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NEW RECORDS! NEW RECORDS! NEW RECORDS!

Since our last newsletter we have uploaded the following records to our database at www.rootsireland.ie:

- 8,797 Tipperary records RC baptisms & marriages for Knockavilla RC parish, 1834-1905;
- 81,236 Antrim & Down records various census substitutes, 17th-20th centuries;
- 32,870 Kerry records RC Killorglin baptisms, 1798-1911 (some gaps between 1851-80);
 5,282 Kilcummin RC baptisms; 7203 Moyvane baptisms;
- 2,410 Monaghan records various marriage, baptismal and school records;
- 1,546 Cork records various baptismal and marriage RC records;
- 41,356 Antrim, Down, Fermanagh, Wexford, Cork, Dublin, Kerry various census substitutes.

This means that in 2025, we uploaded approximately 168,215 records from Kerry, Monaghan, Cork, Antrim, Down, Wexford, Dublin, Fermanagh and Tipperary!

We have many more records coming for the Roots Ireland database throughout this year, so keep an eye out for our updates!

You can read more about these various records to have been uploaded in 2025 on our blog at www.rootsireland.ie/category/blog/

We will notify those on our mailing list when new records are uploaded and available, so make sure to register to our mailing list to keep abreast with new additions to www.rootsireland.ie!

EYE ON COUNTY CENTRES

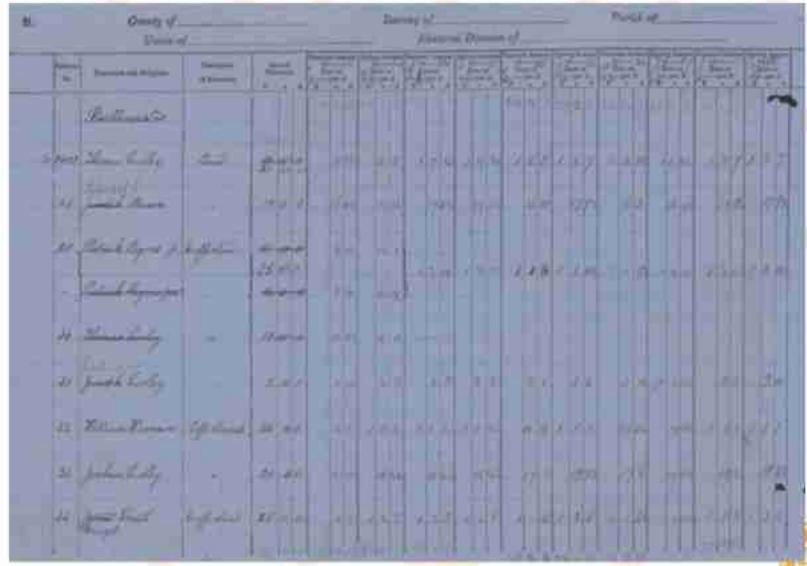
County Wicklow Valuation Records now digitised

The Primary Valuation, also known as Griffith's Valuation, was the first, full-scale printed valuation of property in Ireland and details of property with valuations were published between 1847 and 1864. There is a printed valuation book for each barony or poor law union in the country, showing the names of occupiers of land and buildings, the names of those from whom these were leased, and the amount and value of the property held. These records are indexed and available on www.rootsireland.ie. Now digitised, the later County Wicklow valuation records are an updated version of Griffith's

Valuation, dating from 1887 to 1892. They place people in towns and townlands in County Wicklow at a time when family history records are relatively sparse. They provide information on residence between Griffith's Valuation, dated 1850s for Wicklow, and the earliest surviving Irish census for Wicklow in 1901. These valuation records list rate-payers, usually heads of household, and often show if property changed hands, where one name is simply crossed out and replaced with another - known as "revision books" where the valuation books were updated on an annual basis. The new occupier is

ink. The valuation books are divided ink. The valuation books are divided into baronies, and each barony is divided into civil parishes, townlands and towns. Each volume also contains an index listing the townlands and their page numbers. For more information and to access this collection, see https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Service s/Arts-Heritage-Archives/Archives/Collections/Digitise

d-Collections.



Wicklow Valuation Records

DERRY GENEALOGY / TOWER MUSEUM

The Museum Team are excited to begin work on a new project archiving a significant collection linked to the city's famous shirt factory industry. The collection includes photographs, ledgers, correspondence and ephemera from the many factories that powered the local economy throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. Funding for the project was confirmed through the National Archives 'Archives Revealed' Grant. The fund is a partnership programme between The National Archives, the Pilgrim Trust, the Wolfson Foundation and The National Lottery Heritage Fund, which helps unlock collections across the UK and build the skills needed to care for them into the future.

