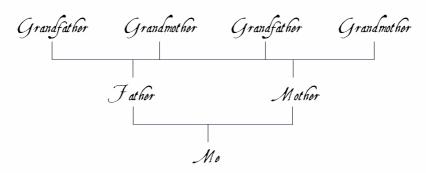


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### Completing the ancestral jigsaw

Pulsing through Irish veins is an adventurous spirit that has inspired millions of Irish people to roam the globe over the centuries. The causes of the many waves of migration have been varied. Religious fervour motivated seventh century monks to set about re-Christianising Europe. In the seventeenth century disillusionment and defeat drove the warring Irish nobility to Continental Europe, where they made their mark in the armies of Austria, France and Spain. They were followed to the Continent in the eighteenth century by traders and merchants, while adventurous seafarers left for South America and Newfoundland. Presbyterians from Ulster crossed the Atlantic in their thousands throughout the 1700s to find a place free of trading and religious restrictions.

From the eighteenth century, the Irish made up a very large part of the British Army which brought Irish men to unexpected places such as India and South Africa. Soldiers were among the first Irish to reach Australia, along with Irish transported convicts, but they were followed by free settlers whose numbers increased throughout the nineteenth century. Emigration to Canada and the United States or migration to Great Britain were options pursued by people from all parts of Ireland and all religious denominations before the great catastrophe of the Famine in the late 1840s. It began a mass exodus that continued for decades, up to the mid-twentieth century. The descendants of the disparate groups that left Ireland's shores are all welcome on the ancestral trail.

### Following the footsteps of our forefathers

In Ireland, the past is encompassed in the landscape. Ancient folklore, legendary tales and historical events abound in every corner of the country. Neolithic tombs rub shoulders with Celtic crosses and are situated mere miles from medieval castles and stately homes.

Ireland is an island that is steeped in beauty as well as history. Its green fields and craggy terrain are the subjects of many Irish songs and poems. Every cor-

ner of the countryside has a tale to tell and every city a 'yarn' to spin... and who better to recount these stories than the Irish people themselves.

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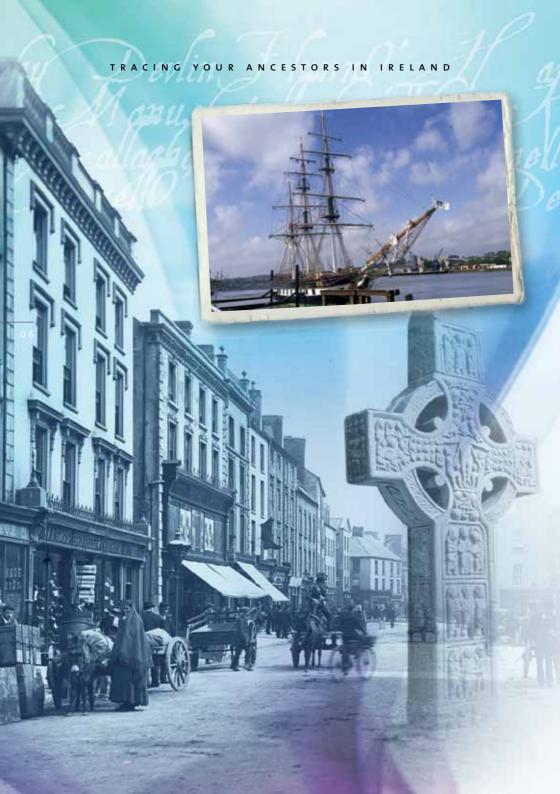
Now that you are planning your trip to Ireland and hope to combine your holiday with a little family history

research, this is the time to make good preparation. Before deciding to rush off and book a flight to the land of your ancestors, it is important for you to study the history of your family. In order to be in a position to attempt worthwhile research in Ireland and plan a visit to the ancestral area, you must work back through the records in your own country to identify your emigrant ancestor. Then you must gather as much basic information as possible on that ancestor, such as:

Name of ancestor
Approximate date of birth
Parish or county of origin in Ireland
Religious Denomination
Names of ancestor's parents
Name of ancestor's spouse
Date and place of marriage







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### Getting to the root of your family tree

The first task is to seek out information from your own immediate family. Encourage older relations to recount their stories. Gather all written material such as letters, wills, diaries, photographs, certificates and other family documents. If, however, you have no older relatives to consult about family history, or if the family archives hold no vital clues, don't be disheartened. A wide range of genealogical records should be available in record repositories in your country and many of these may be searchable on-line.

