

## **UNCOVERING YOUR IRISH ROOTS: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE**

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Irish ancestry can leave beginners mystified and reluctant to start digging for their roots. This session is for those who aren't sure where to start. Yes, mercifully, there are far more online records available than there once were, but that's of little use if you don't know your immigrant ancestor's home place, their townland or nearest town. Just a county is unlikely to be sufficient unless you have a very unusual name. How might you identify their place? There are many potential sources from address books to wills and oral histories, to friends, associates and neighbours. Where do you search? What might you find? Will you always be successful?