

ARCHIVAL SOURCES FOR 1912 – 1923

A Guide to Records in Louth County Archives Service

Resolutions
acknowledging
the Authority of
Dail Eireann

Pursuant to notice of motion His Worship the Mayor moved, I declare
Murphy seconding:-
That this Council of the elected representatives of the Borough of Drogheda
at a duly convened meeting, hereby acknowledges the authority of Dail Eireann
as the duly elected government of the Irish people, and undertake to give effect
to all decrees duly promulgated by the said Dail Eireann in so far as same
affects this Council.

That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Irish Republic Minister
for Foreign Affairs for transmission to the governments of Europe, and to the
President and Chairman of the Senate and House of Representatives of the U.S.A.

The resolutions having been put the following voted
For the Resolution:-
Aldermen:- Murphy, McDonnell, Halpin, Stanley.
Councillors:- Bateson, O'Carroll, Calf, Fitzgibbon, J. Carroll, McEvoy, and
Miller, Rooney, and His Worship the Mayor (13)

Against the Resolution:-
Councillors Black and Ditcher (2)

Aldermen also Councillors Thornhill, Dundock, Balla, and Macleah
declined to vote

The motion was declared carried by 13 votes to 2.



Oglaigh Na h-Eireann.

4th NORTHERN DIVISION.



THE CITIZENS OF LOUTH, DOWN AND ARMAGH,

A new position has been created in this area by the Invasion of Troops at
Pier G.H.Q., Portobello Barracks, the Arrest of our Divisional Commandant and the Imprisonment
of six Divisional Officers, and we ask the moral and material support of all Citizens in meeting
this situation.

The I.R.A. in this Division has been kept intact, and refused to allow itself to be made up
as any Political Party. Our Object has been to secure the Unity of the Nation, to avoid Civil War
and the Horrible Sight of Comrades who Fought Side by Side during the English Reign of Terror
killing each other down. Our efforts have always been on the side of Army Unity, and even
at the time of his arrest our Divisional Commandant was engaged in the noble task of trying to bring
about the present Fratricidal Strife, endeavouring to Secure a Truce and an Honourable Agreement
with the British Government, and so as to wring from England—the Common Enemy—our Just Demands in the present
circumstances.

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Kenahan

County Louth War Pensions Committee.


Secretary & Treasurer :
PATRICK GILMORE


Secretary's Office,
Court House,

Dundalk, ^{at} 9. November 1917

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter, I regret that nothing can be done at the moment with regard to training in Wireless Telegraphy. The Ministry of Pensions are at present considering this branch of training, and if anything comes of it I shall immediately let you know.

Hoping you are quite well.

Yours truly,

P. Gilmore

Secretary

Mr J. E. Kenahan,
18 Sussex Place
Belfast

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Introduction

Louth County Archives Service is custodian to a broad range of archival series emanating from the various local authorities, many of which are now defunct, as well as from private sources. These collections all form a valuable asset for those engaged in compiling not just our local, but also our national history. The archives are a testament to the work of Louth Local Authorities, our local historical societies, and members of the community. We would like to sincerely thank those who have cared for and donated material over the years.

The aim of this Guide is to inform the public of the wealth of information on the 1912-1923 Decade of Centenaries that is available in Louth County Archives. The collections will assist in giving researchers an insight into not only the political context and military activity in Louth during the decade but also the economic, social and cultural conditions. This in turn will increase our understanding of the everyday experience of ordinary people living in extraordinary times.

Further information on collections can be found on our Archive Collections web-page and online catalogue: www.louthcoco.ie

Please note that if you wish to view the archives at Louth County Archives, you should make an appointment in advance.

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County Louth 1912-23

A BRIEF OVERVIEW

The population of Louth, which reached its zenith in 1841 at 128,000, had for seventy years been in decline and in the 1911 Census stood at 63,665, evenly divided between males and females. In three workhouses, Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk, there were 600 inmates, while 1,085 people were on outdoor relief, which totalled one in every 38 of the population, proportionally the third highest in Leinster after Dublin City and Co Carlow. The population was overwhelmingly Roman Catholic, (91%), with the main Protestant churches making up most of the balance.

By 1912 a quiet revolution was under way in Louth. Under successive Land Acts, ownership of more than half of the total area of the county had been transferred from landlords to small holders. By easing landlord and tenant tensions, Louth was according to the Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC) largely peaceful.

Beneath the surface, the conditions of the general population were poor. In 1911, there were 14,200 inhabited houses, of which about 10,000 comprised of four rooms or less, and more than half, 7,400, consisted of three rooms or less. 556 families lived in one room. 113 families lived in houses built of mud or other perishable material, with only one room and one window.

Major employment in Louth was in agriculture (4,500 farmers, 3,500 farm labourers/servants), 2,500 domestic servants, and 2,300 working in linen, cotton, cloth and clothing manufacturing. There were 3,500 defined as 'unskilled' workers, while 36,000 (56% of the population), were in the 'indefinite and non-productive class'; mostly those who were too sick, too old or too young to work.

The average unskilled worker in Louth in 1914, survived on a weekly wage of £0.16.0 per week, which covered just half of the expenditure required for essentials such as food, clothing and rent. The low level of wages was to be a major determining factor for many men when they considered enlistment in the British forces at the outbreak of the war in 1914.

Politically, Louth sent two nationalist MPs to the Westminster Parliament, but nationalists were bitterly divided between supporters of Irish Parliamentary Party (IPP) under the leadership of John Redmond and the anti-Parnellite Tim Healy (or his acolyte Augustine Roche) who, except for a brief period in 1910, had held the North Louth constituency from 1891 until 1916.

In 1905 a branch of the National Council was founded in Dundalk, a radical organisation where 'Sinn Féin' was an aspiration that became a political movement with the amalgamation of similarly minded organisations in 1908. In those early years up to 1917, Sinn Féin advocated a constitutional settlement that envisaged Ireland remaining within the United Kingdom under a dual monarchy with Britain in the mode of Austria-Hungary.

The Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB), was a secret sworn organization whose political objective was the establishment of an independent Irish republic. It was reckoned that the IRB had controlled the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) in Louth in the 1890s, and according to one account, it 'engineered' the establishment of Sinn Féin in Dundalk, and the Irish Volunteers in Louth in 1914. However, others maintained that the Louth IRB was ineffectual and comprised of old men who were constantly plotting.

The Royal Irish Constabulary (RIC), was a major presence in Louth, combatting crime and keeping an eye on subversives. In 1912, there were nineteen RIC barracks, divided between Dundalk and Drogheda Districts. In all, 117 RIC men were stationed in Co Louth in seventeen sub-districts with a minimum of a sergeant and three constables in any one place.

In 1912 the British Army was firmly established as part of the security, social and economic life of County Louth. The army barracks in Drogheda was largely used to encourage recruits and train reservists while in Dundalk barracks, the presence of the Royal Field Artillery was a lucrative source of trade and commerce – it was estimated that the army garrison was worth £40,000 a year to Dundalk (approximately €4,000,000 in 2020 figures).

By 1914 Ireland was balanced on the precipice of civil war. In order to counter unionists who had armed themselves and formed the Ulster Volunteer Force to oppose Home Rule, nationalists established the Irish Volunteers and at its height in August 1914, the strength of the Louth Volunteers was estimated by the RIC at 5,000.

In the decade that followed, over 800 men from Louth were killed in the World War, while 138 Irish Volunteers from Louth participated in the 1916 Rising. During the War of Independence, the county gaol which houses the county archives, was used to imprison many revolutionaries including Ernest Blythe and Terence McSwiney and later the tragedy of the Civil War was played out within the gaol with the imprisonment and subsequent escape of Frank Aiken and his men of the 4th Northern Division of the IRA and the executions of three members of the anti-Treaty forces on 13 January 1923. Three more were executed in Dundalk army barracks on 22 January 1923.

When at last the guns fell silent in 1923, the political settlement which incorporated the partition of Ireland, Louth was separated from its important economic and social hinterland in counties Armagh and Down. The 1926 Census showed that the population had continued to decline and now stood at 62,739, and most notably that the Protestant population of the county had almost halved since 1911 from 5,399 to 3,100.

It has taken a century, and the opening up of hitherto closed archives, for historians to examine the events of 1912-23 in Co Louth. The material held in Louth County Archive will make a major contribution towards our understanding of those times and events.

Donal Hall PhD

Archives Of Louth Local Authorities

The public archive collections are an important source as they provide a rich insight into the workings and interests of local authorities in the period preceding the formation of an independent Irish state. They are wide and varied and sometimes it is the routine administrative

documents that can bring to life the stories of those who lived through the 1912-1923 decade. While it would be impossible to document every item from the decade here, this guide contains some of the more useful and interesting archives.

Ardee Town Commissioners

ATC/ADM/: Town Court complaint book detailing complainants' and defendants' names, nature of complaint, witnesses sworn and adjudication, 1879-1915; meeting attendance book, 1905-1925

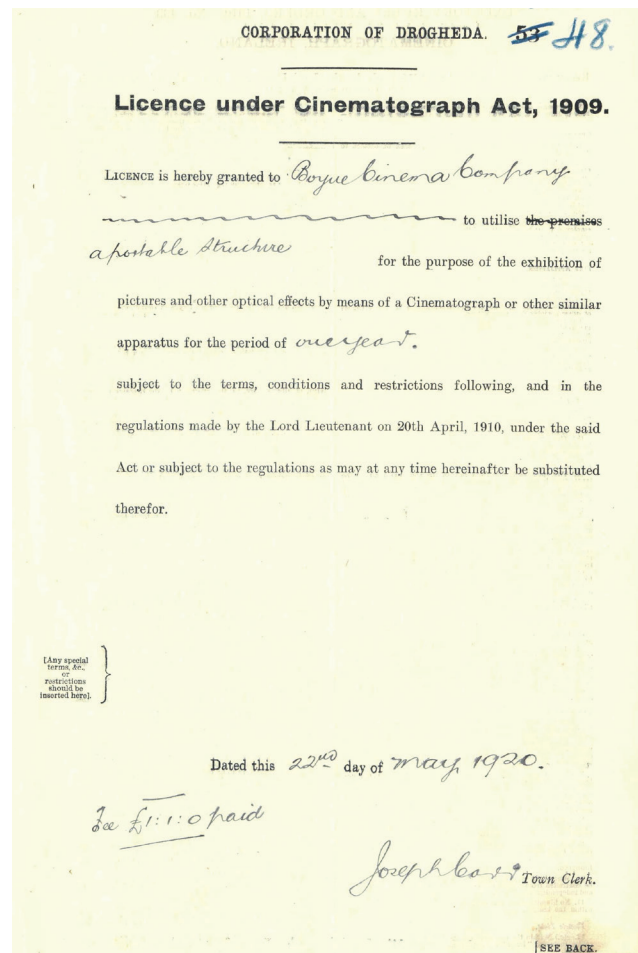
ATC/FIN/: Current expenses account books, 1910-1918, 1918-1927; workmen's account books, 1910-1917, 1917-1926; financial statement books of expenditure and receipts, 1906-1917, 1917-1925; abstract of accounts, 1923

ATC/MB/: Unfortunately, the minute book of general meetings for 1896-1926 is missing from our collection. Housing minute book, 1920-1926

ATC/RB/: Rate books. Includes description of property, names of occupiers and lessors, area, value of land and amount of rates paid, 1912-1920, 1922-1930

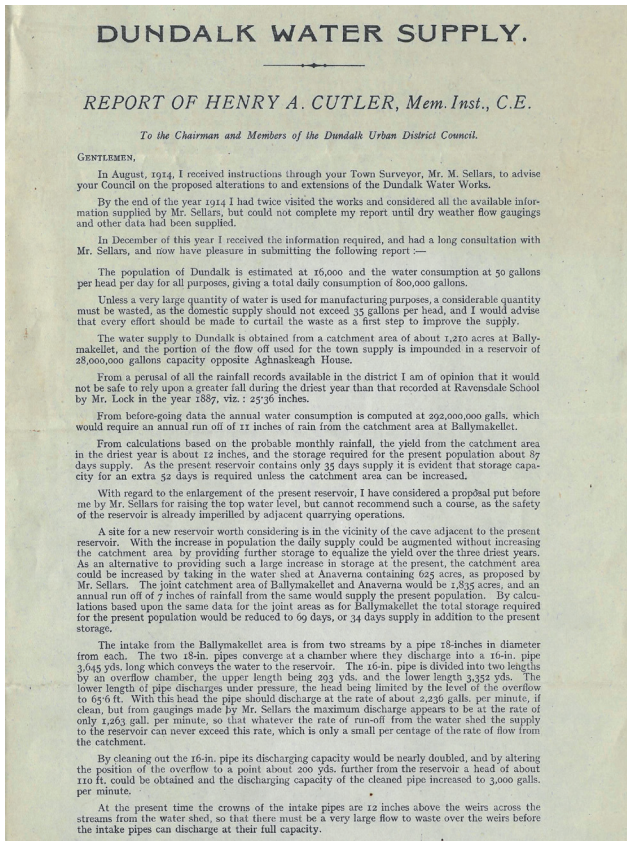
Drogheda Corporation

DC/ADM/: Outgoing letter books from Town Clerk's office with indexes listing addressees: letters relate to a wide variety of subjects ranging from fundamental to trivial, 1901-1955. An electronic index is available for books 1-41 and 50-52 to date; register of licences under the Cinematograph Act 1909, 1917-1926



DC/F/: Freeman's roll, 1847-2020

DC/FIN/: Abstract of accounts, 1906-1951; water meter accounts, 1907-1937



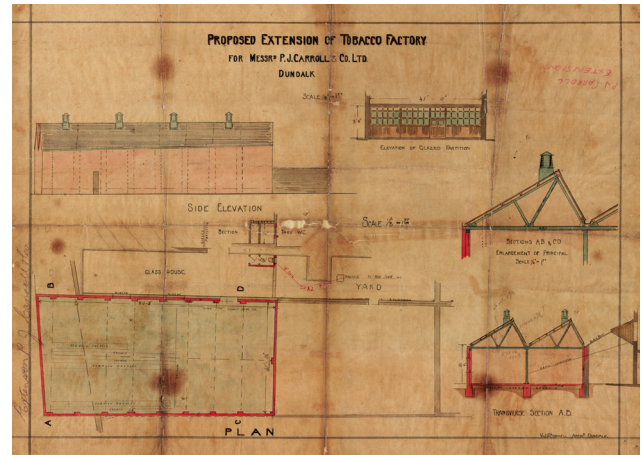
DUDC/FIN/: Financial statement books of expenditure and receipts, 1911-1920, 1920-1927; cash book, 1913-1928; loans account book, 1903-1945; water sales books detailing gallons of water consumed, size of meter, rate charged, and meter rent paid. The index lists the names and addresses of businesses and churches. 1913-1916, 1921-1926; general rental of artisans' dwellings, 1914-1924; workmen's wages and insurance books (restricted access), 1900-1940; Electricity Undertaking accounts, reports, 1917, 1918, 1922-1923; abstracts of accounts, 1916, 1919-1922

DUDC/HSG/ Tender for 1914 Housing Scheme; accounts for Louth Ward housing scheme, 1912-1916

DUDC/MB/: General minute books of Dundalk UDC at their ordinary, special, annual general, and works, finance & sanitary meetings, 1911-1918, 1918-1925; rough minute books for board & committee meetings, 1916-1919, 1919-1922, 1923-1926

DUDC/MGT/: Mortgage agreements, and register of mortgages, 1913-1923; memorial of drapers on trading, 1922

DUDC/PLA/: Planning application files containing plans, drawings (many with a colour-wash), specifications, site maps, and sometimes correspondence, 1883-1949



DUDC/RB/: Town rate books, 1899-1979 with gaps; poor rate books, 1900-1930. Included are names of rated occupiers and lessors, description of property such as "house and garden" or "land", valuation, arrears, breakdown of rates and remarks.

