

# Ireland Griffiths Valuation

Tithe and valuation records are some of the most valuable records in Ireland, especially with the loss of most of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century census records.

## Objectives

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You will be able to:

- 1- Know how to access Griffiths Valuation website.
- 2- Search for ancestor's land in the 1800s.
- 3- Use the Townland Valuation Translator.

## What is Griffiths Valuation?

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- The Griffiths Valuation was a tithe on taxable property for anyone who owned or rented land or a house. Was taken once for your ancestor's townland between 1847-1864.
- An estimated 80-90% of the heads of households are included.
- Can lead to information about the house and land.
- A good brief description on [www.johngrenham.com](http://www.johngrenham.com).
- Townland valuations used to determine a tax amount to support the poor
- Valuation started in the southwest and finished in the northeast over 17 years.
- Publication of the records begin in 1853 and was completed in 1865.

## How to access the Griffiths Valuation

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The Griffiths Valuation has been digitized and is available for searching online. Here are the following sites you can get access:

- <http://www.askaboutireland.ie> – Free access to the Griffiths Valuation. Also includes the townland maps where ancestor lived.
- <https://www.ancestry.com> – Subscription site
- <https://www.findmypast.co.uk> – Subscription site

### Steps to accessing the Griffiths Primary Valuation:

Askaboutireland.ie	Ancestry.com	Findmypast.com
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. On the homepage click on Griffith's Valuation.</li><li>2. Enter your ancestors name and the county and/or parish where they lived.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Go to Search.</li><li>2. Click Card Catalog.</li><li>3. Under the Keywords search type, "Griffiths Valuation."</li><li>4. Click the Ireland Griffith's Valuation, link 1847-1864.</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Go to Search.</li><li>2. Click All record sets.</li><li>3. In the search box type "Griffiths".</li></ol>

## What information will you find in the Griffiths Valuation?

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The Griffiths Valuation identifies:

- Who was the head of household for a given period of time, which may have included women.
- Key information on your ancestor's land, house, and offices which were used for housing the animals or storage.
- Where your ancestor lived in the townland.
- How many acres was your ancestor's land.
- Your ancestor's neighbors and where they lived.
- Who the landowner was to whom your ancestor paid rent.

## The Townland Valuation Translator

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Using the information gathered from the Griffiths Valuation, you can now use the Townland Valuation Translator which will give you additional information regarding the type of soil your ancestors had and what types of crops would best be grown on the land. In addition, it will give you information about the surrounding area, the type of house your ancestor likely lived in and what their social status was like.

### To access the Townland Valuation Translator:

1. Go to <http://townlandvaluationtranslator.weebly.com>
2. Enter the information on your ancestor's land from the Griffiths Valuation. This includes the Area and the Rateable Annual Value.
3. After entering the information and clicking enter, scroll down through the various pages of information on your ancestor's land.

## Additional Information

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In addition to the Griffiths Valuation, you can learn additional information about your ancestor's land including who the land was passed to and when.

To learn more about Ireland land records go to [Wiki.familysearch.org](http://Wiki.familysearch.org) and in the search box type "Ireland Land and Property Records." You can also type in "Ireland Taxation" and scroll down to read about the Valuation Office Revision Books.