

## Thomas Dolan, Family Grocer, Ardee, 1845 – 1952

**Repository Code:** IE LHA

**Collection Reference Code:** PP00436/

**Title:** Thomas Dolan, Family Grocer, Ardee

**Dates:** 1845 – 1952

**Level of Description:** Fonds

**Extent:** 3 items

**Name of Creator(s):** Thomas Dolan, Family Grocer

**Admin/Biographical History:** The business of Thomas Dolan originated in Bridge Street, Ardee before transferring to Castle Street, Ardee in the mid-nineteenth century, where it prospered for over a century. It operated as a grocery, bar, hardware and seed business. It was established by a [Pat] Dolan who died in 1840, leaving the running of it to his wife Mary, née Reilly until she died in 1873. [Pat's] father was called Thomas as was his son who was married to Annie Dolan née Segrave. A native Irish speaker, he ran the business for approximately thirty years until his death in 1902. He in turn was succeeded by his son, Joseph (1872-1930), a scholar, local activist and businessman, who passed the business on to its managers. See also collection PP00118/ Joseph Dolan Papers and section PP00118/B/ concerning Thomas Dolan Grocery business.

**Archival History:** The collection was purchased at an auction in 2018. It came from an owner who had found them on the premises of the former business.

**Scope and Content:** The collection contains three items: a sales journal detailing goods purchased by customers, 1845 – 1850; a funeral book containing a record of deaths and items supplied for wakes and funerals, 1904 – 1919; and a cash journal for 1946 – 1952.

**Subject index:** Business Records; Grocer; Undertaker

**Appraisal and Destruction:** Retain permanently.

**Accruals:** No accruals are expected.

**System of Arrangement:** The items are arranged chronologically.

**Conditions of Access:** Open Access, by appointment

**Conditions Governing  
Reproduction:** Contact Louth County Archives staff regarding copying; copying fees apply.

**Language/Script of Material:** English

**Physical Characteristics:** Bound volumes. Fair – good condition.

**Technical Requirements:** Careful handling required

**Finding Aids:** Descriptive list can be found on the online 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: IE LHA PP00118/ Joseph Dolan Papers

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

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

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## Descriptive List

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A sales journal labelled 'No 3' containing customer accounts. It details goods purchased by customers, such as 'tea & sugar 2s 4d' on 28 April 1846 for Thomas Black, Red House (p97) or ' 1 doz hat pins 9d' (9 pence) for James Mathews, Ardee on 22 Sep 1846 (p127). Contains an index of customers, sometimes with the customer's address at the front of book. Size: 10cm (w) x 31cm (h) x 2.7cm (d)

23 Mar 1845 - 16 Oct 1849 (- 08 Jan 1850, p271)

Ca 272pp

Notes: Handwriting is sometimes difficult to read. Narrow bound volume.

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Funeral book containing a record of funerals conducted by the business of Thomas Dolan, general merchant, publican and undertaker, Ardee, listing type of coffin and items supplied for the wake such as tobacco, pipes, sugar or candles. Also includes name of deceased, date of death, age at time of death and representative. Size: 15cm (w) x 33cm (h) x 4cm (d)

13 Sep 1904 - 13 Feb 1919

Ca 410pp

Notes: Handwriting is sometimes difficult to read. Narrow bound volume.

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Cash journal with torn label on front stating '[petty] cash book' and the name [C] Finegan. Book provides a list of receipts under the headings total, grocery, bar and gross total and a list of payments under the headings total, purchases and sundries. Size: 27.5cm (w) x 32cm (h) x 1.5cm (d)

01 Jun 1946 - 31 May 1952

1 item

Notes: Back of book has fire damage, however, this has not affected most of the contents.