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# **GUIDE TO SOURCES FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY**

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**Cover illustration:** *Elizabeth St Leger (c.1700-1773), daughter of Arthur, 1<sup>st</sup> viscount Doneraile, Grand Master of the Freemasons of Ireland, 1740-41, and wife of Richard Aldworth of Newmarket, Co. Cork. The only female Freemason, she first appears in a published list of Irish Freemasons in 1744, having been admitted following an episode at her father's house, Doneraile Court, Co. Cork, where she accidentally overheard, or deliberately eavesdropped on a lodge meeting. Of the alternatives of swearing her in, or doing her in, the lodge members chose the more merciful.*

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# INTRODUCTION

Women's history is a relatively recent development in the Irish context and has been treated as something of a 'separatist' area. As Dr David Fitzpatrick asserted in a recent review

'It is scarcely surprising that the pioneers of Irish women's history have concentrated on women acting together in contexts where men appear as either adversaries or outsiders. The experience of the nun, the prostitute, the servant, the suffragist or the IWWU member, was moulded by attachments to social groups or organisations particular to women. Yet most Irishwomen since 1800 have lived, worked, socialised and thought in settings embracing men as well as women'.  
(I.H.S. xxvii, no. 107, May 1991, p. 270)

Research for this *Guide to Sources for Women's History* quickly revealed that the topic cannot be equated with the 'women's movement'. Indeed, it has proved almost impossible to identify an area where women could not be seen to play an active and integral role. They are to be found in the 'traditional' and influential roles of wife, mother and mistress, but also in the van of social reform and health care, as pioneers of scientific study, and as prominent figures in the Arts and politics.

The *Guide* has been arranged to take account of the broad categories of female influence and experience represented in PRONI's holdings. It covers records deposited by government departments, local authorities, public bodies, private businesses and individuals. Entries are arranged within each section of the *Guide* according to their PRONI reference number as follows: records of Government; Non Departmental Public Bodies and privately deposited records (D., original documents, T., transcripts or copies and MIC., microfilms).

The researcher should be aware that a reference may be present in more than one section of the *Guide*. For example, the war-time nursing diaries of Emma Duffin (Ref. D.2109/8-13) appear under 'Women at War', as well as in the section 'Diaries, autobiographies and journals'.

Finally it should be stressed that the *Guide* is a finding aid, designed to lead the researcher to the relevant PRONI calendar, and then to the records.

# 1. MAJOR COLLECTIONS

## i. D.1071 DUFFERIN AND AVA PAPERS

Papers of Helen, Lady Dufferin - D.1071 F/A-C

Papers of Caroline Norton - D.1071 F/E

Papers of the 1st Marquess of Dufferin and Ava: General correspondence - D.1071 H/B

Papers of Hariot, Lady Dufferin - D.1071 J

Papers of the Blackwood children and their spouses - D.1071 K

### **D.1071 F/A-C: Papers of Helen, Lady Dufferin.**

Helen Sheridan, with her sisters Caroline (later Caroline Norton) and Georgiana (later Duchess of Somerset), were known as ‘The Three Graces’.

In 1825, Helen Sheridan (grand-daughter of the playwright Richard Brinsley Sheridan), married Captain Price Blackwood RN, heir to the barony of Dufferin, and moved to Italy where, in 1826 their son Frederick (the future 1st Marquess of Dufferin and Ava) was born. The family returned to London where Mrs Blackwood entered Society through her sister Caroline Norton’s circle, and pursued her literary interests. Price Blackwood succeeded to the title in 1839, but died in 1841. Thereafter Helen concentrated on supervising her son’s education until he came of age. She continued to exert an influence on him throughout her lifetime.

Helen, Lady Dufferin was a prolific writer. Following a trip along the Nile with her son in 1863 she wrote *Lispings from Low Latitudes, or extracts from the Journal of the Hon. Impulsia Gushington*, a literary parody of Lord Dufferin’s earlier work, *Letters from High Latitudes* (1857) recounting a voyage to Iceland. Later in the same year, Lady Dufferin wrote a play *Finesse, or a Busy Day in Messina*, which had a successful run at the Haymarket Theatre, London. However, it was as an author of songs and verse that she excelled, and many of these she dedicated to her son. In 1894 Lord Dufferin published privately a collection of his mother’s *Songs, Poems and Verses*. Helen’s Tower on

the Clondeboye estate was built by him in his mother's memory and housed a library which included many of her works.

In 1862, Lady Dufferin went through a marriage ceremony with the dying George Hay, Earl of Gifford. She died in 1867.

D.1071F/A1	1835-67	Helen, Lady Dufferin to her son, Frederick.
D.1071F/A2	1829-62	Helen, Lady Dufferin to her husbands, Price, Lord Dufferin and George Hay, Earl of Gifford.
D.1071F/A3	1825-64	Helen, Lady Dufferin to the Sheridans, including her brother Brinsley, and sisters, Caroline and Georgiana.
D.1071F/A4	1830-67	Helen, Lady Dufferin to personal friends.
D.1071F/B1	1840-66	Frederick, 1st Marquess to his mother, Helen, Lady Dufferin.
D.1071F/B2	1831-63	Price, Lord Dufferin and the Sheridans to Helen, Lady Dufferin.
D.1071F/B3	1820-67	General correspondence of Helen, Lady Dufferin.
D.1071F/B4	1807-67	Memoranda of events.
D.1071F/C1	1837-95	Literary works of Helen, Lady Dufferin.
D.1071F/C2	1861-1901	Helen's Tower.
D.1071F/C3	ND: c.1850- c.1865	Musical compositions of Helen, Lady Dufferin.

#### **D.1071 F/E: Papers of Caroline Norton (née Sheridan).**

As with Helen, Lady Dufferin, Caroline Sheridan's talents lay in music and verse: indeed, in her day, Caroline was the more celebrated poetess. In 1829, Caroline entered upon a literary career, publishing *The Sorrows of Rosalie: a Tale, with other poems*. This met with considerable popular acclaim and was the successful foundation on which she built with works such as *The Undying One* (1830), *The Queen and other Poems* (1840), *The Child of the Islands* (1845).

In 1827 she had married the Hon. George Chapple Norton (brother of Fletcher Norton, 3rd Lord Grantley), a barrister-at-law. Caroline's social and conversational skills were undisputed, and she quickly established a circle of social and political friends, including Lord Melbourne.

Norton's violent temper and lack of independent means were worsened by Caroline's literary, and resultant financial, successes. The marriage quickly deteriorated, with Norton physically maltreating his wife, while also seeking to persuade her to use her influence with her political friends to secure his advancement. Thus it was through Lord Melbourne, then Home Secretary, that Norton was appointed to a metropolitan police magistracy in 1831.

The condition of Mrs Norton's marriage and her friendship with Lord Melbourne gave rise to speculation as to their relationship. It was alleged, correctly, that Caroline was Melbourne's mistress. The speculation culminated in 1836 in a criminal conversation action, instigated by Norton against his wife and Melbourne. The accused were acquitted due to lack of evidence and the marriage remained unreconciled.

Caroline Norton continued to attract scandal. It was alleged that through an indiscretion by Sidney Herbert, Secretary-at-War, she learned of Peel's intention to repeal the Corn Laws and sold the story to *The Times* (Dec. 1845). The mystery surrounding the leak continued throughout the 19th century and in 1896, Lord Dufferin felt it necessary once again to defend his aunt's reputation. In a letter to the *Daily Mail* he refuted her involvement, suggesting that it was Lord Aberdeen who gave the story to *The Times* for a political motive (D.1071 F/E5/8).

In 1853, Caroline's affairs again came to public notice. Norton's financial position was such that he failed to pay her an allowance and moreover, claimed the proceeds of her literary works, necessitating their appearance in a county court. The declared support in law for Norton's case set Caroline on a campaign to prevent husbands claiming their wives property. In a privately published pamphlet, *English Laws for Women in the Nineteenth Century*, together with pamphlets on Lord Cranworth's Divorce Bill (1853) and on the rights of mothers to custody of their children, Caroline Norton did much to advertise the situation in which she and her contemporaries lived. Her work advanced the

amelioration of the law respecting the protection of women's earnings, the custody of children etc., culminating in the Married Women's Property Act (1883).

Norton died in 1875. Caroline married an old friend, Sir William Stirling-Maxwell in March 1877 and died the following June.

D.1071F/E1	c.1830-1869	Caroline Norton to her family, including her mother, sisters Helen and Georgiana, and brother, Brinsley.
D.1071F/E2	1835-74	General correspondence of Caroline Norton.
D.1071F/E3	1851-66	Correspondence to Caroline Norton.
D.1071F/E4	c.1850-1872	Literary and musical works of Caroline Norton.
D.1071F/E5	1894-6	Caroline Norton and the Corn Laws.

#### **D.1071 H/B: Papers of the 1st Marquess of Dufferin and Ava: General Correspondence.**

A valuable source for women's history, this section of the 1st Marquess's papers is arranged alphabetically by correspondent. The General Correspondence records the letters received by Lord Dufferin throughout his long political and diplomatic career, and reflects his position as a landlord in Ulster and his financial, literary and sporting interests. Content and standard vary, ranging from letters of condolence on the death of Lord Ava (Dufferin's eldest son, killed in action in South Africa, 1900) to an appeal from Florence Nightingale about sanitation in India, particularly Bombay. (Dufferin had served as Viceroy of India, 1884-8 and was instrumental in the 'Sanitary Resolution' of July 1888 which highlighted the problems of sanitation and disease in India). In her letter of February 1889, Florence Nightingale appeals for his support in implementing the Resolution to reduce preventable disease. ...'I am sure that you do not forsake your colossal child India ...' (D.1071 H/B/N).

The following example further indicates the value of information to be gleaned from the General Correspondence:

Letter of 20 June 1901, from Mabel Sharman Crawford, Kensington, to Lord Dufferin at Clondeboye, showing an early recognition of the term 'Women's Cause'.



‘...As the second reading of Lord Aberdeen’s Bill for the amendment of the London Government Act, 1899 [in respect of the eligibility of women as Councillors and Aldermen] has been definitely fixed for the 27th, I hope, should you be in London at that time, you will give the women’s cause embodied in the Bill your support on that occasion. The Government Education Bill just introduced accentuates the injustice of their exclusion from seats on the London Borough Councils, as by the proposed Act a certain number of the Members of the Councils will have seats on the Education Board, and though in other cases, women may be elected to have seats on the Board, it would be a rare chance for any woman to be placed in that position. As your vote on the Borough Councils Bill of 1899 assures me of your desire to remove any political disabilities under which women labour, I feel confident of your approval of the Bill ...’ (D.1071 H/B/C/688/3).

#### **D.1071 J: Papers of Hariot, Lady Dufferin.**

In 1862, Hariot Rowan Hamilton of Killyleagh Castle, Co. Down, married Frederick, Lord Dufferin. During the next ten years, they concentrated on domestic life: she on family and household (they had nine children, two of whom died in infancy), he on relatively minor appointments, as Lord Lieutenant of Co. Down, Under-Secretary for War, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

From 1872, with Dufferin’s career in the ascendant, Hariot accompanied her husband on his various diplomatic missions: Governor General of Canada, 1872-9; British Ambassador to Russia, 1879-81; British Ambassador to Turkey, 1881-3; Viceroy of India, 1884-8; British Ambassador to Italy, 1889-91 and to France, 1892-5. Through her correspondence with her mother and her children, her diaries and journals, some of which she subsequently published (eg *My Russian and Turkish Journals*, London, 1916) Hariot reflects the role of a diplomat’s wife and the lifestyle of the Empire.

Hariot also took the opportunity to pursue her own interests, such as photography. PRONI holds prints from an album entitled ‘My first efforts in photography, India, 1886, Hariot Dufferin’ (D.1071 J/D/6), in which are recorded various scenes of viceregal life and entertainment, such as the Viceroy’s Bodyguard, a fancy dress ball at the Viceregal Lodge, Simla, and a picnic to celebrate Lord and Lady Dufferin’s wedding anniversary. There are also photographs of Hariot’s children and family and views of The Golden Pagoda and Palace, Mandalay, Chadwich Falls, Simla etc.

While in India, Hariot involved herself in the move to provide medical facilities, particularly obstetric care, for the native female population. She founded the Countess of Dufferin's Fund in support of the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India, chairing meetings of the Central Committee at Government House, Calcutta and the Viceregal Lodge, Simla, speaking at meetings and contributing to pamphlets etc. The Hindu caste system made the provision of female medical care difficult. Male doctors were precluded and there were insufficient trained women doctors to counter the malpractice of the *daies*, untrained local 'midwives'. In India and the United Kingdom, the Countess of Dufferin's Fund gathered subscriptions to provide *zenana* wards (secluded for women only) and hospitals such as the Dufferin Maternity Hospital, Agra, and the Dufferin Hospital for Women, Nagpur. Scholarships were funded for the training of native nurses and female doctors in India. Hariot's interest in the cause and dedication to the Fund was recognised in a poem *The Song of the Women*, written and dedicated to her by Rudyard Kipling.

