

FREE sites for searching Irish genealogy

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Searching for Irish ancestors is very difficult. The records are scrappy and often non-existent due to illiteracy and political circumstances and religious discrimination.

The only complete census records are for 1901 and 1911.

The British shredded all Irish census' prior to 1901. Their reason was 'for the war effort'. There are a few census results existing prior to 1901 for some areas. but they are insignificant.

In the civil war in 1921/1922 the rebels burnt down the building where records were housed. Most of the records were destroyed.

Church records exist but they are not complete and are often very basic, impossible to read, or missing. I know a woman who had a relative who was a parish priest. When he retired, he gave the parish records to her family. She has told me that as children, they scribbled on them and tore out pages. They placed no value on them.

TOWNLANDS

A Townland is a small geographical division of land used in Ireland (and the western Isles of Scotland). It is of Gaelic origin.

Townlands are used extensively in Irish genealogy. Lists of townlands for each of Ireland's 32 counties can be accessed on Google.

It is better to search by county rather than by the whole of Ireland.

IRISH CIVIL RECORDS (Free)

Search: www.irishgenealogy.ie

Births:	1864 – 1920.
Marriages:	1845 – 1945
Deaths:	1971 – 1970.

You will need to

- know the **Civil Registration Districts**. There are lists of Civil Reg. Districts for each of Ireland's 32 counties, free online. Often a Civil Registration District overlaps country borders.
- be aware **surnames may be spelled in various ways**.
- be aware that **dates are often incorrect**. You may find that a child was baptised months before the recorded date of their birth. The law was that a child had to be registered within a certain time frame but if the parents didn't get to town to do it, they advanced the birth date by a few months.

In the church records my mother's birth date as 15 July 1915 but in the civil records it is 16 November 1915. It wasn't as if she was the first child and may have been illegitimate. She was the 8th of 14 children.

County	Civil Registration Districts
Antrim	Antrim, Ballycastle, Ballymena, Ballymoney, Belfast, Coleraine, Larne, Lisburn, Lurgan
Armagh	Armagh, Banbridge, Castleblaney, Dundalk, Lurgan, Newry
Carlow	Ballinglass, Carlow, Enniscorthy, New Ross, Shillelagh
Cavan	Bailieborough, Bawnboy, Cavan, Cootehill, Enniskillen, Granard, Irvinestown, Kells, Lisnaskea, Oldcastle
Clare	Ballyvaughan, Corrofin, Ennis, Ennistimon, Killadysert, Kilrush, Scariff, Tulla, Limerick
Cork	Bandon, Bantry, Castletown, Clonakilty, Cork, Dunmanway, Fermoy, Kanturk, Kilmallock, Kinsale, Macroom, Mallow, Middletown, Millstreet, Mitchelstown, Skibbereen, Skull, Youghal
Derry	Ballymoney, Coleraine, Derry (Londonderry), Limavady, Magherafelt, Newtown
Donegal	Ballyshannon, Derry (Londonderry), Donegal, Dunfanaghy, Glenties, Inishowen, Letterkenny, Milford, Strabane, Stranolar
Down	Banbridge, Belfast, Downpatrick, Kilkeel, Lisburn, Lurgan, Newry, Newtownards
Dublin	Balrothery, Celbridge, Dublin North, Dublin South, Dunshaughlin, Rathdown
Fermanagh	Ballyshannon, Clones, Enniskillen, Irvinestown, Lisnaskea
Galway	Ballinasloe, Ballinrobe, Clifden, Galway, Glenamaddy, Gort, Loughrea, Mountbellew, Oughterard, Portunna, Roscommon, Scariff, Tuam
Kerry	Cahirseven, Dingle, Glin (dissolved after 1892 and split between Listowel and Rathkeale in co. Limerick), Kenmare, Killarney, Listowel, Tralee
Kildare	Athy, Baltinglass, Celbridge, Edenderry, Naas
Kilkenny	Callan, Carrick-on-Suir, Castlecomer, Kilkenny, New Ross, Thomastown, Urlingford, Waterford
King's	See Offaly
Laois (Queen's)	Abbeyleix, Athy, Carlow, Donnaghmore (dissolved after 1887 and split between Roscrea and Urlingford), Mountmellick, Roscrea, Urlingford
Leitrim	Ballyshannon, Bawnboy, Boyle, Carrick-on-Shannon, Castlereagh, Manor Hamilton, Mohill, Roscommon, Strokestown
Limerick	Croom, Glin (after 1892 split between Listowel and Rathkeale), Kilmallock, Listowel, Mitchelstown, Newcastle, Rathkeale, Tipperary
Londonderry	See Derry
Longford	Ballymahon, Granard, Longford
Louth	Ardee, Drogheda, Dundalk
Mayo	Ballina, Ballinrobe, Belmullet, Castlebar, Castlereagh, Claremorris, Killala, Newport (included in Westport after 1886), Swineford, Westport
Meath	Ardee, Celbridge, Drogheda, Dunshaughlin, Edenderry, Kells, Navan, Oldcastle, Trim
Monaghan	Carrickmacross, Castleblaney, Clogher, Clones, Cootehill, Dundalk, Monaghan
Offaly (King's)	Edenderry, Mountmellick, Parsonstown (Blir), Roscrea, Tullamore
Queen's	See Laois
Roscommon	Athlone, Ballinasloe, Boyle, Carrick-on-Shannon, Castlereagh, Roscommon, Strokestown
Sligo	Ballina, Boyle, Dromore West, Sligo, Tobercurry
Tipperary	Borrisokane, Callan, Carrick-on-Suir, Cashel, Clogheen, Clonmel, Nenagh, Parsonstown, Roscrea, Thurles, Tipperary, Urlingford
Tyrone	Armagh, Castlederg, Clogher, Cookstown, Dungannon, Enniskillen, Gortin (dissolved after 1899 and split between Omagh and Strabane), Irvinestown, Omagh, Strabane
Waterford	Carrick-on-Suir, Clonmel, Dungarvan, Kilmacthomas, Lismore, Waterford, Youghal
Westmeath	Athlone, Ballymahon, Castletown, Delvin, Granard, Mullingar, Tullamore
Wexford	Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross, Shillelagh, Wexford
Wicklow	Ballinglass, Naas, Rathdown, Rathdrum, Shillelagh

