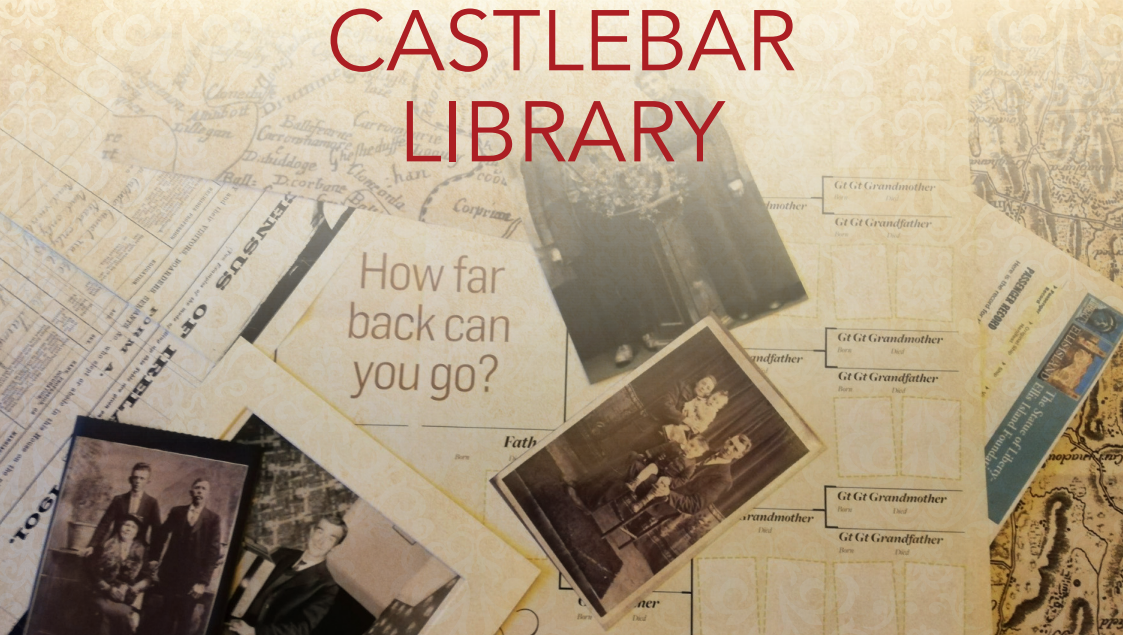


LOCAL STUDIES

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CASTLEBAR LIBRARY



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Mayo County Council



Mayo County Library collects, preserves and makes available for reference, material relating to the history and heritage of the county. All of the branch libraries hold collections relating to the local history of their surrounding area. The main Local Studies Department is located in Castlebar Library and is the repository for a wealth of material on the history and heritage of County Mayo from the earliest times to the present.

Mayo County Library has continually acquired and produced material of local interest - books, manuscripts, journals, newspapers, photographs, maps, microfilm etc. The result is an extremely comprehensive collection.

In this booklet we outline a selection of items in the collection. Some items can be accessed online at mayo.ie/library. You can discover the history of your parish or the stories of the lives of famous Mayo people such as Michael Davitt or George Moore. Our service is available to anyone who is interested in local, social or family history. All are welcome whether it is for personal interest, professional research, or academic pursuits.

