

# Genealogy Basics – Links to the Image of Official Register Records in IrishGenealogy.ie

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## INTRODUCTION:

The image is a fantastic source. In my seminars, I tell the audience that I love images. Why? Often, an image has more information than a transcript. Also, there can be transcription errors for a field that are caught by reading the image's information. I'll point one out in one of the three images that are shown.

In addition, we need to be patient because it is a work in process. The software change to make the images available is relatively new. I learned about it a couple of months ago (late November, 2018).

Finally, the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltach, the sponsor of IrishGenealogy.ie, expects to add 2 more years of records. The following screen print announces that 2 additional years being added.

The following screen print identifies the status of the project.



## BACKGROUND:

I discovered IrishGenealogy.ie when I volunteered at the Irish Cultural Centre of New England in Canton, MA about 7 years ago. For a few years, I had been working on my wife's genealogy. It really was a back-burner item. Almost all of my vital information for Ellen's ancestors was oral history provided by an uncle, his children, two nieces and two nephews. Also, a lot of Irish information came from three of my wife's second cousins and their children. Until recently some official data came from Ancestry Library's Ireland, Catholic Parish Records, US Naturalization records, US Passenger and Crew lists, US Census Records, and FamilySearch records.

Ellen's mother was from Waterford and Cork Counties. Most of the vital information for Ellen's mother was oral. Some was from Official US records. My wife's mother's information was published in Ireland by Ireland Reaching Out (irelandxo.com). Membership is free. It has an Electronic Magazine named XO Chronicles (irelandxo.com/irelandxo/history-and-genealogy). One of the three XO Chronicles Series is XO People. XO People focuses on the Irish Diaspora (people who immigrated and never returned permanently). XO People has seven of my XO People articles about Ellen and my Irish families. Specifically my wife's US relatives in XO People are; John McGrath (Ballyphilip East, Kilcockan, Kockanore Waterford); Helena O'Brien (Fermoy Youghal, and Boston); Peter Connolly (Kilcummin, Galway and Boston) and Mary A (Nee) Connolly (Kilcummin, Galway and Boston).

My reason for not using IrishGenealogy.ie is simple. Earlier searches in records in the IrishGenealogy.ie's Church and Civil Registration tabs were not productive.

That changed in November, 2018. Two of Ellen's O'Brien first cousins came from Ireland and visited with us. After dinner, they gave us gifts. One gift was a three ring binder containing over 75 Civil Registration pages for 5 common Waterford and Cork County families specifically: McGrath, (18 pages); James Veale (16 Pages); Michael Veale (25 pages); O'Brien (14 pages); and Walker (3 pages). The James Veale section was new. It replaced the Michael Veale family on my wife's pedigree chart (due to incorrect oral history records) . Because James and Michael may be siblings, I did not delete the Michael Veale family records in my database.

### CIVIL REGISTRATION SCREEN PRINTS:

For this document, I decided to show how to get the Register pages for the following ancestors:

- Births – Helena O'Brien, my wife's mother
- Marriages – Ellen (McGrath) O'Brien and Robert O'Brien, my wife's O'Brien grandparents
- Deaths – Ellen McGrath, my wife's O'Brien grandmother.

Please note that the entries in the following screens are required. One field is optional. The Civil Registration Office is optional. For some retrievals, I have used it to limit the number of records in the results.

The first screen requires a first name and a surname of the individual that you are searching for. I entered Fermoy ukr optional District Office because Helena had identified her birth place and date on a US Naturalization Intent form which she filed in Massachusetts and which is in Ancestry Library. (She died before she was Naturalized.)

Irish Genealogy

https://civilrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/churchrecords/civil-search.jsp