Sources vary from country to country, but the types of records that are likely to provide information include vital records (birth, death, marriage) held by civil authorities, census returns, city directories, church records (baptism, marriage), gravestone inscriptions, newspaper obituaries, wills, naturalisation papers and passenger lists. You might begin by seeking advice from your local library as to which records are applicable to your country and where they are held.

If your ancestor left Ireland before the Famine the research in your own country will inevitably become more extensive and the paper trail may become harder to follow. For example, the majority of Ulster Presbyterians who went to the American colonies in the eighteenth century sailed to ports such as Philadelphia and then dispersed throughout what became the southern states. There will be no record of their passage and finding wills or deeds may prove difficult. Remember that you have the option of engaging a professional researcher in your country if it becomes too specialised for you.

Once you have taken the search from your homeland to Ireland, you can decide how to approach the Irish records. Many people enjoy conducting their own research and are happy to spend successive holidays in Ireland doing so. Others prefer to have the digging done for them so they can go straight to the ancestral area (see 'Commissioning Research' on page 17). Others again like to combine some research with the personal visit. Either way, the most wonderful aspect of ancestral research is the visit to the county or the parish or even the very house where your ancestor was born; seeing the church where they worshipped or walking in their footsteps through the village or town that was once their world.

### Conducting Your Own Research

If you enjoy doing your own family research and the chase is as important as the end result, you will get the most out of your stay in Ireland if you plan well. As many Irish genealogical sources are available in national repositories in Dublin and Belfast, this can be a useful starting point. If you know the county or counties of origin where you need to carry out research, you can also make contact with the relevant local repositories (you will find contact details on pages 24-25 of this guide). In Dublin the National Library of Ireland, the National Archives and the General Register Office are all centrally located.

The National Library has a dedicated genealogy room where researchers can access online resources and get advice from the trained staff there. The Library also holds many original and unique sources. Please visit **www.nli.ie** before your trip to learn more about its holdings.

The National Archives of Ireland similarly has many sources and provides a free genealogy advisory service to members of the public which is operated by the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland (APGI).

You can start your research before your visit to Ireland, by accessing the growing amount of Irish genealogical material available online. These are some of the key websites which provide access to Irish genealogical material:

www.censusnationalarchives.ie – This site includes a database of the 1901 and 1911 Census returns including digitised images of the original documents forms for all parts of Ireland.

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www.irishgenealogy.ie – This is a government run site with a database of church records relating to many locations in Counties Kerry, Dublin, Carlow and Cork. It also includes some church records for the diocese of Cork and Ross. Further records will also be added to this site.

www.askaboutireland.ie – This website is operated by the Library Council of Ireland and comprises a database of the Griffith's Valuation, a mid 19th century property valuation survey which includes images of the original and accompanying maps.

http://sources.nli.ie - This is a National Library website with a database of Irish Manuscripts held in various repositories and articles in Irish periodicals.

www.rootsireland.ie - This website is run on behalf of the county genealogy centres, providing access to a free index of over 19 million church, civil, land, census, gravestone and ships' passenger records for most Irish counties. There is a fee to view the full details of any record.

www.familysearch.org - This website is run by the Latter Day Saints Church and contains a database of Irish civil records index of births, deaths and marriages from 1845–1958 which is searchable online.

www.findmypast.ie - This website includes over 3.5 million crime and legal records, almost 2 million names in directories and almanacs, and exclusive land and estate records, census substitutes, travel and migration records, and details of Irish who fought overseas.

www.glasnevintrust.ie/genealogy - This website is run by Glasnevin Trust (CHY5849) and contains a database of cemetery and crematoria records from Glasnevin, Goldenbridge, Newlands Cross and Dardistown, dating back to 1832.





