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There are over 120 million Irish genealogical records at Findmypast, the largest collection anywhere online. Using them well is the subject of this talk. Brian will describe the collections available, focusing on records which are most valuable for research.

Is Irish research possible?

The image to the right is of the destruction of the Public Records Office Dublin in June 1922 which obliterated one of the oldest and finest archival collections in the world.

While millions of records were lost, a great deal more survive than is often recognised. Findmypast has been busy recovering from this loss and in less than 5 years has published over 120 million Irish records online.



They include:

Vital Records

- Births 1864-1958
- Deaths 1864-1958
- Marriages 1845-1958 (non-Catholic from 1845, all from 1864)
- Roman Catholic Parish Records 1671-1941
- Quaker Records 1660-1916
- Cemetery records
- Wills

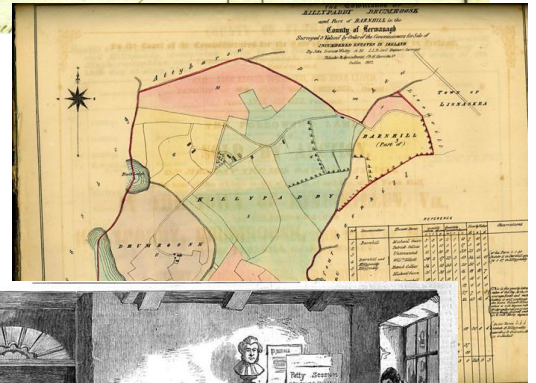
9th No. 1 Townland of *Inniscree* in the Parish of *Araroe*

N. B. In Counties where Plowlands or other denominations or sub-denominations are in use, the word "Townlands"

Col. 1. No. of House	Col. 2. No. of Stories	Column 3. NAMES OF INHABITANTS.	Col. 4. AGE.	Column 5. OCCUPATION.
17	1	<i>John Cole</i>	60	<i>Farmer</i>
		<i>Cathy Cole his Wif</i>	38	
		<i>John Cole his Son</i>	22	<i>Labourer & Milkmaker</i>
		<i>Michl Cole his Son</i>	19	<i>Milkmaker & Farmhand</i>
		<i>Mary Cole Daughter</i>	12	<i>at School</i>
		<i>Jacob Cole Son</i>	5	
		<i>Ned Cole Son under</i>	1	
		<i>Michael Tolan Nephew</i>	12	<i>at School</i>

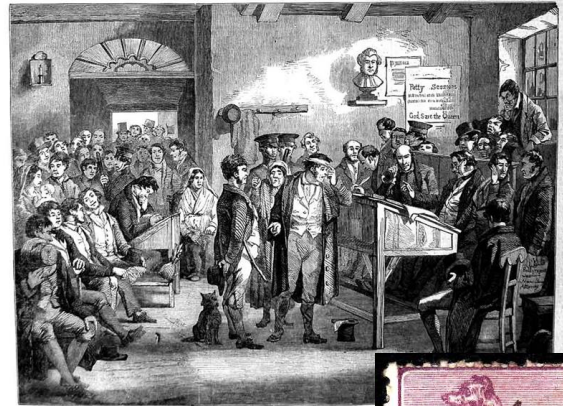
Census

- 1901: complete
- 1911: complete
- 1821-51: fragments
- 1841-51: search forms
- 1749: religious



Land Records

- Griffith Valuation 1847-64
- Landed Estates Court rentals 1849-85



Court & Prison Records

- Petty Sessions Court Registers 1828-1916
- Dog License Registers 1865-1926
- Prison Registers 1790-1924



Workhouses & the poor

- Irish Poverty Relief Loans 1821-1874
- Records of the Poor Law 1840-1919
- Workhouse registers



Newspapers 1748-1951

Emigration records

Directories

Military & Rebellion records



And whats coming next

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