

**Background Information: Dictionaries & Encyclopedias**

- [An Atlas of Irish History](#) Ref G1831 S1 E3 2005  
Emphasis is on social and political developments and characteristics of the Irish people.
- [The Cambridge Historical Encyclopedia of Great Britain and Ireland](#) Ref DA 34 C28 1985  
Signed articles organized within chronological framework. Emphasis is on political, diplomatic, economic, and social history. Heavily illustrated with photographs, drawings, and maps. Concludes with brief biographies and bibliography. Subject index.
- [Companion to Irish History, 1603-1921: from the Submission of Tyrone to Partition](#) Ref DA 912 N485 1991  
An encyclopedia of people, groups, policies and laws, battles, movements and philosophies relating to three centuries of the English domination and appropriation of Ireland.
- [Dictionary of Irish Biography](#) Ref CT 862 B69 1998  
1,700 figures drawn from Irish history, arranged alphabetically. Includes bibliography. 150 photos included.
- [Dictionary of National Biography](#) Ref DA28.D4  
Biographies of notable inhabitants of Great Britain beginning in 1901.
- [A New Dictionary of Irish History Since 1800](#) Ref DA 949.7 H53 2003  
Brief articles cover both Irelands since 1800, including political, economic and military history, social history, and the arts, literature, folk customs, and religion.
- [Encyclopedia of Ireland: an A-Z guide to its people, places history and culture](#) Ref DA 906.E53 2000  
Features 300 biographies, 500 historical entries, 400 geographical entries, 15 chronologies on various developments in Irish history, and 200 quotations. 64 color, 150 b&w illustrations.
- [Historical Dictionary of Ireland](#) Ref DA 910 T39 1997  
Alphabetical historical dictionary with entries on famous people, important institutions, major events, and other aspects of Irish social, political, and cultural life.
- [Ireland: a Cultural Encyclopaedia](#) Ref NX 546 A1 I 73 1983  
Brief, signed articles on persons, places, terms, and objects relating to language, literature, fine arts, architecture, decorative arts, music, theater, etc. Illustrations.
- [Modern Irish Lives: a Dictionary of 20<sup>th</sup>-Century Irish Biography](#) Ref CT 862 M63 1996  
Brief biographies on over 1400 Irish men and women who have made notable contributions in their fields during the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- [A New History of Ireland](#) DA 912 N48  
Contents: v. 2, Medieval Ireland, 1169-1534; v. 3, Early modern Ireland, 1534-1691; v. 4, Eighteenth century Ireland, 1691-1800; v. 5, Ireland under the Union, 1801-70; v. 6, Ireland under the Union, 1870-1921; v. 8, A chronology of Irish history to 1976; v. 9, Maps, genealogies, lists.
- [Conflict in Northern Ireland: an Encyclopedia](#) Ref DA 990.U46 E44 1999  
Includes a list of abbreviations, a chronology of major events from 1921-1999, a dictionary of Northern Ireland politics, an addendum to the dictionary, election results between 1968 and 1999, systems of government between 1968-1999, a listing of office holders in Northern Ireland from 1968-1999, the security system, security statistics, and an index.

The Oxford Companion to Irish History

Ref DA 912 O94 2002

Contains some 1800 entries which are organized alphabetically, ranging from medieval times to the present.

Oxford Reference Online

database available from <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>

Includes *A dictionary of British History*, *Who's Who in the Twentieth-Century*, and *A Dictionary of World History*, among others.

**Background Information: Bibliographies (Guides to Resources on the Topic)**

American Historical Association's Guide to Historical Literature

Ref D 20 A54 1995

Annotated bibliography of best sources for various branches of history. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition covers materials published between 1961-1992.

Annual Bibliography of British and Irish History

Ref Z 2016 A55 2002

Sections include Ireland to c. 1640 and Ireland since c. 1640. Includes author, personal name, place, and subject indexes. Library owns 1976 to present.

A Guide to Irish Bibliographical Material: A Bibliography of Irish Bibliographies and Sources of Information

Ref DA 906 E24 1980

Northern Ireland

Ref DA 990 U46 S52 1991

Bibliographic guide to materials published between 1920-1990. Section on general history organized by century. Includes glossary and author, title, and subject indexes.

Northern Ireland 1921-1974: A Select Bibliography

Ref DA 990 U46 D48

Annotated bibliography to works relating to the conflict in Northern Ireland since partition. Author index only.

Modern Ireland: a Bibliography on Politics, Planning, Research and Development

Ref DA 906 S52

Topics covered include history, politics, geography and natural resources, business, social services. Emphasizes the 20<sup>th</sup>-Century.

**Primary Sources**

**Library Catalog** (<http://sirsi.fairfield.edu>) or **WorldCAT** (at <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>)

Click on **Power Search** and use the following keywords to find primary sources:

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subject	(sources or documents or diaries or interviews)	And

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Bigotry and Blood: Documents on the Ulster Troubles

DA 990 U46 B42

Collection of documents, statements, and other sources relating to the political problems of Northern Ireland. Includes index. Published in 1977.

Irish Historical Documents 1172-1922

DA 905 C98

Source to the chief constitutional and political documents of Irish history.

Selected Documents in Irish History

Ref DA 905 S35 2000

42 short readings, including legal documents, essays, newspaper articles and poems. Documents range from St. Patrick's Confession to the Good Friday Agreement of 1998. Entries Reflect a wide range of perspectives.

