

# Family History Resources at Kilkenny County Library's Local Studies Department

[www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie)

The Local Studies Department is a reference and research service dedicated to preserving and enhancing the collective memory of Kilkenny City and County. The collection can be searched on the online catalogue at [www.kilkennylibrary.ie](http://www.kilkennylibrary.ie). In addition, a list of available archive material is available on the website under the "**Our Services/Local Studies**" tab.

Local Studies staff can assist you in using our resources and can offer advice, where appropriate; however we cannot carry out the research for you. Kilkenny County Council does not hold Civil Records of births, marriages and deaths.

The three essential questions you need to ask before undertaking your family history journey are:

**Who?** – Individual/Family

**Where?** - Town-land/Parish they lived in

**When?** - Dates that they lived there.

This information is vital for a successful search.

## Sources available in Local Studies include:

- 1. Roman Catholic parish records on microfilm.**  
The earliest records start at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century and most finish around the late 1870's.
- 2. Census Records**  
1901 and 1911 on microfilm; surviving fragments of the census for Kilkenny for 1821, 1841 and 1851.
- 3. Newspapers:**  
A collection on microfilm of local newspapers from the 18<sup>th</sup> Century to the present. Free online access to the Irish Newspaper Archive [www.irishnewsarchive.com](http://www.irishnewsarchive.com)
- 4. Land records**  
Griffiths Valuation, Tithe Applotments, Tithe Defaulters Lists etc.
- 5. Workhouse records**  
Material relating to the administration of the workhouses and the Board of Guardians *Please note* that we have no records for Co. Kilkenny workhouses giving details of inmates' names.
- 6. Kilkenny Corporation and Kilkenny County Council Archives:**  
The list of archival material available is on the website under the "Our Services" tab



## FURTHER RESOURCES:

WEBSITE	
www.rothehouse.com	Rothe House offers a fee-based genealogy service
www.rootsireland.ie	A useful subscription website holding a mixture of Civil and Parish records, <b>searchable by county and parish</b> . Includes variations on surnames.
www.nationalarchives.ie/genealogy/	<b>National Archives Genealogy Website:</b> Tithe Applotment Books, census records, Soldiers' Wills etc. The Tithe Applotments is a survey carried out between 1823-1838. It only shows the names of those liable for tithes.
www.census.nationalarchives.ie/	Searchable <b>census records</b> for 1901 and 1911.
www.nli.ie	The <b>National Library of Ireland</b> has microfilmed almost all Roman Catholic registers up to 1880. You must know the parish name to access these records.
www.johngrenham.co openstreetmap.ie	Interactive <b>maps showing the historical registration districts, parishes, Poor Law Unions</b> etc. These maps are helpful for identifying locations needed to search parish records, census records and civil records.
https://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/	<b>Irish Genealogy Toolkit:</b> what is going on in the world of Irish Genealogy, updates on new sources that have become available.
www.irishgenealogy.ie	Free portal site includes historic indexes ( <b>births</b> over 100 years, <b>marriages</b> over 75 years and <b>deaths</b> over 50 years) to civil records. Also some Church Records, and useful research information and links.
www.askaboutireland.ie	Access free of charge to the <b>Irish Times Digital Archive</b> via the Reading Room tab on the homepage; also <b>Griffiths Valuation</b> online including maps. This is a survey of property carried out countrywide between 1847-1864.
www.welfare.ie	Contact details for researching centralised indexes and copy registers of <b>Civil Records</b> via the <b>General Register Office</b> public research facility in Dublin. Civil Registration from 1864 (Registration of non-Roman Catholic marriages from 1845). Please note that a number of births, marriages and deaths went unregistered.
www.findmypast.ie www.ancestry.co.uk	Subscription websites. Extensive records, including for the UK.
www.familysearch.org	Free international site maintained by the Church of the Latter Day Saints. It holds a variety of useful Irish records and indexes.

