New Irish Genealogy Records
Released in 2014
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN O'DONOVAN CONVENT HILL
WHO DIED 12TH MAY 1941
HIS WIFE MARY DIED 8TH MARCH 1954
THEIR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW CATH
DIED 21ST JUNE 1966
SON PADDY
AUG. 1983
MARGARET
JUNE 1990
HERE LIETH THE
BODY OF CORNELIU
DOWNY WHO DEPART
THIS LIFE JANUARY
THE 12 1813
AGE 66 YEARS
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Introduction

Welcome

You can probably guess the contents of this booklet from its title. It brings you, in a concise format, details of all the Irish genealogy records released in 2014, as reported on my blog, *Irish Genealogy News*.

I like to think that, bar the occasional mishap, the blog reports nearly all new online collections relevant to Irish family history.

Despite my best efforts, I suspect I miss some records that become available to personal visitors in regional or specialised archives. Unfortunately, I am rarely notified of these. Fortunately, I sometimes stumble across them anyway, either serendipitously or thanks to an excited researcher letting me know of a recent discovery.

When I learn of a new record-set being released, I always try to investigate its value before reporting on it. This is especially important when I hear of new overseas collections. I like to check their likely relevance for Irish family historians before I make any recommendation. Irish genealogists encounter enough dead ends and circuitous routes without my adding to the burden! So I aim to save you a little time and frustration by directing you only to those record sets that show some genuine promise for those with Irish ancestors.

Nearly every entry in this booklet includes a link to the new or upgraded record collection (assuming it is online) AND a link to my original blogpost. The latter will usually provide you with additional information about the new records.

You might also like to explore my free website, Irish Genealogy Toolkit, for guidance in your research and more insight into Irish family history resources.

I hope you enjoy this booklet and find it useful.

Good luck with your research.

Claire Santry

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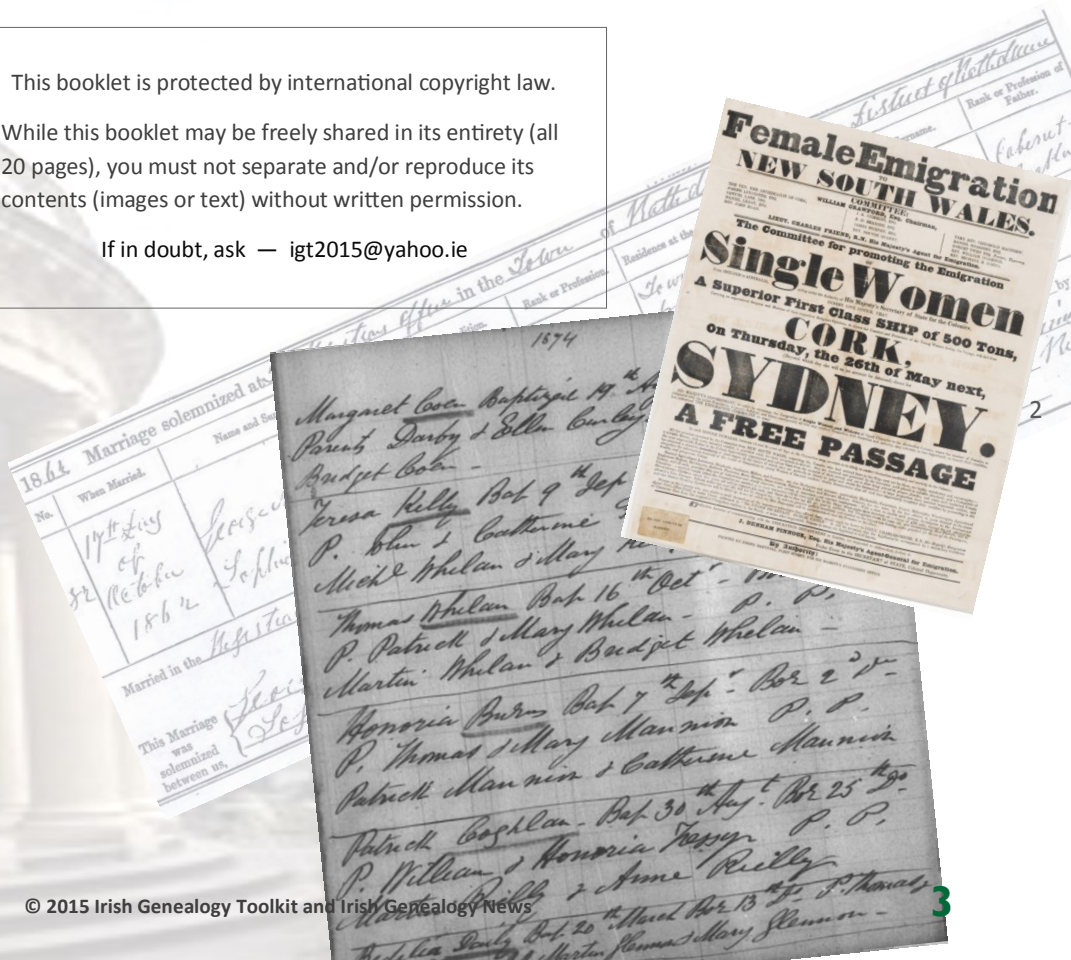

Births, Marriage, Death records (Civil records & miscellaneous)

General Register Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI): new online database

GRONI launched an online database of transcribed data and viewable copies of civil registration certificates for births more than 100 years old, marriages (75 years+) and deaths (50 years+). It covers Northern Ireland only: Antrim, Armagh, Down, Derry-Londonderry, Fermanagh, Tyrone.

GRONI online Irish Genealogy News Story

All-Ireland marriages — pre-civil registration

The Irish Genealogical Research Society doubled the size of its Early Irish Marriage Index during 2014. It ended the year with more than 62,000 entries, resulting in a free to access database holding nearly 140,000 names.

IrishAncestors.ie Irish Genealogy News story

Waterford civil birth records

120,000 searchable civil birth records dating from 1864 to early 1900s were added to RootsIreland's online database with full transcripts of birth certificates.

RootsIreland Irish Genealogy News story

Waterford civil death records

More than 91,000 searchable transcripts of death certificates added to RootsIreland.

RootsIreland Irish Genealogy News story

Walker's Hibernian Magazine — marriages

Ancestry added an index to Irish marriages announced in *Walker's Hibernian Magazine* (WHM) from 1771 to 1812.

Walker's Hibernian Magazine Irish Genealogy News Story

Census & Census Substitutes

Pre-1901 census records and substitutes

The National Archives of Ireland upgraded its Genealogy site with collections of pre-1901 census fragments and census search forms (a total of c600,000 records).

19th-century census fragments and substitutes

Census search forms. Irish Genealogy News Story

Derry City Census Substitutes

RootsIreland added seven new record sets, mostly compiled from Derry City record sets, dating from 1628 to 1921.

