



### The Registry of Deeds Dublin and family history

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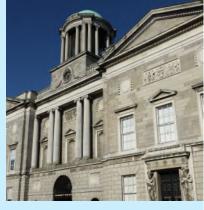


#### What we will cover today

- What is the Registry of Deeds in Dublin
- What is in it for family history
- What have I found useful there
- What is the Registry of Deeds Index Project Ireland
- How to get information out of the Registry of Deeds



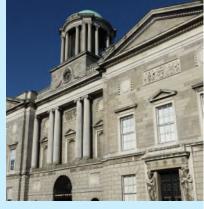
# What is the Registry of Deeds in Dublin



- Set up by act of Parliament in 1708 as part of enforcing restrictions of Catholics' land tenure
- While the act said all land transaction should be registered, only a proportion were
- The Registry evolved into a way of formalising land ownership
- Prior to 1792 declared Catholics were not parties to deeds
- After 1792 the number of Catholics mentioned increased



### What is in it for family history

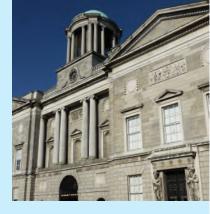


- Names, places, ages, dates and relationships
- Parties
- Witnesses
- Lives
- Marriages (maiden names)
- Deaths



What have I found useful there, an example of one person my 3 times great grandfather

- Thomas Swan CROKER
  - Marriage settlement: second marriage <u>Memorial 553026</u>
  - Confirmation of father's name <u>Memorial 443742</u>
  - Connection to COOTE family <u>Memorial 265879</u>
  - Purchase of house <u>Memorial 528837</u>
  - Residence of father <u>Memorial 443742</u>
  - Inventory of his house <u>Memorial 542735</u>
  - Death date Memorial 183820139





### What is the Registry of Deeds Index Project Ireland



- This project is about making the records of the Registry of Deeds in Ireland more accessible
- Constructing a full name index
- Transcribing Registry indexes into databases for searching
- Providing guides and widgets to help people use the memorials and images of memorial books on FamilySearch and the Virtual Treasury Ireland
- http://irishdeedsindex.net/index.php
- Note there is a Facebook page and Forum for sharing info & issues



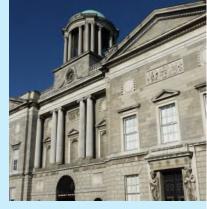
# How to get information out of the Registry of Deeds

- The starting point is to search the Registry of Deeds Index Project
  - Main index, townland and grantors databases
- Use the widget at the bottom of every page to go to a memorial transcription volume
  - Note: books after 1832 are of the form YYYYnn where nn is the vol in year
  - Image number is not the page number. Generally, there are two pages per image and some books start in the middle of image set





## How to get information out of the Registry of Deeds



- Use the guides on the project site
  - There are a number of how-to guides
- Use the Familysearch navigation guides project
  - For example, there are helpers that take you to the beginning of a letter in the grantors index image sets.



#### Conclusion



- The Registry of Deeds is a fantastic source for family historians
- With images on-line accessible from home anyone can make a foray into the resource
- Like all family history what you can find depends on serendipity
- Thank you
- Good luck with you research
- These slides are here:
  - https://nickreddan.net/talks/Registry\_of\_Deeds\_20240914.pdf