

Genealogy Basics: How to Find Irish Vitals in the IrishGenealogy Web Site

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BACKGROUND:

An important database in Ireland is the National Library of Ireland (www.nli.ie) Church Records for Births, Marriages and Deaths. As of June 28, 2015, the on-line Church Records database is really just a small part of the National Library's Church Records holdings. The on-line database as of June 2015 includes Church Records from Church of Ireland and from Roman Catholic (RC) Churches in several locales, for example: the RC Dioceses of Kerry, of Cork and Ross, and of Dublin. For some Church's, images of the sources are available.

On July 8, 2015, the National Library will release a major update to the Church Records database. The National Library describes it as the second stage. In the second stage, records from all denominations and for all counties (including Northern Island) will be added. The second stage records will be available on the National Library of Ireland web site (www.nli.ie) for browsing.

IrishGenealogy (www.irishgenealogy.ie) is free search portal. The current National Library Church Records database is included. Also, the portal has the Indexes to Birth Records over 100 years, the Indexes to Marriage Records over 75 years and the Indexes to Death Records over 50 years old. I expect that the current National Library Church Records database on this portal will be updated to include the National Library's stage two records as quickly as possible. I expect a delay depending on transcription and indexing. It is possible that the stage two records may appear in IrishGenealogy in batches.

The IrishGenealogy portal also contains the following:

- 1901/1911 Census records and pre-1901 Census survivals
- Census Search Forms from 1841/1851
- Tithe Applotments
- Soldier's Wills
- Griffith's Valuations
- Ireland - Australia Transportation database
- Military Archives
- Ellis Island
- National Photographic Archive from the National Library of Ireland

This document focuses only on the Church Records database. It describes how to use the software and especially to drill down to the image of the source document (not all Church Registers are available). I have used the current IrishGenealogy website to prepare for a seminar on how to use the software. In addition, I used it for an unsuccessful search for my wife's uncle's O'Flaherty family in County Kerry. (I hope that their records are in the July 8, 2015 Release.)

For this document, I searched for Connolly records in Dublin for 1900 – 1920. Why Connolly? Well, it is my wife's maiden surname. Ellen Connolly Petrie is Pedigree Irish – her mother, all of Ellen's grandparents and all of Ellen's Ancestors (that we can find) were born in Ireland.

Please note that the two selected Connolly marriage records in the document are, to our knowledge, not my wife's relatives). Also, please note that I did not select baptism record. I try adhering to a 10 page limit.

CHURCH RECORDS ON THE IRISHGENEALOGY PORTAL AS OF JUNE 2015

The URL for the portal is:

www.irishgenealogy.ie

The following screen print is of the Home Page. Please note that the item below that tabs; i.e., which starts with “Further Church records “ is part of a software carousel.



For this document, the Church Records tab will be my only selection. Please note that the Research in Ireland Tab contains Help information as well as other topics.

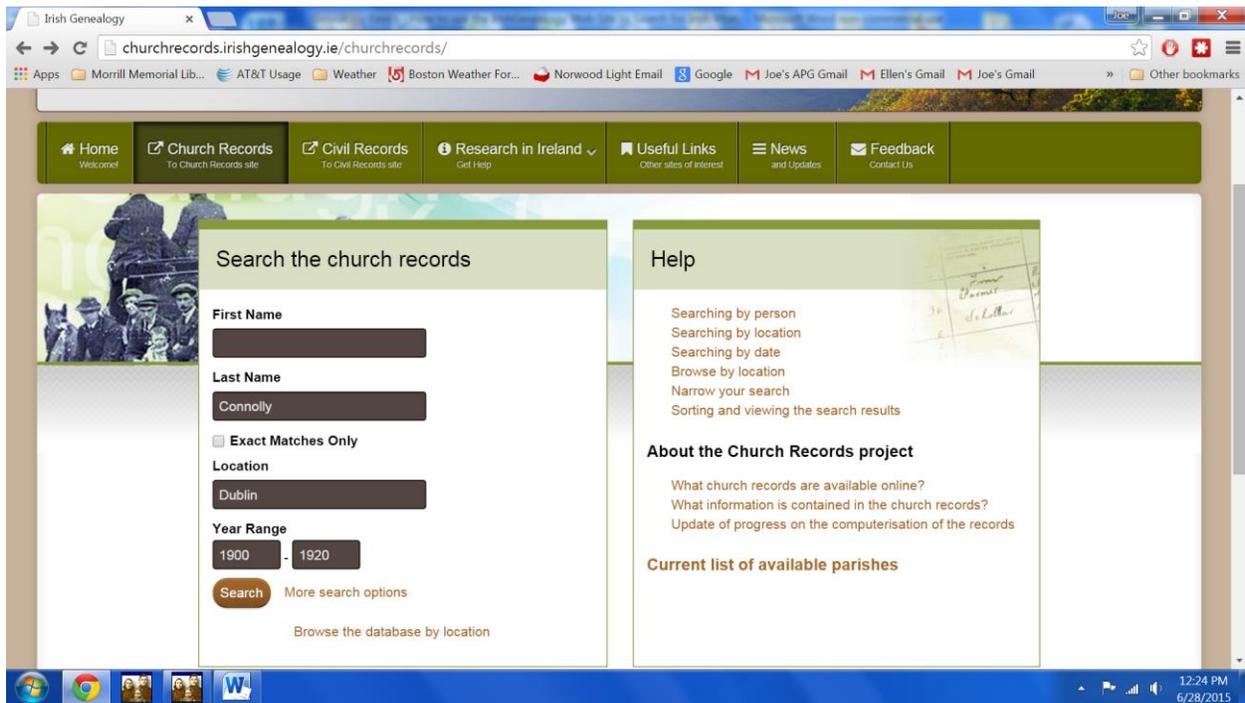
I selected the Church Records Tab.

