presentation to the deanery of Kilmore 1801; collations to and resignations from various parishes in the diocese of Kilmore 1801-21.

1 vol. 1790-1821
Click [here](#) for detailed handlist.

Representative Church Body Library, Dublin

MS 8

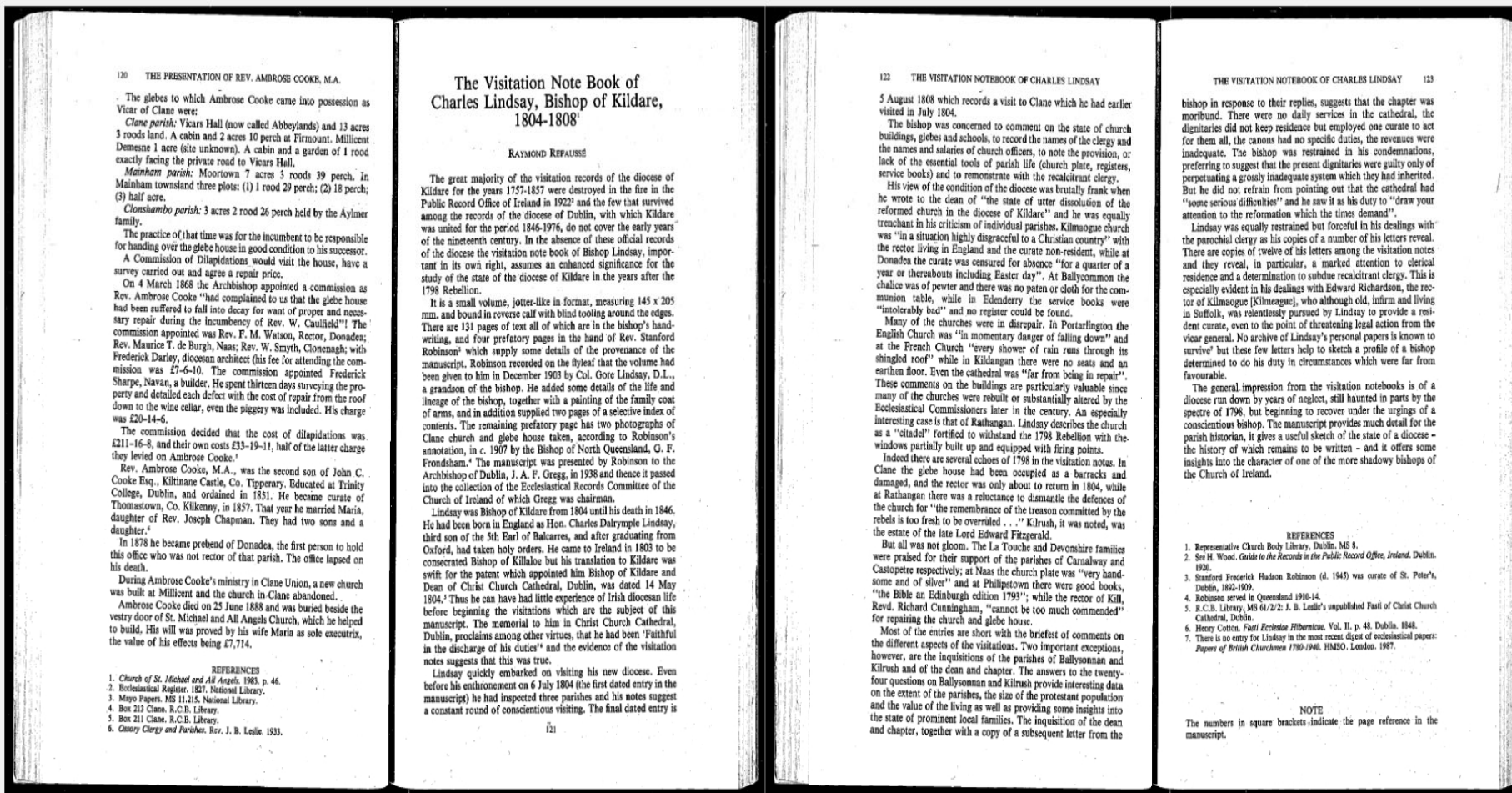
Visitation notebook of Charles Lindsay, bishop of Kildare

1804-1818

Notebook of the Hon. Charles Lindsay (1760-1846), bishop of Kildare, 1804-1846, recording his visitation of the diocese of Kildare, 1804-1808.

The note book also contains copies of 12 letters from Lindsay and 4 prefatory pages in the hand of the Revd S.F.H. Robinson rel. to the provenance of the manuscript and to the life and lineage of Lindsay.

The manuscript was published as Raymond Refaussé (ed.) 'The visitation notebook of Charles Lindsay, bishop of Kildare, 1804-1808' in *Journal of the Co. Kildare Archaeological Society*, vol. xvii (1987-1991), pp 121-147.



120 THE PRESENTATION OF REV. AMBROSE COOKE, M.A.

The glebes to which Ambrose Cooke came into possession as Vicar of Clane were:

Clane parish: Vicars Hall (now called Abbeylands) and 13 acres 3 roods land. A cabin and 2 acres 10 perch at Firmount. Millicent Demense 1 acre (site unknown). A cabin and a garden of 1 rood exactly facing the private road to Vicars Hall.

Mainham parish: Moortown 7 acres 3 roods 39 perch. In Mainham townland three plots: (1) 1 rood 29 perch; (2) 18 perch; (3) half acre.

Clonsambo parish: 3 acres 2 rood 26 perch held by the Aylmer family.

The practice of that time was for the incumbent to be responsible for handing over the glebe house in good condition to his successor. A Commission of Dilapidations would visit the house, have a survey carried out and agree a repair price.

On 4 March 1868 the Archbishop appointed a commission as Rev. Ambrose Cooke "had complained to us that the glebe house had been suffered to fall into decay for want of proper and necessary repair during the incumbency of Rev. W. Caulfield". The commission appointed was Rev. F. M. Watson, Rector, Donadea; Rev. Maurice T. de Burgh, Naas; Rev. W. Smyth, Clonenagh; with Frederick Darley, diocesan architect (his fee for attending the commission was £7-6-10). The commission appointed Frederick Sharpe, Navan, a builder. He spent thirteen days surveying the property and detailed each defect with the cost of repair from the roof down to the wine cellar, even the piggery was included. His charge was £20-14-6.

The commission decided that the cost of dilapidations was £211-16-8, and their own costs £33-19-11, half of the latter charge they levied on Ambrose Cooke.

Rev. Ambrose Cooke, M.A., was the second son of John C. Cooke Esq., Kiltinane Castle, Co. Tipperary. Educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and ordained in 1851. He became curate of Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, in 1857. That year he married Maria, daughter of Rev. Joseph Chapman. They had two sons and a daughter.

In 1878 he became prebend of Donadea, the first person to hold this office who was not rector of that parish. The office lapsed on his death.

During Ambrose Cooke's ministry in Clane Union, a new church was built at Millicent and the church in Clane abandoned.

Ambrose Cooke died on 25 June 1888 and was buried beside the vestry door of St. Michael and All Angels Church, which he helped to build. His will was proved by his wife Maria as sole executrix, the value of his effects being £7,714.

REFERENCES

1. Church of St. Michael and All Angels, 1963, p. 46.
2. Ecclesiastical Register, 1827, National Library.
3. Mayo Papers, MS 11.215, National Library.
4. Box 213 Clane, R.C.B. Library.
5. Box 211 Clane, R.C.B. Library.
6. *Osney Clergy and Parishes*, Rev. J. B. Leslie, 1933.

The Visitation Note Book of Charles Lindsay, Bishop of Kildare, 1804-1808

RAYMOND REPAUSE

The great majority of the visitation records of the diocese of Kildare for the years 1757-1857 were destroyed in the fire in the Public Record Office of Ireland in 1922¹ and the few that survived among the records of the diocese of Dublin, with which Kildare was united for the period 1846-1976, do not cover the early years of the nineteenth century. In the absence of these official records of the diocese the visitation note book of Bishop Lindsay, important in its own right, assumes an enhanced significance for the study of the state of the diocese of Kildare in the years after the 1798 Rebellion.

It is a small volume, letter-like in format, measuring 145 x 205 mm, and bound in reverse calf with blind tooling around the edges. There are 131 pages of text all of which are in the bishop's handwriting, and four prefatory pages in the hand of Rev. Stanford Robinson² which supply some details of the provenance of the manuscript. Robinson recorded on the flyleaf that the volume had been given to him in December 1903 by Col. Gore Lindsay, D.L., a grandson of the bishop. He added some details of the life and lineage of the bishop, together with a painting of the family coat of arms, and in addition supplied two pages of a selective index of contents. The remaining prefatory page has two photographs of Clane church and glebe house taken, according to Robinson's annotation, in c. 1907 by the Bishop of North Queensland, G. F. Froudsam.³ The manuscript was presented by Robinson to the Archbishop of Dublin, J. A. F. Gregg, in 1938 and thence it passed into the collection of the Ecclesiastical Records Committee of the Church of Ireland of which Gregg was chairman.