## Indexes to Articles in Journals, Books, and Newspapers

[America: History and Life](#) database available from <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>  
Covers the history and culture of the United States and Canada from prehistoric times to the present.  
Includes article abstracts and citations to reviews and dissertations.

[Academic OneFile](#) database available from <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>  
Article citations, abstracts, and full text from more than 960 scholarly and general interest publications.  
Updated weekly.

[Google Scholar](#) <http://scholar.google.com/>  
Before searching, **set your preferences to Fairfield University** and save them.

[Hartford Courant – Historical](#) database available from <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>  
1764 – 1922. Searchable full text digital reproductions.

[Historical Abstracts](#) database available from <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>  
Article abstracts and citations to books and dissertations on the history of the world (except US and Canada) from 1450 to present.

[Humanities Full Text](#) database available from <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>  
Full text plus abstracts and bibliographic indexing of the most noted scholarly sources in the humanities, as well as numerous lesser-known but important specialized magazines.

[JSTOR](#) database available from <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>  
Contains archive images of approximately 300 searchable scholarly journals in various disciplines  
(current issues not available).

[New York Times Historical](#) database available from <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>  
Offers searchable full text back to the first issue.

[Poole's Index to Periodical Literature](#) Ref AI3.P7  
A subject index to 479 American and English general periodicals. See also: *Cumulative Author Index for Poole's Index to Periodical Literature, 1802-1906*, Ref AI 3 .P71 1802-1906.

[Project Muse](#) database available from <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>  
Includes *Éire-Ireland*, an Irish studies journal published by the Irish-American Cultural Institute, and *New Hibernia Review*, Published by the University of St. Thomas.

[Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature](#) Ref AI 3 R48  
An index to the literature found in English-language general interest periodicals (1901–present).

[Nineteenth Century Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature 1890-1899, with Supplementary Indexing, 1900-1902](#) Ref AI3.R496  
Lists periodical articles under the heading "Irish" and "Ireland."

[Social Sciences Citation Index](#) database available from <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>  
Current and retrospective bibliographic information, author abstracts, and cited references found in over 1,700 of the world's leading scholarly social sciences journals covering more than 50 disciplines.

[Social Sciences Index](#) Ref Low Shelving AI 3 R491  
Covers international, English-language periodicals in sociology, anthropology, geography, economics, political science, and law (1974–present), including *The Economist* (library carries *The Economist* issues from 1910 forward). For a similar index covering earlier years (1907–1973), use the *Social Sciences & Humanities Index*: Ref Low Shelving AI3.R49 V.27.

[Times. \(London\) Index; a.k.a. Palmer's Index to the Times Newspaper \(London\)](#) Ref AI21.T52  
Covers issues published between 1790–1815 (Library owns issues from 1785–1915 on microfilm).  
Indexing and full text from 1985–present available through [Lexis Nexis](#) database:  
<http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>.

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### [WorldCat](http://www.fairfield.edu/x6903.htm)

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### [Google Books](http://books.google.com)

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Searches the full text of numerous books. When you find a title you'd like, double-check the DiMenna-Nyselius [Library catalog](http://sirsi.fairfield.edu/) (<http://sirsi.fairfield.edu/>) to see if we own it. If we don't, then you may request it via [inter-library loan](#) (See below).

### [Journal Locator](http://ds3us6us9g.search.serialssolutions.com/)

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## Researching Authors

### [Biography & Genealogy Master Index](http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php) database available at <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>

Citations to more than 12.7 million bibliographical sketches in more than 3400 volumes and editions of current and retrospective reference works.

### [Biography Index](http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php)

database available from <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>

Covers biographical information from more than 2,700 English language periodicals. Also indexes books, obituaries, and interviews.

### [British Library Integrated Catalogue](http://catalogue.bl.uk)

<http://catalogue.bl.uk>

Access to the catalogue of the British library. Use this to see what other books a selected author has published.

### [Directory of American Scholars, A Biographical Directory](#)

Ref LA 2311 C32

24,000 biographies of US and Canadian scholars. Covers the fields of history, English, speech and drama, foreign languages and philology, philosophy, religion, and law. Biographical entries include primary discipline(s), vital statistics, education, honorary degrees, past and present professional experience, membership in societies, honors and awards, interest, publications, and mailing address.

### [Marquis Who's Who on the Web](http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php)

database available at <http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php>

Features comprehensive profiles on over 1 million of the most accomplished individuals from all fields of endeavor including: government, business, science & technology, the arts, entertainment and sports.

### [National Faculty Directory](#)

Ref L 901 N34

Lists 600,000 members of teaching faculties at 3,430 two and four year American colleges and universities and 240 Canadian institutions. Entries, arranged alphabetically, contain name of academic department, name of college or university, and home address.

### [Who's Who in American education](#)

Ref LA 2311 W47

Alphabetically arranged entries including addresses, education, current and former positions, professional activities, honors, research and publications, etc.

### [WorldCat](http://library2.fairfield.edu/dblist.php)

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OCLC Online Union Catalog, containing more than 35 million records describing items owned by our library and libraries around the world.

### [The Writers Directory](#)

Ref PN 771 W75

Lists approximately 17,400 writers of fiction and nonfiction who have published at least one full-length work in English. Entries contain some or all of the following elements: name, pseudonym information, nationality, birth year, genres, brief career information, publications, address, and death notation and year (Obituaries Section only).