The National Archives in Bishop Street is situated within a five minute walk of the ancient St. Patrick's Cathedral. It is the ideal starting point because of its Genealogy Service. This service is provided free of charge to personal callers. Members of APGI offer expert advice to visitors on their specific family history research, explaining where to go and how to use relevant records. Visitors then go about their research in the Archives or in other repositories and they are welcome to return to the Genealogy Service for further guidance as often as they wish. Among the many

collections in the National Archives of interest to genealogists are the 1901 and 1911 census returns (also on-line), surviving fragments of the 1821, 1831, 1841 and 1851 census returns, transportation records – Ireland to Australia 1788 – 1868, Landed Estates Court rentals, Griffith's Valuation, tithe applotment books, testamentary records, many estate papers and microfilm copies of some Church of Ireland parish registers.

### GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE / RESEARCH ROOM

The General Register Office's administrative headquarters is in Roscommon but its Research Room is in Dublin, close to the Abbey Theatre. The GRO holds the civil records of marriage, other than Roman Catholic, from 1845, and birth, death and Roman Catholic marriage from 1864 for all Ireland to 1921, as well as civil records of birth, marriage and death from 1922 for the Republic of Ireland. The website www.familysearch.org includes a database with an index of these civil records. Civil records of birth, death and marriage from 1922 for Northern Ireland are held at the GRO in Belfast.

### NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND

The National Library of Ireland on Kildare Street is situated within a twenty minute walk of the National Archives – just east of Dublin's main shopping street, Grafton Street. Its staff-run Genealogy Advisory Service room has free access to a wide range of on-line databases. The Library's holdings include microfilm copies of most Roman Catholic parish registers up to 1880 (and in some cases up to 1900), most Irish national and provincial newspapers, Griffith's *Valuation*, microfilm copies of the tithe applotment books, tithe applotment books, many estate papers and, of course, printed books and periodicals. In addition, access to the Genealogical Office manuscripts is gained through the Library's manuscript reading room or its microfilm room, depending on the particular manuscript.

### THE IRISH FAMILY HISTORY FOUNDATION

The Irish Family History Foundation has an all-Ireland network of 33 county genealogy centres providing local genealogy services for over 25 years. Trained researchers/genealogists carry out commissioned research using county genealogical sources and unique local knowledge. Alternatively, users can search the data and pay to view the details of records at www.rootsireland.ie, which contains over 19 million Irish records from the 1600s to the 1900s including births, baptisms, marriages & deaths; Griffith's Valuation; Tithe Applotment Books; the 1901 & 1911 census records; gravestone inscriptions, and other sources. A current list of the available sources for each county can be found on the website,

which is designed to assist users in locating records relating to a family in a specific county or in a number of counties. The enquiries@rootsireland.ie email allows researchers to ask questions or get free expert advice on researching their family history.

### PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

If your ancestor was born in the Province of Ulster, a visit to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) in the Titanic Quarter in Belfast is essential. Among the records held by PRONI are (for all nine counties of Ulster) the 1901 census returns, Griffith's *Valuation*, tithe applotment books and copies of church registers of all denominations; (for the six counties of Northern Ireland) testamentary records and Valuation Office material. In addition, PRONI holds estate papers from various locations in Ulster and other parts of Ireland as well as testamentary records for areas such as Co. Louth, which are not within Ulster.

#### **VALUATION OFFICE**

The Valuation Office is located in the Irish Life Centre in Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, close to the Abbey Theatre. It houses manuscript revisions of Griffith's *Valuation*, documenting all changes of occupancy of land from the time of the original survey to recent decades. Corresponding maps are also available. The Valuation Office material is extremely valuable to the family historian, as it charts the history of a family's property. The material for counties now in Northern Ireland are held in PRONI.

#### REGISTRY OF DEEDS

The Registry of Deeds is located in Henrietta Street – immediately north of Dublin's main thoroughfare of O'Connell Street. It was established in 1708 to regulate property transactions. Registration of deeds was not obligatory but thousands of transactions were registered throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. They relate mainly to the professional and mercantile classes and 'strong' farmers, as well as to the aristocracy and gentry and can be a valuable source for more prosperous families. However, you are much less likely to find a registered deed for a small tenant farmer.

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND'S STAFF-RUN GENEALOGY ADVISORY SERVICE ROOM HAS FREE ACCESS TO A WIDE RANGE OF ON-LINE DATABASES.



### REPRESENTATIVE CHURCH BODY LIBRARY

The Representative Church Body Library (RCBL) is the principal repository of archives and manuscripts of the Church of Ireland (the Anglican Church). It holds the registers of over 600 parishes from counties now in the Republic of Ireland as well as microfilm copies of many others. Note, however, that it does not hold all surviving C. of I. registers. Other sources available at the RCBL include biographical information on C. of I. clergy, vestry minute books for various parishes and material gathered by genealogists such as Swanzy and Welply.

### PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Most Irish Presbyterian congregations were based in or near the province of Ulster and copies of the majority of their registers of baptism and marriage may be found in PRONI. Registers for congregations in the rest of Ireland can only be found in local custody. The Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland (PHSI) in Belfast holds some original registers, as well as copies of the registers microfilmed by PRONI, some session minutes, presbytery minutes and biographical data on Presbyterian ministers.

### GLASNEVIN TRUST GENEALOGY SERVICES

Glasnevin Trust have digitised and made available all records from the Trust's cemeteries and crematoria at Dardistown, Newlands Cross, Palmerstown and Goldenbridge and Glasnevin. The records can be searched online for a nominal fee at www.glasnevintrust.ie/genealogy. Alternatively, when you visit Glasnevin Museum, you will receive a genealogy voucher as part of your admission ticket, to get you started online or at the Museum's Genealogy area. The records available provide details of the social and economic history of Ireland, popular professions, diseases that were prevalent, how long people lived and how they died. Glasnevin Trust also provides access (by appointment only) to their Archive Room for those who wish to view original records for research purposes.



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# Records Of Smaller Religious Denominations

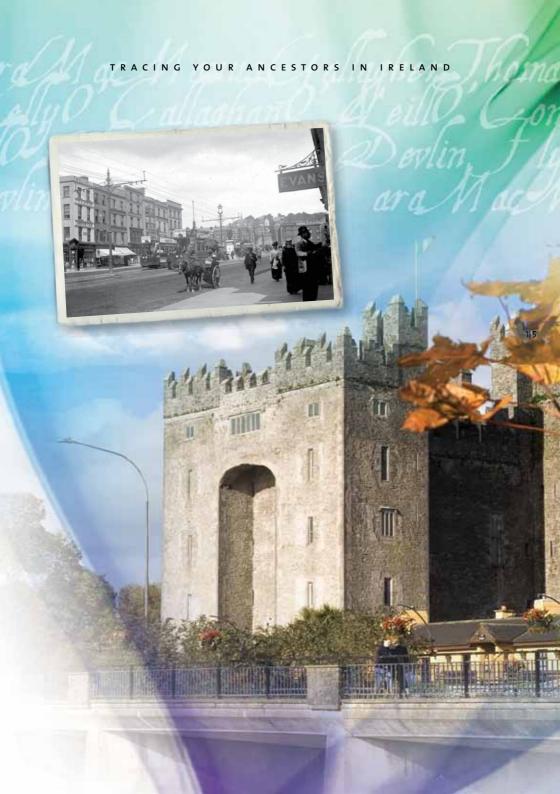
For minority religious denominations *Irish Church Records*, edited by James G. Ryan, is a good starting point, while *Irish Methodists – Where Do I Start?* and *Dictionary of Dublin Dissent*, both by Steven C. Smyrl and Louis Hyman's *The Jews in Ireland: from the earliest time to the year 1910*, are essential guides. The Irish Jewish Museum holds some original sources as well as eleven volumes of material compiled from a variety of records (also on the open shelves at the National Archives), while the website www.irishjewishroots.com includes a database of Jewish records.

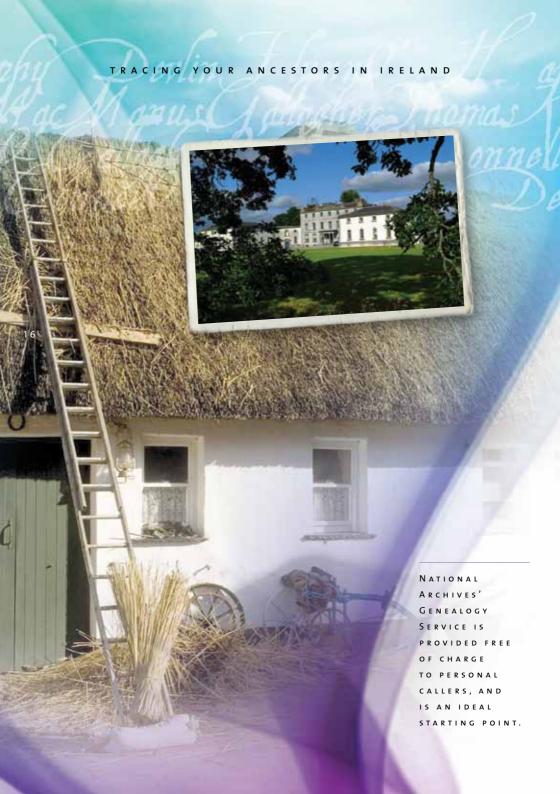
Copies of the registers of almost all Protestant denominations based in or near the province of Ulster may be found in PRONI. Registers for some Methodist congregations in the Dublin area have been centralised in Dublin, while records from other areas are still in local custody. The Wesley Historical Society in Belfast has substantial holdings of original registers and microfilm copies, as well as a preliminary database of death notices and an index to Methodist preachers.

