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- Books are italicised e.g. *The Hobbit*
- Shelfmark / Call number # in bold e.g. **TR 912.4 ORDN Index**
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**Useful Guides**
See Special Collections’ Subject Support: [http://libguides.ucc.ie/SCsubjectsupport](http://libguides.ucc.ie/SCsubjectsupport)

**Identify Area or County**
- Example: Area around Clonakilty.
- Consult the *OS Survey of Ireland Indices to the 6” Maps* TR 912.4 ORDN Index
  Location: Range 25, Shelf 17. (red book)
- The *OS Survey of Ireland Indices to the 6” Maps*: Clonakilty is on sheet 135.
- The *General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland: Based on the Census of Ireland for the year 1851* TR 914.15 GENE Location:
Range 8 gives the alphabetical index of the townlands, stating the name of the barony and the parish. This information is also important for further research using Griffith’s Valuation.

- **TR 914. GENE** is also available online at [www.thecore.com/seanruad](http://www.thecore.com/seanruad) and [http://www.irishtimes.com/ancestor/placenames](http://www.irishtimes.com/ancestor/placenames).

- Example: For Clonakilty, the barony is East Carbery (E.D), the parish is Kilgarrif and the townland is Kilgarrif.

- If you cannot find your place-name go to the *Directory of Townlands, Districts, Electoral Divisions and Ancient Baronies of the County of Cork*, TRF 914.195 CORK Location: Range 28. The place-name you are looking for could be the name of the parish. There is an alphabetical index of parish-names towards the back of the book, which will give you the name of the townland.

- If you still cannot find your place-name try looking for an adjacent place name.

- Note: Some places have reverted to Irish names since the creation of the Index (TR 912.4 ORDN Index). The spelling of place names may differ on various maps in inother publications. Consult the *Ordnance Survey Name Books* TR 912.4 OSI NB Location: Range 4 to find out about different spellings. (See section on ‘Further Information.’)

- Once you have found your townland, confirm the sheet number for the 6 inch OS map.

- For Co. Cork you can also consult *Townlands (alphabetically arranged) County Cork: with Parish, Postal District, District Electoral Division, Registrar’s District and Rural or Urban District*, TR 914.195 TOWN Location: Range 8

- For calculating distances use the Index One Inch to a mile TR 912.4 ORDN Index Location: Range 25 Shelf 17 (green book).

**Consulting & Printing OS Maps: 1st & 2nd Edition**

- The original 1st edition Ordnance Survey (OS) Maps (1833-1846) are available for the entire country. There is a full set of OS 1st edition on hardcopy and microfilm.

- The 1st edition OS Cork maps have been disbound to facilitate access. The individual sheets are kept in Location: Range 29, Drawers 25 - 31. The individual sheets are numbered. Example: Sheet 135 is in Drawer 30.

- Microfilm is in Location: Microfilm Cabinet 5 Drawer 2. Find your county and find the sheet number. It’s the same sheet number as given in index. Put the film on and look through until you get your section.

- The 1st edition comes up first and followed into 2nd for each county in Munster except Clare.

- After end of 1st edition is listing of Index to Townland Survey.

- The 2nd edition (1901-1904) is available microfilm only for Munster but not including Clare. Location: Microfilm Cabinet 5 Drawer 2 (on same reels as 1st ed.). 2nd edition is stated on each sheet number.

- If a reproduction is needed from the 1st and 2nd ed. of the OS 6 inch maps, use the microfilm version available in the microfilm room, as it allows you to zoom in on your site.
OS 3rd Edition Maps / Archaeological Constraint Maps
- Once you have chosen the archaeological sites in your area use these.
- Note the sheet number and the national grid number for your site.
- The individual sheets of the Archaeological Constraint map for Cork & Kerry are kept hanging at the back of the Reference Reading Room. Pick the sheet number(s) for your area.
- Example: Clonakilty Sheet 135
- Slides of Archaeological Constraint Maps in black box. Location: Range 30 Shelf 5
- Indices of sites on the Archaeological Constraint map TRF 936.19 CORK are kept in Location: Range 30 Shelf 5.
- Record of monuments and places TRF 936.19 RECO v.1 & 2 Range 30 Shelf 5
- Location: Range 30 Shelf 5: Clare Constraint Maps & material on Co. Kerry
- The 3rd edition (1930s) of the OS 6 inch maps is available in the original for Cork only. They are also available on aperture cards for Co. Cork only. The aperture cards are kept in Range 30, Shelf 5. The whole country is available on microfilm Location: Microfilm Cabinet Drawer
- A CD-ROM with digital images of 3rd ed. of the OS 6 inch maps for all counties with ‘new sites’ is held in the Special Collections Desk. Zooming in is not possible in this case.

