

McKenna Family History Research Team

In preparation for the 2026 Family History Ireland trip, we are establishing a research team. The team will focus on records research and DNA research. We will convene every two weeks on Saturday mornings at 7:30 a.m. starting on August 30, 2025.

Please contact us at ThomasMcKenna1872@gmail.com to register.

Objective: To establish a dedicated core of knowledgeable individuals who will collaborate on family history records research and DNA analysis, building expertise and shared resources in preparation for the June 2026 Ireland trip and for continued genealogical work beyond.



Participants will:

- Become familiar with the known records associated with Thomas McKenna, his siblings, parents, grandparents, and other relatives in FamilySearch and Ancestry.
- Acquaint themselves with the functionality of FamilySearch and Ancestry, including their interoperability.
- Become proficient in utilizing research tools to uncover additional information about potential ancestors, including civil records, church records, census records, taxation records, townland maps, burial records, topographical directories, and other relevant documents.
- Document unlinked family clusters in FamilySearch and Ancestry and maintain a log of families, including an explanation for their potential significance.
- Conduct research and present personal or group findings, insights, and ideas to the rest of the team.
- Develop research plans for specific ancestors and surnames of interest.
- Experiment with (AI) to refine research plans and identify potential connections within unlinked family clusters
- Become familiar with the principles of [Y-DNA](#) and [Autosomal DNA](#)
- Master the use of DNA research tools available in GedMatch and Ancestry ProTools.