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Search the civil records

First Name  
Helena

Last Name  
O'Brien

Civil Registration District/Office  
Fermoy

Year Range  
1911 -

☒ Birth ☐ Marriage ☐ Death

Search More search options

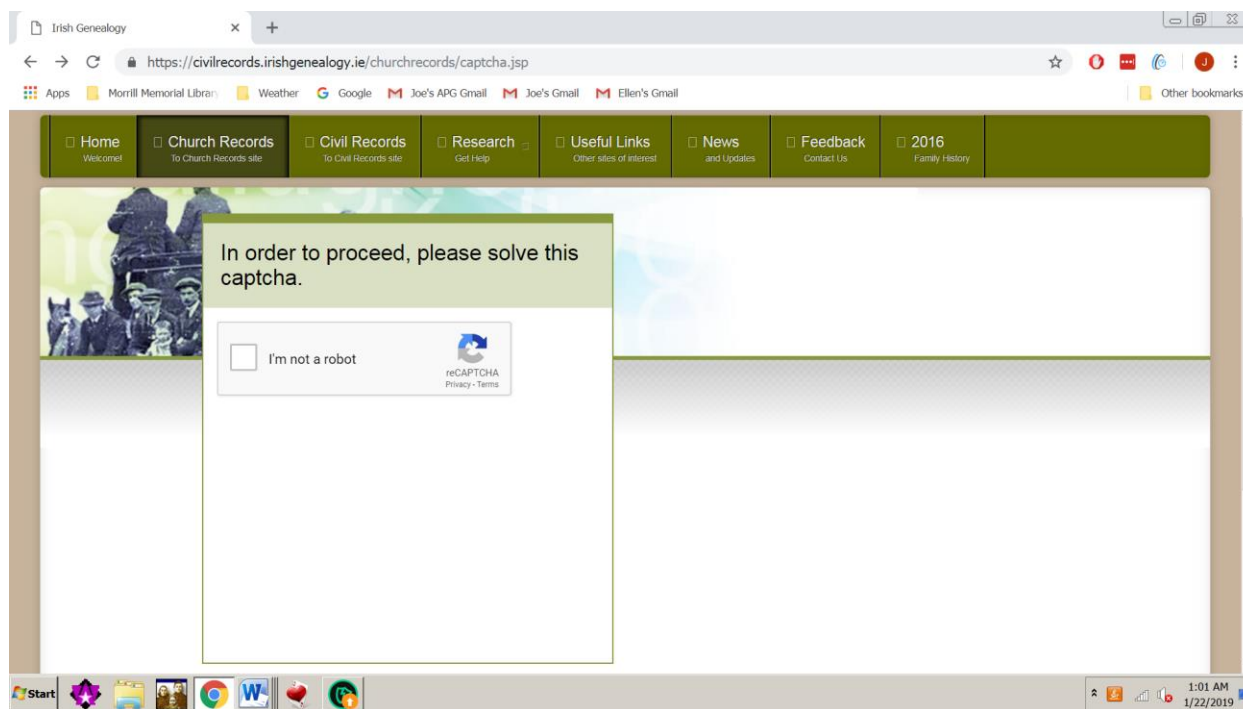
Browse the database by District/Office

Help

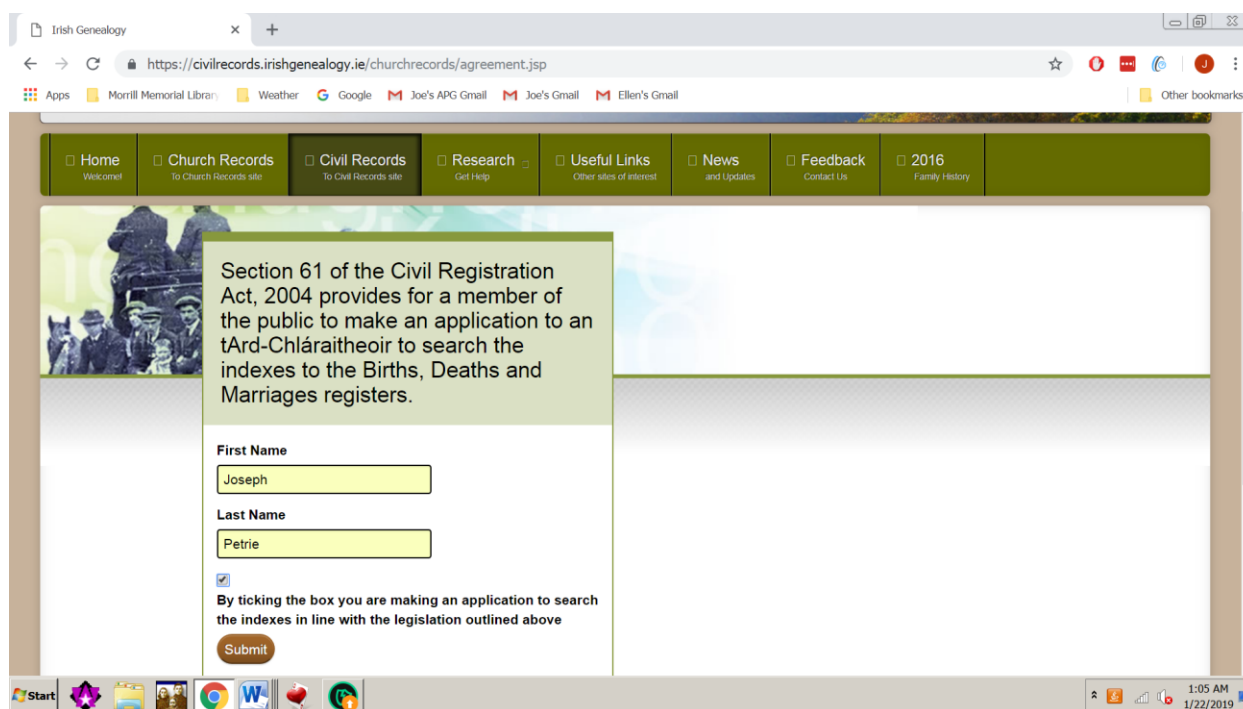
What are the Civil Records  
What Civil Records are on-line  
What information is on the Indexes that are on-line  
I want to get a copy of a certificate, what do I do  
Can you explain the location to me  
Notice concerning possible redaction of Historic Birth Records  
Notice concerning possible redaction of Historic images of marriages over 75 years old  
Notice concerning cancelled records  
What years are covered by the Historic records of Births, Marriages and Deaths