Queries by phone, email or post are welcome.
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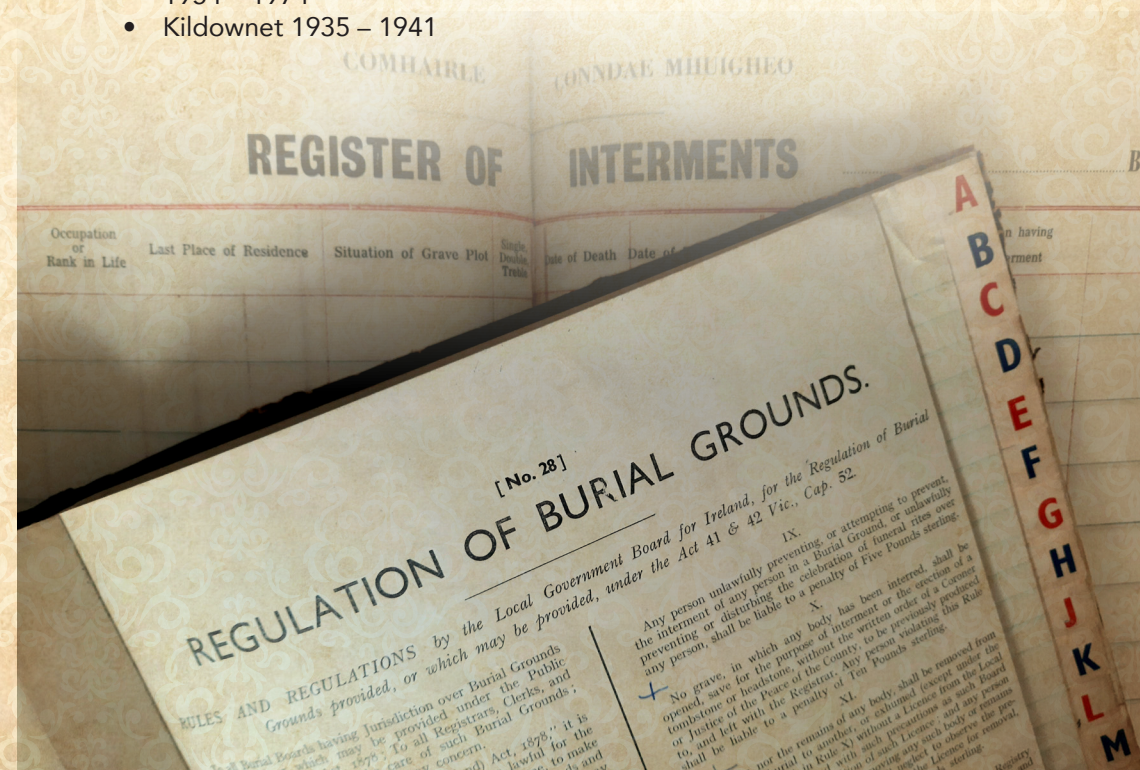
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List of Graveyard Registers Held at Castlebar Library

- Achill 1947 – 1972
- Aughamore 1907 – 1935 and 1955 – 1983
- Ballinasmala 1927 – 1956
- Ballyhaunis 1950 – 1976
- Ballyheane 1933 – 1963
- Belderrig 1951 – 1967
- Bofeenau 1930 – 1991
- Bonnifinglas 1953 – 1977
- Bunnacurry 1969 – 1984
- Churchfield 1978 – 1979
- Cloghans 1912 – 1955
- Elmhall 1939 – 1983
- Foxford 1909 – 1987
- Geesala 1937 – 1982
- Islandeady 1934 – 1970
- Kilcolman 1935 – 1958
- Kilconduff 1934 – 1954 and 1954 – 1974
- Kildownet 1935 – 1941
- Kilfian 1935 – 1960
- Kilgalligan 1935 – 1979
- Kilgeever 1951 – 1972
- Killasser 1935 – 1966
- Killeen (Cloonlara) 1939 – 1986
- Kilmaine 1931 – 1973 and 1973 – 1987
- Kilvine 1952 – 1958
- Myna (Kilmeena) 1943 – 1984
- Templemary 1938 – 1965 and 1966 – 1980
- Termoncarra 1969 – 1980
- Tourmakeady 1957 – 1975 and 1983 – 1988
- Urlaur 1947 – 1977

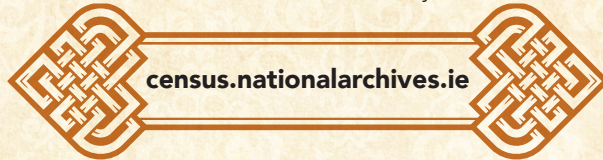
Register of Interment Charges
1952 – 1975 for Castlebar Graveyard.



