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Irish Records Field Guide

Finding the right records in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.



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Irish Records

Records to start with

IrishGenealogy

Historic civil registers and selected church records. Check current dates and county coverage.

National Archives of Ireland

Search census material and explore the archive’s genealogical collections.

National Library of Ireland

Browse Catholic parish-register images. Identify the parish before browsing.

RootsIreland

Subscription transcripts from participating centres. Coverage varies by county and collection.

Civil registration and archives

GRONI

Northern Ireland historic civil-registration searches. Review age restrictions and viewing charges.

PRONI

Northern Ireland archive catalogues and family-history resources.

National Archives census search

The 1901 and 1911 census collections include the island of Ireland; use the current archive search.

Sources & further reading

- IrishGenealogy: civil and church records
- GRONI historic records
- PRONI and Northern Ireland archives
- National Archives census search
- NLI Catholic parish registers
- RootsIreland coverage

Useful links

https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/

https://nationalarchives.ie/collections/search-the-census/

https://registers.nli.ie/

https://www.rootsireland.ie/

https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/go-groni-online

https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni

https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/faq/

https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/archives-family-and-local-history

https://registers.nli.ie/help?locale=en

https://www.rootsireland.ie/subscription-faq/

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