Another area of Hariot, Lady Dufferin's work was with the Ulster District of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, of which she was President and Treasurer. Prompted by the service of her sons in the Boer War (Archibald, Earl of Ava, killed in action; Lord Frederick Blackwood, wounded; Lord Basil Blackwood, special correspondent) Hariot's papers include financial records and correspondence of the Association (D.1071 J/H).

D.1071J/A	1859-1935	Inward correspondence of Hariot, Lady Dufferin, including: letters from her father Archibald Rowan Hamilton; her husband Frederick, Lord Dufferin; and letters of condolence on the death of Lord Dufferin, Feb. 1902.
D.1071J/B	1868-1905	Outward correspondence of Hariot, Lady Dufferin, including: letters to her mother, and her brother, Frederick Rowan Hamilton.
D.1071J/C1	1871-92	Journals of Hariot, Lady Dufferin, mostly written while accompanying her husband on missions abroad including: Canada, Russia, Turkey, Egypt, India, Italy, France etc.
D.1071J/C2	1854-1935	Diaries of Hariot, Lady Dufferin.
D.1071J/D	1754-1938	Miscellaneous private papers of Hariot, Lady Dufferin, including family papers, photograph album, scrapbooks, notebooks, speeches, statements of accounts and order of service for the funeral of Hariot, Lady Dufferin, Oct. 1936.

D.1071J/E	1851-99	Inventories and invitations, including guests invited to dinners, balls and garden parties at Dufferin Lodge and Clandeboye House, and a journal recording the number of persons entertained during Lord Dufferin's diplomatic service in Canada, St Petersburg, Constantinople, Cairo, India and Rome.
D.1071J/F	c.1885-1937	Miscellaneous accounts and investment papers of Hariot, Lady Dufferin.
D.1071J/G	1885-1935	Papers of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund in support of the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India, including minutes; accounts; correspondence; Annual Reports; scholarships; speeches and memoranda; publications, newspaper cuttings.
D.1071J/H	1900-16	Papers of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, Ulster District, including: membership and subscription lists; financial records; reports; and correspondence.

**D.1071 K: Blackwood Family Correspondence.**

Correspondence between Frederick, 1st Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, his wife, Hariot, Lady Dufferin, their children and their spouses.

D.1071KA	1863-1902	Letters to the 1st Marquess of Dufferin and Ava from: his wife, Hariot (D.1071 KA/1); his daughters, Lady Helen Blackwood, later Helen Munro-Ferguson, Lady Novar (D.1071 KA/6); Lady Hermione Blackwood (D.1071 KA/7); Lady Victoria Blackwood, later Baroness Plunket (D.1071 KA/8); and daughter-in-law Lady Flora Blackwood, née Davis, wife of Lord Terence Blackwood (D.1071KA/9).
D.1071KB	1873-1932	Letters to Hariot, Lady Dufferin from: her sons, Archibald, Viscount Clandeboye, later Earl of Ava (D.1071 KB/1); Lord Terence Blackwood, later 2nd Marquess of Dufferin and Ava (D.1071 KB/2); Lord Basil Blackwood (D.1071 KB/3); Lord Frederick Blackwood, later 3rd Marquess of Dufferin and Ava (D.1071 KB/4); her daughters, Lady Helen Blackwood, later Helen Munro-Ferguson, Lady Novar (D.1071 KB/5); Lady Hermione Blackwood (D.1071 KB/6); Lady Victoria Blackwood, later Baroness Plunket (D.1071 KB/7); her daughters-in-law, Flora, Viscountess Clandeboye (D.1071 KB/8); Lady Brenda Blackwood (D.1071 KB/9); her son-in-law, Ronald Munro-Ferguson, Lord Novar (D.1071 KB/10); and grandchildren, Basil, Earl of Ava (D.1071 KB/11); and Lady Doris Blackwood (D.1071 KB/12).
D.1071KC	1873-1902	Papers of Archibald, Viscount Clandeboye, later Earl of Ava, including letters to his parents during his service in the Boer War (D.1071 KC/3); letters to various family members.

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| D.1071KD | 1873-90     | Letters to Lord Terence Blackwood including one from his mother, Hariot, Lady Dufferin, (D.1071 KD/2).   |
| D.1071KE | c.1875-1918 | Papers of Lord Basil Blackwood, including letters from his mother Hariot, Lady Dufferin, (D.1071 KE/2); his sisters, Lady Helen Blackwood (D.1071 KE/5); and Lady Victoria Blackwood (D.1071 KE/6).  |
| D.1071KF | 1884-1930   | Papers of Lord Frederick Blackwood, later 3rd Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, including: letters from his mother, Hariot, Lady Dufferin (D,1071 KF/2) his sister, Lady Helen Blackwood (D.1071 KF/5); Lady Hermione Blackwood (D.1071 KF/6); and Lady Victoria Blackwood, later Baroness Plunket (D.1071 KF/7).  |
| D.1071KG | 1872-1941   | Papers of Lady Helen Blackwood, later Helen Munro-Ferguson, Lady Novar, including: letters from her father, Lord Dufferin (D.1071 KG/1); her mother, Hariot, Lady Dufferin (D.1071 KG/2); her brothers, Archibald, Earl of Ava (D.1071 KG/3); Lord Terence Blackwood, later 2nd Marquess of Dufferin and Ava (D.1071 KG/4); Lord Basil Blackwood, (D.1071 KG/5); Lord Frederick Blackwood, later 3rd Marquess of Dufferin and Ava (D.1071 KG/6); her sisters, Lady Hermione Blackwood (D.1071 KG/7); Lady Victoria Blackwood, later Baroness Plunket (D.1071 KG/8); her husband, Ronald Munro-Ferguson, (D.1071 KG/9); her sister-in-law, Lady Flora Blackwood (D.1071 KG/10) etc.   |
| D.1071KH | 1873-1938   | Papers of Lady Hermione Blackwood, including: letters from her father, Lord Dufferin (D.1071 KH/1); her mother, Hariot, Lady Dufferin (D.1071 KH/2); her brothers, Archibald, Earl of Ava (D.1071 KH/3); Lord Terence Blackwood (D.1071 KH/4); Lord Basil Blackwood (D.1071 KH/5); Lord Frederick Blackwood (D.1071 KH/6); her sisters, Lady Helen Blackwood, later Helen Munro-Ferguson, Lady Novar (D.1071 KH/7); Lady Victoria Blackwood, later Baroness Plunket (D.1071 KH/8). There are also, diaries, personal accounts and investment papers, and miscellaneous papers relating to Lady Hermione's nursing career during the First World War, which comprise: an album of photographs, certificates and newspaper cuttings; correspondence; case histories of civilian patients visited by Lady Hermione in France (1919) and a certificate of the Medaille de la Reconnaissance Française, awarded to Lady Hermione for her work in French and Belgian hospitals during the First World War. |
| D.1071KI | 1882-1938   | Papers of Lady Victoria Blackwood, later Baroness Plunket, including letters from: her father, Lord Dufferin, (D.1071 KI/1); her mother, Hariot, Lady Dufferin (D.1071 KI/2); her brothers, Lord Basil Blackwood (D.1071 KI/3); Lord Frederick Blackwood (D.1071 KI/4); her sisters, Lady Helen Blackwood, later Helen Munro-Ferguson,   |

Lady Novar (D.1071 KI/5); Lady Hermione Blackwood (D.1071 KI/6) etc.

D.1071KJ1901-30

Papers of Lady Brenda Blackwood (née Woodhouse) wife of Frederick, 3rd Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, including letters from: her husband (D.1071 KJ/1); her children Lord Basil and Lady Veronica Blackwood (D.1071 KJ/2); her friend Charles Vane-Tempest- Stewart, 7th Marquess of Londonderry (D.1071 KJ/3) etc. There are also: accounts and financial papers of Brenda, and estimates for refurbishing

Lady Dufferin;  
Clandeboye House.

D.1071KK 1890-1919

Papers of Ronald Munro-Ferguson later Lord Novar, including: letters from his mother-in-law, Hariot, Lady Dufferin (D.1071 KK/2); and his wife, Helen (D.1071 KK/3).

## ii. LONDONDERRY PAPERS

Papers of Frances Anne, Lady Londonderry, wife of the 3rd Marquess of Londonderry -

D.3030

Papers of Theresa, Lady Londonderry, wife of the 6th Marquess of Londonderry - D.2846

Papers of Edith Helen, Lady Londonderry, wife of the 7th Marquess of Londonderry -

D.3099

### **D.3030: Papers of Frances Anne, Marchioness of Londonderry**

Frances Anne, Marchioness of Londonderry (née Vane-Tempest, daughter and heiress of Sir Henry Vane-Tempest, 6th Bt, and the Countess of Antrim in her own right), second wife of the 3rd Marquess of Londonderry. Her papers include correspondence with major political and diplomatic figures of the day as follows:

D.3030/

JJ1-2 [1850s]

Letters to Lady Londonderry from Benjamin Disraeli, about politics and personal matters, and from Prince Gortchakov, Count Brunov and Mary, Duchess of Gloucester, about personal matters; together with non-contemporary copies of Lady Londonderry's  
The letters from Gortchakov and Brunov are

some  
replies.  
in French.

KK	1846	Letters and addresses relating to the marriage of Viscount Seaham, second son of the 3rd Marquess, and eldest son of Frances Anne, Marchioness of Londonderry.
LL1-38	[c.1840s-1860s]	Letters to Frances Anne, Lady Londonderry, from her children, wishing her happiness on successive birthdays.
MM1	1813: 1824-41	Slim paper-bound volume of miscellaneous papers of Lady Londonderry, including an obituary on Sir Henry Vane-Tempest, an invitation to and other papers concerning the coronation of Queen Victoria, a printed case of the Marquess of Londonderry v. the South Durham Railway, a plan of Seaham Harbour, a menu and plan of table arrangements for a banquet given at the Guildhall for foreign diplomats (1838), and playbills relating to theatrical productions at Mount Stewart, Wynyard, Hatfield House and elsewhere, in most of which Lady Londonderry's family took part.
MM2	1848-9	Slim paper-bound volume of miscellaneous papers of Lady Londonderry, including letters about family verses, a printed account relating to a fund-raising Spittalfields School of Design, and a menu for a dinner at the Mansion House.
NN	[c.1820s]	Volume of letters in French from the Tsar Alexander I to Frances Anne, Lady Londonderry, which are largely devoted to pleasantries. The letters are bound in red velvet, with the Russian Imperial coat of arms on the front cover.
PP1	[c.1840]	Morocco bound volume of copy letters in Lady Londonderry's writing, about a visit to Russia.
PP2	[c.1840]	Calf bound journal in Lady Londonderry's writing, recording the events of a continental tour.
QQ	[c.1840s]	Calf bound volume of 'extracts' from a fictitious newspaper called 'The Wynyard Weekly Post', written by Sir Henry Browne, apparently for the amusement of Lady Londonderry, and consisting of lightly satirical reports of social and family life at Wynyard Park.
RR	[c.1850s]	Calf bound history of the Vane-Tempest family, in the writing of Lady Londonderry, with related original letters interspersed among the pages of the volume.

**D.2846: Correspondence and papers of Theresa Vane-Tempest-Stewart, wife/widow of the 6th Marquess of Londonderry.**

Theresa, Lady Londonderry (1856-1919) was a daughter of the 19th Earl of Shrewsbury and married Lord Londonderry in 1875. They had three children: 'Birdie', later Countess of Ilchester; Charles,

later 7th Marquess of Londonderry; and Reginald, who died young in 1899. Lord Londonderry succeeded to the Marquessate in 1884 and was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, 1886-9.

The Londonderrys frequently entertained royalty, both at their Co. Durham seat Wynyard Park and at Mount Stewart, Co. Down, and Lady Londonderry soon established herself as the foremost Tory political hostess of her day. The most recent account of her career is to be found in H Montgomery Hyde's *The Londonderrys: a Family Portrait* (London, 1979) where Colonel Repington's reflections on her career, written at the time of her death in 1919, are quoted: 'A *grande dame* of a period which is passing; one of the most striking and dominating feminine personalities of our time, terrifying to some, but endeared to many friends by her notable and excellent qualities. She was unsurpassed as a hostess, clear-headed, witty and large-hearted, with unrivalled experience of men and things social and political, and with a retentive memory and immense capacity and *joie de vivre*'.

Her papers include an important run of 158 letters from Sir Edward Carson, 1903-19, many of them about Ulster's opposition to the Third Home Rule Bill, in which Carson and the Londonderrys played a leading role. Other papers about Home Rule and Ulster Unionism include: letters to Lady Londonderry from Sir James Craig, 1st Bt, later 1st Viscount Craigavon, 1912-19; letters from Walter H Long, 1912-14; letters from various Conservative politicians, Irish Unionists and Women Unionists, 1912-19, mainly about the Ulster crisis; letters to Lady Londonderry as President of the Women's Unionist Council, 1912-19; and her miscellaneous papers and correspondence about Unionism, 1910-35.

Lady Londonderry's correspondence with other members of her and Lord Londonderry's family and the Londonderry's letters to each other, 1874-1918, are extensive. She also received many letters from members of the British and other royal families (Edward VII, 1896-1908, George V and Queen Mary, 1892-1918 etc). Of her literary correspondents the most regular is William Flavel Monypenny, the biographer of Disraeli, 1907-13, but it is true to say the many important figures in literature, the Arts, the army, the navy, the church and the law, and *most* important figures in politics (particularly Tory politics) and society, during the period 1890-1919, feature among her correspondents.

