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- Books are italicised e.g. *The Hobbit*
- Shelfmark / Call number # in bold e.g. **TR 912.4 ORDN Index**
- Location underlined: e.g. **Range 28 Shelf 6**

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Collections on Microfilm

Archives Relating to the Transportation of Convicts from Ireland to Australia 1796 – 1900

N 364.6 ARCH Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 10 Drawers 3 – 6

- Reels 1 – 5: Transportation register 1836-1857
- Reels 6 – 20: Prisoners' petitions & cases 1757-1830
- Reels 21 – 25: State prisoners' petitions 1798 – 1799
- Reels 26 – 100: Convict reference files 1836 – 1856
- Reel 101: Convict reference files, Fenian photos, Free settlers' papers
- Reels 102 – 103: Free settlers' papers 1836 – 1839
- Reel 104: Register of convicts on convict ships, male convict register
- Reel 105: Convict reference files

Some material and further information is available online from the Transportation of Convicts from Ireland to Australia Collection.

Economic and Social Investigations in Ireland: The Transactions of the Dublin Social Inquiry and Statistical Society, 1847 – 1919. Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 1 Drawer 4

Each reel gives an introduction and the contents of that reel.

The Immigrants in America (Reels 57 – 73) N 325.7 IMMI Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 24 Drawer 8. Index: TR 325.7 IMMI index Location: Special Collections Desk Holdshelf.

The collection is letters, books, poems, stories and articles written by immigrants in America assembled from several major archives including New York Public Library.

Ireland: Politics and Society through Press 1720-1922. Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 24 Drawers 1 – 7 and Cabinet 41

- Guide to the collection.
- Index.

Papers of the Prime Ministers of Great Britain: Series Two: Robert Peel. Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 26 Drawers 2 – 3

There is a contents list for parts 1 and 2 on the first reel of each. For parts 4 through 6, the contents list for each part appears on the first reel of that part. Note: Robert Peel was Prime Minister during the Great Famine.

The index is available online.

Newspapers on Microfilm

See Newspapers guide on Library website. It covers newspapers on microfilm & in hardcopy. All newspapers on microfilm are located in the Microform Room. All newspapers hardcopy are located in Closed Access and must be requested.

Newspapers are useful for the following:

- Articles on Ireland
- Church matters
- Advertisements – business, types of employment
- Information wanted – tracing missing persons
- Births, marriages and deaths
- Shipping
Examples include:

*Freeman's Journal* (1763-1924) Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 13 Drawers 3 – 8 & Cabinet 14 Drawers 1 – 4

*The Nation* (1842-1852) Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 15 Boxes 147 –152.

*The Chronicle* (1844-1849) Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 15 Drawer 4 Boxes 250-255

*Clare Journal* (Jan 1828-April 1917) Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 23 Drawer 6 – 8

*Tralee Chronicle* (March 1843-May 1881) Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 25

*The Belfast Mercantile Register & Weekly Register* (1840-1852) Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 28 Drawer 7

*The Pilot*, Boston, MA. (1838-1925) Location: Microfilm Room: Wall Press

Useful Items for Working with Newspapers


This gives an alphabetical listing and description of publications in Ireland in all fields. A subject index is also present.


This details what is available on microfilm and where it is held.

Also [National Library of Ireland's Newspaper Database](http://www.nli.ie/).

Parliamentary Papers

UK Parliamentary Papers (formerly known as the House of Commons Parliamentary Papers – HCPP) are the working documents of the British Government, encompassing all areas of social, political, economic and foreign policy, showing how issues were explored and legislation was formed. UK Parliamentary Papers are vital to the historical record of Britain, its former Colonies, and the wider world.

Parliamentary Papers for the period 1801 – 1920 are bound as sessional papers or sessional sets. Volumes for each Parliamentary session are identified by Roman numerals and referred to according to a continuous pencilled page number. A reference to a particular paper in an index or bibliography might read e.g. Reports and communications on vagrancy, 1847-48, Liii, 235.

See also *Hansard by Century:* [http://hansard.millbanksystems.com/](http://hansard.millbanksystems.com/)

Material to 1923 is available on microfiche. Location: Microform Room Cabinets 30 – 32, 36 – 37.
Material from the 19\textsuperscript{th} and 20\textsuperscript{th} centuries is available through UK Parliamentary Papers database.


