

## User Guide to the [1766 Religious Census Gold Seam](#) in the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland.

Every name known to survive from the 1766 survey is now included in the Virtual Treasury - over 50,000 in total. For the first time since 1922 they are all available in one place.

Use the link above or navigate from the [virtualtreasury.ie](http://virtualtreasury.ie) main webpage

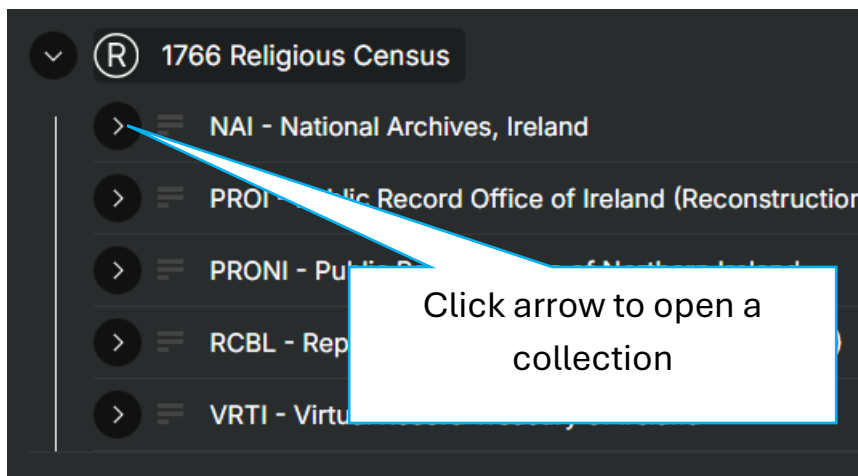
- select **Gold Seams**
- from the list on the right select the [1766 Religious Census](#) Gold Seam
- Click **Explore**.

The 1766 census material can be examined in two ways: **Browse** and **Search**.

### 1) Browse the 1766 census collections:

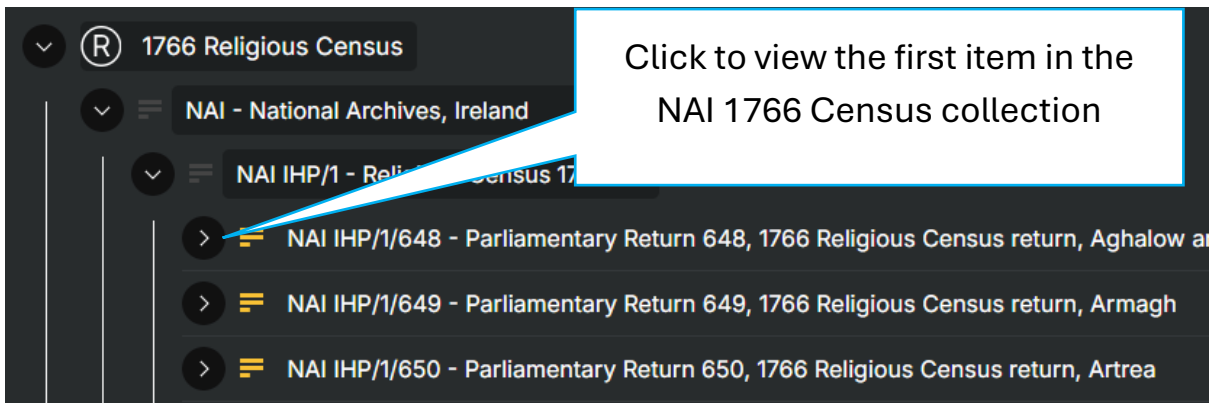
For example, **National Archives, Ireland, surviving originals**

Below the main search box, on the right, click **Browse this Gold Seam**. You will see a list of five collections – National Archives, Ireland (NAI), Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI), Representative Church Body Library (RCBL) and the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland (VRTI). These collections are opened and closed by clicking the arrow to the left of each title.