- The earliest census of the city: the rent roll of 1628
- The names of 905 men who defended Derry's walls during the 1641 Rebellion
- The names of 1,660 supporters of the Williamite campaign.
- Names of 226 citizens who signed a petition condemning a plot to assassinate King William III in 1696
- The names of 110 leaseholders within the walled city in 1738
- The names of 191 Derry men and women who were held in the County Jail from 1839 to 1856 awaiting transportation
- Reconstruction of census for Derry City during 1920; 8,367 heads of households with street address

RootsIreland Irish Genealogy News Story

Co Down Agricultural Census

AncestryIreland added c5,400 names by townland and parish from the 1803 Agricultural Census for County Down.

AncestryIreland Irish Genealogy News Story

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Church records — I

Armagh Parish Register Transcriptions

RootsIreland added more than 6,300 baptism, marriage and burial transcriptions from County Armagh Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and Quaker registers.

RootsIreland - Armagh Irish Genealogy News Story

Antrim Parish Register Transcriptions

Church of Ireland baptism records for four County Antrim parishes were added to the RootsIreland database.

RootsIreland - Antrim Irish Genealogy News Story

Belfast and Derry - Miscellaneous

AncestryIreland uploaded a list of subscribers to the publication of the *'Historic Memorials of the First Presbyterian Church in Belfast'* in 1887 and the names of members of First Derry Presbyterian Church by pew number from the year 1883.

AncestryIreland Irish Genealogy News Story

Clare Parish Register Transcriptions

The firs-ever batch of Clare records joined RootsIreland included 32,000 baptism records from seven Roman Catholic parishes.

RootsIreland - Clare Irish Genealogy News Story

From County Clare Library, a small collection of transcriptions of baptisms, marriage and burial registers for the Church of Ireland parish of Clonlea.

Baptisms. Marriages. Burials Irish Genealogy News Story

Clare: Ennis Parish Register Transcriptions

The Irish Genealogical Research Society added an index (members-only) to the Roman Catholic baptism and marriage registers for the parish of Ennis (also known as Drumcliff). It runs from March 1841 for baptisms and from April 1837 for marriages, and runs to December 1900.

IrishAncestors.ie Irish Genealogy News Story

Cork Parish Registers Index and images

Just over 29,000 Roman Catholic church register entries for the County Cork parishes of Bandon and Iveleary have been indexed and linked to an image of the original document.

IrishGenealogy.ie Irish Genealogy News Story

Down Parish Register Transcriptions

RootsIreland added Church of Ireland baptism records from ten County Down parishes.

RootsIreland-Down Irish Genealogy News Story

Emerald Ancestors added baptismal records for Co Down's Ballygilbert Presbyterian Church, covering 1891 to 1901.

Emerald Ancestors Irish Genealogy News Story

Drogheda Parish Register Transcriptions

The Representative Church Body Library uploaded free transcriptions from the 1702—1900 baptism, marriage and burial registers of St Peter's, Drogheda, County Louth.

RCBLibrary Irish Genealogy News Story

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Church records — 2

Dublin Parish Register Transcriptions

A small collection of Church of Ireland records for the Dublin City parish of St Michan were added to IrishGenealogy.ie

IrishGenealogy.ie Irish Genealogy News Story

Fermanagh Parish Register Transcriptions

FindMyPast added a collection of County Fermanagh's baptism, marriage and burial register transcriptions dating from 1796 to 1874.

FindMyPast Irish Genealogy News Story

Mayo Parish Register Transcriptions

RootsIreland's collection of baptism and marriage records for 13 North Mayo RC parishes was extended to 1900-1911.

RootsIreland Irish Genealogy News Story

Meath Diocese papers

A collection of records relating to Meath Diocese was released, providing an insight to the workings of a Church of Ireland diocese from the late 17th century onwards, including diocesan inspection reports on each parish in the diocese and the working papers of Canon John Healy (1850–1942). Of most interest to Irish genealogists is the 1766 religious census of the town of Navan, County Meath.

Meath Diocesan Archives Irish Genealogy News Story

Tipperary: Parish Register Transcriptions

Baptism and marriage records for the Roman Catholic parish of Loughmore-Castleiney were uploaded to RootsIreland.

RootsIreland Irish Genealogy News Story

Tyrone: Church Census

Emerald Ancestros added an 1864 Church Census for Dromore Presbyterian Church in County Tyrone.

Emerald Ancestors Irish Genealogy News Story

Wexford Parish Payments to the Poor

Flyleaf Press published a list of payments to the poor, 1813-20, from the parish register of Killinick. As well as recording payments to families in that parish, this register picks up details from neighbouring parishes of Maglass/Mayglass, St Iberius, and Kllmacree, too.

Flyleaf Press Irish Genealogy News Story

16 counties — 700,000 Indexed Parish Register Transcriptions plus some images

Four collections of Irish Roman Catholic parish registers were uploaded to Ancestry. They include baptism, marriage, burial and, very unusually, confirmations, from a selection of parishes in the counties of Armagh, Carlow, Derry, Donegal, Dublin, Galway, Kildate, Laois, Limerick, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Sligo, Tipperary, Westmeath and Wicklow.

Ancestry Baptisms Ancestry Marriages Ancestry Burials
Ancestry Confirmations Irish Genealogy News Story

List of Church of Ireland Parish Registers

The Representative Church Body Library (RCBLibrary) released an updated list of Church of Ireland parish registers. The list has been colour–coded as far as records in the Republic of Ireland are concerned for the first time, making it easier to see at a glance what has been transferred to the RCB Library; the small number of collections available in the National Archives of Ireland; what was destroyed; and finally what collections continue to be held in local custody.

Register List (pdf download) Irish Genealogy News Story

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Burial records & Headstone inscriptions

Antrim Headstone transcriptions

CD — *The Corner Graveyard* — published of more than 1,000 transcriptions from Carnmoney Parish Church Graveyard 2.

North of Ireland FHS Irish Genealogy News Story

Resting in Larne's Green Land, a 320-page illustrated book was published. It contains details of gravestone inscriptions and interments from 1904 to 2012 in the Old Section of Greenland Cemetery, Larne, and includes a cemetery plan.

North of Ireland FHS Irish Genealogy News Story

Belfast RC Cemetery registers

AncestryIreland added more than 27,000 indexed records from the burial registers of Milltown Cemetery, the main Roman Catholic cemetery in Belfast. A separate database holds details of more than 1,600 buyers of burial plots.

AncestryIreland.com Irish Genealogy News Story

Cork City Burial Registers

Cork Archives uploaded free scanned images (not indexed) of the 1877--1904 burial registers of St.Joseph's Cemetery, a major graveyard at Tory Top Road, Ballyphehane, Cork City.

