

USING THE IRISH HERITAGE CENTRES FOR YOUR FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

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The Irish Family History Foundation (<http://www.irish-roots.ie>) is the coordinating body for a network of county based genealogical research centres on the island of Ireland. These centres have computerised millions of Irish genealogical records, including church records, census returns and gravestone inscriptions.

Centres are now making their records available via an online research system (ORS) which will allow you to search an index of records and pay to view a record. More centres will come online in the coming months. A single database of the records of all counties that are participating is available. The website is: <http://brsgenealogy.com>.

Guidelines on Research Fees

These are guidelines only. Please note that genealogical centres offer different services to clients. Please contact the centre to ascertain current prices & types of search available.

Type of Search Guideline Fee

Single Record Search in the Online Database: 5 euros
Single Record Search, i.e. Baptism, Marriage or Death: 30 euros
Research for a family group: 60 euros
Single Record Search – 1901 Census 30 euros
Single Record Search – Griffith's Valuation 30 euros
Single Record Search – Gravestone Inscription 30 euros
Location Search: 70 euros
Assessment of all research possibilities: 95 euros
Full Report 200 euros and upwards

CIVIL RECORDS IN IRELAND

Civil Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths for everyone began in Ireland 1 January 1864. Civil Registration for Protestant Marriages began 1 April 1845.

Birth: Records list the following information: date and place of birth; name; sex; name and dwelling place of father; name and maiden surname of mother; rank or profession of father; signature, qualification and residence of informant. Note: the informant was often a relative; this category can supply some very helpful genealogical data.

Marriage: Records list the date and place of marriage, and the following information for both bride and groom: name, age, condition [marital status], rank or profession, residence at time of marriage, name of father, rank or profession of father, where marriage was performed, and names of witnesses.

Death: Records list the following information: date and place of death; name; sex; condition [marital status]; age; rank, profession or occupation; cause of death; signature, qualification and residence of informant. Note: the informant was often a relative; this category can supply some very helpful genealogical data.

CHURCH RECORDS

Church records commonly consist of baptismal and marriage records. Some records survive for the Church of Ireland concerning burials and parish expenses. Records of deaths are not commonly kept in Catholic registers.

Baptismal Registers list the following information: date of baptism (note: not the date of birth), the name of the child, the names of the parents, and the names of the sponsors. These records may also include the townland, the maiden name of the mother, and a note if the child was illegitimate.

Marriage Registers list the date of marriage, the names of the bride and groom, the names of the witnesses, and sometimes the name of the townland. Some parish priests also noted dispensations which permitted marriage within a certain degree of relation (usually second or third cousins). There may also be a notation when a parishioner was married outside the parish. This would commonly apply to men since marriages usually take place in the bride's parish.

HERITAGE CENTRES

County	Heritage Centre	Sources Indexed	Online
Antrim	Ulster Historical Foundation Unit 7, Cotton Court, Waring Street, Belfast, BT1 2ED, Northern Ireland, UK. Tel. +44 (0) 28 9033 2288 Fax +44 (0) 28 9023 9885 E-mail: enquiry@uhf.org.uk Website: www.ancestryireland.com	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, Methodist	yes
Armagh	Armagh Ancestry 40 English St., Armagh, Northern Ireland, BT61 7BA Tel: +44 28 3752 1800 Fax: +44 28 3751 0180 E-mail: researcher@armagh.gov.uk	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Quaker, Congregational <u>Civil Records</u> : Marriages to 1922	yes
Carlow	Closed		no
Cavan	Cavan Genealogy Johnston Central Library, Farnham St., Cavan Tel: 353 (0) 49 4361094 Fax: 353 (0) 49 4331494 Email: cavangenealogy@eircom.net	Sources Not Available	yes
Clare	Clare Heritage and Genealogical Centre Genealogical Centre, Church Street, Corofin, County Clare Tel: + 353 (0) 65 6837955 Fax: + 353 (0) 65 6837540 Email: clareheritage@eircom.net Website: www.clareroots.com	Sources Not Available	no
Cork	Mallow Heritage Centre 27-28 Bank Place, Mallow, Co. Cork Tel: 353 (0) 22 50302 Fax: 353 (0) 22 20276 E-mail: mallowhc@eircom.net Skibbereen Heritage Centre Old Gas Works, Upper Bridge St., Skibbereen, Cork Tel: 353 (0) 28 40900 E-mail: info@skibbereenheritage.com Website: http://www.skibbereenheritage.com	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland Not a participant in the Irish Family History Foundation. <u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic for Skibbereen, Rath and the Islands	yes no

