

Louth Political Documents and Ephemera, 1898, 1914, 1920 – 1925

Repository Code: IE LHA

Collection Reference Code: PP00487/

Title: Louth Political Documents and Ephemera

Dates: 1898, 1914, 1920 - 1925

Level of Description: Fonds

Extent: 12 items

Name of Creator(s): Unknown individual

Admin/Biographical History: The items in this collection originate from various creators and were collected by an unknown individual. The creators include Sinn Féin party; Home Rule Party; LT MacCosgair, Minister for Local Government; Francis W Payne, photographer; Clogherhead Irish College; John Mathews; and the South Dublin Poor Law Union.

Archival History: The collection was purchased at an auction in 2026. It came from a house clearance.

Scope and Content: The collection is mixed and contains election leaflets, political documents and other ephemera. There is a small publication on *County Louth Its Antiquities and Traditions* by John Mathews, dated 1925. There is one photograph of the Drogheda Rowing Club at the Boyne Regatta in 1914.

Subject index: Clubs and Societies; Elections; Music; Personal and Family Papers; Photographs; Poetry; Politics; Political Parties; Sport;

Appraisal and Destruction: Retain permanently.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

System of Arrangement: The items are arranged into three series: political documents, ephemera, and other. Items are arranged chronologically within each series.

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; Irish

Physical Characteristics: Paper documents. 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 E/ Election Archive Collection for County Louth, 19th – 20th Centuries

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

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Descriptive List

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Political Documents

1920 – 1923

Series

7 items

PP00487/A/1

Drogheda Sinn Fein Election Song. It states that the song's air is "Mountains of Mourne" and contains five verses with each one ending 'Where the hillsides of Collon sweep down to the Boyne'.

[1920]

1p

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Drogheda Board of Guardians 3rd June 1920 Election pamphlet with the names of seven Sinn Féin candidates. The pamphlet contains the message 'Vote FOR them- You vote for Ireland. Vote AGAINST them -You vote against your Motherland'.

03 Jun 1920

1p

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Circular letter to the Electors of the Drogheda County Electoral Division from candidates NT Murphy, Robert Reilly, James McCarthy, and Thomas Donegan (all of the Home Rule Party) in the upcoming election of County Councillors on the 3rd June 1920. The letter outlines their interests. This letter is addressed to Julia Branigan, 9 Chord Road, Drogheda and it notes her number on the electoral register. It also notes Laurance Branigan's number on the electoral register.

Jun 1920

1p

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Typescript open letter titled "This Solemn Warning" from LT MacCosgair, Minister for Local Government, Dáil Éireann, addressed to holders of decrees of Enemy Courts for Criminal and Malicious Injuries and all who have secured or are about to secure "Garnishee Orders". The letter references the war with the British Government (War of Independence) and civilised warfare in relation to health services, hospitals, and rates collected for community purposes. It warns that anyone acting as agents of the enemy 'will be dealt with accordingly and proceeded against with all the forces that the people's government can command'.

02 Apr 1921

1p

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Political leaflets entitled 'Fiscal Fairy Takes: how scares are raised' talking about the Irish economy (3pp); 'His Neighbours Pay' talking about taxation and the Free State (2pp, 11 May 1923); 'The Position Made Clear' talking about the Civil War and securing peace (3pp, 14 April 1923).

1923

3 items

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Ephemera

1914 – 1925

Series

4 items

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Sepia toned postcard photograph of Drogheda RC (Rowing Club) winning the maiden cup at the Boyne Regatta 1914. It shows three rowing boats on the Boyne and spectators in the distance. The photograph is by Francis W Payne, photographer, 12 Shop Street, Drogheda. Size is 13.6cm x 8.6cm.

1914

1 item

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Clogherhead Irish College, Programme 1920. Joseph Dolan, Ardee is the President, the senior professor is Caitlin McGowan, Dublin, Father S O'Neill, Clogherhead, is the treasurer, and the secretary is Patrick O'Duffy, Dundalk. The back of the programme contains the words to the song 'Farewell to Clogher – 1919' by Josephine McCaul/Campbell, age 15. It includes a report in the Irish language about the work of the year, 1919 and information on the The Children's College at Clogherhead and the programme for 1920 in the English language.

1920

4pp

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Words to song called "The Baltray Wedding". It contains twenty verses.

[1920s]

4pp

PP00487/B/4

Small guide-book publication titled 'County Louth Its Antiquities and Traditions' by John Mathews, printed at the "Examiner" Office, Dundalk, 1925. The preface, signed by DM, explains that the notes for the book were compiled by the late Mr John Mathews. The book includes local advertisements at the front and back, photographs of local sites including Castletown Castle, Seatown Castle (from a drawing), the roofless tomb in Castletown Cemetery, Ladywell, Blessed Oliver Plunkett Shrine, Castleroché, Carlingford Lough from Flagstaff Hill, Drogheda in 1798 (view from the river from a drawing), Termonfeckin Castle (from a drawing), and the Magdalene Tower. There is an index at the back. The guide-book contains 61 pages.

Aug 1925

84pp

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Other

1898

Series

1 item

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South Dublin Union Workhouse notice informing relatives of the death of a resident and when to collect the body for burial.

29 Apr 1898

1p