

**INDEX TO
CEMETERIES
MAINTAINED BY
LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL**

Extant records for the following council-maintained cemeteries have been microfilmed and are available for consultation in the local studies reading room of Laois County Library (by appointment only)

INTRODUCTION


Cemetery records constitute both an immensely important source of local history and a most vulnerable branch of archival material. More often than not, these records, invariably in the form of registers of interments, comprise the only physical written record of such information, which is quite precarious from a security point of view.

A microfilming programme has been undertaken to safeguard the records already extant in those cemeteries maintained by Laois County Council. The vulnerability of these records cannot be overemphasised, as in the event of a fire or similar disaster, these registers, which are usually stored in the caretaker's house, are wiped out and the information contained in them beyond retrieval. An indirect but equally destructive consequence are the incidences of fading text, especially in those volumes consisting of vegetable parchment, where the ink has become fugitive and faded over time.

A working positive copy will be held in situ and consulted by researchers in the local studies section of Laois County Library, while a security copy (silver halide master negative) will be held in off-site storage. A policy of making periodic security copies every three to five years will then be considered.

The cemeteries have been arranged alphabetically and comprise all burial grounds maintained by Laois County Council, including those graveyards long since closed. For further details on the archivist's recommendations for cemetery records, please see *Report on Cemetery Archives in Graveyards maintained by Laois County Council* (December 1999).

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Abbeyleix

Register of Interments	2 Dec 1904 – 28 May 1949	LSCC 50 1/1/1
Register of Interments	9 June 1949 – 19 Aug 1973	LSCC 50 1/1/2
Register of Purchasers of Grave Spaces	21 Sept 1960 – 14 Nov 2001	LSCC 50 1/2/1

Annatrim

Register of Interments	8 Mar 1955 – 26 Apr 1999	LSCC 50 2/1/1
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Ballacolla

Register of Interments	13 Apr 1989 – 24 May 2001	LSCC 50 3/1/1
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Ballinakill

Register of Interments	18 Oct 1929 – 14 Nov 2001	LSCC 50 4/1/1
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Ballyadams

Register of Interments	7 Mar 1971 – 1 Nov 2001	LSCC 50 5/1/1
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Ballyfin

Register of Interments	8 Jan 1940 – 5 Nov 2001	LSCC 50 6/1/1
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Ballylinan

Register of Interments	22 Nov 1988 – 13 Sept 2001	LSCC 50 7/1/1
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Barrowhouse

Register of Interments	23 Aug 1985 – 11 June 2000	LSCC 50 8/1/1
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Belady

Register of Interments	27 Mar 1974 – 7 Nov 2001	LSCC 9/1/1
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Borris in Ossory

Register of Interments	17 Nov 1985 – 23 June 2001	LSCC 50 10/1/1
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Camross

Register of Interments (old)	6 Nov 1940 – 12 Nov 2001	LSCC 50 11/1/1
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Register of Interments (new)	31 Jan 1989 – 18 Oct 2001	LSCC 50 11/1/2
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Churchtown

Register of Interments	20 Nov 1963 – 3 Oct 2000 (old) 18 Nov 1981 – 13 July 2001 (new)	LSCC 50 12/1/1
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Clonaslee

Register of Interments	25 Mar 1951 – 2 June 2001	LSCC 50 13/1/1
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Coolkerry

Register of Interments	15 July 1948 – 18 Aug 1953	LSCC 50 14/1/1
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Emo

Register of Interments 3 Aug 1969 – 13 Oct 2001 LSCC 50 15/1/1

Killeeshin

Register of Interments 22 Aug 1977 – 15 May 2001 LSCC 50 16/1/1

Mountmellick

Register of Interments 30 Aug 1905 – 8 July 1930 LSCC 50 17/1/1

Register of Interments 9 July 1930 – 9 June 2001 LSCC 50 17/1/2

Mountrath

Register of Interments 14 May 1952 – 13 Nov 2001 LSCC 50 18/1/1

Moyanna

Register of Purchasers of Grave Spaces 15 Jan 1990 – 28 July 2001 LSCC 50 19/1/1

Portlaoise

Register of Interments / 27 Feb 1897 – 23 May 1922 LSCC 50 20/1/1

Register of Interments 23 May 1923 – 25 Dec 1943 LSCC 50 20/1/2

Register of Interments 27 Dec 1943 – 7 Dec 1990 LSCC 50 20/1/3

Raheen

Register of Interments 9 Feb 1939 – 23 Oct 2001 LSCC 50 21/1/1

Rathdowney

Register of Interments 30 July 1928 – 13 Nov 2001 LSCC 50 22/1/1

Rosenallis

Register of Interments 10 Oct 1908 – 28 Oct 1961 LSCC 50 23/1/1

Register of Interments 29 Oct 1961 – 8 Nov 2001 LSCC 50 23/1/2

Shanahoe

Register of Interments 20 Jan 1970 – 16 Sept 2001 LSCC 50 24/1/1

Sleaty

Register of Purchasers of Grave Spaces 20 Jan 1991 – 12 Nov 2001 LSCC 50 25/1/1

Stradbally

Register of Interments 5 May 1972 – 29 Oct 2001 LSCC 50 26/1/1

Timahoe

Register of Interments 5 Feb 1941 – 10 Nov 2001 LSCC 50 27/1/1