

# V21. Searching for Elizabeth Discovering Northern Ireland

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**General Irish Research Websites** Unless marked with a \$, sites are free to use, but may require the user to set up an account to view documents. All website links were accessed 22 Dec 2021.

## **Getting Started**

- FamilySearch.org – Free account required to view images
  - FamilySearch wiki
    - After logging in, select “wiki” under “Search”
    - Click on map or type in location to research
  - FamilySearch Irish Webinars - free
    - Click on “Help” in upper right-hand corner of screen
    - Then, under the drop-down menu, select “Learning Center” and type “Irish” in the search box for the Irish webinars
- Ancestry.com \$ - access available at some genealogical societies and public libraries
- [www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk) – guides to researching in Great Britain and Ireland
- [www.igp-web.com](http://www.igp-web.com) – Ireland Genealogy Project
- [www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com](http://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com) – Claire Santry website, lots of “how to” suggestions
- [www.placenamesni.org](http://www.placenamesni.org) – For researching NI geography – townland, parish, barony, and county
- [www.failteromhat.com](http://www.failteromhat.com) – free site, no registration, Irish indexes, no actual document images
- [www.johngrenham.com](http://www.johngrenham.com) – (\$) limited free surname search; can subscribe for 24 hours, month or year

## **Northern Ireland Repositories**

- Public Records Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) (Belfast) – <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni>
  - Select “Search Archives Online”
  - Choose links applicable link(s) - Can view and/or download images
- General Register Office of Northern Ireland (GRONI) (Belfast) \$ – BMDs, more recent records <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/go-groni-online>; must register; can search for free, but you must purchase credits in advance to see more
- Ulster Historical Foundation \$ – [www.ancestryireland.com](http://www.ancestryireland.com) - Most databases only available to “guild members”; can order books without membership

### **Republic of Ireland Repositories (may hold records related to NI)**

- National Archives of Ireland (Dublin) - <http://www.nationalarchives.ie/>
  - Select “Researching your family tree”, then “Genealogy”, scroll down to select links of interest to search. May require download of free software to download images
- National Library of Ireland (Dublin) – [www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie)
  - Select “Catalogues and Databases” then select from list
- Quaker Records (Dublin): <https://quakers-in-ireland.ie/historical-library/>

### **Ireland in General (Subscription)**

- RootsIreland - [www.rootsireland.ie](http://www.rootsireland.ie) \$ - Parish Records (baptismal, marriage, death), census/ census substitutes, gravestone inscriptions, some ship passenger lists, Griffith’s Valuation and more
  - Formerly pay per view/credit purchase, now subscription; limited surname search (free)
- Find My Past – [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com) \$ - Church records (especially Quaker), 1796 Flax Grower’s list, wills, some land records

### **Helpful Written Resources/Books**

- *Tracing Your Northern Irish Ancestors* – by Ian Mitchell
- *Tracing Your Irish Ancestors* – by John Grenham
- *The Family Tree Irish Genealogy Guide* – by Claire Santry
- *A New Genealogical Atlas of Ireland* – by Brian Mitchell
- *A Guide to Irish Parish Registers* – by Brian Mitchell
- *Irish Church Records* – Edited by James G. Ryan

**Websites to Hire a Genealogist** – Look for those who specialize in your area of interest or live near the repository of the record you wish to obtain. Also, ask friends/other researchers for references.

- **Society of Genealogists Northern Ireland (SGNI)** - <http://www.sgni.net/>
- **The International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists (ICAPGen)** <http://www.icapgen.org/>

### **Irish Genealogy Informational/News Websites and Blogs**

- [www.johngrenham.com](http://www.johngrenham.com) (sign up for his blog via email)
- [www.irishgenealogynews.com](http://www.irishgenealogynews.com)