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HISTORIES

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INTRODUCTION

The first iteration of ‘Grangegorman Histories: Resources for further study’ was issued in September 2022. This additional listing of resources results from new research conducted by Dr Grace O’Keeffe and was issued in July 2023. There is an emphasis here on material located outside Ireland and on secondary sources.

As stated previously, the work of collating these resources is an ongoing activity. The project therefore welcomes any suggested additions or corrections for inclusion in future iterations of this document. Please send submissions for consideration to: grangegormanhistories@ggda.ie
PRIMARY SOURCES
International Archives

Source: National Archives and Records Administration (USA)

*Immigrant records at the National Archives—ports of entry*
Various NARA microfilm publications reproduce passenger arrival records and/or vessel crew lists from the water or land borders from 1800 to 1982. Discover what records have been digitised and are available for online use.

https://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/ports

Source: National Library of Medicine, Bethesda

*Collections*

https://www.collections.nlm.nih.gov/

Example:
- Practical observations on cholera: particularly in reference to the treatment of the disease, as it has appeared in Ireland since the beginning of the year 1832


Source: National Park Service

*Ellis Island arrival records*

https://www.nps.gov/elis/learn/education/finding-arrival-records-online.htm

There are a number of free websites listed here, where you can search for passenger arrival records (manifests). Some are very general, and some can be very specific. These collections work better with names, but they are useful to track individual immigrants.

Source: Canadian National Archives

*Catalogue*

https://catalog.archives.gov/

Canadian Census databases are currently searchable at this url:

https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census/Pages/census.aspx

The site is in transition and the above link will eventually be disabled. Searches on census records will then be possible via the following link:

https://recherche-collection-search.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/census2/index

Source: National Library of Australia

*Guide to the Transportation Records (Ireland to Australia) held by the NAI: M2125–M2229*


Not necessarily directly related to Grangegorman, but does include female records.

The National Archives of Ireland explanation of these records should be read before use:

https://www.nationalarchives.ie/topics/transportation/transportation.html
Irish Archives

Source: Congregational Archives, Holy Faith Sisters, Glasnevin, Dublin

St Brigid’s Orphanage, 46 Eccles Street (under the care of the Sisters of Faith), Instructions to nurses (Dublin, 1899).

Source: Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board Minutes 1954

Records of the minutes are available via Lenus: the Irish Health Repository.
https://www.lenus.ie/handle/10147/121534

Source: Holy Faith Sisters Digital Archive

http://hfsdigitalarchive.org/

Source: Houses of the Oireachtas archive

Dublin Castle Collection
This collection, dating back to the sixteenth century, contained thousands of volumes of parliamentary material, books, maps, newspapers, manuscripts, prints and pamphlets. In 1924 the collection was transferred to Leinster House, likely through the influence of Henry Egan Kenny.

In particular, see under approaches to mental health:

Source: Irish Architectural Archive

IAA Collections
RIAI Murray Collection (92/46)
Patterson Kempster Shortall Collection (77/1)

IAA Online Catalogue
Search term ‘Grangegorman’ yields 89 results: 74 drawings in the Archive; 15 documents in the Library
https://iaa-apw.adlibhosting.com/ais6/search/simple

IAA Dictionary of Irish Architects 1720–1940
https://www.dia.ie/
Search terms ‘Grangegorman’ and ‘Richmond Lunatic Asylum’ yields 14 results
https://www.dia.ie/works/view/35579/building/CO.+DUBLIN%2C+DUBLIN%2C+GRANGEGORMAN%2C+RICHMOND+LUNATIC+ASYLUM
Letter from Francis Johnston, architect, Architect’s Office, Dublin Castle, to Alexander Mangin, clerk, Civil Department, Dublin Castle, enclosing an account of sundry building and trade works completed at Richmond General Penitentiary, amounting to £82.7.3.
SECONDARY SOURCES
Printed works


BROWNE, Vincent, ‘Scandal of mental hospitals persists’, in Magill, 29 December 2004. Also available to download: https://magill.ie/archive/scandal-mental-hospitals-persists


CASEY, Christine, Dublin: the buildings of Ireland (Dublin, 2005).

The city within the Grand and Royal Canals and the Circular Road, with the Phoenix Park (New Haven and London, 2005).


Available to download: https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09612025.2022.2126623

Also available to download: https://doi.org/10.1017/S0963926819000828.

