

Ireland Sources at Bellevue's FHC Library

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Most of these records are available in microfilm and microfiche through the Family History Center's Index to films at Bellevue FHC: www.bellevuewafhc.com

Where to search:

Online at:

www.familysearch.org

Click on [LIBRARY](#)

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Choose the kind of search

Cemetery Records:

- Many published volumes of tombstone transcripts, such as the extensive series for County Down.
- Microfilm of the Mount Jerome Cemetery registers (Dublin City)

Censuses and Census Substitutes:

- The 1901 and 1911 censuses of Ireland.
- Census fragments of the nineteenth century, such as 1821 Co. Cavan and 1831 Co. Londonderry.
- 1740 and 1766 censuses. Many census substitutes from the 1600s-1800s, such as hearth money rolls, freeholders lists, and the Tithe Applotment Books.

Church Records:

- Microfilm of church registers from about 1/3 of the **Catholic** parishes in Ireland (some counties such as Mayo are heavily covered, while others such as Cork are hardly covered at all;
- **Quaker** registers for all of Ireland (and the Jones Index to the Irish Quaker Monthly Meetings);
- Few other **Protestant** church records.
- Also Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, and Methodist church directories available.
- Catholic Qualification Rolls and the Convert Rolls.

Civil Registration:

- Microfilm copies of indexes to Irish civil registration from 1845 through 1958 (including for the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland).
- Copies of many of the original registers of birth, marriage and death, although there are gaps in the collection.
- Births 1864-1881 and Protestant marriages 1845-1863 have been computerized by the LDS Church in two sources:
 - (1) The International Genealogical Index;
 - (2) British Isles Vital Records Index CD-Rom (two sources, see following).

Computer Sources:

- International Genealogical Index and Vital Records Index British Isles CD-ROM, together having early civil registration of births and marriages.
- Many other CD-ROMs with Irish material are available at the FHL.
- Also being digitized and put online - ongoing

Directories:

- Country-wide and local town directories are available as books and on microfilm.
- Significant series of directories for Belfast and Dublin are included
- Relatively few estate records are available, but some large collections were microfilmed at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast.

Freeholders Registers and Freeman Records:

- Freeholders registers from several Irish repositories are available, including the Armagh County Museum, the Genealogical Office, and the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast.
- Copies of many old histories and periodicals with freeholders lists in them. Some town corporation books and lists of freemen.

Genealogies:

- Most of the manuscripts of the Genealogical Office, Dublin, are available on microfilm.
- See Virginia Wade McAnlis' *"The Consolidated Index to the Records of the Genealogical Office, Dublin, Ireland"* (discussed later)

Inventories and Catalogs:

- Descriptive catalogs of the PRONI, Belfast.
- "Kew Lists" for the National Archives in England.
- Many genealogical guides and inventories .

Land Records:

- Records of the Registry of Deeds from 1708-1929, along with indexes by the name of grantor and by the locality (such as townland), are available on microfilm from the FHL.

Military Records:

- Many British Army, Irish militia and yeomanry records microfilmed at the National Archives in England.
- Also see **"In Search of the Forlorn Hope** : A Comprehensive Guide to Locating British Regiments and Their Records (1640 to WWI) (2-Volume Set with Supplement) (1640 to WWI) (Bellevue FHC and Amazon)

Occupational Records:

- Guild records for Dublin City and other cities.
- Royal Irish Constabulary records and indexes.
- Published records of attorneys and barristers and college graduates (such as of Trinity College).

Place Name Sources:

- Published indexes to towns and townlands in Ireland, 1851, 1871, 1901. (e.g. Lewis)
- Ordnance Survey Memoirs (primarily for northern counties).
- Ordnance Survey maps.

Reference Material:

- Most Irish genealogy reference works and Irish county genealogy guides are available.

Taxation Records:

- Tithe Applotment Books (1823-1837).
- Griffith's Primary Valuation (1847-1864). (Bellevue FHC)
- Griffith's Revision lists (circa 1850s to 1930s) for Republic of Ireland counties.
- Griffith's Valuation manuscript materials (field and house books) are now being microfilmed at the National Archives of Ireland.

Wills and Administrations:

- Indexes to pre-1858 records by diocese.
- Indexes to the collections at the National Archives of Ireland and the Public Record Office.
- Records and indexes by probate registry for the post-1858 period.
- The "Super Will Index" by Gloria Bangerter is available in book form at the FHL.

Accessing the Irish Collection at the Library of Bellevue's Family History Center

- 1) **Family History Library Catalog** (microfiche, computer, Internet). Also available on the Internet web site is the Ancestral File and the International Genealogical Index at The Family History Library (FHL), 35 North West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150, USA.
- 2) **Ireland Research Outline**, (Salt Lake City, UT: (Discusses the Irish collections at the FHL by source type. Other country, state, and province outlines available also. Each is accessible on the www.familysearch.org website).
- 3) **Smith's Inventory of Genealogical Sources: Ireland**, by Frank Smith, arranged by county (Salt Lake City, UT: Corporation of the President, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1994.) One volume for each county in Ireland. It includes both microfilmed sources and printed periodicals in the FHL collections. It is particularly useful for accessing tombstone inscriptions (alphabetical by cemetery), family histories (alphabetical by surname), estate records (alphabetical by landowner), and freeholders' records.
- 4) **Finding aids** (books) prepared on specific record types by the library staff, such as *Register of Ireland General Registry Office Births, Marriages, and Deaths 1845-1959* (Salt Lake City: Genealogical Library, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1978).
- 5) wight A. Radford and Kyle J. Betit's **A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Irish Ancestors** (Cincinnati, OH: Betterway Books, 2001) discusses the records available at the FHL under the various Irish record sections.
- 6) Joyce Parsons and Jeanne Jensen's **Index to Irish Films at the Family History Library** (5 vols. Salt Lake City: by authors) gives FHL microfilm numbers from wills, land and court documents, genealogies, pedigrees, and other collections. This index is now available on CD-ROM. Volumes 1-3 and W are available in book form at the FHL.
- 7) Virginia Wade McAnlis' **The Consolidated Index to the Records of the Genealogical Office**, Dublin, Ireland (4 vols. Issaquah and Port Angeles, WA: by author, 1994-1997) indexes surnames found in GO material and gives corresponding FHL microfilm numbers. Find CD in bottom drawer of file cabinet opposite door at Bellevue FHC.

International Genealogical Index

computerized database.

British Isles Vital Records Index (2nd Edition) (CD-ROM, 2001}. CD can be ordered online at www.familysearch.org

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