The Society of Friends or Quakers have been keeping records since the seventeenth century. Of particular interest are the transcribed registers of birth, marriage and death held at the Dublin Friends Historical Library (also on microfilm in the National Library).



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### Commissioning Research

If the prospect of doing your own research seems daunting you may avail of professional research services within Ireland. All or part of your research can be carried out well before you travel to Ireland, allowing you to plan your itinerary in advance. You will be able to combine all the attractions that Ireland has to offer with visits to places associated with your family.

The success of any research that you commission will depend on the information that you can provide on your ancestor. Professional genealogists and records agents will access the sources in the Dublin and Belfast repositories. The genealogists in the county genealogy centres will carry out research using their county genealogical databases of parish records, land records, graveyard inscriptions and census returns, as well as using local knowledge and contacts to pinpoint that elusive Irish ancestor.

The Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland (APGI) is an all-Ireland professional body, with members based in the Republic and Northern Ireland. Admission to APGI accreditation is restricted to genealogists whose work is approved by an independent panel of assessors and members are bound by a strict code of practice. There are two other membership organisations for genealogists within Northern Ireland, the Association of Ulster Genealogists and Record Agents (AUGRA) and the Society of Genealogists Northern Ireland (SGNI). Their members are also bound by codes of practice.

The county genealogy centres provide a Do-It-Yourself option online at www.rootsireland.ie where you can use a free index search to locate records in a particular county or across any number of counties. You can then pay to view individual or groups of records online or, alternatively, you can commission a county genealogy centre to carry out your research for you. Centres provide a variety of different research options, including general advice and assistance. Over 33 county genealogy centres, covering 29 counties of Ireland, are members of the Irish Family History Foundation. Both the centres and the IFHF provide an online service and a local service run by trained genealogists and researchers.

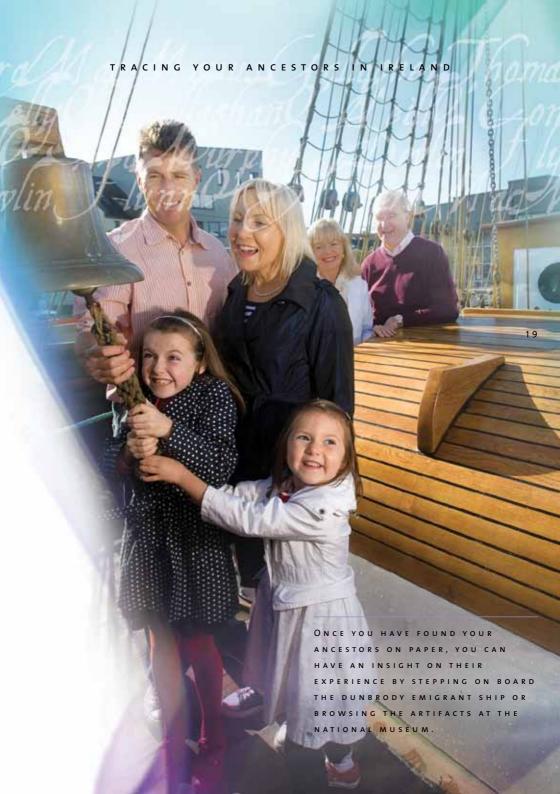
### Walking the Ground

Once you have found your ancestors on paper, whether by commissioned research or your own endeavours, the culmination will be the visit to your ancestral area. Calling to the relevant County Library and to the nearest branch library will help to put things in context, as these can be a source of valuable information on local history and oral tradition. Librarians can often put you in touch with local historians. Visiting the graveyards in the area may uncover more information but, more importantly, it will bring you closer to the Ireland your ancestors knew. The ultimate experience is to walk the ground once familiar to them, to look out on the world from their homestead and try to see it through their eyes.