The following screen resulted.

I filled in 4 fields:

- **Last Name:** Connolly
- **Location:** Dublin
- **Year Range:** 1900
- **Year Range:** 1900

Then I clicked on the Search button.



The following screen resulted.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying search results on the Irish Genealogy website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/search.jsp?namefm=&name=Connolly&location=Dublin&yyfrom=1900&yyto=1920&submit=Search. The page features a left-hand sidebar with a 'Filter Your Results' section and a main content area on the right displaying search results.

Filter Your Results

- By event**
 - Baptism 68
 - Marriage 91
- By area**
 - DUBLIN (COI) 1
 - DUBLIN (RC) 158
- By time period**
 - 1900s 159
- With an additional name**
 - First Name
 - Last Name

Will narrow your search by showing results where this name also appears.

[Clear All Filters](#)

Search Criteria

Search Results:

Event	Date	Parish/Church/Congregation	Area
Marriage of WILLIAM CONNOLLY of 18 MOUNT PLEASANT SQUARE and EMILY CONNOLLY of 92 RANELAGH ROAD	on 28 May 1900	Parish/Church/Congregation - RATHMINES	Area - DUBLIN (RC)
Baptism of ANNE CONNOLLY of 35 GLOUCESTER ST	on N/R N/R 1900	Parish/Church/Congregation - ST. ANDREW	Area - DUBLIN (RC)
Marriage of LAURENCE CONNOLLY of 2 HUTTON'S PLACE and ELIZABETH GRENDON of 22 SUMMERHILL PLACE	on 5 July 1903	Parish/Church/Congregation - ST. MARY, PRO CATHEDRAL	Area - DUBLIN (RC)
Marriage of WALTER J CONNOLLY of 3 SEVILLE PLACE COTTAGES and ROSANNA FIELD of 16 OLD CAMDEN STREET	on 31 July 1905	Parish/Church/Congregation - HARRINGTON STREET	Area - DUBLIN (RC)

Before I selected the first record, I noted that in the pane at the left that there were 68 Baptism records and 91 Marriage records. Of the 159 records, one was a Church of Ireland (COI) record.

In the main panel, the text with the names of the Bride and Groom on the left side is hyperlinked. Click anywhere on the left text to begin the drill down to see the transcript's detailed information.

The following two screen prints are the drill down for the Marriage record of William Connolly and Emily Connolly of Dublin-Rathmines.

The screenshot shows the Irish Genealogy website interface. The browser address bar displays the URL: churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details/edc49e0014820. The page title is "Area - DUBLIN (RC) , Parish/Church/Congregation - RATHMINES". Below the title, it states: "Marriage of WILLIAM CONNOLLY of 16 MOUNT PLEASANT SQUARE and EMILY CONNOLLY of 92 RANELAGH ROAD on 28 May 1900". A link "Back to search results" is provided. On the left, there is a "New search" section with input fields for Name (First Name, Last Name), Location, and Year Range. The main content area contains a table with the following data:

	Husband	Wife
Name	WILLIAM CONNOLLY	EMILY CONNOLLY
Address	16 MOUNT PLEASANT SQUARE	92 RANELAGH ROAD
Occupation	N/R	N/R
Father	WILLIAM F CONNOLLY	ROBERT CONNOLLY
Mother	MARY ANN COLTON	MARY ANNE BURKE