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CIVIL REGISTRATION
DISTRICTS

[1] See Ireland's civil registration districts (<https://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/Ireland-civil-registration.html>) to learn more.

As an example, I have used my maternal grandfathers civil record of his marriage.

- <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie>
- Click 'search'
- Solve a Captcha – just click on 'I'm not a robot'.
- Enter your given name and surname.
- Tick the box and submit.
- Access is immediate.

A list of names will come up but ignore them. Scroll down the left side until you reach the place to enter ancestor's details.

NAMES

First: John
 Last: Dolan
 District: Athlone
 Years: 1860 - 1901

Birth, Marriage or Death: Tick the box for the event you are searching for. I ticked the Marriage box.

Then click SEARCH.

It brought a list of 71 names but many of them were not for just John Dolan but for people whose mother was a Dolan. (Reducing the number of years, I searched would have been better.)

Among the list were the second and third marriages of my Great Grandfather, who was also a John Dolan, as well as my grandfather's marriage. They were easy to find because the names of their brides were listed.

Once I had the date of my great grandfathers second marriage, from which my line descended I could search all the John Dolans born after that date, unless of course my grandfather was born before his parent's marriage.

I went back to the page and entered the date from his parent's marriage to a later date. That reduced the number of entries. When I saw a possible John Dolan, I clicked on his name

DOCUMENT 2: Irish Civil Records – Marriage Results for John Dolan (next page)

Marriage results for John Dolan of Athlone from 1890 to 1911
Displaying results 1 - 10 of 10.
Sorted by Relevance by Date Records per page 10 50 100

Marriage of JOHN DOLAN and CATHERINE LYNCH on 06 February 1911	Group Registration ID 2035287 SR District/Reg Area Athlone
Marriage of JOHN DOLAN and KATE RIGNEY on 17 May 1905	Group Registration ID 2021567 SR District/Reg Area Athlone
Marriage of JOHN DOLAN and CATHERINE OGARA on 19 October 1901	Group Registration ID 2337667 SR District/Reg Area Athlone
Marriage of JOHN DOLAN and MARY CONNAUGHTON on 25 January 1904	Group Registration ID 1899852 SR District/Reg Area Athlone
Marriage of JOHN DOLAN and BRIDGET KENNEDY on 15 January 1900	Group Registration ID 2370183 SR District/Reg Area Athlone
3 rd marriage. ✕ Marriage of JOHN DOLAN and BRIDGET SCALLY on 25 April 1891	Group Registration ID 2565118 SR District/Reg Area Athlone
Marriage of JOHN FITZPATRICK and ROSANNA DOLAN on 06 March 1905	Group Registration ID 1969557 SR District/Reg Area Athlone
Marriage of JOHN MARTIN and ELLEN DOLAN on 14 February 1896	Group Registration ID 2244367 SR District/Reg Area Athlone
Marriage of JOHN FALLON and ANNE DOLAN on 13 February 1890	Group Registration ID 2528556 SR District/Reg Area Athlone
Marriage of JOHN CUNNIFFE and MARGARET DOLAN on 02 February 1891	Group Registration ID 2558446 SR District/Reg Area Athlone

Then on the next page click on the word 'image' underneath.

