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**Key**
- 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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**Useful Guides**
See Special Collections’ Subject Support: https://libguides.ucc.ie/speccollarchivessubjectsupport

**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 Alphabetic 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 and 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

These show archaeological sites noted at the time the map was printed.

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** are kept in **Range 30 Shelf 5**.
- 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.

**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

**Other 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**
- 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.