## Theresa, Lady Londonderry Papers: Summary List\*

\*A detailed calendar may be consulted in PRONI.

D.2846/

1/1-16		Letters to Lady Londonderry from named or classified correspondents, as follows:
1/1/1-158	1903-19	Letters to Lady Londonderry from Sir Edward Carson, afterwards 1st Lord Carson.
1/2/1-36	1910-35	Miscellaneous Unionist etc., papers of Lady Londonderry.
1/3/1-12	1912-19	Letters to Lady Londonderry from [Sir] James Craig (Bt), afterwards 1st Viscount Craigavon, and his wife Cecil.
1/4/1-11	1912-14	Letters to Lady Londonderry from Walter H Long, (afterwards) 1st Viscount Long of Wraxall.
1/5/1-9	1912-14	Letters to Lady Londonderry from Arthur Bigge, 1st Lord Stamfordham, Private Secretary to George V. [For the main run of Lord Stamfordham's letters, <i>see</i> D.2846/2/18].
1/6/1-24	1912-14	Letters to Lady Londonderry from various Conservative politicians.
1/7/1-55	1912-19	Letters to Lady Londonderry from various Irish Unionists.
1/8/1-79	1912-19	Letters received by Lady Londonderry as President of the Women's Unionist Council.
1/9/1-47	1912-19	Letters to Lady Londonderry from various women Unionists.
1/10/1-9	1912-19	Letters to Lady Londonderry from various journalists.
1/11/1-63	1912-19	Letters to Lady Londonderry from various English friends and acquaintances.
1/12/1-14	1912-14	Letters to Lady Londonderry from various members of her family.
1/13 letters	1915-17	130 page, quarto volume containing typed copies of letters from Lady Londonderry to various members of her family.
1/14	1916	Envelope of tradesmen's accounts to Lady Londonderry.
1/15	1917	The same.
1/16	1903-19	Xerox copies of D.2846/1/1, 3-9 and 23.



2/1-36	1874-1919:	Box-files of correspondence numbered 1-36 in Lady 1940 Londonderry's original filing-system, as follows:
2/1	1874-99	Letters to Lord and Lady Londonderry from his father, the 5th Marquess and mother, Mary Cornelia; letters to Lord Londonderry from Lady Londonderry; and letters to one or other of them about their engagement, the birth of the future 7th Marquess etc.
2/2	1874-c.1912	Letters to Lady Londonderry from Lord Londonderry.
2/3	1896-1908:	Letters to Lady Londonderry from the Prince of Wales/ ND King Edward VII - mostly condolences, birthday wishes and racing news.
2/4	c.1891-1918	Letters to Lady Londonderry from the Princess of Wales/ Queen Alexandra and other 'royals' (the Dukes of Cam- bridge and Connaught etc.), some of them (like the Kaiser and Prince Henry of Prussia) foreign.
2/5	1892-1918	Letters to Lady Londonderry from the Duke and Duchess of York/George V and Queen Mary.
2/6	1896-1915	Letters to Lady Londonderry from the following alphabetically arranged correspondents: the Aga Khan (1-2), the Countess of Antrim <sup>1</sup> (3-12), Beatrice, Lady Brownrigg (13-17), Lady Florence Dixie (18), Herr von Eisendecker (19-25), Mrs Nigel Harrison (26-33), Mr J R and the Hon. Mrs Maguire (34-7), and the Marquess Marchioness of Zetland (38-75); one of Mrs Maguire's letters is written from Groote Schuur, Cape Town, and refers to G Peel's views on the Boers' feelings, Jameson etc., 1898; Lady Brownrigg's letters refer to Admiralty in- fighting, Lord Fisher and Lord Charles Beresford (c.1907), and Japan and the Navy Prize Bill (1911).
2/7	1894-1918	Letters to Lady Londonderry from Sir Arthur Davidson (1-2), A Akers-Douglas (1st Lord Chilston) (3), Sir Robert Horne (4-5), Dr Jameson (of the Jameson Raid) (6), H Lawson (1st Lord Burnham) <sup>2</sup> (7-24), the Rt Hon. Ian Macpherson and his wife (25-31), Dr J H Mahaffy <sup>3</sup> (32- 57), Mme Merry del Val (58-9), Sir Frederick Milner (60), Walter H Page (61), Lord Pirrie (62-3), the Rt Hon. Sir Horace Plunkett (64-79), R E Prothero (1st Lord Ernle) (80-81), Colonel Repington (82-3), Cecil Rhodes (84-95), Sir William Sutherland (96), and Henry White (97-8).
2/8	c.1914-1918	Letters to Lady Londonderry from Admiral Sir F Bridgeman (1-5), Admiral A E F Grant (6-8), General A Haldane (9-15), Colonel Cyril Hankey (16-22), Lady Jellicoe (23-4), General Neville Lyttleton (25), Capt. J H Morgan (26-31), Capt. Ryan (32-3), General Henry Stracey (34-45), Sir Frank Swettenham (46-60), and Sir Donald Wallace (61-3).

- 2/9 1893-1919 Letters to Lady Londonderry from successive Bishops and Deans of Durham, Speaker Lowther (1st Lord Ullswater), Durham University (Lady Londonderry's gift of a scholarship in 1919) etc.
- 2/10 c.1901-1918 Letters to Lady Londonderry from Sir George and Lady Murray, (1-71 and 72-7 respectively).
- 2/11 1875-1918 Letters to Lady Londonderry from various members of her own family, the Talbots/Shrewsburys, and from her Vane-Tempest-Stewart grandchildren [*See also* D.2846/2/34-5].<sup>0</sup>
- 2/12 c.1907-1917 Letters to Lady Londonderry from Lord and Lady Allendale [Lady Allendale was Lady sister-in-law] (1-2 and 3-43 respectively), Capt. and the Hon. Mary Beaumont (44-51), Lord Cawdor (52-5), the
- 16th and 17th Earls of Derby and their wives (56-62), Lord and Lady Ebrington (63-7), Lady Elcho (68-73), Sir Gerrard Lowther (74), the Duke of Northumberland (75-7), Lord Percy (78-9), Capt. Adolphus and his wife, Charles, Mr Ernest, Mrs Florence and Lord Herbert, Tempest (80-121); Lady Elcho's letters concern speeches by A J Balfour and criticisms of Austen Chamberlain, November-December 1907, and Balfour and 'the conference', November 1910; Sir Gerrard Lowther's letter concerns the Young Turks and the Sultan, January 1909; and one of Lord Cawdor's the 'Swansea case' and the death of Arnold Forster, March 1909.
- 2/13 1896-1915 Letters to Lady Londonderry from the 1st Earl and his wife and the 2nd Earl of Feversham (1-3 and 4-54 respectively), and Sir Redvers and Lady Audrey Buller (55-96 and 97-9 respectively).
- 2/14 1897-1916 Letters to Lady Londonderry from Moreton Frewen (1), Reginald Lucas<sup>1</sup> (2-23), Ronald McNeill (Lord Cushendun)<sup>2</sup> and his daughter (24-56 and 57-64 respectively), and Lord Milner (65-90).
- 2/15 1904-19 Letters to Lady Londonderry from various people including Lord Aberdeen and Edmund Gosse, about her appointment as a Senator of Queen's College, Belfast, and other matters connected with the college (1-12), and from Rev. T Hamilton (of Queen's College) (13-30), Sir George W Holmes<sup>3</sup> (31-40), and Sir Reginald and Lady Talbot<sup>4</sup> (41-71 and 72-87 respectively), together with two copy letters from Lady Londonderry to Sir Reginald Talbot (88-9).

<sup>0</sup> Not in any order

1 See also D.2846/1/9

2 See also D.2846/1/6

3 See also D.2846/1/7

- 2/16  
Duchess  
about health,  
reference to the
- 1906-17 Letters to Lady Londonderry from the Duke and  
of Leeds<sup>4</sup> (1-55 and 56-86 respectively),  
fishing, yachting etc., except for one  
Education Bill, 1906.
- 2/17  
November
- 1907-13 Letters to Lady Londonderry from W F Monypenny,  
biographer of Disraeli, and about his death in  
1912 (1-77 and 78-88 respectively).
- 2/18  
Douglas Dawson
- 1890-1919 Letters to Lady Londonderry from Sir  
(1-2), Sir Fleetwood Edwards (3), Sir Almeric Fitzroy (4),  
Lord Knollys (5-26), Lord Lathom (27), and Lord and  
Lady Stamfordham (28-90 and 91 respectively). [For  
other letters from Lord Stamfordham, *see* D.2846/1/5].
- 1 See also D.2846/16  
2 See also D.2846/1/8  
3 See also D.2846/1/7  
4 See also D.2846/1/11
- 2/19  
Campbell
- 1891-1918 Letters to Lady Londonderry from Sir Henry  
Bannerman (1), Lady Gwendolen, and Lords Hugh and  
Robert, Cecil (2-10, 11-22 and 23-6 respectively), Joseph  
and Mrs Chamberlain<sup>1</sup> (27-9), Lord Randolph and  
Winston Churchill (30-4), Lord and Lady  
W E Gladstone (39-41), Lord  
Harcourt (43), Lord  
Lloyd George<sup>2</sup> (47), James  
(49-62), Lord Peel (63-5),  
Rosebery (67-84), the 3rd  
Salisbury<sup>1</sup> (85-95 and 96 respectively) and their wives  
(97-113), and George and Guy Wyndham (114-23 and 124  
respectively).
- Crewe<sup>1</sup> (35-8),  
Goschen (42), Lord  
Hardinge of Penshurst (44-6), David  
Lowther (48), Lord Morley  
Whitelaw Reid (66), Lord  
and 4th Marquesses of
- 2/20  
Asquith (1-4),  
and papers
- 1892-1919 Letters to Lady Londonderry from Margot  
A J Balfour<sup>1</sup> and his wife (and letters  
concerning Balfour) (5-22), Earl Grey (23-7), Viscount  
Grey of Fallodon (28-9), Sir Arthur Hardinge (30), Sir  
Michael Herbert (31-2), Andrew Bonar Law<sup>3</sup> (33-67), F E  
Smith (Lord Birkenhead)<sup>3</sup> (68-75), and Sir Arthur Steel-  
Maitland<sup>3</sup> (76-8).
- 2/21  
Durham
- 1897-1918 Letters to Lady Londonderry from the Earl of  
(1-20), Earl and Countess Fitzwilliam (21-8), Baron and  
Baroness de Forest (29-35), the Hon. F W and Lady Anne  
Lambton (49-52), the Marquess and Marchioness of  
Lansdowne<sup>1</sup> (53-67 and 68-72 respectively), Viscount  
Lascelles (73-6), the Duchess of Marlborough (77-86),  
and Lord and Lady Edmund Talbot<sup>3</sup> (87-96 and 97-111  
respectively).

- 2/22  
Countess
- 1893-1917 Letters to Lady Londonderry from Earl and Brownlow (1-8), the Rt Hon. Sir Charles Darling (9), the 8th and 9th Dukes of Devonshire<sup>1</sup> (10-13, with notes relating to the 8th Duke, 14) and their wives (15-17), Sir William Harcourt and his wife (18-31 and 32 respectively), Lord Hindlip (33-5), John Mulhall<sup>4</sup> and his wife (of Eden Park, Dundrum, Co. Dublin) (36-66), and Lord Redesdale (67-77).
- 2/23
- 7), Sir about Sargent Frederick Treves
- 2/24
- Generals: Sir (13-18), Earl Haig (19- Sir Alfred Keogh (26-8), John Maxwell (49-57), W P Lady Roberts (75-82), J C Townsend (84), the 1st and 2nd wives (85-96) Viscount and Sir Evelyn Wood (102).
- 2/25
- William Anson and and Lady, subsequently 46 respectively), Cambon (50), Mr and Lady Desborough (54- Fisher (81-3), Herschell (84-5), Lady Lurgan (87-92), Prince Hedworth Meux (94-5), Lord
- 1894-1919 Letters to Lady Londonderry mainly from John Cowans (1-12), Earl French 23), Sir Ian Hamilton (24-5), Lord Kitchener (29-48), Sir Pulteney (58-74), Earl and Smuts (83), Sir Charles Lords Tweedmouth and their Lady Wolseley (97-101), and
- 1894-1917 Letters to Lady Londonderry from Sir his sister (1-8), Admiral Sir David Lord and Lady, Beatty (9-15 and 16- Baroness Burdett-Coutts (47-9), M. Mrs Henry Cust (51-3), Lord and 7), Lords Esher (58-80), and Iveagh (86), Lord and Metternich (93), Sir
- Newton<sup>1</sup> (96-102), J S North (103-5), Sir Henry Ponsonby (106), Lord and Alfred Rothschild (107-8), the Earl and Countess of Scarborough (109-11), F G Selons (112), and Mme Waddington (113).
- 2/26
- A A (7-8), L Garvin (20) F C Gould Hardy (70-74), W E Lucy (79), Sir Herbert Morley (84), Lord and Lady (89), Geoffrey Robinson<sup>2</sup> (90-101), J A Spender (102), J St Filson Young (108).
- 1908-19 Letters to Lady Londonderry, mainly from authors: Baumann<sup>2</sup> (1-3), C Moberly Bell (4-6), J F Benson G E Buckle (9-18), John Galsworthy (19), J Elinor Glyn (21-7), Edmund Gosse (28-54), (55), H G Gwynne<sup>2</sup> (56-69), Thomas H Lecky and his wife (75-8), H W Maxwell (80-83), Arnold Northcliffe (85-8), Ouida 100), Sir Owen Seaman Loe Strachey<sup>2</sup> (103-7), and
- 2/27  
higher
- 1893-1918 Letters to Lady Londonderry mainly from the clergy: Archbishop Alexander of Armagh