[see same author in Unpublished Theses]

Also available to download: https://www.historyireland.com/kindred-lines-lunatic-asylum-records/

[see same author in Unpublished Theses]

Also available to download: https://www.jstor.org/stable/20496047

See https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2020/0330/1127357-cholera-dublin-coronavirus/

KAVANAGH, Joan and SNOWDEN, Dianne, *Van Diemen's women: a history of transportation to Tasmania* (Dublin, 2016).

Also available to download: https://hal.science/hal-00570878/document

‘Hearing Voices: lessons from the history of psychiatry in Ireland’, *Irish Medical Journal* 110 (3) 2017, p. 537
Also available to download: https://imj.ie/hearing-voices-lessons-from-the-history-of-psychiatry-in-ireland/

‘Myths, madness and insane ears’, *History Ireland* 25 (2) (March/April 2017)
Also available to download: https://www.historyireland.com/myths-madness-insane-ears/

_In search of madness* (Dublin, 2022).


Also available to download: https://academic.oup.com/shm/article/34/3/808/5843885


Also available as an ebook: https://books.google.ie/books?id=FipEDwAAQBAJ&pg=PR4&source=kp_read_button&hl=en&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false


[see same author in Unpublished Theses]


Also available online (behind a paywall): https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11845-018-1905-z

Dr Eveleen O’Brien (1901–1981) was a leading figure in Irish asylum medicine, with a particular interest in the care of patients suffering from epilepsy and the crossover between neurology and psychiatry. From 1933 to 1966, O’Brien worked in Grangegorman Mental Hospital.


Also available to download:


PRESTON, Margaret H, and Ó hÓGARTAIGH, Margaret, Gender and medicine in Ireland: 1700–1950 (Syracuse NY, 2012).

Also available to download:
https://pureadmin.qub.ac.uk/ws/files/2833687/P_M_Prior_Introd_to_Asylums_Mental_Health_Care_and_the_Irish.pdf


Margaret Aylward, 1810–1889: lady of charity, sister of faith (Dublin, 1999).

QUINLAN, Patrick, Walls of containment: the architecture and landscapes of lunacy (Dublin, 2021).

RAFTERY, Mary and O’SULLIVAN, Eoin, Suffer the little children: the inside story of Ireland’s Industrial Schools (New York, 2001).

ROBINSON, Portia, The women of Botany Bay: a reinterpretation of the role of women in the origins of Australian society (Macquarie, 1988).


Also available to download:
https://www.drugsandalcohol.ie/11845/1/HRB_Mental_Illness_in_Ireland.pdf


“Tales from the Big House”: the Connacht District Lunatic Asylum in the late nineteenth century’, History Ireland, 13 (6) (November/December 2005).
Also available to download:
Also available to download:

Also available to download:
http://www.tara.tcd.ie/handle/2262/68799
http://www.tara.tcd.ie/bitstream/handle/2262/68799/v1n21970_7.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y

Associated subject, but unsure about direct reference


COX, Catherine, *Negotiating insanity in the southeast of Ireland, 1820–1900* (Manchester, 2012).

(mainly relates to the US, but also references early nineteenth-century schemes in England).


FEENEY, Tom, ‘Church, state and family: the advent of child guidance clinics in independent Ireland’, *Social History of Medicine* 25 (4) (October 2012), pp 848–62.


Available online at:

Also available online (behind a paywall):
https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/BF02966160

REID, Kristy, *Gender, crime and empire: convicts, settlers and the state in early colonial Australia* (Manchester, 2007).
Associated subject, but no direct reference


‘Chilling effect of the “Cruelty Man” lingers’, *Irish Examiner*, 1 August 2018. Also available online: https://www.irishexaminer.com/opinion/commentanalysis/arid-30859110.html


OXLEY, Deborah, *Convict maids: the forced migration of women to Australia* (Cambridge, 1996).


