

To search for an ancestor, it would help greatly if you could identify any townland with which he or she may be connected. Ireland's land divisions, for the purposes of this Registry were first of all County, followed by Barony (several of which made up a county), & then followed by the townland within that Barony. A townland could vary from a few acres to 10000 acres. Of considerable help in pinpointing likely townlands is the Townland Index online at www.thecore.com/seanruad

Let's say you are working on the family of Ryan in Co Clare. You've gone back a long way, & have been concentrating on Morgan Ryan, who lived in the early 1700s in Co Clare. His wife was called Mercy. Morgan died at a fairly young age, - so what happened to Mercy, after the death of her young husband? Let's see if we can find her.

First, we should check to see if someone has noted her in the growing database I described earlier. The link is: www.irishdeedsindex.net

This brings up the following page: (there are lots of notes further down the page)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Registry of Deeds Index Project Ireland. At the top, it is hosted by rootsweb and is an Ancestry.com community project. A search bar is located in the top right corner. Below the search bar, a green banner displays the total number of index records in the database as 110503, with an update date of 2 February 2013. The main content area consists of a grid of blue buttons with red borders. The button 'Browse index by family name' is circled in red, and a black arrow points to it from the right. Other buttons include 'Browse index by memorial No', 'Contributor index', 'Links to other abstract sites', 'Browse the grantors index', 'Submit an abstract form', 'Guides to Registry of Deeds', 'Browse transcriptions', 'See proposed coverage of indexers', 'Search index entries database', 'Search grantors index database', 'Order a memorial copy from the Registry', and 'Submit a grantors index transcription'. At the bottom, the text reads 'Registry of Deeds Index Project Ireland' and 'This is the home page of the Registry of Deeds Index Project'.

To find Mercy, we'll browse the index by family name, so we click on the button second from the left on the top line, & the following comes up. We then tab down until we find the right box:

Total number of index records in the database is: **110503**
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Registry of Deeds Index Project — Names Index

Each link below is to 250 Registry of Deeds index entries sorted by name

From Alan to Susanna ABBOTT	From Thomas ABBOTT to Robert ADAIR	From Robert ADAIR to P AICKIN	From Robert AICKIN to Margaret ALLARD	From John ALLASAN to Patrick ALLEN
From Patrick ALLEN to Richard Dunscombe ALLEYNE	From Robert Augustus ALLEYNE to Francis ANDERSON	From Francis ANDERSON to Marvin ANKETILL	From Matthew ANKETILL to William ARCHBOLD	From Richard ARCHDAKIN to Eras ARMSTRONG
From Eras ARMSTRONG to Jan ARTHUR	From Jemmat ARTHUR to Henry ASTON	From Henry ASTON to Bernard AUDLEY	From Catherine AUDLEY to George BARE	From George BARE to Esther Charlotte once TONSON BAIRD
From Hon. Charlotte (ow TONSON) BAIRD to Charles BALDWIN	From Charles BALDWIN to Robert BALL	From Robert BALL to Peter BARDIN	From Sarah BARDIN to Catherine BARON	From Edward BARDIN to Edmund BARRY
From Edmund BARRY to John BARRY	From John BARRY to Thomas BARRY	From Thomas BARRY to William BARRY	From William BARRY to Cleve BASHFORD	From Joseph BASHFORD to Thomas BATWELL
From William BATWELL to William BAYLY	From William BAYLY to John BÉCHER	From John BÉCHER to Thomas BELL	From Thomas BELL to James BENNETT	From James BENNETT to William BENTLEY
From William BENTLEY to Jonas BERNARD	From Joseph BERNARD to Robert BEVAN	From Thomas BEVAN to John BEICH	From John BEICH to Thomas BLACKHAM	From Anne BLACKLEY to Elizabeth BLAKELY