Lindsay was Bishop of Kildare from 1804 until his death in 1846. He had been born in England as Hon. Charles Dalrymple Lindsay, third son of the 5th Earl of Balcarres, and after graduating from Oxford, had taken holy orders. He came to Ireland in 1803 to be consecrated Bishop of Killaloe but his translation to Kildare was swift for the patent which appointed him Bishop of Kildare and Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, was dated 14 May 1804.⁴ Thus he can have had little experience of Irish diocesan life before beginning the visitations which are the subject of this manuscript. The memorial to him in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, proclaims among other virtues, that he had been 'Faithful in the discharge of his duties' and the evidence of the visitation notes suggests that this was true.

Lindsay quickly embarked on visiting his new diocese. Even before his enthronement on 6 July 1804 (the first dated entry in the manuscript) he had inspected three parishes and his notes suggest a constant round of conscientious visiting. The final dated entry is

THE VISITATION NOTEBOOK OF CHARLES LINDSAY

5 August 1808 which records a visit to Clane which he had earlier visited in July 1804.

The bishop was concerned to comment on the state of church buildings, glebes and schools, to record the names of the clergy and the names and salaries of church officers, to note the provision, or lack of the essential tools of parish life (church plate, registers, service books) and to remonstrate with the recalcitrant clergy.

His view of the condition of the diocese was brutally frank when he wrote to the dean of "the state of utter dissolution of the reformed church in the diocese of Kildare" and he was equally trenchant in his criticism of individual parishes. Kilmagee church was "in a situation highly disgraceful to a Christian country" with the rector living in England and the curate non-resident, while at Donadea the curate was censured for absence "for a quarter of a year or thereabouts including Easter day". At Ballycommon the chalice was of pewter and there was no paten or cloth for the communion table, while in Edenderry the service books were "intolerably bad" and no register could be found.

Many of the churches were in disrepair. In Portarlington the English Church was "in momentary danger of falling down" and at the French Church "every shower of rain runs through its shingled roof" while in Kildangan there were no seats and an earthen floor. Even the cathedral was "far from being in repair". These comments on the buildings are particularly valuable since many of the churches were rebuilt or substantially altered by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners later in the century. An especially interesting case is that of Rathangan. Lindsay describes the church as a "citadel" fortified to withstand the 1798 Rebellion with the windows partially built up and equipped with firing pots.

Indeed there are several echoes of 1798 in the visitation notes. In Clane the glebe house had been occupied as a barracks and damaged, and the rector was only about to return in 1804, while at Rathangan there was a reluctance to dismantle the defences of the church for "the remembrance of the treason committed by the rebels is too fresh to be overruled . . ." Kilrush, it was noted, was the estate of the late Lord Edward Fitzgerald.

But all was not gloom. The La Touche and Devonshire families were praised for their support of the parishes of Carnalway and Castopere respectively; at Naas the church plate was "very handsome and of silver" and at Philipstown there were good books, "the Bible an Edinburgh edition 1793"; while the rector of Kill, Revd. Richard Cunningham, "cannot be too much commended" for repairing the church and glebe house.

Most of the entries are short with the briefest of comments on the different aspects of the visitations. Two important exceptions, however, are the inquiries of the parishes of Ballysoman and Kilrush and of the dean and chapter. The answers to the twenty-four questions on Ballysoman and Kilrush provide interesting data on the extent of the parishes, the size of the protestant population and the value of the living as well as providing some insights into the state of prominent local families. The inquiry of the dean and chapter, together with a copy of a subsequent letter from the

THE VISITATION NOTEBOOK OF CHARLES LINDSAY

bishop in response to their replies, suggests that the chapter was moribund. There were no daily services in the cathedral, the dignitaries did not keep residence but employed one curate to act for them all, the canon had no specific duties, the revenues were inadequate. The bishop was restrained in his condemnations, preferring to suggest that the present dignitaries were guilty only of perpetuating a grossly inadequate system which they had inherited. But he did not refrain from pointing out that the cathedral had "some serious difficulties" and he saw it as his duty to "draw your attention to the reformation which the times demand".

Lindsay was equally restrained but forceful in his dealings with the parochial clergy as his copies of a number of his letters reveal. There are copies of twelve of his letters among the visitation notes and they reveal, in particular, a marked attention to clerical residence and a determination to subdue recalcitrant clergy. This is especially evident in his dealings with Edward Richardson, the rector of Kilmagee [Kilmagee], who although old, infirm and living in Suffolk, was relentlessly pursued by Lindsay to provide a resident curate, even to the point of threatening legal action from the vicar general. No archive of Lindsay's personal papers is known to survive⁵ but these few letters help to sketch a profile of a bishop determined to do his duty in circumstances which were far from favourable.

The general impression from the visitation notebooks is of a diocese run down by years of neglect, still haunted in parts by the spectre of 1798, but beginning to recover under the urgings of a conscientious bishop. The manuscript provides much detail for the parish historian. It gives a useful sketch of the state of a diocese - the history of which remains to be written - and it offers some insights into the character of one of the more shadowy bishops of the Church of Ireland.

REFERENCES

1. Representative Church Body Library, Dublin, MS 8.
2. Sir H. Wood, *Guide to the Records in the Public Record Office, Ireland*, Dublin, 1920.
3. Stanford Frederick Hudson Robinson (d. 1945) was curate of St. Peter's, Dublin, 1892-1909.
4. Robinson served as Queensland 1910-14.
5. R.C.B. Library, MS 61/2/2: J. B. Leslie's unpublished *Facts of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin*.
6. Henry Cotton, *Facts Ecclesiae Hibernicae*, Vol. II, p. 48, Dublin, 1848.
7. There is no entry for Lindsay in the most recent digit of ecclesiastical papers: *Papers of British Churchmen 1790-1940*, HMSO, London, 1987.

NOTE

The numbers in square brackets indicate the page reference in the manuscript.



[Return to RCB Library](#)

[Online Parish Records](#)

[St. Peter's Drogheda Registers \(1702 – 1900\)](#)

[Taughboyne Union \(Raphoe\)](#)

Online Parish Records

A small number of parish registers have been digitised and are available to view here and on the [Anglican Record Project](#). This digital record is a work in progress.

TABLE OF CHURCH OF IRELAND PARISH REGISTERS

Throughout Ireland (Baptisms, Marriages, Burials & copies – Updated May 2025)



[READ MORE](#)

A HANDLIST OF CHURCH OF IRELAND VESTRY MINUTE BOOKS

In the Representative Church Body Library – Updated September 2021



[READ MORE](#)

KILLUCAN, CO WESTMEATH

(1696–1786)



[READ MORE](#)



churchofireland.org/about/rcb-library/online-parish-records

**A HANDLIST OF CHURCH OF IRELAND
VESTRY MINUTE BOOKS IN THE
REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY LIBRARY,
DUBLIN**

Representative Church Body Library

November 2025

COUNTY ANTRIM

Ballywillan	Connor	1710-1753
Belfast – St Andrew	Connor	1908-1970
Belfast – St James	Connor	1871-2005
Belfast – St Luke	Connor	1868-1906
Belfast – St Matthias	Connor	1904-1965
Belfast- Mount Merrion	Dromore	1963-1976
Derrykeighan	Connor	1902-1826
Kilwaughter & Cairncastle	Connor	1821-1990

COUNTY ARMAGH

Annaghmore	Armagh	1877-1976
Ballymore	Armagh	1771-1810

COUNTY CARLOW

Aghold	Leighlin	1707-1927
Carlow	Leighlin	1669-2005
Clonmelsh	Leighlin	1855-1877
Clonmore	Leighlin	1808-1964
Cloydagh	Leighlin	1828-1936
Dunleckney	Leighlin	1776-1963
Hacketstown	Leighlin	1816-1991
Killeshin	Leighlin	1823-2004
Kiltannel	Leighlin	1902-1969
Nurney	Leighlin	1846-1893
Old Leighlin	Leighlin	1870-1921
Painestown	Leighlin	1849-1916
Painestown-St Anne	Leighlin	1865-1870
Powerstown	Leighlin	1810-1850
Shankill	Leighlin	1871-1923
Staplestown	Leighlin	1823-1982
Timogue	Leighlin	1811-1869
Tullow	Leighlin	1815-1987
Urglin	Leighlin	1774-1956
Wells	Leighlin	1804-1878

Presbyterian Records



Search this site ...

- [Membership](#)
- [About Us](#)
- [Our Services](#)
- [Collections](#)
- [Web Resources](#)
- [Publications](#)
- [History](#)

PHSI Lecture - 19 March 2026
 "Presbyterians: Unlikely Revolutionaries" by Mr Colm Dore, Local Historian
[Learn More](#)

A Family History Fair - Libraries NI

Events Programme

Rev Robert Barron DD (1852-1942) - new publication



Charity Status

The Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland - Charity No. NIC101056.

News & Events

- [PHSI Lecture - 19 March 2026](#)
3rd March 2026
- [A Family History Fair - Libraries NI](#)
28th February 2026
- [PHSI Lecture - 19 February - Larne](#)
10th February 2026

Donations

Donations may be made to the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland through PayPal.

