



Your Family Tree: 24

GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND (GRONI)

The General Register Office (GRONI) is part of the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) and is primarily concerned with the administration of the registration of births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships. The registers themselves are not open to inspection, but information from them is supplied in the form of certificates. GRONI does not engage in genealogical research although the records can contain valuable information for anyone compiling a family tree. You can access the GRONI website via: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/search-gronis-online-records>

What information is available?

GRONI holds birth, death, marriage and adoption records. It also maintains a public search room where you can search computerised indexes. The index provides name, date and place of event.

Registration indexes held by GRONI include:

- Births registered in Northern Ireland from 1 January 1864.
- Deaths registered in Northern Ireland from 1 January 1864.
- Non-Roman Catholic marriages from 1 April 1845 and all marriages from 1 January 1864.
- Adoptions recorded in the Adopted Children Register Northern Ireland from 1 January 1931.

Other records of births, deaths and marriages held:

- Service Department registers
- Marine register of births
- Marine register of deaths
- Consular returns of births
- Consular returns of deaths
- Foreign marriages
- High Commissioner's returns
- Consular returns of marriages
- War deaths

How do you apply for birth, death, marriage and civil partnership certificates?

You can apply in person, by telephone, or on-line at www.nidirect.gov.uk/gro or by post to the General Register Office, NISRA, Colby House, Stranmillis Court, Belfast, BT9 5RR. Personal applications are processed within 3 working days and postal, telephone, and on-line applications are processed within 7 working days. Application forms are available from the General Register Office, District Registrars' Offices, Citizens Advice Bureaux, PRONI, and on-line.

Information required:

Birth Certificates	Full name of person whose birth certificate is required. Date and place of birth. Names of parents (including mother's maiden name).
Marriage and Civil Partnership Certificates	Full names of both parties (including bride's maiden name). Date and place of marriage/civil partnership.
Death Certificates	Full name of deceased. Date and place of death.

GRONI can undertake a specific search provided they are given sufficient information about the person concerned. If the search is likely to be too time-consuming, GRONI will not undertake the task. You will be expected to conduct the search personally or arrange for someone to search on your behalf.

Indexes available:

- Birth Indexes, 1864 to present
- Death Indexes, 1864 to present
- Non-Catholic Marriage Indexes, 1845 to present
- All Marriage Indexes, 1864 to present

Fees for Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates:

Fees payable (from June 2008) for certificates and searches

Full certified copy of an entry of birth, death, marriage or civil partnership.	£15.00
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Short birth certificate (shows only the surname, name, sex, date of birth and, in most cases, the district of birth.	£15.00
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Where two or more full certified copies of the same entry are applied for at the same time, the first copy will be charged at **£15.00** and any additional copies at **£8.00** each.

Priority Certificate – produced within one hour of application **£20.00 + fee** if applied for in person before 15:00 hours; applications received by post, telephone, fax or on-line before 12:00 hours will be issued by first class post on day of receipt.

How to find the General Register Office

NISRA
Colby House
Stranmillis Court
Belfast
BT9 5RR

Phone: 0300 200 7890
(028 9151 3101 if calling from outside Northern Ireland)

Email: gro_nisra@finance-ni.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/search-gronis-online-records>

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