DUDC/VB/: Valuation books, 1915

Louth County Council

LCC/ADM/:

- Outgoing letter books from County Secretary's office with indexes listing addressees (an electronic index has been created for Jul 1915-Sep 1918): letters relate to a wide variety of subjects. A sample for 1912-1923 includes: constabulary fees; tuberculosis compensation claims; purchase of Omeath Park; forestry schemes; war pensions; and malicious and criminal injury claims. 1900-1931
- Outgoing correspondence book of the County Louth War Pensions Committee (appointed under the Naval and Military Pensions Act 1915) relating to the administration of pensions and allowances to soldiers or to their dependants. Nov 1917-Dec 1917
- Register of licences under the Poisons & Pharmacy Act 1908-1961, Explosives Act 1875,

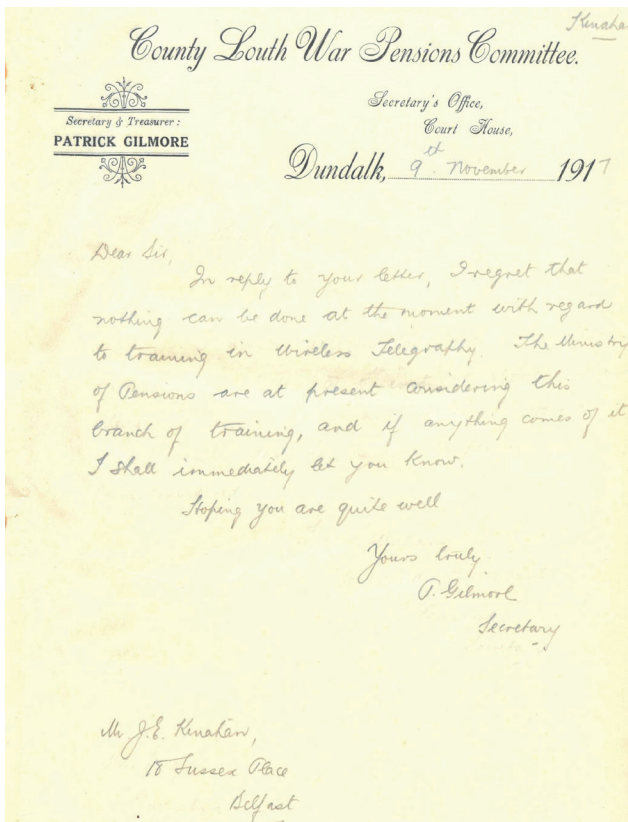
& Cinematograph Act 1909, 1909-1980

- Files concerning: road maintenance contracts 1912-1916; county surveyor's reports, 1914-1917; information requested by the Board of Trade on numbers employed, 1917; terms for hiring engines for 1917 threshing season; applications from quarry workers for wage increase, 1915-1916; Royal Irish Constabulary monthly returns showing the force serving in the county with total men at each station, 1920-1921; expenses incurred by RIC District Inspectors in conveyance and maintenance of prisoners, 1920-1921
- Special Jurors' Book, 1913
- Registers of sheep owners, 1918-1929
- Decrees for compensation for criminal injuries, 1916-1917

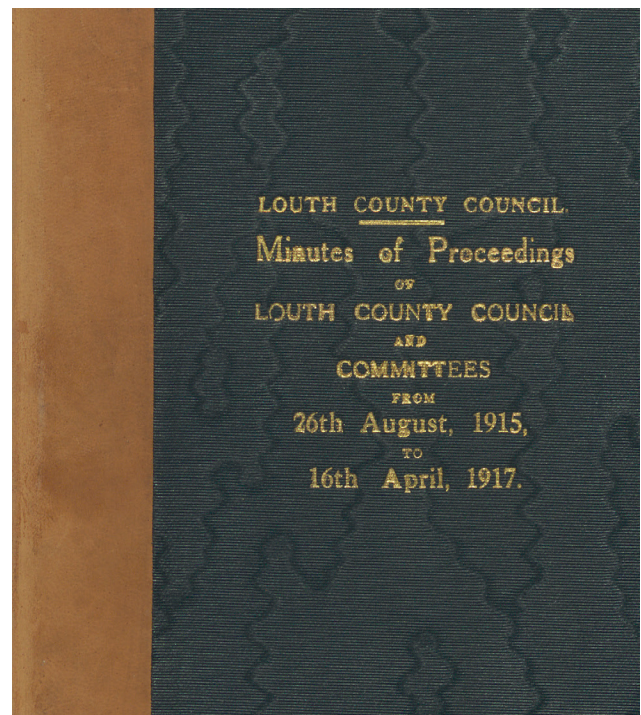
as for scholarships, motor tax, 1910-1915, for loans, 1915-1954; secretary's statements (form 25), 1911-1925; estimate and demands for RDCs, 1911-1917, 1923, for Drogheda and Dundalk, 1913-1914, of Richmond District Asylum 1910-1920, of Tuberculosis Committee, 1915-1917, 1922; estimate of expenses of the Louth Local Committee for 1917-1918, under the Naval and Military War Pensions Act 1917; and correspondence regarding seed and manure supply scheme, 1917-1918.

LCC/HPA/: Louth County Infirmery report and abstract of accounts, 1914; orders for erecting well pumps, 1899-1921; Grangegorman Finance Committee report, 1923

LCC/MB/: General minute books at their monthly, special, annual general, estimates and some committee meetings, 1917-1994 (book for 1911-1917 is missing, however, printed copies are available); various committee minute books such as Tuberculosis Committee of Management, Proposal Committee, 1910s

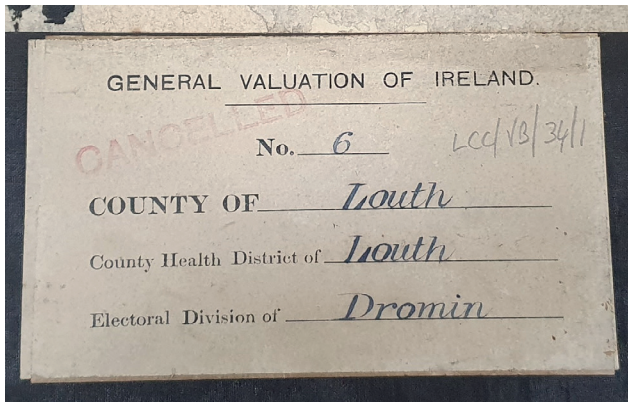


LCC/FIN/: financial statement books of expenditure and receipts, 1899-1952 and for Tuberculosis Committee of Management, 1919-1924; abstract of accounts (form 24), 1911-1925, for Tuberculosis Committee, 1915, for Joint Committee for Technical Instruction, 1914-1915; ledger of accounts, 1899-1984; various account books such



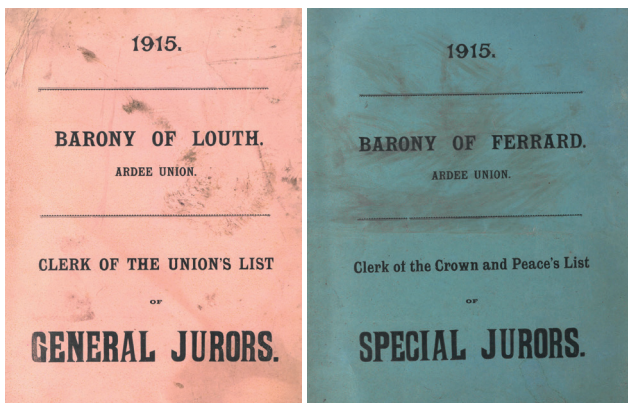
LCC/RB/: Rate books. Includes names of occupiers and lessors, description of property, area, value and amount of rates paid, some are 1912-1941 (others 1919-1941), 1951-1966

LCC/VB/: Valuation books arranged according to electoral divisions. Includes names of occupiers and lessors, description of property, area, and valuation, 1912-1938 with some gaps.



Poor Law Boards of Guardians, Ardee union

BG/ARD/ADM/: Jurors' lists for Ferrard and Louth baronies, 1915. Contains names, addresses, places of abode, nature and title of qualification, place and annual value of rated property; newspaper cuttings of notices placed by Ardee union and Ardee rural district council, 1900-1920



BG/ARD/FIN/: Treasurer's financial ledgers, 1881-1921; staff wages book, 1889-1919; Finance Committee ledgers for Ardee union and Ardee rural district council 1 and 2, 1894-1921; financial statement books of expenditure, 1899-1918; postage account books, 1907-1922; clerk's requirement book, 1910-1916; register of deductions & contributions under the National Health Insurance Act, 1911 (restricted access), 1912-1943; financial day books, 1920-1923;

BG/ARD/HSG/: Housing receipt book, 1913-1919

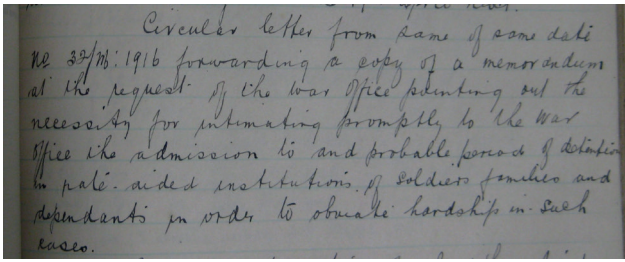
BG/ARD/MB/: Minute Books, 1851-1924 with gaps. The minutes largely deal with the running of the workhouse and the dispensary districts. Statistical details are provided on a weekly basis of the 'state of the workhouse' and a return of the destitute persons relieved out of the workhouse. Other information includes financial reports; rates collected in electoral divisions; details of provisions required; reports from medical officers' in relation to the dispensary districts; correspondence received by the Board; and orders made resulting from reports or letters of the relieving officers, master of the workhouse, and other officers, Visiting Committee, Poor Law Commissioners (up until 1872) and the Local Government Board (after 1872).

BG/ARD/WA/: Return of tobacco issued to healthy and sick inmates of Ardee workhouse (names included). Book provides statistics of amount of tobacco issued on a weekly basis for half-year periods, 1883-1924; porters' books containing dates and names of persons visiting, time of entering, going out and returning to the workhouse, and observations, 1907-1917; report of the Visiting Committee for the purpose of considering improvements to the workhouse, 1923

BG/ARD/WI/: Ardee fever hospital daily diet books for the sick containing statistics on type of diet and food provided (restricted access), 1914-1923; medical weekly return & extra books for those under medical or surgical treatment (restricted access), 1921-1923

BG/ARD/WR/ (restricted access): Indoor & outdoor relief books: classified returns, 1913-1915, 1920-1922; outdoor relief books, 1906-1924; book of casuals admission & discharge book, 1912-1913; outdoor relief order, admission & discharge books, 1915-1922

BG/DDK/MB/: Minute books, 1839-1924 with gaps



BG/DDK/WR/: Porter's admission and discharge book marked 'night lodgers', 1913-1914, 1916-1917

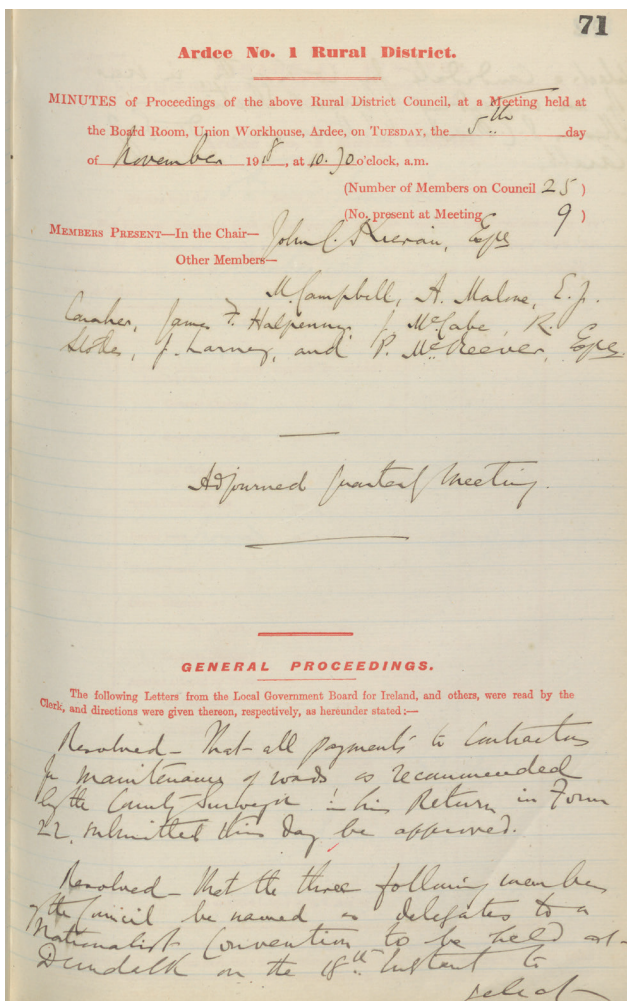
Rural District Councils: Ardee No 1, Drogheda No 1 (Louth) and Dundalk

For people living in rural areas, many aspects of life came under the work of the Rural District Councils (RDCs), whose functions included sanitary and public health, roads, public works, housing and the acquisition of land for the erection of dwellings. Much of the routine business of county councils was transacted through the rural district councils from their establishment in 1898 until their abolition under the Local Government Act, 1925 where their duties were then transferred to county councils.

