

'ALL IRELAND SOURCES' NEWSLETTER

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Introduction: 'All Ireland Sources' is a monthly newsletter distributed free by E-mail to Family History Societies and interested researchers near the end of each month. Distribution by Australia Post each three months (three issues) costs \$6.00 annually within Australia. The aim is to bring items of interest regarding Irish record sources to the Australian genealogist. The editor would appreciate being made aware of records relating to the Irish, particularly those held in Australia or new in the LDS Family History Library. Back copies available free for downloading from www.sag.org.au Note new email address.

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USING CD-ROM's TO RESEARCH YOUR FAMILY HISTORY (continued):

[3]. **Tithe Applotment Books**ⁱ: The Tithe Applotment Books 1823-1838 only cover six of the nine counties of the Province of Ulster, Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry and Tyrone. These run the same as Griffith's Valuations and the searches are identical. The Composition Act of 1823 specified that tithes due to the Established Church, the Church of Ireland, which had hitherto been payable in kind, should now be paid in money. As a result, it was necessary to carry out a valuation of the entire country, civil parish by civil parish, to determine how much would be payable by each landholder. This was carried out over the next 15 years, up to the abolition of tithes in 1838.

There were many exemptions from tithes, so that the Tithe Books are not comprehensive. Apart from the fact that they omit entirely anyone not in occupation of land, certain categories of land, varying from area to area, are simply passed over in silence. They are not a full list of householders. Nonetheless, they do constitute the only country-wide survey for the period, and are valuable precisely because the heaviest burden of tithes fell on the poorest, for whom few other records survive. Information given is townland name, landholder's name, area of land, tithes payable. In addition, many books also record the landlord's name and an assessment of the economic productivity of the land; the tax was based on the average price of wheat and oats over the seven years up to 1823, and was levied at a different rate depending on the quality of the land.

3.2 **Co. Longford**:ⁱⁱ 'County Longford Residents prior to the Famine' by Guy A. Rymsza on CD ROM published in 2004 on CD and in a printed book. ISBN 0-974267-31-7 and both are available in the SAG Library.

3.3 **Co. Roscommon**: Can be found on the CD Resource 'Co. Roscommon' by John Hunter, ISBN 0-646432-08-7 and available in the SAG library.

[4]. **Irish Flax Growers, 1796**ⁱⁱⁱ: The Irish Flax Growers bounty list, 1796 also known as the Spinning-Wheel premium Entitlement Lists. As part of a government scheme to encourage the linen trade, free spinning-wheels or looms were granted to individuals planting a certain area of land with flax. The lists of those entitled to the awards, covering almost 60,000 individuals, were published in 1796, and record only the name of the individual and the civil parish in which he lived. As might be expected, the majority, over 64% of the total, were in Ulster, but some names appear from every county except Dublin and Wicklow. The CD No. 271 was produced by Broderbund in 1999. Searching is the same as for the previous two CDs, using the free Family Archive Viewer 7.0 and its 'Search Expert'.

[5]. **Census Index Ireland, 1831, 1841**^{iv}: These were records taken from royal commissions into the practice of religion in Ireland and 1831 is county Londonderry and 1841 is county Cavan. The original records can be viewed on LDS microfilm.

[6]. **Graveyards of Ireland**: A database of over 8,000 graveyards in Ireland (32 counties) has been compiled by the speaker but has not been published as it is forever being reviewed and updated. It lists all known graveyards in Ireland, their exact location and description, if transcribed, if

published or available and the references necessary to locate and search. Many of these references recorded point to material in the SAG library and catalogues.

- 6.1 *Memorials of the Dead: Counties Galway & Mayo*^v (Western Seaboard). Compiled by Ian Cantwell and published by Eneclann. ISBN 0-953755-74-6. Searchable but only printouts are available by copy and paste. Covers 128 graveyards, 3,000 memorials and 8,000 persons. Later versions do have a print option.
- 6.2 *Memorials of the Dead: The Collected Works*.^{vi} Compiled by Brian J. Cantwell, and published by Eneclann. ISBN 1-905118-02-3. Covers most graveyards in Counties Wexford and Wicklow and Dublin South, with 546 graveyards, 24,392 memorials and 67,297 names, covers almost 4,000 pages and being pdf files makes searching simple and easily managed by researchers.
- 6.3 *Irish Memorials of the Dead, Vols. 1, 2 & 3, with an Index to Vols. 1 -7*^{vii} compiled by Andrew J. Morris and quite useful. Coverage is mostly extractions of important people from graveyards and Church memorials.
- 6.4 *Irish Parish Records: Antrim, Down, Louth*^{viii}: This CD is fully indexed and searchable and covers books published by the UHF and other sources. It was published by Ancestry.com. It has 236,386 individual records including the full gravestone transcriptions (mostly pre-1901) and will summaries and links for some.
- 6.5 Many other graveyards are published as transcriptions in the various journals published by Historical Societies. Some are now on CDs, some in printed format and most can be found in my CD ROM in the introduction to this segment (6. above). Rod Watson will cover those to be found on the internet at www.interment.net, History from headstones published by subscription for the UHF on the Internet is another mostly covering the six counties.

