

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society



Chorley Branch Education Group Talk Handout Further Steps Irish Research

In the beginning

- was the word
- And the word was in First Steps
- Census
- Parish Records
- Civil Registration
- IGI
- Etc, etc, etc

But

- Ireland can be a difficult nut to crack

Ireland

- Very difficult to research as most of the existing records were burnt when the IRA fired the main Post Office and Public Record Office in Dublin in 1922
- Census records from 1821 to 1851 were mainly destroyed at this time and the 1861 to 1891 records were destroyed by the government after statistics had been compiled
- The 1901 and 1911 censuses are complete and are available to the public

Census information – where it has survived

- 1821 – name, age occupation, relationship to head of household, acreage held and number of storeys of dwelling
- 1831 – head of household, number of children & adults in the household and religion of each
- 1841 – name, age, sex, relationship to head of household, marital status, number of years married, occupation & birthplace

Census information

- 1851 – same as 1841, but two schedules
- One recorded absent members of the household plus all the usual census information
- The second recorded all who had died in the household since the last census, the cause and year of death, age at death, sex, relationship to head of household, and occupation

1901 and 1911

- 1901 – name, age, sex, relationship to head of household, religion, occupation, marital status, county of birth, whether they spoke Irish and whether they could read or write
- 1911 – same as above, but also lists, for married women, how long they have been married to current husband, how many children have been born to them and the number of children still alive

Religious censuses

- Religious censuses were also taken which were compiled by the local Church of Ireland minister
- In 1766 the information included heads of household, religion and the activities of the local Catholic clergy
- There are some transcripts remaining in some areas for these
- Some ministers did their own censuses for their own information and these are usually with the local minister

Tax Records

- Because so much primary source material was lost in 1922, what is left of the Irish tax records is very important
- Pre-1661 records are of taxes created under the English feudal system and the post-1661 records are for taxes paid to local districts

Which tax records?

- The Tithe Applotment books

- The tithes were land-based taxes taken from the rural areas between 1823 and 1837
- The tax was taken from people of all faiths who lived in the country, and was used to support the Church of Ireland
- The books record the name of the head of household and the value of the property

Griffiths Primary Valuation

- Between 1848 and 1864 a valuation was made of all taxable property of every parish in Ireland
- The list records the head of household, name of the landowner, acreage, value and tax assessed
- The money raised was used to support the poor

Other valuations

- Other valuations were made throughout Ireland about every ten years
- This helps with changes of ownership and tenancy (through death or migration)
- The same information as in the Primary Valuation is also recorded – acreage, value, etc

How to research

- In the 1821 to 1851 censuses, and Griffiths Valuation, the country was split into county, barony, civil parish and townland
- In the 1901 and 1911 censuses the country was split into county, electoral division and townland
- To be able to access the information in these records you need to know the parish and townland that your ancestor came from

Civil Registration

- From 1845 all non-Catholic marriages were recorded
- After 1864 all births, marriages and deaths were recorded
- Recorded details were the same as England and Wales
- Divorce was practically non-existent, and the few that took place went through the British government
- These records are held locally

Church Records

- Church of Ireland records were burnt during the 1922 uprising in Dublin
- Some ministers had kept their own copies and some records were held in the church itself
- Details are very much the same as England and Wales
- Later records have more details than earlier ones

Other Church records

- Catholic – held locally and not kept until the late 1820s
- Presbyterian
- Methodist
- Society of Friends
- Jewish
- Congregational & Baptist
- Huguenot
- All held in local custody

Web Sites

www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/

Ireland Genealogy Projects Archives - Free
For MI's
Newspapers
Wills
Census Substitutes
Directories
All by County

www.census.nationalarchives.ie/

National Archives 1911 Census – Free
On going project – Only Dublin so far. – Original Images
Antrim, Down & Kerry by December 2008
1901 to follow

www.proni.gov.uk/

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland - Free
On line at present
Ulster Covenant – Original Images
Freeholders Records – Original Images
Wills Colanders – Index with some detail

www.belfastfamilyhistory.com/

Belfast Family & Community History - Free
1901 Census for Belfast – Transcription only
1911 Census for Belfast – Transcription only
Image Library
Photographs taken at the time of the census
Images of the census pages

www.irish-roots.ie/

Irish Family History Foundation Website - Indexes Free – Otherwise a pay site
On going project
Map shows counties covered in red (North & South)
Have to log in to see indexes.
Parish Registers
Tithe Applotment Book 1823-1838
Griffiths Valuation 1848-1864
Gravestone Inscriptions
Census Reports 1901 & 1911
Civil Registration

www.failteromhat.com/

Failte Romhat - Free
Irish Records for Cork – plus other counties – a bit hit & miss.
Hayes Genealogy – Hayes Surname
Census & Directories
Loads of stuff under this heading including marriage indexes, hearth
tax, tithe defaulters etc. for Cork and other counties.
Cemetery Transcriptions
Maps
Pictures
Etc.

Here are some more. Some of the ones below are free some are not.

www.ifhf.brsgenealogy.com/
www.clareroots.com/
www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~fianna/
www.irelandgenweb.com/
www.censusfinder.com/ireland.htm
www.genealogylinks.net/uk/ireland/
www.irishtimes.com/ancestor/index.cfm
www.irishgenealogy.net/cp/phpbb3/index.php
www.irelandroots.com/
www.nli.ie/en/homepage.aspx
www.osi.ie/
www.groireland.ie/
www.irishtimes.com/ancestor/

Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society Chorley Research Centre at Astley Hall Farmhouse

Opening times

First & Third Saturdays Noon—4:00pm
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Last appointment 3:00pm

Booking advisable—Tel. 01257 231 600 (When centre is open),
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