

Irish Regional Genealogy Centers

The Irish Family History Foundation has a regional center for almost every county in Ireland. These are repositories of all the available local records still in existence, and most have been computerized. You can search these databases for free online at <http://www.irish-roots.ie/counties.asp>, by county, or for all of Ireland at <http://www.brsgenealogy.com/>. If you find a match, you have to pay a fee, currently € 5 to view the record, and then you can print it for your record. However, if the details show it is not a match to you, there is no refund of the fee. To have credit to pay for viewing records, you have to enter your credit card information. They suggest you charge € 40 but you can do it € 5 at a time.

You can also write to a specific regional genealogy center and pay them to search for you. You can get to the specific county center you want by clicking on <http://www.irish-roots.ie/counties.asp>, and then click on the county you want. They usually have an application form for you to fill out the information you know and you pay a basic search fee. If they find something, then you must pay another fee to get the results. This takes 6-10 weeks from the time they get your application. When I visited the center in Moate, they did not allow people to do their own research at the center, and I believe it is the same all over Ireland.

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