A focus on the minutes of the often forgotten about RDCs is interesting as they give us a glimpse into the lives of ordinary people, some of whom were struggling to survive. The minutes illustrate the range of subjects handled by the councils and their support and concerns of both local and national political and social issues of the time. For example, Dundalk RDC reaffirmed their support to Home Rule stating '*...we are resolved to continue the struggle in the face of all opposition until Ireland's demand for self-government is conceded, that we rely on Mr John E Redmond and the Irish Party to bring to a successful consummation the aspiration and hopes of the Irish race*' (Jul 1912, RDC/DLK/MB/001/011, p122). Drogheda RDC passed '*we tender our hearty congratulations to Mr John E Redmond and the*

Irish Parliamentary Party on the passage of the Home Rule Bill through the House of Commons' (13 Feb 1913, RDC/DRO/MB/001/007, p162). In August 1916, Ardee RDC approved a resolution reaffirming their faith in the Irish Parliamentary Party and '*condemning the government for their breach of faith in failing to carry out the proposed temporary agreement regarding Home Rule, and for continuing martial law in the country*' (Aug 1916, RDC/ARD/MB/001/013, p226). In 1917, Ardee passed that Ireland should be represented at the '*Peace Conference after the War... Ireland being one of the oldest of European nations, and one whose interests would be directly affected by the result of the War*' (Feb 1917, RDC/ARD/MB/001/013, p338). In 1914, 1917 and 1918 Drogheda RDC passed '*a vote of confidence in the Irish Parliamentary Party*' (10 Jun 1918, RDC/DRO/MB/001/008, p362), while in April 1918 Ardee RDC denounced the conscription proposal expressing '*our most earnest protest against the inclusion of Ireland in the Man Power Bill and the forcing of conscription on this country against the will of the people*' (Apr 1918, RDC/ARD/MB/001/014, p310). In response to the hunger strikes of April 1920 and October 1923 taking place amongst republican political prisoners in Irish prisons, Drogheda RDC protested each time '*against the inhuman treatment meted out...and we demand the immediate release of these men in order to avert a shocking tragedy*' (13 Apr 1920, RDC/DRO/MB/001/009, p155). In July 1920, they recognised the Irish Republican government passing '*that this duly elected Rural District Council...hereby acknowledges the authority of Dail Eireann as the duly elected Government of the Irish people...*' (13 Jul 1920, RDC/DRO/MB/001/009, p221). Furthermore, a resolution was adopted in August that all servants of the Council who hold positions under the British Government be ordered to instantly resign these. Claims for damage to property from July 1921-May 1923 are also referred to in the 1923 minutes.

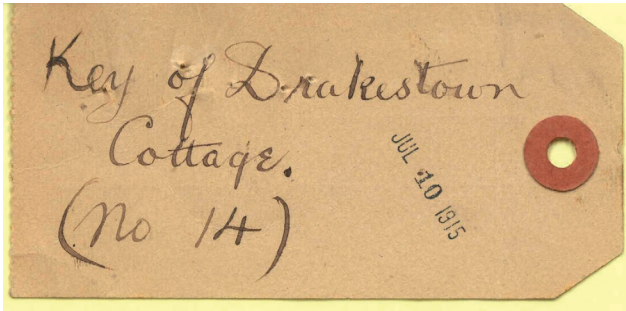
Examples of social and public health issues include a letter from the County Louth Branch of the Evicted Tenants' Association asking Ardee RDC to alter the site of a proposed labourer's cottage in July 1912; disinfections of houses; clean water and the erection of water pumps; the threatened milk shortage in the country, and a proposed Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme in 1917; and the adoption of measures by Ardee RDC in December 1918 to prevent the transmission of disease such as typhus.



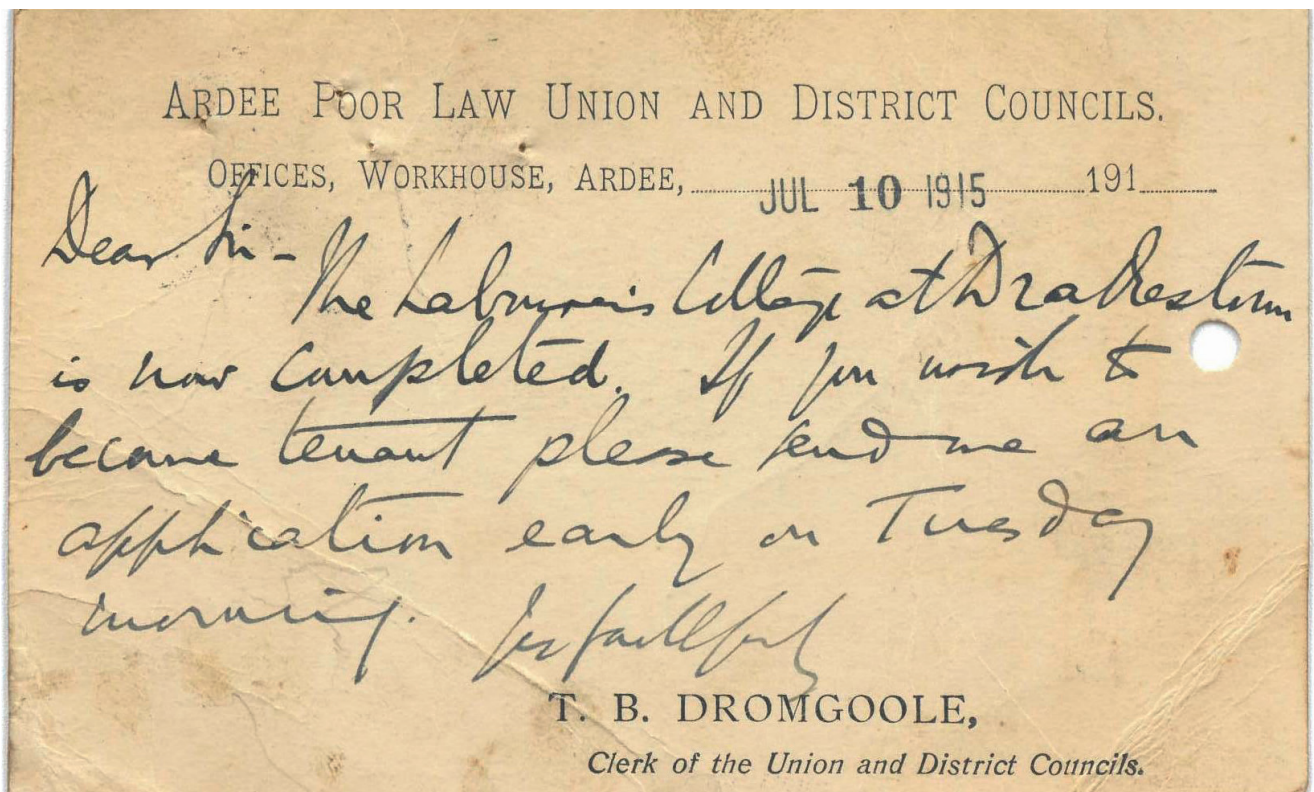
Labour demands were a recurring item on the councils' agendas. A letter from the Louth Land and Labour League in August 1917 requested Ardee RDC to obtain a fair share of available land for the workers and to extend the additional half acre for labourers' cottages to County Louth. The League's Executive Committee further requested the RDC to abolish the contract system for road maintenance and replace it with direct labour 'to give employment and to stem the exodus of workmen

from this country' (Feb 1918, RDC/ARD/MB/001/014, p226). The Irish Transport Workers Union also requested Drogheda RDC to recommend to the County Council 'to extend direct labour operations in the interests of the unemployed...' (04 Feb 1922, RDC/DRO/MB/003/002, p126). Drogheda RDC had previously protested against the minimum rate of wages fixed by the Wages Board 'as it will have the effect of reducing tillage ... and thus entail the dismissal of many agricultural labourers on land farmed by hired labour and specially of workmen over 50 years of age' (09 Oct 1917, RDC/DRO/MB/001/008, p222).

Trade and commerce also concerned the RDC's. Dundalk RDC passed '...a strong and emphatic protest against the proposed 12 hour quarantine of Irish cattle at English ports being convinced that such a quarantine would do serious injury to the Irish cattle trade and certainly result in its complete extermination' (Jan 1913, RDC/DLK/MB/001/011, p282) while Drogheda RDC protested that it would be '...unnecessary and unjust to this country...' (Jan 1913, RDC/DRO/MB/001/007, p146). Ardee RDC requested the Co Louth Members of Parliament to press for a government inquiry into the extent of injury to local fishermen caused by ring-net fishing from motor-boats in May 1916 and protested against the export of potatoes from Ireland in November 1916. Drogheda RDC proposed a three year fixed price for grain and potatoes in January 1917 and protested against the extension of the 'Summer Time' and 'Greenwich Time' Acts to Ireland 'knowing both combined to be a serious hindrance and danger to the saving of the hay and grain crops...' (13 Mar 1917, RDC/DRO/MB/001/008, p101) while in July 1923, they passed 'that the attention of the Minister for Fisheries be called to the urgent necessity of reorganising the herring-curing and kippering industry at Clogherhead, the suspension of which was caused by the Great War. Prior to 1914 the Department of Agriculture recognised the superior quality of the Clogherhead cured herring by granting it a special Government Brand. The highly trained workers and the plant are still available' (14 Jul 1923, RDC/DRO/MB/001/010, p332).



In addition to the minute books, other archives include various financial records, diaries of the clerk (Ardee) and of the sanitary sub-officers (Ardee and Dundalk), ledgers in relation to cottage building, rent collectors' report books and collection books, and records in relation to public works and contracts. Overall the collection is small and incomplete with gaps in record series. Indexes to the first minute books of Dundalk and Drogheda's are available on our website.



Glossary of Terms:

ADM/ Administration

ENG/ Engineering

F/ Freedom Rolls

FIN/ Finance

HPA/ Health & Public Assistance

HSG/ Housing

MB/ Minute Books

MGT/ Management

PLA/ Planning

RB/ Rate Books

VB/ Valuation Books

WA/ Workhouse Administration

WI/ Workhouse Infirmary

WR/ Workhouse Relief

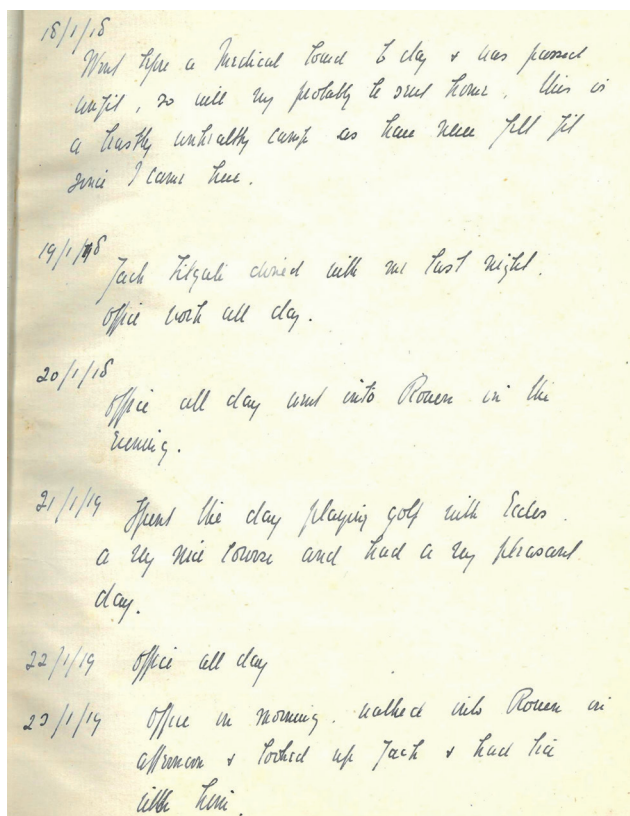
Private Papers

Louth County Archives is very interested in acquiring records that relate to all aspects of the development of County Louth. These may be from local organisations, clubs, societies, individuals,

national schools, or businesses. If you have a collection that you would be willing to donate, please email us at archive@louthcoco.ie or telephone 042-9324358.

PP00001/ Filgate of Lisrenny Papers

PP00001/004/011/001: Includes a short diary from 18 January 1918-22 February 1918 of a soldier serving in France during the War. It is no doubt the diary of Richard Alexander Bailie Henry (1877-1967), later Filgate of Rathnestin, Ardee, as it contains references about visiting Rouen, a medical board finding him unfit for frontline service, seeking permission to resign his commission (granted to Henry in March) and being in command of a Prisoner of War Company. Henry was Captain of the North Irish Horse (Special Reserve). He was married to Eileen Georgina Filgate of Lisrenny, daughter of William de Salis Filgate.



PP00011/ Dundalk Jail Collection

Eclectic collection of items relating to Dundalk Jail. Includes:

- Copy letter and photograph of Bernard O'Rourke, politician who was briefly imprisoned in Dundalk Jail in 1916.
- Microfilm copy of Dundalk Jail register (original in National Archives of Ireland), 1917-1931
- Electronic transcript of escapees from Dundalk Jail on 27 July 1922, a transcript of rescued prisoners on 14 August 1922 and a transcript of prisoners from June 1917-August 1920, compiled by volunteers from the copy jail register and available on the 'Archive Collections' web-page of Louth County Archives.
- Autograph book containing comments and signatures of over fifty-four Republican prisoners undergoing sentence in Dundalk Jail during 1918, compiled by Packie Flynn, Quay Street, Dundalk, 1918
- Letter from Esmay Young, Roden Place to her daughter Jeannie Mahony, Drogheda detailing events in Dundalk during the Civil War including the Irregulars sniping from the Century Tower next door to her tobacconist shop. She talks about the arrival of the Free State troops, the state of the streets in Dundalk after fighting, and railway and brewery workers being put into Dundalk Jail until identified, 18 Aug 1922

- Copy letters to Joseph McKenna, Officer in 4 Northern Division, while imprisoned in Dundalk Jail, 1922-1924
- Plan of Dundalk Jail including floor plan and grounds by Jeremiagh J Hayes, trades warder, [1914-1920s]



PP00012/ Caraher of Cardistown Family Papers

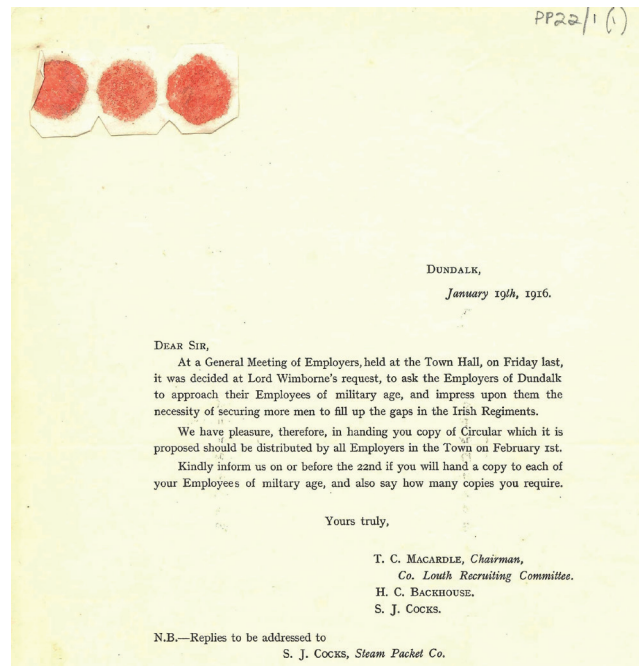
Legal documents relating to land transactions involving the Caraher family, mainly 19th century. Includes copy conveyance of Harristown House and lands, Ardee, 1912; notice of motion regarding estate of Richard Sidney Guinness, 1913; copy of rulings of title and a copy of land certificate, 1917; copy transfer of mortgage, 1917.

PP00021/ Dundalk Legal Documents I

Legal deeds concerned mainly with the transfer and leasing of buildings and land in the Dundalk area, mainly 19th century. Samples include an indenture of the Great Northern Brewery Company to lease a public house at 27 Park Street, 1915; and an indenture concerning the purchase of St Mary's House on St Mary's Road by Joseph and Anna Siraux, 1919.

