

Ask About Ireland

Our work on this website means that many old documents, photographs, maps and digitised books are now on view for the very first time. www.askaboutireland.ie

Here you will see illustrated articles on:

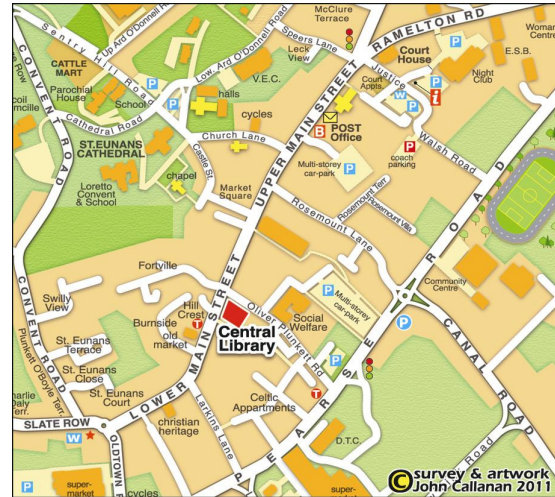
- The Boyds of Ballymacool
- Donegal writers, Patrick MacGill and others
- Road & bridge construction in the county
- Milford Poor Law Union
- Heritage Towns
- Flight of the Earls
- Ulster Plantation



We are happy to help with research and Donegal Studies queries. You may also email your queries to the library.

If you are planning to write an article, book or thesis on County Donegal, please let us know.

Location Map



Central Library is located on the corner of Oliver Plunkett Road and Lower Main Street in the centre of Letterkenny.

Opening Hours

See www.donegallibrary.ie

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Local And Family History

A guide to exploring your Local and Family history with Donegal Libraries.



Central Library, Letterkenny.

www.donegallibrary.ie

Donegal Studies Collection

Our unique collection has over 26,000 items of local history available throughout Donegal libraries. Central Library has over 3,400 books, DVDs, CDs & videos on Donegal's history, archaeology, genealogy, literature, culture & geography. It also has all books published in Donegal, about Donegal and by Donegal authors.

See www.donegallibrary.ie

Family History

Our family history resources include:

- 1901 & 1911 Census
- Griffiths Valuation 1857-58
- Tithe Applotment 1823-38
- Cemetery listings and passenger lists

Other useful online resources include:

www.census.nationalarchives.ie

www.irishtimes.com/ancestor

www.rootsireland.ie

Journals

Our journals include:

- Donegal Annual 1947 to present
- Clogher Record 1953-1992 & 1995-2009
- Analecta Hibernica 1930-1998
- Bealoideas 1928-2009
- Poetry Ireland Review 1988-2010

We also have a selection of local history, sporting, schools and parish magazines.

Newspaper Collection

The following are available on microfilm: (*Booking is recommended*)

- Derry Journal 1825-1837 (random issues) 1838-2002
- Ballyshannon Herald 1835-1836 & 1851-1883
- Donegal Democrat 1919-2003
- Vindicator 1906-1956 (except issues 1912-1920)
- Derry People Donegal News 1980-2001

We also hold back-issues of many other local newspapers.

Local History Files

Donegal-related cuttings and photocopies from magazine, newspaper & journal articles. Useful for any research on your local area.

Maps

Our collection of maps include:

- Down Survey and barony maps from the 1600s
- Maps of most townlands 1835-1837 and 1840s
- Ordnance Survey Letters and Memoirs 1833-1835

- Ordnance Survey maps 1834-1913
- Grand Jury maps 1835-1837
- Complete set of six-inch maps 1906
- Admiralty maps 1976
- Large-scale town maps 1834
- Recorded Monuments maps 1995

Photographs

We have a selection from the Lawrence Collection of townscape photographs, late 19th/ early 20th century.

Folklore

Over 360 schools in Donegal took part in the 1937 Schools Folklore Collection Scheme. Pupils collected stories, poems, folklore, cures and herbal remedies from parents, grandparents and older relations. *These are held on Microfilm.*

Rare Books

We have a large collection of books published in the early 17th, 18th & 19th centuries. Many are observations by visitors & offer a fascinating glimpse into Ireland's past. Our collection includes:

- A Tour of Ireland 1776,1777,1778. Young, Arthur (1780)
- Inishowen. Maghtochair (1867)
- Man of the World. Macklin, Charles (1743)