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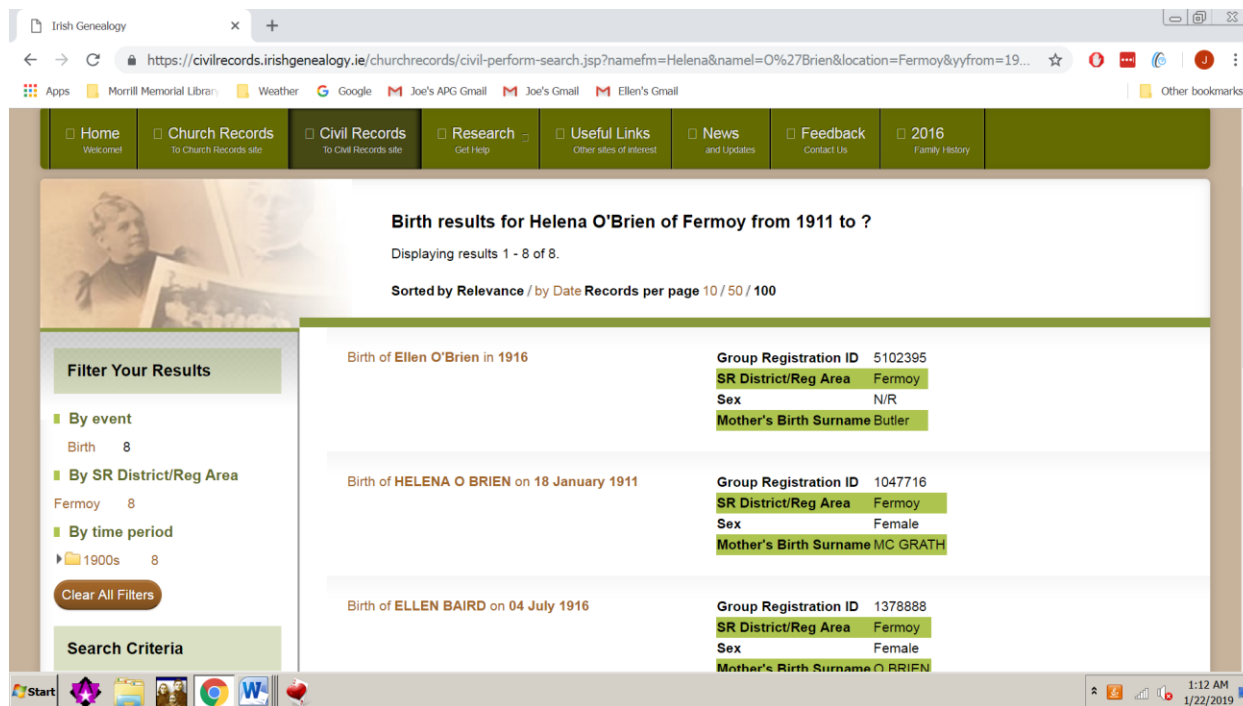
The following screen is simply designed to stop robots programmed to gather multiple records.