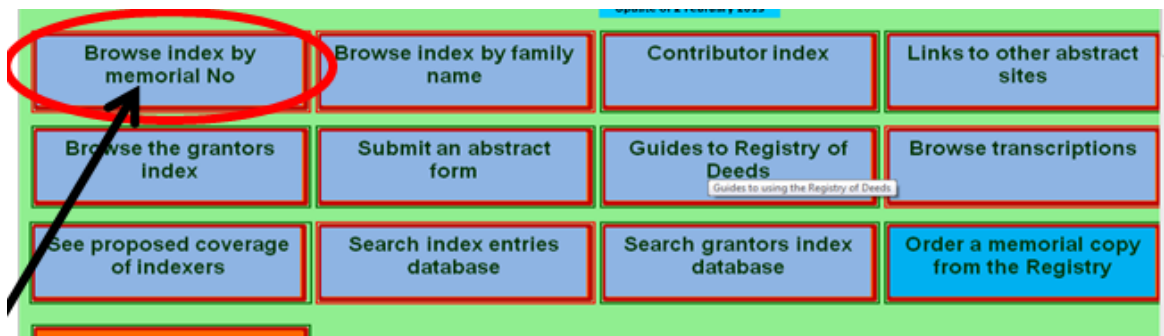
From George PORTIS to James POWER	From James POWER to Margaret PRENDERGAST	From Martin PRENDERGAST to Nicholas PRICE	From Nicholas PRICE to Daniel PURCELL	From Elton PURCELL to Charity PYNE
From Henry PYNE to Timothy QUINLAN	From Derby QUINLAN to Mary RAND	From Mary RAND to Sir Robert RAYMOND	From William RAYMOND to John REDMOND	From John REDMOND to Samuel REID
From Samuel REID to Thomas RELY	From Thomas RELY to RICHARD	From RICHARD to Nicholas RICHARDSON	From Rachael RICHARDSON to John RINGROSE	From John RINGROSE to Isaac ROBERTS
From Isaac ROBERTS to Elizabeth ROBINSON	From Elizabeth ROBINSON to ROCH	From Judge ROCHDORT to Robert ROCHFORT	From Robert ROCHFORT to Christopher ROGERS	From Christopher ROGERS to Sir John ROGERSON
From Sir John ROGERSON to Ralph ROSEINGRAVE	From Sarah ROSEINGRAVE to Stewart ROWAN	From William ROWAN to John RUDDOCK	From John RUDDOCK to John RUXTON	From John RUXTON to Sarah RYAN
From Simon RYAN to Gregory SALTER	From Gregory SALTER to Rt Hon Lt Gen SANKEY	From Thomas SANKEY to James SAUNDERS	From James SAUNDERS to Patrick SAVAGE	From Patrick SAVAGE to Jonathan SCOTT

So she should be in the box containing records from John Ruxton to Sarah Ryan. We click this & tab down, to find just one mention of a Mercy Ryan, who is noted as a bride in 1727:

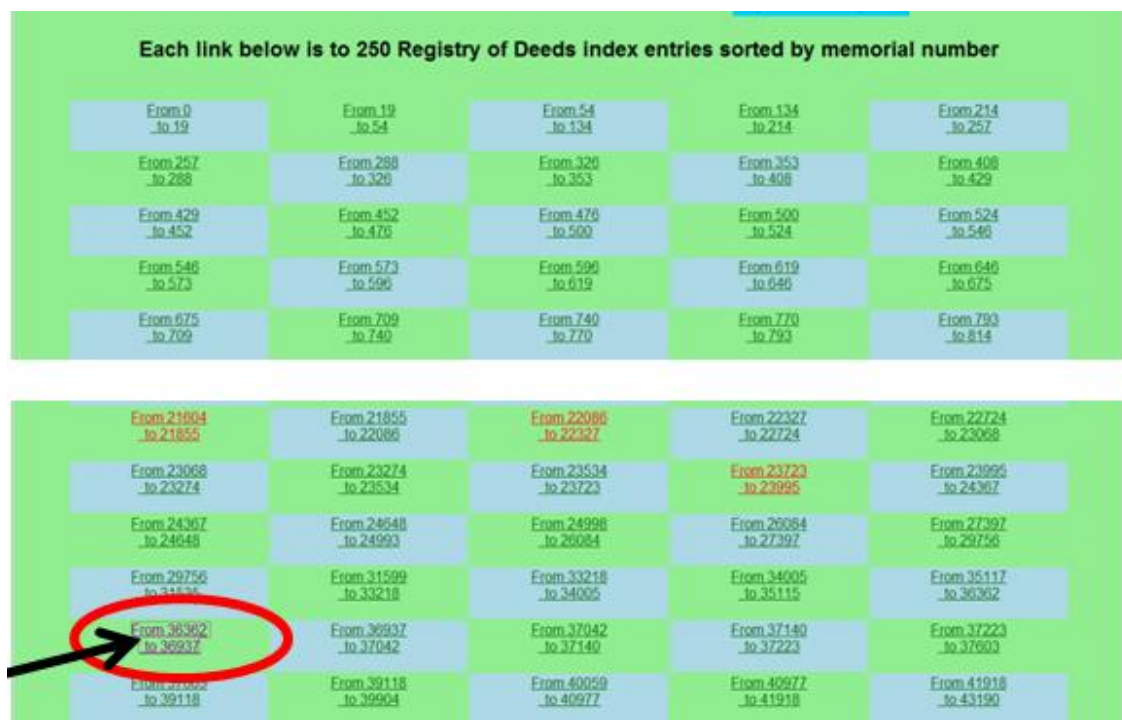
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57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS I	RYAN	Mercy			Bride		
630	395	45278	1811	3	25	Conveyance		RYAN	Michael	Clerk	Limerick City	WD		
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Take a note of the reference: She appears in Book 57, page 1, memorial no 36881.

