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VOTERS', POLL AND FREEHOLDERS' RECORDS



Voters', Poll and Freeholders' records are lists of people entitled to vote, or of people who actually voted at elections. They are normally arranged on a county basis.

Poll books record the actual votes cast at parliamentary elections. They contain the name and address of the voter and often the address of the 'Freehold' which entitled the voter to his vote. Voters Lists and Freeholders registers give similar information to the Poll books but do not record how people voted at a particular election.

From 1727 to 1793 only Protestants with a freehold worth at least 40 shillings per year had a vote. Between 1793 and 1829 both Protestants and Roman Catholics with 40 shilling freeholds had votes. In 1829 all 40 shilling Freeholders lost the vote.

The most generally useful Poll books and Freeholders' registers are:

Co. Antrim

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| T/808/14900 | Freeholders' List, 1768-75 (6 names only) |
| D/1364/L/1 | 'Deputy Court Cheque Book' Poll Book 1776 – covers only half the electorate. (<i>See transcript in catalogue</i>) |
| D/2977/22/1-12 | Printed Lists of freeholders, leaseholders etc, 1833-40 for Co. Antrim, and 1856-7 for the baronies of Cary, Upper and Lower Dunluce and Glenarm. |
| ANT/5 | Registers of Voters, 1888-1900 |

Co. Armagh

T/808/14936	Poll Book 1753
T/808/14949	Objections to Voters in poll book 1753
ARM/5/2/1-17	Freeholders' Lists 1813-32
T/808/14934	Freeholders' Registers 1830-39 taken from the Newry Telegraph
T/808/14961	Freeholders' List 1839
T/808/14927	Voters' List 1851
D/1928/F/1-103	Freeholders' Registers, c 1710, 1753 and 1800-30
D/2394/3/5 and T/281/5-6	Printed and typescript list of Freeholders for the Portadown district, 1747-53 and 1796-1802. (These were copied before 1922 by Canon Leslie from manuscripts in the Parliamentary Returns in the Public Record Office of Ireland)

Co Donegal

T/808/15006	Freeholders registered in Co Donegal, 1775-81 and 1789-90
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Co. Down

D/2223/21/1	Candidates name book for Downpatrick electors (names starting with 'A' and 'B' only)
DOW/5/3/1 & 2	Registers of Freeholders 1777; 1780-85 and 1790-95
D/654/A3/1B	'Deputy Court Cheque Book Freeholders' Register 1789
T/393/1	Freeholders' List (Lecale Barony only) c.1790
D/654/A3/1	Freeholders' Registers 1813-21 and 1824
T/761/19 & 20	Freeholders' Lists c.1830
D/671/O/2/5-6	Poll Book, Co. Down (Part of) 1852
D/671/O/2/7-8	Poll Book, Co. Down (Part of) 1857

Co. Fermanagh

T/808/15063	Poll Book 1747-63
T/1385	Poll Book 1788
T/543/1	Poll Book 1788
T/808/15075	Poll Book 1788
D/1096/92/1	Freeholders' Registers 1796-1802
FER/5	Registers of Voters, 1895-1900

Co. Londonderry

T/3161/1/4	List of gentlemen and Freeholders who voted for James Lennox and William Jackson, 1697
D/2094/46	Resolution of the Freeholders in Tamlaght Finlagan Parish about subscribing to a petition to Parliament, 1774
T/2123	Freeholders' Registers (names A to L only) c.1813
T/1048/1-4	City of Londonderry Voters' List 1832
D/834/1	Freeholders' Register, City & County of Londonderry c.1840
D/1935/6	City of Londonderry Voters' List 1868

Co. Tyrone

T/808/15127	Tyrone Freeholders in the Cookstown area, 1768-95
TYR/5/3/1	Freeholders' List. (Dungannon Barony only) 1795-98
TYR/5	Registers of Voters, 1892-87

Belfast

D/2472	Poll Book for Belfast 1832-1837
BELF/5/1/1/1-2	Register of Electors, Belfast 1855 and 1876

Most of the Freeholders' records before 1840 have now been indexed and digitised and are available on the PRONI website.

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