The next screen identifies the user. The check block on the bottom is used to give the user approval to retrieve pages.

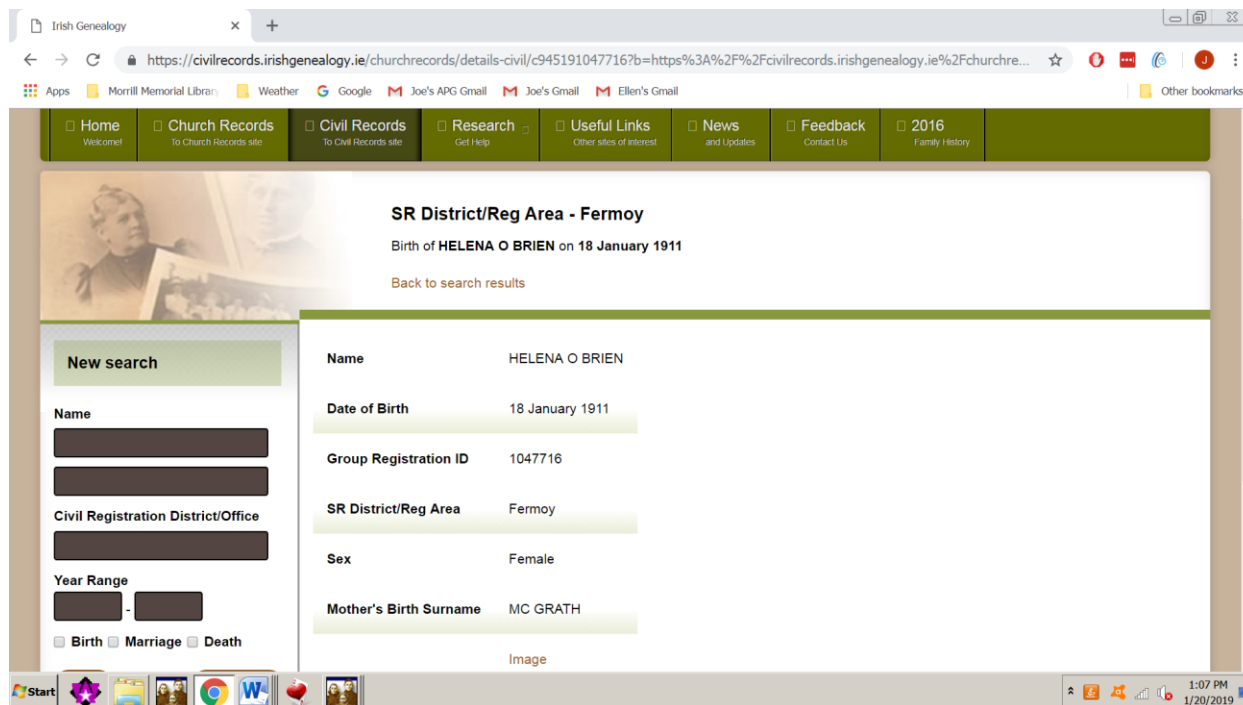


The following screen identifies the records that are available. There were 8 records identified. Helena's record dated January 18, 1911 is the second of the 8. It is the record my wife's mother. Please note that January 11 was the date that the informant gave the Registry official. My wife's mother's identification is the second result. The screen for the transcript is linked.



The following screen shows the result of selecting the second record.

Also please note that the search criteria can be modified. I searched for the other records using it!



The last line has the word Image. Select It. It is the link to the Birth Civil Registration page. Please note: The date of birth is incorrect. The date on the Image is 11 January 1911 is correct.

The following are the three Civil Registration pages: my wife's Mother's (Helena O'Brien) Birth (#84 on the page); Helena's O'Brien parents marriage (#208 n the page) and Helena's mother's Death. (#276 on the page)



First Page.

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Superintendent Registrar's District Lerney Registrar's District Lerney

BIRTHS Registered in the District of Lerney in the Union of Lerney  
in the County of Co. K.