Cork Archives Irish Genealogy News Story

Clare Headstone transcriptions

Drumline Graveyard

Fenloe Graveyards

Deer & Coney Islands

Kilmaleery Graveyard

Kilconry Graveyard

Clonloghan Graveyard

St Flannan's Cathedral Graveyard, Killaloe

Donegal, Fermanagh, Wicklow and Tyrone Cemetery Records

Finner Cemetery, Co Donegal, Register Transcriptions & Headstone images

Headstone Transcriptions, 20+ cemeteries in Co Fermanagh

Old Kilmurry Cemetery, Co Wicklow, Headstone Transcriptions

St Johns, Fivemiletown, Co Tyrone, Register Transcriptions & Headstone images

Irish Genealogy News Story

Limerick Cemetery Transcriptions, maps and images

Interactive website launched by Limerick Archives, dedicated to Mount St Lawrence Cemetery, one of Ireland's largest. Holds photos, transcriptions and maps of individual burial plots. More than 12,000 individuals recorded.

Limerick Archives Irish Genealogy News Story

Waterford Funeral Director's accounts

Waterford Library uploaded the funeral accounts of Robert Thompson Funeral Directors.

Waterford Libraries Irish Genealogy News Story

Waterford Burial Register

Burial Registers of St Otteran's Burial Ground, also known as Ballinaneeshagh were made avaialble, free, on the Waterford Libraries's site. Also an outline plan of the graveyard.

Waterford Libraries Irish Genealogy News Story

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Crime and Court records

Prisoners in Irish gaols from Feakle, Co Clare, 1866-1923

These transcriptions record prisoners who gave Feakle as their place of residence in the Irish Prison Registers.

Clare County Library Irish Genealogy News Story

Irish Petty Sessions collection completed

At the tail end of 2014, FindMyPast uploaded a final tranche of 710,000 entries to its Irish Petty Sessions Collection. In total, the collection includes some 22million entries dating from 1828 to 1912 with details of victims and witnesses as well as those accused of committing crimes. See the List of 70 Courts covered.

Petty Sessions collection Irish Genealogy News Story

Dog Licences collection grows

At the end of 2014, FindMyPast's Irish Dog Licence collection totalled just over 6million records. See the list of 300-odd courts covered. This collection is still not complete.

Irish Dog Licences Irish Genealogy News Story

Directories

Irish Directories Database

A new finding aid, the Irish Directories Database, ended 2014 with some 795 directories listed. with maps, photos and records freely available to researchers.

Irish Directories Database Irish Genealogy News Story

Pettigrew & Oulton's Almanacks

FindMyPast's eight editions of Pettigrew & Oulton's *Dublin Almanack & General Register of Ireland directories (*1835-37, 1839, 1841, 1843–45) deliver more than 6,000 records.

Pettigrew & Oulton collection Irish Genealogy News Story

Cork: Jackson's County & City Post Office Directory

The Local Studies Department of Cork City Libraries uploaded a scanned copy of the 1842-3 Jackson's County & City Post Office General Directory for free download.

Jackson's County & City Directory

Limerick Directories, 1769 to 1925

Limerick County Library's Local Studies department released online its entire collection of 50 Trades and Streets Directories for free pdf download. There is also a Trades Register database of c60,000 records.

Limerick Directories Irish Genealogy News Story

Thom's Directory 1844-1900

A 56-year spread of Thom's Directory has been added to FindMyPast. Ranging from 1844 to 1900, these directories create one of the most useful census-substitutes for tracing family in 19th-century Dublin.

Thom's Directories Irish Genealogy News Story

Travel, Migration & Emigration records — I

New York burial records & place of origin

Troy Irish Genealogy Society completed the transcriptions of 12,731 records from the recently rediscovered interment book for St John's Cemetery in Albany, NY. Just under 4,000 of the records relate to Irish-born individuals and all but 500 entries in the register identify the Irish county of origin.

Troy Irish Genealogy Society Irish Genealogy News Story

Emigration from Connemara

A database dedicated to the Tuke Assisted Emigration Scheme 1882-1885 was launched with the names and known details of almost 3,000 people from the Clifden Poor Law Union who left Ireland from Galway port.

Tuke's Emigration Scheme Irish Genealogy News Story

19th-century Argentinian censuses

Recent research suggests around 50,000 Irish emigrated to Argentina in the 19th century, and there are many Irish surnames among these new records from Ancestry.

1865 census of Argentina, 1895 census of Argentina
1855 Buenos Aires census

Irish Genealogy News Story

London Workhouse records, 1738–1930

The Workhouse Admission and Discharge Records, 1738-1930 includes 3.2million records for workhouses in central or west London. Lots of Irish names appear.

London Workhouse Records Irish Genealogy News Story

Canada, Seafarers of Atlantic Provinces

This collection contains data on the vessels, captains and crews of Great Britain and Atlantic Canada, 1860-1899.

Seafarers - Atlantic Canada Irish Genealogy News Story

Liverpool & Manchester Registers

Ancestry's parish register collections for these large English urban centres received additional entries. Worth checking if your Irish ancestors travelled through or settled in either city.

Ancestry - Liverpool and Ancestry - Manchester

Irish Genealogy News Story

Irish immigrant women in New York City

An important archive of female Irish emigrants was launched by WatsonHouse.org. They originate from the Mission of Our Lady of the Rosary for the Protection of Irish Immigrant Girls, which operated from 1883 to 1954 in Watson House, overlooking New York Harbour.

WatsonHouse.org Irish Genealogy News Story

New York collection

Ancestry added five new New York collections of interest to any genealogy researcher whose Irish ancestors emigrated to New York or moved there after disembarking elsewhere in North America between 1855 and the mid-1900s.

Ancestry - NewYork Birth Index 1878-1909
Ancestry - New York Marriage Index 1866-1937
Ancestry - New York Death Index 1862-1948
1855 New York State Census
1875 New York State Census

Irish Genealogy News Story

Poor Law removals/Vagrant passes

Ancestry's Lancashire, Vagrant Passes, 1801-1835 collection consists of registers of people being returned from England as vagrants to their home parish in Ireland. They were making the return journey as a result of the Poor Law Acts which allowed parishes in England to return anyone who was unable to support themselves and/or their family ie a vagrant, back to their parish of settlement.

Lancashire, Vagrant Passes Irish Genealogy News Story

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Travel, Migration & Emigration records — 2

19th-century US passenger lists

FindMyPast added more than 2.3m passenger records. The largest individual record set, with 2.1m records, is from New York. The new collection is made up of:

- Baltimore Passenger Lists 1846-1851
- Boston Passenger Lists 1846-1851
- New Orleans Passenger Lists 1846-1851
- New York Passenger Lists 1846-1890
- Philadelphia Passenger Lists 1846-1851

Passenger Records Irish Genealogy News Story

19th-century Australian passenger lists

FindMyPast released two collections of 19th-century Australian passenger lists that may be of interest to those with Irish roots. They are:

- Inward Passenger Lists for Victoria, 1839–1923
- Outward Passenger Lists for Victoria, 1852–1915

Irish Genealogy News Story

FIBIS adds records for Bombay 1884

Extracted from the *Times of India* newspapers, arrival and departure notices for Bombay 1884 joined the Families in British India Society (FIBIS) database. It joins similar indexes for 1880 to 1883.

