

Your Family Tree Series: 14



Seventeenth Century Census Substitutes

Summonister Rolls, 1610-84

These were copies of fines imposed and recognizance's forfeited at Assizes, Quarter Sessions and in the King's courts. Among the reasons for the imposition of fines was non-appearance at court. Names and residences are recorded. The original rolls were lost in the destruction of the Public Record Office of Ireland in 1922 but copies of some, mainly for Counties Londonderry and Tyrone, have survived. (PRONI Reference **T808/15090, 15120, 15126, 15130 -15135, 15139**)

Muster Rolls 1630

These contain lists of the principal landlords in Ulster, and the names of the men they could assemble in an emergency. They are arranged by county, and district within the county. (See 'Your Family Tree' Leaflet: 12 - *Militia, Yeomanry Lists and Muster Rolls* for details)

Books of Survey and Distribution

Compiled around 1680 as a result of the wars of the mid-seventeenth century when the English government needed reliable information on land ownership throughout Ireland to carry out its policy of land distribution. The Books of Survey and Distribution are laid out on a barony and parish basis and include a record of land ownership before the Cromwellian and Williamite confiscations as well as the names of the individuals to whom the land was distributed. PRONI Reference **MIC532/1-13**.

Civil Survey of Ireland

Sir William Petty's Civil Survey of Ireland, compiled between 1655 and 1667, contains lists of the principal landlords of each townland as well as their predecessor before the Cromwellian confiscations of 1641. It contains a great deal of topographical information arranged by county, barony, parish and townland.

Unfortunately, very little of this survey survives, although Co. Londonderry and Co. Tyrone are available. PRONI Reference **T371**.

Census of Ireland c.1659

This census of Ireland was compiled by Sir William Petty and published by S Pender. It contains only the names of those with title to land (tituladoes) and the total number of English and Irish resident in each townland. Five counties – Cavan, Galway, Mayo, Tyrone and Wicklow – are not covered. It was published by S Pender, a copy of which is in PRONI. See the following:

Co. Antrim

1659 Census **MIC15A/72**

Co. Armagh

1659 Census **MIC15A/73**

Co. Down

1659 Census **MIC15A/76**

Co. Fermanagh

1659 Census **T808/15064**

Co. Londonderry

1659 Census **MIC15A/82**

Hearth Money Rolls

Arranged by county and parish, they list the name of the householder and the number of hearths on which he was taxed at the rate of 2 shillings on every hearth or fireplace. The tax was collected over areas known as 'Walks' and based on the town. The 'Lisburn Walk', for example, covered a large area of the south of Co. Antrim and NOT merely Lisburn town. See the following:

Co. Antrim

1666 Hearth Money Roll **T3022/4/1**

1669 Hearth Money Roll **T307/A**

Co. Armagh

1664	Hearth Money Roll	T604
Co. Fermanagh		
1665-1666	Hearth Money Roll	T808/15066-15068 , [Barony of Lurg, Town of Enniskillen and Parish of Devenish (extracts)]
Co. Londonderry		
1633	Hearth Money Roll	T307/A
Co. Tyrone		
1664	Hearth Money Roll	T283/D/2 } See also MIC645
1666	Hearth Money Roll	T307/B & C }
1664-1666	Hearth Money Roll	T458/1 [Dungannon Barony only]
Co. Donegal		
1665	Hearth Money Roll	T307/D

Subsidy Rolls

The Subsidy Rolls list the nobility, clergy and laity who paid a grant in aid to the King. They include the name, the parish, and sometimes the amount paid and the status of the person. See the following:

Co. Antrim		
1666	Subsidy Roll	T80814889
Co. Down		
1663	Subsidy Roll	T307/A
Co. Fermanagh		
1662	Subsidy Roll (Enniskillen town only)	T808/15068
Co. Tyrone		
1664	Subsidy Roll	T283/D/1

1689

List of names of Protestants in Co. Armagh attainted in 1689 by James II. This is simply a list of names. PRONI Reference **T808/14985**

Poll Tax Returns

The Poll Tax Rolls list the people who paid a tax levied on every person over 12 years old. They give detailed facts about individuals quite unique in surviving seventeenth century records. See the following:

Co. Armagh

1660 Poll Tax Returns **MIC15A/75**

Co. Down

1660 Poll Tax Returns **MIC15A/76**

Co. Fermanagh

1660 Poll Tax Returns **MIC15A/80**

Co. Londonderry

1669 Poll Tax Returns **MIC15A/82**

Co. Tyrone

1698 Poll Tax Returns **MIC15A/81**

Co. Donegal

1660 Poll Tax Returns **MIC15A/76**

