Beginning Irish Genealogy

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Céad Míle Fáilte

One Hundred Thousand Welcomes

- ♣ History of Ireland –
    - ❖ Map of Ireland Provinces
    - ❖ Map of Ireland Counties

- ♣ Start with You and work back through Parents—Grands—Greats

- ♣ Search Every Record You Can Find

    - ❖ Birth
    - ❖ Baptism
    - ❖ Marriage
    - ❖ Deaths
    - ❖ Burial Permits
    - ❖ Wills
        - ➢ Probate
    - ❖ Tombstones
    - ❖ Cemeteries
    - ❖ Census
    - ❖ Obituaries
        - ➢ Irish-American Newspaper
            - ♦ Obituaries
            - ♦ Information Wanted Searching for lost family
            - ♦ Advertisements
    - ❖ Newspapers
        - ♦ Local News
        - ♦ News articles
    - ❖ Passenger
        - ➢ Passenger Lists
        - ➢ *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index*-Filby
        - ➢ *Famine Immigrants*-Glazier
    - ❖ Records from other countries
        - ➢ Australia
        - ➢ Canada
            - ♦ Border Crossing
        - ➢ England
            - ♦ Transport Record
    - ❖ Naturalization

- ❖ Passport
- ❖ Military
  - ➢ Draft Registers
    - ♦ Civil War
    - ♦ World War I
    - ♦ World War II
  - ➢ Enlistments
    - ♦ Pension
- ❖ Fraternal Organizations
- ❖ Business
  - ➢ New York Irish Emigrants Bank
  - ➢ Bishop's Bank-Boston
  - ➢ Employee Magazines
- ❖ Occupations
  - ➢ Back breaking jobs
    - ♦ Dock workers
    - ♦ Road builders
    - ♦ Railroad builders
    - ♦ Street railway builders
  - ➢ Dangerous jobs
    - ♦ Police
    - ♦ Firemen

♣ Names

- ❖ Name Variations
  - ➢ O', Mc, Mac
  - ➢ Gil, Kil, Gilly
  - ➢ Fitz

- ❖ Letter Substitutions
  - ➢ A & E   McAvoy or McEvoy
  - ➢ C, K, & G   Milligan, Millikan, & Millican
  - ➢ C & K   Carney or Kearney
  - ➢ C & G   Cannon or Gannon
  - ➢ P & W   Phelan or Whelan

- ❖ How do you spell Toulster?
  - ➢ Toalster
  - ➢ Toelster
  - ➢ Tolater
  - ➢ Tollsetar
  - ➢ Tolster
  - ➢ Toolster
  - ➢ Toulser
  - ➢ Toulster
  - ➢ Toulston
  - ➢ Toulstor
  - ➢ Tousler
  - ➢ Towlser
  - ➢ Towlster
  - ➢ Towlstor
  - ➢ Towsler

- ❖ Scott Surname
  - ➢ Scot
  - ➢ Albanach
  - ➢ Scots
  - ➢ Scott-Culhane
  - ➢ Scott-Fleming
  - ➢ Scott-Lee
  - ➢ Scott-Lennon
  - ➢ Scott
  - ➢ Scott Groves
  - ➢ Scott Johnston
  - ➢ Scotte
  - ➢ Scote
  - ➢ Scotts
  - ➢ Scott-Martin
  - ➢ Albonagh

- ♣ Old Naming Patterns

  - ❖ First son was named after the father's father
  - ❖ Second son was named after the mother's father
  - ❖ Third son was named after the father
  - ❖ Fourth son was named after the father's eldest brother
  - ❖ First daughter was named after the mother's mother
  - ❖ Second daughter was named after the father's mother
  - ❖ Third daughter was named after the mother
  - ♣ Fourth daughter was named after the mother's eldest sister

- ♣ Twelve Most Common Given Names

  - ❖ John
  - ❖ James
  - ❖ Patrick
  - ❖ Thomas
  - ❖ William
  - ❖ Michael
  - ❖ Mary
  - ❖ Ann
  - ❖ Margaret
  - ❖ Catherine
  - ❖ Bridget
  - ❖ Ellen

- ♣ Research

  - ❖ Research Logs
  - ❖ Research Checklist
  - ❖ Cite Sources
    - ➢ Who
    - ➢ What
    - ➢ When
    - ➢ Where
    - ➢ Date found

- ♣ What do you know?