We now return to the home page, & this time click the top left hand box:



We get the following, & tab down until we find the box containing memorial no 36881:-



We click on that & tab down to the correct memorial number:-

57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS A	FITZGERALD	William	Esq	Sixmilebridge, CLA
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS B	FITZGERALD	Augustin	Esq	Sixmilebridge, CLA
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS C	MOLLOUNY	James	Esq	Silvers Grove, CLA
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS D	CROASDAILE	Elizabeth		Silvers Grove, CLA
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS E	IEVERS	Henry	Esq	Mourt levers, CLA
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS F	FITZGERALD	James	Esq	Stonehall, CLA
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS G	RINGROSE	Jacob	Gent	Ballaghaura, COR
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS H				Moynoe, CLA
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS I	RYAN	Mercy		
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS J	RYAN	Morgan	decd, Esq	
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS K				
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS L	CONNELL	Richard	Esq	
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS M	O'BRIEN	Edward	Sir, Bart	
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS N	BRYEN	Joane		
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS O	PERRY	George	Gent	Clonmoher, CLA
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS P	PERRY	Thomas	Gent	Rosroe, CLA
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS Q	COGAN	Maurice	Farmer	Silvers Grove, CLA
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS R	POWERS	James	Innkeeper	Ennis, CLA
57	1	36881	1727	12	21	L	MS S	HICKIE	John	Gent	Sixmilebridge, CLA

There are many fields in the database, so we need to tab across to see further details:-

MS B	FITZGERALD	Augustin	Esq	Sixmilebridge, CLA	P1D					
MS C	MULLOON	James	Esq	Silvers Grove, CLA	P2D					
MS D	CROASDAILE	Elizabeth		Silvers Grove, CLA	P2D	P1D	1720	11	2	
MS E	IEVERS	Henry	Esq	Mount Ievers, CLA	P3D					A
MS F	FITZGERALD	James	Esq	Stonehall, CLA	P3D					
MS G	RINGROSE	Jacob	Gent	Ballaghaura, COR	P4D	P2D	1720	11	2	
MS H	RINGROSE	John	Esq	Mount Ievers, CLA	P4D					
MS I	RYAN	Mercy			Bnde					
MS J	RYAN	Morgan	decd, Esq			Groom	1714	9	15	
MS K	BREW	Thomas	Gent				1720	11	2	
MS L	CONNELL	Richard	Esq							P1L
MS M	O'BRIEN	Edward	Sir, Bart							P1L
MS N	BRYEN	Joane				mentioned				
MS O	PERRY	George	Gent	Clonmoher, CLA		WD WM				
MS P	PERRY	Thomas	Gent	Rosroe, CLA		WD				
MS Q	COGAN	Maurice	Farmer	Silvers Grove, CLA		WD				
MS R	POWERS	James	Innkeeper	Ennis, CLA		WD				
MS S	HICKIE	John	Gent	Sixmilebridge, CLA		WM				

There are still further details to the right, but we've already seen that this is the right Mercy Ryan. She was first married to Morgan Ryan, was widowed, & is now marrying again. You can copy this section & paste into a spreadsheet for your own use.