DOCUMENT 3: Marriage Results by District

SR District/Reg Area - Athlone
Marriage of JOHN DOLAN and MARY CONNAUGHTON
on 25 January 1904
[Back to search results](#)

Party 1 Name	JOHN DOLAN
Party 2 Name	MARY CONNAUGHTON
Date of Event	25 January 1904
Group Registration ID	1899852
SR District/Reg Area	Athlone

Click → Image to bring up actual record.

[Report any error in transcription.](#)

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[Photocopies or official certificates can be obtained via the following link.](#)

[Please see the following Frequently Asked Questions and Answers here.](#)

I found him! He was born two years after his parents married.

PRINTOUT 4A – Birth Record

John Dolan's birth record: Date of birth, home place of residence, fathers name, other's maiden name, father's occupation, date when registered.

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Superintendent Registrar's District Athlone Registrar's District Athlone No 2

BIRTHS Registered in the District of Athlone No 2 in the Union of Athlone
in the County of Wexford

No.	Date and Place of Birth.	Name (Suz).	Sex.	Name and Residence and Dwelling place of Father.	Name and Residence and Dwelling place of Mother.	Rank or Profession of Father.	Signature, Qualification, and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.	Signature of Informant.
462	May 1874 Thamesville	Anne	F	Pat Shine Thamesville	Fanny Shine Graig	farmer	Refuse & Shine present at birth Thamesville	1874	Henry H. Langstaff	
463	May 1874 Chapel St	Margaret	F	Thomas Reilly Chapel St	Matilda Reilly Reilly	farmer	Hate Reilly present at birth Chapel St	1874	Henry H. Langstaff	
464	May 1874 Currick	Ellen	F	John Hardiman Currick	Mary Hardiman Glynn	farmer	Mary Hardiman Currick	1874	Henry H. Langstaff	
465	May 1874 Cushla	James	M	Daniel Baldwin Cushla	Alice Baldwin Duggally	Soldier	Alice Baldwin Mother Cushla	1874	Henry H. Langstaff	
466	April 1874 King St	Elizabeth	F	John Clarke Dublin	Ellis Clarke formerly Little Ambrose	Green Grocer	E Clarke Mother King St	1874	Henry H. Langstaff	
467	June 1874 Banacks	Thomas	M	Thomas Rowe Banacks	Anne Rowe Murray	Soldier	Anne Rowe Mother Banacks	1874	Henry H. Langstaff	
468	June 1874 One p.m. Unknown	Michael	M	Michael Gavin Unknown	Mary Gavin Kennedy	farmer	Michael Gavin father Unknown	1874	Henry H. Langstaff	
469	June 1874 Three p.m. Unknown	Edward	M	Michael Gavin Unknown	Mary Gavin Kennedy	farmer	Michael Gavin father Unknown	1874	Henry H. Langstaff	
470	June 1874 Patrick St	Joseph	M	Edward Keogh Patrick St	Anne Keogh Amrock	Tailor	Edward Keogh father Patrick St	1874	Henry H. Langstaff	
471	June 1874 Unknown	John	M	John Dolan Clonmuck	Mary Dolan Cunniff	farmer	John Dolan father Clonmuck	1874	Henry H. Langstaff	

Henry H. Langstaff Registrar of Births and Deaths in the District of Athlone No 2 in the Union of Athlone
do hereby certify, that this is a true Copy of the Registrar's Book of Births within the said District,
from the Entry of the Birth of Anne Shine No. 462 to the Entry of the Birth of John Dolan No. 471
Witness my hand, this 20th day of August 1874

I have examined the above, and have compared it with the said original Registrar's Book, and hereby certify that it is a true Copy.
Witness my hand, this 20th day of August 1874

Superintendent Registrar.

