

Newtownstewart Records

This card index is a copy of the cards kept in the Library of the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster American Folk Park. The cards were borrowed, with permission, and sorted by me (Sheena McClure, Honorary Secretary West Tyrone Historical Society) in 2017 and then scanned digitally by Malcolm Houston of Ballybofey into a pdf file

Sources:

Church of Ireland and Presbyterian baptismal, marriage and burials records from 1820 to 1910

Death records 1860s to 1880s

Valuation records for Tithe Applotment of 1834 and later valuations (Griffiths)

School registers for schools in Newtownstewart. E C for Episcopalian Church, Pres. for Presbyterian and Meth. for Methodist (top right of cards). G R for Girls' Register and B R for Boys' Register, includes parent's occupation. N M for Newtownstewart Model School.

Pigot's Directory of 1824

Slater's Directory of 1846, 1856, 1884 and 1894

Omagh Almanac 1889

Passenger Lists of Emigrant Ships 1840s to 1860s mostly to Quebec, St Johns New Brunswick and Philadelphia.

Map of Newtownstewart from 1852

Wills - Derry Diocesan from 1740

Chancery Rental (C R) 1846

Newtownstewart sometimes abbreviated to NTS or N'st.

Occasionally the PRONI reference number is included at the bottom of card.

The cards are mostly in alphabetical order except where there are variant spellings of a surname - these are grouped together.

Note for those in USA, dates are sometimes written in this form 1/1/1850 where the first number is the day and the second the month.

Information of the group of people who made the index:

CARD INDEX FOR NEWTOWNSTEWART

Mr Brian Trainor, Mr Bill Crawford and Mr Sean McMenamin from Public Record Office, Balmoral Avenue, Belfast, came to the Model School, at the top of Main Street with records of Newtownstewart which had been deposited with them previously, and from which the following group made a card index. They came one night each week for the winter and spring terms, from 1965 or '6 until 1971 or '2. The first term was just lectures to tell us about old records, and from this a working group was formed and it existed for approximately 5 years. The drawer and cards were supplied by PRONI.

Mr. R.T. McKinley
Mr. Sean O'Doherty
Miss Bernadette McNamee
Mr. John Bradley
Mr. Frank McGinley
Mrs. Alice McNamee
Sister Elizabeth
Sister de Lourdes
Mr. Michael Cox
Canon John Gebbie
Mr. Jim Smith
Miss Mae Sullivan
Mr. Ross Henderson
Mrs. Hazel Henderson

Canon Gebbie had written two historical books – Ardstraw: Historical Survey
Abercorn Letters
and had done a lot of research in PRONI, and we think he must have been instrumental in getting the lectures – the rest grew from that.