Even if the exact details of your emigrant ancestor are lost in the mists of time and you cannot pinpoint their place of origin, learning about their circumstances can be very rewarding. For instance, a visit to the Ulster American Folk Park in Co. Tyrone would allow you a glimpse of the life they left behind and some understanding of the emigration process. Similarly, stepping on board the Dunbrody emigrant ship in New Ross or browsing the artifacts at the National Museum - Country Life in Co. Mayo would give an insight into your ancestor's experiences.



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### Getting More Involved

If you feel like engaging a little more in the world of Irish genealogy you may like to subscribe to a magazine such as *Irish Roots* (in circulation since 1992) or even join a society. There are several genealogical organisations in Ireland and overseas offering membership. They provide information through their newsletters, journals and lectures.

The Irish Genealogical Research Society is the oldest. It was founded in London in 1936 as an international society. Its 'Ireland Branch', for members resident within Ireland, hosts lectures and open days in Dublin. The North of Ireland Family History Society, founded in 1979, is devoted to genealogy within Northern Ireland and it has several branches. The Irish Family History Society and the Genealogical Society of Ireland are two other membership organisations (see 'Useful Addresses'). In addition, there are some regional societies based in Ireland and several Irish Interest Groups abroad. Many of these and almost all the national societies are affiliated to the Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations (www.cigo.ie).

Most Irish surnames originate in an Irish Clan. Finte na hÉireann - Clans of Ireland is the only representative organisation for Irish Clans and Families throughout Ireland and is an independent permanent organisation dealing with the affairs of Irish Clans. Clans of Ireland maintains a Register of Irish Clans and is regularly consulted by government agencies, historical and cultural interest groups, the media and the general public on matters relevant to Irish Clans and Families. Those interested in finding out more about their Irish family should consult the Register of Irish Clans at www.clansofireland.ie and contact their clan association directly. Where a clan is not currently organised Clans of Ireland will assist individuals interested in forming a clan association.

There are also organisations associated with specific immigrant groups and surnames, such as The Huguenot Society and the Irish Palatine Association.

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There are many very useful books on Irish genealogical research.

### Among these are:

Tracing your Irish Ancestors by John Grenham (Dublin 1992, revised editions 1999, 2006)

**Tracing Irish Ancestors** by Máire Mac Conghail and Paul Gorry (Glasgow 1997)

Irish Records: Sources for Family and Local History by James Ryan (Dublin 1988, revised edition 1998)

Tracing Your Ancestors in Northern Ireland: a guide to ancestry research in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland by Ian Maxwell (London 1997)

Researching Armagh Ancestors by Ian Maxwell (Belfast 2000)

Tracing Your Cork Ancestors by Tony McCarthy & Tim Cadogan (Dublin 1998)

**Tracing Your Donegal Ancestors** by Helen Meehan & Godfrey Duffy (Dublin 2008)

Researching Down Ancestors by Ian Maxwell (Belfast 2004)

Tracing Your Dublin Ancestors by James G. Ryan & Brian Smith (Dublin 1998, revised edition 2009)

**Tracing Your Kerry Ancestors** by Michael H. O'Connor (Dublin 1994)

**Tracing Your Limerick Ancestors** by Margaret Franklin (Dublin 2003)

Tracing Your Mayo Ancestors by Brian Smith (Dublin 1994)

Tracing Your Roscommon Ancestors by John Hamrock (Dublin 2008)

*Irish Church Records* edited by James G. Ryan (Dublin 1992)

*Irish Methodists – Where Do I Start?* by Steven C. ffeary-Smyrl (Dublin 2000)

**Dictionary of Dublin Dissent - Dublin's Protestant Dissenting Meeting Houses 1660-1920** by Steven C. Smyrl (Dublin 2009)

The Jews in Ireland; from earliest times to the year 1910 by Louis Hyman (Shannon 1972)

Irish Civil Registration - Where do I Start? by Eileen Ó Dúill & Steven C. ffeary-Smyrl (Dublin, 2000)

**Researching Scots Irish Ancestors** by William Roulston (Belfast 2005)

*Irish Family History Resources Online* by Chris Paton (2011)

The Irish Family and Local History Handbook by Robert & Elizabeth Blatchford (2011)

The Yidiot's Guide to Irish Jewish Ancestry by Stuart Rosenblatt (2011)

Eneclann (www.eneclann.ie) publishes CD, DVD and on-line databases of Irish genealogical sources.

