

Using DNA for your Irish Family History

Summary

- Build timelines for your Irish ancestor with known records
- Cross-reference collateral ancestors in Britain
- Use ethnicity estimates as clues
- Research surnames in Ireland using heat maps combined with the biogeographical information
- Use all the DNA sites
- Target test other family members
- Matches
 - Search for known surnames
 - Use a cousin on the same line to guide you towards new matches in the branch of the tree
 - Build out the trees of your DNA matches on these lines

Maps

Shane Wilson's miscellaneous sources

www.swilson.info

Guide to Irish townlands

<https://www.townlands.ie>

<https://www.logainm.ie>

<https://www.irishroots.ie>

Barry Griffin's surname heat maps

www.barrygriffin.com

John Grenham's miscellaneous resources

www.johngrenham.com

Censuses & substitutes

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

Virtual Treasury of Ireland

<https://virtualtreasury.ie/> (containing additional fragments of 1821-1851)

Census search forms re: Old Age Pension (1908 onwards) ROI

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/collection/2346275>

19th Century Census substitutes

The Primary Valuation of Ireland (1847-1864)

<https://askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/>

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Tithe Applotment Books (1823-1837)

<https://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/search/tab/home.jsp>

Civil Registration

List of civil registration districts by county

https://www.johngrenham.com/places/plu_index.php

www.irishgenealogy.ie Full civil registers in limited format: births over 100 years, marriages over 75 years, deaths over 50 years. Mother's surname in index from 1900. Just the 26 counties after 1921.

Births: 1864 to 1925*

Marriages: 1845-1950*

Deaths: 1870 to 1975*

*an additional year is usually added in the first quarter of a new year.

Email ordering of history copy record/searches: GROResearchRoom@welfare.ie

<https://geni.nidirect.gov.uk/> for Northern Ireland post-partition. Data protection parameters and charges also in place. Records duplicated on Irishgenealogy.ie pre-partition and free.

www.familysearch.org → Search, records → click UK & Ireland on map → select Ireland & click start researching → select Civil Registration Indexes 1845 – 1958 (Northern Ireland only to end of 1921) Note this is a different database to the one on irishgenealogy of the same information. Mother's surname in birth index from 1928.

Religious Records

National Library of Ireland RC parish register collection (images)

<https://registers.nli.ie/>

Digitised transcripts of NLI collection on Ancestry, MyHeritage & Findmypast (free to use on FMP)

Some counties covered on

<https://www.irishgenealogy.ie>

<https://www.rootsireland.ie> (subscription site)

Representative Church Body Library parish register directory of COI survival

<https://www.churchofireland.org/cmsfiles/pdf/AboutUs/library/registers/ParishRegisters/PARISHREGISTERS.pdf>

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Useful Books

The Family Tree Irish Genealogy Guide by Claire Santry

Tracing your Irish Ancestors by John Grenham (5th edition)

The Surnames of Ireland by Edward MacLysaght

A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland by Brian Mitchell (2nd edition)

Third Party DNA tools

www.dnapainter.com

- Shared Centimorgan project
- Coverage tool
- What are the Odds? modelling