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<p>Wicklow County Archives & Genealogy Service County Buildings, Station Rd., Wicklow Town, County Wicklow. For an appointment contact by Email wfh@eircom.net; or phone: 0404-20126 www.wicklow.ie/archives-genealogy-service</p>	<p>Rootsireland.ie Online Records (Subscription) All-Ireland Searches – includes parish records www.rootsireland.ie</p>
<p>National Library Kildare Street, Dublin 2 Phone: (01) 6030200 www.nli.ie (Visitors' Genealogy Advisory Service & microfilms of R.C. registers up to 1880 or see http://registers.nli.ie/)</p>	<p>(Births, Deaths & Marriages begin 1864): Research in person: The General Registers Office Werburgh Street, Dublin 2, www.groireland.ie Postal service only: General Register Office, Government Offices, Convent Road, Roscommon, Co Roscommon. Tel: +353(0)90 663 2900. No public research facilities.</p>
<p>National Archives Bishop Street, Dublin 8 Phone (01)4072300 www.nationalarchives.ie (1901 & 1911 Census of Ireland online & some microfilms of C.O.I. parish registers)</p>	<p>Representative Church Body Library Braemor Park, Churchtown, Dublin 14 Phone: (01) 4923979 www.ireland.anglican.org (Most C.O.I. parish registers)</p>
<p>Valuation Office Irishlife Centre, Lower Abbey St, Dublin 1 Phone: (01) 8171000 www.valoff.ie (For Griffith's Valuation free online see www.askaboutireland.ie)</p>	<p>Registry of Deeds Henrietta Street, Dublin 1 Phone: (01) 8048410 www.landregistry.ie</p>
<p>Presbyterian Historical Society Church House, Fisherwicke Place, Belfast BT1 69W Phone: (028) 9032 2284 www.presbyterianireland.org</p>	<p>Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) Quaker House, Stocking Lane Rathfarnham, Dublin 16 Phone: (01) 4956890 www.quakers-in-ireland.org</p>
<p>Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) 2 Titanic Boulevard, Titanic Quarter Belfast, BT3 9HQ Phone: (+44) 028 90 534800 www.proni.gov.uk</p>	<p>The U.K. National Archives Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DU, England Phone: 020 8876 3444 www.nationalarchives.gov.uk</p>
<p>General Register Office of Northern Ireland Oxford House, 49-55 Chichester St, Belfast BT1 4HL Phone: (028) 9025 2000 www.nidirect.gov.uk</p>	<p>Irish Jewish Museum 3-4 Walworth St., South Circular Road, Dublin 8 Phone: (01) 4538388 www.jewishireland.com (choose Irish museum link)</p>

Wicklow Family History Centre Research Suggestions

Beginning family history research can be an interesting yet daunting task! You may find the following sources of interest – with more information about them on:

www.countywicklowheritage.org/genealogy

Family Documents and Oral History

Find out from relatives if they hold any relevant information or documents such as Wills, Birth Certificates, written correspondence, etc.

Census Returns

This may be a good starting point as a census return can provide valuable information on your ancestor and their family, including address, age, occupation and county of origin. In Ireland, the earliest surviving census is 1901, and the 1901 & 1911 census are available on

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie>

Earlier Census Substitutes

The 1850s land and property records of Griffith's Valuation provide names heads of household and is divided by townland, town, parish and county. These records can be accessed in the National Archives, the Valuation Office¹ and free online on www.askaboutireland.ie. The Tithe Applotment Books² are a similar source dating from the 1820s/1830s (mainly rural areas).

Marriage Records

It is possible that your ancestor will have two marriage records, a civil and a church record. This is a good way to double check all details – e.g. civil marriage records (G.R.O.)³ only list fathers of the bride and groom, where-as the original entry in the parish marriage register may contain mothers' names, as well as parents' addresses (usually from the 1860s on).

Birth Records

Once parents' names have been established you can then search for a birth record of your ancestor in the G.R.O. post 1864, or a baptism record pre & post 1864⁴.

Death Records

Death Records⁵ contain the name of the person deceased, their address and age at time of death and can also provide information on relationship of informant to deceased.

Newspaper Obituaries/Death Notices

When accessible, newspaper obituaries can contain the names of relatives of your ancestor. They can also provide date of death and place of burial. (Also, see tombstone inscriptions⁶).

Service Records

Your ancestor may have served in the armed forces, most details such as place of birth, name, date of birth, etc. should appear on these documents. Most military records relating to Ireland pre-Independence are held by the National Archives, UK.

Deeds of Land Holding Records / Wills⁷

If your ancestor held property there may be Deeds containing valuable information in the Registry of Deeds, Henrietta St., Dublin, in the National Archives, Dublin, or in personal family papers.

¹ See reverse for details. The Valuation Office also holds "Cancellation Books" recording changes in the land and property holders after the 1850s.

² National Archives and the National Library.

³ General Registers Office (G.R.O.), see reverse.

⁴ Local parish priest, microfilms in National Library of Ireland or on their website, or details of family history county centres and online parish records available from www.rootsireland.ie. Roman Catholic parish records tend to start around 1800 while Church of Ireland parish records can date from the 1700s. (Please note many Church of Ireland parish registers have not survived).

⁵ G.R.O. records on www.irishgenealogy.ie

⁶ *Cantwell's Memorials of the Dead* is a collection of County Wicklow tombstone inscriptions – mainly pre-1880.

⁷ Surviving wills and will abstracts can be accessed at the National Archives, or may be in personal family papers.