DOCUMENT 4B - Shows details of John Dolan's marriage to Catherine Connaughton

Date of marriage, name of spouse, occupation, where they live, both father's names and their occupations, church where they were married, witness names and the name of the priest who married them.

First Page. Superintendent Registrar's District of Atchafalaya 05708345

1904 Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of Drum in the Registrar's District of Brickwell
in the Union of Atchafalaya in the County of Wexford

Marriage No. 225
Registered by me this 7th day of March 1904

No. (1)	When Married (2)	Name and Surname (3)	Age (4)	Condition (5)	Rank or Profession (6)	Residence at the Time of Marriage (7)	Father's Name and Surname (8)	Rank or Profession of Father (9)
225	27th	<u>Peter Naughton</u>	<u>Full</u>	<u>Bachelor</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Leahurst</u>	<u>Samuel Naughton</u>	<u>Farmer</u>
		<u>Paragat Drumming</u>	<u>Full</u>	<u>Spinster</u>		<u>Ardricknow</u>	<u>Thomas Drumming</u>	<u>Farmer</u>

Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Drum according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me, Thomas P. Hurley

This Marriage was solemnized between us Peter Naughton in the Presence of Peter Naughton and Mate Murray

1904 Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of Drum in the Registrar's District of Brickwell
in the Union of Atchafalaya in the County of Wexford

Marriage No. 226
Registered by me this 7th day of March 1904

No. (1)	When Married (2)	Name and Surname (3)	Age (4)	Condition (5)	Rank or Profession (6)	Residence at the Time of Marriage (7)	Father's Name and Surname (8)	Rank or Profession of Father (9)
226	25th	<u>John Dolan</u>	<u>Full</u>	<u>Bachelor</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Leahurst</u>	<u>John Dolan</u>	<u>Farmer</u>
		<u>Mary Connaughton</u>	<u>Full</u>	<u>Spinster</u>		<u>Leahurst</u>	<u>Peter Connaughton</u>	<u>Farmer</u>

Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Drum according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me, Thomas P. Hurley, C.C.

This Marriage was solemnized between us Mary Connaughton in the Presence of James Madden and Mary Byrne

1904 Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of Drum in the Registrar's District of Brickwell
in the Union of Atchafalaya in the County of Wexford

Marriage No. 227
Registered by me this 7th day of March 1904

No. (1)	When Married (2)	Name and Surname (3)	Age (4)	Condition (5)	Rank or Profession (6)	Residence at the Time of Marriage (7)	Father's Name and Surname (8)	Rank or Profession of Father (9)
227	8th	<u>James Glynn</u>	<u>Full</u>	<u>Bachelor</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Beethra</u>	<u>Michael Glynn</u>	<u>Farmer</u>
		<u>Catherine Watson</u>	<u>Full</u>	<u>Spinster</u>		<u>Coranagh</u>	<u>Thomas Watson</u>	<u>Farmer</u>

Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Drum according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me, Thomas P. Hurley, C.C.

This Marriage was solemnized between us James Glynn in the Presence of John McManus and Sarah Watson

1904 Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Chapel of Drum in the Registrar's District of Brickwell
in the Union of Atchafalaya in the County of Wexford

Marriage No. 228
Registered by me this 7th day of March 1904

No. (1)	When Married (2)	Name and Surname (3)	Age (4)	Condition (5)	Rank or Profession (6)	Residence at the Time of Marriage (7)	Father's Name and Surname (8)	Rank or Profession of Father (9)
228	16th	<u>Peter Higgins</u>	<u>Full</u>	<u>Bachelor</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Drum</u>	<u>Peter Higgins</u>	<u>Farmer</u>
		<u>Kellen Nicholson</u>	<u>Full</u>	<u>Spinster</u>		<u>Cornafulla</u>	<u>Thomas Nicholson</u>	<u>Farmer</u>

Married in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Drum according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me, Thomas P. Hurley, C.C.

This Marriage was solemnized between us Peter Higgins in the Presence of James Glynn and Paragat Drumming

Witnesses say that this is a true copy of the original Registrar's Book, and hereby certify that it is a true copy.

Henry Harroch Depl. Registrar of Marriages, in the District of Brickwell in the Union of Atchafalaya in the County of Wexford do hereby Certify that this is a true copy of the Registrar's Book of Marriages within the said District from the Entry of the Marriages of Peter Naughton and Paragat Drumming Number 225 to the Entry of the Marriages of Peter Higgins and Kellen Nicholson Number 228

Witness say that this is a true copy of the original Registrar's Book, and hereby certify that it is a true copy.

