

# Irish Research Tips

## Five Easy Pieces: Basic Questions and Expert Answers to Irish Research

Whether you are in despair of ever breaking down your Irish ancestry puzzles or just plain getting started, make sure you ask these basic questions and use the expert resources!

### Have you re-checked all of your home sources, assumptions and checklists?

First, back to the real basics! Dollars to donuts, there are overlooked clues and errors to consider. Review and organize all of your information. The PBS Ancestors Series Family and Home Information Sources Checklists and Forms are available on the internet [www.byub.org/ancestors/firstseries/teachersguide/pdf/checklist.pdf](http://www.byub.org/ancestors/firstseries/teachersguide/pdf/checklist.pdf) or call 1-800-298-KBYU for information about the Ancestors Series videos and products.

### Have you ever attended a conference, joined a genealogical or historical society for both expert advice and the serendipity of meeting others or finding resources first hand?

Perhaps not as obvious - but still basic! The Irish Ancestral Research Association (TIARA) holds Boston, Massachusetts monthly meetings and provides postings of member research interests, as well as other resources, organizations and events of interest to Irish researchers everywhere, including teleconference seminars and recorded sessions in MP3 format with PDF syllabus and handout material. See <http://tiara.ie/> or mail inquiries to P.O. Box 619, Sudbury, Massachusetts 01776.

Another especially important resource is "The Search for Missing Friends: Irish Immigrant Advertisements placed in The Boston Pilot 1831-1920". Even though the newspaper was published in Boston, the geographic coverage is nationwide. International implications include Irish immigrants in Canada as well as the "two boaters" to the US or far flung to the Australian gold rush! "Many advertisements contain references to townlands and parishes of origin in Ireland, dates and places of arrival in North America, physical descriptions, and confirmation of family relationships." Even if your family specifics aren't listed, it's a wonderful resource for checking emigrant family origins in particular townlands, parishes and counties of Ireland. Check the Boston College index to this resource at <http://infowanted.bc.edu/> or buy the CD from the New England Historic Genealogical Society at <http://www.newenglandancestors.org>

Across the pond, Eneclann Ltd. at Trinity College provides a range of professional services in the historical and heritage sectors and publishes many CDs for Irish research, as well as naturalization and House History services, and an online resource for Griffith's Valuation of Ireland. Visit them on the web for [CDs](#) and research services <http://eneclann.ie>

Eneclann is often at exhibitor at FGS and NGS conferences – see <http://fgs.org/fgs-conference.htm> and [http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conferences\\_and\\_events](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conferences_and_events)

NEHGS and NARA also have regular programs that often feature Irish research topics: <http://www.newenglandancestors.org/> [http://www.archives.gov/research\\_room/genealogy/](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/genealogy/)

## Do you know what kinds of resources are available through your local Family History Libraries?

More records available locally than you think! You don't have to go to Ireland or Salt Lake City for many, many detailed resources. Learn about available microfilm topics, such as -

Archives and libraries, Records and repositories; Gaelic manuscripts; Irish Quaker records; literacy; Court records - justiciary rolls or proceedings, ancient charters, Welch [sic] and Scottish [sic] rolls, Chancery court and exchequer bills; Land and property - Abercorn papers, Accounts of loans, Ancient Irish deeds and writings, Applotment books, Calendars of deeds, registers, rolls, Convert Rolls, courts martial; Genealogical and historical excerpts; Presbyterian chapels history of litigation and legislation; list of claims, Qualification Rolls, Convert Rolls; public records of Ireland - with supplements and appendixes, history of the Lord Chancellors; civil surveys, Cromwellian inquisition, estates, Irish monastic possessions, Officio Rotolorum Cancellariae Hiberniae, patent rolls, will and deed abstracts, Freeholders, muster rolls, householders, wills, deeds, parish registers, valuation of rateable property, great landowners; pedigree collection; historical accounts - plantations, incumbered estates, manuscripts; registry of deeds - surname and county index; the land question - 1800-1922; Irish cartularies, emigration lists, Fiants, land laws, Monastic and Episcopal deeds, Record Commission's calendar; pedigrees and manuscripts; Land war - 1879-1903; Landlords and tenants, Landowner's and agents - acreage and valuation by county, absentees estates and incomes spent abroad, townland surveys and memoirs, landlordism and tenants on both sides of the ocean; Belfast Public Record Office; Rent rolls, Rentals of encumbered Irish estates, owners of land of one acre and upwards; Schedule of documents Church Temporalities; law of property inland in Ireland, Stipendary priests and disfranchised freeholders, memorials of deeds, conveyances and wills; College estates; source records, 1500s-1800s; Chartularies; history, position, and treatment of the public records of Ireland; Irish Catholic Historical Committee; Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Records and on and on!

