

Aiken McClelland Papers (D3815)

Summary

The Aiken McClelland papers compromise 150 volumes, c.900 documents and photographs of John Aiken McClelland relating to the Orange Order and genealogical matters, c 1799-1983. McClelland, who died on 27 January 1981, was the Librarian/Archivist at the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum from 1967 to the time of his death. He was a member of the Orange and Masonic Orders and throughout the course of his life built up a remarkable personal archive of material relating to Orangeism and Unionism. As one of his obituaries stated: 'He epitomised to a unique extent the qualities one likes to consider characteristic of the Ulsterman at his best; though definite and uncompromising in both secular and religious loyalties, nevertheless his personal relationships were unaffected by tribal or group identities in a land and at a time in which one could be excused for regarding this as the exception rather than the rule'.

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