The screenshot shows the "Further details in the record" section of the Irish Genealogy website. It includes a search bar and a "More search options" link. The "Further details in the record" section lists the following information:

- Priest:** JOHN J FENNELLY
- Witness 1:** WM FRANCIS CONNOLLY
- Witness 2:** EDA CONNOLLY

The "About the record" section contains a table with the following data:

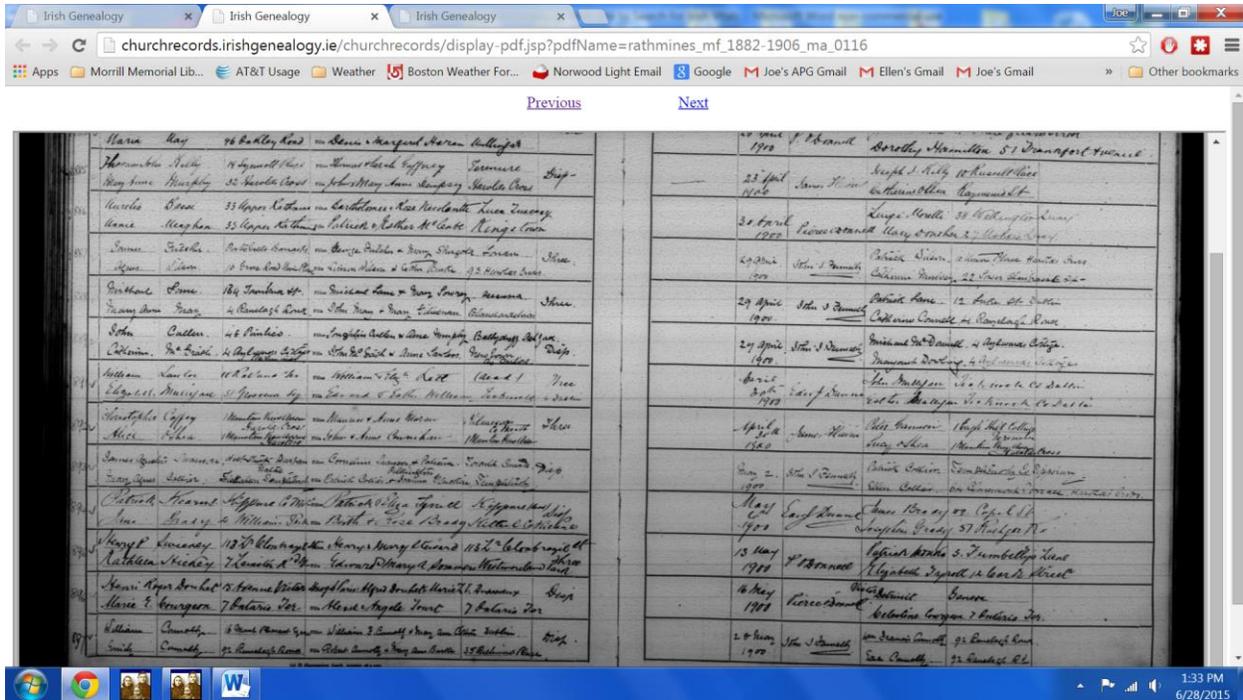
Book Number	Page	Entry Number	Record_Identifier	Image Filename
N/R	69	897	DU-RC-MA-78124	rathmines_mf_1882-1906_ma_0116

Below the table, there is a link to "View the church register page containing this record." and a note: "You will need Adobe Reader to view this image." There is also a link to "Report any error in transcription." At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links: Home / Site Usage Policy / Privacy Policy / Feedback.

One of the last three lines of text on the bottom of the print screen indicates whether there is an image for viewing using Adobe. Two of the three lines are hyperlinked. To see the Church register, click on anywhere in the first line: "View the church register page containing the record." Please note that if an image is not available, the message is:

The church register page containing this record has not yet been imaged.

The following screen print is of the Adobe image. The Connolly marriage is the last record on the image.



From the marriage record, I can only tell you that the witnesses were members of the bride's family (based on the common street address for the bride and the two witnesses).

Earlier, I indicated that the last few pages contained screen prints for the one COI marriage. Essentially, because of my curiosity about the format of a Church of Ireland record I selected the following record by clicking on the hyperlinked Dublin (COI) filter on the left pane of the initial Results of the Search Screen. The pane is still on the left. To drill down to the transcript, I clicked on the hyperlinked text starting with: “Marriage of Matthew ...”