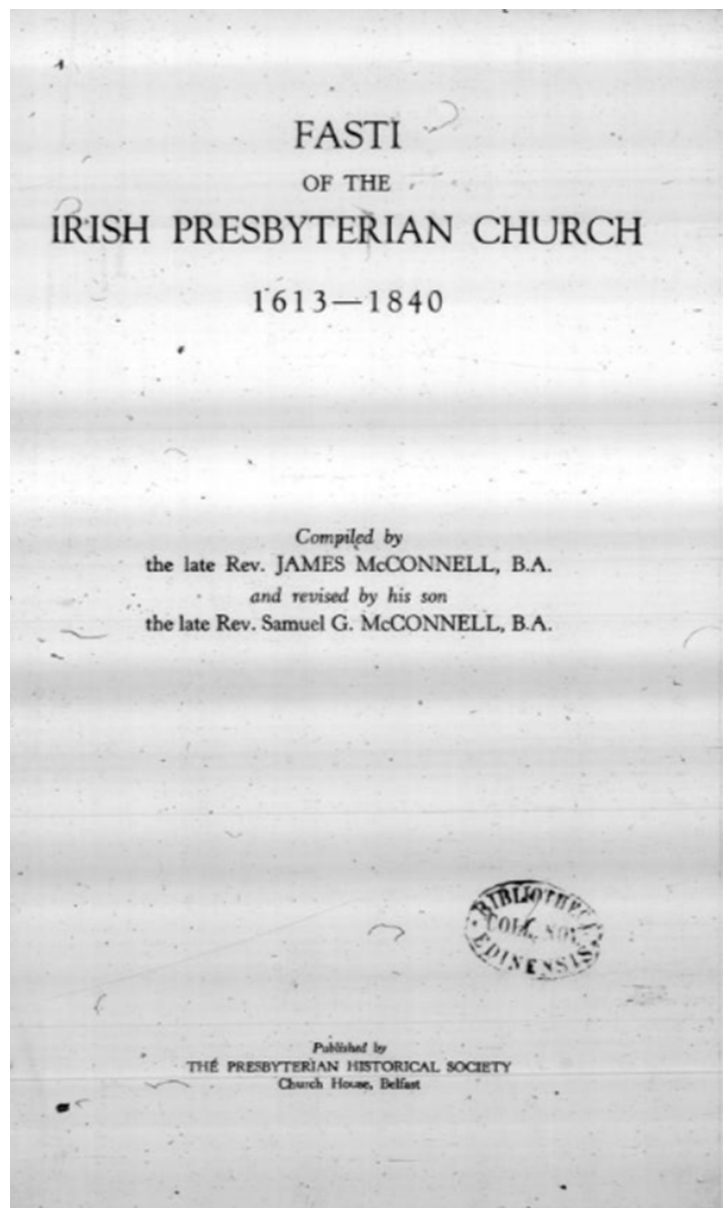


You can also forward your donations directly to us at our postal address.

Contact Details

Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland
 Assembly Buildings
 Fisherwick Place
 Belfast
 BT1 6DW

+44 (0)28 9041 7299
phsibrarian@pcinet.org
[facebook.com/phsireland](https://www.facebook.com/phsireland)



Fasti of the Irish Presbyterian Church, 1613-1840

755. BARR, ISAAC : 2nd s. of Michael Barr, farmer, Donagheady : educ. Glas., 1770 : lic. Letterkenny Pres. : ord. Ray (1st), 19 Apr., 1780 : res. 1782 : ins. Killala, 1782 : res. about 1792 : d. near Killala about 1802.

[*Reff.*: *Matric. Alb., Glas.*; *Minutes of G. S.*, III, 149, 161, 273.]

756. BENNETT, DAVID : b. near Boardmills, 1781 : educ. Scot. : lic. Belfast Pres., 1805 : ord. Dungannon (1st), 17 June, 1806 : ret., 1844 : d. of typhus fever, 8 Mar., 1847.

757. BLACK, JAMES : only s. of Andrew Black, farmer, near Minterburn : b. 1774 : educ. Glas., 1800 : lic. Tyrone Pres., 1805 : ord. Drumbanagher (1st), 4 Mar., 1806 : ret., 1831 : d. 4 July, 1841, leaving a family.

758. BLACK, JAMES BIRCH : s. of Jas. Black, farmer, near Dromara, and n. of Rev. Jas. Jackson Birch, Dromara : M.A. (Glas.), 1814 : lic. Dromore Pres., 1816 : ord. Dromara (1st), 30 July, 1816 : susp., 3 May, 1823, for intemperance : d. 3 Oct., 1823, leaving a widow & family.

759. BLAIR, DANIEL : ygst. s. of John Blair, farmer, near Ballymoney : b. 1764 : educ. Glas., 1779 : lic. Route Pres., 1786 : ord. Drumachose, Limavady, May 1788 : d. 10 Feb., 1811.

[*Reff.*: *Matric. Alb., Glas.*]

760. BLAKELEY, FLETCHER : ygst. s. of Joseph Blakeley, farmer, Ballyroney : b. 13 May, 1783 : educ. Glas., 1799 : lic. Dromore Pres., 1805 : ord. Moneyrea, 19 Sept., 1809 : mar., 1810, dau. of David Lindsay, Tullyhenan, Banbridge : withdrew with his congr. from G.S. & joined Rem. Synod, 1830 : ret. 22 Sept., 1857 : d. at Cradley, Worcestershire, 25 Feb., 1862 : int. Moneyrea.

Rev. Wm. Joseph Blakeley, York St. Rem., Belfast, was a son, and Rev. Wm. Cochrane, Cradley, was a son-in-law.

[*Reff.*: *Dict. Nat. Biog.*, v. 184; *Matric. Alb., Glas.*]

761. BORELAND, PAUL : 4th s. of Matthew Boreland, farmer, Kilraughts : b. 1774 : educ. Glas., 1798 : lic. Route Pres., 1806 : ord. Markethill (1st), 26 Sept., 1809 : ret., 1828 : d. at Hamiltonsbawn, 15 July, 1831.

[*Reff.*: *Matric. Alb., Glas.*]

762. BOYLAN, HUGH : 3rd-s. of Hugh Boylan, farmer, Dunluce : educ. Glas., 1773 : lic. Route Pres., 1780 : ord. Minterburn, 15 Nov., 1785 : d. 9 Oct., 1807, leaving widow and family who resided at Coleraine.

[*Reff.*: *Belfast News Letter*, 23/10/1807; *Matric. Alb. Glas.*]

Search Database

★ Favorite

Saved Searches

Saved Searches

Ireland: Session Book of Aghadowey, 1702-1725

Exact Search Soundex

SEARCH

First Name

First/Middle/[Maiden] names

Last Name

Last Name

Years

From

To

Page

Date of Record

Browse This Database

Page

Page

Browse

See other databases in this category

Report an Error

Write a comment

For questions about our services or your membership, use the resources on this page.

Switch to Advanced Search

Did you know?

Research and Contributing members of American Ancestors have access to multiple partner databases.

By default all results are a best fit to your criteria

SEARCH

Reset Search

Ireland: Session Book of Aghadowey, 1702-1725 - AmericanAncestors.org

William Hodge appear'd before this session acknowledging that he help'd and accompanied Jane Cargil, to run away with Hugh Montgomery^m in order to be clandestinely married. The session judg'd this practice scandalous and offensive and enjoind him to appear

William
Hodge's
Case

26 July 1715 Session

Appearance of William Hodge

Hugh Montgomery appear'd before
this session acknowledging that he
run away with Jane Cargil in order to be
married, & that he was clandestinely
married without the knowledge and
consent of her Parents. It appears by two
Evidences John Ferland & William Hodge
that Hugh Montgomery and Jane Cargill
were joined in marriage by Robert
Donald curate of Bellymenoch on the 22^d
of May last w^{ch} also appears by Mr
Donalds certificite. Hugh Montgomery
acknowledgeth the disorder of his marriage
and professeth his sorrow for it. As to
the censure the session agrees to ask advice
from the next Presbytery about it.

Hugh
Mont-
gomery's
Case

11 October 1715 Session
Appearance of Hugh Montgomery

p. 128

Sess. 19th of Dec^r: 1715th-

The which day the session met.

Elders present; David Millar, Dav: Cargil.
Rot. Arch^d. John Given, John Brouster, Arthur
Bapty. Danl. m^cRelis.

The session asked advice from the
Presbytery about Hugh Montgomery &
Jane Cargil their offensive marriage.

The Presbytery enjoined ^{them} to be rebuk'd
only before the sessⁿ. They appear'd now
and were rebuked before this sessⁿ.
accordingly.

Hugh
Mont-
gomery &
Jane
Cargil
rebuk'd

19 December 1715 Session
Cargil and Montgomery Rebuked

QUESTIONS?

Methodist Records



The Library & Archives has now been reopened

...on an appointment only basis on Wednesday
and Thursday mornings between 9.30 and 12.30.
Please contact the Secretary via email if an
appointment is desired at:
secretary@methodisthistoryireland.org

[Contact Us](#)



for Students & Researchers

Students and researchers will find many
resources at the Methodist Historical Society of
Ireland archives and library to aid their work



for Genealogists & Family Historians

The Methodist Historical Society of Ireland
contains a large and growing collection of
baptismal and marriage registers from Methodist
churches throughout Ireland.



for Church History

I have worked in some three hundred libraries,
large and small, famous and obscure, from the
British Museum to the Philadelphia Historical
Society...


methodisthistoryireland.org




 A **B** C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W Y Z

Name	Section	Ent.	Ceased	Born	Died	Notes
Baggaly, William	NC	1827		1808	1879	Sup Irish Mission 1844-47
Bagley, George	P	1834		1808	1859	
Bagley, John	PW>W	1838	1857	1819	1898	To Cong. Ministry then PC Australia
Bagley, John	W	1841	1857	1819	1898	To Aust
Bagnall, Robert George	M	1946		1924	2022	MCB Chaplain etc 1959-85
Bailey, John	W	1797				Rsv List only
Bailey, Robert (J)	W	1800		c.1773	1832	
Bain, Charles Henry	M	1940		1919	2010	Sup NBM 1970-81; Pres. MCI 1971
Bain, Desmond Charles	M	1969†				Sup DCM; Sec HM; Pres. MCI 2005
Bainbridge, William Dobson	NC	1879		1857	1940	
Baird, John	NC	1841	1858	1816	1895	To PCI – Chpl at Spike Island, Cork
Baker, Thomas William	W	1847		1821	1888	
Baker, Vaughn Warren	M	1982				1 yr supply US Std Pastor


Index of Methodist Ministers who Served in Ireland

Search the network Websites in the network

 **My Primitive Methodists**
Sharing stories, photos, memories and research

Contact us  







Home About People Chapels Places Topics Objects Research Resources Add your story



Introduction and Welcome

This is a community archive for the 19th century working class movement known as the Primitive Methodists. Here you can browse through photos, stories, memories and research. Find out [more about us](#) or [get in touch](#). Follow this link to [add your own pages](#).