Genealogy

Mayo County Library holds a range of Genealogy records which can assist you with your study. While we do not provide a genealogical service we can offer advice and assistance on how to begin your search. Many resources are now available online:

The Census returns of 1901 and 1911 for every household in Ireland



Property records for all Ireland compiled between 1847 and 1864 are known as Griffith's Valuations. The records for Mayo were compiled c.1855.



The Ordnance Survey Name Books for County Mayo were compiled in 1838. They can be used to find the location together with a brief description of a particular place or townland.



The Tithe Applotment Books were compiled between 1823 and 1837 in order to determine the amount which occupiers of agricultural holdings over one acre should pay in tithes to the Protestant Church. Not all property was to be subject to tithes.



Baptismal and marriage records up to the year 1880 for the majority of the Catholic parishes in Ireland have been digitized and are available online from the National Library. These records are in the form of images of the pages in the actual registers and are not indexed.



The records for the parishes in County Mayo have been indexed by the two Mayo Family History Centers and can be searched online. There are charges to access the data but preliminary searches are free.



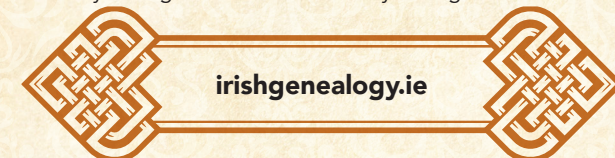
Headstones in North County Mayo. Photographic catalogues of the legible gravestones from almost every burial ground in north Mayo (79 cemeteries, 22,000 photos). They are free to browse and search.



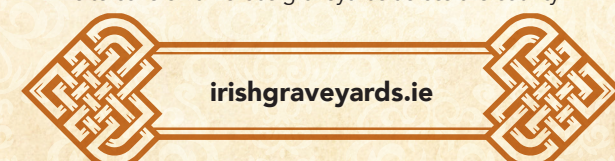
Details of persons arriving at Ellis Island, New York in the period 1892 to 1924 have been digitized and are available at



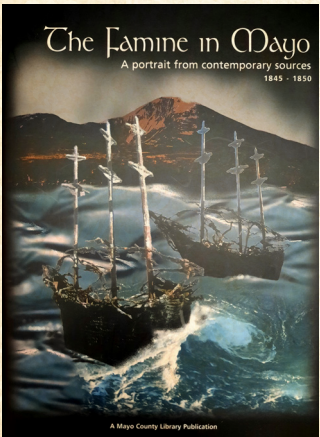
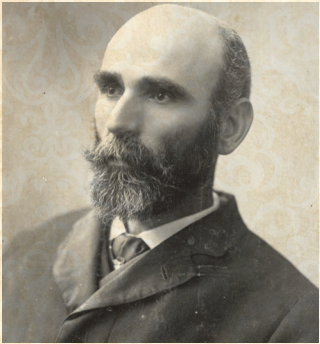
General Register Office: civil registration of records of births over 100 years ago, marriages over 75 years ago and deaths over 50 years ago are available at



IGS provide a data recording and mapping service, recording and plotting the details of every grave within a graveyard. The data is displayed on a sign at the graveyard and also online. The site covers numerous graveyards across the county.



Special Collections



- Michael Davitt (1846-1906) complete works and related biographical and historical material.
- 1798 Rebellion - events in Mayo. A collection of books, articles, maps and illustrations.
- The Great Famine in County Mayo. A collection of books, articles and illustrations.
- British Parliamentary Papers, Famine Series, Vol. 1-8 Irish University Press 1968-1970.
- Ballinrobe Poor Law Union Records 1844-1926 - Minute Books, financial records, outdoor relief records, outgoing letter books.
- The Irish Tourist Association (ITA) Topographical and General Survey which was compiled in the early 1940s.
- Mayo County Committee of Agriculture Minute Books 1901-1988.
- Manuscript documents of Fr. Patrick J. Burke of the Columban Fathers, formerly of Castlebar. The collection contains diaries and reports written by Fr. Burke during his period as a correspondent covering the Korean and Vietnam wars.
- Minute book of Ballina Town Commissioners 18 October 1879 to 5th September 1892.
- Digest of Evidence taken before Her Majesty's Commissioners of Inquiry into the state of the Law and Practice in respect to the Occupation of Land in Ireland. H.M.S.O. 1847 (Devon Commission).
- Report of Her Majesty's Commissioners of Inquiry into the working of the Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act, 1870 (Bessborough Commission).
- Congested Districts Board for Ireland. Socio-economic Reports on 21 Districts in County Mayo.

