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St Nicholas National School, Dundalk, 1855 - 1954

Repository Code:	IE LHA
Collection Reference Code:	SCH003/
Title:	St Nicholas national school, Dundalk
Dates:	1855 – 1954
Level of Description:	Fonds
Extent:	241 items
Name of Creator:	St Nicholas national school, Dundalk
Admin/Biographical History:	<p>St Nicholas national school was established on the site of the former Wellington Place School (Wellington Hall), in St Mary's Road, Dundalk, after the lease of which was handed over to Lord Roden (who had provided the site). Wellington Place School, formerly known as the "Free School" (Dundalk's first public school), had been an Erasmus Smith foundation erected in 1812. In 1883, Lord Roden conveyed the site and buildings of the former school to the Church of Ireland authorities, who then converted it into a national school and named it St Nicholas. In 1900, the school was reconstructed. A Church of Ireland school for infants operated in Church Lane. St Nicholas national school ceased operating out of Wellington Hall in 1961 when the school was relocated to a site on St Nicholas Street. The Wellington Hall site then became a community facility for the parish of St Nicholas (Church of Ireland) and the wider community.</p>
Archival History:	<p>In 2004, Noel Ross notified Louth County Archives Service of this collection being stored in Wellington Hall and as refurbishment was pending, it was transferred to the County Archives for permanent preservation.</p>
Scope and Content:	<p>This collection contains several series of roll books, registers and report books for boys and girls of St Nicholas national school, Dundalk. There is also a file containing circulars from the Department of Education and inspectors' reports (SCH003/003) in addition to a number of individual items such as observation books, several copy/composition books, and a scheme of work and monthly progress record of Robert F Bennet, teacher (SCH003/010). The collection is subject to restricted access.</p>
Subject index:	Education; Roll books; St Nicholas national school, Dundalk
Appraisal & Destruction:	Retain permanently
Accruals:	Further accruals may be expected.
System of Arrangement:	The collection is arranged by record type and then chronologically.
Conditions of Access:	Access is by appointment, and subject to restricted access
Conditions Governing	
Reproduction:	Copying is subject to copyright and physical condition.
Language/Script of Material:	English, Irish
Physical Characteristics:	Paper. Poor - fair condition.

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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: PP00060/ Saint Nicholas Mens Institute, Church Street, Dundalk, 1908 - 1910, 1913 – 1958
Repository Home Page:	http://www.louthcoco.ie
Source Material:	http://www.louthcoco.ie
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Level Headings

Fonds:	SCH003/ - St Nicholas national school, Dundalk, 1855 – 1954, 241 items
Items:	SCH003/001 - SCH003/013, 1884 – 1952, 193 items
Series:	SCH003/RB1/ - Series of roll books, girls, 1884 – 1920, 9 items
Series:	SCH003/RB2/ - Series of roll books, boys, 1884 – 1921, 8 items
Series:	SCH003/RB3/ - Series of roll books of infant boys and girls, 1921 – 1944, 6 items
Item:	SCH003/RB4 - Daily roll book, 1903 – 1906, 1 item
Item:	SCH003/RB5 – Pages from a roll book, 1920, 1 item
Series:	SCH003/REG/ - Series of Registers, 1884 – 1921, 2 items
Series:	SCH003/REP1/ - Series of Daily Report Books, Girls, 1884 – 1920, 6 items
Series:	SCH003/REP2/ - Series of Daily Report Books, Boys, 1884 – 1923, 5 items
Series:	SCH003/REP3/ - Series of Daily Report Books, infant boys and girls, 1924 – 1954, 7 items
Series:	SCH003/REP4/ - Series of Daily Report Books, providing attendance statistics, 1855 - 1906, 3 items

Descriptive List

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SCH003/001

Certificates of parents/guardians, teacher and inspector for religious instruction to a child who is a different religion to the teacher. Provides the child's name, the child's father's name, religious denomination, area of religious instruction, signature of teacher and inspector. There are only three certificates completed.

1884 - 1938

1 item

3pp

SCH003/002

Examinations' roll and promotion sheet. Provides details on pupils who made more than 100 attendances.

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1885 - 1899

1 item

37pp

SCH003/003

File containing reports to national school from inspector on results in examinations and progress and reports on condition of the school 1885 -1926; circulars from the Department of Education and memorandum of agreement by the principal to employ teachers 1904 - 1921; and reports on teachers from the Office of Education 1923 - 1938.