The papers are arranged under keyword.

\textbf{Vol. 4:} Subject index for Irish material. There is a certain subject overlap between one chapter and another e.g. landowning with property law, shipping with trade.

\textbf{Vol. 5:} Full alphabetical subject index, this index also gives cross references.

Cocktons may be used for information on: Estate Evictions, Assisted Emigration Schemes (government schemes).

Each volume has a table of contents at the start detailing what sections are covered in that volume.

The index in vol. 5 has entries for 'Eviction,' 'Ejection' and 'Emigration.' For each entry it gives the volume number and the page number.

- Evictions: Volume 4 Page 261
- Emigration: Volume 4 Page 371
- Poor Laws: Volume 4 Page 397

British Parliamentary Papers Irish University Press Series. \textbf{TRF 941.5 BRIT} Location: Range 28 / Closed Access. Must be requested.

The IUP set, which has been compiled by noted scholars of the period, provides essential source material from the Parliamentary Papers. The Famine set contains the correspondence on government relief measures – the Commissariat and Board of Public Works series; the correspondence on the state of the unions and workhouses; the reports of relief commissioners, the Board of Health report of 1852–53 and a number of significant miscellaneous documents.

Government policy, official attitudes and famine conditions emerge in graphic detail. Additional aspects of the Great Famine will be completed under the headings: Emigration, Poor Law and Population (census returns).

Example: General Index: Agriculture – Ireland See p.15

Returns of Agricultural Produce in Ireland, in the year 1847: 1847-48 [923] LVII.1

Year [Session] Number in Roman Numerals: Volume Next Number: Ms page of sessional collection for House of Commons

Sets include: General Index, Famine, Population, Agriculture, Census Returns, Colonies (Canada, Australia). Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

\textbf{Devonshire Report}

Commissioners of Inquiry into the Law and Practice in Respect to the Occupation of Land in Ireland. \textit{Digest of Evidence taken before Her Majesty’s Commissioners of Inquiry into the State of the Law and Practice in Respect to the Occupation of Land in Ireland}. Dublin: Printed by A. Thom, 1847-48. HI 570 DIGE Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
Evidence Taken Before Her Majesty's Commissioners of Inquiry into the State of the Law and Practice in Respect to the Occupation of Land in Ireland. Dublin: Printed by Alexander Thom for H.M.S.O., 1845. TRF 328.4 BRIT Devon v.1 – 3, 5. Location: Range 28

- Part 1 -- Evidence taken at Dublin, Dundalk, Newrey, Armagh, Lurgan, Belfast, Antrim, Banbridge, Larne, Colraine, Moneymore, Derry, Strabane, Castlederg, Omagh, Caledon, Castleblaney, Carrickmacross, Drogheda, Dublin
- Part 3 -- Cork, Midleton, Macroom, Kanturk, Mallow, Fermoy, Lismore, Dungarvan, Clonmel, Clogheen, Tipperary, Cashel, Thurles, Abbeyfeale, Kilkenny, Carrick-on-Suir, Waterford, New Ross, Wexford, Enniscorthy, Shillelagh, Carlow, Mountmellick, Tullamore, Edenderry, Naas, Dublin, Bray
- Part 4 -- Appendix to Minutes of Evidence taken before Her Majesty's commissioners of inquiry into the state of the law and practice in respect to the occupation of land in Ireland.
- Part 5 -- Index to Minutes of Evidence taken before Her Majesty's commissioners of inquiry into the state of the law and practice in respect to the occupation of land in Ireland.

Poor Laws

London: Printed by Clowes and Sons, 1847. HPR COMM POOR IRELAND A Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
London: Printed by Clowes and Sons, 1848. HPR COMM POOR IRELAND A Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
London: Printed by Clowes and Sons, 1849. HPR COMM POOR IRELAND A Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

Copies of Thirty-nine General Orders Issued by the Commissioners for Administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, under the Act 1 & 2 Vict. Cap. 56. [S.l.]: Ordered to be Printed, 1850. HPR COMM POOR IRELAND D Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

Locate by Subject Search on Catalogue: Poor laws – Ireland.

Workhouses


OS Maps
The early Ordnance Survey maps are an unrivalled source for the period immediately before the Great Irish Famine (1847-50) when the population was at the highest level ever recorded. The maps depict a densely settled, highly articulated landscape.