Archaeological Sites
- Cork: Archaeological Inventory of County Cork TRF 936.19 POWE Location: Range 28
- Kerry: North Kerry Archaeological Survey. TR 936.19 TOAL Location: Range 9
- Dingle: Archaeological Survey of the Dingle Peninsula. TRF 936.19 CUPP Location: Range 11

Other archaeological inventories and surveys are available elsewhere in the Library. To get a full list do a keyword search “archaeological survey” in the catalogue.

Modern Maps
- Discovery maps are available to aid you with transport. On the catalogue do a Title search on “Discovery series.”
- Discovery Maps in Special Collections. Location: Range 16. Use Phoenix Maps (1900) in boxes for City and Townplan maps Location: Range 16.
- 1:1000 Maps (approx. 5’ to 1 mile): the Ordnance Survey publishes maps at this scale for urban areas only. Mapping at 1:1000 began at the end of the 1960s for Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford cities. This has extended over the years is now available for urban areas with populations in excess of circa 1,500. Location: Range 30 Shelf 3

Consulting & Printing Other Maps
- Petty Maps Location: Range 25 Shelf 17; Microfilm: Location: Microfilm Cabinet 5 Drawer 2.
- Ulster & Other Irish Maps c. 1600 Location: Range 25 Shelf 23
- Historical Irish Atlas Location Range 25 Shelf 23 TRF 912.4
• Speed’s Map of Cork. Location: Range 29 Drawer 3 Item 18, Range 29 Drawer 4 Item 20
• The Down Survey – 1700s predate Ordnance Survey Maps. These show civil parishes. Location: Cabinet 5 on microfilm.
• The Down Survey Barony Maps Series are useful as these give substantial details of the town of the townland pattern circa 1656. Special Collection has all of Cork and some odd maps of other counties. The survey was solely relating to Catholic and thus confiscated lands. Location: Range 29 Drawers 8 – 9.

Further Information
OS Survey Letters, OS Survey Memoirs and OS Survey Memoranda.
These are an invaluable resource for background information and details about your chosen area but the level of detail may not be required. They were compiled to accompanying the 1st edition of the 6 inch Ordnance Survey maps. They provide information for each parish on a wide range of subjects from roads, schools, and public buildings, to mills, canals, antiquities, employment, farming and churches.

• **OS Name Books:** Cork available on microfilm, hardcopy for the rest of the country. Location: Microfilm Cabinet 5 Drawer 1. They are arranged by parish.

• **OS Letters:** TR 912.4 OSI L. The paper versions: Location: Range 4. They are also available on microfilm: Location: Microfilm Room Cabinet 5 Drawer 1. OS Letters comprise correspondence between John O’Donovan (1806-1861) and other researchers employed on the survey and OS head office staff. OS Letters exist for 29 Irish counties. The exceptions are Antrim, Cork and Tyrone.

• **OS Memoirs:** N 912.4 ROYA (some available on microfilm) Location: Microfilm Room Cabinet 5 Drawer 1. The OS Memoir project was designed to illustrate and complement the maps by providing data on the social and productive worth of the country. They were compiled in the 1830s. The manuscripts comprise descriptions of topographical details and antiquities that could not easily be summarised in cartographic form on the accompanying OS maps. The OS Memoirs are arranged by county and parish and contain information on landscape, topography, population, economy and society, as well as recording features of antiquarian interest. They include some small pen-and-ink sketches recording details of archaeological and antiquarian features. OS Memoirs do not exist for every county because government funding for the scheme was withdrawn in 1839-40 before research had been conducted on the southern half of the country. OS Memoirs exist for counties Antrim, Donegal, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry and Tyrone, together with a small amount of material relative to some parishes in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Leitrim, Louth and Sligo.