  - ❖ Write it down
    - ➢ Paper, pencil, pen, software program
  - ❖ Use those Siblings
  - ❖ Use timelines

- ♣ Family Stories may contain a grain of truth

- ♣ What's Next
  - ❖ Analyze, Analyze, Analyze
  - ❖ Sometimes you have the answer or the clue to the answer right there in all that "stuff" you already have!!!!!

- ♣ Social Media
  - ❖ Rootsweb
  - ❖ Facebook
  - ❖ Blogs
  - ❖ Twitter

Tips on Tracing Your Family Tree

1. **Begin with YOU.** Always begin with yourself: your full name, date of birth, and any other important dates. Add the full names of your parents and their birth, death, and marriage dates.

2. **Keep your records straight.** Use legal pads, loose-leaf binders, computer programs, or whatever system is convenient to you. Enter all information you find, so that when you need it, you can find it.

3. **Take one step at a time.** Prove the facts as you go; **don't skip generations**. You cannot prove that John Henry Morgan was your great-grandfather unless you can show positive evidence that your grandfather was his son or your grandmother was his daughter.

4. **Pencil, pen, or computer?** You need all three. Keep unproven written records in pencil so they can be changed. Don't make a permanent record until you are sure of your facts. Keep as much as possible on computer so it can be changed, updated, archived, and shared. Not proficient on computer? Classes are widely available.

5. **Make it a family affair.** Enlist the help of relatives. If they are nearby, visit them. If they are far away, send an e-mail or write, including a self-addressed stamped envelope. Get reacquainted with distant cousins. Learn family stories and traditions. Ask questions.

6. **Dates and places are vital.** Exact dates and places of birth, death, or marriage may be found in the family Bible or on tombstones, family albums, letters, and other family papers, or in federal, state, county or local records. Approximate ages appear in the census. Try every source.

7. **"They went thataway!"** Whichaway? Census records since 1850 show place of birth. Newspaper obituaries, county histories, some land and probate records, immigration and naturalization records also may give clues to former residences showing family migration.

8. **Where there's a will …** Probate records can be proof positive of a relationship. Even when there is no will, records of estate settlements may show heirs, relationships, and places of residence.

9. **Names are sometimes on the land.** Land transactions have been recorded with great care through most of our history. Records of deeds may show not only owners but heirs and relationships on both sides. Tax lists help too. And don't forget to look at the neighbors; they just might be relatives.

10. **Pension papers pay dividends.** They are full of names, dates and places. If an ancestor served in any war up to the Civil War, pension papers are on record and you may be able to get a copy.

11. **Check religious records.** Some denominations kept marriage and burial records, baptismal and other ceremonial data. Some churches and synagogues maintain nearby cemeteries with the data you need carved in stone.

12. **Don't assume that everything is online.** Learn to love libraries, courthouses, and archives**.** Much of the research you need may have been done already and is waiting for you in some repository. Although much is available online, there is much more outside of your home.

13. **Last but not least,** always remember to source every fact. If you do not cite your sources, no one, including yourself, will know where you got your information. Without source information, you are just saving stories and anecdotes rather than verifiable facts.

Title	Editor/Publisher	Place of Publication	Call No.	Notes
Irish Specific				
The All-Ireland Heritage	D.R.H. Associates	Vienna, VA	R 941.5 A416	6 issues from 1984-85
Celtic Knot: A Journal of Irish Family History Research	Ellen Mulderig	San Diego, California	R 941.5 C394	18 issues, sporadic coverage 1994-2003
Eirephile: Irish History, Genealogy and Culture	Andrew J. Morris	Fort Collins, Colorado	R 941.5 E35	Volumes 1-6,
Eire-Ireland: a journal of Irish studies	Irish American Cultural Institute	St. Paul, Minnesota	R 941.5 E35I	3 total issues, 1980 and 1985
Irish Family Links	Irish Genealogical Association	Belfast	R 941.5 F1981	1 issue, Sept. 1984
Irish Heritage Links	Irish Heritage Association	Belfast	R 941.5 F1982	13 issues, sporadic coverage 1991-1995
Inside Ireland	Isteach Ireland, Ltd.	Dublin	R 941.5 I59	12 issues, sporadic coverage 1985-1989, and 1999
The Irish Genealogist	Irish Genealogical Research Society	London	R 941.5 I68	Nearly complete run 1937-2009
Irish-American Genealogist	Augustan Society	Torrance, California	R 941.5 I68A	Volumes 17-32, 1980-1983
The Septs	Irish Genealogical Society	St. Paul, Minnesota	R 941.5 S4793	Volumes 11-38, 1990-2017
Familia	Ulster Historical Foundation	Belfast	R 941.6 N5581	19 Volumes, sporadic coverage 1985-2015
General Genealogy				
New England Historical and Genealogical Register	New England Historic Genealogical Society	Boston, MA	R 974 N5322	Volumes 1-171, complete, 1847-2017
American Ancestors	New England Historic Genealogical Society	Boston, MA	R 974 N3953	Volumes 12-18, 2011-2017
Family Tree Magazine	M. Armstrong	Huntingdon, England	R 941 F198	Volumes 2-14, sporadic coverage 1986-1997, 2011-2017
NGS Magazine	National Genealogical Society	Arlington, VA	R 929 N2772	Volumes 26-43, 2000-2017
St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly	St. Louis Genealogical Society	St. Louis, MO	R 977.865 S145	Volumes 1-50, complete, 1968-2017
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Useful Websites for IRISH RESEARCH