- and his daughter  
of Armagh  
Archbishop of
- (1-8) and Archbishops Crozier<sup>3</sup> and D'Arcy  
(9-30 and 31-3 respectively), the  
Canterbury (34-5), the Bishops of Jarrow (36-8), Lichfield  
(39-41), London (42), Ripon (43-4), and Southwark (45-  
7), Cardinal Vaughan (48), Archdeacon Watkins of  
Durham (49-50), the Bishop of Winchester and Mrs  
Talbot (51-8), and the Archbishop of York (59-93).
- 2/28  
Armstrong  
Miss Magdalen Ker  
McDonnell (27-35), St John  
Midleton) (36-55), Thomas Sinclair  
87).
- 1900-19 Letters to Lady Londonderry from Sir George  
(1-10), T Gibson Bowles (11-28),  
(19-26), Hon. Schombert  
Brodrick (1st Earl of  
(56-8), and John Tweed (59-  
87).
- 2/29  
and
- 1893-1918 Letters to Lady Londonderry from Viscount  
Viscountess Boyne (1-10 and 11-46 respectively), and the  
Duke and Duchess of Portland<sup>1</sup> (47-99 and 100  
respectively); the Duke's letters include discussion of  
making Ulster's position better known in England, 1913-  
14, comments on Home Rule and the Government, 1914,  
reports on visits to the Fleet and the battlefield of  
1918 etc.
- Ypres,
- 2/30
- 1915-16 Letters to Lady Londonderry from Lord and Lady St  
Aldwyn (1 and 2-9 respectively). This box-file is  
empty: a note states that the missing letters,  
were handed to Lady I[lchester?]
- almost  
1898-1915,
- 2/31
- 1900-18 Letters to Lady Londonderry from Lady Annesley (1-  
8),  
Lord and Lady Cadogan<sup>2</sup> (9-12), Lord Dunraven (13-  
14),  
Lord Granard (15), Lady Grosvenor (16-28), Sir  
Francis Jeune and Lady St Helier (29-32), Lady  
Gwendolen Little (33-86), Lady Ormonde (87-95), M.  
de Soveral (96), and Sir George and Lady Julia  
Wombwell (97-9 and 100-12  
respectively); one of Lord  
Cadogan's letters refers to 'Finance [as] the rock ahead'  
and to Ireland, 1907, and an undated letter from Lord Dunraven  
refers to Ginnell in prison and criticises Birrell  
as Chief Secretary for Ireland.
- 2/32
- 1890-1919 Letters to Lady Londonderry from Lady  
Balfour of Burleigh (1), Lord Cranbrook (2-3),  
Lord Curzon of Kedleston (4-23), Lord Dufferin (24-  
9), Mr and Mrs W J Jameson (of Portmarnock,  
Co. Dublin) (30-44), Prince Lichnowsky (45), Sir E  
Lockwood (46-7), the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough  
(48-50), A Mensdorff (51-3), Sir Robert Morant (54-6), A H Pollen  
and his wife (57-73), Lord and Lady Ridley (74-  
81), and Sir Henry Drummond Wolff (82-3).
- 2/33
- 1899-1916 Letters to Lady Londonderry from sundry  
Becketts and  
Duncombes: Sir Gervase Beckett (1-23), the Hon. Mrs  
Mabel Beckett, née Duncombe [his first wife] (24-58),

Beckett] to his post as November 1914, and to and the Unionist party, N.D.		Lady Majorie Beckett [his second wife] (59-70), Miss Marian Beckett [his daughter] (71-2), Colonel William Duncombe (73-5) and Muriel, Lady Helmsley, [sister of Lady Londonderry, mother of the Hon. Mrs Mabel Beckett, and mother-in-law of Lady Marjorie (76-103); Sir Gervase Beckett's letters refer military secretary to Plumer, Home Rule, Lloyd George
2/34 Tempest	c.1909-1912	Letters to Lady Londonderry from her Vane- Stewart grandchildren. [ <i>See also</i> D.2846/2/11]. <sup>0</sup>
2/35	c.1902-1917	The same. <sup>0</sup>
2/36 soldiers'. <sup>0</sup>	1917-18	Letters to Lady Londonderry 'from and about
2/37 under consisting of with a paper cover.	c.1940	A précis of letters to Lady Londonderry, compiled the sponsorship of the Londonderry family, typescript pages stapled together

**D.3099: Papers of Edith Helen Vane-Tempest-Stewart, wife/widow of the 7th Marquess of Londonderry**

The papers of the 7th Marquess of Londonderry (1878-1949) and his wife, Edith Helen, née Chaplin, consist of c.400 files and c.10,000 letters, relating primarily to the career of Lord Londonderry.

Lady Londonderry was a powerful influence on her husband's career. In her own right she was a prominent figure in a number of spheres: she played an active part in numerous war- and peace-time organisations and charities (see /14); she was intimate with many of the leading lights in the social, literary and political world of her day, particularly with the Prime Minister and Labour party leader, Ramsay MacDonald (see /3); and she carried on the 6th Marquess and Marchioness's tradition of political entertaining for the Conservative party, particularly at Londonderry House, Park Lane (see /15).

**D.3099/3/ Lady Londonderry: Personal and Political Papers**

1/1-54	1886-1962	Letters to Lady Londonderry from her father, Henry Chaplin. Many of these were written to her before her marriage, when she was Miss Edith Chaplin; they are of a mainly personal nature, dealing with family affairs, details of Chaplin's hunting exploits, and descriptions of various health resorts in Europe.
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2/1-1080 miscellaneous	1894-1958	1080 letters to Lady Londonderry from
who	correspondents, who range from casual or formal acquaintances to close friends and family; the contents of the letters for hospitality received at Londonderry House, Mount Stewart or Oakham (in Rutland), from guests include foreign royalty and diplomats such as the Maharaja of Atwar and Marquis Mayeda. Frequent	
	<p><sup>0</sup> Not in any order  correspondents include the Duke of Argyll, the Hon. Alexander McDonnell, Lady Desborough and Viscount Chaplin. There are individual letters from such 'notabilities' as Suzanne Lenglen, Mary Pickford and Mrs Wallis Simpson.</p>	
photocopies Hyde, who	<p>Mrs Simpson's letter, of 7 November 1936, refers to her 'very nice friendship' with the King, which has been 'made into something more than spectacular' by the American Press. [It has been placed in a folder (604B/1-5) with photocopies of Lady Londonderry's reply and of two subsequent letters from Lord and Lady Londonderry to the King, just after his abdication. These were deposited by Dr H Montgomery</p>	
	<p>published all four letters in an article of July 1980 in <i>Harpers and Queen</i>. A photocopy of the article has also been placed in the folder.]</p>	
	The material is arranged chronologically.	
3/1-41	1897:	<p>A collection of poetry and humorous writings. Some 1915-42 of the poems are printed, including works by Shane Leslie, Helen Waddell and Oliver Gogarty; others are handwritten, including a bound notebook by and members of the Chaplin family. Several of pieces have political content.</p>
about the humorous		
4/1-11 Chaplin describing in 1898; photographs attached. Also included are other European travels.	1898-9: 1906	<p>Notebooks in the handwriting of Edith a family journey to Bellagio in Italy of scenery and buildings are whimsical descriptions of</p>
5/1-33	1908-47	<p>Letters to Lady Londonderry from Lord Hugh Cecil. These are mainly of a personal and social nature; many deal with theological matters, including the influence of Anglo-Catholicism on the Church of England and controversy about the Prayer Book. There is much discussion about the sanctity of marriage and the dangers of divorce. [Also available on microfilm - MIC.524].</p>
6	1909-13	<p>Articles and speeches by Lady Londonderry about Women's Suffrage.</p>

7	1913-56	<p>Box file containing 84 letters to Lady Londonderry from foreign royalty, arranged alphabetically. The main correspondents are Alfonso, King of Spain, and his wife, Victoria Eugenie; most of the letters are of a personal nature, expressing gratitude for hospitality and kindness shown to themselves and members of their family.</p> <p>A letter written by King Alfonso in 1928 refers to a proposed visit to London where he hopes to meet two or three politicians on Lady Londonderry's recommendation; in the early 1930s he discusses the political unrest in his country, and mentions a Communist uprising in Madrid; in 1931 he says 'Panic is formidable', churches and convents were being burnt and robbed, there were plots against the government, and people were being unfairly imprisoned, and asks Lady Londonderry to tell Ramsay MacDonald about this 'for the sake of those humanitarian [<i>sic</i>] principles that England has always defended'. Other correspondents include Princess Beatrix and Prince Juan.</p>
8/1-24*	1914-15	<p>Letters to Lady Londonderry from the Marquess of Titchfield. They are of a personal nature, mostly written from the Front and describing events and conditions [Closed to the public for 100 years.]</p>
there.		
9/1-78*	1914-17	<p>Letters to Lady Londonderry (including four to Lord [1926?] Londonderry) from General W P Pulteney written from the Front; he describes conditions there, discusses the tactics of the countries involved, and comments on appointments and promotions within the British army. The letters are enlivened with risqué humour. [Closed to the public for 100 years.]</p>
from war		
10/1-27	1914-20	<p>Letters and papers of Lady Londonderry, consisting of letters, passports etc., from General Sir John Cowans, Quarter-master-General of the Forces, in connection with her war work in France, and thereafter; there is one official letter of thanks for Lady Londonderry's work, but many of the letters are of a personal and humorous kind, and included in the bundle are two typewritten skits and one typewritten copy of [Lady Londonderry's?] speech at Chelsea Hospital (all three of which may perhaps be bundle by mistake). The letters and papers have been arranged in rough chronological order, but many are undated.</p>
in the		
11/1-7	c.1915-c.1917	<p>Letters to Lady Londonderry from her parents-in-law, the 6th Marquess and his wife, including a copy of one her replies; the letters are of a personal and non-political nature.</p>
of		
12/1-145	c.1915-1959	<p>Letters, photographs, caricatures, typescript biographies, notes etc., relating to 'The Ark', a kind of informal club established by Lady Londonderry House, Park Lane. Originally, the female members of the club were war workers, like Lady</p>



Londonderry herself, the male members were chiefly King's Messengers, and the purpose of the club was to provide relaxation during the war years. The Ark was a place of safety and companionship during these years - hence the name - although there are also various puns on 'archaic' etc. One of Lady Londonderry's 'Circe', and her presumed power to turn

nicknames was humans into

\* Closed to the public for 100 years

swine and other animals had also something to do with the name. All the members were referred to by an animal code name, which bore some alliterative relationship to their Christian name: thus, Churchill was 'Winston the Warlock', and Admiral Lord Beatty was 'David the Dolphin'. Lady Londonderry described The Ark which, '...after the First World War grew into a sort of salon where stage-stars met statesmen, Liberals and Conservatives, writers and charmers, University dons and playwrights. They all scratched, pinched or bit each other jocularly or argued fiercely together...'. The club seems to have lasted until at least the Second World War and came to include many of the most distinguished figures in politics and society during the inter-war years. Some of the typescript biographies and notes, which appear to be the work of Lady Londonderry, are of comparatively recent date, and it would seem that she was contemplating writing a history of the club in 1959, shortly before her death.

13/1-153  
royal

1916-59 Letters to Lady Londonderry from members of the family. These are of a personal and social nature, consisting largely of thanks for hospitality and gifts received. Writers include King George V, Prince Henry (Duke of Gloucester) and the Duke and Duchess of York, later King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The sustained correspondence and the closest friendship with Queen Mary. [See also 3/16, 3/21B, 3/40, 3/45 12/5.]

most  
was  
and

13/1-8  
King

1920-42 Letters and telegrams from the Duke of York, later George VI.

13/9-14A-C 1918-25

Miscellaneous: the Duke of Connaught, Princess Victoria, Princess Christian and Lord Leopold Mountbatten.

13/15-36

1924-48 The Duchess of York, later Queen Elizabeth.

13/37-48

1920-53 Edward VIII, formerly the Prince of Wales and subsequently Duke of Windsor.

13/49-54 1930-34

King George V.

13/55-57 1934-5

The Duke of Kent.

13/58-68 1929-42

Princess Helena Victoria.