The *Exploring Family Origins* booklet series by Noel Farrell provides extracts and transcripts from various genealogical sources for over thirty of the larger Irish towns (www. exploringfamilyorigins.com).

*Irish Roots* (www.irishrootsmedia.com) is a quarterly magazine and the only commercially produced periodical on Irish genealogy currently being published anywhere in the world.

#### NATIONAL REPOSITORIES:

General Register Office Research Room Floor 3. Block 7 Irish Life Centre Lower Abbey Street Dublin 1 Web: www.groireland.ie

General Register Office for Northern Oxford House 49-55 Chichester Street Belfast BTI 4HI Tel: +44(0)28 90 252000 Web: www.groni.gov.uk/about-us Advance appointment is necessary for research facility.

Glasnevin Trust Genealogy Services Glasnevin Trust Finglas Road Dublin 11 Tel: +353 (0)1 8826500 Email: info@glasnevintrust.ie Web: www.glasnevintrust.ie/ genealogy

National Archives of Ireland Bishop Street Dublin 8 Tel: + 353(0)1 4072300 Email: mail@nationalarchives.ie Web: www.nationalarchives.ie

National Library of Ireland Kildare Street Dublin 2 Tel: + 353(0)1 6030200 Email: info@nli.ie

Web: www.nli.ie

Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland Church House Fisherwick Place Belfast BT1 6DW Tel: +44(0)28 90322284 Email: phsilibrarian@pcinet.org

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) 2 Titanic Boulevard Belfast BT3 9HQ Tel: +44(0)28 9025 5905 Email: proni@dcalni.gov.uk Web: www.proni.gov.uk

Registry of Deeds Henrietta Street Dublin 1 Tel: +353(0)1 8048417 Web: www.landregistry.ie Representative Church Body Library Braemor Park Churchtown Dublin 14

Tel: +353 (0)1 4923979 Email: library@ireland.anglican.org Web: www.ireland.anglican.org

Valuation Office Irish Life Centre Lower Abbey Street Dublin 1 Tel: +353 (0)1 8171000 Email: info@valoff.ie Web: www.valoff.ie

#### REGIONAL REPOSITORIES:

It is advisable to make an advance appointment to view sources in most of the following repositories:

Antrim & Down Belfast Central Library Belfast, Ulster & Irish studies 126 Royal Avenue Belfast County Antrim BT1 1EA Telephone: +44(0)28 9050 9100 Email: buis.belb@librariesni.org.uk

Armagh Public Library 43 Abbey Street Armagh BT61 7DY Tel: +44(0)28 37 523142 Fmail:

admin@armaghpubliclibrary.co.uk

Carlow County Library Tullow Street Carlow Tel: +353 (0)59 9170094 Email: library@carlowcoco.ie

Cavan County Library & Archives Farnham Centre Farnham Street Cavan Tel: +353(0)49 4378500 Email: library@cavancoco.ie Email: archives@cavancoco.ie

Clare County Library The Manse Harmony Row **Ennis** Co. Clare Tel: +353(0)65 6846271 Email: mailbox@clarelibrary.ie

Cork City & County Archives 33a Great William O'Brien Street Blackpool Cork Tel: +353(0)21 4505876 Email: archivist@corkcity.ie

Cork City Libraries 57-61 Grand Parade Cork Tel: 353(0)21 4924900 Email: libraries@corkcitv.ie

Cork County Library Carrigrohane Road Cork Tel: +353 (0)21 4546499 Email: corkcountylibrary@corkcoco.ie

Derry Central Library 35 Foyle Street Derry BT48 6AL Tel: +44(0)28 71272300 Email: derrycentrallibrary@librariesni.