TURNER, Jo and JOHNSTON, Helen, ‘Female prisoners, aftercare and release: residential provision and support in late nineteenth-century England’, *British Journal of Community Justice*, published online 15 December 2015. Available to download:

### Unpublished Theses

**Numerous references to Richmond and Grangegorman**

BUTTERLY, Lisa, *Institutional reform in mental healthcare in Ireland: the establishment of the Ardee Mental Hospital, 1933, in its historical context* (PhD, NUI Maynooth, 2014). Also available to download: [https://mural.maynoothuniversity.ie/7716/1/PHD%20LISA%20BUTTERLY%202014.pdf](https://mural.maynoothuniversity.ie/7716/1/PHD%20LISA%20BUTTERLY%202014.pdf)

**Reference to Richmond**


**No direct references, but related subject**

BARTON, Alana Roberta, *Fragile moralities and dangerous sexualities: a case study of ‘deviant’ women and semi-penal institutionalisation on Merseyside, 1823–1994* (PhD, Liverpool John Moore's University, 2001). Also available to download: [https://researchonline.ljmu.ac.uk/id/eprint/5524/1/DX217393.pdf](https://researchonline.ljmu.ac.uk/id/eprint/5524/1/DX217393.pdf)

GALLAHER, Simon Alexander, *Children and childhood under the Irish Poor Law, c. 1850–1914* (PhD, Christ's College, University of Cambridge, 2019). Also available to download: [https://www.repository.cam.ac.uk/bitstream/handle/1810/304748/Gallaher%20-%20Thesis.pdf?sequence=1](https://www.repository.cam.ac.uk/bitstream/handle/1810/304748/Gallaher%20-%20Thesis.pdf?sequence=1)
 Websites and Databases

ArchiveGrid
https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/

ArchiveGrid includes over seven million records describing archival materials, bringing together information about historical documents, personal papers, family histories, and more. With over 1,400 archival institutions represented, ArchiveGrid helps researchers looking for primary source materials held in archives, libraries, museums and historical societies.

Dictionary of Irish Biography
https://www.dib.ie/biography/johnston-francis-a4303
Francis Johnston, architect of Richmond Asylum and Richmond Penitentiary

https://www.dib.ie/biography/aylward-margaret-louisa-a0290
Margaret Louisa Aylward

Electronic Irish statute book (eISB)
https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/

Excavations.ie
https://excavations.ie/
Summary accounts of archaeological excavations in Ireland

Genealogy Bank
https://www.genealogybank.com/

An American website linking to:
Newspaper archives: 1690–2016/
Obituaries: 1690–Present
U.S. Census Records: 1790–1940
Professor Marion Casey (NYU) kindly did a search and returned 143 references for ‘Grangegorman’. She describes the findings as ‘mostly death notices for inmates but occasionally news items, or a poem where it is referenced’.

**Gender, Migration and Madness Research Project**  
[https://gendermigrationandmadness.ca/](https://gendermigrationandmadness.ca/)

This project examines how the medical treatment of Irish men and Irish women in nineteenth-century Canadian lunatic asylums was framed by considerations of gender, migration, ethnicity, sexuality and colonial presumptions about mental illness.

**Gjenvick-Gjønvik Archives**  
[ggarchives.com/Immigration/Inspection/index.html](ggarchives.com/Immigration/Inspection/index.html)

A privately run website that provides broad information about medical inspection of immigrants at various ports of entry in the USA. Good starting point for research.

**Grangegorman Development Agency**  
[www.ggda.ie](www.ggda.ie)

**Grangegorman Histories**  
[www.grangegormanhistories.ie](www.grangegormanhistories.ie)

**The Irish Mission at Watson House**  
[https://irishmissionatwatsonhouse.org/](https://irishmissionatwatsonhouse.org/)

From the website:  
‘Between 1883 and 1908, 310,000 Irish girls came through the Port of New York, and they [the Irish Mission at Watson House] looked after 100,000, Dr. Murphy said. … we’ve digitized the records for 45,000.’ 
A brief search yielded no results directly mentioning Grangegorman.

**Irish Studies Association of Australia and New Zealand**  
[https://isaanz.org/](https://isaanz.org/)

The website provides references to conferences and papers published on the Australasian connection to Ireland. The association also has a journal: *Australasian Journal of Irish Studies* [https://isaanz.org/ajis/](https://isaanz.org/ajis/)

**The Social History Blog**  

This blog complements the scholarship published in the journal *Social History*. It is both a companion to the journal and a stand-alone forum for exploring the latest developments in the field of social history.
Wide and Convenient Streets Blog
https://wideandconvenientstreets.wordpress.com/2014/05/20/experimental-justice-on-grangegorman-lane/
Blog post about the Richmond Penitentiary.

Women’s History Association of Ireland
https://womenshistoryassociation.com/the-bibliography-of-irish-womens-history/
Bibliography of Irish women’s history.

WorldCat
https://worldcat.org/
Explore resources in libraries worldwide.