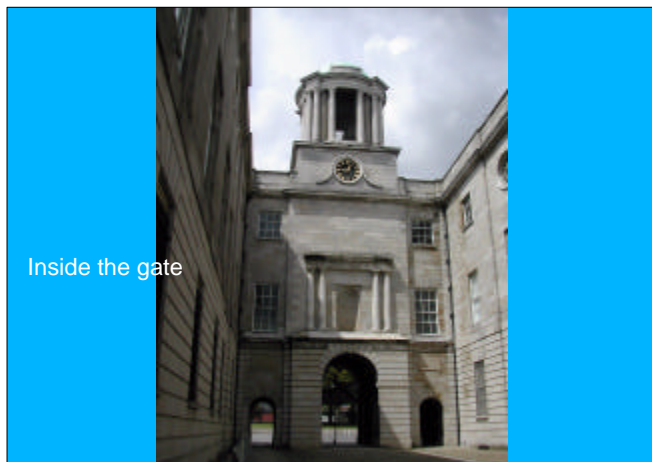


# Anglo-Irish Genealogy 1600 - 1850 — Registry of Deeds & Genealogical Office

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## Resources on the web

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- <http://www.landregistry.ie/>
- <http://www.sierratel.com/colinf/genuki/CAV/Deeds/Transcripts.html>
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## What is held there?

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- Memorials of deeds — certified copies of deeds has signature of one witness or party
- Deeds types
  - ▶ Indenture — written on one piece of parchment then cut into two or more pieces with wavy lines
  - ▶ Poll — uncut piece of parchment
  - ▶ Wills

## What do genealogists look at deeds?

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- Land associations
- Lives
- Settlements
- Marriage Settlements
- Details of relationships
- Details of dates and ages
- Autographs

## How do you attack this resource?

- Index - Grantor
- Index - Townlands
- Page by Page searches of memorial Volumes
- Microfilms

## Some Examples

- 517820
  - ▶ Dated 31 Oct 1733
  - ▶ Autographs - William & Edward SWAN
  - ▶ mention of mother / wife
- 102702
  - ▶ Dated 15 Feb 1728
  - ▶ Autograph - Andrew CROKER
  - ▶ detailed description of houses in Galway City

## Halfpenny bridge Dublin



## Genealogical Office Dublin

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## Genealogical office purpose

- Original purpose to grant arms
- Ulster herald
- Policing of use of arms – Who could use armorial bearings
- Order of St Patrick
- Large collection of genealogical material and information
- Focus on armorial families
- Landed gentry emphasis
- Wealthier merchants

## Genealogical Office people

- Gerald Fortescue
- Sir Chichester Fortescue
- Sir William Betham
- Bernard Burke
- Sir Arthur Vicars
- Fisher
- Swanzy
- Weply
- Irwin
- others

## Frances Jane French

- Article in *Irish Genealogist* 2000 a history of the Genealogical Office
- Photo June 2002 in Irish Club London then home of the Irish Genealogical Research Society
- Career in Irish genealogy
- Died 23 Oct 2002



## Availability

- In Kildare Street, Dublin
- National Library of Ireland
- Almost all records microfilmed and available through the Mormon Family History Centres

## Types of records

- Trees
- Will abstracts
- Abstracts of prerogative grants
- Pedigrees
- Grants and confirmations of arms
- Funeral notices

## References and finding aids

- Frances Jane French, *Nepotists and sinecurists: a history of Ulster's Office 1552-1943*; *Irish Genealogist* 10 (2000)
- John Grenham, *Tracing your Irish ancestors*
- *Analecta Hibernica* 17(1949) will abstracts — NLA S 941.5 ANA
- Virginia Wade McAnlis, *Combined index of the Genealogical Office 1995-97* — HAGSOC library

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- Vicars, *Index of prerogative wills of Ireland* — 929.3 V629 also HAGSOC
- Richard J Hayes, *Manuscript sources for the history of Irish civilization* — NLA f 016.9415 HAY

## My web site

- <http://webone.com.au/~nickred/>
- Newspaper extracts
- Trees
- Deeds indexes
- Transcriptions
- My genealogy