1. http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/irl This is a noncommercial website maintained by a charitable trust and a group of volunteers. Lots of information about various Irish counties and a good map resource. **Free** for the most part but will link you to some pay sites.
2. http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/ This is a free website that is operated by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Irishgenealogy.ie is the best resource for civil registration. The records now available online include: birth register records 1864 to 1919; marriage register records 1845 – 1944, and death register records 1876 to 1969. **Free**
3. https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ireland_Genealogy Guide to Ireland ancestry, family history, and genealogy: birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, parish registers, and military records. **Free**
4. www.rootsweb.com Click wiki in the top bar and hit return or enter. Enter Ireland in the upper right-hand corner in the Search Rootsweb space. This site has search engines, message boards, and mailing lists, also family trees**. Free**
5. www.landedestates.ie a searchable, online database of all Landed Estates in Connacht and Munster, maintained by the Moore Institute for Research in the Humanities and Social Studies, National University of Ireland, Galway. You will find entries in the estate books concerning rent and even entries about assisted emigration. **Free**
6. www.google.com Google your Irish County or a townland name and check out some of the listings. **Free**
7. Cyndislist.com Lots and lots of possibilities here! Enter Ireland in the search box at the upper right and explore Ireland sites, individual County sites, military, and newspapers, to name a few. **Free**
8. www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com This site is the work of Claire Santry, the author of the highly regarded genealogy how-to book, *The Family Tree Irish Genealogy Guide.* The site offers an online encyclopedia to help you understand many record types you might find as you conduct your research. She offers many free charts and forms. **Free**
9. Genealogy.nationalarchives.ie Here you will find the Irish Census for 1901 and 1911 and pre -1901 survivals. Tithe Applotment Books (1823-1837), Valuation Office Books (1824-1856), Wills, and Probate records (1596-1922). This site has a list of all county genealogy centers with mailing and email addresses. **Free**
10. Nationalarchives.ie Main webpage for the above site. Numerous buttons to connect to Historical Records, Legal Records, and Search the Online Catalog. I enter Parliamentary Papers, and the search returned 29 hits. I searched the word Famine and received 101 hits. When you click on the Genealogy button, you can download a pamphlet *Sources for Family History.* You may find that pamphlet interesting. **Free**
11. www.proni.gov.uk Great site for Ulster or Northern Ireland. The Public Record Office Northern Ireland (PRONI) is the home of some records for the counties that remained in the Republic of Ireland and still in the province of Ulster. On the home page, check out What's on at Proni. Click on Proni on YouTube. You will find a list of 23 presentations which have been given by the Proni staff and guests. You can listen to these talks for free. Sometimes the brogue is very pronounced and, you will have to listen carefully. This site has indexes to Wills and the Hearth money rolls of the 1660s. **Free.**