FIBIS Irish Genealogy News Story

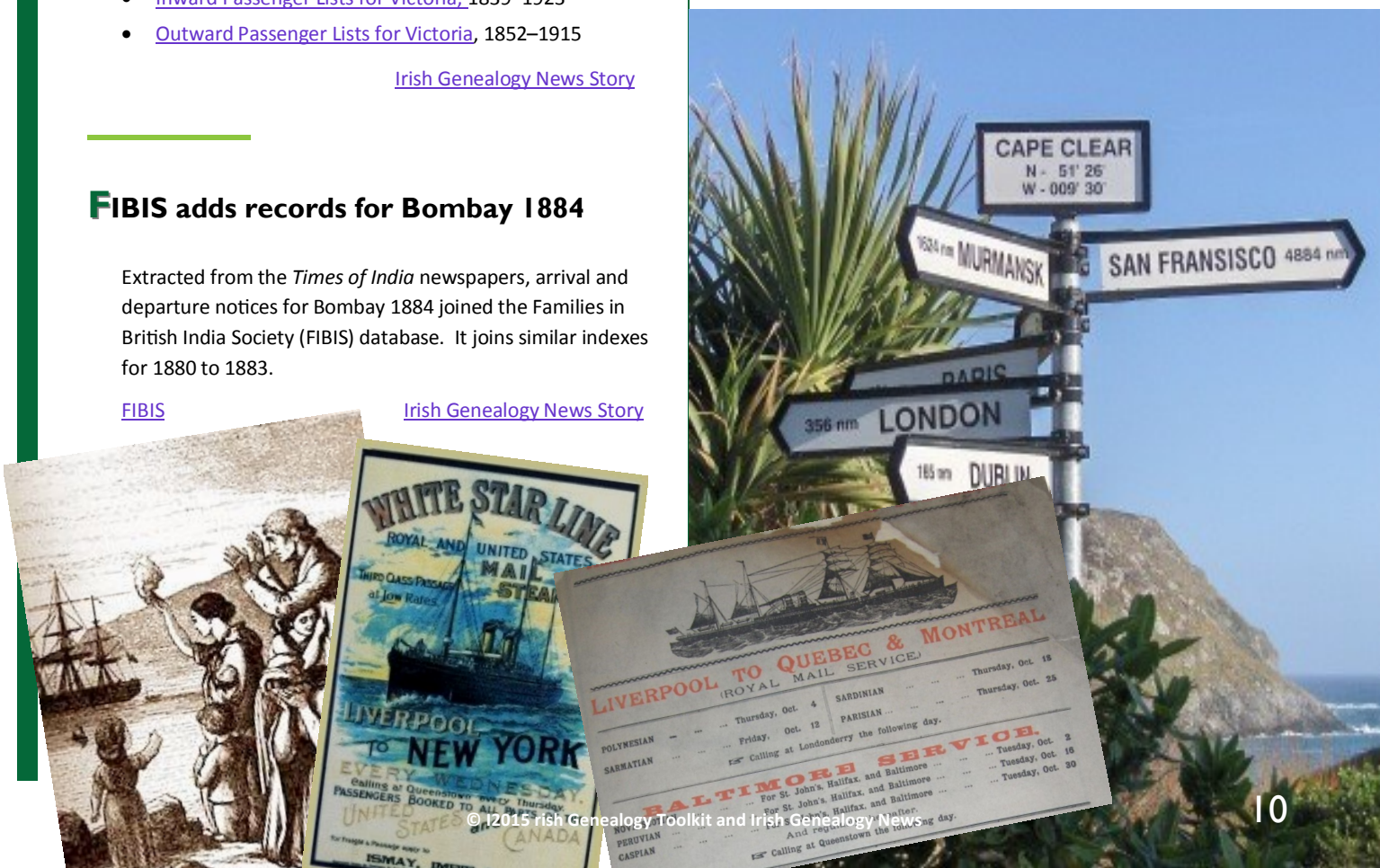
Liverpool Crew Lists, 1861—1919

Ancestry added the Liverpool Crew Lists, 1861 to 1919, a record set with more than one million entries. Of these, nearly 78,000 were born in Ireland.

The collection includes records for 912 ships whose home port was registered as Liverpool, England. The lists contain information on ship voyages, crew members, and apprentices. Many of the records are grouped together as agreement booklets or ships' logs.

The records were transcribed and indexed by volunteers under Ancestry's World Archive Project banner, so the collection is free to access.

Liverpool Crew Lists Irish Genealogy News Story



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Military records — 1

Irish-Anzacs Project database

The Irish Anzacs Project aims to identify all of the estimated 6,000 Irish-born enlistments in the Australian Imperial Force during WW1 and to compile information on each of them.

Irish Anzacs Database Irish Genealogy News Story

WW1 Service Medal & Awards Books

A collection of more than 6m records of people who served in WWI and were entitled to British medals and awards. Most of the records relate to the Army but there are also some referring to the Royal Flying Corps/Royal Air Force (RFC/RAF) and other war work.
The medals and awards concerned are:

- The British War Medal
- The Allied Victory Medal
- The 1914 Star (the Mons Star) and bar added in 1919
- The 1914–15 Star
- The Territorial Force War Medal
- The Allied Subjects Medal

British WW1 Medal & Award Rolls Irish Genealogy News Story

Old IRA/Military Service Pensions: Phase 1

Phase 1 of the Old IRA/Military Pension record set – formal name Military Service (1916–1923) Pensions Collection (MSPC) – consisted of 9,600 files and can be searched in three distinct databases: Pension and Awards files; Organisations and Membership Files; Administration files.

4-minute video overview of the collection

Military Archives Irish Genealogy News Story

Military Archives: maps & drawings

Some 2,200 barrack maps, plans and drawings have been added to the resources available at the Military Archives Reading Room. Personal visitors only.

Irish Genealogy News Story

Old IRA/Military Services Pensions: Phase 2

The Phase 2 release consisted of files relating to 1,158 veterans of the period from Easter Week 1916 to 30 September 1923; 176 members of Cumann na mBan, successful pension application files for senior officers, middle and lower ranking officers and the volunteers of the IRA.

The release also included some 800 files relating to casualties of the National Army during the Civil War.

Military Archives Irish Genealogy News Story

Two British Royal Air Force record sets

FindMyPast released two British RAF records sets: the Royal Air Force (110,000 airmen recorded) and the Royal Flying Corps (nearly 343,000 records online for the first time). The majority of RFC records date from 1912 to 1939.

Royal Air Force Collection Irish Genealogy News Story

British Royal Navy Personnel 1831

This FindMyPast record set provides a snapshot of the Royal Navy in 1831. It details 66,125 men, many of them Irish, recorded in the ships' muster books of 228 vessels and bases.

Royal Navy Personnel 1831 Irish Genealogy News Story

TNA: first batch of WW1 war diaries

The National Archives in Kew (TNA) published a collection of WW1 unit war diaries, one of its most popular record sets.

The first batch of the 1,944 diaries reveals the real-time accounts of some of the military divisions among the first wave of British Army troops deployed in France and Flanders.