13/69-88	1920-44	The Duke of Gloucester.
13/89-91	1942-59	Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent.
13/92-132	1916-53	Queen Mary.
13/134-47	1922-1956	The Princess Royal (Lady Harewood).
13/148	1938	Lord Harewood.
13/149-51	1918-22	Princess Patricia (Lady Patricia Ramsay).
13/152-3	1937-38	Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone.
14	1919-22: 1937-41	Copies of articles written by Lady Londonderry, including descriptions of Mount Stewart, published in the magazine <i>My Garden</i> ; a typewritten copy of <i>Mutatis Mutandis</i> , later published as <i>Retrospect</i> , which recounts details of childhood, marriage, travels abroad, political events and personages.
15/1-91	1919-57	Box-file of letters to Lady Londonderry from political figures arranged alphabetically. The correspondents include Lucy (six letters) and Stanley Baldwin (17). A letter from Baldwin mentions 'dirty and underhand work', referring to a conspiracy against his leadership about which Lady Londonderry had written to him and asserting that it had to be 'smashed'. In 1931 he writes 'I am undoubtedly up against the job of my life...to make Ramsay's curiously composite government function'. An undated letter of Lady Londonderry refers to the pressures on Ramsay MacDonald. There are also letters from Anne (four) and Neville Chamberlain (11), some of them expressing thanks for hospitality, in particular a Londonderry House political party; a letter from Chamberlain of December 1939 refers to the bitterness with which Lord Londonderry writes to him, and a copy of Lady Londonderry's reply explains the reason for breach in relations. A letter from Kenneth de Courcy, Hogg and of the Conservative (five) thank Lady and good wishes. Other Winston Churchill, Anthony Eden, Bonar Law. There is one Michael Collins.
16/1-253	1919-59	Letters to Lady Londonderry from well-known writers and artists of the time, with many of whom she was on friendly terms. There are letters from Sean O'Casey (36), mainly of a social nature, with some references to current productions of his work, the controversy about the bequest (he hopes that Lady Londonderry will do all she can to get the paintings for Dublin) and Lady Londonderry's guarantee to his bank for £200 to help him tour America (his sale of the film rights of one of his plays

there are

play, *St*  
director of the  
various musical  
how his political  
party affected his  
Lady Londonderry to alleviate  
she provided by obtaining  
Civil List. Letters (15) from  
Gogarty enclose some of his books  
which he was interested,  
situation (De Valera is  
Dago') and express a low  
general. Letters (11) from  
in nature, include a poem  
describing how friends deserted the  
abdication crisis. Letters (11) from  
very friendly vein, mainly  
those of Lady Londonderry.  
comment on the low state  
(1931); the later letters are  
he was Governor-General and  
he assesses the  
crisis. Other

rendered the loan unnecessary). Letters (14) from W B  
Yeats express the opinion that Dublin should be the  
recipient of the Lane bequest, and also recounting how he  
defied an edict of the Republican order by keeping open  
his theatre while others closed. Letters (13) from George  
Bernard Shaw express thanks for hospitality, and  
also copies of letters from Shaw to a Father Leonard  
seeking advice on theological points raised in his  
*Joan*. Letters (16) from Rutland Boughton,  
Glastonbury Festival School, describe  
works which he composed, and tell  
involvement with the Communist  
career; he seeks help from  
his financial position, which  
assistance for him from the  
Senator Oliver St John  
and poetry, discuss solo flying in  
comment on the Irish political  
described as 'an illegitimate  
opinion of Irish politics in  
Osbert Sitwell, mainly social  
entitled 'Rat Week'  
Windsors after the  
Helen Waddell, written in a  
discuss her own writings and  
Letters (17) from John Buchan  
of parliamentary politics  
written from Canada where  
describe his activities there; in 1937  
reaction in Canada to the abdication

correspondents from the literary world include J M Barrie,  
Edmund Gosse, Lady Gregory, Sir Shane Leslie, Sir  
Compton MacKenzie and Beverley Nichols. Artists and  
painters include Edmund Brock, Philip de Lazlo, Sir  
Alfred Munnings and Sir William Orpen.

This material has been arranged as follows:

16/1-13	1919-30	Letters from J M Barrie.
16/14-24	1924-36	Letters from Edmund Brock.
16/25-42	1923-38	Letters from Rutland Boughton.
16/43-59	1927-38	Letters from John Buchan.
16/60-99	1924-35	Letters from correspondents beginning with 'G'.
16/100-13	1937: ND	Letters from C W James.
16/114-20	1922-39	Letters from Sir John Lavery and Philip de Lazlo.
16/121-37	1933-57	Letters from Sir Alfred Munnings, Sir Compton Mackenzie, Beverley Nichols and Sir William Orpen.
16/153-87	1926-41	Letters from Sean O'Casey.

16/188-93	1926-34	Letters from George Russell ('A E').
16/194-205	1930-45	Letters from Osbert Sitwell.
16/206-12	1922-32	Letters from John Singer Sargent and James Stephens.
16/213-26	1926-44	Letters from George Bernard Shaw and his wife.
16/227-38	1930-54	Letters from Helen Waddell and Emlyn Williams.
16/239-53	1924-35	Letters from W B Yeats.
17/1-132	3 Dec. 1921-	Letters to Lady Londonderry from Carson, Col Sir John 1 Jan. 1922 Gretton, Lords Salisbury and Wolmer and the Northumberland about an [abortive] plan Conservative peers to oust Lloyd the alternative Cabinet they couple of letters are then takes ill, so that the rest conducted with his wife.
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18	1923	Box-file containing 146 letters and telegrams of condolence to Lady Londonderry from miscellaneous correspondents on the death of her father, Lord Chaplin. The alphabetical list at the front of this box gives names but the actual contents are considerably fewer. correspondents are: Queen Alexandra, George V and Queen Mary, other members of the royal family, the King and Queen of Portugal, many members of the aristocracy, representatives of political associations, government departments etc., members of staff and personal friends.
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19/1-77	1924-37	Letters to Lady Londonderry from Sir Herbert Maxwell; these are mainly about horticultural matters (he supplied many specimens of shrubs and bulbs for her gardens at Mount Stewart). A letter of December 1932 refers to the influence used by Lady Londonderry in gaining for the honour of the Order of the Thistle.
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20/1-423*	1924-37	Letters to Lady Londonderry from Ramsay MacDonald. The bulk of the correspondence falls in the years 1930-33, accounting for 250 letters. The letters are mainly of a non-political nature written in a whimsical style; they strikingly reflect MacDonald's sense of loneliness as Prime Minister. The initial letters are concerned with the Ulster Boundary question; in a copy of a letter from Londonderry to MacDonald, 1924, she writes: 'It is most important to my mind that the British Government say what Ulster's territory is under the 1920 Act...' issue was the subject of acrimonious negotiation with Irish Free State arising out of the Treaty of 1921). replies stating that the government must legislate in of the fact that Ulster had not been represented. from August 1931 onwards refer to the National Government under general opinion amongst my
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\* Closed to the public for 100 years committed suicide'. Further letters discuss the possibility of a general election, and the decision to hold one, and describes his enthusiastic reception while electioneering at Seaham - 'Do see that all your following vote. This is looking an ominous thing at the moment. They must do it quietly, however.' There are letters from Geneva, he attended the Disarmament Conference in 1932 and 1933 and from where he comments that he is not about the situation 'but had better not write There are several enclosures of MacDonald describing speeches he had given, and MacDonald's career.

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[Closed to the public for 100 years. For letters to Ramsay MacDonald from Lady Londonderry (1924-37) \_ see T.3412].

21A 1925-6

Draft final typescript of Lady Londonderry's book about her father, *Henry Chaplin: A Memoir*, published in 1926, and scrapbook of newspaper cuttings and copies of written about the life of Lord Chaplin.

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21B/1-102 1925-6

Box-file containing letters to Lady Londonderry from miscellaneous correspondents about *Henry Chaplin: A Memoir*. These letters were not arranged in alphabetical order, but have now been so. Many of them are acknowledgements of complimentary copies from, among others, the Duchess of Abercorn, Lord Charles Bentinck, Sir Austen Chamberlain, King George V, Lord Halifax, Princess Helena Victoria, Queen Mary, the Duke of Portland, Lord Rosebery, the Countess Dowager of Radnor and W B Yeats. There are also letters concerning reviews and serialisation of the book for Sir Edmund Gosse, Guy L'Estrange and H A Gwynne (editor of *The Morning Post*); letters (three) from Miss Rose Bradley, who helped in its preparation; letters (13) from J S Sandars, who contributed anonymously to the chapter racing, discussing textual details, proof-reading and illustrations; and letters from readers of the *Memoir* describing their reminiscences of the 'Squire' (as Chaplin was widely known) and various life.

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22 1927-47

File containing notes and typescripts of Lady Londonderry's history 'Our Ancestors'.

23 1927-47

File containing typescript of Lady Londonderry's history, 'Geraldine of Desmond' and 'Chronicles of the House of Darach.'

24 1920s & 30s

Literary material of Lady Londonderry dealing with Celtic topics. Included are books of manuscript notes about Celtic history and mythology; typescript and book entitled *Character and Tradition*; and photographs and descriptions of Celtic antiquities.

25	1930-40	Folder of correspondence and notes about speeches given by Lady Londonderry and articles written by her for various publications including the <i>Sunday Graphic</i> , <i>Queen</i> magazine and <i>Everybody's Monthly</i> ; the titles of the articles include 'Armistice Day 1932' and 'I met Hitler'.
26	1931	Lady Londonderry's correspondence with Miss Lane about domestic pets.
27	1931-2	Lady Londonderry's correspondence about the Carnegie Trust.
28	1932-4	Lady Londonderry's correspondence about the editing and publishing of the diaries and letters of the Wilmot sisters written at beginning of the 19th century. This material was to be produced in two volumes, <i>The Russian Journals of Martha and Catherine Wilmot</i> and <i>The Letters of _____</i>
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29/1-12	1932-41	Letters to Lady Londonderry from Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury. The letters are of a social nature; several refer to the confirmation of Lady Mairi Stewart at which Archbishop Lang officiated; one reference is made to the marriage of Lady Helen Stewart.
30	1934	File of further correspondence and notes about the Russian letters.
31	1934-5	File of further correspondence about the Viennese letters and details of publishers' agreements concerning the book.
32*	1935-7	Lady Londonderry's correspondence with the pianist and composer Duncan Morison of whom she was a patron; included are letters from his Australian tour in 1936, and material about the publication of his songs among which was a collection of songs from the Isle of Lewis to which Lady Londonderry wrote the introduction. [Closed to the public for 100 years.]
33	1935	File of correspondence about the wedding and wedding reception of Lady Helen Stewart.
34	1935-46	Lady Londonderry's correspondence with various publishers - mainly Macmillans, Mullers and Hutchinsons.
35/1-42	1936-9	Letters to Lady Londonderry from key political figures in Germany, including Ribbentrop, Hitler, Goering and his wire, Goebbels, von Papen, and Hoersch [German ambassador to London]; also copies of some of her letters

\* Closed to the public for 100 years

to them. The correspondence deals with attempts to promote a better understanding between England and Germany and, on a personal level, expressions of gratitude for hospitality received. There are several letters from Lady Londonderry pressing for the release of two Austrian

guides, Falconer and Sneider, who had been arrested by the German authorities.

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| 36/1-16 | 1936-9  | Letters to Lady Londonderry from Princess Marthe Bibesco of Romania. These are of a personal nature containing many expressions of thanks for hospitality received, mentioning visits at Mount Stewart and also a stay in Londonderry House for the coronation of George VI in 1937. There are references to the activities of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale in which both Lord Londonderry and the Princess's husband, Prince Georges, were involved. [For letters from Princess Bibesco to Lord Londonderry <i>see</i> 12/19.] |
| 37      | 1937-9  | Lady Londonderry's correspondence in her capacity as President of the Women's Advisory Committee of the Northern Counties Provincial Area of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations.  |
| 38      | 1938-43 | Articles, letters and speeches of Lady Londonderry relating, among other things, to health administration in Northern Ireland and the role of women in war-time.  |
| 39      | 1941-2  | Lady Londonderry's correspondence about the Duchess Blair [Mary Caroline Blair, wife of the 3rd Duke of Sutherland] Papers.   |
| 40*     | 1942    | Box-file of letters of condolence to Lady Londonderry on the death of her daughter, Lady Maureen Stanley, including letters and telegrams from royalty. [Closed to the public for 100 years]  |
| 41*     | 1943    | Box-file of letters to Lady Londonderry on the death of the Duchess of Sutherland. [Closed to the public for 100 years.]  |
| 42*     | 1947    | Letters to Lady Londonderry about her husband's illness. [Closed to the public for 100 years.]  |
| 43*     | 1949    | Folder of telegrams to Lady Londonderry on the death of her husband. [Closed to the public for 100 years.]  |
| 44*     | 1949    | Box-file of letters of condolence to Lady Londonderry on the death of her husband, from individuals and institutions connected with his career in aviation; included are letters from the Air Ministry, Guild of Air Pilots, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Royal Aero Club  |
|         |         | * Closed to the public for 100 years  |
|         |         | members, Royal Air Force personnel and Royal Air Force Association. Private letters arranged alphabetically A-J are also included. [Closed to the public for 100 years.]  |
| 45*     | 1949    | Box-file of letters of condolence to Lady Londonderry on the death of her husband. These are private letters  |

arranged alphabetically, K-W; included are copies of letters from royalty. [Closed to the public for 100 years.]

