

***Introduction to Genealogy/Family History***  
***National Library of Ireland, Wednesdays 2-4.30pm***

**Lecture Schedule**  
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*It is strongly recommended that students bring a laptop, tablet or other Internet-connected device to classes, and they should hold a National Library reader's ticket.*

*Lecture 1, 10 October 2018: First Steps*

Preview of course; principles of history and of genealogy, recommended texts, preparing draft pedigrees; advice on completing a personal genealogical project; research methods, National Library, National Archives, General Register Office and other record repositories.

*Lecture 2, 17 October 2018: Computers and the Internet*

Computers and online resources; websites of National Library and other repositories; Ancestral Quest and other genealogy programs, online family trees; photographs, videos and digital images; organising your computer files. Online workshop I.

*Lecture 3, 24 October 2018: Placenames, Forenames and Surnames*

Origins and forms of Irish placenames, administrative divisions; forenames or first names; origins of surnames internationally and in Ireland, surnames of Gaelic and settler origin, septs and chiefs, the question of Irish 'clans'.

*Lecture 4, 31 October 2018: Census Records*

Census returns of 1901 and 1911 and pre-1901 fragments, census records online; review of progress in personal genealogical projects.

*Lecture 5, 7 November 2018: Vital Records and Property Valuation Records*

Civil records of births, marriages and deaths commencing in 1864 (and non-Catholic marriages commencing in 1845); Tithe Applotment Books (1820s-30s), Griffith's *Valuation* (1848-64), Valuation Office records. Online workshop II.

*Lecture 6, 14 November 2018: Church Records, Wills and Deeds*

Parish and church registers (baptism, marriage and burial) of Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian and other denominations; National Library and other online church register resources; wills pre- and post-1858, National Archives and online; the holdings of the Registry of Deeds.

*Note: no class 21 November 2018*

*Lecture 7, 28 November 2018: Memorial Inscriptions and Miscellaneous Sources*

Memorial inscriptions in graveyards, churches and commercial cemeteries; an introduction to estate papers, newspapers, directories, occupational records, and other miscellaneous sources. Online workshop III.

*Lecture 8, 5 December 2018: Conclusion and Recapitulation*

Recapitulation of main points of course, review of students' progress, selected student case studies, comparing portfolios, planning further work.