- Hard copy: Location: Ranges 25 – 26; Note 1st edition Cork maps have been disbound to facilitate access. The individual sheets are kept in Location: Range 29, Drawers 25 - 31.
- Microfilm: 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 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.

Census Material

1841 Holdings: General Report

1851 Holdings
- General overall stats. Hardcopy only.
- Returns of Agricultural Produce, Part II
- Ages & Education
- Disease
- County of Wexford
- County of Kerry

Similar holdings exist for 1861, 1871, 1881 and 1891.

Census Holdings on Microfiche: 1821 – 1891 Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 5 Drawer 7
First government all-Ireland Census: 1821 & 1831 (on microfiche). These do not have people’s names – just general statistics. This can be searched by county, barony etc.

Census Holdings on Microfiche: 1821 – 1891 Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 5 Drawer 7
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Griffith’s Valuation
The survey was conducted from 1848 – 1864. It was published in 1864 so people may have emigrated in the meantime.

It is the first full scale evaluation of property in Ireland including the north. The purpose was to have a tax (rate on land owned). It was paid by the landlord or the leaser. The only people paying are those who own land; therefore not all people show up on the valuation. Griffith’s Valuation is online on Ask about Ireland. Online searching is possible on:
Family name (searches all names): provides results with details of the individual, a link to a copy of the original Griffith’s Valuation page entry and a link to the Valuation Map on which the land plot was located.

Place name: This gives details on the area and a list of its occupants, the Griffiths Valuation Map and a current Google Map.

Historical spelling is used.

Special Collections has Griffith's Valuation on microfilm. **Location: Microform Room Cabinet 20 Drawer 7.**

On the microfiche the following notations may be viewed:
- G: Griffith’s Valuation
- T: Tithe Applotment

Special Collections has Griffith's Valuation in hardcopy: *General Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland TRF 333.3 GRIF* **Location: Range 28.**

- The layout is done by county, barony, civil parish and townland. Use the *Townlands Index* and *Genealogical Atlas* (see section on Surveys).
- There is a separate book for each barony and it is arranged by county. The index is by parish.
- The Index is after the foreword.
- Towns are also done.
- It lists the landlords so you can see where X had land.

**Sample: Barony of Kinnatalloon**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Map Ref.</th>
<th>Townland &amp; Occupiers (tenants); record of name but not numbers in the family</th>
<th>Leasers (usually landlord); leaser gives it to the tenants</th>
<th>Descrp.: house/ land/ offices/ outbuildings/ church/ garden etc</th>
<th>Content of land: acres / roods/ perches</th>
<th>Net Value of Land</th>
<th>Value of buildings</th>
<th>Annual rate to be paid</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

**Townland Index**

*General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland: Based on the Census of Ireland for the Year 1851.* Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1984. **TR 914.15 GENE Location: Range 8**

The first edition was published to accompany the statistical returns from the Census of Ireland 1851. Both the Townlands Index 1851 and the Townlands Index 1901 are essential reference works for establishing the exact locations of places.

Use the Townland Index to locate relevant entries in Griffith's Valuation and to find information in the Census Statistical Returns 1851 – 1891.

**Dictionaries & Gazetteers**

Carlisle, Nicholas. *A Topographical Dictionary of Ireland: Exhibiting the Names of the Several Cities, Towns, Parishes, and Villages ... Collected from the Most Authentic Documents, and Arranged in Alphabetical Order. Being a Continuation of the Topography of the United*

This contains a description of each civil parish and most towns as well as a very useful depiction of Ireland before the Famine. It was first published in 1837. Spelling used is historical. The text is available online.

The Parliamentary Gazetteer of Ireland: adapted to the new Poor-Law, franchise, municipal and ecclesiastical arrangements, and compiled with a special reference to the lines of railroad and canal communication as existing in 1843-44; illustrated by a series of maps, and other plates; and presenting the results, in detail, of the census of 1841, compared with that of 1831. Dublin: A. Fullarton, 1843-44. OPB 914.15 PARL v.1 – 10 Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
Dublin: A. Fullarton, 1846. Bielenberg 914.15 PARL v.1 – 36 Location: Range 20
For other gazetteers: Subject Search: Ireland – Gazetteers

Tours of Ireland
The author was a Quaker who visited Ireland after the famine.