1885 - 1938

file

125pp

SCH003/004

Observation book of Saint Nicholas Girls National School. Provides dates and times of visits, name of teacher and date of training on subject and appointment to school, comments on proficiency of class and suggestions. Includes enclosures of general reports.

1887 - 1918

1 item

50pp approx

SCH003/005

Organiser's observation book for Saint Nicholas Girls National School. Provides dates and times of visits, name of teacher and date of training on subject and appointment to school, comments on proficiency of class and suggestions. Book is signed by organiser.

09 Sep 1908 - 22 Sep 1921

1 item

50pp

SCH003/006

File of items originally found in SCH003/REP1/005. The file contains three printed advertisements for school supplies; three sets of exam questions from the Diocese of Armagh board of religious education; two envelopes addressed to Miss Pratt (teacher), St Nicholas Girls' National School; a receipt and part of a poster.

1915 - 1916

file

10 items

SCH003/007/

Colour maps, made by George Phillip and Son Limited, London.

c. 1940

series

2 items

SCH003/007/001

Colour wall map of Europe

[1940]

1 item

1 p

SCH003/007/002

Colour wall map of Europe

[1940]

1 item

1 p

SCH003/008

Diocese of Armagh Church of Ireland calendar for use in Sunday schools.

May 1945

1 item

8pp

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SCH003/009/
Composition/copy books.
1947 – 1949
series
11 items

SCH003/009/001/
Three right line writing copy books, for practising hand writing belonging to students.
1947
sub-series
3 items

SCH003/009/001/001
Copy book belonging to N Coleman from fifth class.
1947
1 item
30pp

SCH003/009/001/002
Copy book belonging to Tom Hill, from third class.
1947
1 item
16pp

SCH003/009/001/003
Copy book belonging to W Bridcut, second class
No date given
1 item
16pp

SCH003/009/002/
Religion copy books
[1947]
sub-series
2 items

SCH003/009/002/001
Copy book belonging to John Hardy.
[1947]
1 item
6pp

SCH003/009/002/002
Copy book belonging to George Twibill.
[1947]
1 item
6pp

SCH003/009/003/
Irish copy books
1949
sub-series
2 items

SCH003/009/003/001
Copy book belonging to Emily Bridcut.
26 Sep 1949
1 item
5pp

SCH003/009/003/002
Copy book belonging to C Hardy.

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No date provided

1 item

2pp

SCH003/009/004

Copy book and composition books belonging to Robert F Bennet, teacher. Contains his "mission statement for teaching", and notes on his teaching plan.

No date

4 items

SCH003/010

Scheme of work and monthly progress record of Robert F Bennet, teacher. Provides details of topics of education in various subjects.

c.1950s

1 item

22pp

SCH003/011

Two booklets containing information from Her Majesty's Colonial Service regarding teaching in East/Central Africa. Includes details of qualifications, duties, general conditions, and application form (uncompleted) for RFH Bennet, teacher.

10 Sep 1952

2 items

3pp, 12pp, 6pp

SCH003/012

Box of fifteen inkwells.

No date

15 items

SCH003/013

Folder containing educational pictures of international and historical scenes such as a cave-man, ploughing and sowing in Egypt during the Pyramid Age, Eastern Hand Mill, sheep-shearing in Australia, shoe-maker in India, or ploughing in England. Includes index.

No date

1 item

approx 100pp

SCH003/RB1/ - Series of roll books, girls, 1884 – 1920, 9 items

SCH003/RB1/

Series of roll books, girls. Roll books provide, on a quarterly basis, details of pupil's age, registration number, rate of payment or free, pupil's name, religious denomination, class number, total number of days school was open to each pupil for general education, total days present and absent per quarter.

1884 – 1920

Series

9 items

SCH003/RB1/001

Roll book for St Nicholas national school girls

1884 - 1889

1 item

50pp approx

SCH003/RB1/002

Roll book for St Nicholas national school girls

1890 - 1893

1 item

50pp approx

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Roll book for St Nicholas national school girls
1893 - 1896
1 item
50pp approx

SCH003/RB1/004
Roll book for St Nicholas national school girls
1896 - 1899
1 item
50pp approx

SCH003/RB1/005
Roll book for St Nicholas national school girls
1899 - 1902
1 item
50pp approx

SCH003/RB1/006
Roll book for St Nicholas national school girls
1903 - 1908
1 item
50pp approx

SCH003/RB1/007
Roll book for St Nicholas national school girls
1908 - 1913
1 item
50pp approx

SCH003/RB1/008
Roll book for St Nicholas national school girls
1913 - 1916
1 item
50pp approx