PP00022 County Louth Recruiting Committee Letters

Circular letter issued from the Co Louth Recruiting Committee to employers in Dundalk regarding the recruitment of employees to Irish Regiments currently fighting in the Great War in Europe. It refers to the actions of the Irish Parliamentary Party in preventing the extension of conscription to Ireland, thus precipitating a request to voluntarily enlist in the war, 19 Jan 1916



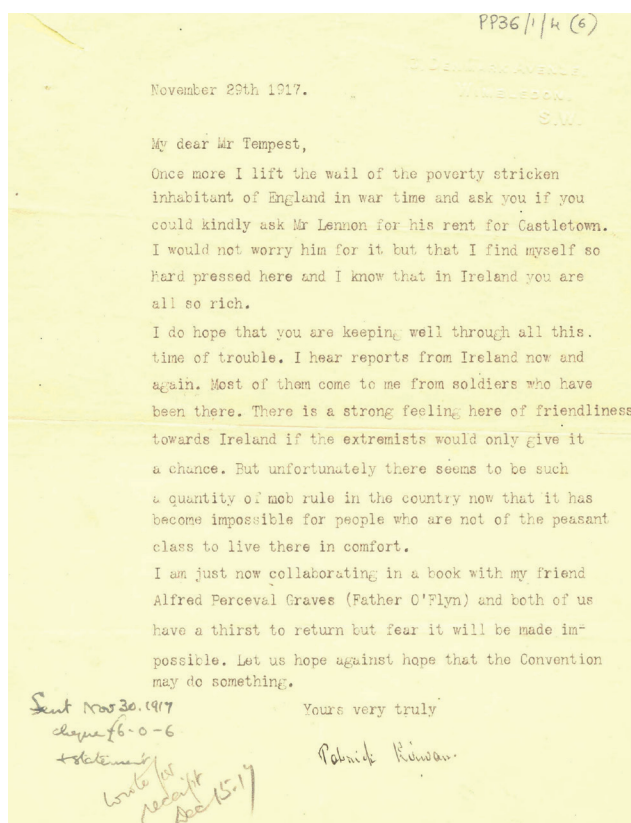
PP00035/ Samuel Lockington and Company (coal merchant) Indentures

Correspondence on increasing crantage at Dundalk for the duration of the war, Jun 1918; and agreement for tenancy of land at Greenore, Oct 1920.

PP00036/ Kirwan of Castletown Papers

Receipts of payment and correspondence from Patrick Kirwan, London, (*son of Anna Maria Byrne and William Kirwan*) to his agent, William Tempest, relating to the management of the Kirwan (Byrne) estate in Castletown, 1909-1918. Mainly discussing collection of rent with several passing references to the political situation in Ireland and in England, including:

- 25 Jun 1917: 'do you think there will be a future for Ireland? If I thought there was, I would go back. I do not see much left of hope in this country. But things are so uncertain that it is very hard to judge.'
- 29 Nov 1917: refers to the war-time poverty in England and the 'mob rule' that has gripped Ireland.
- 22 Nov 1918: 'In September I heard that my boy, only just nineteen, had been killed in France'.



PP00048/ Eastwood Papers

Legal documents relating to members of the Eastwood family, formerly of Castletown, Dundalk, mainly copy probates and wills. Includes copy will of Major William Eastwood, 6 Battalion Royal Irish Rifles, who was killed between the 6 and 12 of August 1915 in Gallipoli.

PP00054/ Dundalk Legal Documents III

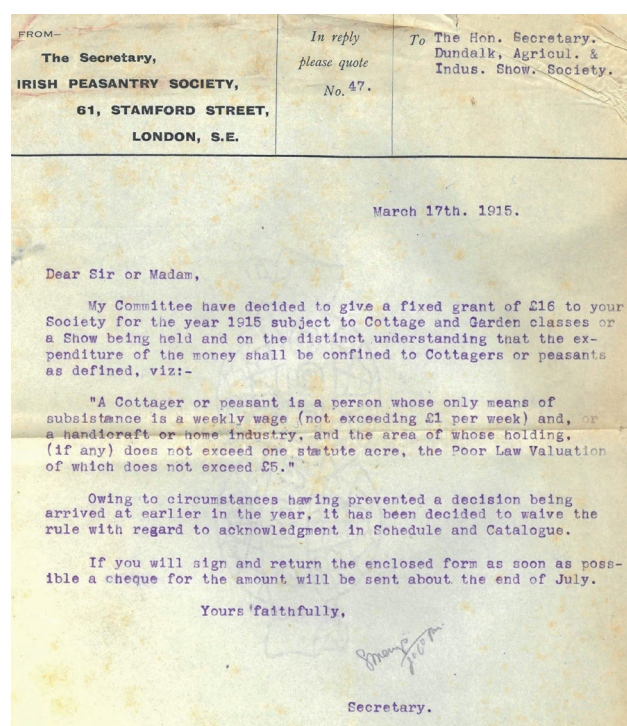
Legal documents concerned with property and civil law cases. Includes some items from 1912-1923.

PP00056/ Johnston of Lisdoon papers

Legal documents, correspondence and receipts relating to the Johnston family of Lisdoon, Dundalk, with a small number of items from 1912-1923 including a letter from Arthur Johnston to the Secretary of the Ministry of Defence regarding the return of his firearm that he previously handed in, 21 May 1923

P/00057 Dundalk Show Society

Accounts and some correspondence from 1912-1918 of the Dundalk Show Society who organised the agricultural and industrial show.



PP00059/ Ardee Papers

Legal and corporate papers relating to Ardee, including: particulars of sale by auction of farm at Drakestown containing 363 acres, 1918, and of sale of seven farms at Smarmore including map of the Taaffe estate containing the lots, 1920

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

OF

Fee Farm Property

AT

Drakestown, Co. Louth,

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION

On **TUESDAY, the 8th JANUARY, 1918, at 1 p.m.**

IN THE COURT HOUSE, ARDEE.

ALL THAT AND THOSE that superior Farm of land situated at Drakestown, Barony of Ardee, and County of Louth, containing 363 acres, 3 roods, 5 perches Statute Measure (or thereabouts) with the Residence and Out-offices thereon.

TENURE AND DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS.

The property is held under Fee Farm Grant dated the 30th day of October, 1858, at the yearly Fee Farm Rent of £76 os. 8d., now adjusted to £74 17s. 8d.

The Grant describes the lands thereby assured as ALL THAT AND THOSE the lands of Drakestown containing by estimation 207 acres 1 rood and 31 perches Irish Plantation Measure be the same more or less, bounded on the West by the lands of Smarmore, on the East and North by the lands of Kilpatrick, and on the South by the lands of Belpatrick, situate in the Barony of Atherde and County of Louth. The Grant contains a covenant by the Grantee, that it shall be lawful for the Grantor his heirs and assigns his and their servants with horses and carriages to bore, dig, and search for mines, minerals, coals, etc., on any part of the premises except houses and gardens allowing to the Grantee reasonable satisfaction for any damage done; and also a declaration that all turf marl limestone or limestone gravel should be for the sole use and advantage and improvement of the premises under the penalty of one shilling for every cartload thereof that should be thereafter carried off the premises for the use of any other land whatsoever; and that the Grantor should have power to distrain for the same as for rent and arrears.

The lands are subject, in addition to said Fee Farm Rent, to the following annual charges:—

1.—A yearly quit rent of £2 8s. 7d. with 2d. acquittance fee.

2.—An annual instalment in Redemption of Title Rent Charge of £18 6s. 4d. The lands are also subject to the Charge and Mortgage mentioned in paragraphs 9 and 11 of the conditions of sale.

DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS.

Drakestown is about 2½ miles from Ardee, 4 from Dunleer, and 8 from Drogheda. The land is of superior quality suitable for mixed farming, containing superior old pasture and dry sound tillage land. It is easy of access, all the fields are conveniently divided, well fenced and watered by running streams and springs. The Residence is a well-built structure of three storeys and contains Dining-room, Sitting-room, Drawing-room, six Bed-rooms, Kitchen (with closed range), Servants' room, etc.

There is an enclosed yard adjoining with Coach Houses, Horse Boxes, Hay Lofts, Dairy, Cow Houses, Implement Houses, etc., an outer yard with Foddering Sheds, Stall-feeding Sheds—all stone built, and slated; and a large Hay Barn to hold 100 tons.

There is a lime-kiln and limestone quarry on the property.

COUNTY LOUTH.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale

OF

VALUABLE FARMS AT SMARMORE, CO. LOUTH.

To be Sold by Public Auction

AT THE COURTHOUSE, ARDEE,

On **Wednesday, the 27th day of October, 1920**

AT ONE O'CLOCK,

By **JAMES MOONAN, Auctioneer,**

ARDEE AND DROGHEDA.

PARTICULARS.

To be Sold on behalf of the Owner, Captain George Taaffe, D.L., the following Divisions of the Townland of Smarmore, situate in the Electoral Division of Ardee, Barony of Ardee and County of Louth, with immediate possession, save of one small cottage and two dwellinghouses as hereinafter stated.

Save in respect of Lot 5, the Vendor will execute Transfers to the Purchasers of the several lots, and they will be sold subject to the Land Purchase Annuities, as stated opposite each lot.

The Vendor will execute a Fee-farm Grant to the Purchaser of Lot 5.

		A. R. P. Statute.	Land Purchase Annuity. £ s. d.
Lot 1	The Cavan	21 1 37	12 17 6
Lot 2	Big and Little Cabras	58 2 1	34 6 6
Lot 3	Kierán Field and Mullakeel	37 1 33	21 19 6
Lot 4	Big Carrigan and Building Field	49 2 0	29 0 0
			Fee-farm Rent.
Lot 5	Cowfield and Big Meadow	27 3 33	16 0 0
			Land Purchase Annuity.
Lot 6	Little Carrigan, Marrel Hole, and Upper Clintons	57 0 19	33 12 6
Lot 7	Dwellinghouse and Plot at Hog's Hill Bridge	0 1 34	0 10 0

PP00060/ Saint Nicholas Men's Institute, Dundalk

Includes games (billiards, table tennis) books of the Institute containing surnames of members, 1914-1919 and a minute book, 1913-1923.

PP00067 Ravensdale Park Auction Catalogue

An auction catalogue of the illustrated particulars and conditions of sale of the residential estate known as Ravensdale Park, extending to nearly 2,000 statute acres, offered for sale on 6 May 1920. Catalogue includes photographs of the exterior and interior of the mansion house at Ravensdale Park, historical information about the park, a description of the rooms in the house and the extent of the grounds included in the sale. Also contains a map.



RAVENSDALE HOUSE (Front View).



RAVENSDALE HOUSE (Southern Angle).

PP00069/ The Roden Collection

Concerned with the Dundalk estate of the earls of Roden, largely in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and consisting essentially of leases, however, there are some estate correspondence and papers dating to the early twentieth century.

PP00075/ Dundalk and Carlingford Presbyterian Church Records

Includes communion rolls for Carlingford, 1912-1923, for Castlebellingham, 1912-1917; comparative statement for 1913 & 1919 illustrating stipend details for Carlingford, Castlebellingham, and Dundalk, c.1920; committee minute book for Dundalk, 1912-1917; committee business correspondence, Dundalk, 1913-1914; committee resolutions, Dundalk, 1914; recruitment of sexton, Dundalk, 1915-1916

PP00076/ Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company

Engineer's reports for the "Bessbrook" steamer detailing dates, time of lighted fires, sailing and arrival times, ship sailing details, the weather, stores taken at Liverpool: tons of coal and remarks, 1917-1918

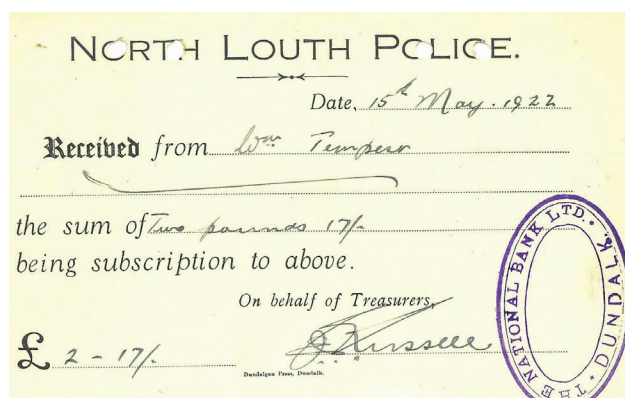
By the time of the First World War (1914-1918), the Company was exporting livestock, eggs, butter and other agricultural products and importing bread and general merchandise from England.

P/00082 Miscellaneous Louth Archives

A mixed accession of ephemera and other archives relating to Louth; includes:

- A hand-bill giving notice of a torch-light procession to celebrate the signing of the Home Rule Bill, signed by members of the United Irish League. It exclaims 'assemble in your thousands to celebrate the dawn of a new era for our country', 18 Sep 1914
- Circular letter from TJ Clancy, honorary secretary of the North Louth Police, Town Hall, Dundalk received by William Tempest, Crowe Street, Dundalk referring to the decision to establish a temporary police force for Dundalk and North Louth and requesting a subscription towards same noting names of treasurers and Tempest's subscription receipt is attached, 15 May 1922; North Louth Police headed paper with a note stating 'all above taken prisoners by Provisional Government Troops on July 17 and force dissolved.' [Jul 1922]

- Circular providing names on the committee that was established for a Police Force in Ardee until 'the Civic Guard comes into force' and requesting a subscription towards maintenance of same, Mar 1922
- Reaghstown Cycling and Athletic Sports leaflet, 15 Jun 1913
- Slattery Presentation Fund: printed list of subscribers, 8 Jun 1921



PP00084/ Charles MacMahon Papers

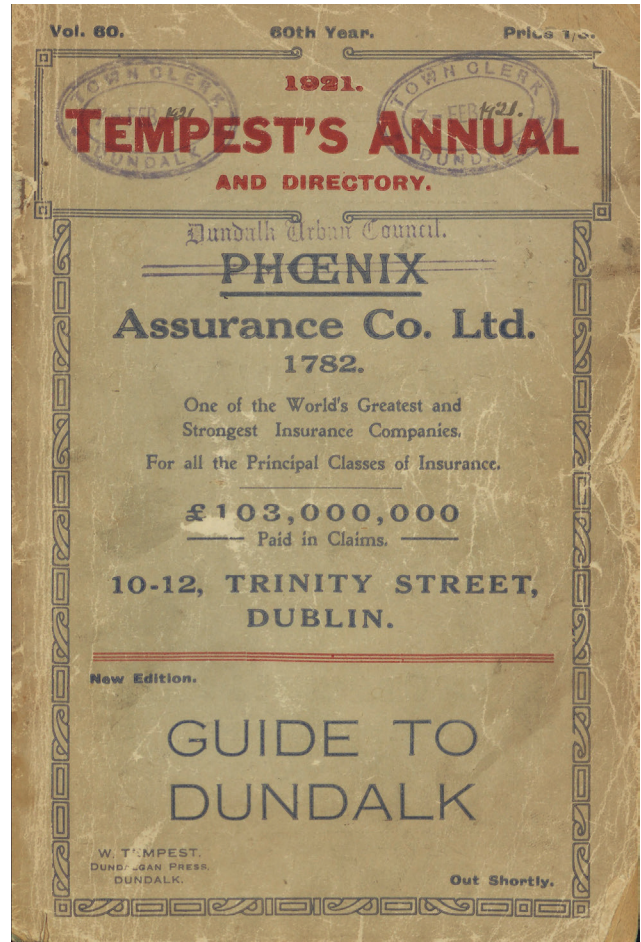
Charles MacMahon, solicitor: mostly nineteenth century legal papers and correspondence, arranged by client. It includes some items from 1912-1923 relating to land transactions and to the administration of estates.