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| 46* | 1949    | Box-file of letters of condolence to Lady Londonderry on the death of her husband, from various institutions, associations, societies, businesses, clubs, shops and universities. [Closed to the public for 100 years.]   |
| 47  | [1950?] | Draft and final typescript copy of a brief account, by Lady Londonderry, of the Londonderry family's jewels, particularly of those brought into the family by Frances Anne, wife of the 3rd Marquess, and daughter of the Countess of Antrim in her own right.                                      |
| 48* | 1955    | Folder of letters of sympathy to Lady Londonderry on the death of her son, the 8th Marquess of Londonderry. [Closed to the public for 100 years.]   |
| 49  | 1958    | Box-file of letters to Lady Londonderry about her book <i>Frances Anne</i> consisting mainly of compliments and comments from readers, including Winston Churchill, Harold Macmillan and the Duke of Wellington. Also a bound notebook containing newspaper cuttings and pages of draft manuscript. |
| 50  | 1959    | Book of 'thank-you' letters to Lady Londonderry for a dinner and dance given at Londonderry House on 12 June 1959.  |

**D.3099/14/: 7th Marquess of Londonderry: files relating to Non-Political Organisations, Clubs and Charities**

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| 1-67 |         | [Those relating to Lady Londonderry have been extracted and are set out below].                      |
| 1    | 1914-39 | Correspondence and papers of Lady Londonderry about the Women's Legion.                              |
| 2    | 1915-16 | Correspondence and papers of Lady Londonderry about the Women's Legion.                              |
| 18   | 1934-5  | Correspondence of Lady Londonderry about the Women's Legion.   |
| 19   | 1934-5  | * Closed to the public for 100 years<br>Correspondence of Lady Londonderry about the Women's Legion. |
| 22   | 1935-6  | Correspondence of Miss B Ward with the War Service Legion.   |
| 23   | 1935-9  | Correspondence of Lady Londonderry about Scottish Clubs, including the Stewart Society.              |
| 24   | 1935-47 | Correspondence about the Women's Legion.   |



27	1937-9	Correspondence of Lady Londonderry, as President of the War Service Legion, with the Honorary Secretary, Miss Ward.
28	1935-9	Correspondence about the London branch of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing.
30	1938	Correspondence and papers about the Women's Land Army.
31	1938-9	Folder of newspaper cuttings and photographs about the Women's Legion.
32	1938-9	Correspondence about the Women's Legion.
33	1938-9	Correspondence about the Women's Legion.
37	1938-40: 1947	Correspondence of Lady Londonderry about the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, of which she was Chairman; also articles and reports.
38	1939	Correspondence and papers about the Women's Legion.
39	1939	Correspondence and papers about the Women's Legion.
40	1939	Correspondence about the Women's Legion Air Section.
42	1939	Correspondence about Herb Growing and Allotment Training Schemes organised by the Women's Legion.
43	1939	Correspondence about the Women's Legion, including papers and reports relating to the Motor Transport Section.
44	1939-40	Correspondence about the Women's Legion Flying Section.
45	1939-42	Correspondence about the Ulster Gift Fund.
46	1939-44	Correspondence about the Ulster Gift Fund.
47	1939-45	Correspondence and articles about war charities and organisations, including the Ulster Gift Fund and the Joint Red Cross and St John's Organisation.
48	1939-46	Correspondence and papers of Lady Londonderry about the British Red Cross, County Down Branch, the Prisoners of War Society and the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association.
49	1939-48	Minutes of the British Red Cross Ulster Joint Committee, with plans for a war organisation fund and auction appeal, and correspondence with the Duchess of Abercorn about the committee and prisoners of war.
50	1939-49	Correspondence about the Red Cross Society.
51	1939-50	Correspondence about the Red Cross Society.

52A	1940	Correspondence of Lady Londonderry mainly about Women's Legion matters.
52B	1940	Correspondence of Lady Londonderry mainly about Women's Legion matters.
53	1940	Correspondence and accounts of the Red Cross Casualty Station at Mount Stewart.
54	1940-41	Accounts of the Women's Legion with the Westminster Bank.
55	1940-48	Correspondence and accounts of the Women's Legion.
56	1940-48	Correspondence of the Mount Stewart and Newtownards Nursing Societies.
57	Mar. 1941	Balance sheet of the Women's Legion Canteen at Mount Stewart.
58	1941-7	Minutes of meetings, letters and memoranda from the joint secretaries of the British Red Cross Society, the Order of St John of Jerusalem and the Prisoners of War and the Duke of Gloucester's Funds.
59	Sept. 1944	Accounts of the Women's Legion.
60	1944-8	Correspondence and papers about the Women's Legion.
61	1946-8	Correspondence about various clubs and associations.
62	1947-8	Correspondence about the British Red Cross Society.
63	1949-51	Correspondence about the British Red Cross Society.
64	1950	Correspondence about the Soil Association.
65	1950-54	Papers and accounts of the Queen's Nurses' Association.
67	ND	An account book for a Women's Legion canteen.

**D.3099/15/: 7th Marquess of Londonderry. Files relating to Functions and Receptions**

1-16		[These include reference to Lady Londonderry's 'political' entertaining, particularly at Londonderry House, Park Lane].
1	1920-23	Guest list, table plans and invitations to a dinner in honour of Lord Carson.
2	1924	Papers on the royal visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Northern Ireland, including schedules and printed programmes.
3	1924-6	Londonderry House reception lists.

- 4            1925            Details of a garden party at Mount Stewart held for Sir James Craig.
- 5            1925            Correspondence and articles about the visit of the Inter-State Postgraduate Association of America and a garden party given for them at Mount Stewart.
- 6            1929-35        Details of various parties given at Mount Stewart, including Air Force and Air Ministry dinners and a reception held for King Feisal. Also details of a dinner at the Middle Temple held for delegates to the Imperial Conference.
- 7            1931            Details about Lord Castlereagh's wedding, including guest lists, acceptances and other correspondence.
- 8            1931            Correspondence regarding Lord Castlereagh's wedding.
- 9            1936            Correspondence about the Personal Service League Ball at Wynyard Park, Co. Durham.
- 10          1936-56        Lists of guests at various parties held at Mount Stewart, with individual letters of thanks.
- 11          1937-59        Lists of guests at parties held at Londonderry House, and an article entitled 'Empire Entertaining at Londonderry House'.
- 12          1939-54        Correspondence about those who contributed to the fetes at Mount Stewart in aid of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing and other local charities.
- 13          1946            Lists of guests at a Red Cross ball at Mount Stewart and accounts for the occasion.
- 14          1946            List of guests for a dance given at Mount Stewart in aid of the Queen's Nurses.
- 15          1947            Papers about the arrangements for a dance at Mount Stewart in aid of the Queen's Nurses.
- 16          1948            Invitation to the opening of the Northern Ireland Parliament, and details of a meeting of the Royal Ulster Horticultural Society.

## 2. WOMEN IN POLITICS

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
A.U.S.1/7	1920	Registered General Series file of the Assistant Under-Secretary's Office, Belfast. Papers relating to the appointment of a woman Justice of the Peace in Belfast.
FIN.19/8/3	1929	Letter from Lord Craigavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, to H M Pollock, Minister of Finance. The letter discusses the proposed purchase of a picture for the new Parliament Buildings at Stormont, alleged to depict William III receiving the blessing of the Pope before the battle of the Boyne. Mrs (later Dame) Dehra Parker had suggested the purchase and offered to bid at auction on behalf of the Northern Ireland Government. Lord Craigavon writes... 'I have the utmost confidence in her judgment. She is perfectly marvellous at picking up bargains of the kind'.
H.S.S.27/39	1946-52	Belfast Corporation Housing Inquiry (1953), into irregularities in the allocation of Corporation houses: case of Annie Copeland.
INF.7A/2/20	1912	Photograph of Miss Witaker, Hon. Secretary of West Belfast Women's Unionist Council, canvassing women in the poorer districts of Belfast.
P.M.2	1921-43	Department of the Prime Minister: Correspondence, 1921-43. This includes numerous applications by women, many of them widows from the First World War, seeking the Prime Minister's patronage in obtaining employment, financial assistance etc. The following are examples:
P.M.2/1/11/1-14	1934	Letters to Lady Craigavon from Mrs C Adair, Belfast, asking for financial assistance following her husband's death.
P.M.2/1/18/1-5	1924	Letters from Edith Adams, Cardiff, complaining of ill-health caused by behaviour of Irish Free State soldiers, and requesting assistance in obtaining treatment.
P.M.2/1/54/1-2	1923	Mrs Allan, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, seeking employment for her daughter.
P.M.2/1/87/1-4	1922	John Anderson, Castlerock, Co. Londonderry, seeking help for a lady in distressed circumstances.
P.M.2/1/93/1-5	1927	Mrs L A Anderson, Portglenone, Co. Antrim, seeking additional compensation for the death of her husband.

P.M.2/100/1	1929	Sarah Anderson, requesting an increase in her widow's pension.
P.M.2/1/169/1-15	1923-8	Mrs Mary Austin, Whitehouse, Co. Antrim, requesting assistance from public funds.
P.M.2/2/40/1-14	1923-4	Mrs Martha Barr, Co. Antrim, seeking assistance for her sick husband.
D.1050/12	1963-70	Papers of the Irish Congress of Trades' Unions, which include records of Women's Advisory Committees.
D.1098/1/1-3	Jan. 1911- Apr. 1940	Minute books of the Ulster Women's Unionist Council Executive Committee. Minute book of the Ulster Women's Unionist Council.
D.1098/2/1-9  'Ulster	1907-50	Miscellaneous records including signed photographs/etchings of Craigavon and Carson. Letters, from Carson, correspondence regarding arrangements for signing 'Covenant' by women. Newspaper cuttings, sample badges, tickets etc.
D.1098 add.	1907	Minute book of the Women's Unionist Association of North Tyrone.
	1914-20	Minute book of the Women's Unionist Association of North Down.
	1921-69	Minute book of the Women's Unionist Association of North Down (Bangor Branch).
D.1269/1	c.1910	Two photographs of UVF Nursing Corps.
D.1295/1 add.: D.1633 add.	1912	Fragments of early diaries of Lady Spender, wife of Sir Wilfrid Spender, future Secretary to the Cabinet of the first Government of Northern Ireland.
D.1313	28 Sept. 1912	Text of Covenant organised by Ulster Women's Unionist Council.
D.1327 add.	1929-55	Minutes of Mid-Armagh Women's Unionist Association.
D.1415/C	1929-50	Diaries and photograph albums of Lady Craig, later Viscountess Craigavon, wife of the first Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, recording cruises taken by the Craigs, family life etc.

D.1460/10 & 11	1912-22	Minute book and roll book of Dunmurry and District Branch of the Lisburn Women's Unionist Association.
D.1633/2	1899-1966	Diaries of Lilian, Lady Spender (née Dean), wife of Sir Wilfrid Spender (Secretary to the Northern Ireland Cabinet, 1921-5, then Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Finance). Besides social and domestic matters, the diaries contain details of periods of political significance. For example, for 1914-15, the diaries include topics such as lectures on First Aid as part of the war effort, the UVF and gun-running, as well as comment on prominent Ulster politicians and various aspects of political life. For 1920-21, there is comment on conditions in Ireland, the B Specials, Sinn Féin, De Valera, the Treaty, the choosing of Northern Ireland's first Prime Minister, the Boundary question etc., while the diaries for 1939-45 comment on the national crisis, refugees etc.
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D.1904/1-3	c.1915	One photograph. Edward and Madeleine Sclater.
D.2160	c.1914	Photograph of UVF Nursing Corps exercise, possibly at Springhill, Moneymore, Co. Londonderry.
D.2479/1/1-9	1913-26	Diaries of Charlotte Despard. These include references to routine matters, contemporary political, social and moral issues, the National Council for Civil Liberties; prison reform; visits to various European locations, her work for the Women's Freedom League etc.
D.2479/2/1-46	1928-35	Correspondence of Charlotte Despard on a wide range of issues, arrangements for trips etc.
D.2479/3/1-19	1908-25	Pamphlets on various topics etc., including hymnsheet for funeral service of Emmeline Pankhurst.
D.2479/4/1-9	c.1900	Novels, novelettes and notes for novels by Charlotte Despard.
D.2661 add.	1931-80	Papers of Miss M A McNeill, founder member and office-bearer in the Irish Association for Cultural, Economic and Social Relations.
D.2669	1962-9	Draft speeches of Mrs Margaret Laird, councillor for St Anne's Ward, Belfast.
D.2688/1/17	1892-1975	Various committee minute books, copies of newspaper reports on meetings and demonstrations, annual reports and copy of <i>United We Stood. The story of the Ulster Women's Unionist Council, 1911-74</i> , by Nancy Kinghan.

