Ireland

Primarily located in: Ireland
Also found in: Channel Islands, Faroe Islands, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Scotland

Surprised to see some Scottish in your results?
Learn more about this map and ethnicity

15%

Your ethnicity estimate is 15%,
0–19%. 😊
Using Historical Census Data & Maps for Research

• Researched immigrant homes in Renovo from 1880 - 1910 and their role in the town's economy and railroad industry
  ⚫ 2015 final project - History and Cartography graduate course, George Mason University
• Viewed census records for Renovo in 1880 and 1910, highlighted homes where someone was born outside the U.S.
  ⚫ color-coded and transcribed into spreadsheets
  ⚫ noted occupations, highlighted railroad employees
• Created diagrams and marked available insurance maps to visualize the countries of origin.
Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1880, and ends May 31, 1880.
Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.
Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in the 1st Ward, in the County of , State of , enumerated by me on the day of June, 1880.

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1880 Renovo Census Trends

• Census did not give corresponding addresses
• Divided into East and West Wards

• Top 3 Countries of birth in the **East Ward** (outside of U.S.)
  ○ Ireland
  ○ Sweden
  ○ Germany

• Top 3 Countries of birth in the **West Ward** (outside of U.S.)
  ○ Ireland
  ○ Germany
Visualization of 1880 Census data - place of birth by ward

Data analysis visualization created with RAW Graphs - https://www.rawgraphs.io/
Mapping the 1910 Census to 1911 Insurance Maps

• Downloaded 1910 Census Schedules from Archives.gov.
• Transcribed into a spreadsheet, identified homes with immigrants.
• Downloaded 1911 Sanborn Insurance Maps of Renovo from Penn State Libraries' Digital Collections.
• Uploaded maps to Adobe Illustrator to edit.
• Identified houses on map that had occupants born outside of United States using a color coded system.
1910 Renovo Census Trends

- **Irish-born immigrants were plentiful!**
  - 87 born in Italy
  - **83 born in Ireland**
  - 73 born in Sweden
  - 404 residents born outside of United States total
  - **4,621 total residents** in Renovo Borough

- Addresses listed - able to plot on map
- Many European ethnicities lived among each other (see map)
  - Many Irish families lived in center of town
  - "Irish Acre" - 7th - 11th Streets
- Railroad was a major employer of immigrants.
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Irish Immigrant Spotlight: John Healy

• Born in Ireland around 1851
• Arrived in Renovo around 1865-1870.
• 1870 Census, Renovo, Clinton County:
  ◦ Lives with older brother Daniel, mother Margaret, sister Julia, her husband Rodger Fowly/Foley, and their 4 year old daughter Mary. All born in Ireland except Mary.
  ◦ Works as a laborer and claims $1200
• 1880 Census, Renovo, Clinton County:
  ◦ Lives on 8th Street with wife Maggie (parents both born in Bavaria), 4 year old son Frank, 1 year old daughter Julia, and mother Margaret, 62.
  ◦ Works in Oil House
  ◦ Became county tax collector for the First Ward in 1882.
Irish Immigrant Spotlight: John Healy

• 1900 Census, Renovo, Clinton County:
  ◦ Around 52, lives on 8th Street with wife Margaret (45), son Frank (24), son Michael (18), daughter Margaret/Maggie (15), daughter Annie (formerly Julia?) (11)
  ◦ Naturalized, lived in US 24 years, owned home, occupation was landlord.

• 1910 Census Renovo, Clinton County:
  ◦ 61, lived at 153 8th Street, with wife Margaret, son Frank (33), daughter Margaret (24), daughter Annie (19)

• 1914 died of pneumonia, about age 66. Buried at St. Joe's Cemetery in Drury's Run.
3rd - 10th Streets, Renovo Borough, 1911
Interactive Map of Irish Immigrants in Renovo, 1910/1911

Visit bit.ly/1911RenovoMap to view details.
Genealogy Resources

- **Local libraries**
  - Historical newspapers, obituaries
  - Access to genealogical websites and local history books
  - Helpful librarians!

- **Greater Renovo Area Heritage Park**

- **Genealogical Society**

- **Digitized historical books and documents**
  - [Archive.org](https://archive.org) (Internet Archive)
  - National Archives Census website - 1790 - 1950
  - [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) (subscription) or [FamilySearch.org](https://familysearch.org) (free)
  - Google News Archive Search -
References


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