Donegal	Donegal Ancestry The Quay, Ramelton, Co. Donegal Tel: 353 (0) 74 9151266 Fax: 353 (0) 74 9151702 E-mail: info@donegalancestry.com Website: www.donegalancestry.com	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Methodist, Presbyterian	coming soon.
Down	Ulster Historical Foundation Unit 7, Cotton Court, Waring Street, Belfast, BT1 2ED, Northern Ireland, UK. Tel. +44 (0) 28 9033 2288 Fax +44 (0) 28 9023 9885 E-mail: enquiry@uhf.org.uk Website: www.ancestryireland.com	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, Methodist	yes
Dublin North	Swords Historical Society Co. Carnegie Library, North St., Swords, Co. Dublin Tel: 353 (1) 8400080 Fax: 353 (1) 8400080 E-mail: swordsheritage@eircom.net	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland	yes
Dublin South	Dun Laoghaire Heritage Society Craft Courtyard, Marlay Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16 Tel: 353 (0) 1 2047264 E-mail: cmalone@dlrcoco.ie	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland	yes
Fermanagh	Irish World Family History Services Family History Suite, 51 Dungannon Road, Coalisland, BT71 4HP, County Tyrone Tel: +44 (0) 28 8774 6065 E-mail: info@irish-world.com Website: www.irish-world.com	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian	yes
Galway	East Galway Family History Society Woodford Heritage Centre, Woodford, Loughrea, Galway Tel: 353 (0) 90 9749309 Fax: 353 (0) 90 9749546 E-mail: galwayroots@eircom.net Website: www.galwayroots.com Galway Family History Society West St. Joseph's Community Centre, Shantalla, Co. Galway Tel: 353 (0) 91 860464 Fax: 353 (0) 91 860432 E-mail: galwayfshwest@eircom.net	<u>Civil Records</u> : 1864 to 1900+ <u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Methodist, Presbyterian	yes yes
Kerry	Kerry has no Heritage Centre but many of the local and church records for Kerry were transcribed. See O'Kief, Coshe Mang, Slieve Lougher, and Upper Blackwater in Ireland edited by Albert Casey. 14+ volumes. (Available on microfilm from LDS, and in some libraries).		no
Kildare	Kildare Local Studies, Genealogy and Archives Riverbank, Main St., Newbridge, Co. Kildare Tel: 353 (0) 45 433602 Fax: 353 (0) 45 449721 E-mail: genealogy@kildarecoco.ie Website: www.kildare.ie/genealogy	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland	yes
Kilkenny	Kilkenny Archaeological Society Rothe House, Parliament St., Kilkenny Tel: 353 (0) 56 7722893 Fax: 353 (0) 56 7751 108 E-mail: rothehouse@eircom.net Website: www.kilkennyarchaeologicalsociety.ie	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Methodist <u>Civil Records</u> : 1864 to 1900	yes

King's or Laois	Laois & Offaly Family History Research Centre Bury Quay, Tullamore, Co Offaly, Ireland Tel: + + 353 506 21421 Fax: + + 353 506 21421 E-mail: ohas@iol.ie Website: www.irishmidlandsancestry.com	Sources Not Available	no
Leitrim	Leitrim Genealogy Centre Main Street, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim Tel.: 00353 (0)71 9644012 Fax: 00353 (0)71 9644425 E-mail: info@leitrimroots.com Website: www.leitrimroots.com	<u>Church Records:</u> Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, Methodist <u>Civil Records:</u> 1864 to 1920	yes
Limerick	Limerick Genealogy Lissanalta House, Dooradoyle Rd, Dooradoyle, Limerick. Tel: 353 (0) 61 496542 Fax: 353 (0) 61 583135 E-mail: research@limerickgenealogy.com Website: www.limerickgenealogy.com	<u>Church Records:</u> Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Quaker <u>Civil Records:</u> 1864 to 1911 (not all completed)	yes
Londonderry /Derry	Closed; may be reopened in the future		no
Longford	Longford Genealogy 17 Dublin Street, Longford. Tel: 353 (0) 43 41235 Fax: 353 (0) 4341279 E-mail: longroot@iol.ie Website: www.longfordroots.com	<u>Church Records:</u> Roman Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian	yes
Louth	Louth Co. Library Roden Place, Dundalk, Co. Louth Tel: 353 (0) 42 9335457 Fax: 353 (0) 42 9337635 E-mail: referencelibrary@louthcoco.ie Website: www.louthcoco.ie	<u>Church Records:</u> Roman Catholic	yes
Mayo	Mayo North Family History Research Enniscoe, Castlehill, Ballina, Co. Mayo Tel: 353 (0) 96 31809 Fax: 353 (0) 96 31885 E-mail: normayo@iol.ie Website: www.irish-roots.net/mayo/Mayo.htm South Mayo Family Research Main St., Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo Tel/Fax: 353 (0) 94 9541214 E-mail: soumayo@iol.ie Website: www.irish-roots.net/mayo/Mayo.htm	<u>Church Records:</u> Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, Methodist <u>Civil Records:</u> 1864 to 1900 <u>Church Records:</u> Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian <u>Civil Records:</u> 1864 to 1900	yes yes
Meath	Meath Heritage and Genealogy Centre Town Hall, Castle St., Trim, Co. Meath Tel: 353 (0) 46 9436633 Fax: 353 (0) 46 9437502 E-mail: meathhc@iol.ie Website: www.meathroots.com	<u>Church Records:</u> Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland	no
Monaghan	None		no
Queen's or Offaly	Laois & Offaly Family History Research Centre Bury Quay, Tullamore, Co Offaly, Ireland Tel: + + 353 506 21421 Fax: + + 353 506 21421 E-mail: ohas@iol.ie Website: www.irishmidlandsancestry.com	Sources Not Available	No