No.	Date and Place of Birth.	Name (if any).	Sex.	Name and Surname and Dwelling-place of Father.	Name and Surname and Maiden Surname of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Registered Name if child is not baptised at Birth, and Date.
77	1911 19th Jan Lerney	Benjamin Elias	M	Benjamin Elias Lerney	Elizabeth Coleman Lerney	Labourer	Benjamin Elias Father Lerney	19th Jan 1911	Registrar.	
78	1911 20th Jan Lerney	Michael Murphy	M	Michael Murphy Lerney	Hannah Donovan Lerney	Labourer	Michael Murphy Father Lerney	20th Jan 1911	Registrar.	
79	1911 21st Jan Lerney	James James	M	James James Lerney	Ann Coleman Lerney	Labourer	James James Father Lerney	21st Jan 1911	Registrar.	
80	1911 22nd Jan Lerney	James James	M	James James Lerney	Ann Coleman Lerney	Labourer	James James Father Lerney	22nd Jan 1911	Registrar.	
81	1911 23rd Jan Lerney	Margaret Margaret	F	Margaret Margaret Lerney	Ann Coleman Lerney	Labourer	Margaret Margaret Mother Lerney	23rd Jan 1911	Registrar.	
82	1911 24th Jan Lerney	William Watts	M	William Watts Lerney	Ellen Watts Lerney	Labourer	William Watts Father Lerney	24th Jan 1911	Registrar.	
83	1911 25th Jan Lerney	Richard Watts	M	Richard Watts Lerney	Ellen Watts Lerney	Labourer	Richard Watts Father Lerney	25th Jan 1911	Registrar.	
84	1911 26th Jan Lerney	Thomas James	M	Thomas James Lerney	Ann Coleman Lerney	Labourer	Thomas James Father Lerney	26th Jan 1911	Registrar.	
85	1911 27th Jan Lerney	James James	M	James James Lerney	Ann Coleman Lerney	Labourer	James James Father Lerney	27th Jan 1911	Registrar.	
86	1911 28th Jan Lerney	Michael Murphy	M	Michael Murphy Lerney	Hannah Donovan Lerney	Labourer	Michael Murphy Father Lerney	28th Jan 1911	Registrar.	
87	1911 29th Jan Lerney	James James	M	James James Lerney	Ann Coleman Lerney	Labourer	James James Father Lerney	29th Jan 1911	Registrar.	
88	1911 30th Jan Lerney	William Watts	M	William Watts Lerney	Ellen Watts Lerney	Labourer	William Watts Father Lerney	30th Jan 1911	Registrar.	

Registered on a Schedule of Births by me W. A. O'Brien 25/1/11

W. A. O'Brien 25/1/11

Cancelled 27/2/1911

Registered on a Schedule of Births by me W. A. O'Brien 27/2/1911

I, W. A. O'Brien Registrar of Births and Deaths in the District of Lerney in the Union of Lerney in the County of Co. K. do hereby certify, that this is a true copy of the Registrar's Book of Births within the said District, in the Entry of the Birth of James James No. 77 on the 19th day of January 1911.

Witness my hand, this 24th day of February 1911.  
W. A. O'Brien Registrar.  
I, Peter J. Tull Superintendent Registrar.

\* Should the copy be certified by the Assistant or Deputie Registrar, or Assistant or Deputie Superintendent Registrar, please insert word "Assistant" or "Deputie" as the case may be.



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\* Should the request be certified by the Deputy Registrar or Deputy Superintendent Registrar please insert word "Deputy."



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I, Margaret M. Haguer <sup>Decl.</sup>  
<sup>Register of Births and Deaths in the District of</sup> Youghal <sup>I am the Superintendent</sup>  
 of the County of CORK  
 do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Register's Book of Deaths  
 within the said District, from the Entry of the Death of Patrick Joseph Gallagher <sup>Unborn</sup> No. 267 <sup>in Volume No.</sup> Ellen  
W. Quinn <sup>Unborn</sup> No. 276  
 Witness my hand, this 7th day of April 1964  
Margaret M. Haguer <sup>Decl.</sup>  
<sup>Register</sup>  
 I have examined the above, and have compared it with the said Register's Book, and hereby certify that it is a true copy.  
 Witness my hand, this 7th day of April 1964  
W. Quinn  
<sup>Chairman of the Board of Health</sup>  
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Please note that Friends of Irish Research is the repository for my published genealogy articles in the *Newfoundland Ancestor*; and in *EZINE*, the electronic magazine of the Cape Breton Genealogy and Historical Association. (See [friendsofirlshresearch.org](http://friendsofirlshresearch.org) specifically, the Tabs for Publications and Joe's Free Web Sites.) Also, please note that I am the author of the Genealogy Basics Series.

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