Vol	Part	Year current deed	Month	Day	Current deed type	MS or W	Person code	Family name	Forename	Title	Residence	Role current deed	Role earlier deed	Year earlier deed	Month earlier deed	Day earlier deed	Signed memorial	Date registered	Comments	Indexer
57	1	1727	12	21	Lease	MS	B	FITZGERALD	Augustin	Esq	Sixmilebridge, CLA	P1D					9 Feb 1727	the groom, son & heir apparent of A	RozMcC	
57	1	1727	12	21	Lease	MS	D	CROASDAILE	Elizabeth		Silvers Grove, CLA	P2D	P1D	1720	11	2	9 Feb 1727	the groom, son & heir apparent of A	RozMcC	
57	1	1727	12	21	Lease	MS	E	IEVERS	Henry	Esq	Mount Ievers, CLA	P3D				A	9 Feb 1727	the groom, son & heir apparent of A	RozMcC	
57	1	1727	12	21	Lease	MS	F	FITZGERALD	James	Esq	Stonehall, CLA	P3D					9 Feb 1727	Trustee to the marriage settlement	RozMcC	
57	1	1727	12	21	Lease	MS	G	RINGROSE	Jacob	Gent	Ballaghaura, COR	P4D	P2D	1720	11	2	9 Feb 1727	Trustee to the marriage settlement	RozMcC	
57	1	1727	12	21	Lease	MS	H	RINGROSE	John	Esq	Mount Ievers, CLA	P4D					9 Feb 1727	Trustee to the marriage settlement	RozMcC	
57	1	1727	12	21	Lease	MS	I	RYAN	Mercy			Bride					9 Feb 1727	daughter of D & C. Pre-marriage sett.	RozMcC	
57	1	1727	12	21	Lease	MS	J	RYAN	Morgan	decd, Esq		Groom		1714	9	15	9 Feb 1727	1st husband of I. Died bef Nov 1720	RozMcC	
57	1	1727	12	21	Lease	MS	L	CONNELL	Richard	Esq							9 Feb 1727	granted earlier lease on some of the Co Clare lands included in settlement	RozMcC	
57	1	1727	12	21	Lease	MS	M	O'BRIEN	Edward	Sir, Bart							9 Feb 1727	granted earlier lease on some of the Co Clare lands included in settlement	RozMcC	
57	1	1727	12	21	Lease	MS	N	BRYEN	Joane			mentioned					9 Feb 1727	granted earlier lease on some of the Co Clare lands included in settlement	RozMcC	
57	1	1727	12	21	Lease	MS	O	PERRY	George	Gent	Clonmoher, CLA	WD WM					9 Feb 1727	granted earlier lease on some of the Co Clare lands included in settlement	RozMcC	
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We would like to know even more - it would be good to see the actual abstract. So, we consult the LDS online catalogue at: <https://familysearch.org/> We search under Ireland: Land & Property, home in on Registry of Deeds & select Transcripts:

Topic Details FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

[Illustrated incumbered estates, Ireland, 1850-1905](#) Lyons, Mary Cecelia

[The Inchiquin manuscripts](#) Ainsworth, John, 1912-

[Inquisitionum in Officio Rotularum Cancellariae Hiberniae asservatarum reportorium](#) Ireland. Chancery

[Ireland : registry of deeds, surname and county index 1708-1904, register of contents](#) Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Genealogical Department. Library Division

[Ireland and the land question, 1800-1922](#) Winstanley, Michael J., 1949-

[The Irish cartularies of Llanthony prima & secunda](#) Brooks, Eric St. John

[Irish emigration lists, 1833-1839 : lists of emigrants extracted from the Ordnance Survey memoirs for counties Londonderry and Antrim](#) Mitchell, Brian

[The Irish Fiants of the Tudor sovereigns during the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Philip & Mary, and Elizabeth I](#) Nicholls, Kenneth

[The Irish land laws](#) Richey, Alexander George

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[List of wills in the Registry of Deeds, Dublin, with dates of registration](#) Phelps, E.

