

Some useful sources for County Louth family & property history

Catholic Parish Registers

Copies of surviving Catholic parish registers for baptisms and marriages up to about 1882 are available on the National Library of Ireland's website under Family History: <https://www.nli.ie> . Please note that there are many gaps in the years available.

Church of Ireland Parish Registers

Some parish registers remain with the local church and some with the RCB Library: <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/about/rcb-library>. This website contains a link to the useful colour-coded '*List of Church of Ireland Parish Registers*' which details what survives, where it is held and information on copies, transcripts and online indexes.

Civil registration records

Civil registration of births, marriages and deaths commenced in 1864 and these records are held by the [General Register Office](http://www.gro.ie) in Dublin. However, the Irish Genealogy website: <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/> (then click on civil records) provides a free index to these records and images of certificates (birth records over 100 years, marriages over 75 years and deaths over 50 years). For information on obtaining copies of certificates, see their [help](#).

Census, Tithe Applotment Books, Will Registers, etc

The National Archives of Ireland holds a vast array of government and private records, including records of prominent families and estates, the 1901 and 1911 censuses (online), tithe applotment books 1823-37 (online), will registers 1858-1900 (online), some Church of Ireland records, Ireland-Australia Transportation database and others. See its Genealogy website: <http://www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie/> and also www.nationalarchives.ie

County Louth Ireland Genealogical Sources website

This is a privately run website which gives access to m lists of information about the inhabitants of County Louth. Included are some church records, lists of voters, householders and valuation lists, subscription funds, militia lists, and many other sources of information. There is a search facility included on the website. <http://www.jbhall.freesevers.com/>.

Griffith's Valuation

Griffith's Valuation, 1848-64, is the first valuation to list all occupiers of land, tenements and houses in Ireland. It is now available to search online on <http://www.askaboutireland.ie>.

The database can be searched by family name or place name. To further refine your search it will be helpful to have details of the Barony, Poor Law Union, or Parish relevant to your search. The search results allow you to see the names of the tenant and landlord, the type of holding (such as agricultural, house, shop etc) and the rateable valuation of the property. The numbers in the first column give the plot numbers of each holding which correspond to the accompanying valuation map.

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National Inventory of Architectural Heritage

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage has identified and recorded the architectural heritage of Ireland, from 1700 to the present day. This includes gardens, cottages, public buildings, industrial buildings, gates, historic houses and many more categories. The database is searchable by county or by category of building at <http://www.buildingsofireland.ie/>

Louth County Archives

The catalogue of Louth County Archives is available online at www.louthcoco.ie. Using the search facility you can search for archives relating to names or places, or for certain types of archives such as rate books. Note however that the site does not allow you to view the archive item in question; it will however give outline details, covering dates and reference number which will allow you to visit the Archives and view the original items.

Other useful sources and websites:

- **Louth County Library:** The reference section holds local history books, local newspapers, and some maps. There are also Catholic Church records of 21 parishes from c. 1750 – 1900, Tithe applotment books, freeholders lists, directories, and electoral lists of 1885 and 1915
- The **National Library of Ireland** (www.nli.ie) holds newspapers, maps and photographic collections, as well as a large collection of manuscripts which relate to County Louth (such as the papers of the Lords Louth of Louth Hall, Tallanstown). Many of the catalogues of these manuscript collections are available online.
- **PRONI** (Public Record Office Northern Ireland) holds many records relating to County Louth landed estates and prominent families. PRONI also holds some records relating to churches, national schools, valuation lists and tithe applotment books which may be relevant to your search. See www.proni.gov.uk for further information, as well as a searchable online catalogue
- The **Irish Architectural Archive** (www.iarc.ie) holds primary and secondary material on every notable Irish architect, on Irish buildings of every type and style, and on significant buildings throughout Ireland.
- The **Irish Family History Foundation** Online Genealogy Databases for Ireland can be accessed at www.brsgenealogy.com
- Copy birth, death, and marriage certificates can be ordered at www.birthsdeaths marriages.ie
- **Irish Lives Remembered** is a free to join genealogy community to help you locate your Irish ancestors. It provides tracing your ancestor forums, free digital genealogy magazine, historical Irish memorials, genealogy and graveyard information. See <http://www.irishlivesremembered.com/>
- **List of genealogy websites:** <http://www.nationalarchives.ie/genealogy1/genealogy-websites/>