Henry Harroch Depl. Registrar

I have examined the above, and have compared it with the said original Registrar's Book, and hereby certify that it is a true copy.

Superintendent Registrar

CHURCH RECORDS

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RECORDS (Free)

Search: [National Library of Ireland](#)

- Click on [Catholic Parish Registers at the NLI](#).
- Enter the parish (Roman Catholic parish). *In this case I entered the parish of TRIM*
- Scroll down and click on the map of Ireland to bring up the parishes in each county. Parishes often overlap counties boundaries.
- If there is more than one parish with that name entered a list of the Dioceses will appear. Select the required dioceses and click. *In this case I selected the Diocese of MEATH.*
- The available Microfilms for that parish can then be accessed. Not all births, marriages and deaths are available. *In this case I searched for the birth of which appearsdown first/second page of the Parish Record.*

DOCUMENTS 5 AND 6: RC Church Records search by Diocese and Parish

Trim

Diocese of Meath | County of Meath

Microfilm 04179 / 01

Baptisms

25 July 1829 to 26 Oct. 1881

81 images

Microfilm 04179 / 02

Marriages

30 July 1829 to 27 Nov. 1880

Deaths

07 Jan. 1831 to 12 Apr. 1841

27 images

You may be able to find more information on registers for this parish at:

- [Irish Ancestors](#)
- [Roots Ireland](#)

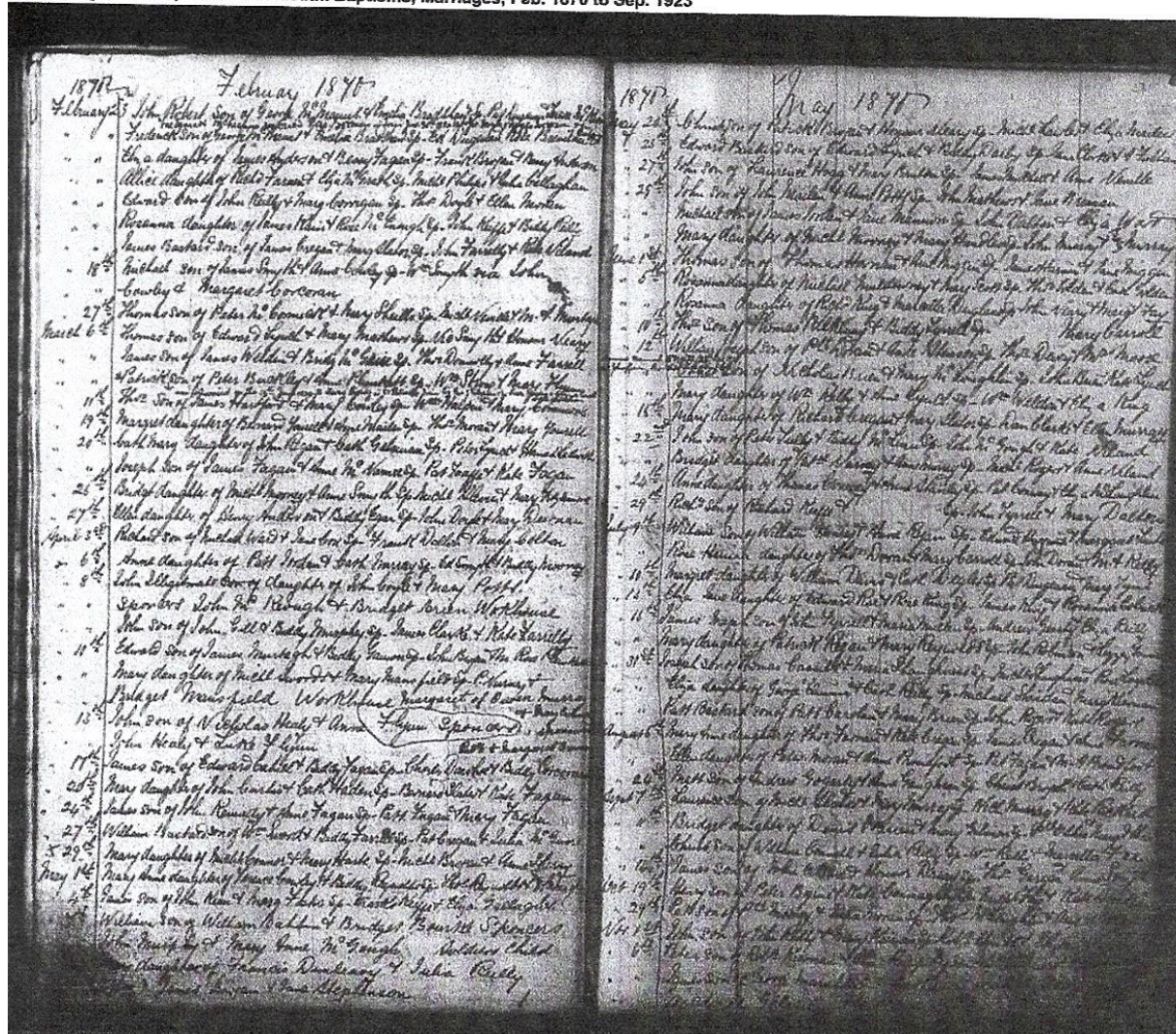
[Show Dioceses](#)