Search on Ireland at [http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset\\_fhlc.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Library/FHLC/frameset_fhlc.asp) or call 800-346-6044 for the address of the Family History Library near you.

## What do you know about Irish geography references?

Bookmark this invaluable database on the web! Details of organization and place names are available at [THE IreAtlas http://www.seanruad.com/](http://www.seanruad.com/)

Family and county genealogies with maps are available at <http://www.irishroots.com/>

## Never heard an Irish research expert speak?

It's even easier than you think ... You can bring the voice of these experts into your home by ordering the audio tapes from major genealogy conferences at [www.audiotapes.com](http://www.audiotapes.com) and [www.jamb-inc.com](http://www.jamb-inc.com)

Topics include:

"Irish Emigration to North America: Before, During and After the Famine" ; 1997 MEREDITH B COLKET MEMORIAL LECTURE - IRISH RESEARCH: NOT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PILE ; 19th-Century Irish Immigration to New York State (Intermediate) ; A GENEALOGICAL LOOK AT TWO EARLY GEORGIA SETTLEMENTS: OLD QUEENSBORO- A PROTESTANT SCOTS-IRISH SETTLEMENT AND SHARON- AN IRISH CATHOLIC SETTLEMENT ; Administrative Jurisdictions of Ireland and How They Help or Hinder The Irish Researcher ; AN INTRODUCTION TO IRISH RESEARCH ; AN OVERVIEW OF IRISH IMMIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA, 1791 - 1921 ; ANATOMY OF THE HUGUENOT MIGRATION TO