EXPLORE THIS SITE

-  People >
-  Chapels and churches >
-  Places >
-  Topics >
-  Objects >
-  Research >

myprimitivemethodists.org.uk

Search the network Websites in the network

 **My Wesleyan Methodists**
Sharing stories, photos, memories and research

Home About People Chapels Places Topics Research Resources Add your story

Sharing stories, photos, memories and research

Welcome to 'My Wesleyan Methodists' where you can enjoy sharing photos, memories, stories and research about anything related to the Wesleyan strand of Methodism from its 18th century beginnings until the establishment of the Methodist Church in 1932.

EXPLORE THIS SITE



People



Chapels and churches



Places



Topics



Objects



Research

mywesleyanmethodists.org.uk



Home » Collections » Catalogues & Research Tools » Online Catalogues » Index of PWM Magazine obituaries

Index of Primitive Wesleyan Methodist Magazine obituaries

The magazine of the Primitive Wesleyan Methodist Society (a branch of Methodism unique to Ireland) ran from 1823-1878. The magazine was published bi-monthly and carried news about the PWM Society as well as obituaries and memoirs of some of the more notable members. This index to these obituaries has been arranged in alphabetical order.

Surname	Christian Names	Maiden Name	Society/Townland	Entry Type	Remarks	DOB	DOD	Vol	Page
Abbott	Anna Sophia, Miss		Athlone	Obituary			11/5/1873	1873	372
Abbott	William		Drum	Sermon		1819	1845	1846	14
Adams	Mrs		Anogram, Fermanagh	Obituary				1826	83
Adams	Tirzah, Mrs	Clarke	Monaghan	Obituary	Birthplace, Newtownbutler		10/9/1821	1823	90
Addy	A.							1824	283
Addy	Edward		Cookstown	Obituary	PWM Preacher		4/9/1848	1849	157
Addy	Edward		Seago, Armagh	Memoir	PWM Preacher	1782	4/8/1848	1851	335, 416
Addy	Isabella		Belfast	Obituary		1860	27/2/1877	1877	115
Addy	Robert Charles		Belfast	Obituary		1856	&/11/1875	1877	114
Addy	William		Loughgall	Obituary				1853	315
Addy	William		Armagh	Obituary	Class Leader		4/1/1853	1853	316

Index of Primitive Wesleyan Methodist Magazine Obituaries



The Christian Advocate, 29 April 1904

FUNERAL OF MRS. SULLIVAN, LIMERICK.

At 9-30 on 19th inst. the remains of the late Mrs. G. H. Sullivan were removed from Moyola Terrace for interment in St. Munchin's Cemetery. The deceased lady, whose death occurred on the previous Friday, possessed qualities that endeared her to a large circle of friends, and the esteem in which she was held was testified in the representative cortege that followed the remains to their last resting place.

The chief mourners were—Mr. G. H. Sullivan (husband), Mr. R. J. Sullivan, B.A. (son), Mr. R. A. Crookshanks, Belfast (brother-in-law), and Mr. T. R. Hill, J.P., Tarbert (cousin).

Carriages were sent by several friends.

The following sent wreaths:—Family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Crookshank, Mr. Thomas R. Hill, Miss Hill, Mrs. W. L. Hunt, Mrs. Vere Hunt Bowles, Mrs. and the Misses Elmhurst, Mrs. A. Eakins, Mrs. Moore and Miss Ledger, Mrs. E. G. Fitt, Miss C. Ledger, Mr. and Miss Belshaw, Mr. J. B. Bromell, Miss L. Cromer, Mrs. W. Trowsdell and family, Mrs. Massy-Hewson, Mr. and Mrs. Gunning, Mrs. Robert Evans, Mrs. Cooper O'Donoghue, Mrs. Caulfield, Miltown, Pallaskenry.

Rev. Messrs. Swain and Orpen officiated at the graveside.

1904 Death of Margaret Sullivan

264 **Second Page.** 04581824

Superintendent Registrar's District Limerick Registrar's District no. 1,

19 04 DEATHS Registered in the District of no. 1. in the Union of Limerick
in the County of Limerick

No. (L.)	Date and Place of Death. (2.)	Name and Surname. (3.)	Sex. (4.)	Condition. (5.)	Age last Birthday (6.)	Rank, Profession, or Occupation. (7.)	Certified Cause of Death and Duration of Illness. (8.)	Signature, Qualification and Residence of Informant. (9.)	When Registered. (10.)	Signature of Registrar. (11.)
385	19 <u>04</u> April First West Strand	Charlotte Catherine Dawnes	7	Spinster	85 years	Private-meanor	Probably Informant, age no Medical Attendant	Thos. Carroll Present at Death Post mortem ordered.	April Limerick 19 <u>04</u>	<i>[Signature]</i> Registrar
386	19 <u>04</u> April Fifteen Barrington Hospital	Johanna Reedy 2 Priddmill St	7	Spinster	14 months	Daughter of Edward Reedy of Johnstown	Quins Shock & Exhaustion. 2 day Certified.	C. Haters Occupier Barrington Hospital	April Limerick 19 <u>04</u>	<i>[Signature]</i> Registrar
387	19 <u>04</u> April Seventeen Father Quins Lane	Christina Saunders	7	Spinster	16 months	Daughter of Patrick Saunders of Johnstown Deceased	Commissariat Quins 2 day Certified.	By Mary Saunders Present at Death Walter Quins	April Limerick 19 <u>04</u>	<i>[Signature]</i> Registrar
388	19 <u>04</u> April First 4 Mergola Terrace	Margaret Sullivan	7	Married	58 years	wife of George H. Sullivan an accountant	Struck by Quins 9 months. Exhaustion Certified.	Robert A. Sullivan Son Present at Death 4 Mergola Terrace	April Limerick 19 <u>04</u>	<i>[Signature]</i> Registrar



Recent Deaths.

Jan. 10th, 1860, at Clonakilty, after a very protracted illness, Charles, son of Mr. John Bateman. During the last few months his sufferings were at times very great, but he seldom allowed a murmuring word to escape him. 'Oh,' he would sometimes say, when his body was racked with pain, 'I could never bear this but that I know 'God is love', and he would not chastise me so if I did not need it all.' A short time before his death, he sent a message to the members of the Young Men's Christian Association, Clonakilty, solemnly warning them against indulging doubts respecting the sufficiency or the extent of Christ's atonement—doubts which for years had robbed him of his peace. He fell asleep, clinging to his only hope—'The precious blood of Christ.'

T. M.

January 16th, at Poolantamy, near Ballymoney, Mrs. Anne Richie, aged 64. She died in great peace, and in Christian hope.

January 20th, at his father's residence, Wynburn Street, Belfast, in the 23rd year of his age, Richard, son of Mr. William Irwin, and grandson of the late Rev. James Irwin, one of the old Methodist Preachers. He was a young man of sound piety, with a clear head and an affectionate heart. He gave early promise of usefulness; but the Lord has taken him. His last audible utterance was—

"Not Jordan's stream, nor death's cold flood,
Can fright me from the shore."—W. G. P.

The Irish Evangelist, 1 February 1860

Birth.

At Armagh, Feb. 21st, the wife of the Rev. Robert Huston, Wesleyan Minister, of a son.

Marriage.

On the 21st February, at the Wesleyan Chapel, Drogheda, by Rev. Robert Masaroon, Mr. Edward Chism, Silgo, to Jane, second daughter of Mr. James Kemmis, Drogheda.

Feb. 15, at Coleraine, Mrs Elizabeth Carpenter, aged 102 years. She joined the Methodist Society at *Garvagh*, upwards of 80 years ago, and throughout her lengthened pilgrimage walked in the light of the Divine countenance. She had a vivid recollection of the Rev. John Wesley's early visits to Coleraine, and loved to speak of him and of the Rev. John Crook, and others of the Methodist Ministers whom she knew when a child. All her early friends and class-mates have long since passed away. Of those who formed the Wesleyan Society in Coleraine when she joined it, not one survives! "Her company before was gone," to join the general assembly and church of the First-born. She loved to speak of meeting them again, and hailed the hour with joy. Life's long warfare is closed at last, and that blissful hour has come! The day "Betty Carpenter" died, probably the oldest Methodist in the kingdom was numbered with the dead: and, as the grave closed upon her venerable form, one passed from our midst who was the last surviving link which connected us with the noble men and women of the past, and one of whom no section of the Church need be ashamed.