[7]. **Index of Irish Wills 1484-1858**^{ix}: This is a comprehensive index to the Testamentary Records in the National Archives of Ireland. This CD covers all 32 counties and contains references to:

- Over 70,000 individual records with over 100,000 names,
- Over 10,000 surnames and their variants and
- Over 1,000 different occupations. References can be used to find wills in the NAI but not all wills are available in the NAI as some are copies made before the originals were destroyed in 1922. Very useful for research.

[8]. **The Genealogical Research Directory**^x: The GRD available on CD can be used quickly to link with persons researching the same surnames from the same areas in Ireland. CD coverage is 1990-1999, 2000-2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and soon to be published 2007. Many reports can be made automatically from this CD with one of the best being multiple place report with customer details. Searches can be made by:

- Surnames
- Surname and Place
- Subjects
- One-name studies with places, societies worldwide, archives, professional service providers, coming events to help plan research study trips, and the feature article. The CD version is excellent for home research using email and/or postal contacts.

[9]. **Newspapers**: Newspapers are not an easy source to use for research. It is easy to use CD ROMs of newspaper notices but you only have access to databases that other volunteers have indexed and input to a software program. However newspapers are very rewarding if the source is identified and read. These days newspapers from Ireland and many other countries including Australia are being indexed especially notices such as legal, birth, marriage, death, funeral and memorial notices. Court cases, inquests, murders and similar articles are frequently being indexed. Rod Watson will cover the Internet where newspapers are being digitised, made word searchable and launched. Here I'll only cover CDs but remember printed books and FHS journal articles as well.

9.1 *The Coleraine Chronicle*^{xi}: Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1844-1869 was prepared, input and sold as a printed book by the Coleraine Branch of the North of Ireland Family History Society but the reprint was done on CD which is most convenient, especially for home research. This database included over 3,600 births, 8,800 deaths and 5,800 marriages, with many from Donegal, Dublin, America and Australia. Also included are the BM&D notices from the *Ballymoney Herald* which only ran for four years from 1860-63.

9.2 *The Londonderry Sentinel*^{xii}: This newspaper is still being published as a weekly on Wednesdays but was once published three times weekly on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1829-1869 was extracted, prepared, input and entered into a database and was published in August 2006 as a CD ROM (there is no printed version). This contains nearly twice as many notices as the *Coleraine Chronicle* had, but the period covered was 41 years. A copy has been donated to SAG.

9.3 **Biographical Notices** in *Walker's Hibernian Magazine 1772-1812*^{xiii} by Henry Farrar (1897) has the index to notices but one has to access the newspaper to read the full notice. The index includes over 12,000 marriage notices. It is of exceptional genealogical value, recording the names. Addresses and some occupations of the couples, and often the names and details of their parents (principally the fathers of the brides) were published. The dates and places of the marriages are recorded and occasionally much additional detail. Also included is an appendix by Sir Arthur Vicars of the births, deaths and marriages recorded in the short-lived magazine *Anthologia Hibernica 1793-1794*. There are around 1,350 notices in this section. The CD contains over 22,000 names on its 547 pages.

Obituaries, elopements, bankruptcies, business notices, sales of businesses, and many other notices of genealogical interest were published in newspapers. Reports of trials in the assizes and other courts were reported in great detail especially in local county based newspapers.

