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- Books are italicised e.g. The Hobbit
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Other Useful Guides
Special Collections: http://libguides.ucc.ie/specialcollections
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Microfilm
Collections on microfilm (not newspapers) are filed in black binders (1-3) Location Range 28 Shelf 7. The filing system is alphabetically by place location and then holding institution. For example The British in Ireland Series is from the National Archives in London. Therefore Black Binder 2 and 3: London: National Archives.

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

British in Ireland Series: This is the bulk of surviving records of the Irish Government in Dublin Castle for the years 1872-1926. It covers series CO 904. Location: Microfilm Room Cabinet 11 Drawer 4-8.
There are seven parts. The guide which details what's on each reel is in the relevant black binder.
- Part 1: Anti-Government Organisations, 1822 – 1921 (CO 904)
- Part 2-4: Police Reports:
  - Part 2: Divisional Commissioners’ and County Inspectors monthly confidential reports Jan. 1892 – Dec. 1897 (CO 904)
  - Part 4: Files recording outrages against the police and reports from individual counties on criminal offences. (CO 904)
- Part 5: Public Control & Administration from 1884 – 1921 including the seizure and censorship of various publications and journals. (CO 904)
- Part 6: Judicial Proceedings, Enquiries and Miscellaneous Records from 1872 – 1926 (CO 904)
- Part 7: Sinn Fein & Republican Suspects 1899 – 1921 (CO 904)
See also: Sinn Fein and Republican Suspects 1899 – 1921: The Personalities Files: Dublin Castle Special Branch Files CO 904. IRL 941.5082 SINN Location: Boole Q+2 Official Publications

Example: Reel 79 Box 122: Illegal Drillings - Southern Districts
At the start of the reel is what is in each part and then the contents of each reel in that part. These are archival documents.

Example: Reel 81 Box 152: Summaries of Reports from Counties – Criminal Offences Against the Truce 1921
There are two Boxes (151 and 152) on this reel. It's worth noting the contents of Box 151 to ascertain when Box 152 starts. When Box 152 starts there are two black pages. One states 'Police Reports 1921 Cork.'

Examples:
PRO CO/904/105 – 117: RIC Reports
PRO CO/904/167: Censorship Reports

*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.

*Michael Collins Papers* (See NLI). Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 29 Drawer 6
An index is available at the Special Collections Desk and in the cabinet drawer.

**Newspapers**
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.

*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.

*Irish Political & Radical Newspapers*. Reels 1 – 151. Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 14 Drawers 5-8 and Cabinet 15 Drawer 1. Full details are available on the Newspaper Guide.

**Examples in Hardcopy**
- **Cork Citizen**: 1923
- **Cork Free Press**: 1910 – 1916
- **The Leader**: 1913, 1914
- **The Ship**: 1922
- **An Claidheamh Soluis**: 1902 – 1918 (not 1904). This is also on microfilm.
- **Fainne an Lae**: 1918 – 1920 and 1922 – 1930
- **An Löchrann**: March 1907 – April 1913 and April 1916 – Dec 1920

**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.
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.

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. See also Hansard by Century.


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.

More on Parliamentary Papers
The Parliamentary Papers are comprised of:

- Journals – the record of what was done in Parliament
- Debates – the record of what was said in Parliament
- Papers – the documents and reports requested, presented to or produced by Parliament (also known as Sessional Papers, Command Papers, and Blue Books; includes Bills)

A command paper is presented to Parliament, as it states on the front cover, ‘By Command of Her Majesty’. In practice this means the paper is presented by a government minister.

Command Papers include:

- Statements of government policy (often referred to as ‘White Papers’);
- Some statistics and annual reports (though most are not Command Papers);
- Reports of Royal Commissions and tribunals of inquiry;
- Reports of some committees, and the state papers (including treaties).
- Command Papers are given an individual number, prefaced by an abbreviation for the word ‘Command’. Six number series have been used, each series using a different abbreviation. The precise abbreviation used is significant.

Devonshire Report
Commissioners of Inquiry into the Law and Practice in Respect to the Occupation of Land in Ireland. *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.

**Parliamentary Papers: 1900 – 1923** Location: Microform Room Cabinets 30 – 32, 36 – 37
Both Ford publications give comprehensive information about the papers and locating them. There is detailed information about what is included in the various categories.


Ford, P. *A Breviate of Parliamentary Papers 1917-1939*. TR 328.4 FORD Location: Range 7

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

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.I.]: Ordered to be Printed, 1850*. HPR COMM POOR IRELAND D Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

Workhouses
Annual report of the Commissioners for Administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland: with appendices. Dublin, H.M.S.O., 1848- OPB 362.3 POOR v.1 and OPB 362.5 POOR v. 8. Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.


State Papers
State Papers Ireland: Henry VIII (1509-1525) present in five volumes. Published records stopped at Henry VIII. Subsequently, Calendars of State Papers were published (not the complete text but a summary).

Original documents State Papers Ireland Henry VIII (Ireland)

Calendar of State Papers Ireland on microfilm (SP63). Details of date, vol. number etc. can be found in the relevant Calendar.

Once these details are found go the black binders Location: Range 28 Shelf 5. Go to London: National Archives. Match the manuscript (SP63) to the UCC Box number for microfilm. Location: Microform Room Cabinet 11 Drawers 2 – 4.

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


This gives citations for each entry. Sections include: streets, religion, administration and manufacturing.


