

## Joe Petrie's List of Free Irish Genealogy Web Sites

[Family Search](https://familysearch.org/) <https://familysearch.org/> - Supposedly, there are about a half a billion records in their databases.

[Family Search Community Trees](http://histfam.familysearch.org/) <http://histfam.familysearch.org/> - There are 3 Irish databases. I think that this is the most interesting site that I discovered this year.

[Family Search Collections List](https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list) <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list> - There are 7 collections for Ireland.

[FreeGenData.com](http://www.freegendata.com/cgi-bin/1/search.cgi?query=Ireland) <http://www.freegendata.com/cgi-bin/1/search.cgi?query=Ireland> - A search tool to help you locate free genealogy databases and record transcriptions on the web. For Ireland there were 992 links and for Galway, Ireland, there were 35 web site links.

[Tithe Applotment Books 1823 - 1837](http://www.titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/) <http://www.titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/> - They were compiled to determine the amount which occupiers of agricultural holdings over one acre should pay in tithes to the Church of Ireland (the main Protestant church and the church established by the State until its dis-establishment in 1871).

[Census of Ireland 1901/1911](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/) <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/> - All 32 Counties are covered.

[Ask About Ireland and The Irish Cultural Project](http://www.askaboutireland.ie/) <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/> - AskAboutIreland and the Cultural Heritage Project is an initiative of public libraries together with local museums and archives in the digitization and online publication of the original, the unusual and the unique material from their local studies' collections to create a national Internet resource for culture. The participating organizations have selected material of particular public interest from their holdings within a variety of common topics ranging from sport, transport and architecture to flora and fauna and Irish writers. The material is then digitized (scanned, digitally photographed, recorded etc.) and set in a narrative context. A number of County Libraries have included AskAboutIreland.ie on their web sites. The current version includes Irish Times newspaper articles back to 1859. Also included is an alphabetical list of names in each directory.

[Irish Genealogy – Church Records](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/) <http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/> - The database contains Church records for Kerry and some parishes in Cork. Ross and Dublin City are being added. Roscommon is being digitized.

[Irish Genealogy Projects Archives](http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/index.htm) <http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/index.htm> - The new search engine explores a number of on-line sources of genealogical information e.g. the 1901 and 1911 Census returns, in addition to the Church records which were already available on the site.

[Irish Graveyard Surveyors](http://www.IrishGraveyards.ie/) <http://www.IrishGraveyards.ie/> - This site's search engine allows the user to search a number of Irish graveyards to locate a specific grave or simply to browse through a graveyard or number of graveyards. The graveyard locator is a useful tool.

[Irish Place Names](http://www.irish-place-names.com/) <http://www.irish-place-names.com/> - The Irish Place Names database is based on the *Index to the Townlands, and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland* published in 1861 after the

Census of Ireland carried out in 1851. This database lists all of the villages, towns and townlands that were enumerated, as well as the Barony, Civil Parish and Poor Law Union that each was located in.

[Irish Parish Records by County in Fianna](http://www.Rootsweb.Ancestry.com/~Fianna/County/*) [http://www.Rootsweb.Ancestry.com/~Fianna/County/\\*](http://www.Rootsweb.Ancestry.com/~Fianna/County/*)- Use the URL and replace the asterisk with the County Name; for example, Cork etc. Then scroll down to the following: County \* On-Line From FIANNA. Select the appropriate hyperlink. I also use the following Browser shortcut: Fianna/County/\* (again replacing the asterisk with the county name) followed by an enter; for example: Fianna/County/Cork and press enter.

[Irish Historic Grave Project](http://www.Historicgraves.ie/) <http://www.Historicgraves.ie/> - This site is a community based heritage project which digitally records and publishes historic graveyard surveys and stories.

[GenWed.com - Free Genealogy / Family History Online](http://www.genwed.com/UK/ireland.htm) <http://www.genwed.com/UK/ireland.htm> - The site focuses on Marriage records.

