



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 – [Memorial 553026](#)
 - Confirmation of father's name – [Memorial 443742](#)
 - Connection to COOTE family – [Memorial 265879](#)
 - Purchase of house – [Memorial 528837](#)
 - Residence of father – [Memorial 443742](#)
 - Inventory of his house – [Memorial 542735](#)
 - 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

Go to Vol Image No



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