



Your Family Tree: 27

CEMETERY RECORDS



If you want to trace your family history back before civil registration began and there are no surviving church records then cemetery/burial ground/graveyard records might be a useful alternative source of information. 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 registers of interments or burials, and of purchasers of graves for some cemeteries. Cemeteries are either maintained by local authorities or by churches. Some burial grounds have only been taken over by councils recently and so appear under the name of the council that currently maintain 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.

1. LOCAL AUTHORITY BURIAL GROUNDS

RDC = **Rural District Council**
UDC = **Urban District Council**
BC = **Borough Council**

| 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 |

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| Belfast City Council | MIC/61/2-3 | 1831–1960 | Registers of interments/burials in Clifton Street Cemetery |
| Belfast City Council | D/1075/6 | 1855–96 | 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 and 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 and 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 |
| Holywood UDC | LA/38/11C/1 | c.1870s | Register of grave lots in old parish burying ground |
| Holywood 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 and 1881 | Map of Kilwaughter graveyard, c.1879; plan of Glenarm new cemetery, 1881 |

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| 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 |
| | ANT/7/1/2/17 | 1896 | Plan of Mallusk burial ground |
| Newtownards/Ards Borough Council | LA/ 60/11C1 | 1876–1886 | Register of burials in Old Movilla Graveyard, Co. Down |
| Newtownards/Ards Borough Council | LA/6011C/2 | 1880–1897 | Register of burials in New Movilla Graveyard, Co. Down |
| Newtownards/Ards Borough Council | LA/151/A | c.1972 | Plan of Tullynakill Cemetery, Co. Down |
| Newtownards/Ards Borough Council | 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 |
| 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, Donagheady, Co. Tyrone |
| Strabane District Council | D/4305/2-3 | 1891 and 1931 | References to maps of Grange Graveyard, Donagheady, Co. Tyrone |

2. OTHER BURIAL GROUNDS

| Area | Ref No. | Date | Records Available |
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| 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 |
| Killysugggan, 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 |

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