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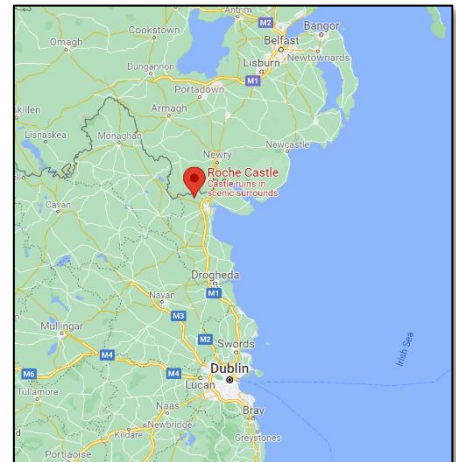
Archival Exercise Practice

Topic: Roesia de Verdun & Castle Roche, County Louth, Ireland

Background: I visited this castle during a trip to Ireland in 2012 and was surprised to hear it was built and run by a woman in the 13th century. I have tried to learn more about her but couldn't find more than a mention here and there, so I'm thinking of using her and the castle as my dissertation topic.

Research Methodology: My research is being done remotely from the United States for now, so the Archive Exercise seems like a good chance to see what I would be able to access remotely. My process started by googling her name and the castle and looking for websites that list a Primary source that I can then look up directly. Websites that I have found useful include:

- <http://womensmuseumofireland.ie> – this site references the Fine Rolls of Henry III, so I went looking for those.
- Archive.org



Google Maps, 2021. *Roche Castle Location, Google maps (online).*
Accessed 8 October 2021.

Archival Source #1: Fine Rolls of Henry III (website translation)

I found a translation of the fine rolls online, so I assume I cite it as the website I used and not the manuscript itself. The site has digital images of the rolls but also a translation of each entry, which is what I would need to reference since I don't know Latin!

Website Citation (bibliography version): The National Archives & Kings College London, *Henry III Fine Rolls Project*, 2009. <<http://finerollshenry3.org.uk>> [Accessed 8 October 2021].

There is no mention made of who did the translation. From these rolls it looks like I will be able to find the payments made to King Henry III for various reasons during his reign. It looks as though they contain information about fees Roesia de Verdun paid Henry III to gain ownership of the land she built the castle on. For information I reference from a specific roll, I assume I need to cite the specific roll index (letter/# combination & membrane) I used? For example, looking at the first roll, I see that the second entry was made on Dec 17, 1216 and William Bloet pays Henry 60 m. to gain custody of a parcel of land. Would that be cited as such:

Specific Roll Citation (bibliography version): The National Archives & Kings College London, *Henry III Fine Rolls Project, Fine Roll C 60/8, Membrane 2*, 2009. https://finerollshenry3.org.uk/content/calendar/roll_008.html [Accessed 14 October 2021].

Specific Roll Citation (footnote version): TNA & KCL, *Henry III Fine Rolls Project, Fine Roll C 60/8, Membrane 2*, 2009. https://finerollshenry3.org.uk/content/calendar/roll_008.html [Accessed 14 October 2021].

Subsequent footnotes: TNA & KCL, *Henry III Fine Rolls* _(C 60/8, etc)_, Membrane ____.

Archival Source #2: Fine Rolls of Henry III (Physical book):

This is actually the same source as the one listed above, but this time it is a physical book I found when I googled the topic. There was no e-book version available so I couldn't read it but I may be able to request books through the library during my research, so I thought I would include an example of this kind of citation to practice a different citation style.

Book citation (bibliography) if I had the physical book: Dryburgh, P. and Hartland, B, *Calendar Of The Fine Rolls Of The Reign Of Henry III: 1 To 8, Henry III, 1216-1224*, (United Kingdom, Boydell Press, 2007).

Book citation (footnote version) if I had the physical book: P. Dryburgh B. Hartland, *Calendar Of The Fine Rolls Of The Reign Of Henry III: 1 To 8, Henry III, 1216-1224*, (United Kingdom: Boydell Press, 2007) p ____.

Subsequent footnotes: Dryburgh, *Calendar Of The Fine Rolls*, p ____.

Archival Source #3: e-book

This is one result that came up when I googled the name of Roesia de Verdun. She was married to Theobald le Buttiler, ancestor to James, the first Duke of Ormond and is mentioned as such in a book on the life of James. This book is available online as a e-book, which is what I will attempt to cite here. I'm not sure how to note that this was an e-book from Google Books, so I will try to follow the applicable styles from the MHRA guide.

e-book citation (bibliography version): Carte, T, *The Life of James, Duke of Ormond; Containing An Account Of The Most Remarkable Affairs Of His Time And Particularly Of Ireland Under His Government, Volume 1*, (Oxford, University Press, 1851). *Google Books*, 2008, <<http://https://books.google.ca/books?id=1NVpAAAAAMAAJ&pg=PR26&lpg=PR26&dq#v=onepage&q&f=false>> [Accessed 14th October 2021].

e-book citation (footnote version): T. Carte, *The Life of James, Duke of Ormond; Containing An Account Of The Most Remarkable Affairs Of His Time And Particularly Of Ireland Under His*

Government, Volume 1, (Oxford, University Press, 1851). p xxvi. *Google Books*, 2008, <<http://https://books.google.ca/books?id=1NVpAAAAAMAAJ&pg=PR26&lpg=PR26&dq#v=onepage&q&f=false>> [Accessed 14th October 2021].

e-book citation (subsequent footnote): Carte, *The Life of James*, p xxvii.

Archival Source #4: e-book #2

I found this book through archive.org and searching for the castle name “Castleroché”. One book has some good detail on the castle, which I will practice citing here. Again, I will try and use the MHRA guidelines for citing a book and a website since I found this on archive.org.

e-book citation (bibliography version): Stally, R. A., *Architecture And Sculpture In Ireland, 1150-1350*. (Dublin, Gill and Macmillan, 1971). p 43. Digitized by *The Arcadia Fund*, June 2020, <<https://archive.org/details/architecturescul0000unse/page/42/mode/2up?q=castleroché>> <<http://> [Accessed 14th October 2021].

e-book citation (footnote version): R. A. Stally, *Architecture And Sculpture In Ireland, 1150-1350*. (Dublin, Gill and Macmillan, 1971). p 43. Digitized by *The Arcadia Fund*, June 2020, <<https://archive.org/details/architecturescul0000unse/page/42/mode/2up?q=castleroché>> <<http://> [Accessed 14th October 2021].

e-book citation (subsequent footnote): Stally, *Architecture*, p 44.

I submitted the book information and ISBN to my local library to see if I could get a copy through the InterLibrary Loan program they subscribe to, so I'll see if I can get a physical copy of the book sent to me. The book has several pages of detail on the design of the castle, so I'd like to see if it provides references for where it found that information.

Several books came back when I searched for the castle on archive.org, so hopefully I can get some of them through my local library and look for more primary sources the list.

General notes about this exercise:

I was able to find more sources on my topic than I actually expected, so that was good to see. My concern is that most of the sources may be much of the same information repeated over the years, so I will have to think about what question I want my research to try and answer.