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R.C. CHURCH RECORD. -

Microfilm 04179 / 01 | Page 70

im; County of Meath; Diocese of Meath. Baptisms, Marriages, Feb. 1870 to Sep. 1923



In some parishes the given names are recorded in Latin. Translations are available when searched on Google.


Most Roman Catholic parishes did not start keeping records until after Catholic Emancipation in 1828. Some parishes have scrappy records prior to that date, but it was illegal for Catholic parishes to keep records.

CENSUS - 1901 and 1911 Census (Free)

Search: [National Archives: Census of Ireland 1901/1911](#)

1. "Search the Census records of Ireland 1901/1911" – It automatically comes up 1911. It will need to be changed it to 1901 if that is the year required. *Note that you will probably find huge discrepancies between the 1901 census and the 1911 census. This was because the Age pension came into effect and people upped their age to qualify for it.*

There are fields to enter the surname, forename, **county**, **townland** and **DED** (District electoral division) of the record you are searching. If only the surname & county are known a fairly large number of names appear. *(Depending on the name in a particular county. There were 155 Kearns in Co. Wicklow in 1911. When I added John it was reduced to 12.)*

 The National Archives of Ireland

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CENSUS

Search results Displaying results 1 - 9 of 9

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Records per page:

- 10
- 50
- 100

Sort by:

- Relevance
- Surname
- Forename
- Townland or Street
- DED
- County
- Age
- Sex

Search results

Surname	Forename	Townland/Street	DED	County	Age	Sex	Birthplace	Occupation	Religion	Literacy	Irish Language	Relation to Head of Household	Marital Status	Specified Illnesses	Yr
Dolan	Patrick	Cloonark	Drumlish	Roscommon	58	M	Co Roscommon	Farmer	Roman Catholic	Read and write		Head of Family	Single		
Dolan	Margaret	Cloonark	Drumlish	Roscommon	43	F	Roscommon		Roman Catholic	Read and write		Sister	Single		
Dolan	John	Cloonark	Drumlish	Roscommon	81	M	Co Roscommon	Farmer	Catholic Religion	Read and write		Head of Family	Widower		
Dolan	John	Cloonark	Drumlish	Roscommon	39	M	Co Roscommon	Farmer	Catholic Religion	Read and write		Son	Married		
Dolan	Mary	Cloonark	Drumlish	Roscommon	25	F	Co Roscommon		Catholic Religion	Read and write		Daughter in Law	Married	7	
Dolan	Kate	Cloonark	Drumlish	Roscommon	5	F	Co Roscommon	Scholar	Catholic Religion	Read and write		Grand Daughter	Single		
Dolan	Mary	Cloonark	Drumlish	Roscommon	3	F	Co Roscommon		Catholic Religion	Cannot read		Grand Daughter	Single		
Dolan	Martin Patrick	Cloonark	Drumlish	Roscommon	2	M	Co Roscommon		Catholic Religion	Cannot read		Grand Son	Single		
Dolan	Bridget	Cloonark	Drumlish	Roscommon	0	F	Co Roscommon		Catholic Religion	Cannot read		Grand Daughter	Single		

Search

[More search options](#)

Census year 1911

Surname

Forename

County

2. When you click on a name it will bring up all the people in the household. The *click the box on the top right of the page to expand it will give further information*. (Ages, birthplace, occupations, literacy, relation to head of household, marital status, for women the number of years married, the number of children born and the number of children still living.
3. Underneath the names are links to other forms.
 - **Household Return** – will bring up the actual form filled in on the night of the census.
 - **Enumerators abstract forms** – gives collated information on the number of male and females and their religion in each household together with the District Electoral Division, Poor Law Union, Barony, (Civil) Parish, Town/village/townland.
 - **House and Building Return** – information on whether the building is a public house, shop, or private dwelling. The number of outhouses. The construction of the wall and roof. The number of rooms and windows in the front of the building. Class of house 1st, 2nd, 3rd. The name of the head of the family. Number of rooms occupied by each family, if more than one and the total number in each family.

