

Key Resources for Ireland in the Ottawa Branch OGS (OBOGS) Library

Our collection:

- Has primarily been built through donations of books, journals and family histories from researchers.
- Purchases are aimed at filling gaps or adding recently published materials.
- Key areas for Irish Research: journals and periodicals; how-to manuals and reference works; geography via maps and gazetteers, Ordnance Survey and Place-Name guides; history and information by county; cemetery listings; migration and settlement in Canada and the US.
- Teams are working on adding description to the catalog for books and journals – a work in progress.
- Use the catalog **and** browse the shelves. Materials in **bold** have been added since 2019.

Journals and periodicals (Dewey code 052.):

- **North Irish Roots (biannual, 64 issues, from 1984/85 to 2017);**
- Familia: Ulster Genealogical Review (annual, 5 issues spanning 1989 to 2020);
- Irish Family History (annual, 3 issues from 2013-2015);
- **The Journal of Scotch-Irish Studies: The Center for Scotch-Irish Studies (10 issues, 2000-2011)**
- **Family Tree (UK) (12 issues a year, 49 issues, 2018-2021);**
- **Who Do You Think You Are? (12 issues a year, 49 issues, 2018-2021).**

We have some of our favourite authors:

- William J. Roulston: Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors: The essential genealogical guide to early modern Ulster 1600-1800, 2nd edition; **Researching Farming Ancestors in Ireland (2021)**; **Researching Presbyterian Ancestors in Ireland (2020)**; and My Roots: Tracing Your Belfast Ancestors.
- John Grenham: **Tracing your Irish ancestors, 5th ed. (2021)**; and Clans and Families of Ireland: The Heritage and Heraldry of Irish Clans and Families.
- Chris Paton: **Tracing your Irish family history on the internet: a guide for family historians, 2nd ed. (2019)**; **Tracing your Irish ancestors through land records: a guide for family historians (2021)**; and A Beginner's Guide to British and Irish Genealogy.
- Ian Maxwell: Tracing your Northern Irish ancestors: a guide for family historians; Your Irish Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians; Tracing Your Ancestors in Northern Ireland: A Guide to PRONI; and three more in the county guides section.
- Brian Mitchell: A Guide to Irish Churches and Graveyards; A Guide to Irish Parish Registers; A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland, 2nd ed.; Basic Guide to Irish Records for Family History; Finding your Irish ancestors: unique aspects of Irish genealogy; Irish Emigration Lists, 1833-1839: lists of emigrants extracted from the Ordnance Survey memoirs for Counties Londonderry and Antrim; Irish Passenger Lists, 1847-1871; and Pocket guide to Irish genealogy.
- James Ryan: Irish Church Records: Their history, availability and use in family and local history research; and Irish records: sources for family and local history, revised edition.

And, some of our favourite publishers:

- Ulster Historical Foundation – over 75 items.
- Flyleaf Press – sixteen items.
- Four Courts Press – five items, including The Royal Irish Constabulary: A Complete Alphabetical List of Officers and Men, 1816-1922; Travellers' Accounts as Source-Material for Irish Historians; Protestant Women's Narratives of the Irish Rebellion of 1798; **The Big Houses and Landed Estates of Ireland: A Research Guide**; **Maynooth Research Guides for Irish Local History, No. 11 (added in 2019)**; and The Mighty Wave: The 1798 Rebellion in Wexford

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- Pen & Sword Books – over 80 items.

Understanding the Geography of Ireland:

- Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Ireland, 40 volumes, plus the Index of People and Places with over 73,000 records of names and places mentioned in the 40 volumes.
- **Place-Names of Northern Ireland, six of seven volumes, covering counties Down, Derry and Antrim.**
- Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland Based on the Census of Ireland for the Year 1851;
- Townlands in Ulster: local history studies.
- Plantation Acres: An Historical Study of the Irish Land Surveyor and his Maps, by John Harwood Andrews (added in 2021)
- **On the Townland Distribution of Ireland, published in 1861, added in 2019.**

County Research Guides:

- Flyleaf Press has published many county research guides. We have those for Clare, Cork, Donegal, Dublin, Galway, Kerry (two by different authors), Kildare, Limerick, Longford, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo, and Westmeath.
- Ian Maxwell: Researching Down ancestors: a practical guide for the family and local historian; Researching Armagh ancestors: a practical guide for the family and local historian; and Down: History & Guide.
- Search by county name to see the resources we have.

History:

- **The Concise History of Ireland (added in 2021);**
- **The Roots of Ireland's Troubles (added in 2021);**
- **Aspects of Irish social history: 1750-1800 (added in 2019); and**
- **An Economic History of Ireland since 1660, 2nd edition (added in 2019).**

Famine:

We have many resources related to the Irish famine, the economic conditions which led to it and the migration associated with it. A few items of note are:

- **Irish famines before and after the Great Hunger (published in 2020), edited by Christine Kinealy and Gerard Moran. A wide-ranging collection of essays, recommended by a 2021 BIFHSGO Conference speaker.**
- The famine in Ulster: the regional impact. Examines the impact of the famine in specific counties including Antrim, Armagh, Cavan, Donegal, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry, Monaghan and Tyrone.
- **The Graves are Walking: The Great Famine and The Saga of the Irish People (added in 2021)**

Life and Work:

- **The Downshire Estates in Ireland, 1801-1845: The Management of Irish Landed Estates in the Early Nineteenth Century**
- The linen industry: **Flax to Fabric: The Story of Irish Linen; The Making of Irish Linen: Historic photographs of an Ulster Industry; The Irish Linen Industry; Picking up the linen threads: life in Ulster's mills; and A Life in Linenopolis: The Memoirs of William Topping, Belfast Damask Weaver, 1903-1956, all added since 2019.**
- **People and the Land: Farming Life in Nineteenth Century Ireland**

Migration:

- **"Emigration from Ireland: a selection of resources in the Ottawa Branch Library", The Ottawa Genealogist, Vol. 52, No. 2, May-August 2020. A detailed bibliography.**

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