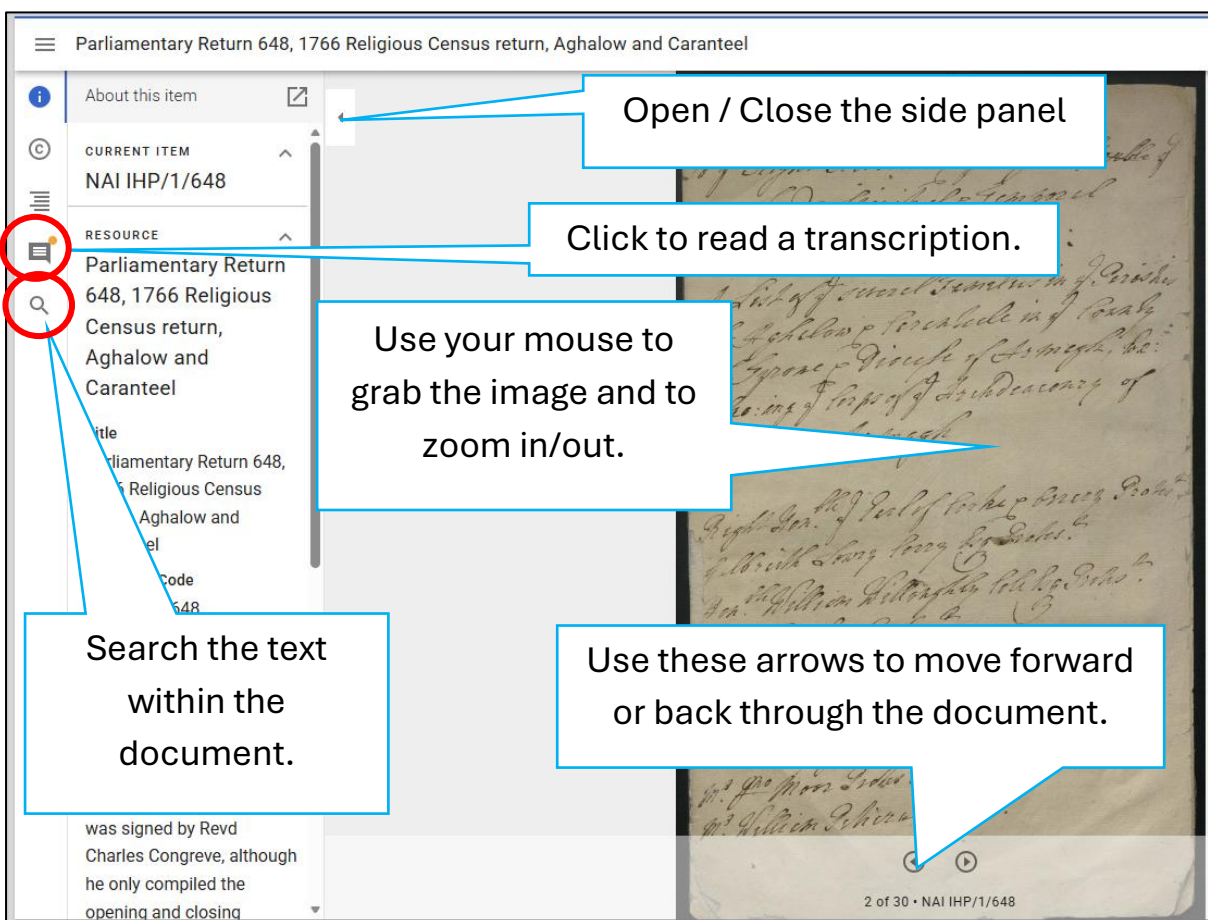


To view images of the surviving original items in the National Archives, Ireland (NAI):

- click the **NAI** arrow to show items in that collection
- open the first item **NAI IHP/1 – Religious Census 1766**.