DOCUMENT 8 – House and Building Return

CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1911
FORM B, 1.—HOUSE AND BUILDING RETURN.

County *Rockingham* Parliamentary Division *South Down* Poor Law Union *Athlone* District Electoral Division *Drumlish* Townland *Clonash*
 Urban District *Athlone* Town or Village *Athlone* Barony *Athlone* Parish *Drum*

Notes A.—When a dwelling or house is situated in two Parliamentary Divisions, or in more than one District Electoral Division or Parish, or in a partly walled and partly unwalled Parliamentary Division, City, Urban District, Town, or Village, a separate return should be made for each portion.

HOUSE.										FAMILY.									
No. of Dwelling or House.	Whether Walled or Unwalled.	Name of the Dwelling or House.	Whether a Dwelling or House.	Whether a Dwelling or House.	PARTICULARS OF INHABITED ROOMS.				No. of Rooms in the Dwelling or House.	No. of Rooms in the Dwelling or House.	No. of Rooms in the Dwelling or House.	No. of Rooms in the Dwelling or House.	No. of Rooms in the Dwelling or House.	No. of Rooms in the Dwelling or House.	No. of Rooms in the Dwelling or House.	No. of Rooms in the Dwelling or House.	No. of Rooms in the Dwelling or House.		
					Walled.	Unwalled.	Partly Walled.	Partly Unwalled.											
1	Do	Private Dwelling	4	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	Patrick Dolan	3	2	4	15	15		
2	Do	Do	4	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	John Dolan	3	2	4	18	18		
3	Do	Do	4	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	Michael Dunning	3	2	4	14	14		
4	Do	Do	5	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	Mary Dunning	3	2	4	1	1		
5	Do	Do	5	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	Thomas Dunning	3	2	4	13	13		
6	Do	Do	4	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	Patrick Dineen	3	2	4	22	22		
7	Do	Do	6	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	James Duffey	3	2	4	14	14		
8	Do	Do	5	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	Maria Duggan	3	2	4	10	10		
9	Do	Do	4	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	Maria Duggan	3	2	4	11	11		
10	Do	Do	5	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	John Duggan	4	10	10	1	1		
11	Do	Do	2	Yes	1	0	2	2	5	2	1	John Duggan	3	2	4	1	1		
12	Do	Do	5	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	John Duggan	3	2	4	1	1		
13	Do	Do	5	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	James Dunning	3	2	4	1	1		
14	Do	Do	5	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	James Dunning	3	2	4	1	1		
15	Do	Do	3	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	William Duggan	3	8	10	1	1		
16	Do	Do	5	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	James Duggan	3	3	10	6	6		
17	Do	Do	5	Yes	1	0	2	3	6	2	1	Bridget Duggan	3	4	10	2	2		

Notes B.—If any room is occupied by more than one family, the names of the heads of families occupying it should be recorded together in Col. 11, Rows 1 and 2. The Ages 1 and 2 are entered in Col. 14, opposite the initials of the families. (See pattern Table in Instructions, page 6.)

Outhouses and farm steadings Return – stable, coach house, harness room, barn, cow house, piggery, fowl house, potato house, turf house, forge, laundry, workshop.

GRIFFITH'S VALUATION

Search: www.askaboutireland.ie/griffiths-valuation

Griffith's Valuation was carried out between 1848 and 1864 to determine liability to pay for the poor and destitute within each Poor Law Union.

Griffith's Valuation gives the names of the occupiers, the lessor or landlord's name, the area of the land (acres, roods, & perch), if there is a house and outbuildings, the rateable valuation of the land and the rateable valuation of the buildings.

Step 1 is mandatory

- Enter a family name of the person you are researching.

Step 2 is optional.

