# **The “Bad” News.**

## **Catholic “repression” (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic\_emancipation)**

### **17th century (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Penal\_Laws)**

### **Roman Catholic Relief Act 1829**

## **30 June 1922 – The Four Courts Fire.**

## **Language – Irish, English, Nicknames, etc.**

## **Some resources are not online.**

# **The “Good” News.**

## **Online indices.**

## **Digitized images.**

# **What You Need to Know About Irish Records.**

## **Land Divisions.**

### **“Ancient” Provinces – Ulster, Connacht, Leinster and Munster.**

### **County (32).**

### **Barony (331).**

### **Civil Parish (2,428).**

### **Catholic Parish (1,086).**

### **Poor Law Union (163 after 1851).**

### **Townland (60,642).**

## **Religious Records**

### **Roman Catholic. Digital copies on the National Library of Ireland website; indexed at Ancestry, Find My Past and Roots Ireland.**

### **Church of Ireland (Anglican/Episcopal). About one-half destroyed in Four Courts fire; check the resources of the Ulster Historical Foundation.**

### **Presbyterian. Many Northern Ireland records now online.**

#### **Check the resources of the Ulster Historical Foundation.**

#### **FamilySearch has digitized some registers.**

# **Finding Your Irish Home.**

## **Wide – Wider – Widest.**

### **Locate all records for every individual of Irish birth AND their children.**

### **Collateral research is a MUST.**

## **Where to Look.**

### **Birth, Marriage and Death Records.**

### **Cemeteries – Death Notices – Obituaries.**

### **Family Bibles.**

### **County Histories.**

### **Occupational Records.**

### **Fraternal and Social Organization Records.**

### **The Irish American Heritage Center.(4626 North Knox Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; (773) 282-7035)**

# **Online Resources.**

## **FamilySearch Research Wiki (familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ireland\_Genealogy).**

## **“Background”.**

### **GENUKI (genuki.org.uk).**

### **Cyndi’s List (cyndislist.com).**

## **“General” Databases.**

### **FamilySearch Historical Records (familysearch.org – Search RECORDS & CATALOG).**

### **Ancestry (ancestry.com).**

### **American Ancestors (NEHGS) (americanancestors.org).**

### **Find My Past (findmypast.com)**

### **19th Century British Library Newspapers (Available at all Family History Centers).**

## **“Irish” Databases.**

### **Irish Ancestors (johngrenham.com). Both fee-based and free.**

### **Roots Ireland (rootsireland.ie). Fee based website.**

### **National Library of Ireland Catholic registers (registers.nli.ie). Free.**

### **National Archives of Ireland (genealogy.nationalarchives.ie). Free.**

### **Ulster Historical Foundation (ancestryireland.com). Both fee-based and free.**

### **Irish Genealogy (irishgenealogy.ie). Free; also a portal to fee based sites.**

**Suggested Reference Books**

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3. **Lewis, Samuel A. *A Topographical Dictionary of Ireland*. 2 Volumes. Baltimore, Maryland, USA: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1995. (Digital version available in the BOOKS section of *FamilySearch*.)**
4. **Maxwell, Ian. *Tracing your Northern Irish ancestors: a guide for family historians*. 2nd edition. Barnsley, South Yorkshire, England: Pen and Sword Books, 2016.**
5. **Mitchell, Brian. *A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland, 2nd Edition*. Baltimore, Maryland, USA: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2002.**
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