

Appendix 4 - Location of Kildare geological collections in museums

This is an overview, without individual specimen details of where significant collections are known to be held in museums in Ireland and Britain. It is not an exhaustive list and many others may be identified, including outside of Ireland or Britain, in University departments and geological museums.

National Museum of Ireland

The Griffith Collection of invertebrates will include both important material from the Kildare inlier and from the Carboniferous around the county. In particular material from around the Millicent and Clane area will feature strongly as this was where Griffith's family estates were. Contact Nigel Monaghan or Matthew Parkes, in the Natural History Division.

The Geological Survey of Ireland

Many hundreds of specimens collected by the GSI during original geological mapping of the country in the 19th century are held in Beggars Bush. Additionally, some more modern material is available but poorly accessible, due to lack of cataloguing. Microfossils from boreholes and processed samples are also held. Contact Andy Sleeman (01-6782862) for information.

Trinity College Dublin, Geological Museum

A wide range of material from Kildare will be present, including research collections by staff and students from many decades. Contact Patrick Wyse Jackson (01-6081477) for further information.

James Mitchell Museum, National University of Ireland, Galway

A quite limited range of material from Kildare, including some distributed collections from GSI, made in the 19th century for teaching purposes. Contact Martin Feely (091-524411)

Geology Museum, UCC, Cork

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Department of Geosciences, NUI Dublin

Research collections will be held in the department including microfossils from a number of Kildare sites. Contact Ian Somerville (01-7162325) for specific enquiries.

British Geological Survey

There are extensive collections of Irish fossils in the BGS, mostly dating from the 19th century, when GSI was a branch of the GSGB, including many type specimens. Localities such as the Chair of Kildare will feature in this material.

Natural History Museum, London

Many type specimens will be held in the Natural History Museum in London, and this includes some Kildare material. For instance material from Kildare described by Parkes in the Bulletin of the British Museum (Natural History) in 1994 has been split so that type and figured material is held in London, the remainder in the collections of NUI Galway.