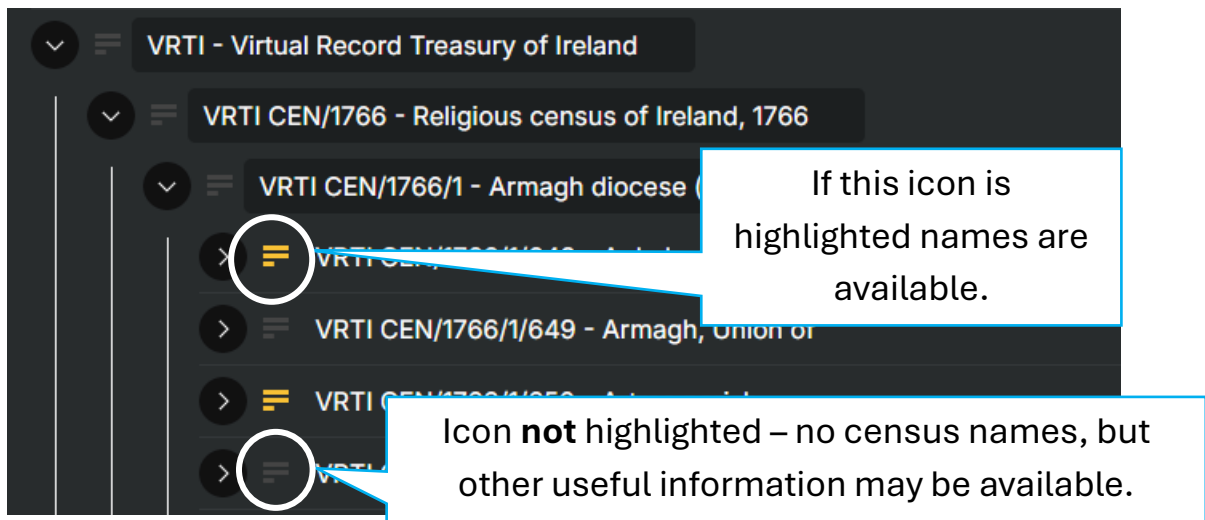
Select the arrow to the left of any item to open that original census return, view high-quality images of the document, and search the text.



**The Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland (VRTI) unified collection allows you to browse by location.**

The Virtual Record Treasury collection brings together all surviving names from the 1766 census. In one location you can browse surviving 1766 records for all dioceses and civil parishes. For each 1766 return shown we have aimed to make every nugget of information available.

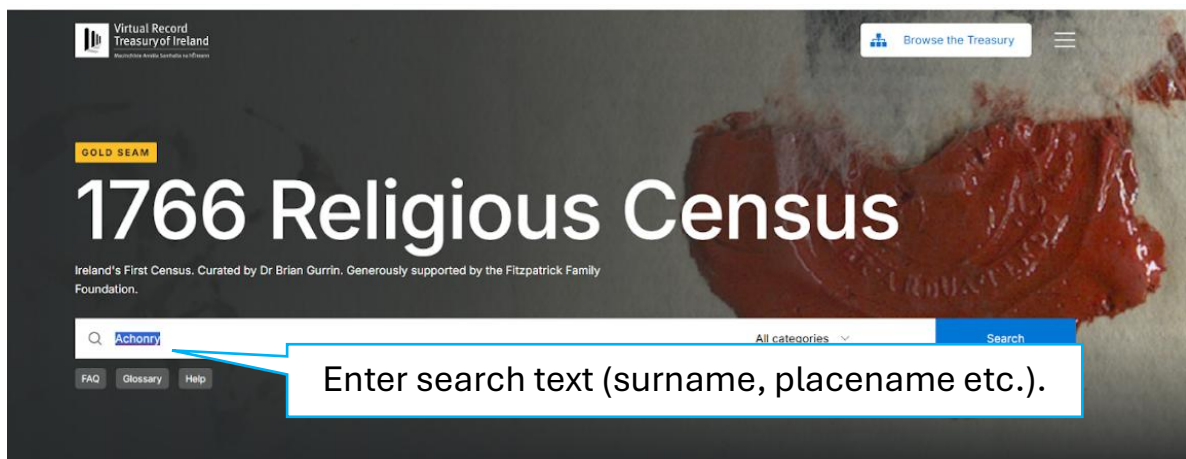
Here the records are arranged by diocese. Click the arrow to the left of any diocese to see all available parishes.