Journals

The library subscribes to several local publications including:

- Castlebar Parish Magazine (annually, from 1971).
- Cathair na Mart; Journal of the Westport Historical Society (annually, from 1982).
- North Mayo Historical and Archaeological Society Journal (annually, 1982-1995).



JSTOR: A database of academic journals and books is available in all libraries in Mayo. Additional publications held in the collection include:

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| • An Coinneal (Louisburgh) | • Cunga (Cong) |
| • Annagh Magazine (Ballyhaunis) | • Glór Achadh Mór (Aughamore) |
| • Back the Road (Newport Historical Society) | • Knock Shrine Annual |
| • Ballindine Post | • Mayo Association Yearbook |
| • Bohola Post | • Muintir Acla (Achill) |
| • Cáirde (Knockmore Rathduff) | • Roundfort, Robeen & Carra |
| • Cill Damhnait (Achill) | • Swinford Echo |
| • Clann Mhuiris (Claremorris Historical Society) | • The Bridge (Ballinrobe) |
| • Crossboyne | • Turlough Post |
| • Crossmolina | • Waterfall (Tourmakeady) |

Schools' Folklore Collection

The Schools' Scheme of 1937-1938 represented one of the greatest drives ever undertaken in the field of folklore collecting. These records are available online at duchas.ie. Castlebar Library also holds microfilm copies of most of the material collected by schools in County Mayo. The quality and quantity of the material collected by each school varies.

War of Independence

- British in Ireland – Records of the Dublin Castle Administration in Ireland.
- Royal Irish Constabulary (R.I.C.) Monthly Reports and Returns of Outrages 1892 – 1897.
- Inspector Generals' (R.I.C.) and County Inspectors' Monthly Reports 1898 – 1913.
- Inspector Generals' (R.I.C.) and County Inspectors' Monthly Reports 1914-1918, and Police Reports 1920-1921.
- Public Control and Administration 1884-1921.
- Judicial Proceedings, Enquiries and Miscellaneous Records 1872-1926.
- Sinn Fein and Republican Suspects 1899-1921.
- Irish Distress and Irish Grants Committee 1922-30. Detailed submissions made by 154 persons in Mayo, who remained loyal to the Crown during the War of Independence, in support of applications for compensation for maltreatment or personal loss.



Newspaper Illustrations

The Maggie Blann collection at Mayo County Library contains an extensive set of Nineteenth Century prints on a range of subjects. The prints are from a number of newspapers including The Illustrated London News, Harpers Weekly and The Graphic.



Photographic Archive

- The Wynne Collection - Approximately 2000 photographs taken by Thomas Wynne, Castlebar and his descendants dating from 1870.
- Lawrence Collection of the National Library - selected views only.
- Miscellaneous images including Fr. Browne and Bord Failte Archives.
- The Sexton Collection- Approximately 400 photographs collected by Sean Sexton.
- Postcards - County Mayo scenes commencing c.1900.



Newspapers

Issues of Historic Local Newspapers on Microfilm at Castlebar Library.