- Enter first name or County, Barony, Poor law Union or Civil Parish.
- Clicking the down arrow on the county will give you a list of all the counties in Ireland.
- Select the county you want.
- Click "Search".
- The "Details" column gives a short record of GV record information. –

DOCUMENT 9 – Griffiths Valuation 1854 – Record Information

GRIFFITHS VALUATION 1854

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Griffith's Valuation Record Information	
Tenant	
Family Name 1	CAFFREY
Forename 1	LAURENCE
Landlord	
Family Name 2	In Chancery
Forename 2	
Location	
County	MEATH
Barony	SKREEN
Union	DUNSHAUGHLIN
Parish	CUSHINSTOWN
Townland	ROADMAIN
Place Name	ROADMAIN
Place Type	TOWNLAND
Publication Details	
Position on Page	40
Printing Date	1854
Act	15816
Sheet Number	33
Map Reference	10

User Contributions
 You can now upload your own information, photos, audios and videos to the details of each Griffith's Valuation record. Please click the grey upload button to start your own upload.

Below, you can see material uploaded by other users of the site

Additional information has not yet been added to this record by upload users.

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- "Original page" column has all the occupiers of the individual townlands.

DOCUMENT 10: Griffith's Valuations – Valuation of Tenements

On the extreme left of the names of the occupiers of each townland there are numbers and letters of reference. These will show the site of each landholding and building and the boundaries of each occupier's land. It is difficult to find the townlands on the maps as the letters in the townlands' names are spread out. However, it is interesting to see the actual land where an ancestor lived.

Please note: the Valuation of Documents Record can be enlarged on the web to make it easier to read. The line of the record in which the person searched for (*in this case John Dolan*) appears is listed at the bottom of the table – in this case – *'The record you clicked is 7 lines from the top'*.

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Serials	Names	1st quarter			2nd quarter			3rd quarter			4th quarter			Reels			Totals			Grand Total			Remarks
		A	R	P	A	R	P	A	R	P	A	R	P	A	R	P	A	R	P	A	R	P	
20	Richard McGuire	14	"	"	2	2	20	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	5	16	3	26	2	2	"	"	Rathfriland
21	Do " Do	"	"	"	"	"	"	4	2	"	"	"	"	"	22	4	2	22	"	0	3	"	Belmoe
22	John Brady	5	"	2	12	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	20	17	2	22	2	"	"	"	"	Rathfriland
23	Martin Lenny	10	"	"	1	2	20	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	2	"	13	"	20	1	9	4	Do
24	Patrick Mulligan	8	2	10	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	2	4	9	"	14	1	2	1/2	"	Do
25	Richard Lenny	10	"	10	10	"	"	10	"	"	7	2	"	2	"	46	"	14	4	16	"	"	Fullbrook
26	John Boylan	12	3	23	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	12	3	23	1	13	4	"	"	Christchurch
27	Patrick Madden	4	2	23	25	"	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	23	34	3	8	3	17	5	"	Rathfriland
28	Peter Carmichael	1	"	"	6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	"	"	"	16	2/2	"	"	Do
29	James Lynch	5	"	"	1	3	20	"	"	"	"	"	"	20	7	"	"	"	19	4	"	"	Do
30	Chas Donnelly	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	2	4	"	"	"	"	7	2	4	"	13	10	"	"	Belmoe

CALENDARS OF WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS 1858 – 1922 (Free search)

In Civil Records.

TOWNLANDS, CIVIL PARISHES, BARONIES, POOR LAW UNIONS, DED's (District Electoral Divisions)

Google search:

For Example: Co. Wicklow:

7 Baronies

59 Civil Parishes

1,256 Townlands.

OTHER CIVIL RECORDS

The RC Registers of Baptisms and Marriage up to 1880.

Ireland – Australia data base

Women in the 20th century Ireland 1922 – 1966.

Soldiers' Wills

Calendars of Wills

Bureau of military history

Military Services collection

Ellis Island Records (USA)

Castle Garden Records

OTHER SITES:

www.familysearch.org

<https://www.findmypast.ie>

<https://www.ancestry.com.au>

<https://www.rootsireland.ie>

- findmypast.ie and rootsireland.ie have transcribed catholic parish records. You can search records free on [findmypast.ie](https://www.findmypast.ie), as long as you have an account.
- You need to subscribe to search them on [rootsireland.ie](https://www.rootsireland.ie) They also have Church of Ireland records.k

There is an Irish genealogy site on Facebook—it's a private group so you will need to join - go to <https://m.facebook.com/groups/402752829736679/permalink/6806791719332726/> . The members are very helpful in finding information when people request help.

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