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John D'Alton Papers, 1844 - 1864

Repository Code: IE LHA
Collection Reference Code: PP00126/
Title: John D'Alton Papers
Dates: 1844 – 1864
Level of Description: Fonds
Extent: 1 folder containing 7 items
Name of Creator(s): John D'Alton (1792 – 1867)

Admin/Biographical History: The historian John D'Alton (1792 – 1867) was born in County Westmeath, and trained in law, being called to the Irish bar in 1813. In 1827 he won a prize for an historical composition offered by the Royal Irish Academy, and the essay was published in that institution's proceedings. Thereafter he published *Memoirs of the Archbishops of Dublin* (1838), *History of the County of Dublin* (1838), *The History of Drogheda, with its Environs* (1844), *The history of Ireland from the earliest period to the year 1245* (1845), and *Illustrations, Historical and Genealogical of King James's Irish Army List* (1689). He was commissioned to write a history of Dundalk, but his poor health meant that it was completed by JR O'Flanagan.

Archival History: The material in this collection was collected by members of the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society, and was deposited on indefinite loan to the Louth County Archives Service in October 2004.

Scope and Content: Mainly letters between D'Alton and his daughter at Sienna Convent, Drogheda, and a few other items concerning the school there.

Subject index: D'Alton, John (1792 – 1867); Sienna Convent, Drogheda

Accruals: No further accruals are currently expected.

System of Arrangement: The collection is arranged chronologically.

Conditions of Access: Open Access, by appointment

Conditions Governing

Reproduction: Items may be subject to copyright.

Language/Script of Material: English

Physical Characteristics: Paper. Good condition.

Technical Requirements: Careful handling required

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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>

Repository Home Page: <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

Source Material: <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

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Descriptive List

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Two printed approbation cards from Miss Killen's seminary, 13 Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin, praising Miss D'Alton's 'unremitting attention, assiduity and progressive improvement' in French, English, Arithmetic and Drawing.

Dec 1844

2 items

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Receipt for £11 sterling paid by John D'Alton for his daughter Eliza D'Alton's pension. Signed by the prioress of Sienna Convent, Drogheda.

12 Jun 1855

1p

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Premiums at annual examinations of the Sienna Convent Drogheda giving names of students who achieved most progress in various subjects during the year. Subjects are English Grammar, Geography and use of the Globe, Sacred and Ecclesiastical History, General History, Natural History and Elements of Natural Philosophy, Writing, Arithmetic, Plain Needle Work, Neatness, French, Italian, Music, Drawing and Painting.

03 Jul 1860 – 04 Jul 1860

3 pp

Paper, printed

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Handwritten letter from Sister MD Morgan, Prioress of Sienna Convent, to John D'Alton 48 Summerhill, Dublin thanking him profusely for the gift of a holy relic, which has 'survived a series of persecution, in which so many similar holy and sacred things were desecrated'. The sisters will pray for him and his.

03 Aug 1864

3 pp + 1 item

Paper, includes envelope (with stamp)

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Handwritten letter to John D'Alton, from his daughter [Sister] Margaret, Sienna Convent inquiring about his health and commenting that she has also been ill since July. Includes other notes on health issues. She asks about the conclusion of his autobiography.

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18 Sep [18..]

4pp

Paper

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Letter to John D'Alton from his daughter [Sister] Margaret on the Feast of St John wishing him a happy Christmas and thanking him for the enclosure in his letter. She describes the new crib at the convent and comments that Martha Butler also visited who asks that if her father or Joe hear of employment that would suit her to let her know. Asks after Father Daly, William, Clarinda, Edward, Eliza.

[24 Jun 18..]

4 pp

Paper

PP00126/007

Envelope addressed to John D'Alton, 48 Summerhill, Dublin.

[18 Jul 1882]

1 item