PP00087/ Dundalk Show Society

A book of newspaper cuttings of the Dundalk Show Society taken from the Dundalk Democrat newspaper commencing in 1891 and covering the period 1912-1923.

PP00089/ Tempest's Annuals

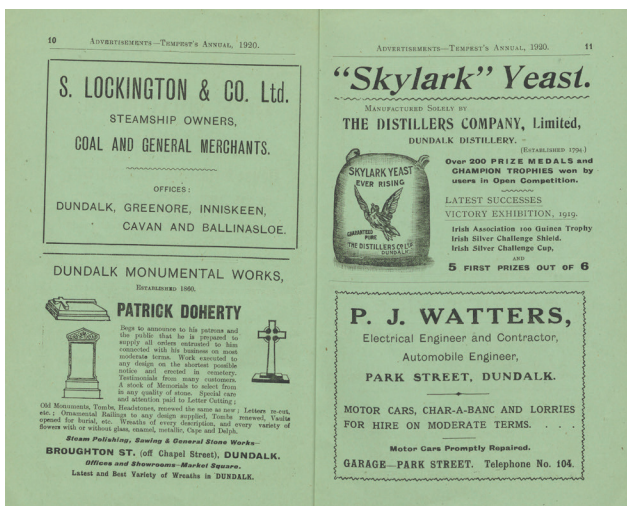
The annuals are a business directory for the town of Dundalk and include information on other towns both in and adjacent to County Louth and most are illustrated with photographs of buildings, events, groups and individuals. From 1913 onwards, the annuals include a street directory for Dundalk. In addition, the annuals contain obituaries, biographies and invaluable historical accounts on a range of subjects such as education, local industries or sporting organisations. Examples include the 'Origin of the Great War' (1916) and 'Red Cross Work in County Louth 1914-1918' (1919). Several annuals contain a roll of honour with names and addresses of the men who served in the army or navy during World War I.

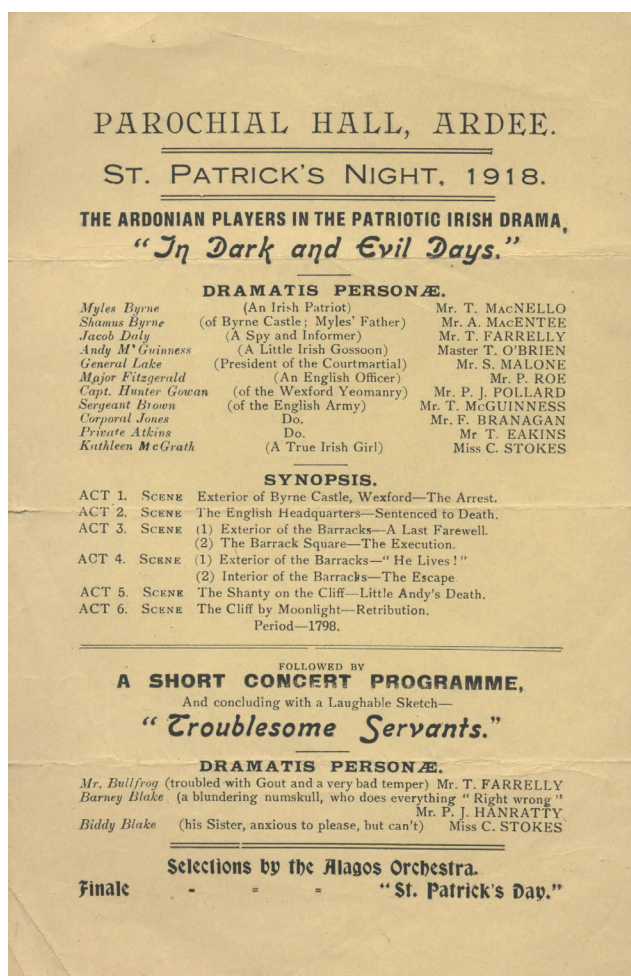


Louth County Archives Service holds two incomplete sets that include the years 1912, 1913, 1916, 1918-1923 (no edition in 1922), however, the Local Reference Section in the County Library hold a more complete set.

PP00095/ Louth Theatre, Concert and Exhibition Programmes

Programmes and pamphlets for various productions including: Oriel Bazaar museum fine art exhibition, Jun 1913; 'In Dark and Evil Days', a patriotic Irish drama by The Ardonian Players held in the Parochial Hall Ardee, Mar 1918; Dundelgan Choral Society honorary members' card detailing subscriber benefits, 1920-1921; programme of Dundelgan Choral Society for Flotow's Grand Opera 'Martha', Mar 1921





PP00116/ Workmen's Account Books

Account books detailing names of workers, amounts paid to them and some observations on the type of work carried out or on how they were paid (owner is unclear), 1912-1913

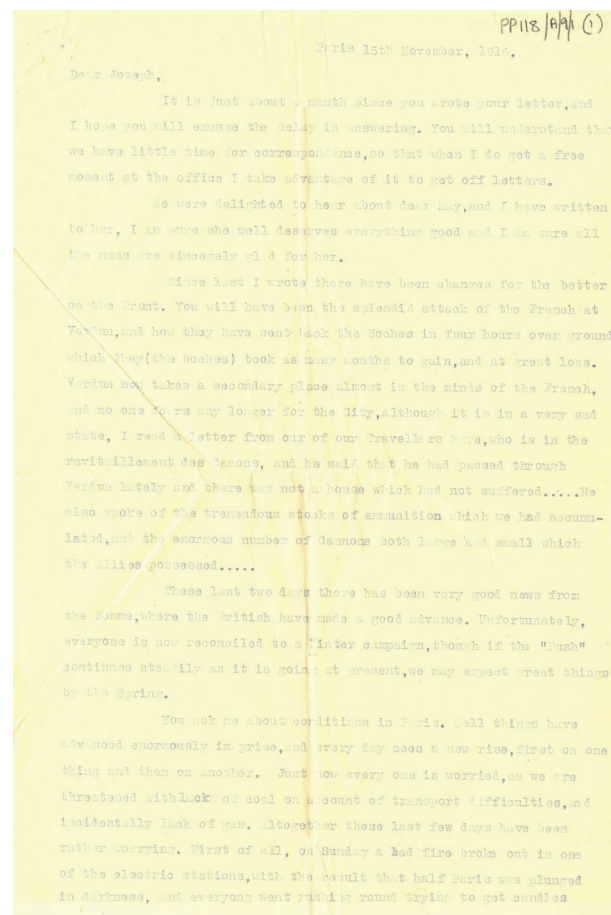
PP00117A/ Saorstát na hÉireann Documents

A small collection of documents, directly relating to and generated during the time of the formation of Saorstát na hÉireann, 1920-1922. Items of interest include legal forms; a publication on judiciary rules; papers of the Dundalk Parish Court clerk, Joseph Smyth, showing the administrative side of the judicial system; a small part of an electoral register for Hackballscross; and a filing index card relating to IRA member Patrick Trainor of Smithsboro, County Monaghan.

PP00117B Dundevalgan Choral Society Historical Account

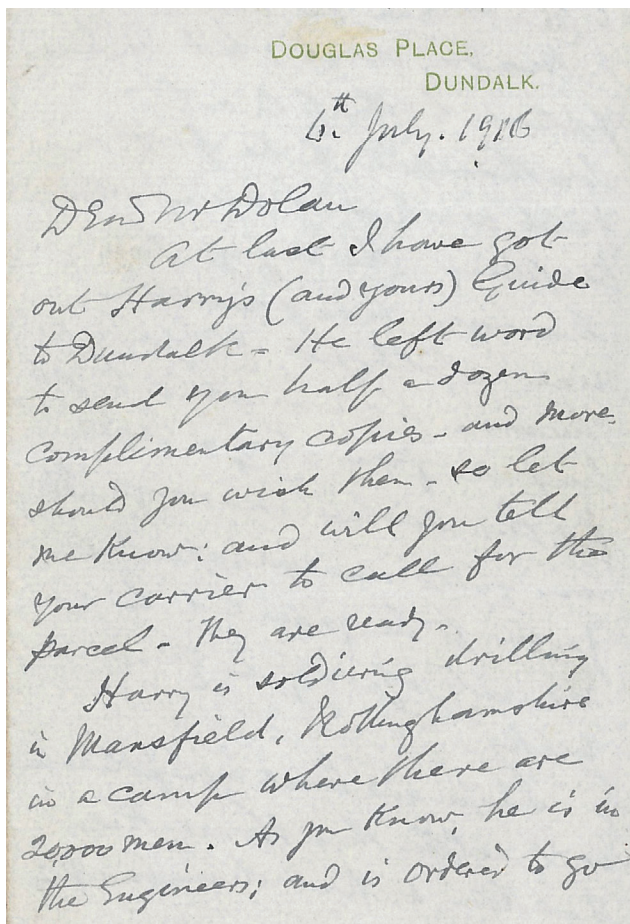
Short account of the history of the Dundevalgan Choral Society from when established in early 1916 until late 1919, c.1920.

PP00118/ Joseph Dolan Papers



A mixed and partial collection of correspondence to and from Ardee businessman, Joseph Dolan, relating to his family, grocery and hardware business, and the various activities that he was involved in, predominant 1901-1933, such as the Gaelic League, the preservation of the Irish language (four items relate to Colaiste Bhrighde in Omeath), the County Louth Archaeological Society, and politics. There are many references to Irish nationalism, the political situation in Ireland, partition, conscription, violence and the War of Independence. Some of the correspondents include Horace Plunkett, Father Augustine (Franciscan Capuchin Friary, Dublin), Philip MacMahon, John Dillon, TF McGahon, Bishop Daniel Cohalan, Thomas Callan Macardle, Edward

Carson and Michael Collins. Michael McGrath of Linenhall St, Dublin writes to Dolan giving an eyewitness account of the suffering and devastation during the 1916 Rising; while a Tessie working in The Times office in Paris in 1916-1917 writes relating news from the Front and living restrictions in Paris. There is a small quantity of material concerned with religion, Dolan's involvement with Patrick Pearse's St Enda's School (1908-1912), St Vincent de Paul, the Ardee and Castlebellingham District Nursing Association, Irish National Foresters, the purchase of Omeath Park, and the Summer Time Act, 1916.



PP00120/ Dun Dealgan Museum Papers

This collection consists of material relating to the membership of the County Louth Archaeological Society, 1912-1921; the purchase, refurbishment and burning of Dun Dealgan museum which was damaged and occupied by the military during the civil war, 1910, 1919-1923; the organisation of the Dun Dealgan pageant, 1912; finances, 1912-1920;

museum exhibits, 1914, 1918; insurance, 1916; and the employment of a caretaker, 1916.

PP00127/ Postcards of County Louth

Small collection of black and white postcards published by William Tempest, Dundalk (1859-1918) showing views and buildings mainly in Dundalk, but also a few other areas, c.1912-1918.

PP00135/ Captain William Doran Photograph Album

Family photograph album of William Doran, Chairman of Louth Co Council 1913-1918 who served with the 9 Royal Dublin Fusiliers in the Great War, 1915-1923



PP00138/ Papers of several County Louth Priests

Collection of correspondence between priests and other related documents. Items of interest for the 1912-1923 period include the transfer of Fr Harmon from the parish of Reaghstown, Ardee to Dungannon, Co Tyrone and a settlement of claims against an estate in Dungannon involving Fr Harmon; letters to Reverend Canon Patrick Lyons concerning the running of Ardee parish including the possibility of a residence move due to an outbreak of illness in Ardee. Also an account book from 1919 for the curate's collection in Ardee which contains names of subscribers with either their occupation or their address and amount contributed.

PP00140/ Mr Joseph Fitzsimons, Dunbin, Dundalk: Legal and Financial Papers

Partly relates to a land holding at Dunbin that was formerly part of the Balfour estate but was purchased by the tenant from the Irish Commission under the Irish Land Act, 1903. It dates to 1847 but includes copy wills and receipts from 1912-1923.

PP00145/ Callan V Gray Legal Papers

Brief for counsel on behalf of R&G Gray, defendants, on hearing of appeal in the case that they drove a steam engine and wagon and collided with, damaged and injured the pony and trap of John Callan, plaintiff, 1914-1915.

PP00150/ Documents of Ardee Churches

Register of Meals, 1918-1919 (under the New Public Meals Order, 1918)

PP00153 William Doran Photograph

Photograph of Captain William Doran, Chairman of Louth County Council, in army uniform, c.1914-1918.



PP00160/ Dublin and the "Sinn Fein Rising"

Souvenir booklet on 'Dublin and the "Sinn Fein Rising"', published by Wilson Hartnell & Co, Dublin, 1916. It contains an account of the Rising including a map of Dublin city showing the chief points during the Rising, a facsimile copy of the Irish War News issued from the GPO during the Rising, photographs of Dublin in the aftermath of the Rising, an account of some leaders of the Rising, portraits, images of documents including the Proclamation and Volunteer relics, and advertisements.

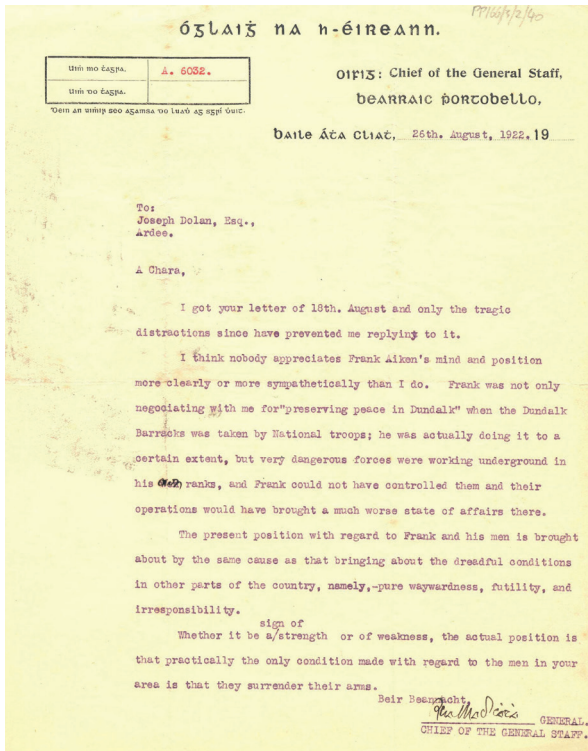


Irish War News was the newspaper issued by Republican forces on 25 April 1916. The back page contains the historic 'Stop Press' news announcing that the Irish Republic has been declared, written by Padraig Pearse while the Rebellion was in progress. It states its seven members, gives an update on the fighting and urges the citizens of Ireland to support the rebellion.

PP00166/ Tempest Family and Dundalgan Press

A valuable source to those researching the printing and publishing trade in Dundalk or the history and archaeology of County Louth. Contains accounts of Dundalgan Press; a large volume of correspondence with authors giving an insight into the book publishing trade process in the early 20th century; correspondence relating to enquiries on historical topics, matters to be published in the Journal of the Louth Archaeological Society,

the submission of archaeological material to the National Museum and some personal family correspondence. Also a temporary commission warrant of William Caxton Tempest in the Royal Air Force as Lieutenant in 1918; a letter addressed to Joseph Dolan of Ardee from General Richard Mulcahy, Office of the Chief of General Staff, Dublin concerning Frank Aiken and anti-treaty irregulars, 26 August 1922.



