

Civil Registration Records Workshop Notes

Births, Marriages & Deaths (BMD)

Also known as 'Life Events Records' and 'Vital Statistics Records'.

Be careful to differentiate between INDEXES & RECORDS, especially searching online.

When do the records start?

Civil or State Registration of non-Catholic marriages commenced in Ireland in 1845.

Full BMD Registration commenced 1864 (England & Wales began in 1837, Scotland in 1855).

Record Copies are held at General Register Office Research Room, Werburgh St. 9:30 – 16:30 daily (last order 16:00). The Central Repository is in Roscommon.

Methods of Searching Civil Records

1. At GRO in person using physical indexes
2. Online - Civil Registration Index Search at www.findmypast.ie and www.familysearch.org (Indexes to 1958)
3. Online - www.irishgenealogy.ie - references from indexes & historic records for specific dates
4. www.certificates.ie, only if you need certified copies for legal purposes

At the General Register Office

Physical Index Books of Births, Marriages & Death

Red = Births

Green = Marriages

Black = Deaths

From 1878 Indexes are in Quarterly books + Note Late Registrations and some handwritten additions/ early books not typed

Online Civil Registration Index Records

Available on www.findmypast.ie and www.familysearch.org

Births: 1864 to 1958 (Mother's maiden name after 1929)

Marriages: 1845/1864 to 1958

Deaths: 1864 to 1958

GRO Dublin - Main Indexes

The General Register Office (GRO) is located at Roscommon and is the central repository for all records relating to life events (Births, Deaths, Marriages, Legal Domestic Adoptions, Stillbirths) in the State.

Indexes in relation to the following records of life events are available for inspection at the Research Facility:

1. Births registered in the island of Ireland from 1864 to 1921 inclusive, and in Irish Free State & Rep of Ireland from 1922 onwards. Northern Ireland records available from GRONI.
2. Deaths registered in the island of Ireland 1864 - 1921 inclusive and in Ireland (excluding Northern Ireland) from 1922 onwards.
3. Non-Roman Catholic Marriages registered in the island of Ireland between 1st April, 1845 and 31st December, 1863 inclusive, and all marriages registered in the island of Ireland between 1864 - 1921 inclusive and in Ireland (excluding Northern Ireland) from 1922 onwards.

5. Legal Domestic Adoptions registered in Ireland from 10th July, 1953 onwards.

GRO Roscommon – Additional Records

In addition to the records maintained at the genealogical/family history research facility, indexes to following registers of life events are maintained solely at GRO Roscommon:

1. Births at Sea of children, one of whose parents was born on the island of Ireland between 1864 and 1921, or one of whose parents was born in Ireland (I.F.S., Éire, Republic of Ireland) after 1921.
2. Deaths at Sea of persons born on the island of Ireland between 1864 and 1921 and of persons born in Ireland after 1921.
3. Births of children of Irish parents, certified by British Consuls abroad, between 1864 and 1921.
4. Deaths of Irish-born persons, certified by British Consuls abroad, between 1864 and 1921.
5. Marriages celebrated in Dublin by the late Rev. J F G Schulze, Minister of the German Protestant Church, Poolbeg Street, Dublin, from 1806 to 1837 inclusive.
6. Births, Deaths and Marriages registered pursuant to the provisions of the (Army) Act, 1879.
7. Births and Deaths registered pursuant to the provisions of the Defence (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1960.
8. Certain births and deaths occurring outside the State (Pursuant to the provisions of The Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1972, Sec. 4).
9. Certain Lourdes Marriages (Pursuant to the provisions of the Marriages Act, 1972, Sec.2).
10. Stillbirths registered in Ireland from 1st January 1995 (certified copies available to parents only).
11. Deaths of Irish officers and enlisted persons killed in action, or died while serving overseas in The Great War between 1914 and 1919.
12. Death returns relating to the South African War (1899 – 1902) relating to Irish subjects.

In summary:

Up to 1922 records at GRO Dublin, Post 1922 NI records at PRONI, Belfast

Key Information on the Records

NAME

DATE

LOCATION

Note regarding Locations

Note: Civil Parishes v Ecclesiastical Parishes

Civil Registration Districts – based on Poor Law Unions (1838)

Beware Names, Spellings & Place-names

<u>Catholic</u>	<u>C of I</u>	<u>Civil Registration</u>
Diocese	County	Poor Law Union (SRD)
Parish	Barony	Dispensary District (RD)
	Parish	District Electoral Division
<i>Townland</i>	<i>Townland</i>	<i>Townland (Street)</i>

Deaths

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Superintendent Registrar's District <u>Enniscorthy</u> Registrar's District <u>Newtownbarry</u>										
19 <u>06</u> DEATHS Registered in the District of <u>Newtownbarry</u> in the Union of <u>Enniscorthy</u> in the County of <u>Wexford</u>										
No. (1.)	Date and Place of Death (2.)	Name and Surname (3.)	Sex (4.)	Condition (5.)	Age last Birthday (6.)	Rank, Profession, or Occupation (7.)	Certified Cause of Death and Duration of Illness (8.)	Signature, Qualification and Residence of Informant (9.)	When Registered (10.)	Signature of Registrar (11.)
113	19 <u>06</u> Twenty fifth July Newtownbarry	Mary Murphy	F	Spinster	31 years	Dress Maker	Bright Disease 12 Months Certified	Michael Murphy Father Present at death Newtownbarry	25th July 19 <u>06</u>	A. M. J. Lawler Assistant Registrar
114	19 <u>06</u> Second June Ballyphilip	Christopher Doyle	M.	Married	70 years	Labourer	Senile Decay Certified	Mrs Mary Doyle Present at death Ballyphilip	2nd July 19 <u>06</u>	A. M. J. Lawler Assistant Registrar

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- Check & Recheck
- Keep Copies
- One Step at a Time