ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND DICTIONARIES


Here you will find more than 400 articles on periods of Irish history, social institutions, organisations and important individuals; each article includes a bibliography of the most important books and journal articles. The full-text of more than 150 primary documents in the encyclopedia is a bonus.


With more than 9,000 articles on subjects ranging from politics, law, engineering and religion to literature, painting, medicine and sport, this widely-praised encyclopedia is the place to start for Irish biography. Articles are signed and contain bibliographies. So detailed is the 9-volume set that you get thorough articles on a wide range of people, from internationally-famous figures such as the poet W.B. Yeats to lesser-known persons such as Denis Kilbride, a 19th Century agrarian campaigner and MP.


Key events, institutions, movements, organizations, and personalities in Irish history are alphabetically arranged in the print version, and easily searchable in the online one.

**Ireland and the Americas.** Edited by James P. Byrne, Philip Coleman, and Jason King. Santa Barbara, Calif. : ABC-CLIO, Inc., 2008. [Available online for UofT use only: www.library.utoronto.ca/Search E-resources for “Ireland and the Americas”.]
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA906 .E52 2003]

With more than 5,000 articles on a wide range of topics—including art, biography, politics, and religion—this encyclopedia is more comprehensive than Brady’s *Encyclopedia of Ireland* (below). Regrettably, there are no bibliographical references.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA911 .M34 2006]

[Available online for UofT use only: www.library.utoronto.ca/.  
Search E-resources for “medieval Ireland”.]  
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA933 .M43 2005]

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA906 .E53 2000]

Brief articles about people, places, institutions, and events. No bibliographical references.

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – DA912 .I48 2001]

This dictionary contains many colour illustrations.

[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – DA405 .M35 2004]

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA950 .H5 2003]

Brief articles cover both Irelands since 1800. Besides including articles on political, economic and military history, the editors devote space to the arts, literature, folk customs, and religion. The single-volume work includes cross-references.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA920 .F57 1992]

Covering from the Mesolithic Era to the end of the Medieval period, this illustrated dictionary defines and describes artefacts and sites, as well refers readers to other, more in-depth sources.


[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA925 .B47 1998]

This encyclopedia covers arts, artists and intellectuals, and ideas in Ireland from 1450 to the present.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area - DA990 .U46 E44 1999]  
Includes a detailed chronology and dictionary of Northern Ireland politics.

This single volume encyclopedia includes an index and a bibliography.

Handbook and select Calendar of Sources for Medieval Ireland in the National Archives of the United Kingdom. Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2005.  

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA34 .C28 1985]  
Articles are arranged chronologically with an introductory overview for each historical period. Emphasis is on political, economic, social and diplomatic history. This 392 page single volume encyclopedia includes maps, illustrations, photographs, biographies and bibliographies. Cross-referenced with a subject index.

COLLECTIONS OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

[St. Michael's 2nd Floor – DA905 .I7 1943]  

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA950 .I69 1992]  
This collection of 142 documents covers all aspects of Irish society. Documents include polls, newspaper articles, official reports, and transcripts of radio broadcasts—organized into eight chronological periods. An introductory essay begins each period.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – Z2041 .K362 1979]  
An introduction and guide to the manuscript and printed sources for the ecclesiastical history of Ireland up to the 12th century.

[Robarts Library – DA905 .E38 1985]  
A collection of primary source documents and a guide to using them for research purposes. Includes chapters on historiography and archival collections.
## ATLAS AND GAZETTEERS

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – CB206.H29 2001]

**Atlas and Cyclopedia of Ireland.** New York: Murphy & McCarthy, 1902.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA975.J6]

Part I of this work includes a survey article, maps and photographs of the thirty-two counties. Part II is a general history of Ireland from ancient times to 1867.

[St. Michael's 2nd Floor Stacks – G1831.S1 E3 2005 SMC]

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA911.A84 1997]

Historical maps are accompanied by scholarly text, photographs and reproductions of artistic and textual primary sources. Includes a section on the Irish abroad.

**Dictionary of Irish Placenames.** Baile Atha Cliath: Brun agus Ó Nualláin, 1937.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA979.F6 1935]

A simple listing of Irish place names translated from English to Gaelic.

**Onomasticon Goedelicum.** Dublin: Hodges, Figgis, 1910.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA979.H6 1910]

An index with identifications to Gaelic place names and tribes.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA980.H26]

Includes illustrations, maps, and photographs.

**Ireland’s History in Maps.**
[Available online: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~irlkik/ihm/]

Twenty historical maps showing the history of Ireland from 150 B.C. to the famine of the 1840s.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA979.O274 2001]

Detailed descriptions of the meaning of geographic place names in Ireland such as *abbey* and *ville*.

