

How to research Irish relatives in the U.S.

\$ = Subscription databases but some records maybe free if signed in with a free account.

Websites

- FamilySearch - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/> AND browsable digital images through <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog>
- Ancestry \$ - <https://www.ancestry.com/> AND Public Member Trees - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1030/>
- FindMyPast \$ - <https://www.findmypast.com/>
- MyHeritage \$ - <https://www.myheritage.com/>
- AmericanAncestors \$ - <https://www.americanancestors.org/search/advanced-search>
- Steve Morse's One-Step searches - <https://stevemorse.org/>
- National Archives - <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy>

Resources

- United States Genealogy Wiki- https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Genealogy
- Genealogy Research Guides - <http://www.researchguides.net/>
- Access Genealogy - <https://accessgenealogy.com/>
- Cyndi's List - <https://www.cyndislist.com/> "Offers links organized by topics/categories. A cross-referenced index contains extensive lists of online genealogy resources. Don't know where to look for specific records? Check Cyndi's up-to-date list of suggested sources."

Vital Records

- Kept at city, county, or state level depending on location.
- Each state will have different dates they began keeping these records.
- Many found on "Websites" above.
- Can check for records at state archives by googling: [state] genealogy archives.
- More information at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Vital_Records

Church

- Some found on "Websites" above.
- For Catholic records see
 - Boston Archdiocese - <https://www.americanancestors.org/historic-catholic-records-online>
 - Various cities - <https://search.findmypast.com/historical-records?SearchedRecordsetName=catholic&Region=united+states>

Census

- 1790 through 1940, but 1890 mostly destroyed by fire.
- 1850 began listing every name not just head of household.
- Found on "Websites" above.
- Also see genealogy clues in census records, 1850-1930 - <https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1850-1930.html>



City Directories

- Information and links at https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Directories

Cemetery and Gravestone

- Find A Grave - <https://www.findagrave.com/>
- BillionGraves - <https://billiongraves.com/search/>

Obituaries

- Legacy (recent and not historical) - <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/local>
- See “Newspapers” below.

Newspapers

- Library of Congress: Chronicling America - <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
- GenealogyBank \$ - <https://www.genealogybank.com/>
- Newspapers.com \$ - <https://www.newspapers.com/>
- NewspaperArchives \$ - <https://newspaperarchive.com/advancedsearch/>
- Old Fulton NY Post Cards - <https://fultonsearch.org/> AND <https://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html>
- Missing Friends: Irish Immigrant Advertisements Placed in “The Boston Pilot,” 1831-1920 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/5060/>

Naturalization

- Many records found on “Websites” above.
- Also check for records at state archives by googling: [state] genealogy archives.

Military

- Fold3 \$ - <https://www.fold3.com/>
- Civil War Info - <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/index.htm>
- Many records found on “Websites” above.

Passenger and Immigration

- See Steve Morse’s One-Step searches - <https://stevemorse.org/>
- Most found on “Websites” above.
- NYC: Castle Garden 1820 - 1892 - <http://castlegarden.org/>
- NYC: Ellis Island - <https://www.statueofliberty.org/ellis-island/>
- Boston - <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcsrch/passengermanifestsearchcontents.html>

Will and Probate

- See https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Probate_Records
- Some found on “Websites” above.

Land

- https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Beginning_Research_in_United_States_Land_Records
- https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/U.S._Land_Records_Class_Handout