This first batch of records represented about one-fifth of the collection. More were released throughout 2014 as part of TNA's centenary programme *First World War 100*.

Read Irish Genealogy News Story for an overview of the War Diaries and their value for family history research.

TNA — First World War 100 Irish Genealogy News Story

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Military — 2

Irish soldiers who died in WW1

A new database of Irish soldiers who died in World War One was launched following collaboration between Google and the In Flanders Fields Museum. This record set dates back to 1923 and aims to record all fatalities of the Great War who died or were mortally wounded in Belgium. It is an inclusive list for all nationalities and for both military and civilian dead.

In Flanders Fields Irish Genealogy News Story

Derry War Memorial Records

Four volumes of records of WW1 soldiers whose names appear on the Derry War Memorial have been released by PRONI. The records include forms, completed by the next of kin, presenting additional information about the fallen.

LondonDerry Corp Memorial Irish Genealogy News Story

Indian Mutiny Medal Rolls

The Indian Mutiny Medal Rolls, 1857-1858 were added to the FindMyPast database. The collection of 56,608 records was taken from the medal rolls books held at the National Archives in England and those in the British Library Indian Collection.

In addition, details have been taken from casualty returns, despatches, muster and depot books and other sources.

Indian Mutiny Medal Rolls Irish Genealogy News Story

WW1 British Army Pensions records

FindMyPast added 4.2million WW1 British Army records from the National Archives' catalogued War Office collections WO363 (service records, known as the Burnt Documents) and WO364 (pension records). About one-third of the records survives; the rest was destroyed during WW2.

These collections have been searchable on Ancestry for some time, but, by re-indexing the record sets, FindMyPast have captured an additional 600,000 names.

FindMyPast **Irish Genealogy News Story**

36th (Ulster) Division's WW1 diary

The National Archives in London (TNA) uploaded a third batch of WW1 unit diaries from France and Flanders to its First World War 100 portal.

This batch consists of 724 diaries including those from the Kitchener Divisions and those of the Territorial Force. While Irish men served in any number of units, this batch is especially interesting for those of Irish heritage as it holds the diaries of the 36th (Ulster) Division, which suffered many casualties on 1 July 1916.

TNA War Diaries Irish Genealogy News Story

Irish Regiments listing updated

MilitaryArchives.ie has updated and republished its list of Irish Regiments in the British Army. This sets out contact details for regimental associations and weblinks for those seeking more information about particular regiments.

The refreshed 27-page document also contains research notes and further useful web links to assist researchers seeking details of ancestors who served in the British, American or Canadian Armies, or with the ANZACS, during WW1.

Irish Regiments Listing Irish Genealogy News Story

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Military — 3

Irish who fought in the US Civil War

FindMyPast released four record sets focussing on the US Civil War and they hold plenty of Irish men and women, on both sides of the conflict:

- American Civil War Soldiers 1861–1865
- American Civil War prisoners 1861–1865
- American Civil War sailors 1861–1865
- American Civil War Medal of Honour 1861-1865

FindMyPast Military Collection Irish Genealogy News Story

Worldwide British Army index, 1871

Estimates suggest that at least a third of the British Army in the mid-19th century was made up of Irishmen, so the 1871 worldwide British Army Index is a useful addition to FindMyPast for Irish family historians.

It comprises nearly 209,000 transcribed entries recording the whereabouts of officers and other ranks serving in Britain and elsewhere in the Empire on 2nd April 1871. It also includes many civilians attached to the military.

1871 British Army Index Irish Genealogy News Story

Financial Compensation Post-Truce

This collection of about 20,000 files relates to claims for compensation for loss/damage to property that occurred as a result of military action July 1921 and March 1923.

Descriptions of the files for eight counties — Cork, Kerry, Limerick, Longford, Lough, Leitrim, Mayo and Sligo — plus Cork City, were added to the online catalogue of the National Archives of Ireland (NAI) during 2014. .

NAI Irish Genealogy News Launch Story

Subscribers to Clare Papal Army, 1860

An appeal was made throughout Ireland for funds to support the volunteers who went to Italy to fight for the Papal States in the Papal Wars. Twenty three Catholic parishes from Clare published lists of subscribers in newspapers of the day.

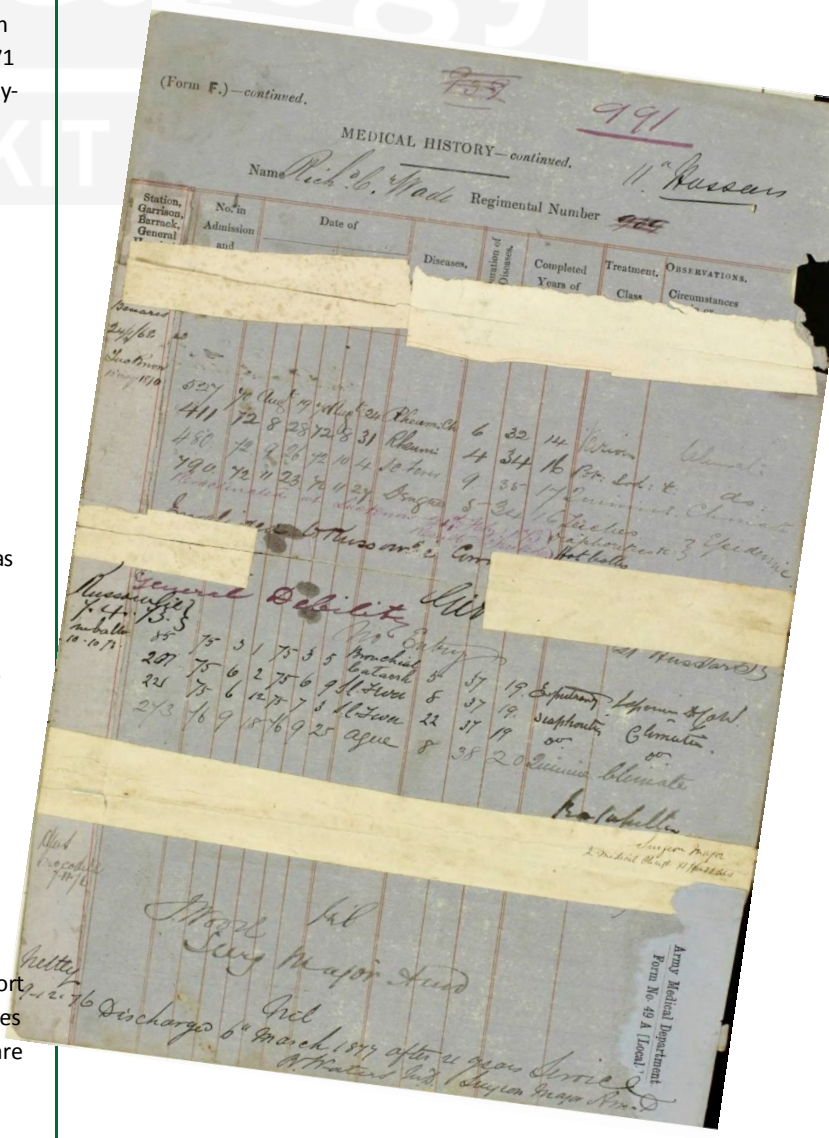
Subscribers Clare Papal Army

Soldiers' Wills collection completed

A final tranche of the Soldiers' Wills collection was uploaded to the National Archives of Ireland's Genealogy website.