[Public Records Office of Northern Ireland](http://www.proni.gov.uk/) <http://www.proni.gov.uk/> - PRONI aims to identify, preserve and make available Northern Ireland's unique archival heritage and community memory. The [Ulster Covenant](#) archive and [Freeholders records](#) held by PRONI have been digitized and indexed and are available on the PRONI website. These [online archives](#) [http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search\\_the\\_archives.htm](http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives.htm) are fully searchable and have links to digitized images of the original documents. A project to index and digitize 1858 - c1900 wills from the District Probate Registries of Armagh, Belfast and Londonderry is almost complete. Phase one – an [index to the will calendar entries](#) [http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search\\_the\\_archives/will\\_calendars.htm](http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/search_the_archives/will_calendars.htm) (grants of probate and letters of administration) - is now available on the PRONI website. Phase two - to link the will calendar entries to the digitized images of the wills - will follow shortly.

### **Ireland Cemeteries on Interment.net by County**

[Carlow](#)

[Cavan](#)

[Clare](#)

[Cork](#)

[Donegal](#)

[Dublin](#)

[Galway](#)

[Kerry](#)

[Kildare](#)

[Kilkenny](#)

[Laois](#)

[Leitrim](#)

[Limerick](#)

[Longford](#)

[Louth](#)

[Mayo](#)

[Meath](#)

[Offaly](#)

[Roscommon](#)

[Sligo](#)

[Tipperary](#)

[Westmeath](#)

[Wexford](#)

[Wicklow](#)

[Derry](#)

**Ireland County GenWeb – For ten counties, there are GenWeb sites that have tabs for Vital Records (Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Death). The tab is usually labeled Records or On-Line Records. All of the following sites have Births, Baptisms, Marriages, and Death records.**

[Clare](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlcla2/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlcla2/>

[Donegal](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irldon/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irldon/>

[Galway](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlgal/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlgal/>

[Kerry](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlker/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlker/>

[Kilkenny](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlkik/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlkik/>

[Leitrim](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irllet/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irllet/>

[Laois](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irllex/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irllex/>

[Mayo](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlmay/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlmay/>

[Tipperary](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irltip/tipperary.htm) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irltip/tipperary.htm>

[Down](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rosdavies/) - <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rosdavies/>

**Ireland County GenWeb – Only Baptisms or Baptisms and Marriages,**

**For four counties, there are GenWeb sites that have tabs for Vital Records (often only Baptisms or for County Fermanagh Baptisms and Marriages). The tab is usually labeled Records or On-Line Records.**

[Carlow](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlcar2/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlcar2/>

[Cavan](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlcav2/cavan.html) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlcav2/cavan.html>

[Cork](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlcot/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlcot/>

[Fermanagh](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nirfer/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nirfer/>

## **Ireland County GenWeb Sites with Cemetery Data**

[Leitrim](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irllet/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irllet/>

[Sligo](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlsli/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlsli/>

[Waterford](http://www.irelandgenweb.com/irlwat/#records) - <http://www.irelandgenweb.com/irlwat/#records>

[Antrim](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nirantri/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nirantri/>

[Derry](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nirldy/) - <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nirldy/>

**Ireland County Libraries with at least one free on-line database -A number of libraries have included AskAboutIreland.ie on their web sites. Some also have included AncestryLibrary and HeritageQuest. In addition, some have included Genuki and Ireland GenWeb.**

[Cavan](http://www.cavanlibrary.ie/Default.aspx?StructureID_str=33) [http://www.cavanlibrary.ie/Default.aspx?StructureID\\_str=33](http://www.cavanlibrary.ie/Default.aspx?StructureID_str=33) – the online history tab has some interesting items.

[Clare](http://www.clarelibrary.ie/) <http://www.clarelibrary.ie/> - The site has a very comprehensive list of genealogy links for County Clare.

[Kerry](http://www.kerrycolib.ie/) <http://www.kerrycolib.ie/> - The site has a list of genealogy links for County Kerry.

[Leitrim](http://comres.leitrimcoco.ie/) <http://comres.leitrimcoco.ie/> - The user can search for newspaper articles.

[Mayo](http://www.mayoancestors.com/default.aspx) <http://www.mayoancestors.com/default.aspx> - There are Mayo marriages and gravestones databases.

[Tyrone](http://www.cotyroneireland.com/links.html#Searchable_Databases) [http://www.cotyroneireland.com/links.html#Searchable\\_Databases](http://www.cotyroneireland.com/links.html#Searchable_Databases): - This site has a large amount of databases.

