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Finding Your Irish Roots

Finding Your Irish Ancestors Starts At Home

"Irish American genealogists need to determine their ancestors' exact origins in Ireland before they can begin researching Irish Records." - Marie Daley, "Successful Strategies", NEHGS

"For descendants of Irish emigrants the locality (of origin) is often one of the most difficult things to discover." – John Grenham, <u>Tracing Your Irish Ancestors</u> 4th Ed., p. XXI





When Did They Leave??

Knowing when they left can help to pinpoint

- where they came from
- likely ports of arrival
- where they settled





18th Century Immigration to U.S. Colonies (1717-1775)

- 1717-1718 From Northern Ireland to Boston (over 8,000)
 - then into interior New England, some to PA & SC
- 1725-1729 Drought & 3 years of poor harvests
 - mainly to Southeast PA
- 1740-1741 Famine (400,000 die in 1740 alone)
 - to PA then into Shenandoah Valley
 - movement also begins into NC & SC piedmont
- 1771-1775 Revolts over "rack-renting" lead to mass evictions
 - 25,000 sent to American colonies
 - many are Ulster Presbyterians

Historical estimates: - by 1776 half of Ulster (Presbyterian) has gone to N. America

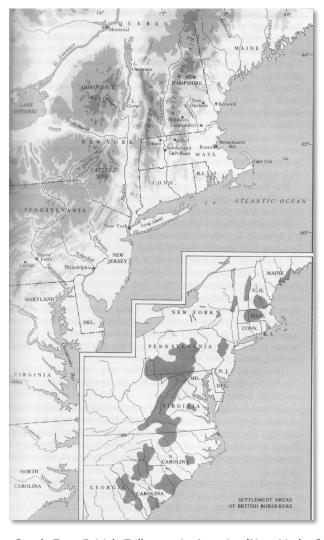
- 1 in 7 U.S. colonists are Ulster Irish



Source: "Irish Emigration to North America: Before During and After the Famine", Paul Milner, 7 Apr 2011 NERGC



Where the Scots-Irish Settled







Pre-Famine Immigration in the early 19th Century (1783-1845)

Scots-Irish (post-Revolutionary War) at 5,000 / year many to Canada continue to flow into PA, NC, SC but also KY, TN, OH

After 1800 Catholic migration begins again

- both Protestant & Catholic emigrants are choosing to leave
- reasonably well-off with the means to seek a better life
- often bring valuable skills with them



The Great Famine (1845 – 1851)

Main U.S. entry is now NYC (South Side Pier; 1856 Castle Garden opens)

Canadian entry at quarantine stations

- Quebec: Grosse Ile

- Nova Scotia: Partridge Island

Immigrants are destitute, starving and sick

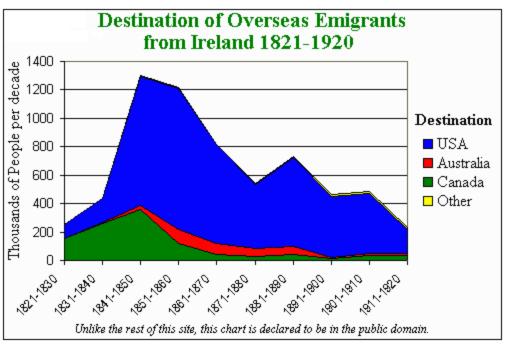
- resources are overwhelmed in U.S. & Canada
- large numbers of orphans

About 1.3 million people emigrate between 1841 – 1850

- 70% go to U.S.
- 28% go to Canada
- 2% go to Australia



Where the Irish Went



Note: This graph does not include those who emigrated to England, Scotland and Wales. See below.

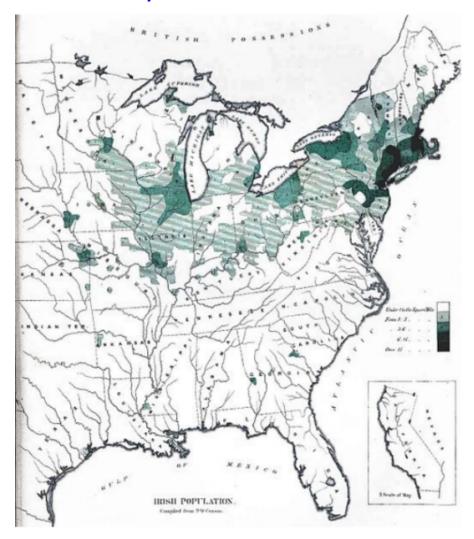
By 1851 in Canada, the Irish now outnumber the British & Scottish, combined.