The Irish Evangelist, 1 March 1860

April 6, at Ballycastle, Mr. Robert M'Leese, aged 44 years. He was brought up a Roman Catholic, but by a variety of Providential dispensations was led to see the errors of Popery and to abandon it. His partner in life was the first stricken down at the great Revival Meeting at Ballycastle last Summer, and left the Chapel rejoicing in God as a pardoning God. Her influence and exertions were greatly blessed to him, and he rejoiced to suffer reproach from his former friends for the name of Christ. The narrative of his conversion is deeply interesting and full of practical instruction. We hope shortly to give it in detail to our Readers. He died in the full assurance of Christian faith.

The Irish Evangelist, 1 May 1860

Quaker Records

Quakers in Ireland
Religious Society of Friends

Official Website of The Religious Society of Friends in Ireland

WELCOME NEW TO QUAKERS? ▾ QUAKERS TODAY ▾ EXPLORING QUAKER SPIRITUALITY ▾ HISTORY ▾ YOUTH ACTIVITIES ▾ CONTACT ▾ 🔍

HISTORICAL LIBRARY

QUAKER HOUSE DUBLIN

IYM COMMITTEE MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR

OF INTEREST ▸

MOST RECENT POSTS

Registration for Junior Yearly Meeting is Open (deadline Mar 20)!

Update to IYM 2026 page – onsite accommodation

War and Peace – At Home and Abroad (Mar. 10, Mar. 24)

Young Friends Spring Gathering – Silesia, Poland (reg ends Mar 7)

FWCC Europe & Middle East Section Newsletter (4 March 2026)

Can Ireland Remain Neutral? (Mar 7)

Updates to IYM 2026 page


IRELAND YEARLY MEETING OF

The Historical Library of Ireland Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends is situated in Quaker House. Usually known as Friends Historical Library Dublin, it contains the manuscript and printed archives of Quakers in Ireland since their establishment here in the 17th century together with an important collection of books by and about Quakerism from their earliest times.

Librarian and archivist duties are seen to by a team of volunteers who engage in cataloguing, assisting visiting readers and replying to queries by e-mail or letter.

You can contact the Historical Library by email: library@quakers.ie

Manuscripts and Records

The most important manuscripts are the Minutes of the various Quaker meetings and committees. These and many other documents from 1670 to 1914 may also be viewed on the website findmypast.ie on payment of a modest fee. The website includes an index of names with more than a million and a half entries. Clicking on a name yields a brief outline of the individual's life together with a downloadable image of the page on which the name appears.

Books, pamphlets and personal writings

The collection of printed books contains works from the 17th century up to the present, together with many unpublished dissertations. The Library also holds a large collection of printed pamphlets, manuscript letters, essays and photographs. The headings of some 45,000 documents are available on the findmypast.ie website and appear when a name search is initiated.



JYM 2026 reg info (deadline Mar 20)



Info about IYM 2026: Last updated 06 Mar 2026



EMEYF-EMES ALL AGE GATHERING 2026 REQUEST FOR

quakers-in-ireland.ie/historical-library

	Carlow	Cork	Dublin	Edenderry	Grange	Limerick	Lisburn	Lurgan	Moate	M. mellick	Richhill	Tipperary	Waterford	Wexford	Wicklow	Youghall	Antrim
Boake	123	123	2 3	123													
Boales	---	---	---	---	---												
Boardman		2 3	123	123	123			2 3		123		123	12 3	2	123	2	
Boate	2								123	123							
Bobear/ Bobicar			2														
Boddy		3										123					
Bold			2														
Boles	123		123			2				1 2		123					
Bolster	See Balster																
Bolton			2							2							
Bomford			2 3														
Bond			2 3			3						3					
Boomar/ Boomer								3									
Booth/ Boothe			2							2							
Borradale			3														
Borula			1 2														
Boswell			2							123							
Bottom			3														
Bouchier			3		3		3							1 2			
Bould	See Bold																
Boules				2													
Bourd			2 3										3	1 2			
Bourn		3															
Bourras										3							

	Carlow	Cork	Dublin	Edenderry
Boake	123	123	2 3	123

Jones Index to Quaker Births, Marriages and Deaths in Ireland's Monthly Meetings, ca. 1606-1872

1780
 To Friends of the Men's & Women's Meetings
 of the County of Carlow.

Dear Friends,

Abigail Boake, Daughter
 of John Boake deceased, a member of our
 Meeting, being removed to reside within the com-
 pass of yours, and having by a Friend requested
 our Certificate: We acquaint you that she lived with
 her Brother at Killarney for some time before she
 left this Province: and upon enquiry it doth not appear,
 but that during her residence here, her conduct was orderly,
 she frequently attended our Meetings for Worship and
 Discipline, and we do not find but that she left us
 clear of debt and Marriage-Engagements. We recommend
 her to your Christian care and notice, and remain

Your loving Friends

Signed in and on behalf of our Men's and Women's
 Meeting held in Cork the 16th of the 5th mo. 1780

Sarah Hatton	Elizabeth Abell	Richard Allen
Sarah Fisher	Mary Harris	Joseph Garratt
Elizabeth Pike	Mary Simons	Joshua Humphreys
Anne Chandler	Rachel Davco	John Davis
Eliz. Heritage Jun ^r	Jane Morris	Joseph Hatton
Sarah Neale	Mary Morris	James Fisher
Mary Chamberlaine	Elizabeth Harvey	Thomas Weldon
Sarah Chandler	Margaret Beale	Ephraim Heritage
John Abell	Elena Abell Jun ^r	William Harris
Robert Hill	William Stafford	George Newsom
Samuel Newsom	William Wright	John Eustace

**Ireland, Society of Friends
 (Quaker) Migration Records, at
 FindMyPast.com**

**Recorded in 1780, it contains
 details about Abigail Boake and
 family members**

(59)

PART II.

CONTAINING

Manifold Examples of the grievous Sufferings of the People called Quakers, under Oliver Cromwel, and the Reign of King Charles II. for the aforefaid Reasons.

S E C T. I.

These following have suffered for Meeting and Afsembling themselves together, in their own Houses, in the Fear of the Lord, and in his Worship and Service, and for exhorting one another, and praying together, to build up one another in the Holy Faith, according to the Command of the Apostles, and the Example and Practice of the Saints, and Prophets, and the true Christians in the primitive Times; and for the same have been much abused, indicted, greatly fined, long imprisoned, cruelly used, and much of their Goods taken from them.

LEINSTER PROVINCE

Dublin City.

1660. **E** *Dward Cook, Robert Lodge and John Burnyeat, with several others, being met together in their usual Meeting-Place, to worship the Lord, had their Meeting broken up by James Boy,-----and a rude Company of People and Soldiers, who took away John Burnyeat, Robert Lodge, and about twenty Friends more, and imprisoned them in Newgate, where they were kept five Days and then brought before Robert Des, Mayor, who after Examination returned fifteen of them back to Prison, where they were kept five Days longer.*

Robert Turner, William Mayne, and several other Friends, being assembled in their usual Meeting-Place, to worship God, were haled thereout by a rude Company of Soldiers; and eight of them imprisoned in Newgate for five Weeks, by Order of the said Robert Des, Mayor.

Thomas Holme, Robert Wastfield, Joseph Cadle, Rebecca Rich, Elizabeth Gardner, and divers other Friends, being assembled in their usual Meeting-Place, for the End aforefaid, were violently taken thereout by a Guard of Soldiers, and seventeen Men and six Women of them were put into the Main-Guard, and from thence committed to Newgate-Prison, where they were kept several Days by Order of the said Mayor.

1661. *Robert Turner, Thomas Holme, James Fade, and eighteen more of their Friends, were taken out of their said Meeting-Place being then and there met to worship God) by a Guard of*

H 2 Soldiers,

Entries from Samuel Fuller's *A Compendious View of Some Extraordinary Sufferings of the People Call'd Quakers: Both in Person and Substance, in the Kingdom of Ireland* (1731)

Thomas Chandlers, for not paying Tyths to Bishop Price, was excommunicated, and (by a Writ Excom. Com.) imprisoned in the County Goal of Catherlough, amongst the Felons, where he remained Prisoner near the Space of four Years.

William Edmondson, for not paying 6s. demanded for Tyths, had a Heifer taken from him worth 40 s.

The said *William* for not paying 6 s. at another Time, demanded for Tyths, had taken from him (by *Edmund Dunn*) wearing Apparel worth 20 s.

1663. *Godfrey Cantrel*, for not paying 9 s. demanded for Tyths, by *Edmund Dunn*, had taken from him two Heifers worth 24. 10 s.

John Edmondson, *Rich. Jackson*, *Godfrey Cantrel*, *Will. Capton*, *Tobias Pledwell*, *John Gee*, *John Thompson*, *John Pim* and *Will. Archer*, for not paying Money for Church-Dues, (so called) Priests Maintenance, and the like, were excommunicated and imprisoned at *Maryborough*, by Bishop Price of *Kildare*, by the Means of *Geo. Clapham* Priest of *Mount-Melick*, who published their Excommunication in the Place of Worship and Market; and to shew his Malice, charged the People, that they should neither buy nor sell with them; and when any did, he summon'd them to the Bishop's Court; and to excite the People to Cruelty, he told them, *Whatsoever they did to those excommunicated, they could have no Remedy by Law*; also he forbid the *Miller* to grind Corn for their Families; besides several other Acts of Envy and Cruelty he did towards them, which would be too tedious here to insert.