SCH003/RB1/009
Roll book for St Nicholas national school girls
1916 - 1920
1 item
50pp approx

SCH003/RB2/ - Series of roll books, boys, 1884 – 1921, 8 items

SCH003/RB2/
Series of roll books, boys. Roll books provide, on a quarterly basis, details of pupil's age, registration number, rate of payment or free, pupil's name, religious denomination, class number, total number of days school was open to each pupil for general education, total days present and absent per quarter.
1884 – 1921
series
8 items

SCH003/RB2/001
Roll book for St Nicholas national school boys
1884 - 1888
1 item
approx 100pp

SCH003/RB2/002
Roll book for St Nicholas national school boys
1888 - 1893
1 item

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approx 100pp

SCH003/RB2/003

Roll book for St Nicholas national school boys
1893 - 1897

1 item

approx 100pp

SCH003/RB2/004

Roll book for St Nicholas national school boys
1897 - 1899

1 item

approx 100pp

SCH003/RB2/005

Roll book for St Nicholas national school boys
1899 - 1902

1 item

approx 100pp

SCH003/RB2/006

Roll book for St Nicholas national school boys
1903 - 1909

1 item

approx 100pp

SCH003/RB2/007

Roll book for St Nicholas national school boys
1909 - 1915

1 item

approx 100pp

SCH003/RB2/008

Roll book for St Nicholas national school boys
1915 - 1921

1 item

approx 100pp

SCH003/RB3/ - Series of roll books, infant boys and girls, 1921 – 1944, 6 items

SCH003/RB3/

Series of roll books of infant boys and girls. Books provide details of number of school days absent immediately preceding the close of last quarter, date of pupils' admissions to this standard, total attendances in this standard up to close of last quarter, pupils' ages, register numbers, pupils' names, number of attendances for preceding part of school year, on last day of June total number of attendances made by each pupil in the preceding 6 months, religious denomination, class roll number, roll of weekly attendance, and summary of attendances and fees.

1921 – 1944

Series

6 items

SCH003/RB3/001

Roll book for St Nicholas national school infant boys and girls
1921 - 1924

1 item

approx 100pp

SCH003/RB3/002

Roll book for St Nicholas national school infant boys and girls
1923 - 1928

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1 item
approx 100pp

SCH003/RB3/003
Roll book for St Nicholas national school infant boys and girls
1924 - 1930
1 item
approx 100pp

SCH003/RB3/004
Roll book for St Nicholas national school infant boys and girls (contents written in Irish).
1929 - 1934
1 item
approx 100pp

SCH003/RB3/005
Roll book for St Nicholas national school infant boys and girls (contents written in Irish).
1934 - 1939
1 item
approx. 100pp

SCH003/RB3/006
Roll book for St Nicholas national school infant boys and girls (contents written in Irish).
1939 - 1944
1 item
approx 100pp

SCH003/RB4 - Daily roll book, 1903 – 1906, 1 item

SCH003/RB4
Daily roll book for schools to enrol each child's attendance. Includes pupil's name and roll of attendance.
Oct 1903 - May 1906
1 item
approx 100pp

SCH003/RB5 – Pages from a roll book, 1920, 1 item

SCH003/RB5
Pages from a roll book for boys/girls circa 1920. Provides details of pupil's name, age, registration number, religious denomination and class number.
1920
1 item
1p

SCH003/REG/ - Series of Registers, 1884 – 1921, 2 items

SCH003/REG/
Two registers of Saint Nicholas National School (one from the boys and one from the girls).
1884 – 1921
series
2 items

SCH003/REG/001
Book provides details of girls national school including: date of entrance, registration number, pupils' names, pupils' ages, religious denomination, residence, occupation/means of living parents, name and county of last national school pupil attended and class in which they last passed. A second table provides details of name of pupil, year ending, number of attendances made in the year, class in which enrolled, precise date of admission in each year, class in which examined, results of exams in various subjects, school fees received

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each year, date pupil struck off, and date if pupil re-admitted. Also includes an alphabetical index of pupils' names.

1884 - 1921

1 item

approx 120pp

SCH003/REG/002

Book provides details of boys national school including: date of entrance, registration number, pupils' names, pupils' ages, religious denomination, residence, occupation/means of living parents, name and county of last national school pupil attended and class in which they last passed. A second table provides details of name of pupil, year ending, number of attendances made in the year, class in which enrolled, precise date of admission in each year, class in which examined, results of exams in various subjects, school fees received each year, date if pupil struck off, and date if pupil re-admitted. Also includes an alphabetical index of pupils' names.