Sources: The Ireland Story, www.wesleyjohnston.com and Paul Milner, "Irish Immigration to N. America"



Population Density of Irish Catholics in 1870 U.S. Census





Source: Original Returns of the Ninth Census, 1872. Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection (wikipedia.org)



Difficulties:

- In 19th Century U.S. records often required only country of origin
- Common surnames & common first names
- Surnames had many spellings
- Stated port of embarkation often given to answer "where from?"
- Immigrant Irish in U.S. were very mobile moved to the work





Advantages:

- Most came as families
- Had friends & relatives as local sponsors in U.S.
- Chain migration continued for decades
- Surnames often closely linked to specific location
 - Barony → Clan → Local Surnames
- Irish were "joiners" so lots of associations to search for mention
- The records are in English!!





Key questions:

- How was the name spelled when they first arrived?
- When did they arrive?
- Where did they arrive?
- What was <u>first</u> address??
- What was their status?
 - single or married?
 - as part of a family or extended family?
 - were there kids? (who was youngest & oldest?)
- Which religion? (Catholic, Presbyterian, COI, other?)

These facts are critical for finding the home they left in Ireland





Societies and Organizations

Political Parties



Fire and Police Departments







Societies and Organizations

Church groups

- parish councils
- lists of priests and nuns
- church anniversaries publications

Associations

- Local Irish societies
- AOH (Ancient Order of the Hibernians) & Knights of Columbus







Newspaper notices

Boston Pilot & New York Herald ran ads for decades (1831-1921)



Called "The Search for Missing Friends"

- Boston College database
- AmericanAncestors.org,
 - NYPL.org (etc.)

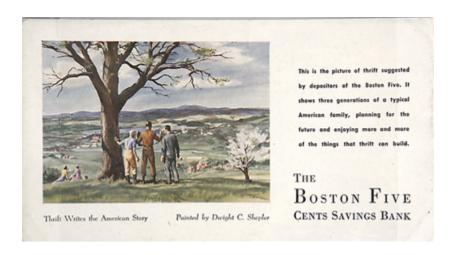




Financial Records

Banks specializing in lending to Irish immigrants

- Emigrant Savings Bank of New York
- Boston Five Cent Savings Bank







Insurance Associations



- Catholic Order of the Foresters
60,000+ members
Often Irish
(see www.tiarra.ie)





Well-worn pathways

An example:

- Kilkenny south to Waterford & New Ross
- Then to New Brunswick or Quebec --- > U.S.

Forced Migration

rent strikes and forced evictions (sometimes thousands at once)

Sponsored Migration

- many cases of assistance (charity, landowners, gov't)
- Thomas Talbot settles 20,000 Protestants near Lake Erie (Canada)
- Vere Foster & James Hack Tucke help 30,000 in 1880's
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- Single women sponsored by Foster
 1850-1900 largest migration of single women in history



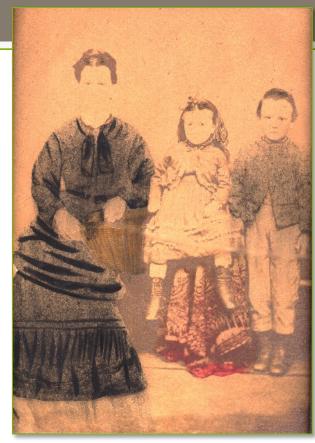




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Were most Irish records destroyed in the 1922 Four Courts explosion?





Civil Registration

Non-Catholic marriages: beginning 1845

Births and Deaths, and all Marriages: beginning 1864

Civil marriage registration

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FamilySearch and Family History Library



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Marriages 1845-1870

Deaths: 1864-1870

Northern Ireland: 1922-1959

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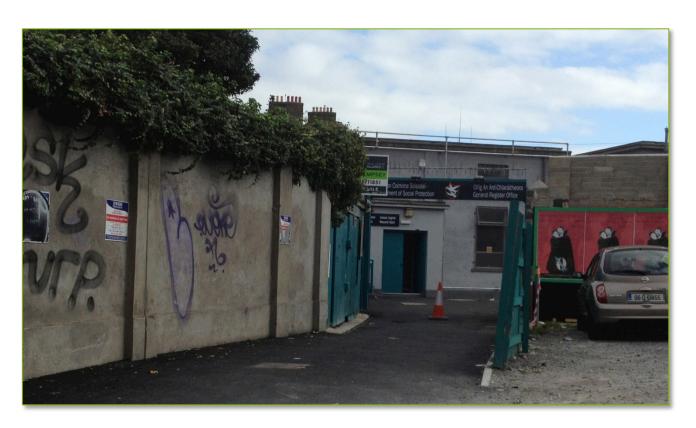


