



St. Louis Genealogical Society

# Irish Special Interest Group 2026

## Need Irish genealogy research assistance?

The Irish Special Interest Group (I-SIG) provides a forum for those interested in their Irish ancestry to network, share genealogical research, study, and preserve their history. In the oral tradition of the Irish, there is much sharing of information.

Meetings are free and open to all. All Irish SIG meetings are hybrid. You can attend in-person at the StLGS office (address below) or via Zoom, for which registration is required.



*Meetings run from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Central time)*

## Irish-SIG 2026 Meeting Schedule

**Saturday, 24 January 2026**

### *Organizing Your Genealogy: Getting Your Research Year Off to a Good Start*

Many of us feel the challenge of organizing the large quantity of documents, photos, and items we accumulate as we research. Learn some techniques for creating a plan to better organize yourself.

Featured Speaker: Susan McKee

**Saturday, 25 April 2026**

### *Census Returns in the Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland—Recovering Ireland's Lost Census Records*

A fire in 1922 destroyed much of the archive in the Public Record Office in Dublin. The Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland, an all-island and international research partnership, is working to reconstruct these records.

Featured Speaker: Dr. Brian Gurrin

**Saturday, 25 July 2026**

### *Understanding Land Ownership in Ireland from 1600–1900*

Irish Catholic farmers were mostly kept from land ownership from the mid-1600s to the early twentieth century. How was this possible? How did Anglo-Irish landowners acquire property, and how did their lifestyle impact their tenant population?

Featured Speaker: Gabrielle Woeltje

**Saturday, 24 October 2026**

### *Using DNA for Your Irish Family History*

Many Americans have Irish ancestry and are keen to know more about their Irish forebears. However, not knowing where in Ireland they came from is a stumbling block. DNA testing may be just the thing you need to help you overcome this obstacle.

Featured Speaker: Claire Bradley

Visit <https://stlgs.org/about-us-2/sigs-and-special-programs/irish-special-interest-group> for more information and schedule updates.

For details or questions, contact Kathy Franke, I-SIG Leader at [irishsig@stlgs.org](mailto:irishsig@stlgs.org).



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