

Press Release:

TheGenealogist expands its Irish coverage

[TheGenealogist](#) has just added more than 327,300 individuals to their Irish Catholic Parish Record Collection, along with a suite of Thom's Official Directories covering Great Britain and Ireland.

These new Parish Registers will enable people with family ties back to the **County of Carlow** in the southeast region of Ireland to search for their ancestors in the Roman Catholic church records.

Before civil registration was introduced in two stages into Ireland, first in 1845 for non Roman Catholic marriages and then in 1864 for *all* births, marriages and deaths, the parish registers of the various denominations were the main records in which Irish ancestors' vital events would have been recorded. The Roman Catholic church was far the largest denomination in Ireland and so it is these records that the majority of Irish forebears will mostly appear within.



Carlow Castle in County Carlow, Ireland

Also released at this time are **Thom's Official Directories** covering the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland from Victorian times up to the 20th century. These records are great for discovering more about the towns and areas, finding the names of people who held official municipal or government offices, or were professionals such as doctors, clergy, etc.

You can use these books to find Irish businesses from manufacturers of Ales and Agricultural implements to makers of Woolens and Yarns. Thom's directories allow you to find business advertisements as well as search for tradespeople from Auctioneers and Blacksmiths to Watchmakers and Wine & Spirit Dealers for all parts of Ireland.

The directories released in this package include:

- Thom's Official Directory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, 1859
- Thom's Official Directory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, 1898
- Thom's Official Directory of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, 1913
- These expand the Irish directories already in our collection

This release of Irish records joins those of the Irish Wills, recently made available on TheGenealogist, and so expands the coverage of Irish records on this family history site renowned for its comprehensive search facilities.

Read our article, *Alexander Thom – Publisher and The Queen's Printer for Ireland*:
<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2021/alexander-thom--publisher-and-the-queens-printer-for-ireland-1426/>

About TheGenealogist

[TheGenealogist](#) is an award-winning online family history website, who put a wealth of information at the fingertips of family historians. Their approach is to bring hard to use physical records to life online with easy to use interfaces such as their Tithe and newly released Lloyd George Domesday collections.

[TheGenealogist's](#) innovative SmartSearch technology links records together to help you find your ancestors more easily. [TheGenealogist](#) is one of the leading providers of online family history records. Along with the standard Birth, Marriage, Death and Census records, they also have significant collections of Parish and Nonconformist records, PCC Will Records, Irish Records, Military records, Occupations, Newspaper record collections amongst many others.

[TheGenealogist](#) uses the latest technology to help you bring your family history to life. Use [TheGenealogist](#) to find your ancestors today!

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