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# Irish Genealogy Research Group

Goal: Research, learn and share information and tools used to improve knowledge of our Irish heritage.

# Finding and Navigating Old Irish Maps

- Why Look at Old Maps
- Some definitions needed
- Timelines- During and after the Great Famine; before the Great Famine.
- Examples and sources

# Finding and Navigating Old Irish Maps

- Why do this?
  - Help locate relatives and homeland.
  - Helpful when census records/ Other records don't provide detail
  - Can relate to current locations if you travel to Ireland

# Some terms to know.

- **Counties** – 32 in all. 26 in the Republic of Ireland and 6 in Northern Ireland
  - Alteration of borders in 1898 and name changes in 1922
- **Baronies-** 327. Larger than County. Vital location marker for civil parishes with the same name.
- **Civil Parishes-** 2,509. administrative units of territory, formalized by Cromwell's Plantation of Ireland.
  - May cross towns and counties
  - Basis for the Griffiths Valuation and land tax records
  - Separate from ( not always) Church Parish Records
- **Townlands-** 61,118. Smallest subdivision.
  - Traceable address, many with same name.

# Timelines

## During and After Great Famine

- Griffiths Primary Valuation Maps 1847-1864
  - Matched by number and letter
  - Can be searched online- AskAboutIreland- by surname and placename. Changes- Counties resurveyed- after famine years
- 25-inch Series Ordinance Survey Maps-1893-1913
  - Used to tie to names in 1901 & 1911 Ireland Census
  - Street name and townland locations
  - Webapps.geohive.ie/mapviewer/index.html

# Timelines

- Before the Great Famine
  - The Down Survey of Ireland -1656-1658
    - Measure all land to be forfeited by Catholics and redistributed to new landlords'
    - Online digitized- Trinity College Dublin- downsurvey.tcd.ie/down-survey-maps.php
  - Taylor& Skinners Maps of the Roads of Ireland 1777 & 1782. 288 pages
    - Not online. www.browncollection.com
  - Lewis Maps- 1837.
    - Great amount of detail by county
    - Irelandxo.com

# Sources

- Ireland Reaching out- irelandxo.com
- AskAboutIreland- Griffiths Valuation
- logainm.ie- irish place names
- www.swilson.info/townlands.php
- townlands.ie
- Johngrenham.com- all types of info

# Names

- Helpful information
  - In local oral tradition people were known by the given name of a parent or grandparent. John McDermott(Bryan) ; John Mc Dermott(James).
  - Locally known as John Bryan and John James.
  - Important in records search.
- Naming Patterns:
  - 1$^{st}$.born son named for Fathers Father
  - 2$^{nd}$ born son named for Mothers Father
  - 3$^{rd}$ Born son named for Father
  - 4$^{th}$ born son named for Fathers Eldest Brother.
  - 1st born daughter named for Mothers Mother
  - 2$^{nd}$ born daughter named for Fathers Mother
  - 3rd born daughter  named for Mother
  - 4$^{th}$ born daughter Named for Mothers Eldest Sister

# Names being searched

- Sheila Smart—Haley (Wexford) Married a Fitzpatrick; Gillen/Gellan (Antrim); Martin (Fermanagh)
- Karen Beagle- Keneally/Kenneally (Cork & Limerick); Hallanan (Askilane, Mayo); O'Malley (Westport, Mayo, Leitrim); Looney (Cork); Lynch (Kerry); Donovan (Cork/Westmeath); Neil/Neill; Lyons/Lyon (NI) Thompson/Thomson (Ulster); Murry(Ulster); Curry/Currie (Ulster); Reed/Reid (NI); Caldwell (Ulster)

# Names Continued

- Joanne Close – Campbell; Walsh (Waterford); Nugent (Waterford); Ahern/Ahearn/O'Hearn (Cork) Madden (Cork); Dalton

- Nora Hollis– Flavin (Cork/Limerick); Fitzgerald( Same); Morrissey (Same ,maybe Waterford)

- Peter Stauder– Curley  ( Galway); Lyna/Lynagh (?); Faherty (Galway), McDonough (Galway); Duffy/Duffey (Roscommon)

# Names Continued

- Nancy Alfieri- McCarthy, Donnelly, Cawley, Gscheidle, O'Brien

# Next time

- What????