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Inside GRO, Dublin



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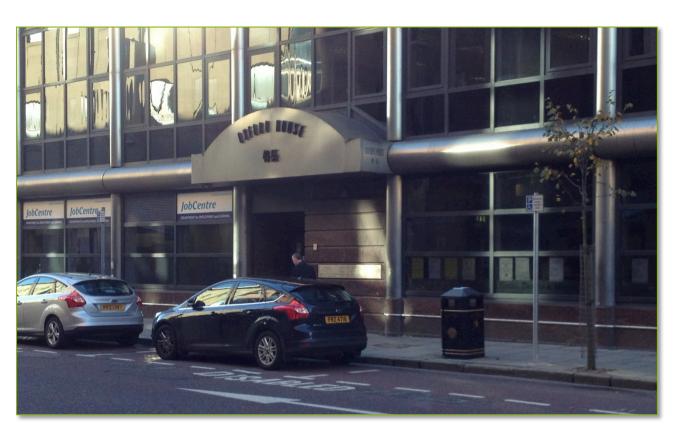


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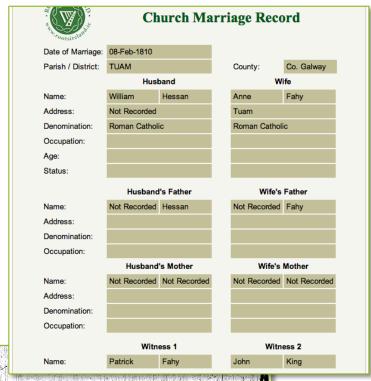


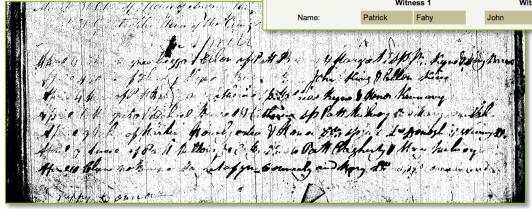
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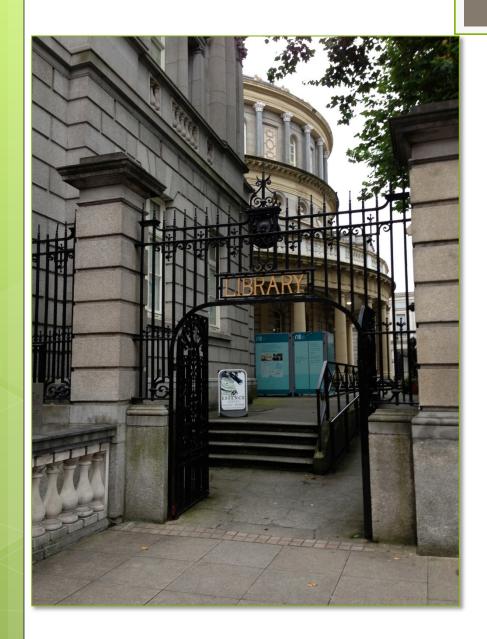
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www.rootsireland.ie

