

Irish National Land League Drogheda Branch Minute Book, 1880 – 1881

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Title: Irish National Land League Drogheda Branch Minute Book

Dates: 07 Nov 1880 - 20 Oct 1881

Level of Description: Fonds

Extent: 1 item, 115pp

Name of Creator(s): Irish National Land League Drogheda Branch

Admin/Biographical History: The inaugural meeting of the Drogheda Branch of the Irish National Land League took place in early November 1880. The Executive Committee that was appointed at the inaugural meeting included: President Reverend John Rock CC, Vice-President James R Drew, Treasurer Peter C Greene, Secretary Luke J Elcock, and committee members Richard J Kennedy, [Christopher] Tighe, Peter Connolly, P McNamara, Thomas Carpenter, James Connolly, John Shailor, Robert Heeney, George H Kirk, Francis Fulham, James McCarthy, John Mangan, John Fehan, James Dolan, Laurence McKeon, Patrick [Flaim], John P King, Patrick Donegan, and Thomas Branigan.

At their meeting on 7th November 1880, the farmers, traders, artisans and labourers met to align with the aims of the Land League. They resolved “that we enter an indignant protest against the arbitrary action of an English so-called Liberal Government in attempting to stifle freedom of speech and legitimate agitation for the redress of Irish grievances and that we heartily sympathise with Mr Parnell and his fellow sufferers in this present crisis”. Peter C Greene was the Chairman. The Executive Committee that is recorded at this meeting included: Richard J Kennedy, [Christopher] Tighe, Patrick Fulham, P McNamara, JR Drew, Peter Connolly, Robert Heeney, Francis Fulham, Luke J Elcock, Daniel Butterly, Patrick Pentony, PC Greene, and Thomas Branigan.

Archival History: The item was acquired by private donation in 2026.

Scope and Content:	<p>Volume containing minutes of meetings of the Drogheda Branch of the Irish National Land League with a list of traders of Drogheda on the opening pages (1p). The last few pages of the volume are torn out. It includes resolutions passed, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 16th April 1881: "...Resolved that a meeting of the tenants on the Estate of Lord Massarene be held in Monasterboice on Tuesday at 5 o'clock".- 30th April 1881: "Resolved that 100 placards be ordered announcing a demonstration at Stamullen on the day of Mr Thomas [Ternans] eviction taking place".- 7th May 1881: "Resolved that we express our sympathy with Mr John Dillon MP and our indignant condemnation of the hypocritical government, which while professing friendship towards Ireland imprisons without trial Ireland's most faithful sons".- 29th May 1881: "Whereas the shopkeepers and businesspeople are equally with farmers interested in the just settlement of the Land Question for which the Land League is struggling. Resolved that on the 1st June next we make out a list of the shopkeepers of Drogheda who have up to that date joined the Irish National Land League and circulate it among the members of the Branch, requesting them to support only those shopkeepers who have joined the League".
Subject index:	19 th Century; Clubs and Societies; Labourers; Land Reform; Trade
Appraisal and Destruction:	Retain permanently.
Accruals:	Accruals may be expected.
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Technical Requirements:	Careful handling required

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Related Material:

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IE LHA PP00218/ Minute book of the Irish National League (Michael Davitt) Branch, Dundalk, 1887 – 1888

IE LHA PP00485 Letter to Tim Healy MP for North Louth, 1896

Publications:

- ...Journal of the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society, Dundalk

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