

**WATERFORD COUNTY IRELAND DEATH REGISTERS FROM 1864 TO 1901**

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Looking for ancestors that you suspect died in Waterford County but you do not want to spend time and money to hire a researcher or buy access to databases or even visit Ireland. The Waterford County Library has a free web site with nearly 40 years of death records covering January 1, 1864 until December 31, 1901.

The URL is: <http://www.waterfordcountylibrary.ie/familyhistory/deathregisters>. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Select the Access the Death Registers link. On the next screen, enter a surname followed by the first name, for example: Clancy Ann and then press the red arrow to search.

The software retrieved two records for Clancy Anne. I selected the second record because the death date was in an acceptable range for my wife's Clancy gg grandmother. The software displayed the following which was digitized from the original record:

Certificate No: 493  
Date of Death: 03 Oct 1873  
Place of Death: Ballysalough  
Name: Clancy, Anne  
Sex: F  
Age at Death: Over 80 yrs  
Rank: Labourer's widow  
Condition: Widow  
Cause of Death: Died suddenly by the visitation of God  
Duration of Illness: Not stated  
Certified By: N  
Informant: Brien, Kate  
Qualification: Present at the death  
Residence: Ballysalough  
Signature of Registrar: O'Ryan, E  
District: Clashmore  
Union: Youghal  
Document Type: DREG

The Cause of Death was interesting: Died suddenly by the visitation of God. That sounds like my wife's family! Hopefully, I may be able to get one of my wife's O'Brien and McGrath cousins to research Anne Clancy.

Be patient with the software. The fact that records that are retrieved are those that match the name of the deceased or those that match the name of the informant can be disconcerting. Also, the Place of Death may not appear on a modern map of Waterford County.

Good hunting.