

Regarding MAP 'ESTATE OF JOHN FLEMING'

This map appears to me to be part of a series of records known as the **O' Brien Rentals, or the Landed Estates Court Rentals**. This record series is described as follows:

The Incumbered Estates Act was passed in 1849 establishing the Incumbered Estates Commission. In its first full year of operation, 1,200 petitions for sale were presented to the Commission. Legislation was enacted in 1858 and 1859, replacing the Incumbered Estates Commission with a new body, the Landed Estates Court (LEC). The LEC was wound up in 1879 and its residual functions were transferred to the Land Judges Court, which was part of the Court of Chancery. Intermittent sales continued until 1918.

Four series of Incumbered Estates Rentals survive – two in the National Archives and two in the National Library of Ireland. The most complete set is the O'Brien Rentals in the National Archives. This set was deposited in 1881 on the orders of Peter O'Brien, subsequently Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. The second series now in the National Archives is the collection of Incumbered Estates Rentals maintained by the Quit Rent Office. It is the smallest of the four collections but is the only one which includes late 19th and early 20th century rentals.

The document of which you hold a copy is related to a Landed Estates Court sale stored in Volume 101, sale number 24. The date of the sale appears to have been after 1870, and I would expect that this map was prepared for that sale. These records can be viewed on microfilm in the Reading Room here at the National Archives. The relevant microfilm reel numbers are MFGS/39/047 (vols 98-101 (Part)) and MFGS 39/048 (vols 101 (Part)- 104).

These records have also been made available online through the subscription based website, findmypast.ie.

There are finding aids for the O' Brien Rentals available to consult in the Reading Room. 19th century land valuation records can be useful sources for identifying families in particular locations. Two such series are available on our genealogy website: the Valuation Office Books and the Tithe Applotment Books. There are no maps currently in the database to accompany these records.

<http://titheapplotmentbooks.nationalarchives.ie/search/tab/home.jsp>

<http://census.nationalarchives.ie/search/vob/home.jsp>

<http://www.genealogy.nationalarchives.ie/>

In order to provide copies of these document it would be necessary for a member of staff to carry out a page count and provide a quote for cost. If you wish to order a copy, I can arrange that. As an indicative cost, 1-5 pages of black and white paper copies issued by post costs €15.00. Full details about how to order copies of archives from us, including a schedule and summary of fees, can be found on the following

page: <http://www.nationalarchives.ie/services/service-for-our-visitors/obtain-copies-of-archives/>

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