

Top Irish Genealogical Research Websites (Free and For Fee)

Top Irish General Information Research Websites:

Ancestry.com - www.ancestry.com - Library edition available at many public libraries – free
Full World Deluxe Membership subscriptions are about \$300/year

Irish Origins - www.irishorigins.com - Irish only subscription is about \$9.72/ hour or \$17/month, Full
British Isles for about \$20/month Available through IGSI at the MGS library in South St. Paul, MN

Irish Family History Foundation - www.rootsireland.ie - Free searchable index of vital and religious
records for most of the counties. You purchase an amount of credit and then use it to purchase the records
that you think you want. Also, links to all County Heritage Centres.

The National Archives of Ireland - www.nationalarchives.ie - Free index. Some free access otherwise
must hire local researcher or visit in person. Searchable databases.

Public Records Office of Northern Ireland - www.proni.gov.uk - Most records are only available in
person. Fee for research service. They are currently working on making databases available for free on
line.

National Library of Ireland - www.nli.ie - Catalog available online for search. Fee for research service.

Latter Day Saints Church Library - www.Familysearch.org - Library Catalog Free. Lots of film
available for rentable and catalog is searchable. Currently testing new site which will have searchable
digitized records from their film collection.

Rootsweb, Irish Research Site - www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fianna/ - Free, limited transcriptions –
good research guides

Sean Ruad - www.seanruad.com - Free fabulous townland location database.

World Vital Records - www.worldvitalrecords.com - Subscription. Irish Famine Records database

Irish Genealogical Society, International – www.irishgenealogical.org - Members have access to
Member surname database & past issues of the award-winning publication, *The Septs*. Searchable catalog
of IGSI holdings, can be narrowed by county.

Irish Roots - www.irishrootsmedia.com - Magazine's own database of their articles. Must buy
Subscription – on line 1 year subscription is only \$22.54 for 4 issues.

BDM Online - www.birthsdeaths marriages.ie - Government vital records service. Document ordering
with fee.

Search Engines - www.google.com, www.yahoo.com, www.bing.com

Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness – www.raogk.com – Free volunteer connect

Top Irish Church Records Websites:

Catholic Church - www.catholicbishops.ie - Free - no records, but parish information including diocesan map and parish contact information, including websites and email as available

Anglican Church - www.ireland.anglican.org - Free - no records, but parish information including diocesan map and parish contact information, including websites and email as available

Presbyterian Historical Society - www.presbyterianhistoryireland.com - Free – list of all parishes. No records available on-line, but there is a list of all the parish records that they hold exclusively and that PRONI has not copied yet.

Top Irish Immigration Websites

Ellis Island - www.ellisland.org - Free - Ellis Island – Free search, but fee for records

Steve Morse - www.stevemorse.org - Free – Ellis Island records – broader search options

Castle Garden - www.castlegarden.org - Free - Records from predecessor to Ellis Island

The Ship's List - www.theshipslist.com - Free – ship's lists, including a special Famine Emigrants section

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild - www.immigrantships.net - Free – ship's lists

Top Irish Newspapers Websites

Boston College/Missing Friends - <http://infowanted.bc.edu/> - Free - Boston College searchable database of Missing Friends

Brooklyn Eagle -

<http://eagle.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/Default/Skins/BEagle/Client.asp?Skin=BEagle> Free - Brooklyn Eagle Newspaper OnLine and fully searchable

Irish News - www.irishnewsarchive.com - Free search – Fee for articles - Irish Newspaper Archives.

Irish Times - www.irishtimes.com - Free search – fee after that £10 or about \$20 for 24 hours

Top Irish Cemetery/Memorial Websites:

Irish War Memorials - www.irishwarmemorials.ie - Names off of memorial monuments to service members in conflicts starting in the Williamite period up to 1969. Free and fully searchable.

Irish Family Research UK - www.irishfamilyresearch.co.uk - Subscription. Pricy with several levels of membership. Basic 1 year membership to access cemetery transcriptions and newspaper database is £40 or \$80.

Top Irish Regional/Area Specific/Miscellaneous Websites:

Ask about Ireland - www.askaboutireland.ie/libraries/ - Links to all County Public Libraries

Emerald Ancestors - www.emeraldancestors.com - Specializes in Northern Ireland. Free search – pay for results, 1 month for £10 or about \$20. Primarily Civil records

Failte Romhat - www.failteromhat.com - Free. Primarily personal family related for Clonakilty area, but includes several general information pieces, in particular a full copy of Slater's 1846 Directory of Ireland searchable by town.

Leitrim-Roscommon - www.leitrim-roscommon.com/index.shtml - Free. Leitrim, Roscommon and Sligo

Rosalind Davies - <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rosdavies/> - Free, County Down, great lists of ships, schools, churches with detailed location information

Connacht Landed Estates Project - www.landedestates.ie/LandedEstates/jsp/index.jsp - searchable guide to landed estates and gentry houses in Connacht, c. 1700-1914

Clans of Ireland - www.theclansofireland.ie - Free – links to several clan websites

Irish Mariners - www.irishmariners.ie - Free. Database of Irish-born Merchant Mariners active 1918 - 1921

UK Workhouses - www.workhouses.org.uk – Free - Fully searchable. Their records include census records and guest registers.

Google Books - www.books.google.com – free, keyword searchable, results include book overview, some snippets, and some full text

Maps - www.maps.google.com, www.maps.yahoo.com, www.mapquest.com - Free

Our Three Rules of Web Research:

- 1) Be Creative – Less is More
- 2) Be Repetitive, Repetitive, Repetitive – websites are updated, so re-check often
- 3) Think Sideways – If you don't find your direct ancestor, check his family members or friends