

Why They Left: A Conversation About the Irish Diaspora

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Key Websites and Resources for Researching Ancestors' Lives Prior to Emigration

- FamilySearch Research Wiki - Ireland
 - https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ireland_Genealogy
- Irish Genealogy
 - <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>
 - Civil Registrations for birth (1864-1921), *marriage (1845-1946), **death (1871-1971)
 - *Catholic marriages do not begin until 1864
 - **They are working on adding deaths from 1864-1870, so stay tuned!
 - Parish Registers (both Catholic and Church of Ireland)
 - On-going project.
 - What is available as of now:
 - <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/church-records/about/what-church-records-are-available-online>
- GENUKI (UK and Ireland Genealogy)
 - <https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/irl>
 - This is a virtual reference library of genealogical information relating to Ireland and the U.K.
- Ordnance Survey Ireland
 - These maps from 1837-42 and 1888-1913 can help pinpoint exactly where an ancestor was living in Ireland.
 - <https://geohive.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=9def898f708b47f19a8d8b7088a100c4>
- Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)
 - <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/family-and-local-history-records>
- General Register Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI)
 - <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/information-and-services/family-history-heritage-and-museums/research-family-history-general-register-office-ni-groni>

- National Archives Ireland
 - <https://www.nationalarchives.ie/genealogy/our-sources-for-family-local-history/>
- Griffith's Valuation (1848-1868) - Ask about Ireland
 - <https://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/>
 - Used to determine how much someone had to pay in taxes to the "Poor rate" and includes detailed information on where people lived in the mid-19th century.
- Tithe Applotment Books (1823-1837)
 - <http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/search/tab/index.jsp>
 - Used to determine the amount of money occupiers of agricultural holdings over 1 acre should pay in tithes to the Church of Ireland.
 - This is the next best thing to a pre-Famine Census in Ireland.
- Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland
 - <https://www.virtualtreasury.ie/>
 - Note: This is a *new* resource that is not the easiest to use. As of now, it is more helpful for people who would benefit from the 1766 Religious census and the Ecclesiastical and Testamentary records.
 - There will be another virtual program on this database on Tuesday, August 30th at 2:30 p.m. EDT <https://acpl.libnet.info/event/6972108>
- Irish Ancestors (\$)
 - <https://www.johngrenham.com/>
 - This is an awesome database that helps you get an idea of how many people with a certain surname lived in 19th century Ireland and where they lived. Additionally, this resource is great for helping you find what records have survived.
 - "How to use John Grenham's Irish Ancestors Website"
 - <https://bit.ly/3QgTH8Q>
- FindMyPast
 - <https://www.findmypast.com/>
 - *Subscription based, but can be accessed for *free* in the Genealogy Center.
 - Hosts over 250 Irish record sets. The most significant collections are:
 - Griffith's Valuation 1847-1864
 - Irish Prison Registers
 - Ireland Petty Session Court Registers
 - Irish Catholic Parish Registers of Baptisms
 - Irish Catholic Parish Registers of Marriages

- Passenger Lists
 - Irish newspapers
- Roots Ireland (\$)
 - <https://www.rootsireland.ie/>
 - This is a great resource for Catholic and Protestant church records of baptisms, marriages, and deaths.
- Irish Newspaper Archives (\$)
 - <https://www.irishnewsarchive.com/>
 - This is the world's largest and oldest online database of Irish newspapers (1738-present).
- Representative Church Body Library (RCBL)
 - <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/about/rcb-library>
 - Home of the archives of the Church of Ireland.
 - There are a few parish register indexes available on their website, but this collection has not been digitized

**Note: Most of the above resources are free. Those that are subscription based are marked with (\$). However, FindMyPast can be accessed for free in the Genealogy Center.*

Genealogy Center Snapshot Guide for Irish & Scots-Irish Research:

- This is not a comprehensive list of our Irish & Scots-Irish resources, but it is a good bibliography to help you get started.
 - <https://bit.ly/3vCWukO>

John Beatty's "Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors"

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAhi9ihy8wY&list=PL8AE558B5D8661B31&index=67>

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