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HERITAGE GALLERY DOWNPATRICK LIBRARY



Oil Painting, **The Mall, Downpatrick, County Down** by Thomas Semple, 1863. This image has been reproduced with the kind permission of Down County Museum/Down District Council



THE HERITAGE GALLERY in Downpatrick library holds a large reference collection of volumes covering all aspects of life in County Down including Ordnance Survey Parish Memoirs compiled in the 1830s and a selection of specialised and antiquarian books for family history research including street directories, Griffith's Valuation,

Gravestone Inscriptions, Ireland's Memorial Records and Grand Jury Records of the County administration prior to 1898. These and Grand Warrants contain information about work ordered to be done by the Grand Jury on roads, bridges and jails and about constabulary duties in the counties.

Journals/Periodicals

A selection of County Down journals and a range of Irish titles including Irish Historical Studies and the Ulster Journal of Archaeology.

Newspapers

Current files of local weekly newspapers and a collection of County Down and Regional newspapers on microfilm.

Maps

Historical maps for County Down (1830s-1930s), maps to accompany Griffith's Valuation (1860s) and Irish Grid Maps (c1970s).

Cuttings files

A range of information packs and newspaper cuttings on people and places of County Down as well as many other subjects of interest to Ulster and Ireland.

Photographs

A selection of photographs on Belfast and County Down and the Lawrence Collection on microfilm.

Postcards

Historical postcards of County Down and the rest of Ireland

Directories

A collection of Belfast and Ulster Street Directories ranging from mid 1800s to 1996 and Registers of Electors for County Down (late 1960s-2000)

Online resources —available free from www.librariesni.org.uk

- JSTOR Ireland Collection Includes contents of journals of Irish interest from the 18th-20th centuries
- DIPPAM (Documenting Ireland: Parliament people and Migration)
 Online virtual archives of documents and sources relating to the history of Ireland and its migration experience from the 18th-late 20th centuries.

Tours and talks

Visits to the Heritage Gallery are welcomed from groups, societies and schools. Please contact us to make arrangements for a tour or talk.

Exhibitions and events

Events and exhibitions take place in the Gallery throughout the year.

Details of forthcoming events may be found on the Downpatrick library and Local Studies Downpatrick pages on www.librariesni.org.uk

Family History Workshops

Heritage staff deliver family history workshops in the Heritage Gallery.