PP00201/ SS Dundalk Disaster Fund Committee Papers

Correspondence and financial material relating to the administration and management of the SS Dundalk Disaster Fund. The SS Dundalk was a merchant ship that was sunk in 1918 while sailing from Liverpool to Dundalk. Tragically, twenty people perished.

PP00205/ Rampark House Family Photographs

Photographs relating to the McArdle family of Rampark House, [1912]-1920s. Patrick Hughes, Louth Irish Volunteers founder, married Christina McArdle, daughter of Joseph H McArdle, Rampark. (See PP00439/)

PP00206/ Paddy Mallon – Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Collection

Material mainly relating to the GNR(I) Engineering Works at Dundalk, but also other railway companies. There are many diagrams, drawings and printed specifications of steam engines, passenger and goods locomotives, technical reports on rolling stock, and press cuttings from engineering journals compiled by the chief locomotive engineer from 1912-1933, George T Glover.

PP00207/ 'The Moorings' Architectural Plans

Architectural plans for a private residence: 'The Moorings', Red Barns Road, Dundalk, by architect WS Barber, 1913

PP00231/ Research Papers for 'Dundalk: A Military History' Publication

001/ Leaflets from the Public Records Office (PRO), London regarding military records and copy of part of a PRO catalogue entitled '1914-1918 War and Post War Events'; list of names under their military companies, 1922-1923; copies of the General Weekly Survey – Dublin Command for Dundalk area, 1923; transcript of letter to Frank Aiken from Mulcahy Papers, 1922; copy letter from Óglaigh Na h-Éireann (Irish Republican Army) Headquarters to troops and copy maps of E Company Lordship, 1923; some copies of British military records and journals;

/002 Three documents listing IRA events in Dundalk and Louth, 1919-1921;

/003 Photocopy of request and receipt for contribution towards establishment of a North Louth Police, 1922;

/004 Advert for revolvers, 1922; memos from the Irish White Cross Disablement Committee, 1922; handwritten account by Michael Bellew of his service with the IRA for his military service pension application, 1917-1923;

SECOND-HAND REVOLVERS IN STOCK
ALL IN PERFECT ORDER.

LOT 9
Webley, (mark 5 and mark 6) British Service Revolver, .455 Calibre 6 inch barrel, Automatic Ejector. 100 in stock. Price.....each

LOT 10
Webley (mark 1, 2, 3, & 4.) British Service Revolvers .455 Calibre 4 inch barrel, Automatic Ejector. 800 in stock. Price.....each

LOT 23
Very fine well finished Spanish made Revolver Automatic Ejector, made for the British Government during the Great War in 1914, .455 Calibre All Blued. 5 inch Barrel. As Illustrated. All are practically new. 2,200 in stock. Price..... each

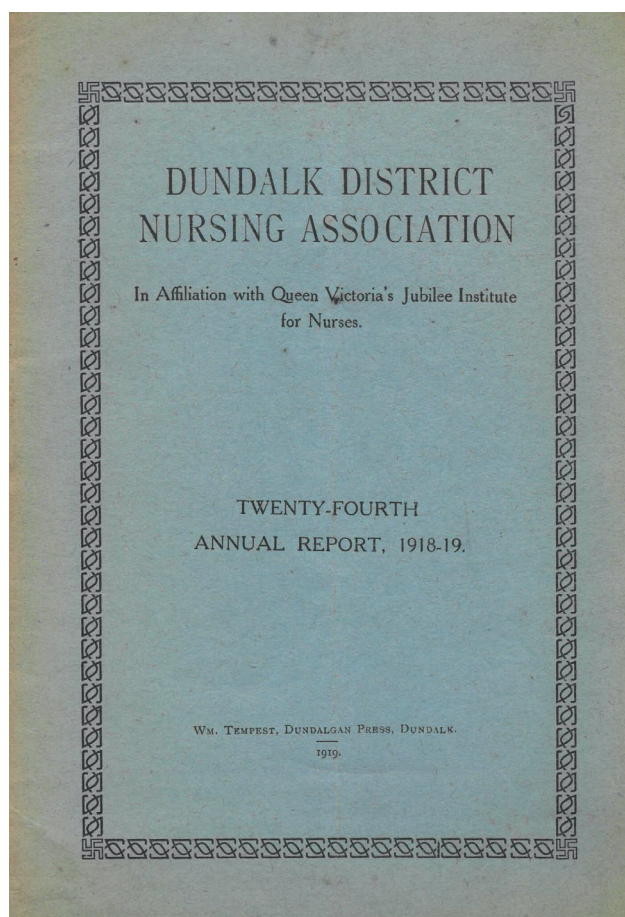
LOT 11
Webley, Bulldog Solid Frame British Service Revolver, .455 Calibre R.I.C. Pattern, 3 inch barrel. 250 in stock. Price..... each

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Special pattern Hammerless Automatic Ejector Revolver, takes .38 S. & W. Cartridge, 3 1/2 inch barrel, All blued as Illustrated. All as New. 420 in stock. Price..... each

LOT 17 500,000 .455 Calibre British Service Revolver Cartridges, loaded with smokeless powder in good condition. Packed in tin lined cases of 1,000 & 2,000. Price..... per 1,000.

LOT 12 & 13 We have in stock about 100 each Colt and Smith and Wesson Service Revolvers, .455 Calibre, blued. 5 1/4 and 6 inch barrel. Price..... each

ALL ABOVE GOODS PACKED AND DELIVERED F. O. B. BELFAST.



PP00237/ Moore of Carlingford Estate Rentals

Rentals of the Moore and Dunsterville estates in Carlingford, 1912-1923.

PP00240/ Macardle Moore and Company Collection

Legal documents and correspondence arising from the company's interests in properties in Counties Antrim, Armagh, Cavan, Down, Dublin, Fermanagh, Louth, Meath, Monaghan, and a smaller quantity relating to properties in Counties Kildare, Leitrim, Longford, Tyrone and Wexford, where the property owners allowed Macardle Moore to supply the public houses with ale and beer; /003 agents' sales books, 1917-1923; /005 letter books, 1912-1919; /006 quantity of employment agreements, 1914-1923, /006 correspondence with unions 1915, 1921, installations at the brewery, 1912-1923; /012 small quantity of wills, 1912-1922.

/005 Copy leaflet of the aims and objectives of the Irish Centre Party, 1919;

/007 Photocopy of names of soldiers with company name and place stationed, c.1917-1923;

/008 Copy Saorstát Éireann Order of Detention of A Mulhern, Dundalk, 1923.

/009 Copies of interview transcripts of Phil Hearty detailing an incident at Dundalk in 1920 and Peter Bennett on the taking of Dundalk barracks, 1922

PP00236A/ Dundalk District Nursing Association

Twenty-fourth annual report, 1918-1919.

PP00245/ Gogarty Documents

Reverend Thomas Gogarty (1877-1949) was a local historian and antiquarian. Includes two personal letters from Eoin MacNeill, 19 Herbert Park, Dublin concerning Gogarty's research, notably on the Magh Slécht; and copy letter from David Lloyd, 10 Downing Street, London to Horace Plunkett, 25 February 1918 regarding the Irish Convention.

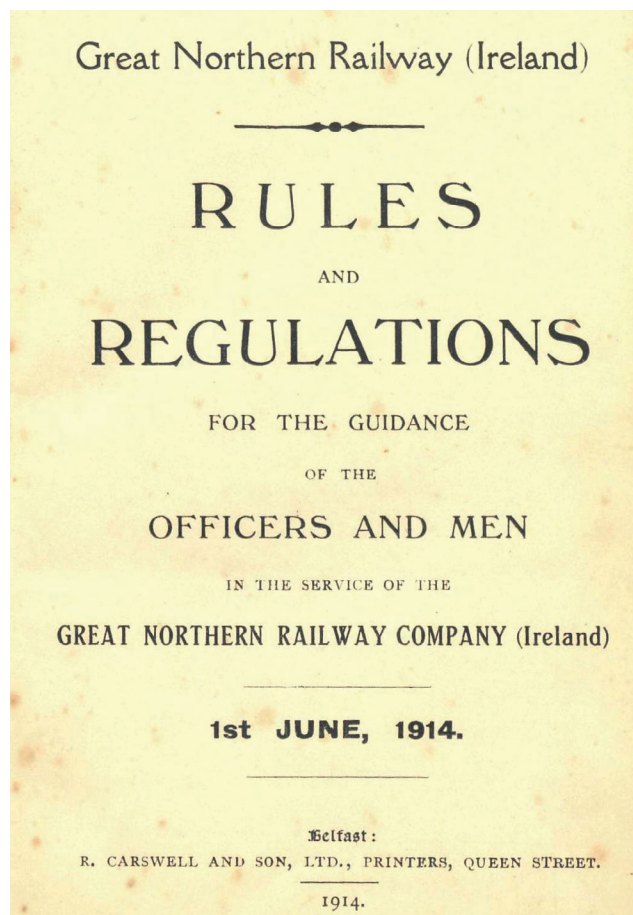
PP00256/ Photographs of Dundalk

Collection of photographs showing various shop-fronts, street-scenes, transport such as the GNR(I), scenes from plays, events and portraits (some unidentified), 1912-1923. Examples from the period include Ravensdale Park House (burnt down in 1921), McGuill's Frontier Bar after it was damaged by fire in 1921, a group portrait with a sturgeon that was offered to King George V in 1915, and a procession in front of Bellingham Castle when the oratory was opened in 1913.



PP00258/ Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Archive Collection

GNR(I) Rules and Regulations Book, 1914; Locomotive Department General Orders Book, 1912-1923 and Piecework Book, 1916-1917; Erecting Shop piecework prices book, 1921-1923.



PP00263/ Bernard Rice Papers

Bernard Rice (1890-1963) had an active interest in the Irish language and culture and was friendly with Peadar O'Dubhda and Peadar Carr. He associated with members of the Irish Volunteers and was later among the founding members of Fianna Fail in Dundalk. 001/001/ photographs of teachers and students of Omeath Irish College, 1912; 001/003 copy deeds of Mary Anne McDonald, Dundalk, 1916, 1919; 002/ photographs of the Rice family and friends, and group photographs of the Gaelic League outings, 1912-1923; 003/ postcards from various parts of Ireland, Europe and USA, 1912-1923; postcard of a Home Rule demonstration in Dublin, 1912, Dáil Éireann in session, 1921 and of

the Irish Peace Conference, 1921; 004/ publications include Hall Caine, *The drama of three hundred and sixty five days: scenes in the Great War* (1915), Padraic Mac Piarais, '*An Mhathair agus scealta eile*' (1916), Darrell Figgis, '*A Chronicle of Jails*' (1917), Padric Gregory, '*The poems of John Francis MacEntee*' (1917), and Peadar O Laoghaire, '*Mo shlighe chun De*' (1921).



PP00279/ Dundalk Gas Company Limited

Annual list of members, register of members, and minute books 1912-1923.

PP00281/ Dundalk Documents

Circular regarding presentation to Mr James MacMahon to mark his appointment to the highest position in the Postal Service in Ireland, 1917; particulars and conditions of sale for public auction of Killineer House, Drogheda, estate of Richard J Montgomery, 1918; leaflet: 'How to get to Dun Dealgan (museum)', Dundalk, [1912].

PP00282/ Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust Collection

/007 Memorandum of head leases with tenants on the Moore estate, Carlingford, 1912

/008 Copy photographs of the Dundalk Newry & Greenore Railway and of the Carlingford area, 1912-1923

PP00286/ Emerson Papers

Cash book for various estates in counties Louth, Meath and Cavan, for which Emerson acted as agent, 1912-1923

PP00287/ Research Papers on Dundalk's Military History, 1916-1923

- /001 Copy list of men from Dundalk and district who took part in the 1916 Rising
- /002 Copy list of the RIC (old RIC and 'black and tans') serving in County Louth until disbandment in 1922
- /003 Brief notes on the Civil War in north Louth and south-east Ulster with a chronology of events, 1922-1923
- /004 Photographs (many copies) of war related events, 1919-1923

PP00294/ Collon Unionist Volunteers' Documents

Copies of documents relating to unionist volunteers in Collon, in 1914-1915: namely the original proclamation and the rifle fund subscription list which provides names of members and accounts. Also, an article on the 'Collon Unionist Volunteers' by Larry Conlon.

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*Collon Unionist Volunteers
Rifle Fund Subscription List*

Name	Amount	Remarks
	£	s. d.
J. Scott	-	1
W. Hamilton	-	1
J. Brennan	-	1
W. Abraham	-	1
W. Kelly	-	1
J. Emerson	-	1
R. Emerson	-	1
L. Brennan	-	1
H. Little	-	1
R. Robinson	-	1
J. Campbell	-	1
W. Wade	-	1
J. Woods	-	1
R. Johnson	-	1
J. Daly	-	1
L. Brennan	-	1
J. Emerson	-	1
J. Emerson	-	1
W. Wade	-	1
W. Wade	-	1
J. Abraham	-	1

PP00297F The Distillers Company Limited

General Entry book of The Distillers Company Limited for the Dundalk Distillery at Roden Place, Dundalk, 1913-1923.

PP00303/ Harold O'Sullivan Papers

Manuscript letter from Horace Plunkett to Captain William Doran, referring to the Irish Convention, 10 Jul 1917;

Copy printout of Ireland's Memorial Records 1914-1918 for County Louth;

Copies of Tempest's Annuals, a Dundalk business directory, for 1912, 1913, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1923.

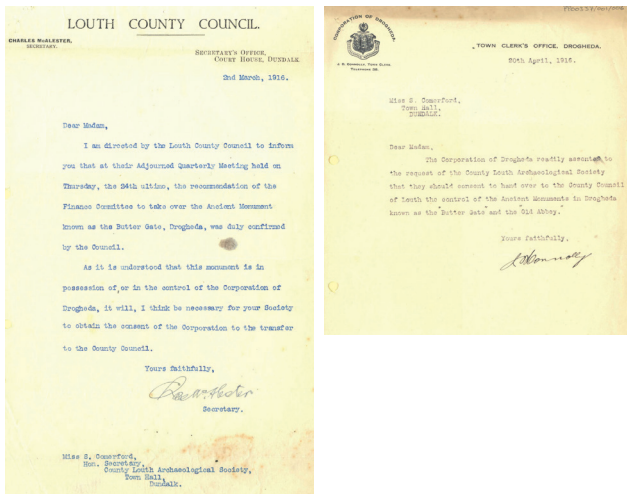
PP00309A/ William George Abraham Postcards

Two World War I postcards of William George Abraham, of the Royal Irish Rifles, 1914, 1915.



PP00337/ Sally Comerford Correspondence Papers

Correspondence relating to the affairs of the County Louth Archaeological Society for 1915-1918 with Sally Comerford as secretary. Matters include society meetings, lectures, excursions, the society's journal and the maintenance of local archaeologically significant sites. During this period, the transfer of significant historical monuments to Louth County Council took place, which allowed the society to take part in their upkeep. Wartime concerns affected the society including two members who lost sons in the War, and the suspension of its journal in 1918 due to rising production costs.