## CHRONOLOGIES


A listing of events arranged by date as opposed to an historical narrative. Focus is on 19th and 20th century religious, social and cultural events. Includes an excellent subject index.

**Conflict in Northern Ireland.** Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 1999.
[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA990.U46 E44 1999]
Includes a detailed chronology and dictionary of Northern Ireland politics.

**BIOGRAPHY**


[St. Michael’s 1st Floor Reference Area – CT862 .D53 2009]

See *Encyclopedias and Dictionaries*, p. 1.


[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – CT862 .B69 1998]

This 462-page work includes a bibliography.


[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA916. C7 1937]

Contains 290 pages of biographical sketches.


[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – CT793 .W48]

A handbook and biographical reference for Ireland and the Irish.


[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – CT3650 .I73 O24 1996]


[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA916 .02]

Contains biographical sketches of more than 1,500 distinguished Irish Celts, with both subject and geographic indexes.


[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA962.035]

Contains a chronology of main incidents, and separate lists of the dead for both sides in the conflict.


[Victoria University, Pratt Library Reference – CT862 .M63 1996]


[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA916.8 .L63 1981]

**BIBLIOGRAPHIES**


A bibliography of bibliographies for Irish history and area studies.

*Writings on Irish History.* Dublin: Irish Committee of Historical Sciences, 1986-present.

[Robarts 4th Floor Reference Area – Z2041 .W75 1984 + ]
A microfiche collection. Annual updates are organized by chronological period. This work lists books, articles and essays on all periods of Irish history.


[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – DA906 .L47]

A guide to library collections, private collections, and book dealers’ catalogues of interest to those involved in all areas of Irish research.


[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – Z2041 .A8]

A classed bibliography of more than 700 items.

**Bibliography of Irish History.** Dublin: Published for the Department of Education by the Stationery Office, 1936-1940.

[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – Z2041 .C32]

A two volume set. Volume 1 covers the years 1870-1911 and volume 2, the years 1912-1921.

**BUBL Link: Ireland.**

[http://bubl.ac.uk/link/i/ireland.htm]

An established and respected catalogue of selected Internet sources about Ireland.

See also:

Irish Archaeology [http://bubl.ac.uk/link/i/irisharchaeology.htm]
Irish History [http://bubl.ac.uk/link/i/irishhistory.htm]
Irish Literature [http://bubl.ac.uk/link/i/irishliterature.htm]


[St. Michael's 1st Floor Reference Area – HQ1600.2 .B7 1988]

**HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS**

**19th Century British Library Newspapers.**

[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca
Search E-resources for 19th century british library.]

Eleven 19th Century Celtic newspapers (5 from Wales, 2 from Ireland, and 4 from Scotland) are now partially available online at UofT in this collection, selected by the British Library.

**America’s Historical Newspapers, 1690-1876.**

[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca
Search E-resources for america’s historical newspapers.]

This source is excellent if you are researching the Irish population in 19th Century America. Besides searching this database in e-resources, you can look up the many small 18th and 19th Century newspapers it covers individually in the UofT Libraries Catalogue.
FINDING JOURNAL ARTICLES

To find articles in scholarly journals, the best place to go is an article database. To find articles related to your subject area, go to www.library.utoronto.ca/ and under the Subjects A to Z tab scroll down to your subject area —i.e. Celtic Studies—and click GO. You’ll find a list of online databases containing relevant articles, as well as other online resources such as encyclopedias, dictionaries and research guides. Besides finding articles, article databases also round up book reviews, book chapters, dissertations and even book titles. In most cases, you can limit your search to articles if you wish.

**Historical Abstracts.**
[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca
Search the catalogue for “MLA International Bibliography”.

Citations to more than half a million journal articles (with annotations) on world history of the world (excluding the United States and Canada) from 1450 to the present.

**Humanities Abstracts.**
[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca
Search the catalogue for “Humanities Abstracts”. Then click the link for the database with the note: H.W. Wilson (non-journal)

Citations to journal articles from over 400 English-language periodicals covering the areas of archaeology, classical studies, art, philosophy, history, music, linguistics, literature, and religion.

**British Humanities Index.**
[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca
Search the catalogue for “British Humanities Index”.

The British Humanities Index is a good source for local history in the British Isles.

**IMB: International Medieval Bibliography.**
[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca
Search the catalogue for “imb: International Medieval Bibliography”.

The major index to journal articles about medieval studies.

**Iter: Gateway to the Middle Ages and Renaissance.**
[Available online for UofT use: http://www.library.utoronto.ca
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Bibliographical references to over 135,000 journal articles published in over 300 journals, from 1843 to the present.

**Arts & Humanities Citation Index (through the Web of Knowledge).**
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Search the catalogue for arts humanities citation; limit your search by title.

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