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**Key:**
- Books are italicised e.g. *The Hobbit*
- Shelfmark / Call number # in bold e.g. **TR 011.35 NORT**
- Location underlined: e.g. **Range 28 Shelf 6**

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**Useful Guides**
Special Collections: http://libguides.ucc.ie/specialcollections
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**Collections on Microfilm**
*Ancient Order of Hibernians* N 973.9 AOH. **Location:** Microfilm Room: Top of Wall Press.
The collection is from the Butte-Silver Bow Archives. The collection contains the papers of several Butte Irish organizations. The papers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians include: general correspondence (1894-1934), minutes of Division 1 (1884-1906), minutes of Division 3 (1901-

*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.

*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  
This collection is various Irish national and regional newspapers.  
- [Guide to the collection.](#)  
- [Index.](#)

**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: Cab. 13 Drawers 3 – 8 & Cabinet 14 Drawers 1 – 4

*Queenstown Gazette* (1851).  
**Location:** Microfilm Room: Cabinet 16 Drawer 1  
It’s also known as *The Queenstown Directory.*

Tralee Chronicle (March 1843-May 1881) Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 25
Truth Teller New York (1825 – 1833) Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 24 Drawers 7

The Pilot Boston, MA. (1838-1925) Location: Microfilm Room: Wallpress
Importance: Middle class paper and the only newspaper to cover famine period, (column of missing persons) it became the vehicle for finding missing loved ones through its “Information Wanted” advertisements.

The Southern Cross Buenos Aires, Argentina (Jan 1875-Dec 1975) Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 41
This is a Catholic English newspaper for Irish emigrants.

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.

Parliamentary Papers
UK Parliamentary Papers (formerly known as the House of Commons Parliamentary Papers – HCPPP) 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.

Material to 1923 is available on microfiche. Location: Microform Room Cabinets 30 – 32, 36 –37.

Material from the 19th and 20th centuries is available through UK Parliamentary Papers database.

Location: Range 5.

The papers are arranged under keyword.

**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.

**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. 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.

**19th Century Census Holdings**


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.

**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](http://www.askaboutireland.ie). 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 1 Drawer 8.**

On the microfiche the following notations may be viewed:

- G: Griffith’s Valuation
- T: Tithe Applotment

**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.

**1st edition Ordnance Survey Maps: 1836 – 1846 for entire country.**

- 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.

**2nd edition Ordnance Survey Maps: 1901 – 1904**

- 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.
Material in Reference Reading Room

Glaizer, 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.


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.


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


Vaughan, WE, ed. *A New History of Ireland: Ireland under The Union 1, 1801-70*. Oxford: OUP, 2010. TR 941.5 VAUG Location: Range 9

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. Special Collections also has the printed version: Hayes’ *Sources*. Location: Range 28.


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.

Manuscript (letters, diaries) entries are arranged as:

- Persons: Vols 1 – 4
- Subjects: Vols 5 – 6
- Places: Vols 7 – 8
- Dates: Vols. 9 – 10
- Lists of manuscripts: Vol. 11

There are additional supplementary volumes for persons, places and manuscripts.
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

Irish History Pamphlet Collection Location: Range 11
OBRI  P.513

Historical Societies Location: Range 15
Hakluyt Society publishes primary records of voyages, travels and other geographical material. Cooke Collection Hakluyt material present in Reference Reading Room. Additional Hakluyt material present in Glucksman Collection Location: Closed Access.

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.


*Mizen Archaeological and Historical Society*.  MP Serials

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

Torna Collection Location: Ranges 21 - 24

ÓhÉA Location: Range 21


Useful Collections

Attic Press [Subject matter: Irish feminism] Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.


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


Older Printed Books [pre-1875 material] Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

Locke, John. *Ireland's Recovery, or, Excessive Emigration and Its Reparative Agencies in Ireland: An Essay, with Appendix Containing Useful Information, and Numerous Statistical Tables, Illustrating and Substantiating the Conclusions Deduced*. London: John W. Parker, 1854. OPB p 941.5081 LOCK


Other Collections Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

Gwynn, Aubrey. *An Irish Settlement on the Amazon*. Dublin: Hodges & Figgis, 1932. TP 304.8 GWYN


O'Brien, Charlotte Grace. *Charlotte Grace O'Brien: Selections from her Writings and Correspondence*. Dublin: Maunsel, 1909. ILS 826.8 OBRI