

Irish War Memorials and Military Records

www.irishwarmemorials.ie This web-site presents an inventory of war memorials in Ireland. It includes photographs of each memorial, the text of all inscriptions, and details of the site of the memorial. A database of all of those named allows a search for individual persons, with links to the photographs of the memorials. The website is continuing to add memorials. There are some O'Sheas and Sheas listed.

Another site where you will find details of Irish military is at the British National Archives catalogue: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/catalogue/search.asp> There are Sheas, O'Sheas, McSheas and Shees listed under the War Office and other categories.

Bureau of Military History

Index to Witness statements

The witness statements, of the Military History Bureau, is a significant source for many Irish family history researchers. *Irish Roots* published the complete index to this archive in their magazines in 2004. The Bureau of Military History was formed in 1947 "to assemble and co-ordinate material to form the basis for the compilation of the history of the movement for independence from the formation of the Irish Volunteers on 25 November 1913 to July 1921".

Witnesses were interviewed by officers of the Bureau, statements were taken, sometimes several drafts were made, and finally an agreed statement was drawn up, logged in and given a registration number. A total of 1,773 statements were taken, varying in length from two pages to 1,200 pages. The majority were in the region of 20 to 70 pages.

Name	Address/Notes
O'Shea, James	ICA
O'Shea, Jeremiah	Cork
O'Shea, Joseph	Cork
O'Shea, Patrick	Kerry, NT (National teacher)
O'Shea, Sean	Bought arms in Italy
O'Shea, Sean	Dublin
O'Shea, Timothy	Limerick
McShea, Thomas	Donegal