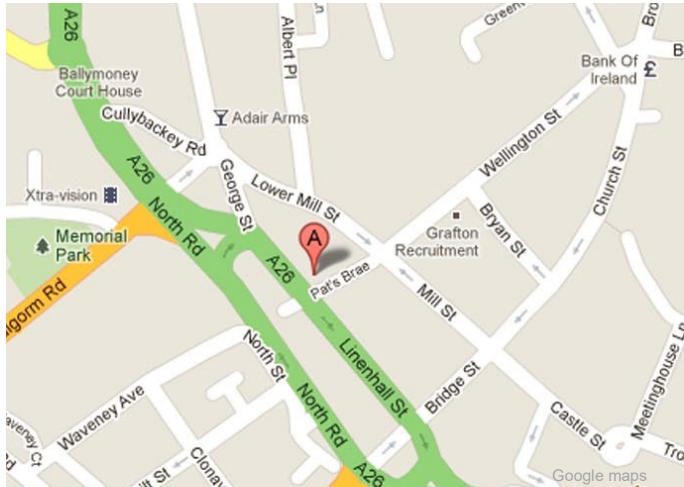


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## Heritage Collection

### Ballymena Central Library



**THE HERITAGE COLLECTION** is on the first floor in Ballymena Central Library and covers all aspects of life in County Antrim and County Londonderry. It is a reference collection. Coleraine has a similar collection with emphasis on County Londonderry.

### Bookstock

Reference only and mainly non-fiction.

### Journals/Periodicals

Both academic and popular journals which are shelved alongside the book collection.

### Newspapers

National and local newspapers on microfilm.

### Maps

Ordnance Survey maps from 1830s-1970s, Griffith Valuation maps for County Antrim and County Londonderry, 19<sup>th</sup> Century town plans and Local Government maps.

### Photographs

Extensive collection for County Antrim and listed on library catalogue.

### Postcards

Collection illustrating the area and listed on library catalogue.

### Information packs

Arranged by location and subject and listed on library catalogue.

### Government Publications

Comprehensive selection of 19<sup>th</sup> Century government reports and current government publications.

### Archives

Collection of North Antrim poetry in Local Studies Ballymena.  
George Shiels Collection in Ballymoney library. Shiels (1881-1949) was a popular playwright born in Ballymoney.  
Coleraine library has an extensive Family History collection including the manuscripts and notebooks of Dr Hugh Mullin.

### Online resources

- JSTOR Ireland Collection
- DIPAM (Documenting Ireland: Parliament People and Migration)

### Directories

Belfast and regional directories plus Derry and Antrim Yearbooks.

### Church records

- Births, Marriages and Deaths for parishes in County Antrim and County Londonderry on microfilm in Coleraine library (transcribed by Coleraine branch of North of Ireland Family History Society).
- Index to burials in Ballymena Council area in Local Studies Ballymena
- Gravestone Inscriptions.

### Special collections

- Langford Lodge collection, Local Studies, Ballymena
- 1831 Census for County Londonderry on microfilm
- 1851 Census for parishes in County Antrim
- Grand Jury Presentments for Antrim and Londonderry covering 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries
- Dictionary of Irish Biography 9 volumes, 2009
- Digital Film Archive (Northern Ireland Screen)

### Tours and talks

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

### Exhibition and events

Events and exhibitions take place throughout the year. Details of forthcoming events may be found on [www.librariesni.org.uk](http://www.librariesni.org.uk)

### Family History Workshops

Heritage staff deliver family history workshops in Ballymena Heritage Department. Please contact us to make arrangements for a workshop.