

**Irish Source Records, 1500s-1800s CD #275**  
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This Family Archive includes images of the pages of the following books:

\* **"A Guide to Copies and Abstracts of Irish Wills"** - Rev. Wallace Clare

Record of the wills included in "A Guide to Copies and Abstracts of Irish Wills" is made possible by the fact that they were copied or abstracted prior to the 1922 fire. The guide references the testators and whereabouts of 4,000 Irish wills.

\* **"Quaker Records, Dublin, Abstracts of Wills"** - P. Beryl Eustace, and Olive C. Goodbody

These abstracts of Quaker wills are arranged in alphabetical order according to the testator's surnames and include all information of genealogical value.

\* **"Irish Marriages"** - Henry Farrar

In this collection of marriage records from "Walker's Hibernian Magazine, 1771-1812," you have the opportunity to learn the following about a bride or groom:

- \* Name of spouse;
- \* Date and place of marriage;
- \* Places of residence;
- \* Occupation and station of the groom;
- \* Names of parents and their places of residence.

\* **"Return of Owners of Land in Ireland 1876"**

In 1873 the Local Government Board in Ireland set about to determine the number and names of individuals who owned one or more acres of land in Ireland. Clerks of the various Poor Law Unions drew up lists of landowners from their property valuations and rate books. Returned to the Local Government Board by the end of 1875, the information was then arranged into counties, alphabetized, and published in 1876. Since the returns include the names of owners of modest acres as well as great estates, this collection of returns acts as a census substitute of the 1876 population of Ireland.

\* **"County Cork, Ireland, a Collection of 1851 Census Records"** - Josephine Masterson

Although most of the surviving 1851 census fragments cover County Antrim, here you'll find the first published transcription of a little-known surviving census fragment for County Cork. This particular fragment deals exclusively with Kilcrumper and Kilworth parishes in County Cork and includes all of their townlands. The Union of Kilworth is also represented and you'll find record for all but four townlands in Leitrim as well as five of Macroneys's sixteen townlands.

Approximately 4,000 Irish householders are included in this surviving fragment with the following information:

- \* Full name;
- \* Age;
- \* Relationship to the head of the household;
- \* Townland;
- \* Parish;
- \* Page number of the original transcription;
- \* Remarks such as "widow," "gone to America," etc.

\* **"Ireland: 1841/1851 Census Abstracts (Northern Ireland)"** - Josephine Masterson

This partial reconstruction of the 1841 and 1851 censuses of Northern Ireland identifies approximately 23,000 individuals. It was reconstructed using census records extracted from Ireland's Old Age Pension records as well as census fragments and miscellaneous data found in both the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (Belfast) and the National Archives in Dublin. Generally, you'll learn the following information:

- \* The name of the head of household;
- \* His marriage date;
- \* His wife's name;
- \* Place of residence;
- \* Names and ages of children;
- \* Names of other family members living in the household;
- \* Persons who died in the ten years previous to the census.

Within the book, entries are in alphabetical order and are cross-indexed for relatives, lodgers, visitors, and servants. There are also cross-indexes for married and maiden names of daughters and wives.

\* **"Ireland: 1841/1851 Census Abstracts (Republic of Ireland)"** - Josephine Masterson  
 This partial reconstruction of the 1841 and 1851 censuses of the Republic of Ireland identifies approximately 5,800 individuals. It was reconstructed using census records extracted from Ireland's Old Age Pension records as well as census fragments and miscellaneous data found in both the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (Belfast) and the National Archives in Dublin. It contains the following information:

- \* The name of the head of household;
- \* His marriage date;
- \* His wife's name;
- \* Place of residence;
- \* Names and ages of children;
- \* Names of other family members living in the household;
- \* Persons who died in the ten years previous to the census.

Within the book, entries are in alphabetical order and are cross-indexed for relatives, lodgers, visitors, and servants. There are also cross-indexes for married and maiden names of daughters and wives.

\* **"Indexes to Irish Wills"** 5 Vols. - William P. W. Phillimore and Gertrude Thrift, eds.  
 More than 30,000 Diocesan wills proved in the Consistorial Courts of Ireland between 1536 and 1857 are included within the five volumes that make up the complete set of "Indexes to Irish Wills." Arranged by Dioceses, and preceded by maps showing in which Dioceses the various Irish counties are situated, you'll generally find the following information:

- \* Name;
- \* Parish;
- \* County;
- \* Date of probate.

This is often the only source for determining the social and financial status of an ancestor. These indexes also provide clues for checking land records for an estate partition and transfers of lease from testator to heir.

\* **"Index to the Prerogative Wills of Ireland 1536-1810"** - Sir Arthur Vicars  
 Prior to the 1922 Dublin courthouse fire, Sir William Betham abstracted the genealogical data from the wills from 1536 to 1800. An index to that work, here you'll find reference to more than 40,000 individuals. Arranged alphabetically by the name of the testator, it includes the following information about a person listed in this book:

- \* Full name;
- \* Rank;
- \* Occupation or condition;
- \* Town or county of residence;
- \* The year when the estate was probated.