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12. www.askaboutireland.ie a wealth of free to access genealogical resources. The place to be to search Griffith's Primary Valuation of Ireland. **Free**
13. http://www.militaryarchives.ie/en/genealogy This is a great site for anyone interested in the Irish civil war. The site has Irish Army Census Collection (1922), Bureau of Military History (1913-1921), Military Service Pensions Collection (1923-1988), the AntO´lach Magazine, and Civil War Internment Collection (1922-1925). **Free**
14. www.logainm.ie This site is a project developed and managed by Fiontar at Dublin City University. It is the official database of Irish language placenames and the pronunciation of those placenames**. Free**
15. www.tiara.ie According to the TIARA (The Irish Ancestral Research Association) website, it "is a non-profit organization. It promotes the growth, study, and exchange of ideas among people and organizations interested in Irish genealogy, historical research, and education." TIARA is the sponsor of The Celtic Connections Virtual Conference beginning 31 July 2020. **Free**
16. http://irishworkhousecentre.ie/the-workhouse-story/ This is the website for The Irish workhouse Centre Portumna, Co. Galway, Ireland. The site gives a description of what a workhouse was, why workhouses were built, and what life was like in the workhouse. **Free**
17. https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ireland_Genealogy Guided Research, "How to" Guides, Research Strategies, and more. **Free**
18. www.rootsweb.com/~fianna/guide A guide to Irish Genealogical Research. /The site has lots of information, and by clicking on the site map at the top of the page, you can even search for *The Night of the Big Wind,* which occurred on Sunday, January 6-7, 1839. **Free**
19. https://www.ancestryireland.com Ancestral Research Guide for Northern Ireland with links to many different Irish research sites. **Free**
20. http://www.failteromhat.com On this site you will find owners in Ireland 1876, Irish Flax Growers List 1796, Pigot & Co's Provincial Directory of Ireland 1824, Postal Directory of Cork 1842-43, Slater's Commercial Directory of Ireland 1846, Guy's Postal Directory of Cork 1914 and cemetery transcriptions and photographs. **Free**
21. www.donnamoughty.com/Donna Moughty's Irish Genealogy Resources. Donna is a professional genealogist who specializes in Irish research. She writes a very informative blog that you can easily signup for on this site. **Free**
22. https://books.google.com/ Google Books Search for a book title or simply a subject like County Mayo or the Irish Famine. There are many books, for example, about the history of Ireland that you can read without cost. **Free**
23. http://www.igp-web.com/ *Ireland Genealogy Projects & Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives*, Christina Finn Hunt, project coordinator **Free**
24. https://socialmediagenealogy.com Genealogist Katherine R. Wilson has compiled, according to her website, "a list of 16,00 + Facebook genealogy links (updated May 2020), 170 instructional genealogical channels on YouTube". **Free**
25. http://www.celticcousins.net/ The Celtic Cousins website purpose or goal is to research the Irish who left Beagh Parish, Galway, and came to Iowa. **Free**

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26. http://www.swilson.info This is the website of genealogist Shane Wilson. The site contains many finding aids and databases, including a surname cross-reference, Townland database, historical maps, Registration District Maps directories, and more. **Free**

27. https://digital.library.villanova.edu/Search/Results?lookfor=Ireland&type=AllFields&limit=20&sort=relevance The Villanova Digital Library provides access to collections and resources to the Villanova University community and the global scholarly community. The collection consists of historical documents and handwritten materials. The collection of Irish archival material is extensive, including the Bishop's Bank Ledger Books. **Free**

28. https://www.hathitrust.org This is a description of the site taken directly from the Hathi Trust digital library website: "Founded in 2008, HathiTrust is a not-for-profit collaborative of academic and research libraries preserving 17+ million digitized items. HathiTrust offers reading access to the fullest extent allowable by U.S. copyright law, computational access to the entire corpus for scholarly research, and other emerging services based on the combined collection. HathiTrust members steward the collection — the largest set of digitized books managed by academic and research libraries — under the aims of scholarly, not corporate, interests. **Free**

29. https://www.ireland.anglican.org/about/rcb-library/online-parish-records The Church of Ireland was the established church in Ireland from 1536 to 1871. Most Church of Ireland records perished in the Four Courts explosion in 1922. On this site, you can find an updated list of records that did survive. You will find some digitized parish records, Table of Church of Ireland Parish Registers, and a few Church of Ireland Vestry Minute Books. The Parish Registers and the Vestry Minute Books are downloadable, and the registers are color-coded. **Free**

30. http://www.from-ireland.net/ Dr. Jane Lyons is the director of this website, which includes gravestone records, gravestone photographs, birth records, and more. **Free**

31. https://www.irelandxo.com/ Ireland Reaching Out is a non-profit volunteer and community-based organization. The goal of Ireland XO is to unite the Irish diaspora with their ancestral home. They offer free webinars on how to use the site as well as how to do Irish genealogy**. Free**

32. http://www.irelandgenweb.com/ Volunteers run the Ireland GenWeb Project, and according to the Ireland GenWeb Project webpage, the organization "is committed to providing free access to resource and reference information for Ireland." **Free**