[Registry of Deeds, Dublin, abstracts of wills](#) Eustace, P. Beryl

[Registry of Deeds, Dublin, abstracts of wills](#) Ireland. Registry of Deeds

[Transcripts of memorials of deeds, conveyances and wills, 1708-1929](#) Ireland. Registry of Deeds

Here are the Grantor Indexes:

Film Notes FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Title

Authors

Note	Location Film
Grantor index A 1708-1785; B 1708-1729	FHL BRITISH Film 100251
Grantor index B 1730-1768	FHL BRITISH Film 100252
Grantor index B 1768-1785; C 1608-1745	FHL BRITISH Film 100253
Grantor index C 1746-1785	FHL BRITISH Film 100254
Grantor index D 1708-1785	FHL BRITISH Film 100255

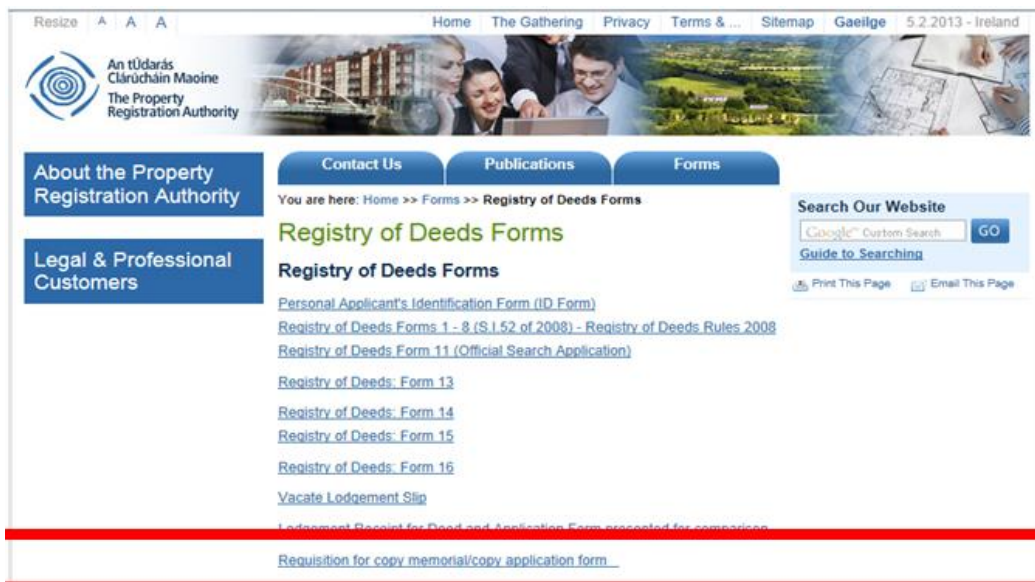
Scroll on down & you will find the place name indexes by county, followed finally by the deeds themselves. Here is the section for Book 57:-

Deeds, etc., v. 56 1727-1728	Family History Library BRITISH Film 461330
Deeds, etc., v. 57-58 1727-1729	Family History Library BRITISH Film 461331
Deeds, etc., v. 59-60 1727-1729	Family History Library BRITISH Film 461332

Mercy's memorial number was 36881, found on page 1 of Book 57, so we need microfilm no 461331. Check the catalogue at your nearest LDS Library, - you may have to pre-order the film.

The final step, if this proves to be a very important deed to your research, is to obtain a photocopy of the actual memorial itself - that is, the copy deed brought by several of the

parties concerned to Dublin to be registered. This may include further detail which proves crucial, & will also include the signatures of several of the interested parties. The current cost of such a photocopy is 20 Euros per memorial. Log on to the Land Registry site:- http://www.landregistry.ie/eng/Forms/Registry_of_Deeds_Forms/ & choose the last option: "Requisition for copy memorial/copy application form".



Fees, per each memorial: €20 inclusive of postage (even overseas). Payment may be by sterling cheque equivalent or Euro draft for overseas customers. There is a facility to pre pay - see Landdirect.ie How to Subscribe:

http://www.prai.ie/eng/landdirect_ie/Subscription_Contact_Details/

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