D.2688/2/1	1918-23	Committee minute book of St Anne's Women's Unionist Association.
D.2688/3/1-4	1914-69	Minute books and Officers' List Book of North Down Women's Unionist Association.
D.2688/4/1	1911-18	Minute book of South Belfast Women's Unionist Association.
D.2688/5/1	1911-34	Minute book of Ballyclare Branch of North Antrim Women's Unionist Association.
D.2688/6/1	1947-58	Minute book of Strandtown Branch of Victoria Women's Unionist Association.
D.2688/7/1-5	c.1912-1967	Photographs of UVF, prominent Unionist politicians etc.
D.2706	1956-67	Correspondence of North Antrim Women's Unionist Association and affiliated organisations.
D.2846/1	1903-19	Papers of Theresa, Lady Londonderry. Correspondence from named or classified correspondents including: Sir Edward Carson, later Lord Carson; miscellaneous Unionist papers; Sir James Craig, later 1st Viscount Craigavon; various Conservative politicians; various Irish Unionists; letters from various women Unionists (1912-19), writing to Lady Londonderry as President of the Women's Unionist Council.
D.2846/2	1874-1919	Box files of letters to Theresa, Lady Londonderry, including: correspondence from Lord Londonderry and other family members; the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII (1896-1908); British and foreign royalty, Kaiser Wilhelm; the Duke and Duchess of York, later George V and Queen Mary (1892-1918); military and naval dignitaries; bishops; eminent politicians; artists etc.
		[See also Major Collections]
D.3044/D/1/16	pre-July 1805	Incomplete letter from Lady Clanwilliam to General Robert Meade, discussing the prospects for the Co. Down election (July 1805). [Through the influence of the Dowager Marchioness of Clanwilliam, Meade's younger brother John, combined with the Downshire interest
to		defeat Lord Castlereagh].
D.3099/3	1886-1962	Personal letters and papers of Edith Helen, wife of 7th Marquess of Londonderry including correspondence with major political figures. [See also Major Collections]
D.3121	1946-70	Mainly newspaper cuttings regarding North Antrim Women's Unionist Association. Also typed list of officers, membership cards etc.

D.3235	c.1835-1839	Diary of Lady Harriet Kavanagh, Borris, Co. Carlow, which makes a number of references to the elections in Co. Carlow.
D.3254	1973-7	Papers of Mrs Bernadette McAliskey (née Devlin).
D.3270/2/1	c.1915-1950	c.1000 photographs of Dr Nan Watson's career in medicine, politics and the Girl Guides' Association.
D.3311/1	1924-32	Minute book of the Central Women's Section of the Northern Ireland Labour Party.
D.3437	c.1935-1954	Papers of Mrs Patricia Ford (née Smiles and later Lady Fisher), including letters received by Mrs Ford congratulating her on her successful candidature and unopposed return for her father's [Sir Walter Smiles] Westminster parliamentary seat of North Down.
D.3601	1662-1985	Papers of Miss Majorie K Lyle, insurance broker, local councillor, founder member of the Ulster Enterprise Voluntary Commission, member of the Ulster Unionist party and the Alliance party and historian.
D.3783	1920	Correspondence from the British Fascists in London to Mrs F Waring, Lisnacree, Co. Down, Commander of the Ulster Women's Units.
D.3790	1911-21	Minute book of meetings of Lurgan Women's Unionist Association, Co. Armagh.
D.3838	1921-73	Papers of Roberta Hewitt (née Black), wife of the poet John Hewitt, relating to her work as secretary of the Belfast Peace League, as an activist in the Labour Movement and her involvement in the growth of nursery schools.
T.1804/1	1913-14	Ten photographs. 2nd Battalion South Down regiment and UVF Nursing Corps at Mourne Park, Kilkeel, Co. Down.
T.3201	1914-47	Letters from the 7th Marquess of Londonderry to Ethel ('Ettie') Grenfell, Lady Desborough, his 'closest political confidante ... with the sole exception of his wife Edith', [H Montgomery Hyde, <i>The Londonderrys. A Family Portrait</i> (London, 1979), p.71].



T.3376/1	c.1914	Ten photographs. UVF Nursing Corps and Boy Scouts.
T.3412	1924-39	Letters to Ramsay MacDonald from Edith Helen Vane-Tempest-Stewart, Marchioness of Londonderry.
T.3720	c.1795-1798	Squibs hostile to Lord Clare, including poem about Lady Clare's affairs with Lord Ormonde and others.
MIC.63	1916	Copy of diary kept by a Galway lady in Dublin city during the Easter Rising.
MIC.320	c.1860-1900	Selected letters of Queen Victoria relating to the career of Frederick, 1st Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, which reveal the friendly relationship which existed between them and the part which the Queen played in advancing his career.

### 3. WOMEN AT WAR

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
CAB.3		War History of Northern Ireland: Official Papers.  This includes material on the role of women in the war effort, in the Services, war-related industries, civil defence and nursing, as may be seen from the sample below:
CAB.3A/27	1951	Papers relating to the role of the WAAF and the WRNS.
CAB.3A/41	1939-48	RAF and WAAF in Northern Ireland: recruiting returns, accounts of operations, newspaper articles, interviews etc.
CAB.3A/64	1929-45	Civil defence: operation of the fire services, Women's Voluntary Service, medical and casualty services.
CAB.3A/73	[ND]	Typewritten account of the Civil Defence Nursing Reserve.
CAB.9CD/225/10	1942	Visit of Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt to Northern Ireland.
COM.61/218	1944	National Emergency file, Northern Ireland Salvage Committee, relating to the Women's Voluntary Service organising a paper-collection to help the war effort. Many ration books and other interesting documents were probably destroyed in this way.
DEV.7	1941-9	'R' Files, Roads Branch, Ministry of Commerce, relating to driving tests in Northern Ireland for women from Eire wishing to join the mechanised transport corps of the Ministry of Supply.
ED.13/1/2016	1942-6	Grants for Girls' Training Corps in technical schools.
ED.13/1/2020	1942-3	Correspondence on the formation of the Women's Junior Air Corps.
H.L.G.1	1937-63	Files relating to training of nurses, child welfare, function of hospital services in time of war.
D.812 Company's	1857-9	Graham Indian Mutiny Papers. There were seven adult members of the Graham family resident in India at the time of the Mutiny: Dr James Graham, an army surgeon, his three sons (all officers in the East India Army), one daughter-in-law, a daughter and a

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... serving in the Commissariat. Their correspondence illustrates the reaction of Anglo-India to the Mutiny, refers in passing to the plight of women and children caught up in events.

Letter from Mrs Sarah Ann Graham, (wife of James Graham of Lucknow), Kanpur, to her father-in-law, also James Graham, 30 November 1857.

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‘... I received your kind letter on 13 October addressed to my poor James ... You must have heard by this time that he shot himself on the September ... In that awful affair at [?Chinhat] he got brought on an apoplectic fit, and after that his mind was ... I was not able to leave my bed from an attack of cholera diseases and little Sarah was very ill, every moment I thought her last, but I am thankful to say she has been spared. Little James’s favourite child died three days before him. I know death deeply. I had a little baby who was born on the 23rd of August and died on the 9th of October. Were I to tell you of all we have endured during that horrid seige you would hardly believe that human nature is equal to it...’. (Ref. D.812/10/B/48).

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| D.906/394     | 1857        | Reminiscences written by the wife of an Army officer describing a journey by herself and her children through hostile country between Rawalpindi and Umballa, India.  |
| D.912         | c.1940-1944 | Seven photographs. Royal visit to the Ulster Women’s Gift Fund and photograph of the UWGF Committee.  |
| D.1071 J/A/23 | Aug. 1914   | Two letters from Lady Victoria Plunket to her mother, Harriot, Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, concerning the outbreak of war and its effect on her domestic affairs.  |
| D.1071 J/H    | 1900-16     | Papers of the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Families’ Association, Ulster District, of which Harriot, Lady Dufferin was President and Treasurer.   |
| D.1071 KH/11  | 1901-20     | Miscellaneous papers relating to Lady Hermione Blackwood’s nursing career, which comprise: an album of photographs, certificates and newspaper cuttings; correspondence; case histories of civilian patients visited by Lady Hermione in France (1919); and a certificate of the Medaille de la Reconnaissance Française, awarded to Lady Hermione for her work in French and Belgian hospitals during the First World War. |
| D.1231/M      | c.1916-1918 | Lady Hermione Blackwood’s letters to her mother recounting her experiences as a nurse in France in the First World War.   |
| D.1269/1      | c.1910      | Two photographs of UVF Nursing Corps.   |

D.1633/2	1899-1966	Diaries of Lilian, Lady Spender (née Dean), wife of Sir Wilfrid Spender, (Secretary to the Northern Ireland Cabinet, 1921-5, then Permanent Secretary to Ministry of Finance). Besides social and domestic matters, the diaries contain details of periods of political significance. For example, for 1914-15 the diaries include political topics such as lectures on First Aid as part of the war effort, the UVF and gun-running, as well as comment on Ulster politicians and various aspects of political life. 1920-21, there is comment on conditions in Ireland, the B Specials, Sinn Fein, De Valera, the Treaty, the choosing of Northern Ireland's first Prime Minister, the Boundary question etc., while the diaries for 1938-45 comment on the national crisis, refugees etc.
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D.1862/G/4	1946-7	File of correspondence relating to A J Mulvey's attempts to obtain permission for Molly Buttgen (née McCann), a nurse in Germany, to visit her family in Beragh, Co. Tyrone. This file includes accounts by Molly Buttgen-McCann of her work as a nurse in post-war Germany.
D.1917/7A	1942	Letter to Mrs E Whitla, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, from her nephew in a German prisoner of war camp.
D.1917/8A	c.1945	Book of war poems by E Whitla.
D.1943	1917	Papers relating to Red Cross Society in Russia.
D.1982/1	1916-18	Copy of part of a book edited by Eva S McLaren on the history of the Scottish Women's Hospitals in Serbia during the First World War.
D.1982/2-3	c.1916- c.1919	Volume of photographs of the Scottish Women's Hospitals, Serbia, during the First World War including: - members of the nursing staff, an Italian officer, Serbian peasants etc. Includes photographs taken in England by Lady Londonderry's Volunteer Drivers.
D.2109/8-12	1915-17	Five First World War nursing diaries of Miss Emma Duffin, Dunowen, Belfast.
D.2109/13	1939-41	Second World War nursing diary of Emma Duffin.
D.2160	c.1914	Photograph of UVF Nursing Corps exercise, possibly at Springhill, Moneymore, Co. Londonderry.
D.2315	1939-50	Correspondence etc., relating to Mrs Ethelind Gausson's work for the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmens' Families' Association in the Stewartstown area, Co. Tyrone.

D.2479/1	1916	Diary of Mrs Charlotte Despard including references to fund-raising for hospital in London for wounded soldiers.
D.2548	1915	Manuscript account, written 1915 by Nora Gardner, describing the atmosphere in Germany at the outbreak of war and the difficulty of returning home to England.
D.2936	1859-1965	Papers of Miss Felicitie Ferguson of Newcastle, Co. Down, comprising: diaries, photographs etc., and correspondence from Miss Ferguson to her family during a tour of duty as a nurse in Aden.
D.3099	1886-1962	Papers of Edith, Marchioness of Londonderry who formed the Women's Legion during the First World War and revived it during the Second World War. There is a letter to Lady Londonderry, 8 February 1937, from Adolf Hitler, in which he acknowledges her work for improved Anglo-German relations. [See also Major Collections]
D.3226	1915-18	Correspondence from soldiers of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, on active service in France and Belgium, and in prisoner of war camps in Germany, to Miss A H Maxwell, Armagh, thanking her for letters, clothing and food parcels.
D.3524/2/1	1918	Killyleagh Women's Guild booklet describing 'Killyleagh Women's War Work and Patriotic Effort' organised by the Guild.
D.3574 add.	1939-42	Diary kept by Barbara Marjoribanks Egerton, during the Second World War in Malta.
D.3590/K-L  Higginson, in India	1886-1904	Two boxes containing c.500 letters to Mrs Higginson of Rockport, Co. Antrim and other members of the family, from her sons, Charles Henry Berkeley, Archibald James Macauley, Gordon Shakespeare and William all of whom served, and two of whom died, overseas the army or the police; the letters are from Canada, and South Africa, and include details of the Punjab frontier compaigns of the late 1890s and of the 2nd Boer War.
D.3612	1914-70	Reminiscences of Dr Florence Stewart at Queen's University, Belfast, 1927-33 and as a General Practitioner in Northern Ireland, including work during the Second World War as a member of Woodvale First Aid Post.
D.3764	1917	The War-Time Cookery Book.

