EPIC in Dublin

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EPIC The Irish Emigtation Museum is a worthy addition to a Dublin itinerary. Opened in 2016, the Museum’s 20 interactive galleries immerse you in the Irish diaspora and the influence Irish emigrants have had around the world through the centuries. And very importantly in America. After all, 11 US presidents had roots in Ireland. We visited with JFK of course and Obama always the surprise with his Irish ancestry

There’s something for everyone. All ages and you don’t have to be of Irish ancestry. There are touch- screens, immersive video installations, interactive games, interactive maps.

We didn’t allow nearly enough time for EPIC because The Museum also has a digital genealogy center, Irish Family History Centre, where one can trace one’s Irish ancestry. Knowing my paternal Grandmother’s parents were from Ireland (Northern), I wanted to search the records with the help of my daughter Alana. One item we uncovered truly surprised me. It was the marriage license of my Grandparents in 1884 in “Napa City.” Almost the exact time that the San Francisco Victorian I lived in was built.