**IRELAND ; Arranging the Voyage for German and Irish Immigrants to the American Colonies: 18th-Century Immigration ; BASIC SOURCES IN IRELAND ; Beginning Irish Genealogy ; Beyond Griffith's Valuation: An Open Door into Irish Research ; BIRTHPLACE IN IRELAND FROM U; CAN YOU CROSS THE SEA TO BRITAIN? GETTING YOUR ENGLISH, WELSH, SCOTS-IRISH, IRISH, OR SCOTS FAMILY BACK TO THE BRITISH ISLES WHEN THERE SEEMS TO BE NO TRANSPORTATION ; Church of Ireland Diocesan Records ; Civil Registration in Ireland (1845-Present) ; CONNECTICUT SETTLERS IN THE OHIO FIRELANDS (DIVERSITY); CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN IRELAND ; Debunking the Myth: Irish Record Destruction and What Still Survives ; Electronic Publishing for Irish Records: The Story So Far ; EMIGRATION FROM IRELAND TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA BEFORE THE 1840'S ; ENGLISH SURNAMES IN IRELAND ; Finding the Irish Place of Origin ; FINDING WOMEN IN IRISH RECORDS ; Finding Your Irish Ancestors in Estate and Other Manuscript Records ; Griffith's "Primary" Valuation of Ireland - Accessing and Using the Resource Effectively ; GRIFFITH'S VALUATION: A VITAL LINK IN IRISH RESEARCH ; How can the Ulster Historical Foundation Help on Irish Research ; Identifying Irish Immigrants in Colonial New England and New York (Intermediate) ; Identifying Your Ancestor's Townland: US and Irish Sources ; Intermediate Irish Research ; International Society of British Genealogy and Family History luncheon: Research in Ireland ; Introduction to Irish Genealogy: Where Do I Start? ; Introduction to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland ; IRELAND 1700-1800: DISCOVERING SOURCES ; IRELAND AND THE BOER WAR ; IRELAND CENSUS AND CENSUS SUBSTITUTES ; IRELAND CHURCH RECORDS ; IRELAND ESTATE RECORDS ; IRELAND PROBATE RECORDS ; IRISH CATHOLIC CHURCH REGISTERS: BOG LATIN & OTHER DEMONS ; Irish Emigrants to North America: Before, During & After the Famine ; IRISH EMIGRATION RECORDS: WHO SAID IT WAS GOING TO BE EASY ; IRISH ENCUMBERED ESTATE RECORDS ; IRISH ESTATE PAPERS ; IRISH ESTATE RECORDS: IS DIGGING THROUGH THE PILE REALLY WORTH IT? ; Irish Famine Immigrants to Boston, 1847-1848 ; IRISH GENEALOGICAL PROJECT ; Irish Genealogy, Are Things Getting Better? ; Irish Heraldry for the Genealogist ; IRISH IMMIGRATION TO NORTH AMERICA ; IRISH IMMIGRATION, PART I ; IRISH IMMIGRATIONS, PART II ; IRISH JACOBITES IN FRANCE ; Irish Land Law-An In-Depth Look: Land Holding From Lease To Ownership ; IRISH LIFE 1750-1850: THE CONTEXT OF EMIGRATION ; IRISH LINKS TO AUSTRALIA ; IRISH LINKS TO THE US; IRISH MIGRATION TO NORTH AMERICA ; IRISH NAMES AND RECORDS SEARCHING ; IRISH 'PLANTATIONS' FROM NORMAN TIMES TO NOW ; Irish Rebellion of 1798 As a Source of Genealogical Records ; IRISH RECORDS AND RUMORS OF IRISH RECORDS ; Irish Records for Your Immigrant Ancestor ; IRISH RESEARCH (2 TAPE SET = \$15; Irish Research Using the Internet ; Irish Research: Census, Church and Vital Records ; IRISH RESEARCH: HOMEWORK HERE AND FOOTWORK ABROAD ; IRISH RESEARCH: THE FAMINE OF THE 1840'S AND ITS EFFECTS ON EMIGRATION ; IRISH SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ; IRISH SETTLERS ON THE AMERICAN FRONTIER ; Irish Soldiers in Habsburg Austria 1600-180 ; Irish Sources for Immigration ; IRISH SPECIAL ARCHIVAL AND LIBRARY COLLECTIONS ; IS THIS WHY YOU DID NOT FIND YOUR IRISH ANCESTOR? ; JOHN O'NEILL AND OTHER IRISH SHOEMAKERS IN LONDON ; Know Before You Go: How to Locate the Irish Home of Your Scotch-Irish Ancestor ; LAND REGISTRATION RECORDS IN IRELAND ; Little Used Irish Record Collections ; Liverpool: An Irish Port ; Local and Family Publications in Irish Research ; Locating American Scots-Irish Families in the Records of Ireland & Scotland ; MIGRATION FROM IRELAND TO NORTH AMERICA ; NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND ; OCCUPATION & APPRENTICE RECORDS: ENGLAND, WALES AND IRELAND ; Old Ireland Over Here: The Irish in Australia ; OUTLINE HISTORY OF 17TH CENTURY IRELAND ; OUTLINE HISTORY OF 18TH CENTURY IRELAND ; OUTLINE HISTORY OF 19TH CENTURY IRELAND ; Pennsylvania's Scots-Irish - The Colony's Most Contentious and Misunderstood Immigrants ; Pioneer Passages to the West: Following German, Scots-Irish and English Migrations ; Pot of Gold at the End of the Rainbow: Irish Collection at the Family History Library ; PRE-FAMINE MIGRATION OF IRISH TO NEW ENGLAND ; PRONI (PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND) ; PROTESTANT CHURCH RECORDS IN IRELAND ; RECORDS AND REPOSITORIES IN IRELAND ; Researching Immigrant Working Women: Case Studies of Irish Maids ; Researching in Ireland: Planning is the Key to Success ; Researching Irish Ancestry in New York ; Researching the Irish in New Zealand ; RESEARCHING THE IRISH OF NEW YORK: ESPECIALLY THE LANDLESS IN UPSTATE NEW YORK ; RESOURCES IN IRELAND AND HOW AMERICANS CAN USE THEM IN PERSON AND BY MAIL ; SCOTCH-IRISH AND SCOTTISH RESEARCH ; SCOTCH-IRISH, SCOTS-IRISH OR ULSTER IRISH: UNDERSTANDING ANCESTRAL FRONTIER CULTURE ; Scotch-Irish, Scots-Irish, or Ulster Irish: Understanding a Unique Ancestral Frontier Culture ; Scotch-Irish, Scots-Irish: Understanding a Unique Ancestral Frontier Culture ; Scots-Irish Family History Research: Sources and Methods (Intermediate) ; Scots-Irish in the Upland South ; Separating Fact from Blarney in Irish Oral Tradition ; SOME SOURCES FOR EDUCATION IN IRELAND: 1830-1870 ; Source of Genealogical Records for the Irish Rebellion of 1789; SOURCES FOR FAMILY HISTORY IN IRELAND ; Sources for Scots-Irish Research ; SOURCES FOR TRACING IRISH ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILIES ; Sources in the Irish Parliamentary Papers ; SOURCES OF IRISH-AMERICAN GENEALOGY ; STATE PAPERS OF IRELAND - 13TH - 17TH CENTURIES ; Tall Tales & Blue Genes: Separating Fiction from Fact About the South American Irish ; THE 1798 REBELLION IN IRELAND AND ITS RECORDS ; THE DUTCH AND THE IRISH: PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN AND SCOTCH-IRISH RELATIONS OVER TWO AND A HALF CENTURIES ; The Firelands of Ohio ; The Future of Irish Genealogy ; THE GREAT FAMINE AND IRISH EMIGRATION TO NORTH AMERICA, 1845-56 ; The Irish Diaspora: The Famine Irish in America ; THE IRISH FAMINE: 150 YEARS LATER ; THE IRISH IN QUEBEC ; The Irish in the US and into Ireland: Let s Follow Their Trail ; The Irish in the US and into Ireland: Let s Follow Their Trail ; The Irish in the West Indies ; The Irish Linen Industry ; The Irish Manuscripts Commission and Its Publications ; The Irish That Helped the Motor City and its Environs ; THE MARITIMES: A FUNNEL FOR IRISH MIGRATION INTO AMERICA ; THE OTHER PALATINES: A STUDY OF THE IRISH PALATINES OF 1709 AND A STUDY OF THE LATER ARRIVALS TO COLONIAL AMERICA IN THE SECOND WAVE OF EMMIGRATION FROM 1717 TO 1760 ; THE POT OF GOLD AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW: IRISH HOLDINGS OF THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY ; THE 'REAL' VALUE OF THE GRIFFITH VALUATION IN IRELAND ; The Scots Irish in the Virginia-North Carolina Piedmont ; THE SCOTS-IRISH**

