

AN INTRODUCTION TO IRISH FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH – Natalie Bodle of Roots Revealed.

Type of Record	Area covered	Where available	Comments
Beyond 2022 – Ireland’s Virtual Records Treasury	Ireland	https://beyond2022.ie/ https://virtualtreasury.ie/	Free. Project by Trinity College Dublin to recreate the PRO, Dublin and its holdings.
Place Names NI	NI	www.placenamesni.org	Free. Townlands, parishes and baronies in NI along with meanings and historical names.
Townlands.ie.	Ireland	www.townlands.ie	Free. Excellent site giving outline map of townlands and showing bordering townlands.
Placenames Database of Ireland	Ireland	http://www.logainm.ie/en/	Free. Townlands database giving both Irish and English versions.
Meitheal – Community Placename Collection Project	Ireland	https://meitheal.logainm.ie/en/	Public invited local or minor placenames in Irish and / or English
<i>Census of Ireland 1851 – General Alphabetical Index of Towns, Townlands, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland (1861)</i>	Ireland	https://archive.org/details/op1248631-1001/page/n0	Free. This version includes minor and unofficial names.
Irish Genealogy – Births, Deaths and Marriages.	All Ireland 1845 - 1922. ROI only after that date.	www.irishgenealogy.ie	Free.
General Register Office Northern Ireland (GRONI) – Births, Deaths and Marriages	Area that is now Northern Ireland 1845 onwards	https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk	Cost. Pay per view.
PRONI Guide to Church Records	NI and parts of ROI	https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/Guide-to-Church-Records-October-2019.pdf	Free. Guide to church records of various denominations and where they may be found.
PRONI Guide to Digitised Records	NI	https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/publications/guide-church-records	Free. Currently some CoI and Methodist records digitised & available on site at PRONI.
Irish Ancestors	Ireland	https://www.johngrenham.com/browse/county_church.php?cat=Donegal	Free for some searches, then paywall. Gives info on where church records can be found.



Church of Ireland Baptism, Marriage and Burials Registers and Lists of Vestry Minutes	All Ireland	https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/AboutUs/library/registers/ParishRegisters/PARISHREGISTERS.pdf	Free. Some registers have been made available on-line. Comprehensive list of registers are available and where. List of Vestry Minutes in Church Body Library.
Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland	All Ireland	http://www.presbyterianhistoryireland.com	Some records available online but must join Society to view them. Have lists of Presbyterian Congregational Records & their locations.
Diocesan and Prerogative Marriage Bonds, 1623 – 1866	All Ireland	http://census.nationalarchives.ie/search/dm/home.jsp In person at PRONI.	National Archives of Ireland – free. PRONI does not have all of Ireland.
National Library of Ireland – RC Registers	All Ireland	https://registers.nli.ie/	Free. Digitised records although not indexed. The indexed versions can be found on Find My Past, Family Search and Ancestry.
Roots Ireland	All Ireland	http://www.rootsireland.ie/	Cost to view records. Good coverage of Ireland apart from Cork and Kerry. Note not all church records are on this site.
Emerald Ancestors	Northern Ireland	https://www.emeraldancestors.com/	Cost to view records.
PRONI Street Directories	Northern Ireland	https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/search-archives-online/street-directories	Free.
Ask About Ireland – Thom’s Directories	All Ireland	http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/index.xml?action=thomsSearch	Free.
Lennon Wylie – Street Directories	Northern Ireland	https://www.lennonwylie.co.uk/	Free.
Samuel Lewis’s Topographical Dictionary (1837)	Ireland	Lewis Vol 1- https://www.libraryireland.com/topog/ Lewis Vol 2 - https://archive.org/details/topographicaldic02inlewi/page/n5	Free.
Street Directories	Ireland	https://archive.org/ https://books.google.co.uk/books www.findmypast.co.uk	Good selection of national and provincial directories on these sites.

PRONI Historic Map Viewer	NI	https://apps.spatialni.gov.uk/EduSocial/PRONIApplication/index.html	Free. Maps dating from 1832.
National Townland and Historical Map Viewer	Ireland	http://geohive.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9def898f708b47f19a8d8b7088a100c4	Free. OS Maps dating from 1832.
MacLysaght, Edward (1972) <i>Irish Families: Their Names, Arms and Origins</i> . 3 rd ed. New York: Crown Publishers.		https://archive.org/details/irishfamilies00macl/page/n7/mode/2up	Free. This book can be borrowed from Internet Archive. Just create a free account.
Black, George, F. (1946) <i>The Surnames of Scotland. Their origin, meaning and history</i> . New York: The New York Public Library.		https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015011274175;view=2up;seq=26	Free.
Irish Census records	All Ireland	http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/search/	Free.
Griffith's Primary Valuation	All Ireland	http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/	Free. Valuation of all land in Ireland carried out between 1840's – 1860's.
Public Records Office Northern Ireland (PRONI)	NI and some ROI	https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni	Free. Range of records.
National Archives of Ireland (NAI)	All Ireland	http://www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie	Free. Range of records including the Census.
National Library of Ireland (NLI)	All Ireland	https://www.nli.ie/en/homepage.aspx	Free. Online databases, manuscripts, etc.
Irish Archives Resource	All Ireland	https://www.iar.ie/	Free. Portal where you can search for particular documents or for what is held in particular archives.
Registry of Deeds	All Ireland	http://www.irishdeedsindex.net/index.php	Free. Transcription and microfilming still underway. Wills, deeds, land transactions from 1709. Many records have been filmed and available at Familysearch.org although they have not been indexed there.
The National Archives (Kew, England)	UK and Ireland	http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/	Very good online catalogue and guides. During COVID lockdown, records are free.



Scotland's People	Scotland	https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/	Charge to view. B, D, M records. Church records, wills, heraldry, valuation records.
Family Search		https://www.familysearch.org	Free.
Ancestry		https://www.ancestry.co.uk	Subscription site.
Find My Past		https://www.findmypast.co.uk	Subscription site.
North of Ireland Family History Society (NIFHS)		https://www.nifhs.org/	
Genealogical Society of Ireland		https://familyhistory.ie/newtheme/	
Irish Family History Society		https://www.ifhs.ie	
Irish Genealogical Research Society		https://www.irishancestors.ie/	

Books:

Bell, Robert (1988) *The book of Ulster Surnames*. Belfast: The Blackstaff Press.

Grenham, John (2019) *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors*. 5th ed. Dublin: Gill Books

Mitchell, Brian. (2002) *A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland*. Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing Co.

Ordnance Survey Memoirs – arranged in volumes by county and parish. These books may be bought from Books Ireland <https://www.booksireland.org.uk/> Sets are also available in many libraries.

Roulston, William J (2018) *Researching Ulster Ancestors. The essential genealogical guide to early modern Ulster, 1600-1800*. Belfast: Ulster Historical Foundation.

Roulston, William J (2020) *Researching Presbyterian Ancestors in Ireland*. Belfast: Ulster Historical Foundation.

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