

Websites Discussed for Austin Genealogical Society

FindMyPast.ie Excellent for Irish Research. Petty sessions, Landed Estates Court rentals, Electoral Registers, Dog License Registers..

MyHeritage - excellent US Newspaper collection. Liaises well with FamilySearch and family tree collections.

Ancestry.com – The Gold Standard – largest collection of records.

FamilySearch.org – Arm of Ancestry—very underutilized but great collections

Fold3.com – Military records (affiliated with Ancestry)

Newspapers.com – (affiliated with Ancestry)

British Newspaper Archives (included in FindMyPast subscription)

Irish Newspaper Archives

Local Historical Societies in Ireland - Federation of Local History Societies (www.flhs.ie)

Other Governmental Sites:

Chronicling America chroniclingamerica.loc.gov

www.irishgenealogy.ie – Civil Records for all of Ireland to 1864-1920, Church Records for County Kerry, Dublin, other counties.

Trove Australia – newspapers, other source material in Australia

New Zealand Newspapers: paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers

PRONI – Public Records Office of Northern Ireland - <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni>

Lots of great online resources including the Valuation Office Revision books

National Archives in the US - <https://www.archives.gov/>

National Archives in Ireland - <https://www.nationalarchives.ie/>

National Archives in UK - <https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Many collections online due to Covid. You just need to register (for free).

Record collections referred to in Brick Wall Examples:

Example 1 – Emigrant Savings Bank. This collection is available through Ancestry.

Example 2 – Landed Estate Court Rentals – This collection is available through FindMyPast.

Example 3 – A visit to the local town hall.

Example 4 – Will – you can look through Probate Court, online records (FamilySearch has a Wills collection).

Example 5 – US Census records. Available through Ancestry, MyHeritage, FamilySearch. National Archives (US)

Other Records that can be useful:

Military records (Draft Registration Cards) Ancestry

Naturalisation Documents – Ancestry

US Census Records

Land Records (both Ireland and the US)

Newspapers – Death Notices, Obituaries.

Witnesses to Baptisms, Marriages.

Historic Graves – a community project that trains local volunteers to photograph, record and transcribe headstones. Many Irish graveyards have been completed. www.historicgraves.ie

The local cemetery in the area where the ancestor died.

Other websites that may be useful:

The Bishop's Bank - <https://digital.library.villanova.edu/Item/vudl:202764>

Similar to Emigrant Savings Bank. Dealt with bank created by Bishop Kenrick in 1848 in Philadelphia which allowed immigrants to deposit money into accounts.

Dubuque Iowa: <http://www.celticcousins.net/irishiniowa/irishsettlersiniowa.htm>

Many thanks for your attention. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

All the best

Jane