- Irish Genealogywww.irishgenealogy.ie
- Family History Library microfilm





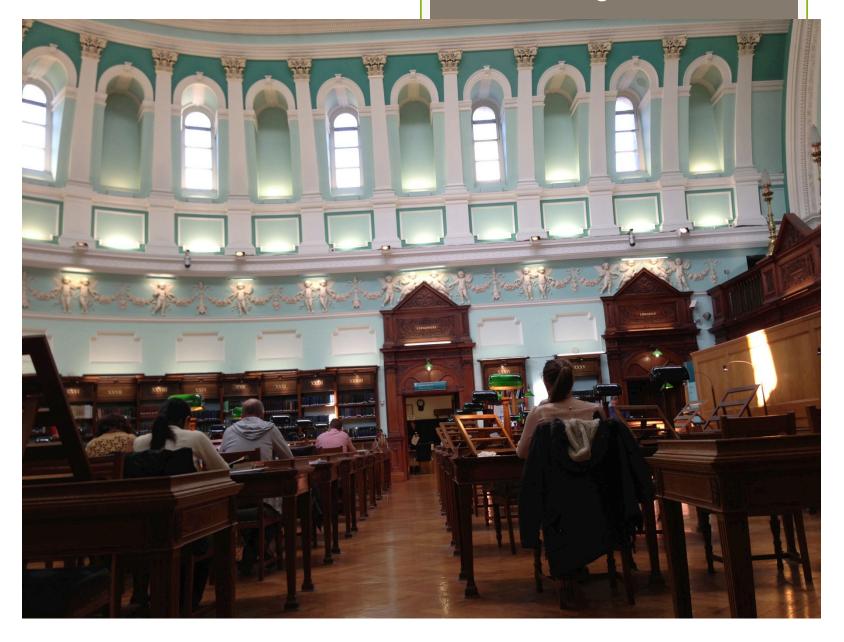


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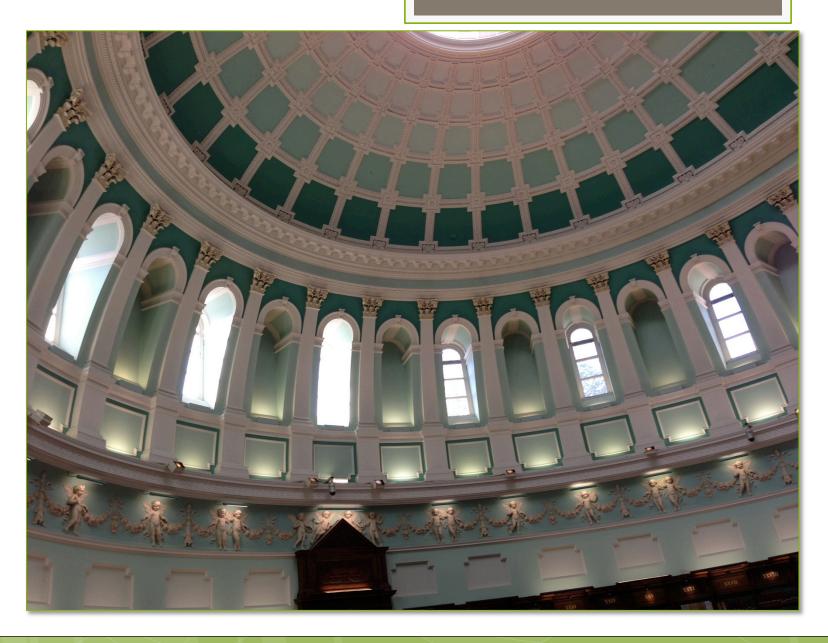
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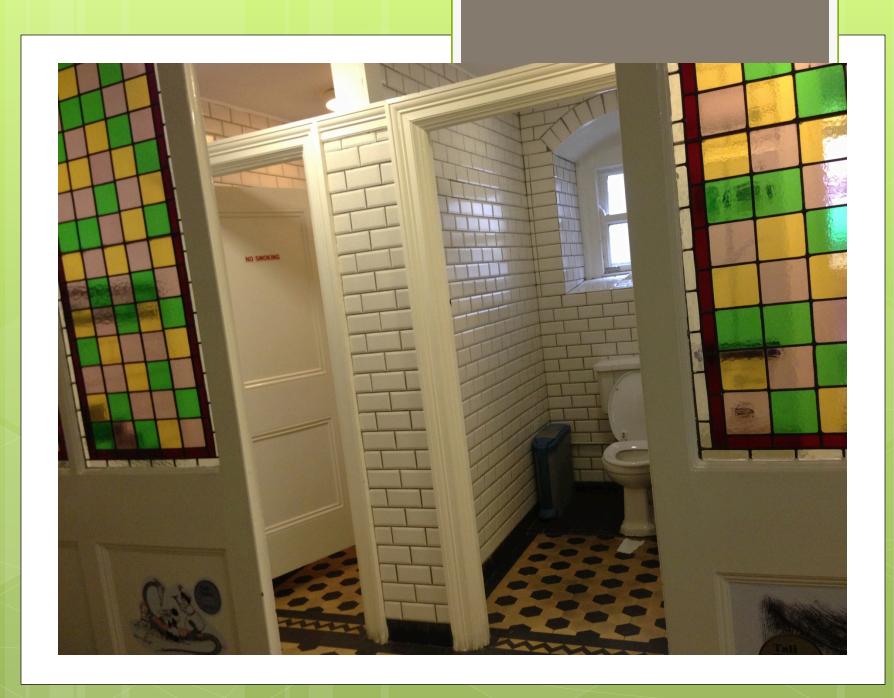


NLI Reading Room



NLI ceiling





Representative Church Body Library



PRONI Public Records Office, Northern Ireland



Cemeteries

Historic graves ...