Roscommon	Roscommon Heritage and Genealogical Centre Church St., Strokestown, Co. Roscommon Tel.: 353 (0) 71 9633380 Fax: 353 (0) 71 9633398 E-mail: info@roscommonroots.com Website: www.roscommonroots.com	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland <u>Civil Records</u> : 1864 to 1900	yes
Sligo	Sligo Heritage and Genealogy Society Aras Reddan, Temple St., Sligo Tel.: 353 (0) 71 9143728 Fax: 353 (0) 71 9135416 E-mail: heritagesligo@tinet.ie Website: www.sligoroots.com	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, Methodist	yes
Tipperary	North Tipperary Genealogy and Heritage Services Governor's House, Kickham St., Nenagh, Co. Tipperary Tel.: 353 (0) 67 33850 E-mail: tipperarynorthgenealogy@eircom.net Website: www.tipperarynorth.ie/genealogy	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Methodist <u>Civil Records</u> : 1864 to 1911	Yes
	Bru Boru Heritage Centre Rock of Cashel, Cashel, Co. Tipperary Tel: 353 (0) 62 61122 Fax: 353 (0) 62 62700 E-mail: bruboru@comhaltas.com Website: www.comhaltas.com	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, Methodist	yes
	Tipperary Heritage Unit Excel Heritage Centre, Mitchell St., Tipperary Tel: 00 353 62 80555 E-mail: research@tfhr.org Website: http://www.tfhr.org	Not a participant in the Irish Family History Foundation <u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic Diocese of Cashel and Emly	no
Tyrone	Irish World Family History Services Family History Suite, 51 Dungannon Road, Coalisland, BT71 4HP, County Tyrone Tel: +44 (0) 28 8774 6065 E-mail: info@irish-world.com Website: www.irish-world.com	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian	yes
Waterford	Waterford Heritage Services St. Patrick's Church, Jenkin's Lane, Waterford Tel: 353 (0) 51 876123 Fax: 353 (0) 51 850645 E-mail: mnoc@iol.ie Website: www.waterford-heritage.ie	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic	no
Westmeath	Dún na Sí Heritage Centre Knockdomney, Moate, Co. Westmeath Tel: 00 353 (0) 90 6481183 Fax: 00 353 (0) 90 6481661 E-mail: dunnasimoate@eircom.net	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland	yes
Wexford	Co. Wexford Heritage and Genealogy Society Yola Farmstead, Folk Park, Tagoat, Rosslare, Co. Wexford Tel: 353 (0) 53 9132611 Fax: 353 (0) 53 9132612 E-mail: wexgen@eircom.net , Website: http://homepage.eircom.net/~yolawexford/genealogy.htm	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland	no

Wicklow	Wicklow Family History Centre Wicklow's Historic Gaol, Kilmantin Hill, Wicklow Town Tel: 00 353 (0) 404 20126 Fax: 00 353 (0) 404 61612 E-mail: wfh@eircom.net Website: www.wicklow.ie/familyhistorycentre	<u>Church Records</u> : Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland	coming soon
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Reference Books

General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland: Based on the Census of Ireland for the Year 1851. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 2000 (originally published 1861)

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