This collection holds the wills of Irishmen who served in the British army in the 19th and early 20th century. These wills were made by non-commissioned soldiers who were encouraged by the army to make a will before leaving for active service. A small number of these wills relate to men who went to the South African (Boer) Wars of 1898-1902. However, the majority of the collection dates from the First World War.

Soldiers' Wills Irish Genealogy News Story



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Newspapers

Irish News Archive

The Ireland-based Irish News Archive added the following titles to its online newspaper archive:

Ballinrobe Chronicle 1866 to 1903
Ballina Herald 1927 to 1962
Mayo Examiner 1868 to 1876
Mayo News 1893 to 2004
Western Journal 1977 to 1983
Irish Examiner (previously *Cork Examiner*) 1841 to 1949
Leinster Express, 1831–1949
Dundalk Democrat 1849–1851, 1853–1901, and 1913
Connaught Telegraph 1830 to 1899

At the end of 2014, the Irish News Archive dramatically reduced its monthly and annual subscription fees.

All editions of 1914's Church of Ireland Gazette

All 52 editions of the weekly *Church of Ireland Gazette* for 1914 was made available in a fully searchable format online. In addition to providing a commentary on the Church's affairs, it includes details of national events, funerals, obituaries, school, church and community activities, and many advertisements.

Church of Ireland Gazette Irish Genealogy News Story

Limerick Chronicle Marriage Announcements 1863

Run by Sharon Slater, *Limerick's Life* is an essential site for any family historian with ancestors from the City, or anyone with a current or past connection to the area.

In 1914, Sharon transcribed all the wedding notices published in the *Limerick Chronicle* during 1863, the year before civil registration of ALL marriages became obligatory.

Limerick's Life Irish Genealogy News Story

Irish Marriage Notices in American Newspapers

FindMyPast released a collection of marriage notices published in American Newspapers.

The collection is quite small — just 2,500 marriage notices printed in four New York newspapers between 1835 and 1860 — but the records report news of weddings involving Irish men and women from around the world, not just those in New York, and from a number of religions.

The records were transcribed from the *New York Herald, The Brooklyn Eagle, New York World*, and the *Phoenix.*

Marriage notices-NY papers Irish Genealogy News Story

Irish Death Notices in American Newspapers

A second new record set – **Irish Death Notices in American Newspapers** – holds more than 35,000 transcripts of records dating from 1845 to 1909.

Each death notice was submitted (usually by the family) to advise the death of an Irish man or women. The death may have occurred anywhere, not necessarily in America.

The records have been transcribed from the *New York Herald, The Brooklyn Eagle, Phoenix, Chicago Citizen, Chicago Tribune, Illinois State Journal, New Orleans, Picayune*, and *The Baltimore Sun*.

Death notices-American papers Irish Genealogy News Story

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Newspapers

British Newspaper Archive

Having started 2014 with only a handful of Irish newspapers in the database, the British Newspaper Archive went into overdrive towards the end of the year, adding a steady stream of Irish titles. The end line-up, available at both the BritishNewspaperArchive and FindMyPast was:

Advocate, The or *The Irish Industrial Journal*

Allnut's Irish Land Schedule

Athlone Sentinel

Belfast Mercury

Belfast Mercantile Register and Weekly Advertiser

Belfast Morning News

Belfast News-Letter

Catholic Telegraph

Clonmel Herald

Connaught Watchman

Cork Examiner

Downshire Protestant, The

Drogheda Conservative Journal

Drogheda Journal, or Meath & Louth Advertiser

Drogheda News Letter

Dublin Builder, The

Dublin Evening Mail

Dublin Evening Packet and Correspondent

Dublin Medical Press

Dublin Mercantile Advertiser and Weekly Price Current

Dublin Monitor

Dublin Morning Register

Dublin Weekly Register

Enniskillen Chronicle and Erne Packet

Farmer's Gazette & Journal of Practical Horticulture

Freeman's Journal

Galway Mercury and Connaught Weekly Advertiser

Galway Vindicator, and Connaught Advertiser

Hibernian Journal; or, Chronicle of Liberty

Irish Racing Book and Sheet Calendar, The

Journal of the Chemico-Agricultural Society of Ulster and Record of Agriculture and Industry

Kerry Examiner and Munster General Observer

Limerick and Clare Examiner

Limerick Evening Post

Limerick Reporter

Newry Examiner and Louth Advertiser

Northern Whig

Pue's Occurrences

Roscommon Journal & Western Impartial Reporter

Roscommon Messenger

Sligo Champion

Southern Reporter and Cork Commercial Courier

Statesman and Dublin Christian Record

Tipperary Free Press

Tralee Chronicle

Ulster General Advertiser/Herald of Business /General Information

Ulsterman, The

Waterford Chronicle

Waterford Mail

Westmeath Journal

Wexford Conservative

Wexford Independent

Miscellaneous

Griffith's Valuation maps & plans

FindMyPast added a highly regarded set of maps and town plans to its Griffith's Valuation collection.

Griffith's Valuation collection Irish Genealogy News Story

Old Maps of Cork

High definition maps of Cork City were added to the City's Local Studies website. The maps date to 1610, 1759, 1789, 1801, 1831, 1872 & 1952.

Cork City maps

Tenants of the Earl of Listowel, 1755

A list of more than 100 tenants of the Earl of Listowel in Kerry together with their rents due on 29 September 1755. Most of the tenants are recorded with their townland.

Flyleaf Press Irish Genealogy News Story

Famine Ration Book: Thurles

A recently discovered book, the *Gratuitous Relief Ration Record Book*, also known as *The Distribution Book*, has been digitised and can be searched for names by visitors to St Mary's Famine Museum in Thurles, County Tipperary.

Dating from 1847, it covers the electoral divisions of Holycross, Thurles and Ballycahill.

St Mary's Museum Irish Genealogy News Story

Surnames Index

A database of 2,810 surnames has been developed from work carried out by the Irish Folklore Commission in the 1930s, when local, non-standardised versions of surnames were collected.

Duchas - Surnames Irish Genealogy News Story

Folklore Commission Schools Collection

The Schools Collection launched at the very end of 2013 and has seen several updates during 2014. The material was gathered by schoolchildren in 1937 across the Republic of Ireland who were asked to interview older relatives and neighbours. As well as being full of colourful local history and traditions, the stories hold many genealogical clues.

By end 2014, the Collection held material from five counties: Dublin, Waterford, Leitrim, Galway, Mayo and Donegal.

Duchas.ie Irish Genealogy News Launch Story

School records — Clare and Cavan

Clare County Library's Local Studies team has been leading the way with the transcription and release of School Roll Books and other school records. The following were released in 2014.