Quaker Suffering Records, Fuller (1731)
Queen's County (County Laois), 1662-1663

MUNSTER PROVINCE

Cork City and County.

1660. **L** Ucretia Cook, for exhorting the People at *Bandon-bridge*, to take heed, and beware of false Prophets, &c. was committed to the Marshalsea, and thence to Bridewel, by *John Laundon*, Provost, and there kept twenty Days.

Wexford County.

1660. *Francis Randal*, with several Friends, being met at *James Becket's* House in *New-Ross*, to wait upon the Lord, had their Meeting broken up by a Guard of Soldiers, who much abused the said *Francis*, knockt him with a Musket, tore his Cloaths, and thrust him violently out of the Town, by Order of Lieutenant Colonel *Jones*, who bad his Soldiers do any thing to *Quakers*, saying, *They are worse than Dogs, use them as you will.*

1662. *James Becket*, *Thomas West*, and others, for meeting together, for the End aforesaid, in *New-Ross*, were sent and committed to *Wexford* Goal, and there kept several Weeks.

Thomas Loe, *Mary Loe* and *Sarah Holme*, for visiting their Friends in *Wexford-Prison*, were there detained in Restraint, and the said *Thomas Loe*, kept in Prison until the next Sessions.

Waterford City.

1660. *Eleanor Tatlock*, for going to the publick Worship-house in *Waterford*, and there bearing Testimony against their Will-worship, was put into Bridewel by *John Horson*, Recorder; and after several Days, she and her Husband were turned out of the City from their Children and Family.

Margret Blanch, for exhorting the People to the Fear of the Lord, &c. at a Time when she was at a Burial of one of her Relations, was imprisoned six Months; and in that Time excommunicated by Bishop *Gore* of *Waterford*, and thereupon kept close Prisoner a long time; and though often very sick and weak of Body, whilst in Prison, and di-

vers Entreaties made to the said Bishop, for the Enlargement, or going Home a while for Refreshment, yet was (generally) refused by the said Hard-hearted Bishop: And during her said long Imprisonment at *Waterford*, the same Bishop excommunicated her Husband, *William Blanch*; and as the said *William Blanch* was riding upon his lawful Occasions in *Tipperary* (another County) was there followed and watched, and by *Clonmel-Town* seized upon, and committed to the Prison there, where he was kept above a Year, being there twenty Miles distant from his Wife in Prison at *Waterford*, and his Family there; so that neither the Husband and Wife could come to one another (as being Prisoners) nor yet either of them to their Family.

Quaker Suffering Records, Fuller (1731)

Female listings

DOUGLAS, M. ISABEL (1892–1977)

was one of the children of Emily, *née* Mitton, and John Douglas, the owner of a long-established drapery business at Wexford Street, Dublin. A trained Froebel teacher, she was the founder of the Rathgar Junior School in 1919 and an enthusiastic advocate of the teaching of Irish for which, as evidenced by a certificate of competence from Coláiste na Mumhan in the Ring Gaeltacht, she was well qualified. When she was learning Irish in a place at Wicklow Street, Dublin, she said that she felt as if she was part of a conspiracy since any Irish speaker might

DOBBS, JOHN (1656–1739), of Castle Dobbs, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, was the eldest son of Richard Dobbs and Dorothy, his wife, who became a Quaker. John's father was a Justice of the Peace for the County of Antrim. He received a good

education, but student life proved shocking to him. By joining the despised Quakers he incurred the wrath of his father, who struck him on the head when he refused to remove his hat as a formal sign of respect. His mother was powerless to intervene and, when she died, John went to London and became apprenticed to the Friend Charles Marshall, an apothecary.

Richard Harrison, *Biographical Dictionary of Irish Quakers* (2008)

QUESTIONS?

Additional Records

Catholic Qualification and Convert Rolls

Ireland, Catholic Qualification & Convert Rolls, 1701-1845

Microfilm of original records at the Public Records Office in Dublin. During the 1700's, Catholics were restricted from owning property, holding public office, and voting. Due to these restrictions some chose to renounce their religion and convert to the Church of Ireland. In addition to church rites participation, they were also required to file a certificate in a court of law. Multiple courts had the authority to grant these rights. Courts include: King's Bench, Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and Assizes. The original rolls were kept by the Chancery Court Rolls Office until 1867, at which time they were transferred to the Public Records Office. The original documents were destroyed by a fire in 1922, but these calendars survive.

 HOW TO USE THIS COLLECTION



Cite This Collection
"Ireland, Catholic Qualification & Convert Rolls, 1701-1845." Database. *FamilySearch*.
<https://FamilySearch.org> : 15 June 2024. National Archives of Ireland.

[COPY CITATION](#)

Add Ancestor Information

NAME ALTERNATE NAME SEX

First Names Last Names

Add Life Event

BIRTH MARRIAGE RESIDENCE DEATH ANY

Birth Place Birth Year (Range) From To

Add Family Member

SPOUSE FATHER MOTHER OTHER PERSON

Add Record Options

LOCATION TYPE BATCH NUMBER FILM/FICHE/IMAGE GROUP NUMBER (DGS) PRINCIPAL

Country or Location State or Province

Show Exact Search

FEWER OPTIONS

List from Roscommon, 6 November 1793

Roscommon —
6th Nov. 1793

348	Carrall John	—	Carragh	—	Soundkeeper
352	Curry Peter	—	do	—	Shackler
353	Cuaghton Peter	—	do	—	do
355	Carrall Wm	—	do	—	Stone layer
361	Craun Luke	—	Carrigen Ag	—	weaver
362	Canner Andrew	—	do	—	do
363	Cuff Edm ^d	—	Carragh	—	far.

At an adjournment of the
Sessions held at Athlone
25th Nov. 1793 —

List from Dublin, 1782

<i>City of Dublin</i>			
<i>Parties Names</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>When Qualified</i>	<i>Where</i>
Cagan John Grocer	City Dublin	27 th Nov ^r 1778	Common Pleas
Carew John Stone Cutter	Waterford	27 th 18 ^o	2 ^o
Cooloy Math Grocer	Oliver Street	27 th 18 ^o	2 ^o
Colley Peter Skinner	Watling Street	27 th 18 ^o	2 ^o
Curran James Gent ^l	Carlow	27 th April 18 ^o	2 ^o
Carberry Christopher Farmer	Loughgara Co: Westmeath	27 th 18 ^o	2 ^o
Curren John Sadler	Loughrea Co: Galway	15 th June 1779	2 ^o
Coleman John Servant	Kapton Queens County	18 th Nov ^r 18 ^o	2 ^o
Connelly Nicholas Shoemaker	City Dublin	30 th May 1780	2 ^o
Cleary John Merchant	Roscrea Co: Tipperary	1 st June 18 ^o	2 ^o
Copfinger Joseph Brewer	City Dublin	2 nd 18 ^o	2 ^o
Carey Bath Merchant	Drumcondra Co: Dublin	6 th 18 ^o	2 ^o
Comerford Thomas Weaver	Drogheda	17 th 18 ^o	2 ^o
Cannan John Builder	Bruffia Street Co: Dublin	19 th 18 ^o	2 ^o
Carroll Elizabeth Widow	Cusack Mary Widow of Rich ^d Esq ^{re} - late of Rathaldrom Co: Meath - Cusack Cath ^{ne} Jane Spinster - Same - - - -		
Coyle Richard Merchant			
Cullen Edmond Gent ^l			
Coffey Christopher Servant			
Cosperley Peter Calendar	San	4 th Feb ^r 1782	2 ^o
Casment William Shoemaker	Townshick Co: Down	6 th 18 ^o	2 ^o
Courtney Bath Silk Weaver	City Dublin	7 th 18 ^o	2 ^o
Carty Patrick Linnen Stamp	New Street Co: Dublin	30 th April 18 ^o	2 ^o
Corbally Oliver Esq ^{re}	Halstown Co: Dublin	8 th June 18 ^o	2 ^o
Clarke Gabriel Surgeon	Meath Street	10 th 18 ^o	2 ^o
Cusack Mary Widow of Rich ^d Esq ^{re}	late of Rathaldrom Co: Meath	12 th 18 ^o	2 ^o
Cusack Cath ^{ne} Jane Spinster	Same	12 th 18 ^o	2 ^o
Caffrey Peter Boulter	Castle Market	13 th 18 ^o	2 ^o
Caulfield John Merchant	Bewry Co: Down	6 th Nov ^r 18 ^o	2 ^o

City of Kilkenny, 1739 – Full name of female

Fourth part

Bromfield Elizabeth - Lea Queen's Co.	15 May 1739	16 May 1739	15/
Brabazon Geo: Carungary Co Mayo Gent.	23 May 1739	30 May 1739	19/
Boland Bridget - - - - - Dub.	17 July 1739	18 July 1739	32/
Butler John - Kilcash Co. Tipp. Gent	16 July 1739	4 August 1739	36/
Brenan John - - - - - Dub.	8 Nov ^r 1739	8 Nov ^r 1739	49/
Boland Catherine - - - - - Dub.	10 Dec ^r 1739	12 Dec ^r 1739	52/
Browne James - - - - - Killaneran Dioc Tuam	15 Feb. 1739	26 Feb. 1739	59/
Brenan Bridget } City Kilkenny otherwise D Lacey }	26 Feb. 1739	7 Mar. 1739	63/

