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BOOKS & JOURNALS

BOOKS

- History of Limerick... by John Ferrar (1787) ■
- Limerick; its History and Antiquities... by Maurice Lenihan (1866) ■
- Round About the County of Limerick by Rev. James Dowd (1896) ■
- The Cromwellian Settlement County Limerick by James Grene Barry (1900) ■
- The Glamour of Limerick by A. J. O'Halloran (1928) ■
- Worthies of Thomond by Robert Herbert (1944 & '46) ■
- Limerick City Street Names by Gerry Joyce (1995) ■
- Limerick Municipal Elections 1841 to 2009 compiled by John Cusack and Liam Hanley ■
- James and George Pain – Gothic architects [thesis] by David Lee (2003) ■
- In the Shadow of the Spire: a Profile of St. John's Parish ■
- Reflections on Kildimo – a Journal of Local History by Fr. Martin McCormack ■
- Two Centuries of Popular Education... 1700-1900 [thesis] by Michael V. (Milo) Spillane (1973) ■
- A Visit to Knock by T O'C (Limerick, 1880) ■
- Ireland's Naturall History by Gerard Boate (1652) ■
- Municipal Corporation Boundaries (Ireland) – Reports and Plans [maps] (1837) ■
- Cruise's Royal Hotel (c.1950) ■
- If Those Trees Could Speak : the story of an ascendancy family by Frank Tracy [Massy family history] ■
- Maunsell Family by W W Mansell (c.1850) ■
- The Nunans of the Province of Munster by Francis Nunan Howard ■
- Limerick Harbour Directory 1890 ■
- History of Limerick [notes for slide show of Limerick history] by A. Ó Dubhghaill ■
- Féile Pádraig Annual 1957 ■
- Limerick Clothing Factory 1850-1950 ■
- The Life of Sarsfield by R. Barry O'Brien ■
- The Life and Times of Patrick Sarsfield (printed by Guy & Co., George Street, Limerick) ■
- Recollections of an Irish Police Magistrate [Thomas Phillips Vokes], 1862 ■
- Some Members of the Munster Circuit by Patrick Lynch, 1946 ■

JOURNALS

- Our Catholic Life [Limerick diocesan journal] (1954-70) 
- Hatch 33 [Journal of the Limerick Centre for the Unemployed] (1987-97) 
- The Old Limerick Journal, volumes 1 to 48 (1979-2014) 
- Journal of The Limerick Field Club [precursor to the North Munster Antiquarian Journal], volumes 1 to 3 (1897-1908) 
- Limerick Socialist (1972-81) 
- The Bottom Dog (1975-76) 
- Night Times [entertainment journal] (1990/91) 
- Scéal Chatha Luimnigh/Limerick War News [Civil War-era journal] (1922) 

[LOCAL STUDIES FILES](#)

A scrapbook encyclopaedia of Limerick

Mostly newspaper cuttings on subjects of Limerick interest, arranged alphabetically (from Abbey Fishermen to Young Munster RFC).

1,700 subjects listed, with coverage varying from a single item to extensive files of several hundred items.

[OBITUARIES, DEATH NOTICES, FUNERAL REPORTS, ETC. FROM THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE NEWSPAPER](#)

Year-by-year listings of deaths from 1781 to 1944 – over 27,000 entries

Scan of newspaper extract available for every entry

Also alphabetical listings, from Abbott to Young

[LIMERICK CITY & COUNTY TRADES and STREET DIRECTORIES](#)

Full scans of Limerick City and County content of over 50 directories, from 1769 to 1976

Allied to which is:

[LIMERICK CITY TRADES REGISTER](#)

Database of more than 60,000 entries of Limerick City-related content from Trades and Street Directories from 1769 to 1920

Searchable by name, address, trade, date & directory

[REGISTERS OF ELECTORS FOR LIMERICK CITY ELECTORAL AREA](#)

A to Z listings for Limerick City registers of electors, 1885 and 1923

Full scans of registers of electors, Limerick City electoral area, 1925, 1931, 1940, 1945, 1950

[COUNTY LIMERICK GRAND JURY PRESENTMENTS BOOKS, 1807-1900](#)

This is an important primary research source for the study of Limerick history and a promising aid in family history research. The family history relevance is that the proposals include the names of proposed contractors. On occasion, they may also specify the work to be done by reference to the property of individuals.

[1916 COMMEMORATIVE MATERIALS](#)

- Limerick Leader newspaper – all editions of The Limerick Leader for the year 1916
- book, The Secret History of the Irish Volunteers by The O’Rahilly (1915)
- book, Souvenir Booklet of Public Funeral of O’Donovan Rossa (1915)
- journal, The Spark [52 issues, February 1915 to January 1916]
- book, Cuimhníonn ar Luimnigh (published in 1966 for the 50th anniversary commemoration of the 1916 Easter Rising)
- 1916/2016 Centenary Programme booklet

[MAPPING LIMERICK CASUALTIES IN WORLD WAR I](#)

The map shows the location where each Limerick casualty during WW1 is commemorated. Click on the placemark to identify the casualty. Each placemark is colour coded by age. We have generated individual GPS coordinates for every casualty. These coordinates are not the exact location of their plaque but are instead close to the commemoration site, giving each its own space.