Hayes’ Sources. Location: Range 28


Also online at *Sources for the History of Irish Civilization*. 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.

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.

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

Maps: Location: Range 16
Box 7: Historical Maps (Ireland)
Box 8: Phoenix Historical maps

Journals Location: Ranges 16 – 18
Irish Ecclesiastical Record
It was founded in 1864, by Cardinal Cullen, with Doctor Conroy and Doctor Moran as editors. It was established as a link between Rome and Ireland. Subsequently it lapsed for a number of years but publication resumed in 1880 and it continued to be published under episcopal supervision. Among its contributors have been some of the most prominent authorities on Catholic history and doctrine.

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

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.
**Townsend, Horatio.** *A General and Statistical Survey of the County of Cork*. Cork: Edwards & Savage, 1815. MP 869 I v.2

**Windele, John.** *Windele's Cork: Historical and Descriptive Notices of the City of Cork from Its Foundation to the Middle of the 19th Century*. Cork: Guy and Co. Ltd, 1910. MP 941.956 WIND and MP 624

**Murphy, Dominick.** *Memoirs of Miss Nano Nagle, and of the Ursuline and Presentation Orders in Ireland: Compiled from Authentic and Hitherto Unpublished Documents*. Cork: Printed by Joseph Roche, 1845. MP 148


**Caulfield, Richard, ed.** *The Council of the Corporation of the City of Cork, from 1609 to 1643, and from 1690 to 1800*. Guildford, Surrey: Printed by J. Billing and sons, 1876. MP 941.507. The council book of the Corporation of the city of Cork, from 1609 to 1643, and from 1690 to 1800 / edited from the original, with annals and appendices compiled from public and private records, by Richard Caulfield.


**Hajba, Anna-Maria.** *Historical Genealogical Architectural Notes on Some Houses of Cork*. Whitegate, Co. Clare: Ballinakella Press, 2002. MP 728.8 HAJB v.1


**McCarthy, Paddy.** *Cork in the Inter War Years, 1918-1939: An Outline*. [Cork]: Paddy McCarthy, 2011. MP 941.956 McCa

**O'Mahony, Colman.** *In the Shadows: Life in Cork 1750-1930*. Ballincollig, Co. Cork: Tower, 1997. MP 941.95 OMAH

**Mizen Archaeological and Historical Society.** MP Serials

**Bielenberg Collection** [Subject matter: Economics, Commerce, Land issues] Location: Range 20
**Torna Collection** Location: Ranges 21 - 24

**UCC Material**
All UCC material, bar *UCC Gazette*, is held in Closed Access and must be requested. Other UCC material is located with the College Archivist.
- **Quarryman**: 1913 – 1917
- **UCC Calendars**: 1900 – 1933
- **President’s Reports** Queens College Cork /UCC.

**Strong Room Material**
Advance notice of one day must be given for all Strong Room material.
- **U.1**: Volume compiled by and for John Windele correspondence & papers relating to Co. Cork and Co. Kerry families.
- **U.6**: Correspondence of various prominent persons with Charlotte Grace O’Brien.
- **U.28**: Minute Book of the Royal Cork Institution
- **U.73**: Book and other objects listings presented to the Royal Cork Institution, 1809-1865.
- **U.83**: ca. 80 notebooks mostly in Richard Caulfield’s own hand rel. to the history and archaeology of Cork City, Kinsale and Cloyne.
- **U.155**: Late 19th century accounts' book for business of Maurice Ronayne, Co. Cork. It contains accounts for children’s education, stock balance sheets, whiskey in bond and list of expenses. Also loosely inserted are papers relating to family matters.
- **U. 221**: Minutes and transactions of the Cork Cuvierian and Archaeological Society 1835-1878 and 1853-1875 and 1853-1875.
- **U. 280**: Royal Cork Institution Catalogue
- **U.290**: Richard Caulfield Transcriptions
- **U.327**: Notebook of Richard Caulfield
- **U.334**: The Register of Births and Marriages of the Parish of St. Peter, Cork.
- **U.368**: Youghal Recipe Book: A late 18th /early 19th century manuscript recipe book, approx. 200pp., filled with culinary recipes and medical/household receipts in several hands, earliest date found 1783, latest date found 1849.
- Cuverian Society Minute Book 1853 – 1875
- Cuverian Society Transactions 1853 – 1875

**Census**

**19th Century 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.

**20th Century Holdings**

Census material (microfiche) Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 5 Drawers 3 – 8

Full holdings for Cork & Kerry on microfilm.

Partial holdings for Limerick and Waterford on microfilm.

20th century holdings in hardcopy similar to those of the 19th century.

The National Archives of Ireland has census material for 1901 and 1911.

Census material (1911) in hardcopy is kept in Closed Access and needs to be requested. The following volumes are available:

- Kilkenny
- Kerry (Vol. 1)
- Clare
- Limerick
- Tipperary
- Province of Leinster (Vol. 1)
- Tipperary, Waterford, Munster Summary and Indexes
- Cork City and County
- Province of Leinster
- Connaught
- Ulster
- Province of Munster Summary
- General Report

It is also available on microfilm. Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 5 Drawer 8.
It is also available on microfiche (red folder) Location: Range 28.

**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 also 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](#).
- 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 Kinnalloon**

<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 buildin gs</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.

**Useful Collections**

**Cork University Press** (Cork UP) [Publications from Cork University Press] Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.


**Maisie McCarthy.** [Subject matter: politics] Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.


**X Collection** [Rare or limited editions] Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.