For other tours of Ireland see Munster Printing Location: Ranges 19 – 20
Layout of Material in Reference Reading Room

- Ranges 1 – 5: Material in monographs in series e.g. Studia Patristica
- Ranges 5 – 9: General reference material
- Ranges 10 – 11: General reference material folio-sized
- Range 11: Pamphlets & State Papers folio-sized
- Ranges 12 – 16: State Papers
- Range 16: Maps
- Ranges 16 – 18: Q-1 Journals
- Ranges 18 – 19: Almanacs & directories
- Ranges 19 – 20: Munster Printing
- Ranges 20 – 21: Bielenberg Selection
- Ranges 21 – 24: Torna Collection
- Ranges 25 – 26: OS 1st ed. Maps
- Ranges 27 & 30: Facsimiles of manuscripts
- Range 28: Hayes, Griffith’s Valuation, UCD Folklore Collection, Listing of microfilm
- Range 29: Map cabinets

Material in Reference Reading Room

Glazier, Ira, ed. The Famine Immigrants: Lists of Irish Immigrants Arriving at the Port of New York, 1846-1851. TR 929.3 GLAZ Location: Range 19

These are arranged by date. There is a table of statistics and list of dates. Example: Vol. 1 page 34 has a ship out of Cork.

Murphy, Peter. Poor, Ignorant Children: Irish Famine Orphans in Saint John, New Brunswick. Halifax, NS: D'Arcy McGee Chair or Irish Studies, Saint Mary's University, 1999. TR 971.5 MURP Location: Range 9


Transactions of the Central Relief Committee of the Society of Friends during the famine in Ireland in 1846 and 1847. Dublin: E. Burke, 1996. TR 361.5 SOCI Location: Range 8


Hayes’ Sources. Location: Range 28

Also online at Sources for the History of Irish Civilization: http://sources.nli.ie/

It is an index and catalogue for sourcing manuscripts and articles published in English.

The periodicals are listed in Vol. 1 and range in date of publication from about 1800 to the end of 1969. Periodicals not included: those of a popular nature, trade journals and journals focussing on news or current affairs and periodicals in the Irish language. Periodical entries are arranged in order of:

- Person (as subject, e.g. book review, obituary, etc. or institutions, societies): Vols. 1 – 5.
- Subject (includes political and religious organisations): Vols. 6 – 8. A list of subject headings used is provided in Vol. 6.
- Places & Dates: Vol. 9. This contains places in Ireland only. Places in other countries will be found in the Subject volumes. The arrangement of places (province, county etc.) is given in a table at the beginning of the volume. As a number of articles relate to a specific date or short period in Irish history (e.g. 1014), the entries for these are arranged in chronological order at the end of the volume.

**Irish History Pamphlet Collection** Location: Range 11


**Irish Historic Towns Atlas Series** **TRF 912.415 IRIS** Location: Range 12

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

**Journals** Location: Ranges 16 – 18


**Journal of the Cork Archaeological and Historical Society**

Note: Indices are only available up to 1985.

**Directories** Location: Ranges 18 – 19

- **Guy’s Cork Almanac & Directory**
- **Irish Catholic Directory**
- **Irish Directory & Guide**
- **Purcell’s Cork Almanac**
- **Thom’s Official Directory**

Example: **Purcell’s Cork Almanac** 1922.

Contents and General Index are present at the start. Information on public companies given.

**Munster Printing** Location: Ranges 19 – 20

Two sections: Historical and Copyright.

Munster Printing Historical (e.g. MP439) Location: Ranges 19 – 20.

Munster Printing Modern Location: Range 20 & Closed Access. Must be requested.
White, James Grove. *Historical and Topographical Notes, etc. on Buttevant, Castletownroche, Doneraile, Mallow, and Places in Their Vicinity*. MP 941.956 WIND and MP 864A1 – MP 864A4


*Mizen Archaeological and Historical Society*. MP Serials

**Bielenberg Collection.** [Subject matter: Economics, Commerce, Land issues] Location: Range 20

**Torna Collection** Location: Ranges 21 - 24

**Useful Collections**
*Cork UP* [Cork University Press] Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.


**Munster Printing** [Publications printed in Munster] Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.


**Older Printed Books** [pre-1850s material] Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

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X Collection Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.