O'DWYER LENTEN PASTORALS

The Pastoral Letters of Bishop Edward Thomas O'Dwyer, 1887 to 1917

[Presented in association with Limerick Diocesan Archives]

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION SURVEY

Survey of Limerick, presented on a parish-by-parish basis, conducted by the Irish Tourist Association (precursor to Bórd Fáilte/The Irish Tourism Board)

The Irish Tourist Association was a precursor of Bord Fáilte. It sponsored the survey of Limerick (as well as other counties) with a view to assessing its potential for tourism. The Limerick survey was carried out in 1943/44 by the noted archaeologists Ralph Lucas and P. J. Lynch, who completed several detailed forms on the parishes (Roman Catholic) around the county and including Limerick City. The survey form was quite extensive. The survey compilers listed items of topographical interest, geological features, mansions and castles, and customs and patterns. They also had to make an inventory of amenities, give general information on towns and villages, list dance halls, cinemas, industries, handcrafts, fairs and markets, and petrol stations. Copious notes were taken, often illustrated with pencil drawings—the one for Manister Abbey being particularly detailed. These notes now give us a valuable insight into Limerick social history in the 1940s. The types of bed and breakfasts were listed, together with a commentary on whether they had facilities such as bathrooms, toilets, etc.

Besides completing the survey forms, the archaeologists took black-and-white 'box brownie' photographs of antiquities deemed to be potential tourist attractions. These were placed in envelopes and clipped onto the survey forms. We include these photographs here.

[Adapted from 'The Irish Tourist Board Association Survey: a forgotten Limerick resource' by Margaret Franklin, *History Ireland*, vol. 11, no. 4, Winter 2003]

THE SÉAMUS Ó CEALLAIGH GAA COLLECTION

BOOKS

- Gaelic Athletic Annuals & Yearbooks for 1907, 1908, 1910, 1927, 1932, 1934, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1946, 1957
- Story of The GAA (1916)
- Fifty Years of Irish Athletics (1925)
- Gaelic Days by Séamus Ó Ceallaigh (1944)
- Aonach Tailteann, or Tailteann Games: their origin, history... by T. H. Nally
- How to Play Gaelic Football by Dick Fitzgerald (1914)
- Twenty Years of the GAA, 1910 – 1930, compiled by Phil O’Neill (1930)

JOURNALS

- An Camán (1931-1934)
- An Gaedheal (1934-1937)
- Gaelic Quarterly Review (1936-1937)
- Gaelic Echo (1941-1958)
- Gaelic Sport (1958-1988)
- Gaelic Weekly News (1968-1969)
- Gaelic News (1969-1970)
- Cuchulainn Annual (1957-1975)

1934 JUBILEE SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS

- Golden Jubilee Souvenir (116 pages)
- Irish Independent Golden Jubilee Souvenir (108 pages)
- Irish Press Golden Jubilee Souvenir (100 pages)
- Irish Independent GAA Golden Jubilee Congress Record (8 pages)

GREAT LIMERICK SPORTSMEN

Over 200 biographical profiles of Limerick footballers, hurlers, athletes and cyclists.

Written by Séamus Ó Ceallaigh and published as a series in The Limerick Leader newspaper over ten years, from the 1950s.

LIMERICK GAA CLUB FILES

Scrapbook files (mostly newspaper clippings) on 45 Limerick GAA clubs

[FAMILY HISTORIES](#)

Research materials (of varying levels of depth) relating to about 90 notable families associated with Limerick

[FIELD NAME BOOKS OF LIMERICK](#)

More than 1,700 pages of notes taken by surveyors, relating to the first ordnance survey of County Limerick, c.1840

Maps also included – clickable parishes map and alphabetical listings by parish

[WHO'S WHO OF LIMERICK](#)

An alphabetical listing of more than 700 notable people associated with Limerick, giving bibliographic references to books in the Limerick City & County Library collection

[WITNESS STATEMENTS \(WAR OF INDEPENDENCE\)](#)

Statements made by 120 participants from Limerick & Tipperary in the Irish War of Independence period, c.1913-1921

[‘SALE OF LIMERICK’ CATALOGUE, 1907](#)

Set of 17 maps of large portion of Limerick City and liberties

Over 200 individual lots accessible, showing map and details of each lot

[CENSUS 1901 & 1911](#)

Householder listings for Limerick City & County for 1901 and 1911 censuses

Rendered somewhat obsolete by the National Archives census resource but still very useful for cross-checking purposes

[NEWSPAPERS COLLECTION](#)

Listings of newspapers available in Limerick City & County Library collection – microfilm and hardcopy

VARIOUS OTHER RESOURCES

- Calendar of Wills in the Diocese of Limerick, 1615-1800 ■
- Freemen of Limerick, 1746 – 1836 ■
- 1817 Election (report & electors lists) ■
- 1829 Freeholders in Limerick City & environs (the County of the City of Limerick) ■
- 1837 Electoral List ■
- The Guilds of Limerick, 1840 ■
- Griffith's Valuation of Limerick City, 1850 (A-Z householder listings) ■
- Analysis of the Late Election of Limerick, 1852 ■
- Owners of Land of One Acre and Upwards in the County of Limerick, 1876 ■
- Owners of Limerick-registered motor vehicles, 1912-1914 ■
- Some charts from the 1837 Shannon Navigation Report ■
- Researcher's Handbook by Sinéad McCoole ■