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Local and Family History Irish Family History Online

Over the last number of years an increasing number of Irish genealogical records have gone online. The following is a selection of these resources, most of which are free but a number are subscription sites.

Good introductory websites:

The National Archives of Ireland (Genealogy section):

www.nationalarchives.ie/genealogy

This site offers advice on how to get started, what records are available and provides links to free resources such as census and valuation returns. Also provides details of accredited researchers in Ireland.

The National Library of Ireland (Genealogy section):

www.nli.ie/en/family-history-introduction.aspx

This site offers advice on how to get started, what records are available and also gives details of the Genealogical service offered by the National Library, which holds a large collection of Irish parish records in its collections.

Birth, Marriage and Death records

Irish Genealogy: www.irishgenealogy.ie

Historic records of Births, Deaths and Marriages from the General Register Office. Includes certificate copies for births 1864-1918, marriages 1864-1943 and deaths 1878-1968. Also gives access to over 2 million church records with some digital images available.

Family search: www.familysearch.org

This website gives free access to a large, but not fully comprehensive, collection of Irish baptism and marriage records, plus it gives access to the Irish GRO index, which again is not comprehensive, but a good place to start. Requires free registration.

Ancestry: www.ancestrylibrary.com

The Ancestry website also gives access to the Irish GRO Index up to 1958 and Catholic Parish Registers 1655-1915. Ancestry.com can be accessed for free in all Leeds libraries.

https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Ireland_Civil_Registration

Use this free site to learn more about the Irish GRO records, its history, and tips on how to search the GRO Index effectively.

Irish Family History Foundation: www.irish-roots.ie

This subscription site contains parish records for all denominations, some of which pre-date civil registration in 1864. The records are not complete but the site is being added to regularly. Check free sources first.

GRO Offices

Republic of Ireland General Register Office:

https://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/GRO_Research.aspx

Northern Ireland General Registry Office:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/contacts-az/general-register-office-northern-ireland>

Irish Census Records

1901 and 1911 Irish Census: www.census.nationalarchives.ie

This site offers **FREE** access to the complete 1901 and 1911 Census for Ireland as well as fragments of the 1821-1851 census records.

Ancestry: www.ancestrylibrary.com

Ancestry offers access to the **1766 Religious Census** but only fragments of this census survive and consequently the whole of country is not covered. Two records that are widely considered census substitutes are **Griffith's Valuation, 1848 – 1864** and **Tithe Applotment Books, 1823 – 1837**. Ancestry is free in all Leeds libraries.

Find My Past: www.findmypast.com

The Find My Past genealogical website contains some census information for other dates, including transcripts of the **Dublin City Census 1851 (Head of Household Index)** and **Elphin Census 1749**. This is a subscription-only site, but Local and Family History offers vouchers, which will enable you to access it on a pay-per-view basis.