Explore, protect, promote

HOME

EXPLORE

SEARCH

ENGAGE

ABOUT US

A community based heritage project which digitally records and publishes historic graveyard surveys and stories.

Local stories uniting to form a national resource with a global audience.

Sign up online and become an Historicgraves Transcriber.

RECENT BLOG POSTS

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I met digital historian Sharon Slater (http://limerickslife.com/) for coffee yesterday and she briefed me on plans for the Beyon... Read more







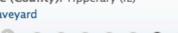


RECENT GRAVEYARDS

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Town/location: Templemore Province (County): Tipperary (IE) View graveyard



















Irish Property Records

- Tithe Applotment (1823-1838)
- Valuation House Books (1830s-1864)
- Griffith's Valuation (1847-1864)
- Valuation Revision Books (1860-1970)
- Landed Estate Court Rentals (1860-1890)
- Registry of Deeds (1708-onward)
- Land Registry (1892-onward)
- Estate Records (1600s-1800s+)

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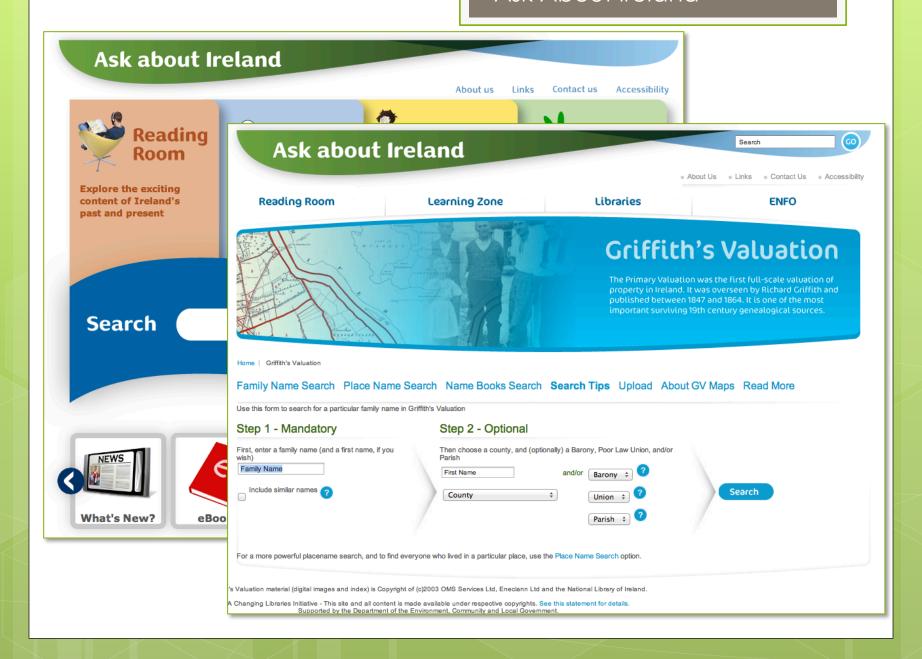
(aka Primary Valuation of Tenements)

- Ask About Ireland (free)
- Find My Past (\$)
- Origins.net (\$)

