

Exploring Irish Genealogy Records
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People of Irish descent may want to begin researching their family history, but aren't sure where to start. This class will give students a broad overview of research techniques, Irish resources, and encouragement to begin their search for genealogy information from Ireland.

Subjects covered will include:

Basic Irish history

Understanding Ireland's geographic divisions

Identifying ancestor place of origin

Searching for descendants

Exploring Irish record resources

Using church records and civil registration

Wills and administrations

National school records

Government office records

Title applotment (lists of farmers)

Griffiths Primary Valuation

Ordnance Survey Maps

List of free websites and references

Irish records through census, national archives, land and property valuation, newspapers, etc. Historical and current maps will also be available to view.

Maps:

1736 Ireland

1831 Ireland

1883 Ireland

This class can be a unique opportunity for students to put their ancestral research in historical perspective, and give them a better understanding of Irish genealogy.

Theresa Cosgrove will give a presentation on an Irish Genealogy. Part of her lecture will be about a workshop she attended on March 5, 2017. She will talk about the Ulster Historical Foundation. It is a research and publishing agency based in Belfast, Northern Ireland which uses its knowledge to help those looking for their Irish and Scots-Irish ancestors. They conducted a USA Lecture Tour during the month of March 2017 and fortunately this included a stop in Tacoma on March 5 (their only stop on the West Coast that year). Hosted by the Pierce County Library System, this 4-hr lecture was very informative.

Whether you are just beginning your Irish research or have been at it for years, this workshop presented valuable information, which Mrs. Cosgrove will share with you. Students can learn how to get the most out of Irish resources and records, gain strategies for breaking down brick walls, and grasp important historical context that may help fill in gaps in their family history research.

Useful website addresses:

www.irishgenealogy.ie (A free website run by the Dept. of Arts & Heritage)

www.census.nationalarchives.ie (1901 and 1911 census online for the whole of Ireland)

www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/ (Griffith's Valuation, 1848-64 available free online)

www.historyfromheadstones.com (Map of graveyards in Northern Ireland with case-studies)

<http://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/Irish-names.html> (Useful pages on how to organize your information & on key records)

<http://sources.nli.ie> (The National Library of Ireland has a very detailed database of records)



