

## Marriage Licence Bonds

Records of marriage licences provide information concerning some Church of Ireland marriages before 1845. People wishing to obtain a licence to marry without having banns called were required to enter into a bond with the bishop of the diocese. The licence and bonds do not survive (in most cases), but the indexes to the bonds lodged in each Diocesan Court and the Prerogative Court are available in the National Archives. Some of the indexes have been published. Below are the indexes for the Cork&Ross Diocese and the Cloyne Diocese (both in County Cork). Note that some Catholics applied for marriage licence bonds especially if there was land involved and they wanted to be legally secure.

### Marriage Licence Bonds for the Diocese of Cork and Ross for Sheas and Shees

1669 Honor Shea m. Chris West  
1726 John Shea m. Mary Dorane  
1741 Mary Shea m. Daniel Mc Nemarra  
1727 Elias Shee m. Ann Waters.  
1840 Richard Shee m. Ellen Maria Carnegie.  
1783 Andrew Shea m. Clarissa Trant  
1844 Bridget Shea m. Frank Joyce  
1822 Catherine Shea m. Phillip Bluett  
1792 Catherine Shea m. Pat Ryan  
1807 Catherine Shea m. Wm. Sheehan  
1830 Cornelius Shea m. Mary Attridge  
1786 David Shea m. Cath Long  
1837 Ellen Shea m. Jas Magrath  
1829 Ellen Shea m. John Murphy  
1782 Ellinor Shea m. Jas Bourk  
1779 George Shea m. Eliz Dorgan  
1797 Honora Shea m. Owen Sullivan  
1827 James Shea m. Abigail Coleman  
1823 Joanna Shea m. John Harrington  
1818 John Shea m. Eliz. Davis  
1769 Judith Shea m. Chris Henry Wayes  
1839 Julia Shea m. John Shaw  
1791 Margaret Shea m. Thos Bolster  
1774 Mary Shea m. Robt Daniell  
1792 Mary Shea m. Edw Jefcott  
1776 Mary Shea m. John Morbeck  
1836 Mary Shea m Francis Walker  
1774 Mary Shea m. Michael Woulfe  
1794 Mary Anne Shea m. Mathew Sharkey  
1826 Robert Shea m. Mary Milward  
1806 Thomas Shea m. Mary Arundel  
1820 William Shea m. Cath. Somerville

1765 Eliz. Shey m. Wm Downey

### Marriage License Bonds For Cloyne Diocese for Sheas

1794 Abigail Shea m. Robert Dillon  
1779 Eleanor Shea m. Wm Phillips  
1799 Eliza Shea m. David Stein  
1770 Eliza Shea m. Rich Richardson  
1786 Eliza Shea m. Lewis Spainn  
1769 Ellinor Shea m. David Ramsey  
1783 Jane Shea m. Francis Wilkins  
1746 John Shea m. Mary Henesy  
1780 Margaret Shea m. John Ball  
1797 Patty Shea m. John Daukins

1838 Ann Shea m. Dowdney  
1815 Catherine Shea m. Nassau Massey  
1853 Mary m. Peter Heffernan  
1805 Mary Shea m. John Mc Donald  
1854 Mary Shea[widow] m. William Worth  
1824 Phillip Shea m. Honora Broderick  
1808 William Shea m. Ellenor Lyons  
1848 Louisa Ann O'Shea m. Wm. Henry Beare