Donegal Central Library Oliver Plunkett Road Letterkenny Co. Donegal Tel: +353(0)74 9124950 Email: central@donegallibrary.ie

Down - see Antrim

**Dublin City Library & Archives** 138-144 Pearse Street Dublin 2 Tel: +353(0)1 6744999 Email: dublinstudies@dublincity.ie

**Dublin South County Library** Library Square Tallaght Dublin 24 Tel: +353(0)1 4620073 Email: talib@sdublincoco.ie

Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown Area Dún Laoghaire Library Lower Georges Street Dún Laoghaire Co Dublin Tel: +353(0)1 2801147 Email: localhistory@dlrcoco.ie

Fingal Local Studies & Archives Clonmel House Forster Way Swords Co. Dublin Tel: +353 (0)1 8704495 Email: local.studies@fingalcoco.ie

Fermanagh Enniskillen Library Halls Lane **Enniskillen** Co. Fermanagh BT74 7DR Tel: +44(0)28 66322886 Email: enniskillenlibrary@librariesni.org.uk

Galway County Library Island House Cathedral Square Galway Tel: +353(0)91 562471

Tel: +353(0)91 562471 Email: info@galwaylibrary.ie

Kerry Library Moyderwell Tralee Co. Kerry

Tel:.+353(0)66 7121200 Email: info@kerrycolib.ie

Kildare Library & Arts Service Riverbank Arts Centre Main Street Newbridge Co. Kildare Tel: +353(0)45 431109 Email: colibrary@kildarecoco.ie

Kilkenny County Library John's Green House John's Green Kilkenny

Tel: +353(0)56 7794160 Email: info@kilkennylibrary.ie

Laois County Library J.F.L. Avenue Portlaiose Co. Laois Tel: +353 (0)57 8674315 Email: laoislibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Leitrim County Library
Main Street
Ballinamore
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1: 4353(0)71 9645582
Email: leitrimlibrary@leitrimcoco.ie

Limerick County Library Lissanalta House Dooradoyle Road Limerick Tel: +353(0)61 496526 Email: libinfo@limerickcoco.ie

Longford County Library Town Centre, Longford Tel:+353(0)43 3341124 Email library@longfordcoco.ie

Louth County Library Roden Place Dundalk Co. Louth Tel: +353(0)42 9335457 Email: libraryhelpdesk@louthcoco.ie

Mayo Central Library John Moore Rd Castlebar Co. Mayo Ireland Tel: +353(0)94 90479

Tel: +353(0)94 9047922 Email: librarymayo@mayococo.ie Meath County Library Railway Street Navan Co. Meath Tel: +353(0)46 9021134 Email: colibrarian@meathcoco.ie

Monaghan County Library 98th Avenue, Clones Co. Monaghan Tel: +353(0)47 51143

Email: clennon@monaghancoco.ie

Offaly County Library
O'Connor Square
Tullamore

Co. Offaly Tel: +353(0)57 9346832 Email: libraryhg@offalycoco.ie

Roscommon County Library Abbey Street Roscommon Tel. + 353 (0)90 6637275 Email: roslib@roscommoncoco.ie

Sligo Reference & Local Studies Library Westward Town Centre Bridge Street Sligo Tel: +353(0)71 9111858 Email: sligolib@sligococo.ie

Tipperary Studies Source Library Cathedral Street Thurles Co. Tipperary Tel: +353 (0)504 29278 Elmail: studies@tipperarylibraries.ie

Tyrone
Omagh Library,
1 Spillars Place
Irishtown Road
Omagh
Co. Tyrone BT 78 1HL
Tel: +44(0)28 82244821
Email: omaghlibrary@librariesni.org.uk

Waterford County Local Studies & Archives
Dungarvan Central Library
Davitt's Quay
Dungarvan
Co. Waterford
Tel +353(0)58 41231
Email:
dungarvanlibrary@waterfordcoco.ie

Westmeath County Library
Local Studies Department
Mullingar Library
County Buildings
Mount Street
Mullingar
Co. Westmeath
Tel: +353(0)44 933 2161
Email: mgarlib@westmeathcoco.ie

Westmeath County Library Local Studies Department Athlone Civic Offices Church Avenue Athlone Co. Westmeath Tel: +353 (0)90 6442157 Email: athlib@westmeathcoco.ie

Wexford Library McCauley's Car Park Off Redmond Square Wexford Tel: +353(0)53 9121637 Email: wexfordlib@wexfordcoco.ie

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