Name	Town	Start of Collection	End of Collection
Achill Missionary Herald	Dugort	01/1844	12/1846
Achill Missionary Herald	Dugort	11/1853	12/1858
Achill Missionary Herald	Dugort	01/1859	12/1861
The Aegis	Castlebar	23/06/1841	26/11/1842
Ballina Advertiser	Ballina	10/01/1840	10/11/1843
Ballina Chronicle	Ballina	02/05/1849	14/08/1851
Ballina Herald	Ballina	22/10/1891	21/07/1892
Ballina Herald	Ballina	01/09/1892	10/11/1892
Ballina Herald*	Ballina	17/04/1913	22/06/1922
Ballina Herald*	Ballina	03/08/1922	25/12/1924
Ballina Herald*	Ballina	14/01/1926	28/04/1926
Ballina Impartial	Ballina	13/01/1823	16/11/1835
Ballina Journal	Ballina	13/11/1882	11/03/1895
Ballinrobe Chronicle*	Ballinrobe	22/09/1866	1/10/1903
Connaught Telegraph* (Connaught Ranger)	Castlebar	22/09/1830 31/08/1870	13/05/1876 current
Connaught Watchman	Ballina	02/08/1851	03/10/1863
Mayo Constitution	Castlebar	03/01/1828	18/11/1871
Mayo Examiner	Castlebar	06/07/1868	06/06/1903
Mayoman	Castlebar	14/06/1919	30/10/1920
Mayoman	Castlebar	19/02/1921	11/06/1921
Mayo Mercury	Castlebar	25/01/1840	06/03/1841
Mayo News*	Westport	07/01/1893	current
Tyrawly Herald	Ballina	25/01/1844	01/09/1870
Western Gem	Ballina	01/04/1843	09/12/1843
Western Journal*	Ballina	03/06/1977	11/03/1983
Western People*	Ballina	04/05/1889	current

*These newspapers are now in digital format and can be accessed at all libraries in County Mayo through the Irish Newspaper Archives which also provides online access to several provincial and national newspapers.



Estate Rental Records

- James D.H. Browne: Claremorris & environs 1860.
- Lord Oranmore: Castlemagarrett, Ballindine & environs 1834.
- Earl of Lucan: Aglish, Kilmaclasser, Kilmeena, Aghagower, Oughaval, Kilgeever, Turlough & Breaffy. 1834-1839 & 1848-1873 (Microfilm, no maps included).
- National Building & Land Investment Co: Portroyal Estate 1891.
- Gray Estate: Castlebar, Balla, & Claremorris 1863.
- Rutledge Estate: Several districts throughout County Mayo 1861.
- Treston Estate: Barnagreggaun, Knockaunakill & Harefield 1865.
- Rowan Estate: Toomore 1890.
- Richard Cuffe Prendergast: Drumneen 1884.
- Fitzgerald: Turlough, Keellogues and environs 1904, 1906, 1908-1913 (original manuscript ledgers, no maps included).

The following estate records can be accessed online.

- The estate of Sir Francis Lynch-Blosse, Baronies of Carra and Clanmaurice.
- Miscellaneous maps of the estate of Sir Robert Lynch-Blosse.
- A survey of the Estate of Garret Moore.



Maps

The collection holds a wide range of maps of County Mayo, including the detailed map by William Bald from the early 19th century, numerous Ordnance Survey maps and a selection of estate maps. The online mapping system allows users to search a place and see how it has changed over time.

