

1. The Census Returns taken on 30 March 1861 and
2. Baptismal Registers, so far as they exist, of persons of the late Established Protestant Church of Ireland.

The Census Returns for 1861 and 1871 have been destroyed, and

Baptismal Registers for all Religious Denominations, ~~that of the late Established Protestant Church of Ireland~~, except ~~Protestants~~ ^{of the late Established Protestant Church of Ireland} ~~fore-mentioned~~ are in the custody of the vicarious Clergyman or Ministers of such Denominations.

If the ^{Scottish} ~~Scottish~~ Census Returns for 1861 ^{have been} ~~wrought~~ ^{brought} into use for ~~Census~~ Old Age Pension purposes Irish Applicants whose parents were in ~~Ireland~~ ^{Scotland} at the time this Census of 1861 was taken should preferably look for evidence of age in the ^{Irish} ~~Scottish~~ ~~Census~~ Returns for 1861.

Also ^{it would be well that} ~~Protestants~~ ^{all} ~~of all Denominations, except the late Established Church of Ireland, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, etc.~~ ^{Applicants of all Denominations, except the late Established Church of Ireland, Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, etc.} should always endeavour, in the first instance to obtain copies of their baptismal entries.

I shall be much obliged if you kindly inform ^{me} whether the Scottish Census Returns for the year 1861 ^{have been} ~~wrought~~ ^{brought} into use for Old Age Pension purposes.

remain, Dear Sir,
Very faithfully Yours,

Of course it is needless for me to say that Registration of births in Ireland only commenced on 1st January 1864