PP00338/ Joseph Martin Correspondence Papers

Correspondence relating to the affairs of the County Louth Archaeological Society for 1919-1940 with Joseph Martin as secretary. Matters include society meetings, membership, the Dundevalgan museum, the society's journal and the preservation of historical sites and monuments.

PP00351/ Charles McKeever Receipts

Copies of billheads, receipts, dividend warrants from various local merchants to Charles McKeever, Collon, tenant on Foster-Massereene estate, 1920-1923. Includes copy of form for the Representation of the People Act, 1918

PP00359/ Major Brush, Brohatna Estate

Rent book of Major JER Brush (of the 3rd Battalion Inniskilling Fusiliers) for the Brohatna estate, Dundalk, 1912-1918 with letters enclosed regarding the sale of Brush's estate in Lisduff, Co Galway, 1912-1915.

PP00361/ Thomas Hughes Research Information

Research information compiled in 2008-2010 on Thomas Hughes, of Castleblaney, Co Monaghan, a private in 6 Battalion of the Connaught Rangers during the First World War, who was awarded a Victoria Cross (Hughes was briefly an inmate in Dundalk Gaol in 1924).

PP00365/ Rice's Pub Records

Cash book for Rice's Pub, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk. Contains names of local businesses, 1912-1923.

PP00366/ Stephenstown Papers

- Bundle of tradesmen's bills from local merchants to Mrs Fortescue, 1915-1916
- Ministry of Food Sugar Registration Card 1918 of Edythe Fortescue, Stephenstown, for 12 persons.
- Letter from NB King to Colonel Butler, Greenmount about valuation of stock and crops at Stephenstown, 1918.

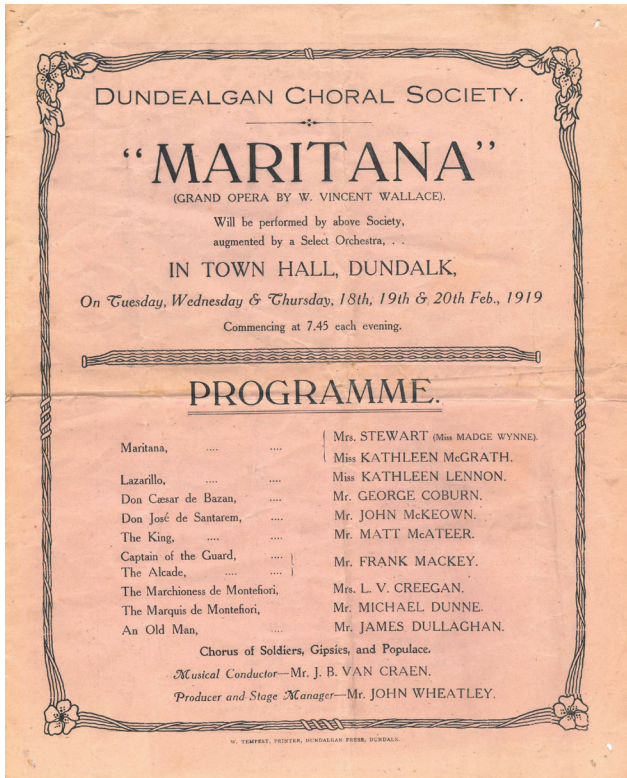
MINISTRY OF FOOD, IRELAND.		BEFORE March 3rd, 1918, the supplies of sugar at the shop where you have registered may not be sufficient for you to buy sugar there.
M 48910 SUGAR REGISTRATION CARD.		AFTER March 3rd, 1918, you should be able to buy at the shop where you have registered the authorised weekly allowance of sugar for your household. You must then be prepared to produce this part of your card whenever required to do so by the retailer named upon it.
D. Name	<i>Sally Comerford</i>	If, after March 3rd, 1918, you have any difficulty in buying this weekly allowance from your retailer, you should communicate with the Local Executive Officer of the Food Control Committee for Ireland through the Local Police Barracks.
Address	<i>Stephenstown, Drogheda Co. Dub.</i>	
E. Signature of Retailer	<i>[Signature]</i>	NOTE:—It will be your duty in case of a reduction in the number of your household to make a corresponding reduction in your purchases of sugar. In case of any increase of household, your retailer will as far as possible allow a corresponding increase in your supplies.
Address	<i>[Address]</i>	
F. No. of persons	<i>Twelve</i> Initials <i>P.W.</i>	CAUTION—Any person altering any entries made by the Representative of the Food Control Committee for Ireland on this card is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding £100 or 6 months' imprisonment, or both.
Sub-District	<i>Dundalk</i>	
S. 2. Ireland		

PP00371/ Ardee Old IRA Commemoration Committee Booklets

Commemoration booklets in relation to the killing of Patrick Tierney and Seán O'Carroll in 1920.

PP00390/ Theatre Programmes and Pamphlets Collection

Dundealgan Choral Society programme for 'Maritana', 1919



PP00391/ Kitty McDermott and Tommy Clarke Photographs and Other Documents

Small quantity of group portraits of actors and actresses and photographs of scenes from plays, 1912, [1915], 1920s



PP00395/ Massereene Estate Timber Court Case Transcript

Copy of transcript of evidence in the court case of Rudd v Rea in the High Court of Justice, Ireland regarding timber on the Massereene estate in 1921. The purchasers (plaintiff, Mr TA Rudd) argued that they bought the estate, therefore they owned the timber, while the defendants (defendant, Mr David Rea) argued that they bought the land not the timber.

PP00396/ Plays by County Louth Authors

Ulstermen by Arnold Marsh, 1921

PP0402/ 1916-1923 Louth Volunteers Material: Hall, Hanratty, Mulhern

/A Two 1916 badges and two Irish flag badges.

/B Copy letter from PJ Whitty, Louth MP to Samuel Hall, Wakefield Prison referring to efforts for Irish prisoners, May 1916

/C Copy letter from James Hanratty, Frongoch Camp, to Miss Hall (sister of Samuel Hall), Oct 1916

/D Copy statement of account of Gerard Mulhern, Ballykinlar Camp, Oct 1921.

/E Copy order of custody issued to Annie Mulhern, Dundalk from Richard Mulcahy, Minister for Defence, Aug 1923

/F Copies of autograph book kept by Annie Mulhern, Mountjoy Jail, Jan 1923

May 24th 1916.

Dear Mr Hall.

In reply to your letter of last week, I beg to state that we are doing all that we can for the men who have been arrested. I intend to visit Wakefield Prison towards the end of the week, when I shall see Saml. Hall and will write and let you know how they are treated.

Hoping that he may not be long detained in prison

Yours faithfully
P. M. Whitty.

PP00403/ 1912-1923 Decade of Centenaries material: Captain James Boyle; Fusilier O'Leary

/A Copies of papers on Captain James Boyle, Irish Free State Army, who was in charge of a garrison at Greenore and was killed in ambush at Rockmarshall on 4 November 1922 by a party of Irregulars (anti-Treaty). Includes photographs of Boyle and members of Greenore RIC Barracks, Mar 1922.

/B Photograph of hockey medal inscribed 'Hockey League 1921-1922 runners up "A" Coy. 5498 Fus. O'Leary' and on back laurel surround with '2/RDF'. Fusilier O'Leary, was a member of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. The depositor's grandfather found this medal after ploughing a field in the 1930s in Muchgrange, Greenore, where the army stabled horses in the early 1920s.

PP00404/ 1916-1923 Louth Volunteers material: Thomas Corcoran and others

Two copy photographs of prisoners in carpenters dress at Sutton Veney Camp (Wiltshire Army Camp), including Thomas Corcoran of Dundalk, Mar 1915; and copy letter on 1916 service, [1930s-1940s]

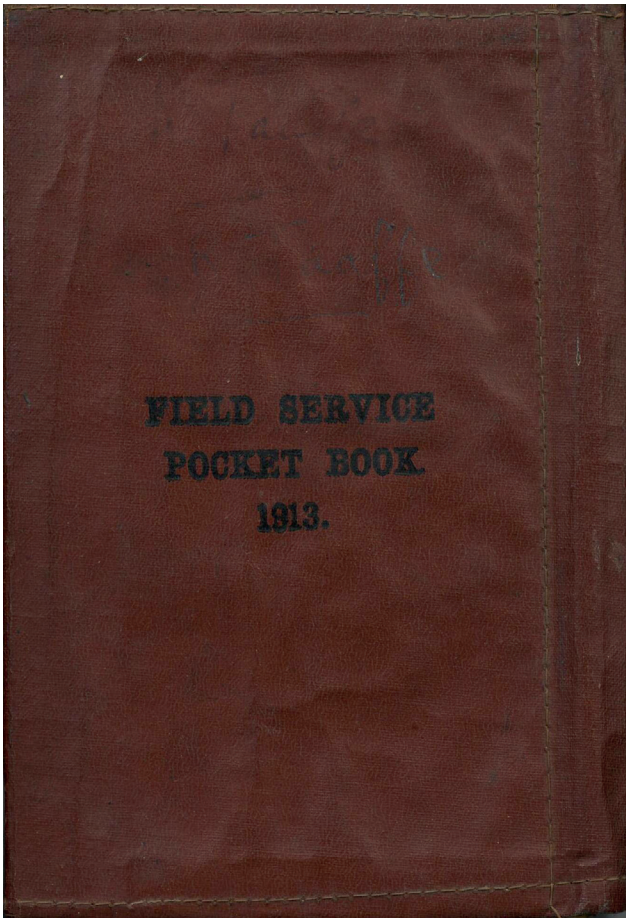
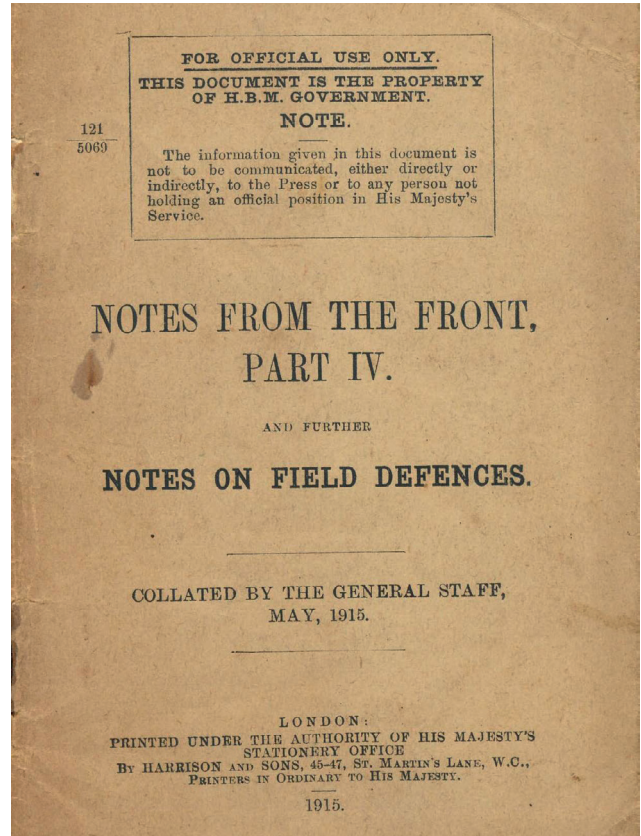
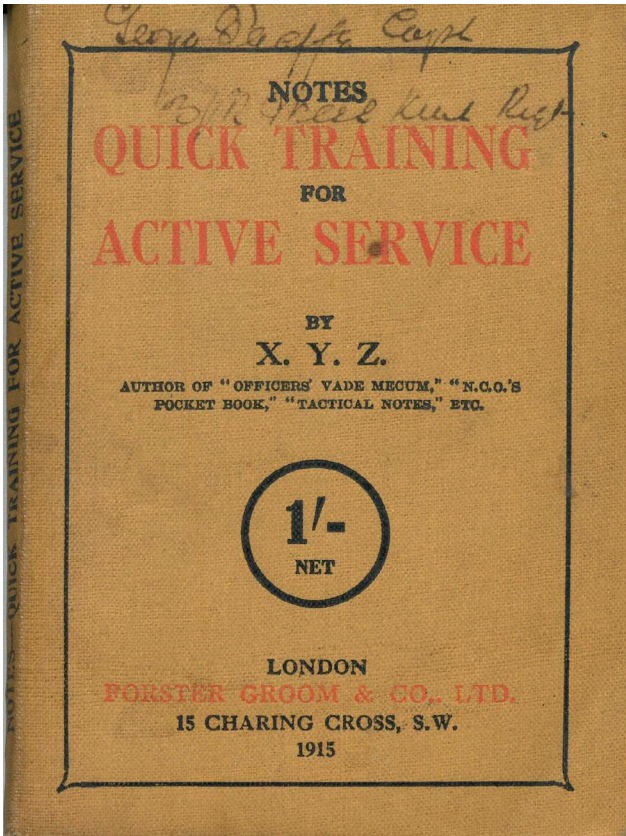
PP00405/ 1916-1923 Louth Volunteers material: Michael Bellew

Copy of arrest warrant for Michael Bellew, Long Avenue, Dundalk, ordering that Bellew be interned in Ballykinlar Camp or Curragh Camp, Feb 1921

PP00409/ Taaffe Family Archive

Mainly 19th century letters and documents relating to the Taaffe family. Includes a commission appointing George Taaffe to a Special Reserve of Officers, 1914; a copy letter-book kept by George Taaffe 1916-1917; a portrait of George Taaffe in uniform, 1920s; and various military handbooks, 1910s.





PP00410/ 1916-1923 Material: Bridget McCrave, George Hughes

Copy photographs of Hughes family home in Jenkinstown in 1916 and of George Hughes as a member of the AOH Band in Bellurgan. Copy letter of Bridget McCrave joining Sinn Fein, Cooley branch, (1907).

PP00411/ 1916-1923 Louth Volunteers Material: Arthur Greene

Copy photographs of Volunteer, Arthur Greene, c.1916; and copy letters on 1916 service, [1930s-1940s]



PP00412/ Cumann na mBan in Louth 1914-1918

Exhibition narrative on Cumann na mBan in Louth 1914-1918, written by Ailbhe Rogers and 6 copy photographs of Louth Cumann na mBan members, c.1900s, 1916-1924, 1970s.

PP00414/ 1916-1923 Louth Volunteers Material: Hugh Kearney

Copy photographs of former Irish Volunteer members including Hugh Kearney taken at the annual ceremony over the Republican plot, St Patrick's Cemetery, Dundalk, mid-1950s.



PP00415/ 1916-1923 Louth Volunteers Material: McEnteggart

Copy photographs of Rose McTeggart (nee McEnteggart), Cumann na mBan, 1920s, John (Johnny) McEnteggart, old IRA, Thomas (Tom) McTeggart, old IRA, Mary or Minnie McEnteggart, member of Cumann na mBan.

PP00416/ 1916-1923 Louth Volunteers Material: Cassidy

Copy photograph of Bridget Cassidy (nee McDonald), member of Cumann na mBan, with her sister, 1920s.