Religious Census Records

American Ancestors. A National Center for Family History, Heritage & Culture

Search Events Join/Renew Give 10 Million Names Publications Expert Help Tools Projects Centers & Initiatives

Home | Record

← Back to Results **Ireland: Protestant Housekeepers in Antrim, Derry, Donegal, and Londonderry, 1740** Previous Result Next Result →

Image Transcript

Page 2752 of 14279

Print Favorite New Search Report Error

Names	Start Date	End Date	Location	Original Text	Record Type
John ANDERSON Parish Belemoney Barony Dunluce Number 2759 Place Antrim			Antrim, Ireland		Census

Ireland: Protestant Housekeepers in Antrim, Derry, Donegal, and Londonderry, 1740
Americanancestors.org



1766 Religious Census

covering Parishes across the Province of Ulster

← Back to databases

Search Type: Begins with ⓘ

First Name: First Name Last Name: Last Name Source: All

- All
- 1766 Religious Census Artrea Parish (National Archives Ref. IHP/1/650) ←
- 1766 Religious Census Ballintoy Parish (PRONI T3901/2)
- 1766 Religious Census Bovevagh Parish (National Archives Ref. PRIV/M/2476)
- 1766 Religious Census Desertmartin Parish (National Archives Ref. M 2476J)
- 1766 Religious Census Drumachose Parish (PRONI, T808/15264)
- 1766 Religious Census Dungiven Parish (PRONI T808/15264)
- 1766 Religious Census Inch Parish (PRONI T808/15)
- 1766 Religious Census Kildress Parish (National Archives Ref. IHP/1/667)
- 1766 Religious Census of Carnteel and Aghaloo (National Archives Ref. IHP/1/648)
- 1766 Religious Census of Rossorry Parish (PRONI T3907/4)
- Dissenters in the Parish of Ahoghill, County Antrim (National Archives Ref. M 2476)
- Roman Catholics in the Diocese of Down and Connor (An Historical Account of the Diocese of Down and Connor, Ancient and Modern by The Rev. James O'Laverty, 1887)
- Seaprick Householders in 1766 (PRONI T808/15267)

Title: 1766 Religious Census covering Parishes across the Province of Ulster





As a Guild Plus member you get to view this record.

John Quinn

Print Record

Source

1766 Religious Census Artrea Parish (National Archives Ref. IHP/1/650)

Title	First Name	Last Name	Last Name Suffix
	John	Quinn	
Year	Religion	County	Location
1766	Roman Catholic	Co. Londonderry	
Parish	Townland		
Artrea	Ballindrum		

Notes

Original source lists religion as Papist

+ Save to my list

View My List

Perform Another Search

Government services | [Home](#) | [Help with research](#) | [Guides to collections](#) | **Religious Census 1766**

Search the collections | Help with research | Plan a visit | Engage and learn

Religious Census 1766

This page details the religious census of 1766 and its cultural significance. Some parishes did not fully comply in terms of giving information freely but the census remains a valuable resource for researchers.

A crucial genealogical resource for 18th century Ireland

While not a formal census, the 1766 religious census was the first large-scale population-survey of Ireland, it stands out as a crucial genealogical resource for researchers interested in Ireland's historical demographics.

Authorised by the Irish House of Lords on March 5th, 1766, it tasked Archbishops and Bishops with compiling lists of families in their parishes, distinguishing between Protestant and Roman Catholic heads of households. While some parishes provided detailed names, others only submitted statistical data on the number of each denomination.

This ambitious initiative aimed to catalogue every householder across Ireland, but not all parishes complied fully. Despite this, the census remains one of the richest sources for understanding 18th-century Ireland, especially before the official census series began in 1813.

The 1766 census returns were transferred to the Public Record Office in 1870, and were stored in Bay 50, on shelves 208 and 209. They remained there until 30 June 1922 when the vast majority of the returns were destroyed in the destruction of the Public Record Office.

The 1766 census returns were transferred to the Public Record Office in 1870, and were stored in Bay 50, on shelves 208 and 209. They remained there until 30 June 1922 when the vast majority of the returns were destroyed in the destruction of the Public Record Office.

Remarkably, the National Archives holds fifty-nine original items which survived the catastrophe of 1922 – fifty-seven census returns, the summary sheet for Cashel and Emly diocese, and a list of priests and friars in the Union of Tipperary. These are the only survivors from this entire collection in the Public Record Office of Ireland. They show no sign of fire damage, so perhaps a researcher had not finished working on them when closing time came, they were held overnight in the Strong Room and so escaped the battle, explosion and fire which destroyed the rest of the census. Among these survivors are census returns for Armagh, and Cashel and Emly dioceses, Rathbarry and Ringrone parishes in County Cork, and Killoteran parish in County Waterford.

Before the fire of 1922, many genealogists and local historians made copies of parts of the 1766 census. These copies are held in the National Archives, the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland and elsewhere. Taken together, copies, surviving originals and abstracts cover over half of Ireland – more than 50,000 names in total! They are all freely available in the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland, in the 1766 Religious Census of Ireland Gold Seam.

[1766 Religious Census - virtualtreasury.ie](#) >






nationalarchives.ie

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland. At the top left is the logo with the text "Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland" and the Irish phrase "Mánuichíte Aníska Sainbháil na hÉireann". At the top right is a "Browse the Treasury" button and a menu icon. The main heading is "Search the Treasury" in large white text. Below it is a search bar with the placeholder "Enter a keyword, person, place or reference number", a dropdown menu for "All categories", and a blue "Search" button. There are also buttons for "FAQ", "Glossary", "Help", and "Advanced Search". Below the search bar is a section titled "Ready to explore? Here are some suggested starting points" with five buttons: "Portals", "Gold Seams", "Curated Collections", "Research Strands", and "Browse the Treasury".