1884 - 1916

1 item

approx 120pp

SCH003/REP1/ - Series of Daily Report Books, Girls, 1884 – 1920, 6 items

SCH003/REP1/

Series of daily report books, girls. Books provide details of dates, class, number of pupils on class roll, number present, cash received, summary for month, date of grants made by the Commissioners of National Education, object of the grant (e.g. salary or school requisites), and amount. Summary of attendance is also included.

1884 – 1920

series

6 items

SCH003/REP1/001

Report book for St Nicholas national school girls. Contains an item of correspondence in relation to exams.

1884 -1892

1 item

approx 100pp

SCH003/REP1/002

Report book for St Nicholas national school girls

1893 - 1901

1 item

approx 100pp

SCH003/REP1/003

Report book for St Nicholas national school girls

1901 - 1909

1 item

approx 100pp

SCH003/REP1/004

Report book for St Nicholas national school girls. Includes a piece a paper with a list of names.

1908 - 1912

1 item

approx 100pp

SCH003/REP1/005

Report book for St Nicholas national school girls. Includes eleven loose items, two envelopes, a poster, an art supplies catalogue and a religious exam dated 1915.

1912 - 1916

1 item

approx 120pp

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Report book for St Nicholas national school girls
1916 - 1920
1 item
approx 100pp

SCH003/REP2/ - Series of Daily Report Books, Boys, 1884 – 1923, 5 items

SCH003/REP2/
Series of daily report books, boys. Books provide details of dates, class, number of pupils on class roll, number present, cash received, summary for month, date of grants made by the Commissioners of National Education, object of the grant (e.g. salary or school requisites), and amount. Summary of attendance is also included.
1884 – 1923
Series
5 items

SCH003/REP2/001
Daily report book for St Nicholas national school boys. Includes a copy book with lists of numbers and dates.
1884 - 1892
1 item
approx 100pp

SCH003/REP2/002
Daily report book for St Nicholas national school boys.
1893 - 1901
1 item
approx 100pp

SCH003/REP2/003
Daily report book for St Nicholas national school boys.
1901 - 1909
1 item
approx 100pp

SCH003/REP2/004
Daily report book for St Nicholas national school boys.
1909 - 1918
1 item
approx 100pp.

SCH003/REP2/005
Daily report book for St Nicholas national school boys.
1918 - 1923
1 item
approx 100pp

SCH003/REP3/ - Series of Daily Report Books, infant boys and girls, 1924 – 1954, 7 items

SCH003/REP3/
Series of daily report books for infant boys and girls. Contents written in Irish.
1924 – 1954
series
7 items

SCH003/REP3/001
Daily report book for infant boys and girls. Contents of book are written in English.
1924 - 1928
1 item

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approx 90pp

SCH003/REP3/002

Daily report book for infant boys and girls.

1928 - 1932

1 item

approx 90pp

SCH003/REP3/003

Daily report book for infant boys and girls.

1932 - 1937

1 item

approx 90pp

SCH003/REP3/004

Daily report book for infant boys and girls.

1937 - 1941

1 item

approx 90pp

SCH003/REP3/005

Daily report book for infant boys and girls. Includes 13 loose items inside the front cover, mostly sick notes from parents to the teacher. Inside the back cover there are 7 loose items written in Irish mostly relating to school books.

1941 - 1946

1 item

approx 120pp

SCH003/REP3/006

Daily report book for infant boys and girls. Includes six loose items: four notes written in Irish and two sheets of rough calculations.

1946 - 1950

1 item

approx 90pp

SCH003/REP3/007

Daily report book for infant boys and girls. Inside back cover there is one item of correspondence.

1950 - 1954

1 item

approx 90pp

SCH003/REP4/ - Series of Daily Report Books, providing attendance statistics, 1855 - 1906, 3 items

SCH003/REP4/

Series of daily report books, providing statistics of absent pupils with or without leave, sick, or present for each class on a weekly basis. The first two items in this series must originate from the former Wellington Place School as St Nicholas national school was established on the same site in 1883 – 1884.

1855 – 1906

series

3 items

SCH003/REP4/001

Daily report book, probably of the former Wellington Place School which occupied the site before St Nicholas national school.

Sep 1855 - Sep 1859

1 item

84pp

SCH003/REP4/002

Daily report book, probably of the former Wellington Place School which occupied the site before St Nicholas national school.

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Jan 1873 - Jun 1877

1 item

85pp

SCH003/REP4/003

Daily report book.

Sep 1902 - Jun 1906

1 item

85pp