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Brief School Histories in *The Journal of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland*:

Journal Vol/Part	Year	Title	Pages	Author
98, Part 2	1968	Wicklow Free School	171-190	Michael Quane
98, Part 1	1968	The Founding of Friends' School, Lisburn	47-55	Neville H. Newhouse
94, Part 1	1964	Quaker Schools in Dublin	45-68	M. Quane
XCI, Part 2	1961	Co Sligo in the 18 th Century	153-162	J. G. Simms
XCI, Part 2	1961	Carysfort Royal School, Co. Wicklow	193-217	Michael Quane
XC, Part 2	1960	City of Dublin Free Schools: Christ Church Cathedral School, St Patrick's Cathedral School, The City Free School.	163-189	Michael Quane
LXXXIX, Pt 1	1959	The Friends' Provincial School, Mountmellick incl. many pupils' names.	59-89	Michael Quane
LXXXVIII, Pt.1	1958	Charleville Endowed School	25-48	Michael Quane
LXXXVI, Pt 1	1956	Viscount Weymouth Grammar School, Carrickmacross	27-51	Michael Quane
LXXXIV	1954	Banna School, Ardfert (with a prefatory survey of Classical Education in Kerry in the 18 th Century	156-172	Michael Quane
LXXXII, Pt 1	1952	Middleton School, County Cork	1-27	Michael Quane

LXXX, Part 2	1950	What was an English School, numerous schools throughout Ireland referred to	129-145	T. O. Raifeartaigh
LXXX, Part 1	1950	Pococke School, Kilkenny	36-72	Michael Quane
LXXVIII, Pt 1	1948	D'Israeli School, Rathvilly	11-23	Michael Quane
LXXVI, Pt 3	1946	Kilkenny School 1684-1800, a supplement to the Entrance Register of, [see LIV, Pt 1, 30 June 1924 pps 55-67 by T.L.Sadlier.(only A-G) pps 55-67	133-142	W.J.E.Dobbs

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ⁱ Tithe Applotment Books, 1823-38, CD #262, published by Broderbund (Family Tree Maker), ISBN 1-579441-89-0, available from Gould's, \$70.00 and the Society bookshop. .

ⁱⁱ County Longford Residents Prior to the Famine, a Transcription and Complete Index of the Tithe Applotment Books of County Longford, Ireland (1823-35), transcribed and edited by Guy A. Rymza (2004) and published by Dome Shadow Press, ISBN 0-974267-31-7.

ⁱⁱⁱ Irish Flax Growers, 1796, CD #271, published by Broderbund (Family Tree Maker), ISBN 1-579441-83-1, available from Gould's, \$52.00 and the Society bookshop.

^{iv} Census Index: Ireland 1831, 1841: CD #197, published by Broderbund (Family Tree Maker), ISBN 1-886914-25-7, available from Gould's, \$45.00.

^v Memorials of the Dead: Counties Galway & Mayo (Western Seaboard) compiled and edited by Ian Cantwell (2002) and published by Eneclann, ISBN 0-953755-74-6, available from Gould's, A\$59.50.

^{vi} Memorials of the Dead: The Collected Works, compiled and edited by Brian J. Caldwell (1966-1990) and published by Eneclann (2005), ISBN 1-905118-02-3, available from Gould's, A\$99.50.

^{vii} Irish Memorials of the Dead published in 1997 by Andrew J. Morris and is the digitised pages from Journal of the Association for the Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead in Ireland, Vols. 1-3 with an Index to Vols. 1-VII, no ISBN, available from the author on the Internet.

^{viii} Irish Parish Records: Antrim, Down, Louth published by Ancestry.com (2001), ISBN 1-931279-95-0, and available from Ancestry via the Internet and from Gould's \$60.00..

^{ix} Index of Irish Wills, 1484-1858, extracted and published by Eneclann (1999) covering all Testamentary Records in the NAI at that time for that time period, ISBN 0-953755-70-3, available from Gould's A\$65.00

^x The Genealogical Research Directory (on CD) known as the GRD compiled by Keith Johnston and Malcolm Sainty (2006) containing the Surname, Subject and One Name queries from the published volume, \$40.00. Available from the L.A.H., PO Box 795, North Sydney NSW 2059.

^{xi} The Coleraine Chronicle: Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1844-1869, extracted and compiled by the Coleraine Branch, North of Ireland FHS (2006), no ISBN, available from the Society E£15.00 plus postage.

^{xii} The Londonderry Sentinel: Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1829-1869, extracted and compiled by the Coleraine Branch, North of Ireland FHS (2006), no ISBN, available from the Society E£15.00 plus postage.

^{xiii} Index to Irish Marriages, 1771-1812 extracted from Walker's Hibernian Magazine 1771-1812 by Henry Farrar published in 2 vols in 1897 and published on CD by Eneclann (2006), ISBN 1-846300-60-6, cost 24.90 Euros plus postage or from Gould's \$48.00.