Finding Out About Buildings in Ireland

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Books

Catalogue

Use "Keyword" search to search by specific building (e.g. Custom house) or place (e.g. Tullamore) or subject (e.g. Hospital* Dublin; Towns Ireland; Limerick dock*). Use "Keyword" search to search by name of architect (e.g. James Gandon for books by and about James Gandon).

Some useful books

The Shell guide to Ireland¹ Good starting point for tracking down basic information.


New Irish architecture: AAI awards⁴/Architectural Association of Ireland. Annual publication. Good source for illustrating range of modern Irish architecture.

The industries of Dublin⁵. Published around 1890, deals with all sorts of commercial buildings in Dublin at that time. Much of this information cannot be found elsewhere.

A topographical dictionary of Ireland⁶ / Samuel Lewis. A useful historical source covering not only general descriptive material but also detailed references to specific buildings, bridges, squares etc. in existence prior to 1837 (date of publication).

A guide to Irish country houses⁷ / Mark Bence-Jones. Covers both standing or ruined country houses. Comprehensive guide.

Irish country towns⁸ & More Irish country towns⁹ / edited by Anngret Simms and J.H. Andrews

A companion guide to architecture in Ireland¹⁰, 1837-1921/ by Jeremy Williams

Contemporary Irish architecture¹¹/ by Gerry O'Leary Photographic record of projects built in Ireland from mid 1990s to mid 2000s.

Irish historic towns atlas¹². Series covers various towns and cities throughout Ireland.

An Foras Forbartha architectural heritage books. Series covers various towns such as Bray, Kinsale, Ennis, Drogheda. Ceased in the 1980s.
Dublin: the city within the grand and royal canals and the circular road with the Phoenix Park\(^{13}\) / Christine Casey

Between the mountains and the sea: Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County\(^{14}\) / Peter Pearson

Ireland’s architectural heritage: an outline history of Irish architecture\(^{15}\) / Matthew McDermott

The courthouses of Ireland: a gazetteer of Irish courthouses\(^{16}\) / Mildred Dunne

Irish hospital architecture\(^{17}\) / Frederick O’Dwyer

Everyday buildings of Ireland\(^{18}\) / Sean Rothery

Free State architecture: modern movement architecture in Ireland, 1922-1949\(^{19}\) / Paul Larmour

Crampton built\(^{20}\) / Ruth McManus. The history of the Crampton construction company with information about projects they built ranging from housing estates and factories to office blocks, college buildings, shopping centres and hospitals.

Industrial Ireland, 1750-1930: an archaeology\(^{21}\) by Colin Rynne. This includes photographs, drawings and information on mills, breweries, canals, railways and other industrial structures.

For vernacular architecture, try the following:

Ireland’s vernacular architecture\(^{22}\) / Kevin Danaher

A lost tradition: the nature of architecture in Ireland\(^{23}\) / Niall McCullough & Valerie Mulvin.

Irish countryside buildings\(^{24}\) / Patrick & Maura Shaffrey

Journal Articles

PADDI\(^{25}\) : Planning Architecture Design Database Ireland
This database is produced in collaboration by the Architecture and Planning Libraries of the Queen's University of Belfast and University College Dublin. PADDI provides free access to information on all aspects of the built environment in Ireland, north and south.

Sources\(^{26}\): a National Library of Ireland Database for Irish Research
This is the electronic version of the Hayes Index. From the point of view of architectural research, the most important periodical indexed is the Dublin Builder/Irish Builder. This periodical was indexed by Hayes from its start date in 1859 until 1903. It can be searched online to locate articles on buildings, streets, architects, building materials, etc.
Journals' indexes
Architectural indexes such as the Avery index and RIBA Library Catalogue online\textsuperscript{27} include some Irish references, particularly for more modern buildings. Try also: Older volumes of the Avery Index by building type/subject (for buildings built before 1979), held in Richview Library’s Reference section.

Web

Archiseek\textsuperscript{28}

Irish Architectural Archive\textsuperscript{29}

Dictionary of Irish Architects 1720-1940\textsuperscript{30}
An Irish Architectural Archive database that contains biographical and bibliographical information on architects, builders, and craftsmen born or working in Ireland during the period 1720-1940. Searchable by person or by works.

Old Dublin books available via the web, including Ball, Gilbert etc.
www.chaptersofdublin.com

Buildings of Ireland\textsuperscript{31}
This is the website of the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). This website is the on-line representation of the survey work of the NIAH. Surveys are presented by county, and consist of a database record and images of each building/structure surveyed. These surveys are ongoing.

Theses

Many of the MUBC theses cover a street, square, town or building type and often include detailed information on individual buildings. To search for them on the Library catalogue, limit the Collection to “Theses” and the Library Site to “Richview”.

Starting Places For More Detailed Information

Bibliographies

A bibliography of Irish architectural history\textsuperscript{32}/ Edward McParland. Published in 1989, this covers items published between 1900 and 1986 and, as such, aims to be a supplement to the Hayes Index. Will locate information on buildings, towns, subjects and people.
The country house described: an index to the country houses of Great Britain and Ireland/ Michael Holmes Includes Irish section. Books and the journal Country Life are indexed.

Irish towns: a guide to sources/ William Nolan and Anngret Simms (eds.)

Miscellaneous Sources

- **Maps of Dublin - 5' to 1 mile, mid 19th century**
  These show plans of large buildings such as churches, government buildings, museums, etc. Acetate and dyeline copies are kept in the Map Library. Other historical maps are available, for more information see the Finding out about ... Maps guide.

- **Development plans**
  These list buildings which are designated as protected structures. They include policies on conservation, development, zoning, design guidance etc. Richview Library maintains a reference set of current and superseded development plans with maps for the whole country. Older plans for Dublin include those by Abercrombie and the Dublin Civic Survey. Local authorities are increasingly making their plans available via their websites.

- **Irish topographical prints**
  These prints are on microfilm and cover an extensive number of historical buildings in Ireland. These are indexed in the Catalogue of Irish topographical prints and original drawings by Rosalind M. Elmes & Michael Hewson.

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