

# 5 TIPS FOR DISCOVERING YOUR ANCESTORS IN IRELAND

Following your Irish ancestors back to the records they created in Ireland seems like a natural next step, but if you're not armed with just the right information, the search can be slow-going. Use the following tips to help make your journey through Irish property records, including Griffith's Valuation at Ancestry.ca, as simple as possible.

**GET THE REAL NAME.** You want the true Irish name, the one your ancestor was born with here. While Irish names weren't often Canadianized, your ancestor may have adopted a nickname in Canada or even altered the name spelling slightly. Search passenger lists to see if there are any differences. Look for church records and consider family naming patterns as well. Also check websites that include Irish equivalents to common Canadian names.

**CAST WIDE – AT FIRST.** Start your search with the county and narrow to parish or townland if necessary.

**BIRTH DATES ARE IMPORTANT.** A relative who was a child between 1848 and 1864 likely won't be listed in this collection of landowners and tenants, but his or her parent might be.

Ireland, Griffith's Valuation, 1848-1864

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[Ireland, The Royal Irish Constabulary 1816-1921](#)  
This is an extraction of the Royal Irish Constabulary for the years

**BROWSE AROUND.** Once you know where your ancestor hailed from, look at landowners and tenants nearby. You may discover other names that sound familiar to you — possibly friends and relatives who later immigrated to Canada, too.

**GO BEYOND YOUR ANCESTOR.** Search for other family members, too. Find clues to the extended family on passenger lists, in obituaries, and birth announcements, in family trees and in correspondence and other family mementos.