PP00417/ 1916-1923 Louth Volunteers Material: Barrett

Copy photograph of John Barrett, who took part in the Easter Rising and was interned in Frongoch, 1920s

PP00418/ 1916-23 Louth Volunteers Material: Various

Copy photographs and information donated for the Louth Volunteers 1914-1918 exhibition. Includes Volunteers Michael Ferguson, Thomas Mulholland and Patrick Donnelly.

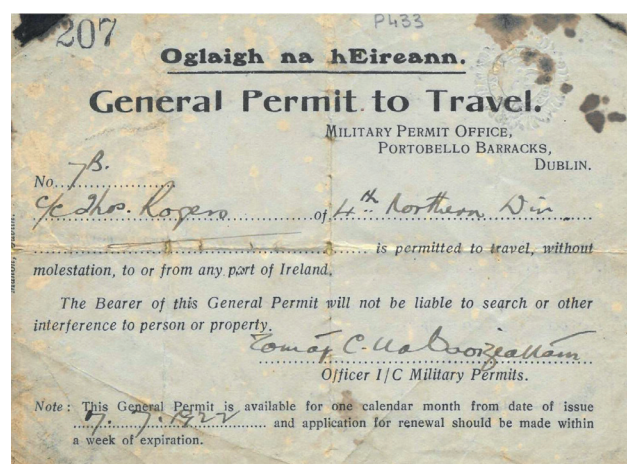
PP00427/ Ardee Documents

Copy photographs of Patrick Tierney and Sean O'Carroll, Ardee, both killed on 30 Nov 1920 by British Forces;

Joseph Dolan and his brother Fr Seamus Dolan, 1910s; Irish National Foresters with Joseph Dolan, 1910s

PP00433/ Permit to Travel

Óglaigh na hÉireann general permit to travel issued to Thomas Rogers, 4 Northern Division, by the Military Permit Office, Dublin. 1922



**PP00436/ Thomas Dolan Family
Grocer, Ardee**

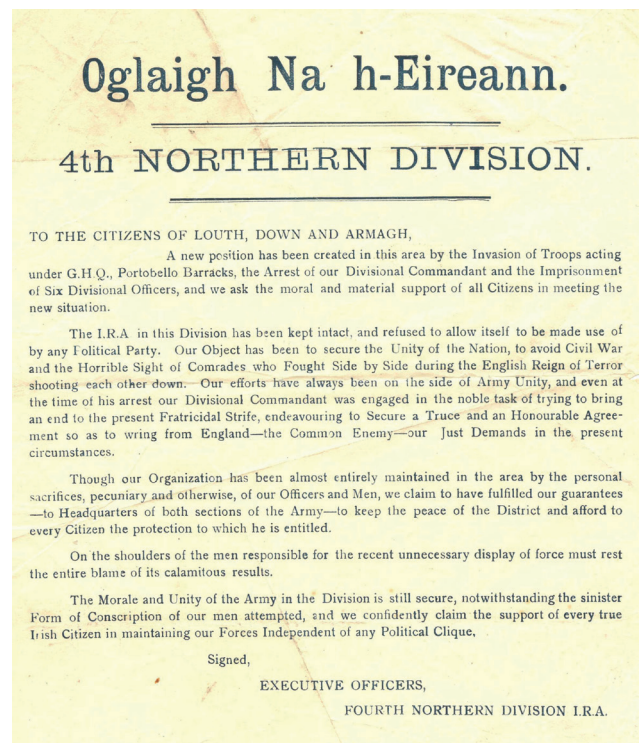
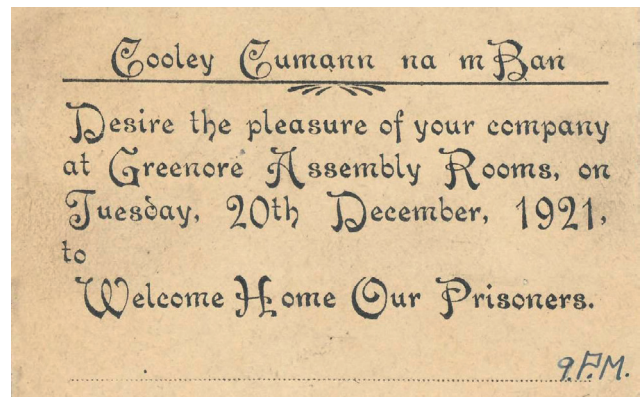
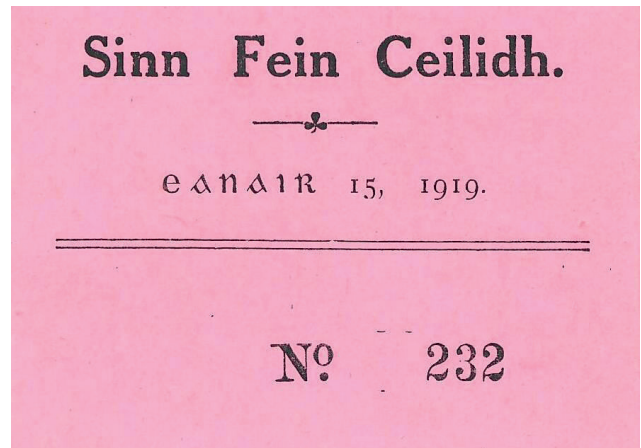
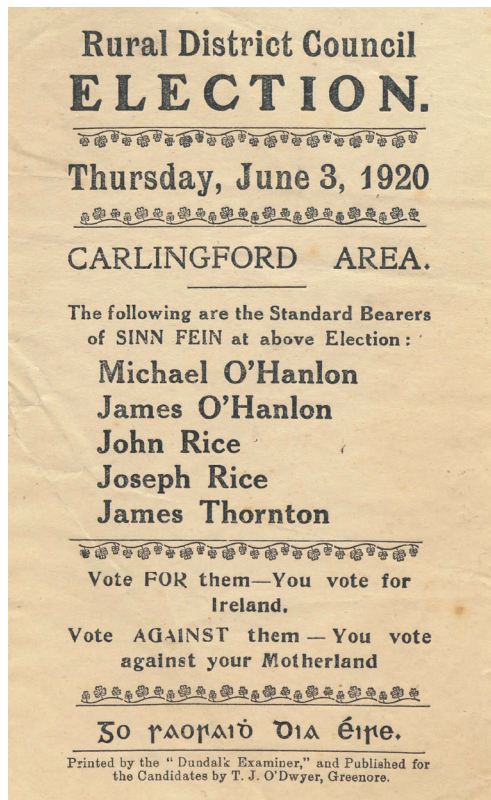
/B Funeral book of Thomas Dolan, general merchant, publican and undertaker, Ardee, listing items supplied. Includes name of deceased, age, date of death and representative, 1912-1919

**PP00438/ Brendan Hall Archive
Collection**

Includes a large collection of London & North Western Railway and County Louth postcards, arranged under place-name, spanning the late 19th century - 1970s.

**PP00439/ Hughes – McArdle
Collection**

Relates primarily to Joseph H McArdle of Rampark; his son-in-law Patrick Hughes, Louth Irish Volunteers founder and later a councillor and briefly his brother Peter Hughes, who became a TD, then Minister of Defence 1924-1927. Personal and political correspondence, photographs, postcards, newspapers, pamphlets, election leaflets and programmes. Relates to Sinn Féin, election campaigning, activities of the Irish Volunteers, Cumann na mBán, the Civil War and Óglaigh na hÉireann, 1912-1923.



PP00440/ Dundalk Free Public Library

Minutes of Dundalk Free Library Committee, 1912-1923

PP00442/ Kirwan and Byrne Papers

Includes letters to Patrick Kirwan regarding genealogy and his work on pageants, 1916, 1923; one letter from Kirwan to his mother concerning the Castletown property.

AOH1/ Ancient Order of Hibernians, Dundalk

Minute books (general; finance committee meetings), 1914-1923; account books, 1912-1923; and contribution ledgers, 1912-1923.

AOH2/ Ancient Order of Hibernians, Haggardstown

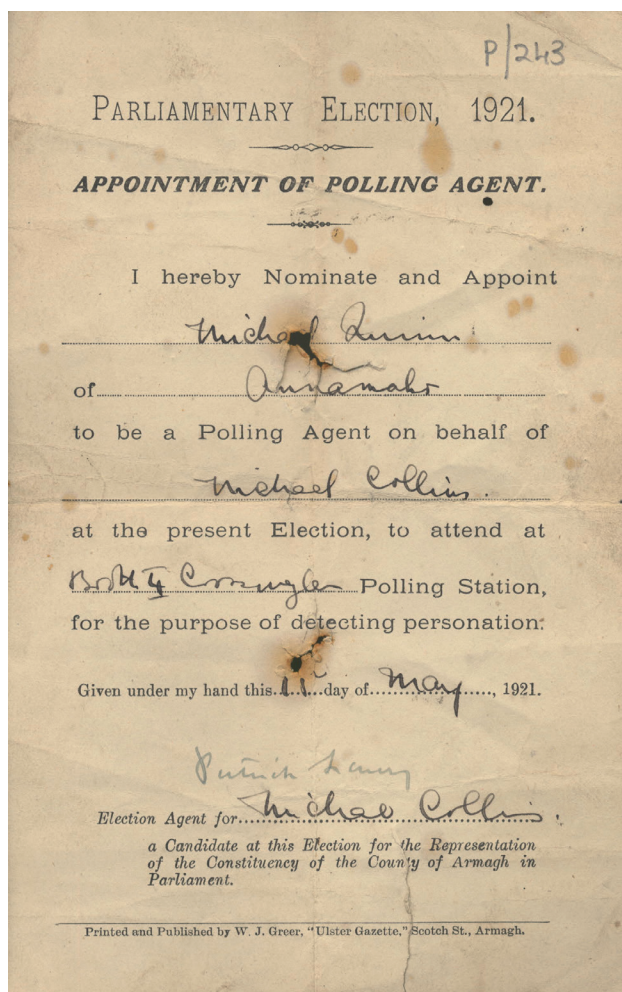
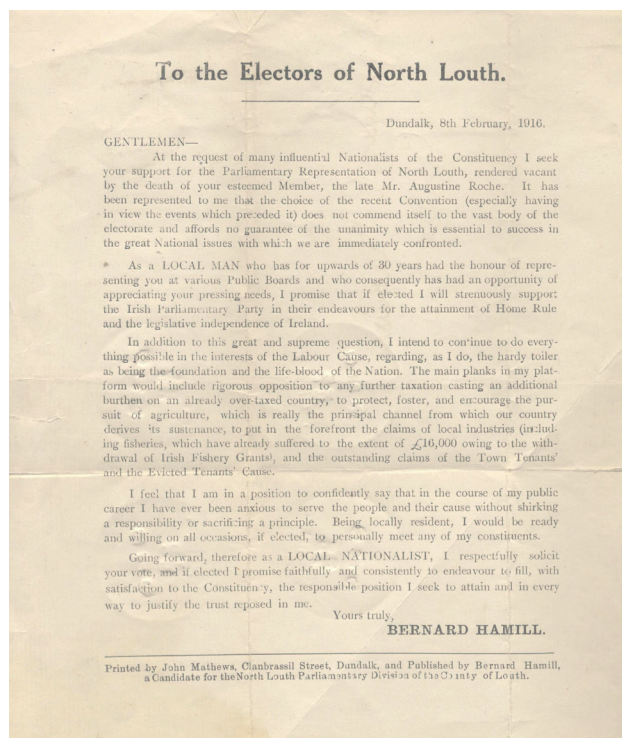
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DHC/ Dundalk Harbour Commissioners

Unfortunately, there is a gap in the minute books for 1912-1923. Financial records include a series of weekly wages books, 1912-1923; stock book, 1912-1923; a series of financial ledgers, 1912-1923; engineer's cash book, 1914-1923; and various account books with names of local businesses, 1912-1921. Also, a ship arrival book for 1916-1923 providing details on the vessel and its cargo; and shipping registration documents for 'The Liberator' (1912-1916) and 'The Tuskar' (1915-1917) ships.

E/ Election Archive Collection for County Louth

E/OTH/002/: Election address of James Halpenny to the electors of Ardee rural division in the local government elections. [1914-1916]; election address of Bernard Hamill to the electors of north Louth, Feb 1916; appointment of Michael Quinn, Annamahr (Annaghmare), as a polling agent on behalf of Michael Collins at Crossmaglen, 11 May 1921



LCCA/ Louth County Committee of Agriculture (and Technical Instruction)

Minute books, 1912-1923. Subjects include schemes such as poultry keeping, livestock, agricultural instruction, crop growing and various prize schemes; classes such as butter-making, agriculture, poultry keeping; loan schemes for purchase of farming machines and implements; veterinary hygiene; agricultural shows; prevention of diseases; correspondence from the Department of Agricultural and Technical Instruction and other county committees. Samples of entries includes: discussion on Belgian labour in agricultural districts (23 Nov 1914); correspondence on the supply by farmers of agricultural produce for military requirements (21 Dec 1914); reduction in Department's contribution due to their depletion of funds as a consequence of the war (09 Aug 1915); prohibiting the manufacture of alcohol until the end of the war (05 Mar 1917); shortage of labour for harvest (26 Jun 1917); payment of war bonuses (05 Nov 1917); restrictions on the export of potatoes (24 Feb 1919); cooperation of various county committees to urge the Department to call a meeting to consider non-political and non-sectarian questions relating to Ireland (07 Mar 1921).

National Schools Archive Collections

May include roll books, registers, daily report books and sometimes inspector's observation books and a small quantity of administrative documents and reports from the Office of National Education.

SCH001/ Dun Dealgan

SCH003/ St Nicholas, Dundalk

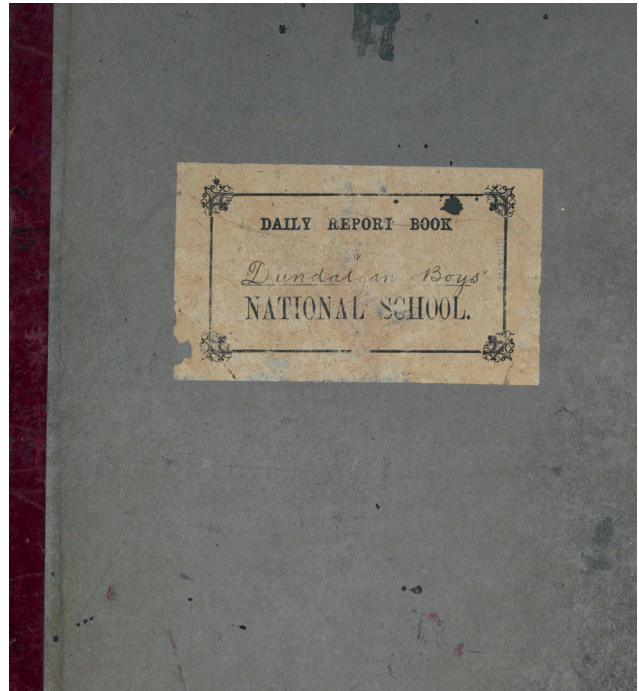
SCH004/ Plaster, Dundalk

SCH005/ St Laurence's, Omeath

SCH006/ St Peter's, Drogheda

SCH007/ St Peter's, Dromiskin

SCH012/ Upper Kilcronev
(punishment book only: 11 entries)



Oral History Archive

Contains several interviews that discuss the War of Independence and Civil War years; also life during 1912-1923.

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