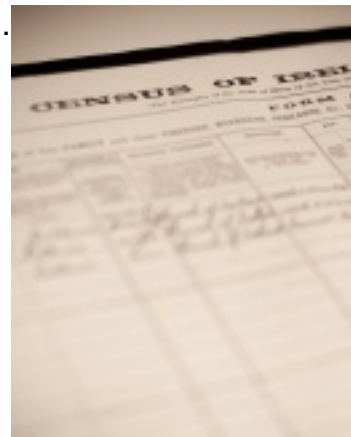


Although a census of the Irish population was taken at ten yearly intervals from 1821, only those from 1901 and 1911 survive.

Hostilities in the Irish Civil War led to a fire in the Public Records Office in June 1922. It destroyed census returns for 1821 to 1851. Fragments of returns from 1841 and 1851 remain but are of limited use as they cover only a tiny fraction of the population. Given that the Government had already ordered the destruction of the 1861 to 1891 census records, no census returns remain for 19<sup>th</sup> century Ireland.

And so, the only publically available census returns are those of 1901 and 1911.



(The next census conducted in Ireland did not take place until 1926 and these returns have not yet been released by The Irish Government as we have a 100 year confidentiality rule surrounding them.)

The 1901 and 1911 census returns are wonderfully informative. Amongst the many discoveries you may make are:

- What class of house your ancestor lived in. Did he or she live in a large house or a city tenement?
- Who lived with your family in 1901 or 1911? Did they have servants?
- What were their occupations?



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