

LIST OF DIGITAL SOURCES



Below is a list of digital sources that may prove useful in your research about the Irish War of Independence

The Irish Revolution

<https://www.rte.ie/player/series/the-irish-revolution/SI0000004888?epguid=IP000064890>

The RTE documentary made in conjunction with the editors of the *Atlas of the Irish Revolution*, is available to view online on the RTE Player. Narrated by Cillian Murphy, the three-part documentary marks the centenary of the Irish War of Independence. The documentary features rarely seen archive footage, rare, first hand witness accounts, 3-D CGI mapping, dramatic visuals and contributions by the finest writers and historians.

RTE/UCC War of Independence Project

<https://www.rte.ie/history/>

The War of Independence on RTÉ History commemorates the centenaries of key events in the conflict. The site will offer accounts and explainers of crucial events from the formation of the First Dáil and the Soloheadbeg ambush, to Bloody Sunday and the Burning of Cork, right up to the signing of the Treaty in December 1921, accompanied by image galleries and interactive maps. This project is the product of a partnership between RTÉ History, the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and the *Atlas of the Irish Revolution*

Google Books

<https://books.google.com/>

If you type the topic of your research into the Google search bar, and you will find a list of books associated with that topic. Click on 'search tools' and then 'any books' and select 'preview available'. The list of books will change to feature only those, which you may partially read. Even though access to the entire book is restricted, Google Books is a valuable research tool.

Bureau of Military History Witness Statements

<https://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921>

This valuable resource allows members of the public to search 1,773 first-hand accounts of the 1913-1921 period. A search bar allows you to type in a key word, a name or a location. You will be directed to a list of statements featuring your search terms. You may access the typed statements and search within the documents for key words or locations. You should be careful to cross-reference any facts with other sources, as problems of memory or bias mean that the witness statements are not always reliable.

National Archives UK

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/cabinetpapers/themes/irish-independence.htm>

The British National Archives provides access to scanned copies of original cabinet papers relating to the War of Independence in Ireland. These include the Restoration of Order in Ireland Act and the Government of Ireland Act 1920.

The British Cartoon Archive

<https://www.cartoons.ac.uk/>

The cartoon archive provides access to a selection of cartoons relating to the political situation in Ireland between 1918-1921.

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History Ireland

<https://www.historyireland.com/about/>

History Ireland magazine has been in production since 2004. Each bi-monthly issue of *History Ireland* covers a wide variety of topics, from the earliest times to the present day. Every article is illustrated with photographs, maps or paintings to provide a vivid impression of the topic. It has covered a variety of perspectives on the Irish War of Independence – accessible by using the simple search bar at the top of the home page

RTE History Show

<https://www.rte.ie/radio1/the-history-show/>

Irish War of Independence - War in the Shadows. This podcast covers the Intelligence War during the Irish War of Independence. Actors recreate the voices of intelligence operatives from Witness Statements housed at the Military Archives. Audio clips from the RTE archives of, for example, David Neligan and Frank Thornton are also included.

Century Ireland

<https://www.rte.ie/centuryireland/index.php/global-irish-revolution/>

This website is an online historical newspaper telling the story of the events of Irish life a century ago. Published on a fortnightly basis, it reports news on life in Ireland exactly one hundred years before. The site includes images, articles and video interviews with experts on the period.

Irish Newspaper Archives

<https://www.irishnewsarchive.com/schools>

Irish Newspaper Archives offers all Irish schools free subscription to its service. This valuable resource will allow students to access primary source material about the War of Independence - as well as any other topic studied in the History classroom. Teachers and students can search over 6 million pages of regional, daily and out-of-print newspaper titles spanning a period of 300 years from 1738 to the current day.

RTE Archives

https://www.rte.ie/archives/2016/0921/818128-bloody-sunday-croke-park/?fbclid=IwAR3rkMtammhWxPWxP_BtPxchDiftSfGFzpl1j_a17EWe_KzyqIqxONYFXzM

This website brings together eyewitness interviews about the War of Independence. In this interview, recorded in 1986, former Tipperary footballer Bill Ryan, recalls the events of Bloody Sunday in Croke Park. You should always exercise caution when examining eyewitness accounts, particularly those collected many years after the event, and cross-reference information with other sources.

An t-Óglách Series in the Military Archives

<http://antoglach.militaryarchives.ie/>

First published by the Irish Volunteers General Headquarters on August 31 1918, An t-Óglách was an army magazine designed to give guidance to, encourage and develop the IRA. The Military Archives hosts a large selection of editions which are searchable and accessible on its website.

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The Auxiliary Division of the Royal Irish Constabulary

<http://www.theauxiliaries.com/>

A highly detailed webpage about the Auxiliary Division of the RIC compiled by David Grant. The page includes an array of numerical data as well as reproduced primary sources and newspaper articles.

Military Service Pensions Collection

<https://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/military-service-pensions-collection-1916-1923>

After the revolutionary period those who fought in the conflicts were entitled to pensions. To do this, they had to submit supporting documents and testimonies about their activities. The result is a wealth of information – much of it previously unknown – about that period of Irish history. The Bureau of Military History has digitised many of these pension applications providing an invaluable resource about the period. You can search the entire collection or you can refine your search by selecting Individual Applications, Organisation and Membership, and Administration series.

Guns and Chiffon - Women of 1916 and the Irish War of Independence

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QTC6kWQDXFc>

From 35:47- 53:12, this documentary written by Sinead MacCoole and directed by Geraldine Creed provides an interesting overview of the role of women in the Independence movement between 1916 and 1920. Of particular note is the original footage of the protests for Kevin Barry outside Mountjoy, armored cars in Dublin and house raids.

The Independence Collection, IFI

<https://ifiplayer.ie/independencefilms/#1522338930373-63a1a2c7-15d8>

Until recently Irish newsreel stories, filmed by British agencies, had not been held in an Irish Archive and many had not been available to the public since their initial distribution 100 years ago. The Decade of Commemorations presented the Irish Film Institute with a unique opportunity to create *The Irish Independence Film Collection*, comprising Topical budget and British Pathé newsreels, with support from the Dept of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Cork's War of Independence Fatalities Register

<http://theirevolution.ie/cork-fatality-register/#.WcZgoxNSyRs>

This collaborative project between UCC and the Irish Examiner records 528 people killed in Cork during the War of Independence. The register gives the circumstances of each episode, including the stories behind 166 civilian killings between 1919 and 1921. It also offers analysis of the trends and timelines around different types of fatal incidents.

Irish War Memorials

<http://www.irishwarmemorials.ie/Memorials?warId=10>

This site provides a listing of the memorials relating to the War of Independence. Each listing also includes a photograph of the memorial.