*Cork Memoranda.* TR 936.19 CORK v. 1 (1) Location: Range 30 Shelf 5.

Directories Location: Ranges 18 – 19
• *Purcell’s Cork Almanac*
• *Guy’s Cork Almanac & Directory*
• *Irish Directory & Guide*
• *Thom’s Official Directory*
• *Irish Catholic Directory*

*Guy’s Topographical Directory of County Cork: Comprising the Several Parishes, Townlands, Towns, Villages: Baronial, Poor Law, and Petty Sessions Divisions, with Historical and Statistical Descriptions, Names of Landowners, Officials Information, Acreage, Population, Valuation, etc.* MP 914.195 GUYS Location: Range 20

Hayes, Richard J. *Sources for the History of Irish Civilisation: Articles in Irish Periodicals* (for journal articles and primary sources) 9 vols. TRF 941.5 HAYE Location: Range 8. This is also available online: [http://sources.nli.ie/](http://sources.nli.ie/)

For examples of person, subject, place and date searches see:

*Special Collections’ Subject Support: History* HI 1004


*Irish Historical Towns Atlas Series* TR 912.415 IRIS Location: Range 11

Title search on catalogue for full list. Each volume includes a variety of historical maps, topographical information, prints, & aerial photographs.

Lewis, Samuel. *The Topographical Dictionary of Ireland*. Port Washington, N.Y: Kennikat P, [1970]. 2 vols and atlas. TRF 914.15 LEWI Location: Range 28 Shelf 4. This is a reprint of the 1837 edition. It contains a description of each civil parish as well as most towns it is a very useful depiction of Ireland before the Famine.


*Ordnance Survey of Ireland [microform]: Cork Inquisitions*. N 314.17 ORDN v.1 & v.2 Location: Microfilm Room Cabinet Drawer 5 Drawer 2

These are detailed records of landownership in Co. Cork between 1580 to around 1650. There are two microfilm reels. 1: Vols. 1 – 4, 2: Vols. 5 – 7. A placename index can be found in Vol. 7.


This shows development of infrastructure.

This survey should be used in conjunction with Record of Monuments and Places: As Established under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994: County Cork (1998).


Journal of the Cork Archaeological and Historical Society Vols 1 – 117. Location: Range 17
Note: Indices are only available up to 1985 Location: Range 17
Note: Different towns will have their own historical and/or archaeological societies.

Useful Websites
- Ordnance Survey of Ireland’s Historic Map Viewer: http://maps.osi.ie/publicviewer/
- Placename Database: www.logainm.ie
- LOCUS project: www.ucd.ie/locus/
- RASCAL: www.rascal.ac.uk/
- View SMR Database: http://webgis.archaeology.ie/historicenvironment/
- Ulster Place Names: www.ulsterplacenames.org
- National Monument of Records: www.archaeology.ie
- Buildings of Ireland: www.buildingsofireland.ie
- Abandoned Ireland: www.abandonedireland.com

Other Areas to Consider
- UCD National Folklore Collection: Schools’ Collection 1937-38
- Collecting carried out by children in 5th and 6th class in Primary School under direction of their teachers.

This collection is searchable by county and school only.
- Search by using the index to the Schools Folklore.
- There is an index to each ‘imleabhar’ (volume) (11 volumes, TRF 398 UCD Location: Range 28 Shelf 1). The material collected by the individual schools is listed here. Consult this to get an idea of the subjects covered for the schools you have selected. Page numbers for each subject written about in the school. Searching by subject is not possible.
- Search by county and then school.
- There is an imleabhar no. (Volume number) for each school.
  - Know the barony and parish. Example: Cairbre Thiar (barony) and Cill Garbh (parish)
  - Example: Cill Garbh is Vol 311
- For each imleabhar no. there is a corresponding UCC BOX NO.
- When you find an imleabhar (volume) number for your school, go to the Black Folder of Mss in UCC (Location: Range 28 Shelf 6).
- Search under Dublin, University College Dublin and match your school’s imleabhar no. to the UCC Box Number.
- Example: Vol 311 is UCC Box 98 on microfilm. **Location: Microfilm Cabinet 6 Drawer 3 School’s Folklore**
- These cabinets are locked. The key is available at the Special Collections Desk.
- As this collection is under the auspices of UCD there are permission forms to be filled out.