

Irish Military Records

Record Type	Coverage Period	Availability / Scope	Online Repositories (Free)	Online Repositories (Subscription)	Offline Archives
1922 Army Census	November 12–13, 1922	Census of personnel in the National Army (Pro-Treaty forces) during the Civil War. Highly valuable for names, age, rank, post, and next-of-kin's address.	Military Archives (MA): Fully searchable database with links to images of the original returns.	Findmypast, Ancestry (Indexed transcriptions often linking back to the MA images).	Military Archives, Dublin (Original bound volumes).
Military Service Pensions Collection (MSPC)	1916 – 1923 (Applications filed decades later, up to 1949/1953)	Applications for pensions/medals from veterans of the 1916 Rising, War of Independence, and Civil War (Pro- and Anti-Treaty). Files often include detailed witness statements and corroborating evidence.	Military Archives (MA): Digitized files and searchable index (Released in tranches, continually growing).	None needed, as the primary source is free online.	Military Archives, Dublin (Original paper files).
Bureau of Military History (BMH) Witness Statements	1913 – 1921 (Statements taken 1947–1957)	1,773 sworn statements detailing participation in the revolutionary period. Provides rich narrative, context, and mentions of specific individuals and events.	Military Archives (MA): Fully digitized, searchable transcripts and original images.	None needed, as the primary source is free online.	Military Archives, Dublin (Original paper files).
British Army Service Records	c. 1760 – 1922 (Especially WWI 1914–1918)	Records of Irishmen who served in the British Army (before Irish independence). WWI records suffered 60% destruction ("Burnt Records").	National Archives (UK) TNA: Some medal cards and index searches. National Archives of Ireland (NAI): Wills of Irish soldiers who died in WWI.	Findmypast (Excellent coverage for pre-1914 and naval records). Ancestry (WWI medal cards and some surviving service files).	The National Archives (TNA), Kew, UK.