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There are over 100 million unique Irish genealogical records at Findmypast, the largest collection anywhere online. Using them well is the subject of this talk. Brian will describe the collections available, focusing on records which are most valuable for research.

Is Irish research possible?

The image to the right is of the destruction of the Public Records Office Dublin in June 1922 which obliterated one of the oldest and finest archival collections in the world.

While millions of records were lost, a great deal more survive than is often recognised. Findmypast has been busy recovering from this loss and in less than 5 years has published over 100 million Irish records online.



They include:

Vital Records

- Births 1864-1958
- Deaths 1864-1958
- Marriages 1845-1958 (non-Catholic from 1845, all from 1864)
- Parish Records:
- Cemetery records
- Wills

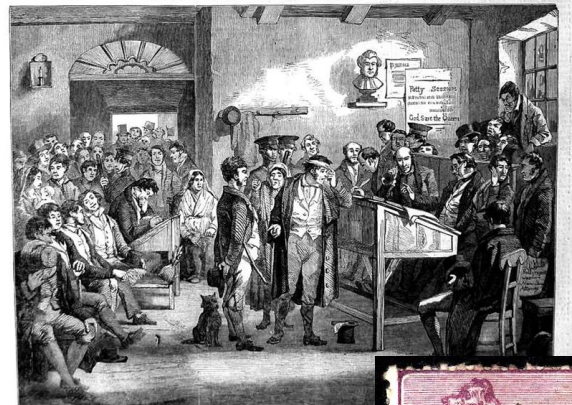
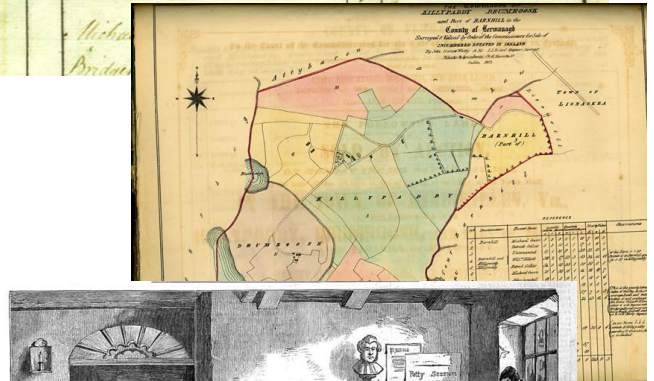
9 No. 1 Townland of *Innisheer* in the Parish of *Armagh*

N. B. In Counties where Plowlands or other denominations or sub-denominations are in use, the word "Townlands"

Col. 1. No. of House	Col. 2. No. of Stories	Column 3. NAMES OF INHABITANTS.	Col. 4. AGE.	Column 5. OCCUPATION.
17	1	<i>John Pole</i>	60	<i>Farmer</i>
		<i>Cathy Pole his wife</i>	38	
		<i>John Pole his Son</i>	22	<i>Laborer & Plowman</i>
		<i>Michl Pole his Son</i>	19	<i>Plowman & Farmhand</i>
		<i>Mary Pole Daughter</i>	12	<i>at School</i>
		<i>James Pole Son</i>	5	
		<i>Wm Pole Son under</i>	1	

Census

- 1901: complete
- 1911: complete
- 1821-51: fragments
- 1841-51: search forms
- 1749: religious



Land Records

- Griffith Valuation 1847-64
- Landed Estates Court rentals 1849-85

Court & Prison Records

- Petty Sessions Court Registers 1828-1915
- Dog License Registers 1865-1926
- Prison Registers 1790-1924



Workhouses & the poor

- Irish Poverty Relief Loans 1821-1874
- Records of the Poor Law 1840-1919
- Workhouse registers



Newspapers 1748-1951

Emigration records

Directories

Military & Rebellion records



And whats coming next

Brian will deliver his customary sneak peak at the Irish record collections coming out this year.

Websites mentioned:

www.findmypast.com

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www.nationalarchives.ie

www.proni.gov.uk

www.britishnewspaperarchive.com

www.clarelibrary.ie

www.landedestates.ie

www.sligolibrary.ie