

Dunleer Corporation: Notes by JR Garstin

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Title:	Dunleer Corporation: Notes by JR Garstin
Dates:	c. 1899, 1970
Level of Description:	Fonds
Extent:	1 archival folder
Name of Creator(s):	John Ribton Garstin
Admin/Biographical History:	<p>John Ribton Garstin (1836-1917) was an archaeologist and antiquarian expert with a particular interest in heraldry, pedigrees and genealogy. He was a member of the Royal Irish Academy, the Royal Dublin Society, the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, and vice-president of the County Louth Archaeological Society. Garstin's ancestor, Captain Symon Garstin (d1660) – who assisted Sir William Petty on the Down Survey – and his uncle Major James Garstin received a grant of the lands at Braganstown and at Leragh Castle in Co Westmeath. John Ribton Garstin was the only son of William Garstin of the Leragh Castle branch. Born in Dublin, he moved to County Louth in 1877. He served as High Sheriff from 1880 – 1881 and then served on the Grand Jury from 1881 – 1889. When the Grand Jury ceased to function, he was one of three members from that body elected to Louth County Council.</p> <p>Garstin married Mary Martha Toone Durham in 1864 and his only son Major William Fortescue Colborne Garstin, 5th Royal Irish Fusiliers was killed in the Dardanelles in 1915. His three daughters – Helen Cordelia, Adeline Frances, and Rosamund Alethea – became co-heiresses of Braganstown. Garstin was responsible for writing the abstract in the Dunleer minute book circa 1899-1900. It would appear that he transcribed this collection of notes on Dunleer Corporation about that time. The National Library of Ireland contains a collection relating to the Garstin family.</p>
Archival history:	These papers were deposited with Louth County Archives Service in April 2001 by the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society for an indefinite period.
Scope and Content:	This collection contains notes on Dunleer Corporation which appear to have been copied by John Ribton Garstin, Braganstown, Castlebellingham, from the minute book of Dunleer Corporation (DC/MB/1).
Subject index:	Borough of Dunleer; Foster family of Dunleer; Lord Dartmouth; Tenisons of Thomastown Castle (Knock Abbey)
Appraisal & Destruction:	Retain permanently
Accruals:	Further accruals are not expected
System of Arrangement:	The items in this collection are arranged in chronological order.
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Language/Script of Material:	English

- Physical Characteristics:** Paper. Good condition.
- Technical Requirements:** Careful handling required
- Finding Aids:** Descriptive list can be found on on-line catalogue available at <http://www.louthcoco.ie>
- Existence & Location of Originals:** Louth County Archives Service
- Existence & Location of Copies:** Some digitised documents may occasionally be found on <http://www.louthcoco.ie>
- Related Material:**
Louth County Archives Service: IE LHA DC/ Dunleer Corporation minute book 1709 - 1773
- Repository Home Page:** <http://www.louthcoco.ie>
- Source Material:** <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

Publication Note:

- 'The Charter of Dunleer Corporation' by Richard Chapel in Journal of the County Louth Archaeological Society, Vol. 5, No. 1 (Dec., 1921), pp49-57
- 'Minutes of Dunleer Corporation' in Journal of the County Louth Archaeological Society, Vol. 5, No. 2 (Dec., 1922), pp121-126
- 'The Foster Family and the Parliamentary Borough of Dunleer' by APW Malcomson in Journal of the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society, Vol. 17, No. 3 (1971), pp156-163
- Leslie, James B, 'History of Kilsaran' (Dundalk 1908), see <http://ia700401.us.archive.org/8/items/historyofkilsara00lesl/historyofkilsara00lesl.pdf>

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Descriptive List

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Letter from APW Malcomson, Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast, to Reverend Diarmuid Maclomhair, Cill Churraigh (Kilcurry), Dundalk. Malcomson thanks Maclomhair for allowing him to copy the notes on Dunleer Corporation 1684-1773. Includes notes from the minute book of Dunleer Corporation. Outlines the procedures and formalities of conducting meetings, the appointment of freemen, minute recorders, charter of Dunleer, and oath to be taken. Also includes information on the minute book, size, contents and handwriting.

This list has been written on the reverse of a number of receipts from the London and County Banking Company Limited and notices to attend meeting of the Royal Irish Academy.

c. 1899, 14 Jan 1970

10pp

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A list of the names of the Burgesses of Dunleer from the year 1708 until 1773 according to seniority. It also includes the names of individuals chosen to succeed those who had died. Includes a note of 24 May 1716 stating that Peter Lodlow had resigned and was instated as Freeman in June 1716. Also includes date when appointed. This list has been written on the reverse of a number of receipts from the London and County Banking Company Limited and notices to attend meeting of the Royal Dublin Society. Includes envelope

c. 1899

6pp

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A list of the names of the Freemen of Dunleer from the year 1709 until 1769 including date when appointed or sworn in. Occasionally includes address of newly appointed freemen. A second list of freemens' names is noted as being 'a list from the beginning' [of the Corporation].

This list has been written on the reverse of a number of receipts from the London and County Banking Company Limited and notices to attend meeting of the Royal Dublin Society, and Glyde Drainage District. Includes envelope and stamp.

c. 1899

16pp

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A list of the names of the Sovereigns of Dunleer from the year 1710 until 1773 including date when elected.

This list has been written on the reverse of a number of receipts from the London and County Banking Company Limited and notices to attend meetings of the Royal Dublin Society and Glyde Drainage District. Includes envelope and stamp.

c. 1899

7pp

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Copy of the report of the Corporations Commission on the Borough of Dunleer, 16 September 1833. The report outlines the geographical location of Dunleer, establishment of Dunleer Corporation, and the numbers of sovereign, burgesses and freemen. Also reports on the charter of Dunleer and the Borough of Dunleer such as its right to return two members to the Irish Parliament. The report states that a sovereign has not been elected since 1811 and that Mr Henry Coddington, the late proprietor of the manor, sold the Corporation but retained the books as he considered it his own property. Also includes notes on fairs, tolls, population, trades and dwellings.

c. 1899

3pp