Every single name or abstract detail surviving from the 1766 religious census, from every archive, is available in the VRTI unified collection.

**2) Search the 1766 religious census collections.**

On the 1766 Religious Census Gold Seam page, simply enter some text in the search box and click **Search**. Any text can be entered here, but placename or surname searches are the most common.



For example, this search for Achonry diocese produces twenty-nine results.

1766 Religious Census - Achonry

29 results

Search: Enter Keyword

Boosts: Images, Transcriptions, Maps, Graph items, Knowledge Graph, Grade

Date Filter: 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1766

**Searching the Gold Seam for Achonry produced 29 results.**

**Click to see 1766 census page for Kilmacteige parish.**

**Add another word to search within these 29 Achonry results.**

| Reference Code       | Repository                         | Content Date |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| VRTI CEN/1766/13     | Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland | 1766 — 1766  |
| VRTI CEN/1766/13/860 | Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland | 1766 — 1766  |
| VRTI CEN/1766/13/852 | Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland | 1766 — 1766  |

The 1766 Census record for one parish: **Kilmacteige** in Achonry Diocese (top of page):

VRTI CEN/1766/13/860  
Kilmacteige parish (Achohry)

1766 Population 1650 - 1900

PID: ark:/75929/136168 | Cite this | PREVIOUS | NEXT

**Click here to jump down to the transcribed names.**

**Click to read more about these census details**

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**Scope & Content**

The 1766 religious census return for **Kilmacteige** parish, in Achonry diocese, was neither signed nor dated, but it seems to have been one of the most detailed censuses received by the Lords in the course of the survey.

Between 1661 and 1777 Kilmacteige was held by the provosts of Achonry; in 1766 the provost was **Revd Thomas Manningham**, who signed the census return for Foxford Union (**Parliamentary Return** number **857**). It is not clear if Manningham also compiled the census return for Kilmacteigh, but it is likely that he did not, because the details provided for households in the return for Foxford Union do not match the extensive information

View more

Scroll down to see the bottom of a record page.

The 1766 Census record for **Kilmacteige** parish, Achonry Diocese (bottom of page):

**Digital Content**

• Table

Psh Kilmacteige, Co. Sligo

| Surname   | Forename  | Title   | Location                  | Religion   | Other members of household.  |
|-----------|-----------|---------|---------------------------|------------|--|
| Jones     | Daniel    | Esquire | Banada                    | Protestant | His sister, Protestant, his mother, a Papist, and 4 Popish servants.                             |
| Robison   | Thos      |         | Curroy (Corray)           | Protestant | His wife, 1 son, 1 daughter.   |
| Robison   | Thos      |         | Cloonooigin (Cloonoonagh) | Protestant | His wife, 1 son, 4 daughters, 1 niece, all Protestants. 1 Protestant servant, 5 Popish servants. |
| Robison   | Samuel    |         | Cloonooigin               | Protestant | His wife, 2 sons, 1 daughter, all Protestants.   |
| Morris    | Alexander |         | Tauniuny (Tawnanilleen)   | Protestant | His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, all Protestants.  |
| Robison   | John      |         | Foorard                   | Papist     | His wife, mother, 1 son, 2 daughters.  |
| Fleming   | Mark      |         | Toorl                     |            |  |
| Ó Donnell | James     |         | Glan                      |            |  |
| McDonnell | James     |         | Ballisore (Ballisore)     | Papist     | His wife, 2 sons, 2 daughters, Papist.   |

All names and details as shown in the surviving original or transcript.

Scroll-bar to move down through the list.