



Carlow Historical and Archaeological Society

Carlow Historical and Genealogical Research

Carlow Historical and Archaeological Society does not provide a genealogical or historical research service. Our main focus is the promotion of local history through tours, lectures and our journal, Carloviana. However, we can suggest a number of ways by which you might progress your Carlow family or historical research.

1. **Facebook:** If you are happy to do so you could post your request and contact information on our Facebook page. We have almost 1000 followers and they may be willing to help.
[@CarlowHistoricalAndArchaeologicalSociety](#)
2. **General historical information about Carlow:**
 - a. The full archive of the journal of the Carlow Historical and Archaeological Society, Carloviana, is available online for free with an up to date index at the link below.
<https://carlowhistorical.com/archives/>
 - b. You could also visit in person the local studies section of Carlow County Library. They have an extensive collection of material relating to the History of Carlow.
<http://www.carlowlibraries.ie/explore/local-studies>
 - c. Internet Archive is a non-profit library of books and other media. Items of particular Carlow interest include [The History and Antiquities of the County of Carlow](#), [Comerfords Collections relating to the dioceses of Kildare and Leighlin, Vol 3.](#), and the [Journals of the Association for the Preservation of Memorials of the Dead in Ireland](#) (content arranged by County, these contain extensive historical and genealogical information on Carlow).
3. **Genealogy and Family History:**

There is extensive information available online, far too much to deal with here. Below are a number of key resources which you might explore to begin your search:

- a. **Genealogy:** Carlow County Library offers a genealogist service in Carlow Library on Monday and Tuesday by appointment only. The genealogist will facilitate and assist with genealogy queries, guide people in their searches, and inform people of sources both free and those that have a fee. The Genealogist does not have the resources to undertake in-depth research for individuals. Telephone on +353599129709 or by e-mail to genealogy@carlowcoco.ie. The appointment is available free of charge for the first 30 minutes of the first meeting. Additional appointments will incur a charge of €20 per hour.
- b. **Carlow Newspapers** can be accessed for free on Microfilm in the County Library. In addition the the Nationalist and Leinster Times and the Carlow Sentinel have been digitised and can be searched using the library's computers. Library visitors can also search the Irish Newspaper Archive online at the library.
- c. **Co. Carlow Genealogy Projects** website contains a huge amount of diverse information and historical material including records, photographs, articles, etc.... Access is free and information is arranged under headings/themes. It can be accessed at:
http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlcar2/Site_index.htm.
- d. www.irishgenealogy.ie is the **Irish Government genealogy website** and home to the on-line historic Indexes of the Civil Registers (GRO) of Births, Marriages, Civil Partnerships and Deaths and to church Records of Baptism, Marriage and Burial from a number of counties. **Access is free and searchable by name, location and date.**
- e. The **National Library of Ireland Catholic Parish Registers** website is available online at <http://registers.nli.ie/>. **Access is free and searchable by Parish, Entry type and Month/Year.**
- f. www.rootsireland.ie is the website of the **Irish Family History Foundation**. It contains data from 34 county genealogy centres on the island of Ireland. The main sources on the site are Irish Catholic and other church records of baptisms, marriages and deaths. **This is a subscription site with access costing from €10 for one day.** It is fully searchable.
- g. www.nationalarchives.ie is the website of Irelands National Archives. It allows online access to census returns for the 19th and early 20th centuries, the 19th-century Tithe Applotment Books, Soldiers' Wills and will calendars for the years 1858-1920 and 1922-1982. **Access is free and searchable (available search criteria vary with the collection being searched).**