- Rockmount National School Roll Books Slievenalicka, Miltown Malbay
- Lacken National School Roll Books
- Leitrim National School Rolls Books
- Ruan National School Roll Books
- Co Clare boy pupils who attended Clongowes Wood College secondary school in Clane, Co Kildare

Roll Books dating back to 1865 became available for Lear National School, Corglass, in the parish of Bailieborough, Co Cavan. They can be examined by personal visitors only at Johnson Central Library, Cavan.

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Miscellaneous

Surgeons Examination Registers

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) uploaded scans of the College's Examination Register to its online Heritage Collection, which is free to view.

The registers date from 1784 to 1803 and record those who were examined in the RCSI for Letters Testimonial, Mateship, Army Surgeon, Surgeoncy, Army Mate, Navy Mate, Assistant Surgeon and to be a ranked mate to a ranked officer.

RCSI Examination Registers Irish Genealogy News Story

Historical images online

The National Library of Ireland released more than 10,500 images following a seven-year digitisation project. Free to access on the NLI's catalogue, the collections included are:

James P O'Dea, 1910–1992 collection: A railway enthusiast's delight. Most of the 5,340 photographs are of trains and stations but there are also 125 photos of railway employees.

Thomas Holmes Mason, 1877-1958 collection: Dating mainly from the early 1900s to the 1940s, these photos are strong on scenes of Irish industry in the first years of the 20th century. Country themes are also included.

Prints and Drawings: Most of the 3,000 images feature portraits and drawings of more than one thousand famous and infamous figures from Irish history, mostly 19th century.

Genealogical Office Manuscripts Collection: A technicolour collection of images.

Tom Clarke & Kathleen Clarke Papers, 1890 -1972 collection: A photographic album of the revolutionary family.

Library catalogue Irish Genealogy News Story

Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives

IGP-Archives is the free online repository for transcriptions and images submitted by volunteers to the IGP-Web Project. It holds an every growing collection of useful material and is worth checking regularly. Updates appear on Irish Genealogy News twice a month.

IGP-Archives

Wills

Phillimore & Thrift's Wills Index

Ancestry added Phillimore and Thrift's *Indexes to Irish Wills 1384–1858* to its database. All five volumes of the work, first published in the early 20th century, are included, providing an index, or calendar, to more than 30,000 wills recorded in dioceses across Ireland.

The indexing began in 1909 and was still in progress when the Public Records Office, which housed the wills collection, was destroyed by fire in 1922; the wills for some counties had not been indexed by that time.

You can expect to find a name, address (county, parish, etc.), and date of the will or probate. You may also find an indication of whether a woman was a widow and sometimes an occupation.

You can search the collection by name or browse by volume:

- Vol 1: Ossory, Leighlin, Ferns, Kildare
- Vol 2: Cork and Ross, Cloyne
- Vol 3: Cashel and Emly, Waterford and Lismore, Killaloe and Kilfenora, Limerick, Ardfert and Aghadoe
- Vol 4: Dromore, Newry and Mourne
- Vol 5: Derry, Raphoe

Phillimore&Thrift's Indexes Irish Genealogy News Story

England & Wales Prerogative Wills

A major collection of probate records was published by Ancestry.

Spanning five centuries, the England and Wales Prerogative Court of Canterbury (PCC) Wills collection showcases original images of wills dating from 1384– 1858. The PCC approved will probates with asset value of more than £5, equivalent to £526 today.

They would have been written primarily by the middle and upper classes and many will have had land or connections in Ireland as well as in England & Wales.

The documents contain information about properties, family members, occupations and standards of living.

England/Wales Prerogative Wills Irish Genealogy News Story

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Tools

1901 Index to Townlands

The Irish Genealogical Research Society launched a searchable *1901 Index to Townlands* on the public (free) area of its website, IrishAncestors.ie.

This is the first time the 1901 Index – a key resource for identifying all land divisions in Ireland -- has been made available online.

Index of Townlands 1901 Irish Genealogy News Story

Place names within Registrar districts

John Grenham's *Irish Ancestors* database on the Irish Times website received several upgrades during the year. One of the most useful brought a new facility to view a list of all townlands/place-names within any local registrar's district.

If you select a Poor Law Union/Superintendent Registrar's District from the interactive map, you'll see a list of all place-names within that District (with their corresponding parish name), plus a list of the local registrars' districts. If you click on the latter, you'll find a list of all the place-names within just that local district of the PLU/SRD.

Irish Times/Irish Ancestors Irish Genealogy News Story

Place-names of Northern Ireland

A new database is available to those searching details of land in Northern Ireland. It includes historical administrative names of counties, baronies, districts, parishes, townlands etc, and names of rivers, lakes, mountains and other physical details in the six counties.

The data was compiled by the Northern Ireland Place-Name Project from maps and other sources, and continues to grow as new names are coined, and as unrecorded traditional names are discovered.

Placenames of Northern Ireland

Irish Archives Resource expansion

The Irish Archives Resource (IAR) expanded significantly during 2014.

The portal, which has been online since 2010, doubled in size and ended the year with 34 archive services from Ireland north and south contributing to it. As a result, the number of collections available increased from 360 to more than 500.

It is important to note that the IAR is a free database of searchable archival **descriptions** held in Irish archives and other repositories. It does not hold any original materials or records. Instead, it provides a means to search archival descriptions from contributing institutions.

Among the contributors are the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, the National Archives of Ireland, and many of the island's regional and county archives. Among the new contributors are Trinity College Dublin's Manuscripts & Archives Research Department, RTÉ Stills Library, the National Museum of Ireland Archives, University College Cork Archives, Derry City Council Heritage and Museum Service, and the archives of St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

The site contains details of many collections valuable to family history research. It is not, however, a first-stop for researchers. Most of its genealogically-interested users are likely to have already discovered some facts about their family history.

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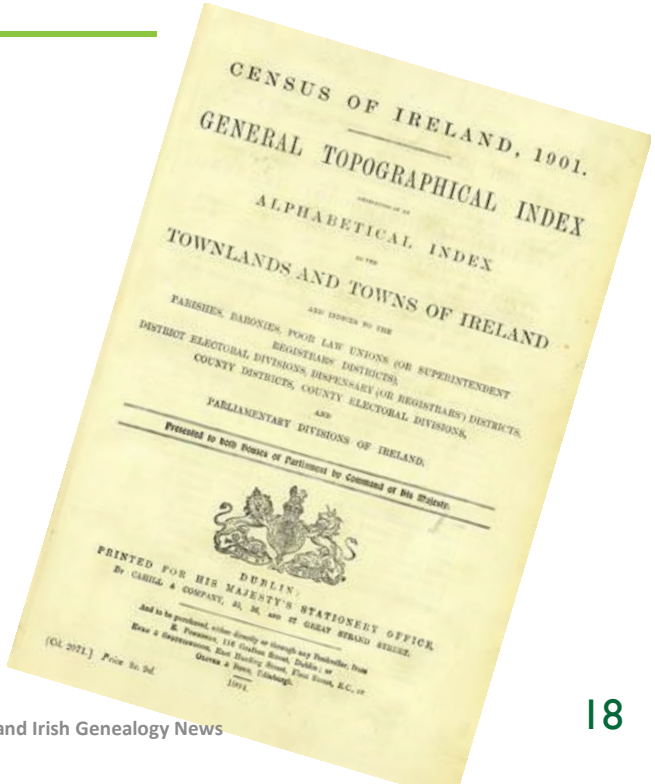
CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1901.