**MIGRATION FROM ULSTER TO NORTH CAROLINA ; THE SCOTS-IRISH OF THE MID-ATLANTIC STATES; The Social Impact of the Great Irish Famine, 1845-1848 ; THE TRACKING OF IRELAND-TRACKING 19TH CENTURY IRISH EMIGRANT FAMILIES ; THE USE OF CENSUS ENUMERATIONS IN THE STUDY OF IRISH IMMIGRANTS (INTO GREAT BRITIAN) ; The Wealth of the Irish Poor Law: Its Origin, Its Records, & its Riches ; The Wives & Families of Convicts: The Scheme & its Significance for Ireland and New South Wales, 1788 - 1840 ; To the Auld Sod: Finding Your Irish Ancestors in Ireland ; Tracing Scots Irish Ancestors ; TRACING THE POOR AND LANDLESS IN IRELAND ; Tracing the Scots-Irish: Records in Ireland ; TRACING YOUR IRISH CATHOLIC ANCESTOR ; TRACING YOUR IRISH PROTESTANT ANCESTOR ; TRACING YOUR ROMAN CATHOLIC ANCESTOR IN IRELAND ; TRACKING AN IRISH-PROTESTANT FAMILY ; UNDERSTANDING GEOGRAPHICAL, ECCLESIASTICAL, AND CIVIL DIVISIONS OF IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND - KNOWLEDGE NECESSARY TO FRUITFUL IRISH RESEARCH ; Unusual Sources & Current Developments in Irish Genealogical Research ; USING COMMUNITY STUDIES AND IRISH RECORDS TO LOCATE THE PLACE OF ORIGIN OF YOUR SCOTCH-IRISH ANCESTOR ; USING IRISH LOCAL AND COUNTY HISTORIES IN YOUR RESEARCH ; VARIETIES OF IRISH IN OHIO: THE PROUD, THE RELUCTANT AND THE HIDDEN ; Wealth of the Irish Poor Law ; Welsh Surnames in Ireland ; What's in a Name: Are You Looking for the Wrong Person in Ireland? ; What's New in Irish Genealogy ; WHERE CAME JAMES SMITH? OR HOW TO FIND THE IRISH PLACE OF ORIGIN OF YOUR SCOTCH-IRISH ANCESTOR**

