

# Irish Genealogical Research Society



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# Me and the IGRS



- **Just over thirty years ago I started a three year stint in London**
- **I had been researching my families since 1988**
- **Slightly more of my ancestors come from Ireland than anywhere else**
- **I had made some good progress on one of my Anglo-Irish lines (the CROKER family)**
- **I sought out and joined the IGRS**
- **For the remainder of my time in London most Saturday afternoons were spent in the basement of the Irish Club**



# Me and the IGRS (cont)

- **There I met and learnt from some notable Irish genealogists**
- **One of the larger than life characters was Michael Leader**
  - One of the tasks he set himself was to compile transcriptions of all extant Church of Ireland parish registers for County Cork.
  - He had worked extensively with Rosemary ffolliot who is well known for her work on newspaper abstracts.
  - Michael died in Australia in 1998
  - There is a article you can download for free in Volume 10 No 2 of the Irish Genealogist the journal of the IGRS



# Me and the IGRS (cont)

- **Another of the people I met at that time is Roz McCutcheon**
  - We have collaborated over the past thirty years
  - In 2007 Roz and I negotiated the structure of the Registry of Deeds Index Project Ireland.
  - I have supplied Roz with many newspaper extracts included in the IGRS Newsletter that she edits
- **I was able to catch up with the IGRS in 2002 on a work trip**
- **Most years between then and COVID I was able to visit the IGRS**



# Me and the IGRS (cont)

- I was elected a fellow of the IGRS in 2007
- I have been the IGRS webmaster with a focus on databases for over a dozen years
- Databases I have created and added to the IGRS website include:
  - Carrick-on-Suir Census 1799
  - Census substitute Oldcastle and Moylagh
  - Dublin Directory 1775
  - Dublin Directory 1803

# IGRS history



- **Founded in 1936 under leadership of Fr Wallace Clare**
- **Partly in response to the loss of information in the 1922 fire in the Public Record Office in Dublin**
- **Since its foundation it has built up a wonderful library of books and manuscripts relevant to Irish family history**
- **Its Journal *the Irish Genealogist* has been published annually since 1937**
- **Members also receive a monthly e-bulletin and twice yearly newsletter**

# irishancestors.ie the IGRS website



- **The IGRS website allows you to purchase membership and off-prints of *the Irish Genealogist***
- **It has information about the society, activities and data**
- **Some data is available to anyone and some is only available to logged on paid-up members**
- **The starting point is the home page and main menu:**

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**Home    About    Members    News    Resources    Events    The Irish Genealogist**

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# Resources on irishancestors.ie



- **Unique resources are of particular interest and are grouped**
- **I will show you a selection of the data available on the site**

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# Births deaths and marriages

- **Earlier I mentioned Roz McCutcheon**
- **Roz has gathered a lot information to assist finding about early Irish births deaths and marriages**
- **This information is available under the Resources then Unique resources part of the menu**
- **The marriages database (110,023 records) is open access and, the births (47,895) and deaths (32684) databases are only available for logged-on members**
- **Where the source is the Registry of Deeds there is a link to the abstract of the memorial and then to the image on FamilySearch**



# Directories

- **There are a number of directories of the site, Some transcriptions and some are databases**
- **Dublin directory 1803 is open access and the 1775 member only**



# Census and substitutes

- Two of the larger census databases are the 1799 Carrick-on-Suir census and the Oldcastle census substitute.
- The picture at the beginning of this talk was of Ormond Castle in Carrick-on-Suir  
<https://carrickonsuir.net/item/ormond-castle/>

# Other databases

- **The Irish Genealogist database**
- **Parish records fo Ennis**
- **Ballymena RC census**
- **And many more**





# Future directions

- **Index of the Hussey-Walsh manuscripts and links to the images**
- **In the not too distant future this will be added to the site**
- **I will show a preview**



# Conclusions

- **The Irish Genealogical Research Society can assist you Irish family history research**
- **It is particularly useful for information dated before 1825**
- **Questions**