

## Evidence and Enquiry: Using the 1901 and 1911 census forms in the History classroom, 2016 edition

### Examining the 1911 census record of Christopher Brogan

#### Section one: Finding the census form for Christopher Brogan

The family of Christopher Brogan, in the 1911 census. They lived in 7, Frankfort Cottages, North Dock, Dublin.

1. Go to [www.census.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie)
2. Click on “Search the census records for Ireland 1901 and 1911”.
3. Choose the census year, 1911.
4. Write in the name *Brogan* on the surname line.
5. Write in *Christopher* on the Forename line.
6. Click the name *Dublin* in the drop-down list on the county line.
7. Write in the name *North Dock* in the DED line.
8. Click search.
9. Three names appear in the search results. Click on the name *Christopher Brogan*, aged 43.
10. To see all of the personal information about his family, click on the box beside the term, “show all information”.
11. Below the typed family information, you can view the four original forms relating to the family of *Christopher Brogan* - the household return (Form A), the enumerator's abstract (Form N), the house and building returns (Form B1), and the Out-Offices Return (Form B2)
12. If the number 2 appears underneath any of these forms, click on the number. It will open up the reverse side of the form.

**What can we learn about the Brogan family from this information?**

- 1 What is the name of the “head of family”? What was his occupation?
- 2 What is the name of the mother? What is her occupation? Mary Brogan gave birth to ten children. What percentage of her children were alive in 1911?
- 3 How many sons were at home on the “census night”?
- 4 How many daughters were at home on the “census night”?
- 5 What was the religion of the Brogan family?
- 6 Where were the Brogan children born?
- 7 How many members of *Christopher Brogan’s* family over the age of 5 could “read and write”, according to the form. How does this show that the parents placed great value on the importance of education?
- 8 What was the most common occupation of the men in the family?

*Look at the original census form filled in by Christopher Brogan..*

- 11 What was the date for the 1901 census? [Look at the line just below the heading, “Form A”.]
- 12 Who signed the form, at the bottom, stating that the return was “correct”?
- 13 Who signed the form, at the bottom, as “Head of family”, saying that it was a “true” return?
- 14 Why were two people needed to sign the form?

**Are there any other questions that you can ask that might assist you in your examination of this document?**

A family photograph was taken after the 1911 census. Examine the information from the census form. Can you match the names from the census form to the children in the photograph?

Surname	Christian Name	Age	Sex	Relation to head	Religion	Birthplace	Occupation	Education	Irish Lang	Marital Status	Specified Illnesses	Years Married	Children Born	Children Living
Brogan	Christopher J	43	Male	Father	Roman Catholic	City of Dublin	General Labourer	Read write	-	Married	-	21	-	-
Brogan	Mary E	44	Female	Wife	Roman Catholic	Co Wexford	-	Read write	-	Married	-	21	10	9
Brogan	Patrick Leo	20	Male	Son	R C	City Dublin	General Labourer	Read write	-	Single	-	-	-	-
Brogan	Monica	17	Female	Daughter	R C	Co Dublin	Dressmaker	Read write	-	Single	-	-	-	-
Brogan	Christopher J	15	Male	Son	R C	Co Dublin	General Labourer	Read write	-	Single	-	-	-	-
Brogan	James J	13	Male	Son	R C	Co Dublin	Scholar	Read write	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brogan	William	11	Male	Son	R C	Co Dublin	Scholar	Read write	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brogan	Ellen M	8	Female	Daughter	R C	Co Dublin	Scholar	Read write	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brogan	Joseph A	5	Male	Son	R C	Co Dublin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brogan	Peter A	3	Male	Son	R C	Co Dublin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brogan	Agnes Mary	1	Female	Daughter	R C	Co Dublin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

# CENSUS OF IRELAND, 1911.

Two Examples of the mode of filling up this Table are given on the other side.

## FORM A.

No. on Form B. 7

RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 2nd of APRIL, 1911.

Number.	NAME AND SURNAME.		RELATION to Head of Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX.		RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	PARTICULARS AS TO MARRIAGE.			WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	If Deaf and Dumb; Dumb only; Blind; Imbecile or Idiot; or Lunatic.	
	Christian Name.	Surname.	State whether "Head of Family," or "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or other Relative; "Visitor," "Boarder," "Servant," &c.	State here the particular Religion, or Religious Denomination, to which each person belongs. [Members of Protestant Denominations are requested not to describe themselves by the vague term "Protestant," but to enter the name of the Particular Church, Denomination, or Body to which they belong.]	State here whether he or she can "Read and Write," can "Read" only, or "Cannot Read."	Insert Age opposite each name:—the Ages of Males in column 6, and the Ages of Females in column 7.  For Infants under one year state the age in months, as "under 1 month," "1 month," "2 months," &c.		State the particular Rank, Profession, Trade, or other Employment of each person. Children or young persons attending a School, or receiving regular instruction at home, should be returned as <i>Scholars</i> . [No entry should be made in the case of wives, daughters, or other female relatives solely engaged in domestic duties at home.]  Before filling this column you are requested to read the instructions on the other side.	Whether "Married," "Widower," "Widow," or "Single."	State for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule the number of:—			If in Ireland, state in what County or City; if elsewhere, state the name of the Country.	Write the word "IRISH" in this column opposite the name of each person who speaks Irish only, and the words "IRISH & ENGLISH" opposite the names of those who can speak both languages. In other cases no entry should be made in this column.	Write the respective infirmities opposite the name of the afflicted person.
						Completed years the present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year, write "under one."	Children born alive to present Marriage. If no children born alive, write "None" in column 11.			Total Children born alive.	Children still living.				
1.	2.		3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
1	Christopher	Brogan	Head	Nonian	read-write	43	44	General Labourer	Married	21.			City Dublin		
2	Mary E.	Brogan	Wife	Catholic	read-write		44		Married	21.	10	9	City Dublin		
3	Patrick J.	Brogan	Son	R-C	read-write	20		General Labourer	Single				City Dublin		
4	Monica	Brogan	Daughter	R-C	read-write		17	Dressmaker	Single				C. Dublin		
5	Christopher	Brogan	Son	R-C	read-write	15		General Labourer	Single				C. Dublin		
6	James J.	Brogan	Son	R-C	read-writ	13		Scholar					C. Dublin		
7	William	Brogan	Son	R-C	read-write	11		Scholar					C. Dublin		
8	Ellen M.	Brogan	Daughter	R-C	read-write		8	Scholar					C. Dublin		
9	Joseph A.	Brogan	Son	R-C		5							C. Dublin		
10	Peter A.	Brogan	Son	R-C		3							C. Dublin		
11	Agnes Mary	Brogan	Daughter	R-C			3 months						C. Dublin		
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13															
14															
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I hereby certify, as required by the Act 10 Edw. VII., and 1 Geo. V., cap. 11, that the foregoing Return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*William Grant* Signature of Enumerator.

I believe the foregoing to be a true Return.

*Christopher Brogan* Signature of Head of Family.



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