The Shirt Factories archive collection recognises the role of local people and businesses, who over 150

Staff in a shirt factory. Derry. Courtesy of DCSDC Museum & Archive collections.

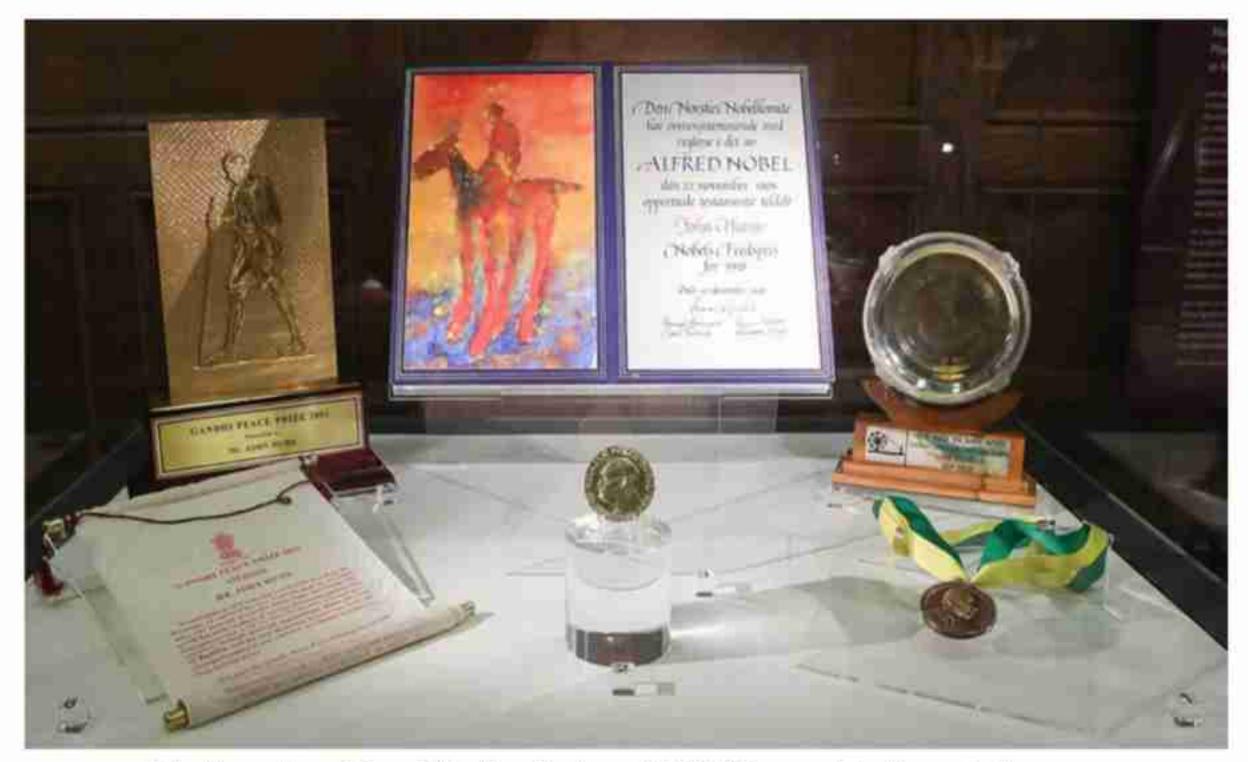
years contributed to a growing, prosperous industrial city, forging friendships and working together through some of the most challenging periods of conflict. The project will be a further step in capturing and celebrating some of the personal stories and memories of the factory men and women.

The Archive will play an integral role in the state-of-the-art new DNA Museum which is due to open at Ebrington Square in late 2026. It is an opportunity to bring together a comprehensive collection of items that will tell the story of the world-renowned shirt factories, which have become so synonymous with the city. By cataloguing the collection we can fully unlock those chapters in our history and share them with a wider audience.

The team were also successful in obtaining a Scoping Grant to explore the further development of the John Hume archive, currently on loan to the Tower Museum from the Hume family. A Scoping Report for this collection will help assess potential timelines to develop the collection and integrate the archive into wider engagement plans. John Hume's significant political and personal archive dates between the 1960s-2000s, consisting of documents created and received throughout his time as a political representative during one of the most significant historic eras in Northern Ireland. The collection includes references to the Civil Rights campaign, the Troubles, international affairs and British and Irish relations.

The Archives Revealed programme aims to ensure that significant archive collections, representing the lives and perspective of all people across the UK, are made accessible to the public for research and enjoyment.