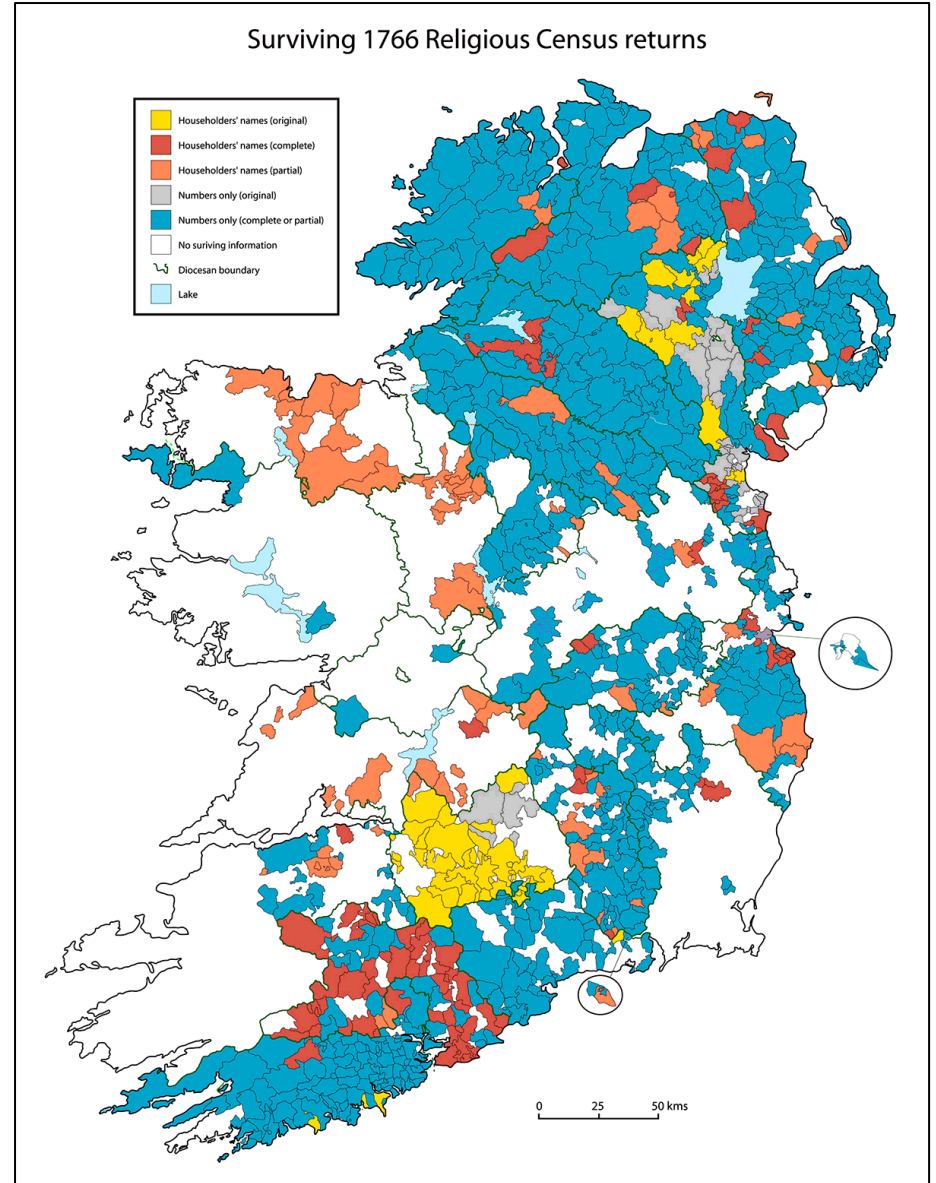
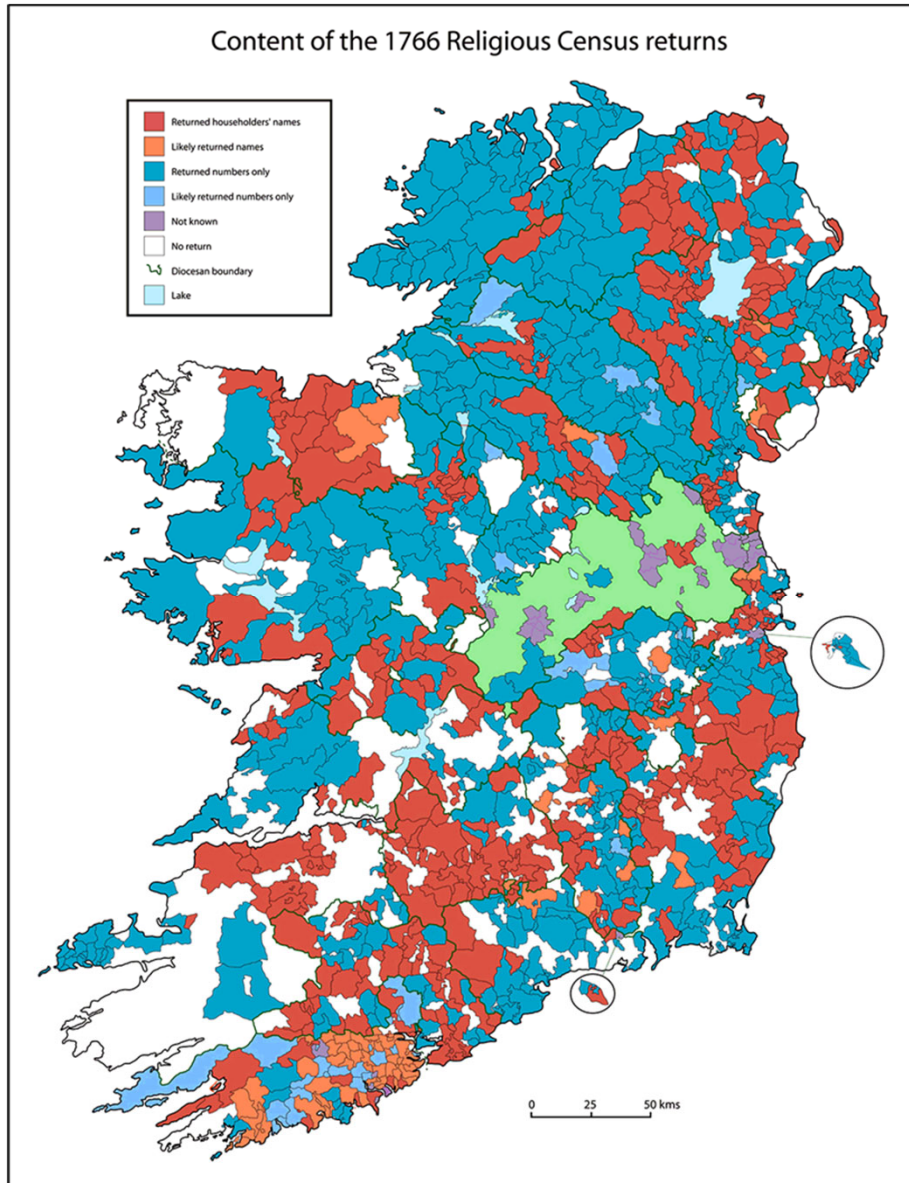
Welcome to the *Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland*

VRTI is an all-island and international research partnership hosted by Trinity College Dublin, working to reconstruct the Public Record Office of Ireland — a magnificent archive destroyed in 1922 at the outset of the Civil War. This is an ever-growing, open-access resource, freely and permanently available online to all those interested in Ireland's deep history, at home and abroad.

[Find out more about us](#)

-  2025 New Releases >
-  Collecting History Exhibition >
-  Latest News >
-  Knowledge Graph for Irish History >
-  New Gold Seam - Deeds of the Guild of St Anne >

virtualtreasury.ie





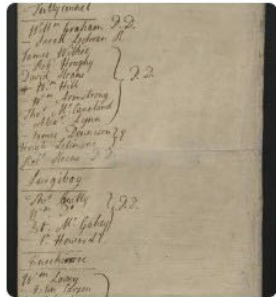
1766 Religious Census

Browse the Gold Seam

Browse our reconstruction of Ireland's first census, the 1766 religious census of Ireland (PROI PARL 88/30/5), including original records salvaged after the 1922 fire and conserved by the National Archives, Ireland.

- 1766 Religious Census
 - NAI - National Archives, Ireland
 - NAI IHP/1 - Religious Census 1766
 - NAI IHP/1/648 - Parliamentary Return 648, 1766 Religious Census return, Aghalow and Caranteel
 - NAI IHP/1/649 - Parliamentary Return 649, 1766 Religious Census return, Armagh
 - NAI IHP/1/650 - Parliamentary Return 650, 1766 Religious Census return, Artrea
 - NAI IHP/1/651 - Parliamentary Return 651, 1766 Religious Census return, Ballymore





NAI IHP/1/650

Parliamentary Return 650, 1766 Religious Census return, Artrea

Population 1650 – 1900

1766

PID: ark:/75929/i179566

Cite this

Created
1766

Creator
House of Lords

Content Date
1766

< Previous

Next >

View Digital Content

View Sub-Level

View 1 Linked Items

View Knowledge Graph Links



Scope & Content

Parliamentary Return number 650 is the original 1766 religious census return for Artrea parish, in the diocese of Armagh and in counties Tyrone and Londonderry. It was signed by Revd Gabriel Stokes, rector. Stokes' return provides a list of householders' names, grouped by townland and by manor, with the Protestants identified as Established Church or Dissenter.

Residents of the parish included the curate, James Gordon, Charles Caldwell and John McClellan, Dissenting ministers, and Anthony Conwell, 'Popish priest'.

A total of 830 householders' names are listed.

Descriptive Elements

Document Repository	National Archives, Ireland
Reference Code	NAI IHP/1/650
Source Grade	Original
Date	Created: 1766 Content Date: 1766
Bay	50
Shelf	208
Subitem Number	15
Title	Parliamentary Return 650, 1766 Religious Census return, Artrea



NAI IHP/1/650

Parliamentary Return 650, 1766 Religious Census...

↔ Navigate from here

Images

The screenshot shows a digital archive interface for the document 'Parliamentary Return 650, 1766 Religious Census return, Artrea'. The interface includes a sidebar with navigation icons and a main content area. The main content area displays a handwritten document page with a list of names. The name 'John Quin' is circled in red. The document text includes:

Co. Londonderry
In Manor of Salters - mostly held by
Bateson Esq^r
- d of Magherafelt held by the same
Ballinetrum - estate of W. Conyngham Esq^r
W. Conyngham Esq^r &
- Roger Donaghy R
- Daniel M^r Eldoon } R.
- Catherine M^r Coy }
- John Quin }
- And^r Green } D. D
- Martogh M^r Kone
- Laurence M^r Award } R.
- Henry O'Neil
- Michael M^r Quaid }
- Peter - M^r Quaid }
- Rob^t Duart

virtualtreasury.ie/item/NAI-IHP-1-650

Review

1. Learn about the religious community you are researching. It will help you gain a better understanding of the types of records kept and possibly lead to sources you may have originally overlooked.
2. Despite the growing number of digitized records available online, don't forget the wealth of information in manuscript collections at Irish libraries and archives.

Check online catalogues and finding aids and reach out to staff with questions about their collections.

3. When searching databases, take a closer look at the information provided about the original source of the data. If possible, track down and view the original records. You may discover additional helpful details in those documents not provided in the database.

QUESTIONS?

Schedule a consultation

consultations@americanancestors.org

Hire Research Services

research@americanancestors.org

Consultations

Book a one-on-one
consultation with
a genealogist and
receive help with your
family history research!

[AmericanAncestors.org/
Expert-Help/Consultations](https://AmericanAncestors.org/Expert-Help/Consultations)



Finding Irish Ancestors: A Guide to Civil and Church Records

Thank you for registering for the online seminar, ***Finding Irish Ancestors: A Guide to Civil and Church Records!***

Unlock your Irish family story! In this five-week, online course you will learn how to move past brick walls and discover new generations of ancestors. Led by nationally recognized genealogy experts, this course guides you step by step through Ireland's most important civil and church records—showing you not only what records exist, but how to use them successfully. You'll explore Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, and Quaker records, along with lesser-known sources such as minister's diaries and membership rolls that can reveal rich details. Packed with practical strategies, expert insights, and real-life case studies, this course will give you the confidence and tools you need to make meaningful breakthroughs in your Irish ancestry research. Whether you're just getting started or revisiting long-standing puzzles, this course will help bring your Irish ancestors—and their stories—into clearer focus.

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.

JOIN THE LIVE BROADCASTS

Click here to join the live broadcasts: <https://zoom.us/j/95762578231>

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 6:00 – 7:30 PM ET

AmericanAncestors.org/finding-irish-ancestors-guide-civil-and-church-records



THANK YOU!

AmericanAncestors.org



NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

AmericanAncestors.org

Copyright © 2026