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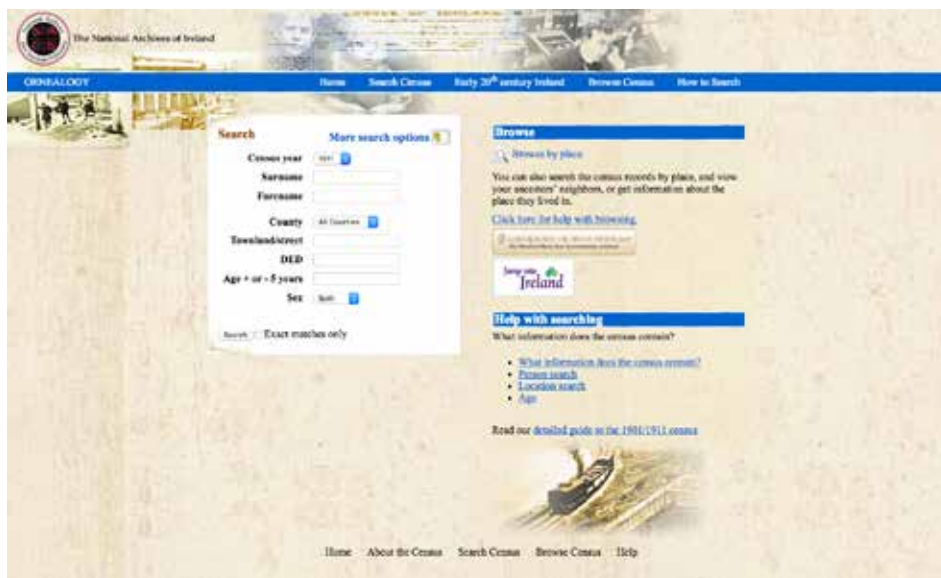
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1911 CENSUS OF IRELAND RESEARCH EXERCISE

Before the War, the local men and women who became heavily involved in the war effort were typically ordinary people within society. This exercise aims to explore this by using the 1911 Census of Ireland via <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/> to identify a number of local people. It will be noted that these individuals have been included in the focus stories, but it is now your task as historical researchers to discover more about these local people.

To access this online resource, simply open your internet browser and search within the address bar <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/search/>. This link will guide you directly to the 1911 Census of Ireland search page.



THE TORBITT FAMILY

The Torbitt family were featured in the Larne Times and Weekly Telegraph for their collective role in the war effort. The siblings included Robert, William, Thomas and Mary. To search for these individuals within the 1911 Census simply follow the steps and image below for guidance.

STEPS TO FOLLOW:

- 1) Type 'Torbitt' into the Surname search bar
- 2) Type 'Robert' into the Forename search bar
- 3) Select 'Antrim' from the drop-down list of Counties
- 4) Finally, click search and your results will appear

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Researchers we have a problem! It appears that there was two Robert Torbitt's living in County Antrim in 1911! Click each name and from the information within the Census results and the focus story on the Torbitt family, use your research skills to trace the correct person.

Surname	Forename	Townland/Street	DED	County	Age	Sex
Torbitt	Robert	Oldglenarn Road	Larne	Antrim	14	M
Torbitt	Robert	Edward Street	Ballymena No. 3 Urban	Antrim	19	M

Once you have successfully discovered the correct Robert Torbitt, tick to help you answer the following questions below.

1) What was the address of the Torbitt family?

2) What were the names of the Mother and Father?

Mother: _____ Father: _____

3) What were Robert's, William's, Thomas' and Mary's occupations?

Robert Torbitt's Occupation: _____

William Torbitt's Occupation: _____

Thomas Torbitt's Occupation: _____

Mary Torbitt's Occupation: _____

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MOLLY MCGINNIS

Now see what you can discover about Molly McGinnis and her family. Begin a new search following the same guidelines used to help you search for the Torbitt family. If you remember from Molly's focus story, her name was Mary Agnes McGinnis, but was known as Molly by her friends and family. To search for Molly within the 1911 Census and her family you should use her full name. Additionally, it is also recommended to use Londonderry as your county option for your search, this will make it much easier for you.

4) What was Molly's address in 1911?

5) Molly had five siblings. However, by 1911 her brother, Patrick had left for Dublin to continue his medical studies, and her sister Winifreda Una entered the Order of the Sisters of Nazareth in November 1909. From the 1911 Census, which siblings were recorded still living with Molly in the family home?

Sibling: _____

Sibling: _____

Sibling: _____

6) We know that Molly was a trained nurse and her brother Patrick was also interested in medicine. However, what area of work was Molly's father and other siblings employed in?

7) What religion was Molly and her family?

8) Was there somebody else documented within the Census records for the McGinnis family?
