# 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 specificlly: 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.

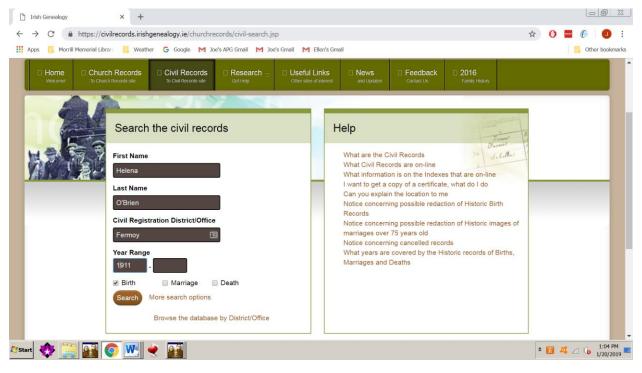
## **CIVIL REGISTRATION SCREEN PRINTS:**

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.)



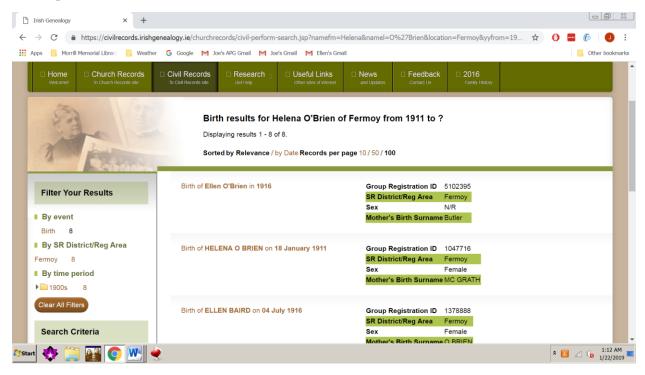
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The following screen shows the result of selecting the second record.

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