[Waterford](http://www.waterfordcountylibrary.ie/) <http://www.waterfordcountylibrary.ie/> The site has search engines for Death Registers, Trade Directories, Local Newspapers and Burial Ground Inscriptions records.

## **City and County Archives**

[Cork](http://www.corkarchives.ie/) <http://www.corkarchives.ie/> - There is an impressive list of on-line digital archive records.

## **Ireland Directories**

They are described greater detail in [www.Origins.net](http://www.Origins.net) (a subscription site). Because of the number of pages, some directories are not available on the internet. Also, only the hyperlinked directories are free on the Internet. Please see Ask About Ireland <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/reading-room/environment-geography/> for alphabetical listing of individuals named in each directory.

[Pigot's Commercial Directory of Ireland, 1824](http://www.failteromhat.com/pigot.php) <http://www.failteromhat.com/pigot.php> - This is one of earliest full commercial directories of Ireland, and includes over 220 urban centers throughout the island. Organized by Province, and then town, it lists all the principal office holders, gentry, professionals, tradesmen, hotels, schools, public institutions, churches, and even pubs for each town in Ireland. There is a description of each Province and town as well. This was Pigot's much-expanded second edition (the previous version dated 1820) and is now extremely rare. The collection is organized into four sections, by province, with additional details for Dublin: Leinster & Dublin, Connaught, Munster and Ulster.

[Slater's Commercial Directory of Ireland, 1846](http://www.failteromhat.com/slaterm.htm) <http://www.failteromhat.com/slaterm.htm> - This superb book includes a full commercial directory for the entire country. Organized by Province, and then town, it lists all the principal office holders, gentry, professionals, trades, hotels, schools, public institutions, churches, and even pubs for each town in Ireland. Slater took over Pigot's important publication of commercial directories of Ireland, and this was the first installment. It has almost twice as much detail as its predecessor (published in 1824), and is now an extremely rare item. The book is organized into four sections, by province, with additional details for the four main cities: Leinster & Dublin, Connaught, Munster, Cork & Limerick and Ulster & Belfast.

**Slater's Royal National and Commercial Directory of Ireland, 1870** - Published in Manchester and London in 1870, encompasses almost 1,200 pages of text and more than 154,000 names. Subdivided into provinces and further subdivided into counties with entire sections given over to the cities of Belfast and Dublin. Each county and city is introduced by a brief social and political history as well as topographical and geographical descriptions. It contains national lists for the principal gentlemen's seats and their incumbents, the villages, towns and other places mentioned together with a national list of advertisers appearing throughout the publication. Each town and village is introduced by its geographical location in relation to its nearest railway station, population statistics derived from the 1861 Census of Ireland, and a brief geographical and topographical description. The Directory provides the names and addresses of the principal private residents, together with those engaged in commercial and agricultural activity as well as the presence and location of religious, commercial and public institutions. Dublin, Belfast, Cork and Galway are provided with complete street directories as well as lists of gentlemen, nobility, merchants and traders. Like Thom's, Slater's provides a list of trades and those engaged in them as well as the principal private and public institutions.

**Slater's Royal National Commercial Directory of Ireland, 1881** - The Directory provides: names and addresses of principal private residents, names and addresses those engaged in commercial and agricultural activity, national lists for the principal gentlemen's seats and incumbents, location of religious, commercial and public institutions, national list of advertisers appearing throughout the publication. Each town and village has: location in relation to its nearest railway station, population statistics derived from the 1871 Census of Ireland, a brief geographical and topographical description. For Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Limerick and Galway cities, Slater's Directory is as detailed as Thom's Dublin City and County Directory is for Dublin. This is particularly important for Galway, Cork and Limerick as there are very few complete directories for these cities. City sections include complete street directories, as well as lists of gentlemen, nobility, merchants and traders. Like Thom's, Slater's provides a list of trades and those engaged in them as well as the principal private and public institutions.