33. http://www.libraryireland.com/ Library Ireland: Free. Explore history, social history, genealogy, names, folklore, people, places, and the Library Ireland Facebook page. **Free**

34. www.irishlivesremembered.ie   Irish Family History Centre's free digital magazine, Irish Lives Remembered a monthly publication. ~~Free~~

35. http://www.genealogyintime.com/ Genealogy in Time –EMAGAZINE offers a free weekly publication, which comes on Saturdays

THE ABOVE LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE! THERE ARE LOTS OF SOURCES ABOUT IRISH RESEARCH FOR ALL PLACES. **Check out the County in Ireland through the library for that County, County Council, Facebook, and tourism websites by using Google.**

Social Media:
Pinterest.com—try Ireland and then zero in on county, province, or city. You may find pictures of the church or town square where your ancestor lived. You can also find tips for genealogical research. **Free**

http://www.facebook.com/ You will have to have an account and then you can search for "genealogy" or enter an Irish County name. **Free**

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PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

johngrenham.com **($$)** John Grenham is a well-known and highly respected Irish genealogist. He is the author of *Tracing Your Ancestors,* which is the go-to book of Irish research. Irish surnames, place names, links to helpful websites, and maps of civil parishes, Catholic parishes, and poor law unions. The maps are a great help for understanding Irish Land divisions. You can access some things for free, but eventually, there will be a payment request. John Grenham's blog is free, however. Cost: monthly subscription Cost: monthly subscription - €9.99 (approximately $11.43), Annual subscription - €69.99 (approximately $80.05), 24-hour access - €4.99 (approximately $5.71). The conversion of euros to dollars as of 20 July 2020. Conversion rates vary from day to day.

www.findmypast.com **($$)** Some of the records to peruse are Landed Estate Court Rentals, 22 million Irish Petty Sessions records, six million Dog Licenses, and for the West Coast Counties of Ireland, the Poverty Relief Loans (1821-1874). Find My Past (library edition) can be used free of charge at any St. Louis County Library location. The Essential British and Irish package's subscription price is $14.95 a month or $129.00 a year. The Ultimate British and Irish rate is $19.95 a month or $179.00 a year.

http://www.ancestry.com/ **$$** This site has many databases for Irish research. They have Indexes to Irish Wills, 1536-1857, and Index to Prerogative Will Wills of Ireland. You can use the Library Edition for free at any St. Louis County or St. Louis City Library location. There are three levels of Subscriptions: U.S. Discovery - $99.00

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6 months, $189.00 12 months, World Explorer - $149.00 6 months, $299.00 12 months, All Access $199.00 6 months, $389.00 12 months.

www.familyhistory.ie **$$** Genealogical Society of Ireland A yearly subscription is €40 which is approximately $47 a year. The site under redevelopment at this time.

www.irishancestors.ie **$$** The Irish Genealogical Research Society. Membership benefits: Annual journal, The Irish Genealogist, twice-yearly newsletter, monthly e -bulletin, members-only access to some websites, and more. €26 Year, which is approximately $31.00.

www.irishgenealogical.org **$$** Irish Genealogical Society International. Electronic Membership is $35 per year, including a downloadable copy of the Septs magazine. The General Membership is $40 and includes a paper copy of the Septs magazine sent out each quarter.

www.irishrootsmedia.com **$$** Irish Roots magazine contains articles written by Irish genealogists. The magazine is published quarterly, December, March, June, and September. $42.00 per year for the Paper Edition, and the Digital Edition is $12.99 per year.

www.rootsireland.ie **$$** Catholic church records up to 1922. Records of 29 of 32 counties. Irish Genealogy covers the three remaining counties. There is **Free** access to Griffith's Valuation for Ireland. Subscription: twelve-month-$255.00, six month-$141.00, one month-$34.00, one day-$17.00.

https://www.irishnewsarchive.com/ **$$** Irish Newspaper Archives has three subscription levels: Silver membership, $29.00 a month or $149.00 a year, Gold membership adds 115 Radical Publications, $36.50 a month or $169.00 a year, and Radical Member with 115 Radical Publications $20.00 a month or $60.00 a year.

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Pinterest.com—try Ireland and then zero in on county, province, or city. You may find pictures of the church or town square where your ancestor lived. You can also find tips for genealogical research. **Free**

www.facebook.com You will have to have an account and then you can search for "genealogy" or enter an Irish County name. **Free**