



Joining the Dots

Finding Irish Families in North American & New Zealand Records

Dates for Civil Registration:

Australia

Tasmania in 1838, Western Australia in 1841, South Australia in 1842, Victoria in 1853, Queensland in 1856, New South Wales in 1856, Northern Territory in 1870, and Australian Capital Territory in 1911.

New Zealand

- Birth and Death 1848
- Marriage 1854

England and Wales

- 1837

Scotland

- 1855

Ireland

- 1864 (Church of Ireland marriages from 1845).

Canada

Civil registration (birth, marriage, and death records) is **not a federal jurisdiction in Canada**. The most efficient way to find records is to start with [Family Search Canada indexed records](#). You can also search on [Ancestry](#), [Find My Past](#), and [My Heritage](#). Each has an extensive range of Canadian records.

USA

The United States does **not** have a federal system for recording BDMs (or Vital Records). This is done primarily at a state level. Further information can be found at [FamilySearch](#).



USA Records

[US Federal Census Collection - Ancestry](#)

[Irish Immigrant Advertisements Placed in "The Boston Pilot," 1831-1920](#)

[Passport Applications 1795-1925](#)

[NEW York, US., Emigrant Savings Bank Records 1850-1883](#)

Canada

[Censuses – Canadian Government](#)

Canadian Government New Census Search [Censuses](#) (beta)

[Irish Embassy](#)

[The Canada Gazette 1841-1997](#) (Official newspaper of the Government of Canada).

New Zealand

[Story of migration to NZ](#)

[National Library Guide to NZ Family History](#)

[NZ Electoral Rolls](#)

[Papers Past NZ](#)

FAMILY SEARCH

[New Zealand, Archives New Zealand, Passenger Lists, 1839-1973](#)

[New Zealand Emigration and Immigration](#)

Census Records

Most New Zealand census returns have been destroyed – only statistical information is available.