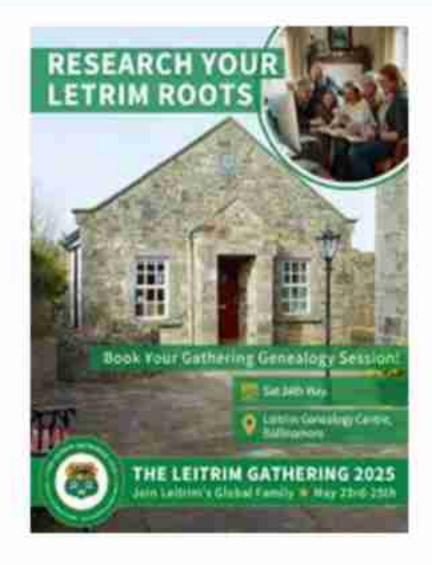




John Hume Peace Prizes Collection. Courtesy of DCSDC Museum & Archive collections.

LEITRIM GATHERING

The official launch of the Leitrim Gathering took place on Thursday, 22nd May at 6.00 pm at Aras an Chontae, Carrick on Shannon, with entertainment provided by various artists. Organised by Leitrim County Council, to celebrate Leitrim's wonderful culture, heritage and community, 'The Gathering' which aimed to connect people of all ages across the world with roots in County Leitrim, took place on 23rd - 25th May. The key theme of the event was pride of place, connection and heritage. The aim was to promote the rich cultural, historical and musical tradition of the county by connecting Leitrim people worldwide. Engaging the Leitrim diaspora, increasing visitor numbers and welcoming all those who have made Leitrim their home, were the key objectives. Numerous events organised by community groups occurred across the county including traditional music sessions, craft demonstrations, walking tours and heritage and culture events. Most events were free and offered various activities for the whole family such as fun family games, face painting, children's crafts classes, drama, art and creative writing workshops, bread-making, basket weaving and various outdoor activities including cycling, walking, kayaking and fishing.

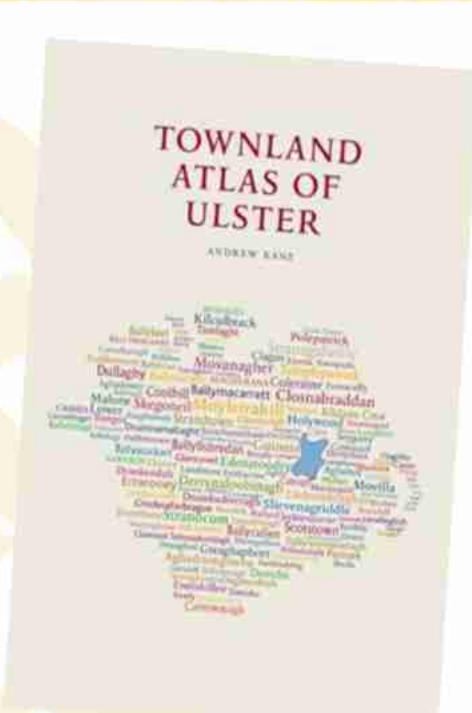




Leitrim Genealogy Centre located in Ballinamore opened for appointments for the whole weekend helping people with their family research. The many months of hard work, long hours and planning from community groups, businesses, schools, various organisations and people within the communities all displayed the very best of Leitrim, making the weekend of 'The Leitrim Gathering' a huge success.



TOWNLAND ATLAS OF ULSTER



Ulster Historical Foundation is delighted to announce that the Townland Atlas of Ulster is once again available to purchase from their online bookstore.

This landmark publication has been in high demand, and Ulster Historical Foundation are thrilled to make it accessible once more to researchers, genealogists, and local history enthusiasts.

The Townland Atlas of Ulster maps all 16,000 townlands in the 9 counties of Ulster and the administrative units of church and state into which they have been organised. In an attractive and easily understood layout, these units are shown in the context of land ownership in the 17th century, a pattern clearly recognisable until a century ago when the Land Purchase Acts broke up the estates and facilitated tenant farmers buying their own land. By using the maps and index, family and local historians can easily grasp the essentials of their ancestors' lives – where they worked, paid their rent, went to church and market, etc. This is an essential reference guide for both newcomer and serious researcher, showing exact locations and where to look for related records.

Don't miss your chance to secure this essential reference guide and invaluable family history resource — stock is very low!

CAVAN MIDWIFE REGISTER

Cavan Genealogy was delighted to receive lately a register kept by a midwife in Cavan, which covers the Arva area from the years 1920-51 and which gives great insight into childbirth and women's health in that area in the first half of the twentieth century. Sincere thanks to Tony Medniuk for the very generous donation.

Concepta McGovern (Cavan Genealogy) receiving the register from Tony Medniuk.





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