

### What is the OSNI Historical Archive?

The OSNI Historical Archive provides geo-referenced raster data for over 20,000 historical maps dating from 1835 to the 1960's, enabling digital access to maps that are of significant cultural and social value. Used in conjunction with the Historical Points of Interest dataset it provides a unique information and educational resource.

Raster mapping is the simplest form of digital mapping. It is a scanned digital version of a paper map, which has been geo-referenced so that each pixel is fixed on the Irish Grid and has Irish Grid co-ordinates.



### Technical Features & Benefits

- ◆ Geo-referenced, enabling linkage to current OSNI mapping
- ◆ Will allow public access and purchase via the internet
- ◆ Indispensable source of information about changes to the landscape over time
- ◆ Includes a 'Points of Interest' vector layer containing information on a wide range of historical points of interest such as; factories, mills, breweries, railways, mines, forests, wells, springs, areas liable to flooding, places of worship, graveyards and many others relating to health, law and education. This is valuable when used as a research tool.

### Applications

- ◆ Historical research
- ◆ Ancestry/Genealogy
- ◆ Site History for planning and building control
- ◆ Archaeology
- ◆ Boundary clarification
- ◆ Bespoke paper mapping on parchment or distressed paper
- ◆ Brownfield Development

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