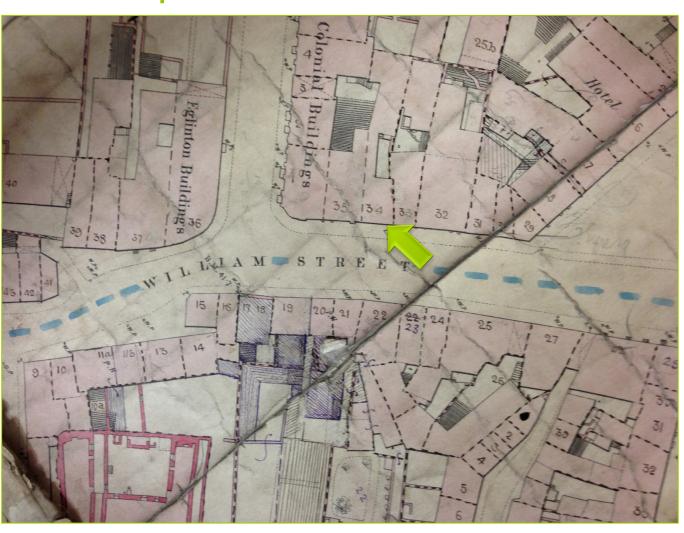
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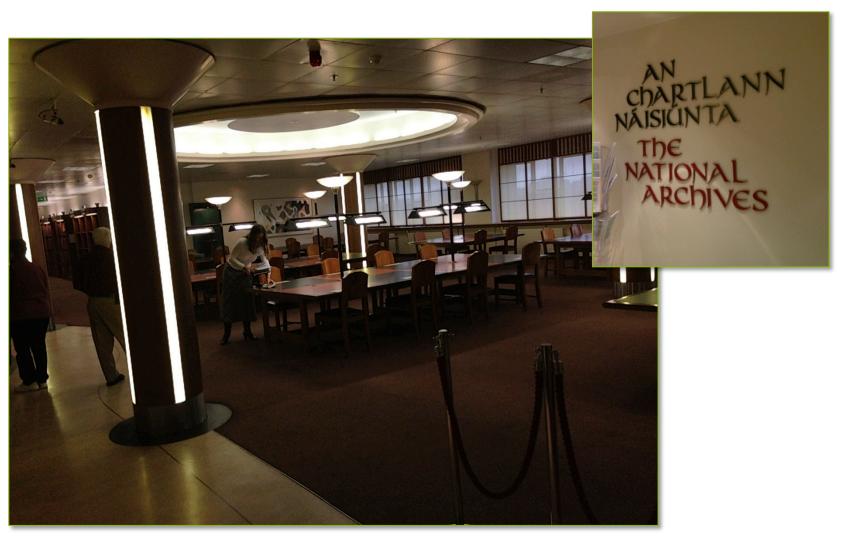
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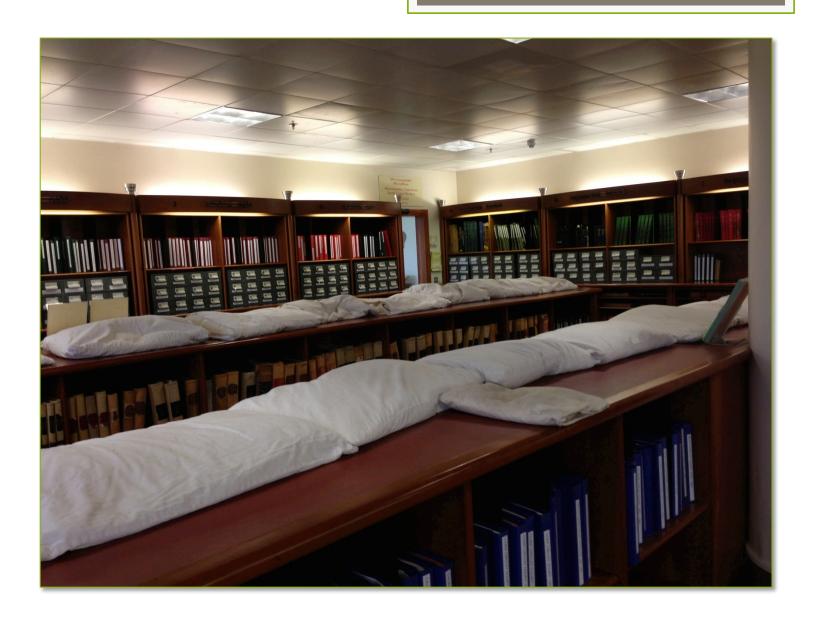
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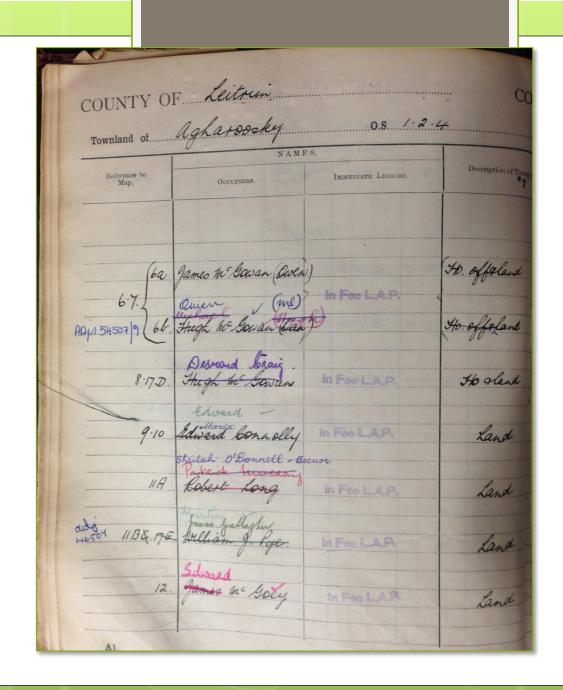
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Valuation Revision Books

