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**St Nicholas National School, Dundalk, 1855 - 1954**

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| <b>Repository Code:</b>             | IE LHA   |
| <b>Collection Reference Code:</b>   | SCH003/  |
| <b>Title:</b>                       | St Nicholas national school, Dundalk   |
| <b>Dates:</b>                       | 1855 – 1954  |
| <b>Level of Description:</b>        | Fonds  |
| <b>Extent:</b>                      | 241 items  |
| <b>Name of Creator:</b>             | St Nicholas national school, Dundalk   |
| <b>Admin/Biographical History:</b>  | <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> |
| <b>Archival History:</b>            | <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>  |
| <b>Scope and Content:</b>           | <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>   |
| <b>Subject index:</b>               | Education; Roll books; St Nicholas national school, Dundalk  |
| <b>Appraisal &amp; Destruction:</b> | Retain permanently   |
| <b>Accruals:</b>                    | Further accruals may be expected.  |
| <b>System of Arrangement:</b>       | The collection is arranged by record type and then chronologically.  |
| <b>Conditions of Access:</b>        | Access is by appointment, and subject to restricted access   |
| <b>Conditions Governing</b>         |  |
| <b>Reproduction:</b>                | Copying is subject to copyright and physical condition.  |
| <b>Language/Script of Material:</b> | English, Irish   |
| <b>Physical Characteristics:</b>    | 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>
- Date of Description:** Processed by Jayne Hutchinson, November 2007

### 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**

#### **SCH003/ - St Nicholas national school, Dundalk, 1855 – 1954**

##### 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

SCH003/RB1/003

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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