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/search.jsp?namefm=&name=Connolly&exact=&name2fm=&name2l=&location=Dublin&yfrom=. The page title is "Baptism, Marriage and Burial results for Connolly of Dublin from 1900 to 1920" and the area is "DUBLIN (COI)". It displays one result, sorted by Relevance, with 10 records per page. The result is a marriage record for Matthew William Kemble Connolly of Moat House Walsgrave Coventry and Muriel Maud Vernon of Clontarf Castle, dated 14 July 1900, at the Clontarf Parish/Church/Congregation. A left-hand filter pane shows options for event (Marriage: 1), area (DUBLIN (COI): 1), and time period (1900s: 1).

Irish Genealogy

churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/search.jsp?namefm=&name=Connolly&exact=&name2fm=&name2l=&location=Dublin&yfrom=

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Baptism, Marriage and Burial results for Connolly of Dublin from 1900 to 1920
Area - DUBLIN (COI)
Displaying one result.
Sorted by Relevance / by Date Records per page 10 / 50 / 100

Filter Your Results

- By event
 - Marriage 1
- By area
 - All Areas
 - DUBLIN (COI) 1
 - DUBLIN (RC) 158
- By time period
 - 1900s 1

Marriage of MATTHEW WILLIAM KEMBLE CONNOLLY of MOAT HOUSE WALSGRAVE COVENTRY and MURIEL MAUD VERNON of CLONTARF CASTLE

on 14 July 1900
Parish/Church/Congregation - CLONTARF
Area - DUBLIN (COI)

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The transcription is shown on the next three screen prints.

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churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details/8cca060520196

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Area - DUBLIN (COI) , Parish/Church/Congregation - CLONTARF

Marriage of MATTHEW WILLIAM KEMBLE CONNOLLY of MOAT HOUSE WALSGRAVE COVENTRY and MURIEL MAUD VERNON of CLONTARF CASTLE on 14 July 1900

[Back to search results](#)

New search

Name
 First Name
 Last Name
 Exact Matches Only
 Location

 Year Range
 -

	Husband	Wife
Name	MATTHEW WILLIAM KEMBLE CONNOLLY	MURIEL MAUD VERNON
Address	MOAT HOUSE WALSGRAVE COVENTRY	CLONTARF CASTLE
Occupation	CAPT YORKSHIRE L J	N/R
Father	MATTHEW CONNOLLY	EDWARD VERNON
Mother	N/R	N/R

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churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/details/8cca060520196

Search
 More search options

Further details in the record

Husband Age	FULL
Husband Marital Status	B
Wife Age	FULL
Wife Marital Status	S
Husband's Father's Occupation	ADMIRAL R N
Wife's Father's Occupation	COLONEL D L I P
Witness 1	HAROLD WILLIAM KEMBLE (WITNESS FOR HUSBAND)
Witness 3	EDWARD VERNON (WITNESS FOR WIFE)

About the record

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Husband's Father's Occupation ADMIRAL R N

Wife's Father's Occupation COLONEL D L I P

Witness 1 HAROLD WILLIAM KEMBLE (WITNESS FOR HUSBAND)

Witness 3 EDWARD VERNON (WITNESS FOR WIFE)

About the record

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N/R	13	26	DU-CI-MA-860	d-833-3-4-013

View the church register page containing this record.

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Note that the Marriage record on the bottom of the next screen is the Church Register's image for Matthew Connolly and Emily (Connolly) Connolly.

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churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/display-pdf.jsp?pdfName=d-833-3-4-013

Previous Next

Married in the Parish Church of Clontarf according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of Ireland, by Licence by me, Richard Henry Sawcutt, Curate of Clontarf.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Charles Porter and Annie Venables McKeown in the Presence of us, James M. Cullagh and Annie Lucas.

1900. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Clontarf in the Co. of Dublin.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.*	Rank or Profession of Father.*
26	July 14 th 1900	Matthew William Kemble Connolly and Mariel Maud Vernon	Full	Bachelor	Capt. Yorkshire L.I.	Moor House, Walsgrave, Coventry	Matthew Connolly	Admiral R.N.
			Full	Spinster		Clontarf Castle	Edward Vernon	Colonel D.L.P.

Married in the Parish Church of Clontarf according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of Ireland, by Licence by me, George G. Fomble

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Matthew William Kemble Connolly and Mariel Maud Vernon in the Presence of us, Harold William Kemble and Edward Vernon

* This information should be given whether the Fathers are living or dead, and if the names, &c., are not known, or if parties are unwilling to state them, a stroke should be drawn thus, —
† "Alter Licent." "By Licence" do., as the case may be.

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