**Slater's Royal National Directory of Ireland, 1894** - With over 250,000 people and nearly 3,000 pages in two volumes this is the largest Slater's directory ever published. A vital research tool, only a handful of truly national Irish directories are available and this edition is the most comprehensive available. A must read for those interested in Ireland shortly before enumeration of the 1901 Census of Ireland. Subdivided into provinces and further subdivided with entire sections given over to Belfast and Dublin, and extended sub-sections for Cork, Limerick and Galway. Each county and city is introduced by a brief social and

political history as well as topographical and geographical descriptions. It contains national lists for the principal gentlemen's seats and incumbents, villages, towns and other places mentioned together with a national list of advertisers appearing throughout the publication. Each town and village has the location in relation to the nearest railway station together with population statistics from the 1891 Census of Ireland as well as a brief geographical and topographical description. The Directory provides the names and addresses of the principal private residents, those engaged in commercial and agricultural activity, and location of religious, commercial and public institutions. Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Limerick and Galway are provided with complete street directories as well as lists of gentlemen, nobility, merchants and traders. A list of trades, those engaged in them, and principal private and public institutions are listed. This is the first national directory to list farmers which makes it especially valuable as a research tool.

### **Bassett's County Directories**

- 1881 Bassett's Limerick City and County, and the Principal Towns in the Counties Clare, Tipperary, and Kerry, Directory
- 1884 Bassett's Kilkenny Guide & Directory
- 1885 Bassett's Wexford County Guide & Directory
- 1886 Bassett's County Down Guide and Directory
- 1886 Bassett's Louth Guide & Directory
- 1888 Bassett's Book of Antrim
- 1888 Bassett's Book of County Armagh

Bassett's publications are both a directory and a guide to the county in the year for which they were published. They are some of the most important sources published for these counties in the late nineteenth century, recording details (addresses and occupations) for around 10,000 people in each county. Each volume contains around 400 pages of detailed information, as well as an excellent full colour map. The books begin with the history, economy, geology and social life of the respective county. This is followed by a full directory for every town and village, giving the names and details for all office-holders, professionals, merchants and tradesmen, as well as a full alphabetical directory of farmers and other residents not listed by trade. There is a detailed introduction to each town and village, with information about the economy, history, religion, railways, post, and general character of the place. It includes an extended treatment for major towns and cities. Each of the books finish with an index of places, a list of fairs and markets, and includes many commercial advertisements.

**Henderson's Ulster Directory 1856** - This book is an excellent commercial directory for the Province of Ulster. It is the third edition in a series published in various years between 1852 and 1900. The book contains a wealth of information about Belfast, and every county and town in Ulster. It includes a full street directory of Belfast and Ballymacarrett, an alphabetical list of inhabitants and a trades directory for Belfast, a detailed breakdown of public & private institutions and societies in Belfast and Ulster, a full list of all administrative offices and military positions for every county throughout the province, as well as an introduction to all nine counties (Antrim, Armagh, Cavan, Donegal, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry, Monaghan, Tyrone), and a detailed trades directory for every town and village throughout Ulster. The index includes the names of over 37,300 persons. A large number of illustrated advertisements are also included.

**Henry & Coughlan's General Directory of Cork & Munster 1867** - This book really contains two publications. The first is the general directory for Cork city. This important publication includes an alphabetical directory, street directory and trades and professions directory for the city, as well as full lists of administrative offices, and public and private institutions. This is followed by Wynne's Directory of the province of Munster, which covers every county. Each county section starts with a list of administrative

and judicial officers, after which there is a full trade directory for each town. This extremely rare book also includes some illustrations of Cork as well as a vast number of illustrated advertisements.

**Thom's Irish Almanac and Official Directory 1845-1900** - Irish directories are an excellent source, often supplying information not readily available elsewhere. Directories are often the only source that actually states someone's exact occupation. A will may describe them as a merchant whereas the directory will identify them as an ironmonger, grocer or wine merchant etc. Precise address and parish of residence are also commonly given. The only classes absent from these directories are, once again, the most disadvantaged: small tenant-farmers, landless labourers and servants.

**Pettigrew & Oulton's Dublin Almanac & General Register of Ireland 1835-37, 1839, 1841, 1843-45** - Pettigrew & Oulton began publishing the first detailed annual directory of Dublin in 1834. The second edition, for the year 1835, contains two sections and over 850 pages. The volume begins with a general almanac of government officials throughout the country. This section also includes details about fairs and markets, the peerage, the church, banks, the postal service, schools and colleges, the railway, and much more. All local and county officials are listed for every county and town in Ireland. The section ends with copious information about office holders, the military and government throughout the British Empire. The second major component of this title is a detailed Dublin City Directory. This includes an alphabetical directory of householders, a street directory, and a trades and professional directory.

