

SEARCHING FOR YOUR IRISH ROOTS

Chapman Codes for Ireland

ANT - Antrim	DUB - Dublin	LEX - Leix	ROS - Roscommon
ARM - Armagh	FER - Fermanagh	LIM - Limerick	SLI - Sligo
CAR - Carlow	GAL - Galway	LOG - Longford	TIP - Tipperary
CAV - Cavan	KER - Kerry	LOU - Louth	TYR - Tyrone
CLA - Clare	KID - Kildare	MAY - Mayo	WAT - Waterford
COR - Cork	KIK - Kilkenny	MEA - Meath	WEM - Westmeath
DON - Donegal	LDY - Londonderry	MOG - Monaghan	WEX - Wexford
DOW - Down	LET - Leitrim	OFF - Offaly	WIC - Wicklow



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IRELAND'S GEOGRAPHICAL-POLITICAL DIVISIONS:

Provinces: 4 Connaught, Leinster & Munster (Republic of Ireland) Ulster (Northern Ireland plus Cavan, Donegal & Monaghan)

Counties: 32 26 counties in the Republic of Ireland and 6 in Northern Ireland. (Refer to the map on cover page of your handout.) * The COUNTY is the principal unit of local government, as most document records are organized at this level.

Baronies: Approximate 330. These are county subdivisions which range from 4 to 20 in each county and can occupy parts of two counties. They are no longer used for local government, but occur in older records. (See Kerry's baronies on display board of maps and presentation.)

Civil Parishes: These were over 2,500 ecclesiastical (church) divisions that gradually developed into local administrative units. County Kerry has 87.

Townlands: Over 64,000 townlands - smallest administrative divisions with an average of approximate 350 acres. Several townlands can make up a parish.

CENSUS RECORDS: Early ones were not saved. 1901 and 1911 free online www.nationalarchives.ie

CENSUS SUBSTITUTES: These records, located at the National Archives of Ireland in Dublin, are important for finding your ancestors who lived during the pre-famine and famine years.

The TITHE APLOTMENT BOOKS - list occupiers of agricultural land over one acre of all religions who paid taxes to the Church of Ireland between 1823 and 1837.

GRIFFITH'S PRIMARY VALUATION OF TENEMENTS - show people who paid taxes to the Irish government between 1847 and 1864 who leased property. You should know your county, parish, townland and barony of your ancestor if possible. (example: County Kerry, O'Dorney Parish, Abbeydorney Townland, Clanmaurice Barony) You will find the Map Ref.#, occupier, lessor, description, area & tax value. (example: Map Ref.#6 Lovette, Jacob occupier of approx. 8 acres land = 4 pounds, 10 shillings, #12 house & forge = 15 shillings) Information & small maps are free online at askaboutireland.ie. You can get copies of large colored Ordnance Survey maps and Continuing 1855–1968 Valuation Cancellation Book pages from the Valuation Office in Dublin in person or by e-mail. www.valoff.ie info@valoff.ie. They will do research for FEES! (See my display boards & presentation.)

IMPORTANT TIPS FOR SEARCHING YOUR IRISH ROOTS

- Find PRIMARY records of your ancestors here in the United States BEFORE going abroad. (birth, marriage, death certificates, census records, immigration records, ship passenger lists, Intent to be U. S. Citizen papers, Naturalization documents etc.)
- It is important to use SECONDARY information for clues when necessary. (family bibles & books, newspapers, obituaries, county, town & parish church books etc.)
- Try to locate the county(ies) where your ancestors are from in Ireland. Look for surname(s) in the surrounding areas in the International Online Phone Directory. (Don't forget the business section.) Write "snail mail" letters with pertinent family information to these people. If contacted, then email.

- Write letters to the local newspapers inquiring about possible relatives living in these towns today. Include important names, dates and contact information. (If you're going to Ireland, ask that they print your article several weeks in advance of your arrival in Ireland.)
- Find out what is available for you at the National Library, National Archives, General Register Office & Valuation Office in Dublin.
- Make contacts with the local parishes, schools, libraries, archives, & county centres (centers).

SUGGESTIONS ON RESEARCHING WHILE IN IRELAND

- Go to the National Archives in Dublin first for free services. (a short research consultation)
- The places to do research in Dublin are within walking distances, but allow plenty of time, as some buildings are several blocks apart, and it is easy to get lost! (Pick up their special map.)
- Visit and schedule lots of time to do research at places mentioned above in the suggested tips – look for records of your ancestors and people living in the area with your family names.
- The IRISH love their PUBS, so don't forget to check out the local ones!
- Hopefully, you will find “long lost” relatives like I did, who will be more than happy to show you all around the areas of where your ancestors once lived.

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www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/index.html (Irish Ancestry)
www.rootsireland.ie (free indexes - \$ for records – NOT available: Cork-south, Dublin City, Kerry)
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