

## Your Family Tree Series: 27



### Cemetery Records

If you are trying to trace your family history back to the time before civil registration began in 1864, and you can not find any surviving church records, then cemetery, burial ground or graveyard records might be a useful alternative source of information. Local authorities normally maintain cemeteries, while graveyards are to be found in churchyards. Both can be referred to as burial grounds.

PRONI's Family History leaflets on *Gravestone Inscriptions* (No. 21) and *Understanding the Stones* (No. 22) outline the value of gravestone inscriptions to the family historian and list some of the printed and manuscript sources held in PRONI.

PRONI also holds some original registers of interments or burials, and of purchasers of graves for some cemeteries, as well as microfilm and transcripts of other records. Some burial grounds have been taken over by councils relatively recently but will appear under the name of the council that currently maintains them. In many instances the records relate to local authorities (urban and rural district councils) that existed prior to 1972 and are listed below as such.

This leaflet outlines the records that are available in PRONI firstly for burial grounds maintained by local authorities in Northern Ireland and then for other burial grounds.

Please note that the following abbreviations apply:

**RDC = Rural District Council**

**UDC = Urban District Council**

**BC = Borough Council**

## 1. LOCAL AUTHORITY BURIAL GROUNDS

Area	Ref No.	Date	Records Available
Ballycastle RDC	LA/11/8JA/1-2	1900–1901	Plans of Bonamargy burial ground, Co. Antrim
Belfast City Council	MIC/61/1	1798–1859	Register of plots in Clifton Street Cemetery
Belfast City Council	MIC/61/1	1798–1860	Register of plots in Clifton Street Cemetery for Poor House burial ground
Belfast City Council	MIC/61/2	1829–1860	Register of owners for Poor House burial ground
Belfast City Council	MIC/61/2-3	1831–1960	Registers of interments/burials in Clifton Street Cemetery
Belfast City Council	D/1075/6	1855–1896	Burial register of Balmoral Cemetery, Stockman's Lane, Belfast
Belfast City Council	D/2966/64/1	1908–1911	Burial notebook of Balmoral Cemetery, Stockman's Lane recording name, age at death, date of burial and occasionally address and cause of death; also a list of where people are buried
Belfast City Council	D/3456/1	c.1830	Plan of Friar's Bush Graveyard
Belfast City Council	D/3456/2-3	1830–1838: 1856–1874	Registers of purchasers of graves in Friar's Bush Graveyard giving names of deceased, their ages and grave numbers
Belfast City Council	D/3456/4	1869–1891	Register of burials in Friar's Bush Graveyard, Belfast
Belfast City Council	MIC/1D/91/8-10	1829–1859: 1889–1982	Registers of interments in Friar's Bush Graveyard, Belfast
Belfast City Council	D/3435	1889–1966	Admittance slips for Friar's Bush Graveyard
Cookstown UDC	LA/28/11C	1909–1940	Cemetery registration counterfoils
Derry City Council	MIC/440/2-4	1853–1912	Registers of interments with indexes for Londonderry City Cemetery
Enniskillen RDC	LA/36/11/D	1959–1967	Burial returns
Enniskillen RDC	LA/36/11C/1-3	1937–1966	Register of interments

Area	Ref No.	Date	Records Available
Hollywood UDC	LA/38/11C/1	c.1870s	Register of grave lots in old parish burying ground
Hollywood UDC	LA/38/11C/2	1874–1894	Registers of lots for the new and old cemeteries
Larne BC	LA/43/11C/1	1940–1945	Register of war graves in Larne Cemetery, Co. Antrim
Larne BC	LA/43/11C/2	1925–1981	File regarding maintenance of war graves in Larne
Larne RDC	LA/44/8J/2	c.1879; 1881	Map of Kilwaughter graveyard, c.1879; plan of Glenarm new cemetery, 1881
Lisnaskea RDC	LA/49/11C	1936–1960	Register of interments
Moira RDC	LA/54/11C/1	1892–1893	Index map of Donaghcloney Graveyard, Co. Down
Moira RDC	LA/54/11C/2	July 1901– Dec. 1927	Register of interments in Donaghcloney Burial Ground, Co. Down
Moira RDC	LA/54/11C/3	c.1906	Book of references to grave plots to accompany map of Seagoe Graveyard
Moira RDC	LA/54/11C/4	Mar. 1919– Sep. 1950	Register of interments in Magheralin Burial Ground
Newtownabbey UDC	LA/59/11C/1	1878–1920	Burial register of Monkstown Cemetery, Co. Antrim
Newtownabbey UDC	ANT/7/1/2/17	1896	Plan of Mallusk burial ground
Newtownards/Ards BC	LA/ 60/11C1	1876–1886	Register of burials in Old Movilla Graveyard, Co. Down
Newtownards/Ards BC	LA/6011C/2	1880–1897	Register of burials in New Movilla Graveyard, Co. Down
Newtownards/Ards BC	LA/151/A	c.1972	Plan of Tullynakill Cemetery, Co. Down
Newtownards/Ards BC	LA/151/2B	1981	Plan of Whitechurch Cemetery, Co. Down
Newtownards (later North Down) RDC	LA/61/8JA/1-2	1962–1969	Plan of Greyabbey and Templepatrick Burial Grounds, Co. Down

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Newtownards RDC	LA/61/11C/1	1894–1920	Register of burials in Comber Graveyard, Co. Down
Portrush UDC	LA/65/11C/1-2	1934–1953	Registers of burial tracings showing the layout of Portrush Cemetery.
Portstewart UDC	LA/66/11C/1	1926–1942	Register of grave plots purchased in Portstewart Cemetery
Strabane District Council	D/4305/1	1891	Map of Grange Graveyard, Donaghedy, Co. Tyrone
Strabane District Council	D/4305/2-3	1891: 1931	References to maps of Grange Graveyard, Donaghedy, Co. Tyrone

## 2. OTHER BURIAL GROUNDS

Area	Ref No.	Date	Records Available
Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh	BG/14/AG/3	1879-1893	Ledger for Enniskillen cemetery
Greyabbey Parish, Co. Down	T/1619/1	1857	Map of Greyabbey Parish Church graveyard with key to burials
Killysuggan, Co. Down	T/3615	1885–1898	Minute book containing lists of interments, 1885-98, and lists of purchasers of graves, 1886-96
Knockbreda Parish, Belfast	CR/1/24F	1869–1911	Interment/graveyard book
Magheragall Parish, Co. Down	D/2938	c.1860 and 1897	Plan of Magheragall Parish cemetery, c.1860, and plan of new cemetery 1897
Roman Catholic Cemetery, Milltown, Belfast	MIC/1D/91/1-3	1869–1962	Registers of interments, general ground
Roman Catholic Cemetery, Milltown, Belfast	MIC/1D/91/6-7	1895–1982	Registers of interments, public ground
Roman Catholic Cemetery, Milltown, Belfast	MIC/1D/91/4-5	1871–1959	Registers of grants of burial ground