### **Northern Ireland Directories**

**Belfast Directories** <http://www.lennonwylie.co.uk> – This is a link-to-links site.

### **Ireland to Canada Immigration**

**Immigrant Ships** <http://www.immigrantships.net/> - The Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild has created this database.

**Library and Archives Canada** <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca> - Three groups of records are included: (1) Grosse Isle Quarantine Station 1832-1837 - more than 33,000 immigrant records. It includes lists of the personal effects of those who died. (2) Immigrants from Ireland & Britain - pre 1865. Incomplete records of passengers arriving in Quebec and Ontario. (3) Quebec City Passengers: 1865-1900 - Index of names only.

**Peter Robinson's Irish Settlers 1823-1825**

<http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/passengerlists/regulus1825.shtml> - Twenty-two families are identified.

## **Ireland Substitutes for Census Records (excludes Griffith's Valuation and Tithe Applotments)**

### [1831 Census Dunboe Parish](#)

[http://www.westmeathcoco.ie/Ancestry.com/~nirldy/dunboe/1831cen/1831indx.htm?cj=1&netid=cj&o\\_xid=0000584978&o\\_lid=0000584978](http://www.westmeathcoco.ie/Ancestry.com/~nirldy/dunboe/1831cen/1831indx.htm?cj=1&netid=cj&o_xid=0000584978&o_lid=0000584978) – This is the 1831 Census for Dunboe Parish.

### [Online Census Extracts - Co Donegal, Ireland](#)

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~donegal/census.htm?cj=1&netid=cj&o\\_xid=0000584978&o\\_lid=0000584978](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~donegal/census.htm?cj=1&netid=cj&o_xid=0000584978&o_lid=0000584978) – This is a link-to-links site. There are links to an impressive array of Donegal genealogy resources including a few Census records.

[Dublin 1850](http://www.dublin1850.com/) <http://www.dublin1850.com/> - The site includes Shaw's City Directory of Dublin Ireland for 1850.

### [1821 Carrigallen \(Fermanagh\) Census Townlands](#)

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hunter45/census/1821/1821Carrigallencensusindex.htm?cj=1&netid=cj&o\\_xid=00005849](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hunter45/census/1821/1821Carrigallencensusindex.htm?cj=1&netid=cj&o_xid=00005849). The site contains Census Transcripts.

### [County Kerry Online Records](#)

[http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlker/records.html?cj=1&netid=cj&o\\_xid=0000584978&o\\_lid=0000584978](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlker/records.html?cj=1&netid=cj&o_xid=0000584978&o_lid=0000584978) – The site has some Kerry records.

[Limerick Census Substitutes](http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/limerick/censubs.htm) <http://www.igp-web.com/IGPArchives/ire/limerick/censubs.htm> - There are three types of Limerick Substitutes.

[Tipperary Censuses, Census Substitutes and Rate Payers](http://www.igp-web.com/tipperary/census_ndx.htm) [http://www.igp-web.com/tipperary/census\\_ndx.htm](http://www.igp-web.com/tipperary/census_ndx.htm) - This site has County Tipperary Substitutes and Genealogy Links.

## **Irish Family Web Sites**

[Connors](http://www.connorsgenealogy.net/galway) <http://www.connorsgenealogy.net/galway>

[Hayes](http://www.failteromhat.com/index.php) <http://www.failteromhat.com/index.php>

[McCabe](http://www.lmccabe.com/Geneinfo/geneinfo.htm) <http://www.lmccabe.com/Geneinfo/geneinfo.htm>

[Morrill](http://www.morrillonline.com/) <http://www.morrillonline.com/>

[Wagner](http://www.magner.org/) <http://www.magner.org/>

## **Originated in the USA and of interest to individuals researching Ireland**

[Boston Pilot Advertisements](http://infowanted.bc.edu/) <http://infowanted.bc.edu/> - From October 1831 through October 1921, the Boston Pilot newspaper printed a “Missing Friends” column with advertisements from people looking for “lost” friends and relatives who had emigrated from Ireland to the United States. This extraordinary



collection of 41,249 records is available here as a searchable online database, which contains a text record for each ad that appeared in the Boston Pilot.

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