Detail from William Bald's Map of Mayo

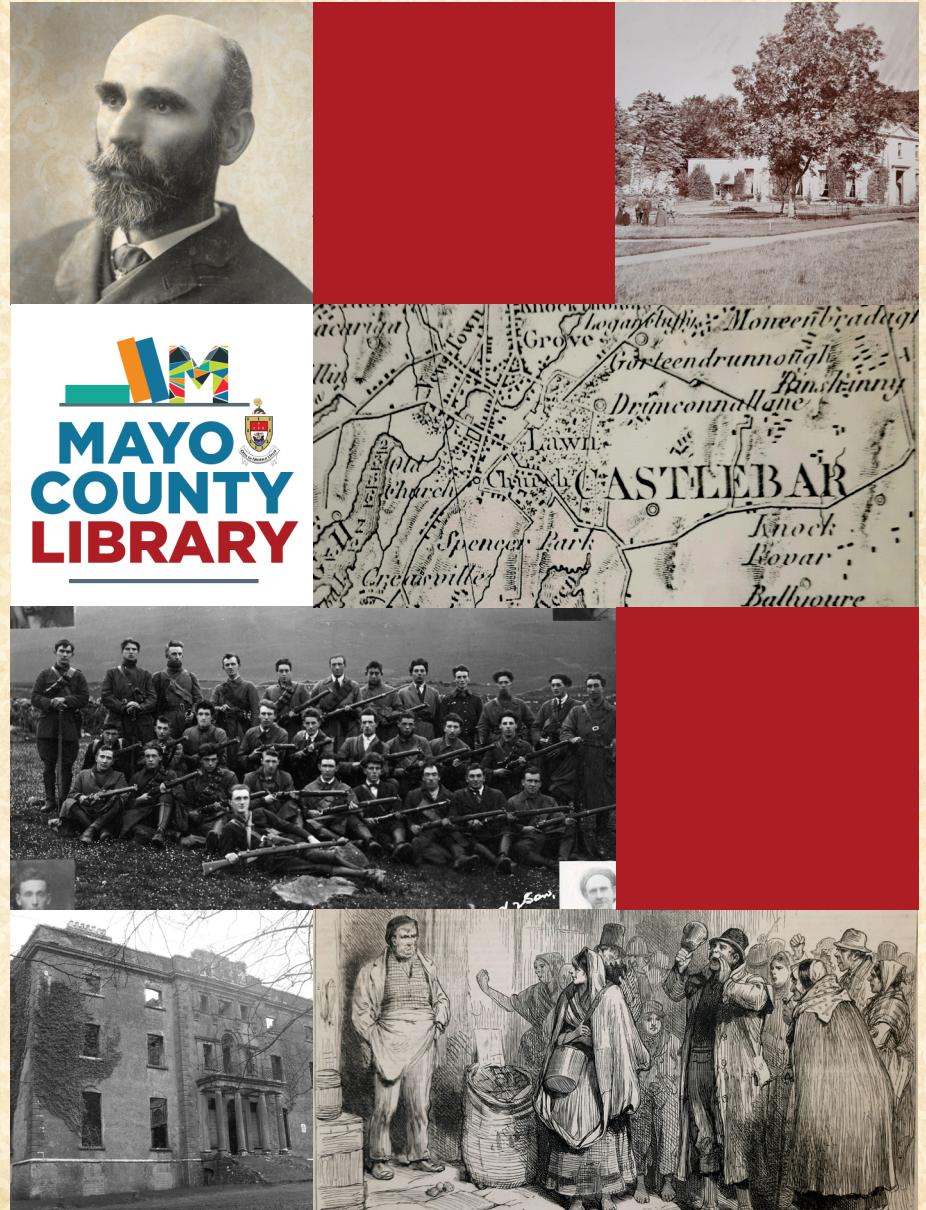
- A map of the Maritime County of Mayo in 25 sheets commenced in 1809 and terminated in 1817 by William Bald F.R.S.E. Printed in 1830 (scale 2 inches).
- Ordnance Survey six inch maps of County Mayo 1838.
- Ordnance Survey six inch maps of County Mayo 1900.

Notes



The limbs that move, the eyes that see,
these are not entirely me;
Dead men and women helped to shape,
the mold that I do not escape;
The words I speak, the written line,
these are not uniquely mine.
For in my heart and in my will, old
ancestors are warring still,
Celt, Roman, Saxon and all the dead,
from whose rich blood my veins are fed,
In aspect, gesture, voices, tone,
flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone;
In fields they tilled, I plow the sod,
I walk the mountain paths they trod;
Around my daily steps arise –
the good, the bad – those I comprise.

By Richard Rolle
c 1300 – 1349, early English Mystic



Plan Your Visit

Before visiting please contact the library to confirm that the item required is currently available. Also note that some items (e.g. newspapers) are microfilm format so it is advisable to pre-book a microfilm reader machine. Persons visiting to view the digitized newspapers are advised to bring a USB key to save data.

Note: The library is closed on Mondays and also on Saturdays which precede a bank holiday Monday.

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