(aka Cancelled Land Books)

Republic of Ireland: Valuation Office Northern Ireland: Online, PRONI



Valuation Office



Registry of Deeds, Dublin



Photo: David Rencher

Landed Estates Court Rentals

- Printed for the sale of bankrupt estates, these include information about more than 500,00 tenants on 8,000+ estates, sometimes back into the 1700s.
- Available at National Archives of Ireland, and at PRONI.
- Indexes available online at Find My Past and FamilySearch.

1600s-1800s+

Estate Records

- National Library of Ireland
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- PRONI
- Local Repositories
- Private ownership





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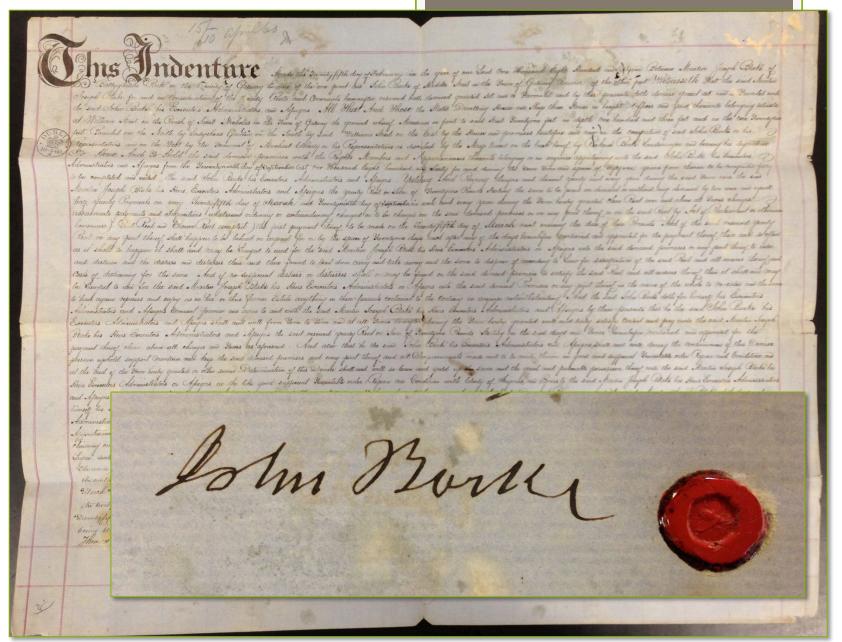
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Rent roll, 1841

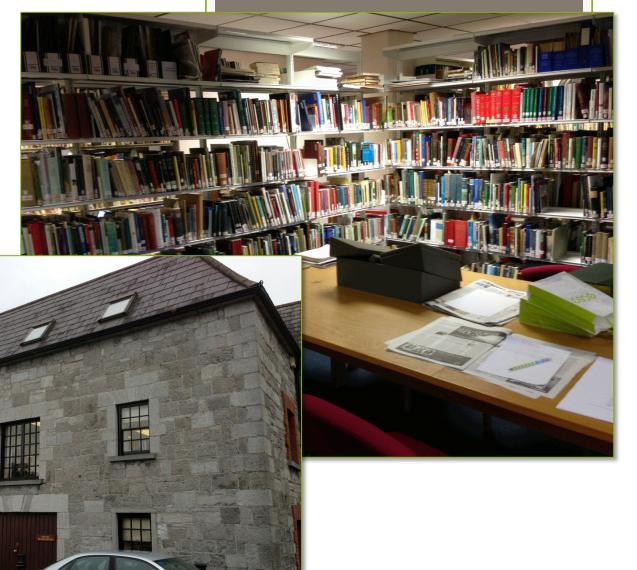
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