

Chapter 7. Appendix 11i. The Top Five Ethnographic Reference Types by Decade 1920s – 1990s.

Decade of Texts	Top 5 Ethnographic Reference Types & number of times evidenced
1920s Texts	palace - 39 / queen - 26 / Fianna – 20/ curragh – 18 / Tir na nOg – 11
1930s Texts	Irish - 34 / Fianna - 30 / Ireland – 30 / king – 21
1940s Texts	king - 74 / Ireland - 26 / Ulster – 23 / Fianna – 14 / Fairies – 11
1950s Texts	Fianna - 28 / king - 26 / Dagda – 9 / Fomorians – 7 / Goblin – 7
1960s Texts	King - 21 / Fianna - 17 / Goblin –14 / Tara – 13 / Irish – 9
1970s Texts	King - 32 / Ireland - 15 / Fianna –14 / high – 14 / King's – 10
1980s Texts	King - 47 / Fianna - 30 / Ulster –26 / Ireland – 18 / Goblin – 15
1990s Texts	King - 61 / Fianna - 50 / Ulster –41 / Ireland – 17

Table 1. The Top Five Ethnographic Reference Types by Decade 1920s – 1990s.

The most frequent occurring ethnographic reference word throughout the eight decades is 'king', occurring in seven of the eight decades analysed, with a total number of 213 instances.

The next most frequent occurring ethnographic reference word is 'Fianna', occurring in all of the texts analysed from the eight decades, with the number of occurrences totalling 203 instances. The word 'Ireland' is the third most frequent occurring ethnographic reference word. It occurs in five of the eight decades and its number of occurrences is 106. The next most frequent ethnographic reference word is 'Ulster' occurring in three decades with a total number of occurrences of 90. The word 'Irish' occurs in two of the decades, with a total number of occurrences of 43.