



Exploring Findmypast

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Learn how to use Findmypast to research your ancestors from the United Kingdom and its former colonies.

Findmypast is the premier subscription database for historical records from England, Wales, and Ireland. It is also an excellent resource for researching in the former colonies of the British Empire, including the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. With over 3 billion historical records online and new records being added every week, Findmypast can help you unlock your family history in the British Isles.

Home

The website is designed to encourage you to search by name.

- Enter the name and year of birth of your Irish ancestors and see where it takes you
- You can log in to your account, or create a new one, at the top right hand corner of the home page
- At the bottom of the main page you will find links to other webpages that will prove useful

Search Family Records

The search family records button will take you to the advanced search function.

- Search family records will give you many more options for narrowing your search
- Clicking “All Record Sets” allows you to browse the record sets and select a specific database to search
- When you add search criteria, the record count automatically updates

Free Genealogy Records

While searching Findmypast is free, viewing most records requires a subscription. There are some exceptions.

- British and Irish Roots Collection
- Irish Roman Catholic Parish Records
- Censuses from the United States, Great Britain, and Canada

Build your Family Tree

Findmypast makes it easy to create a family tree.

- Create a tree
- Import a tree

My Records

Findmypast gives researchers the ability to keep track of their search history.

- When logged in to your account, Findmypast creates a list of the individual records you have found
- Accounts are free without a subscription
- Only your name and email address are required to create an account

Take a Free Trial

You can try a subscription first before you buy.

- Findmypast is currently offering a 14 day free trial
- Monthly rates are reasonable when compared to similar websites
- A weekly update lists the most recent additions to Findmypast

Catholic church records at FindmyPast

One of the most valuable sources for Irish research, Findmypast has made them a priority.

- New York
- Chicago
- Philadelphia
- England
- Mainland Europe



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