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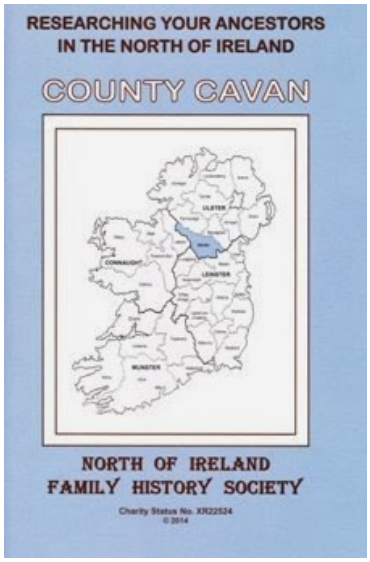

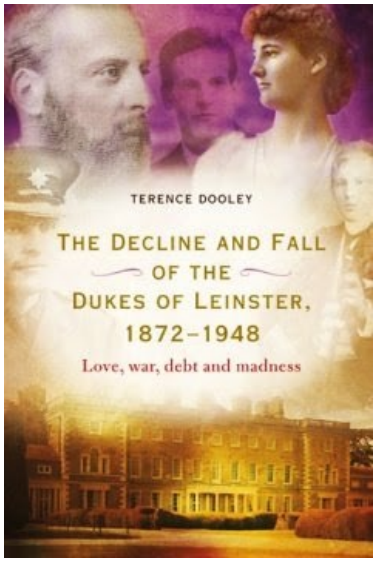

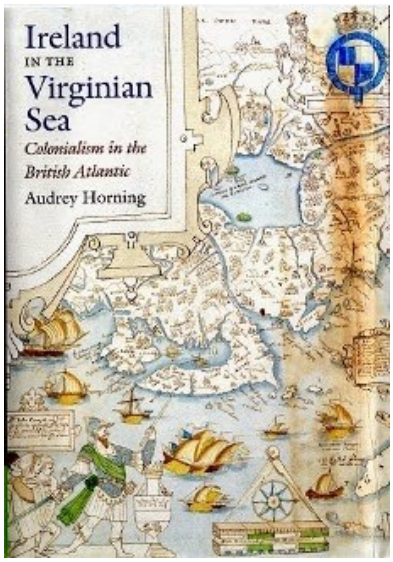

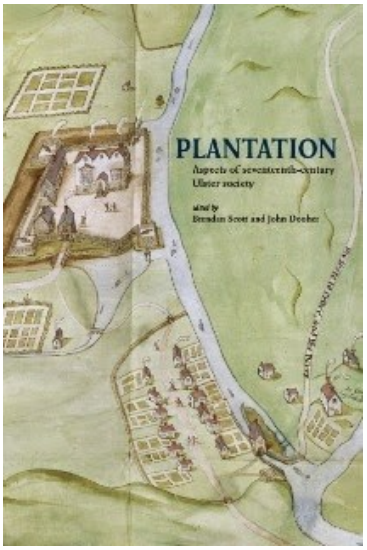

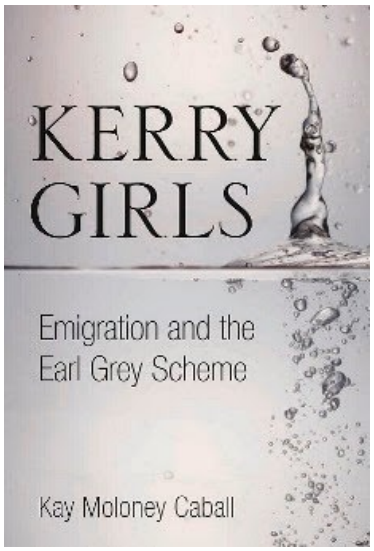

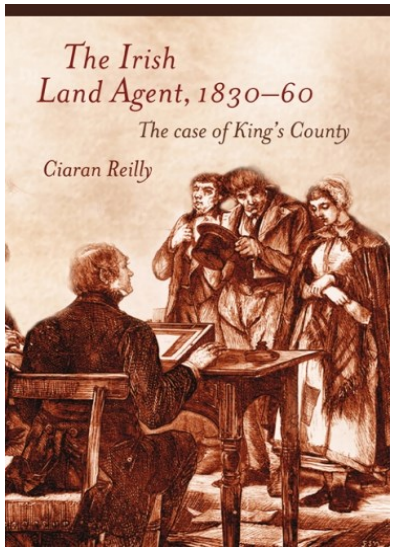

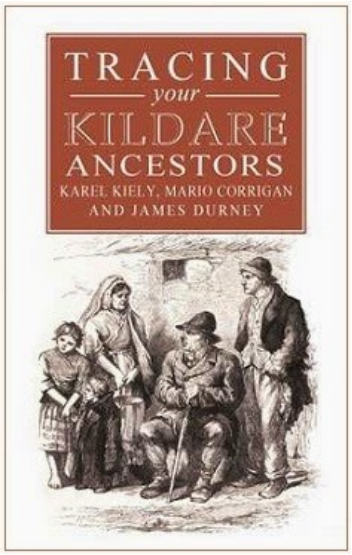

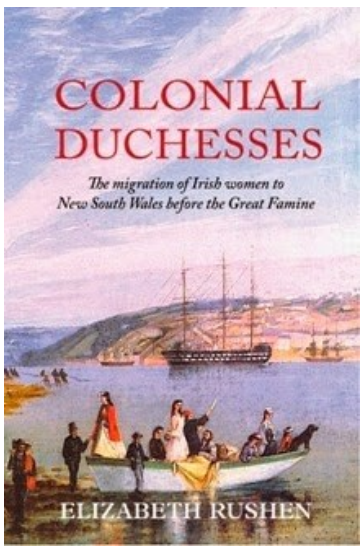

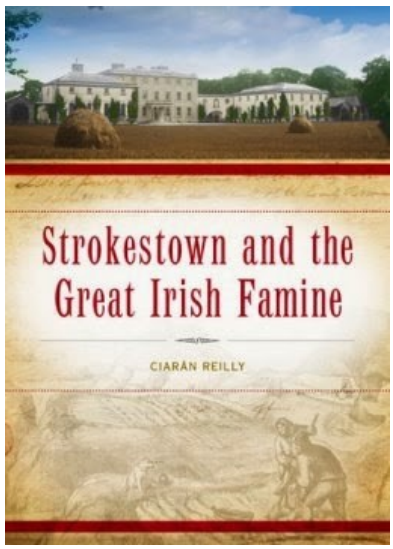

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