D.3892	c.1915-1918:	51 photographs taken by Nurse Jean Montgomery c.1950 QAIMNA(R), showing nurses and patients in English hospitals during the First World War; also Tel Aviv, Israel.
T.1804/1	1913-14	Ten photographs. 2nd Battalion South Down regiment and UVF Nursing Corps at Mourne Park, Kilkeel, Co. Down.
T.2678/6	1939-45	Diary of Una G Haldane, Italy, kept during the Second World War.
T.3376/1	c.1914	Ten photographs. UVF Nursing Corps and Boy Scouts.
T.3556	c.1942	Typescript reminiscences of P S Callaghan, who served in Belleek, Co. Fermanagh as a radio operator with the US Air Corps in the Second World War. He relates local customs and relations with the local population.
in respect understood to be to the un- the world strange men in would take a herself in his lap. her a foreign uniform in most of us wishing to appear the		'... The Irish country people, in spite of their great love of America and Americans, were no different than people of any other country to the soldier. A soldier is, after all, a soldier and well less inhibited than the average citizens who are not subjected known and fearful that are a part of the soldier's lot. People over simply do not want their daughters associating with uniform. If one of our 'yanks' should occupy a bench, it considerable amount of courage for an Irish lass to perch No one really likes to be different and this would certainly give reputation for being forward, for no one can deny that a a foreign land is different. The consequence of this was that were often seen leaning against the wall of the hall, not ungentlemanly (by our own standards), and not entering into
buying a lovely colleens dance (I could got in the colleens. From then progressed		merriment at all. It was several months before I worked out a 'system' that enabled me to join the Irish 'system.' This consisted of ticket to anything or for anything being raffled from the who peddled them around the benches. By never missing a trade my night shift to Wee Rocky who was married), I soon enough words to become acquainted with a few of on, they lost their aversion to the 'yank' lap and things
Irish girls, and who came bride a few		normally. The dancing was fun, and the music haunting, and that the 'system' worked well is attested to by the fact that one of the that most often sat on my lap and who was named Winnie, from the McGee farm out by Keenchan Lough, became my years later in New York'.
T.3808	15-25 Apr.	Extract from diary kept by Miss Woodside, Belfast, 1941 as part of the Tom Harrison Mass Observation project in the United Kingdom, recording the Belfast and its aftermath. The diary includes evidence of the
research Blitz		

health and social conditions of evacuees from the Belfast slums.

‘... My mother telephoned to say that she took in eight evacuees last night, two mothers and six children, saying ‘our mother is about to have another baby any minute’, that they are all filthy, the smell in the room is terrible. They refuse all food except bread and tea; the children have all over the floor etc. She is terribly sorry for them and but finds this revelation of how the ‘other half’ live rather ...’.

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MIC.63                      1916                      Copy of diary kept by a Galway lady in Dublin city during the Easter Rising.

Tp.1                              1966                      Tape-recording of Lady Stronge’s speech delivered at the Women’s Voluntary Service commemoration ceremony held in Belfast. [Lady Stronge was Chairman of the WVS].

#### **D.2109/8-13: DIARIES OF EMMA DUFFIN**

The diaries of Emma Duffin embody the dedicated female heroism which became a well-documented characteristic of the two World Wars of the 20th century. She served as a nurse in front-line field hospitals during the First World War. She also was present during the air raids on Belfast during the Second World War, effectively the first to involve civilian populations directly in military actions on a world-wide scale and during which women played an equally crucial role.

Born into a middle-class Liberal Unionist Belfast merchant family, she enlisted as a Voluntary Auxiliary Detachment nurse and served in front-line hospitals in northern France and in Egypt. As Vera Brittain has done in *Chronicle of Youth*<sup>1</sup>, Emma’s diaries record her duties as an initially untrained auxiliary nurse, tending to the wounded as they were brought in, changing and maintaining dressings and, especially during the long hours on night duty, sitting at their bedsides, providing an almost confessional comfort by listening to their stories ‘... I was their ‘sister’ in both senses’. The following extracts represent the style and nature of Emma Duffin’s First World War diaries<sup>2</sup>.

‘Christmas day was a very strenuous day for everybody. The captain was very musical and had trained a choir of orderlies and MO’s (medical officers) and they went all round the wards singing carols, to the great delight of all the patients ... We had great difficulty in persuading the men that the beds must be made and the tent tidied even if it was Christmas day, especially as we were to be visited

by a General and the Matron-in-Chief. However, we at last got things spick and span, attired each of them in a clean shirt and gave them a rose for their buttonholes and made them look quite smart. I was quite alarmed about two of them who were heart cases and

#### *Footnotes*

<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_ *Chronicle of Youth: Vera Brittain's War Diary 1913-1917*, (ed.) Alan Bishop. (London, Victor Gollancz, 1981).

<sup>2</sup> These extracts were first published, by permission of Michael Duffin, in *Making Sense of History: Evidence in Ireland for the Young Historian*, (eds) C Gallagher, C Kinealey, T Parkhill (Belfast, 1990).

were in such a state of excitement and laughed so much that I was afraid they would make themselves ill.

I thought of the only other Christmas I had ever spent away from home, in Germany. We had visited a hospital there too and sung German carols outside the wards and I wondered if they had done it this year and if they had their Christmas trees as usual ... It seemed impossible when we thought of all the dreadful things they had done but they had been very good to me and I felt sorry that we could never meet on friendly terms again.

I thought of the patients I had seen that evening when I went in to help. I had found them singing hymns and it had been given me a lump in my throat to see some of them so terribly ill and worn singing 'Abide with me' and 'Onward Christian Soldiers', and 'Peace on Earth Goodwill to Men'. We were all singing it and no doubt the Germans were doing the same and what a farce it would seem to an outsider and what hypocrites we ought to appear and yet I know we weren't all hypocrites and all the Germans weren't, though I felt a good many must be. It was impossible to understand and reconcile. What fools we all were. I gave it up as a bad job and went to sleep.

The day after Christmas seemed rather flat and everybody's tempers were a bit short but none of our patients were any the worse of the festivities which was something to be thankful for'.



'I had not been on night duty very long when the big push began and the trains came and came and the boats did not come fast enough and we worked all night and came on duty again after breakfast and prayed and looked for the boats, especially the *Austurias* because she was the biggest.

I was sent on duty on the station platform and if the hospital had not made me realise the war I realised it that night; under the big arc lights in the station lay stretchers four deep, so close one could scarcely get one's feet between, all down both platforms. At the end were the walking cases. They were past walking and the majority had lain down huddled together, their arms in slings and their heads bound up, the mud from the trenches sticking to their clothes and the blood still caked on them. I walked up and down all night feeling I was in a bad dream. Giving one a drink, another an extra blanket if I could find one, or attempting the hopeless task of trying to make men with their legs in splints a little more comfortable; feeling the pulses of the men who felt faint, rearranging a bandage that had slipped and watching for haemorrhages ... In the middle of the night we had heard the whistle of another hospital train and my heart sank. Every ward was full. There was scarcely room for another stretcher on the platform and there was no boat. The train crawled slowly in and turned out to be only walking cases waiting for the boat with their Blighty tickets in their buttonholes. Towards morning a boat came in'.

When the Second World War broke out in September 1939, Emma resumed her diary;

'During the 1914-18 War I kept a diary and though it was not written from day to day, it was written while all the events were fresh in my mind and may someday be of interest.

It is unlikely that in this war I will be able to take an active part but having served as a VAD in a military hospital during the last I had, as we have been asked to do, registered again for nursing service at a First Aid Post but, being 25 years older, would only be able to work for short spells. On this account this diary will probably be less interesting and I may later decide that it is not worth keeping but I will begin by recording some of my impressions before and on the outbreak of war'.

Her earlier experience of nursing in war-time was called on in April 1941. During a raid on Belfast by some 200 Luftwaffe bombers on the night of 15-16 April, over 900 people were killed, more in one night's raid than any other British city outside London. Emma was asked to report to Belfast markets which were being used as a morgue and where grieving relatives tried to identify the bodies of missing loved ones. The experience left a profound impression:

'Saturday afternoon, the fifth day after the Blitz, I went to the Market. Will I ever bring myself to buy flowers and vegetables there again? ... The place was full of coffins, some varnished but the majority plain deal. At the end of the hall was a Salvation Army mobile canteen and beside it was a rough table where some men with papers took particulars. Red Cross and St John nurses and some civilian volunteers met and went round with the relatives ... it was a hideous nightmare.

Only small groups were allowed in at a time, mercifully. I went with a man and his wife first. They looked desolate, exhausted, with red-rimmed eyes and haggard faces. They were looking for a sister-in-law. They had seen all these coffins but more were being brought in and they hung round waiting ...

There was a certain amount of organisation. The men's coffins were together and the women's and children's at the other side of the line. As each were identified, it was our duty to put the name of the body and the identifier on the coffin, and men moved it to the side, where they were put until the relatives removed them for burial ...

... I had seen many dead, but they had died in hospital beds, their eyes had been reverently closed, their hands crossed on their breasts: death had, to a certain extent, been glossed over, made decent. It was solemn, tragic, dignified. Here it was grotesque, repulsive, horrible. No attendant nurse had soothed the last moments of these victims, no gentle reverend hands had closed those eyes nor crossed those arms. With tangled hair, staring eyes, clutching hands, contorted limbs, their grey green faces covered with dust they lay, bundled into the coffins, half-shrouded in rugs or blankets or an occasional sheet, still wearing their dirty torn twisted garments. Death should be dignified, peaceful. Hitler had made even death grotesque ...

I came away drawing deep breaths of fresh air. So this was the result of a Blitz. I had heard of it, pictured it, now seen it. I saw in my mind's eye the grey green faces of children, one in a coffin with its mother and the bare foot of a little child, and I heard the voice of a woman in my ears asking for a child, a little boy in 'velvet trousers'. I tried not to think of it and to think of 'whatsoever things are good, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report' ... birds, flowers, beautiful skies and seas. Hitler could not distort this'.

**CAB.3A: H.A.53: THE WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICE FOR CIVIL DEFENCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND, 1941-7**

The Women's Voluntary Service for Civil Defence was inaugurated in Northern Ireland in January 1941 at the request of the then Minister for Public Security, Major J C MacDermott. The president was the Duchess of Abercorn and the chairman was Lady Gladys Stronge. Like its counterpart in Great Britain, with whom it was closely identified, the WVS was set up for the purpose of enlisting and training full- and part-time voluntary workers who would act as auxiliaries to the existing Civil Defence authorities. There was a WVS centre attached to every local authority in the Province and in the county boroughs of Belfast and Londonderry. In all, there were 22 centres which were supervised by a county organiser who was responsible for the efficient running of the centre.

Within a few weeks of the establishment of the WVS, Belfast was subjected to a series of air raids in April and May 1941, placing the fledgling organisation under considerable strain as it struggled to cope with the aftermath. The papers in CAB.3A/64 show that in the evacuation from Belfast which followed the air raids, 27,000 people passed through the Rest Centre at Dunmurry which was on the main exodus route out of the city. This centre stayed open 24 hours a day for several weeks in order to cope with the demands put on it. (The BEM was later awarded to Mrs Dunlop Cunningham, the centre organiser, for her work at the time of the Blitz). Some 7000 blitzed persons, many clad only in their sleeping attire, were clothed 'from the skin out' following the air raids in Belfast. Hundreds of women rushed to join up when they saw the devastation and suffering and membership reached a peak of 19,000.

The WVS volunteers helped out at Rest Centres, Emergency Feeding Centres and at the ARP posts. They transported food and clothing and ferried the old and infirm away from the danger zones and into

the country. With the withdrawal of the basic petrol ration in the summer of 1942, the WVS ran a Volunteer Car Pool providing emergency transport for the day-to-day use of local government officials and other dignitaries. They also assumed responsibility for storing, caring for and dispensing the large numbers of gifts of clothing, foodstuffs, canteens, feeding equipment and cash which found their way to Northern Ireland, having been received by the WVS in Great Britain from overseas donors. The files H.A.53/1-2 reflect the generosity of the people of the United States of America and Canada. The principal donors were the Canadian and American Red Cross, The Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, The Kinsmen's Club of Canada and the citizens of Toronto (through the *Toronto Evening Telegram*). Gifts also came from the British War Relief Society of Northern and Southern California and Bundles for Britain.

By late 1941 the threat of air raids on Belfast was much reduced and air raid duties were no longer required, but WVS efforts were then concentrated in other areas such as the salvage and recycling of waste-paper and clothing. Much time and effort was also spent in the making of camouflage nets and by the end of 1944, 8500 of these had been made. Considerable energy also went into the collection and distribution of fresh vegetables which were used to supplement the rations of the crews of trawlers and escort vessels calling at Northern Ireland ports. Home produced fruit was also harvested and made into jam for sale to the public.

During quiet periods the WVS collected for the Red Cross 'Penny A Week Fund' and the Agricultural Fund. Its members were also very active in the Board of Trade's 'Make Do and Mend' and thrift campaigns. When evacuees arrived in Northern Ireland from Gibraltar in the summer of 1944, women from the WVS were at the docks to distribute milk and biscuits and to accompany them in trains and buses to the evacuation camps where they handed out much-needed clothes to the refugees.

The WVS influence spread beyond the confines of Northern Ireland when, in 1944, 20 volunteers were sent to London for the month of September to help alleviate the strain imposed on the WVS there by the flying-bomb campaign.

The contribution made by the WVS was acknowledged when the OBE was conferred on Lady Stronge for her services to the organisation. On 30 June 1946, the organisation was stood down to a reserve basis and its work came to an end in March 1947.

## 4. MEDICINE AND HEALTH

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
CAB.3		War History of Northern Ireland: Official Papers.  This includes material on the role of women in the war effort, in the Services, war-related industries, civil defence and nursing, as may be seen from the sample below:
CAB.3A/64	1929-45	Civil defence: operation of the fire services, Women's Voluntary Service, medical and casualty services.
CAB.3A/73	ND	Typewritten account of the Civil Defence Nursing Reserve.
CAB.4/252	18 Mar. 1930	Maternity and child health provision: postponement of decision by Northern Ireland Cabinet on improving provision for.
ED.13/1/160	1936-9	File of general correspondence about nurses' educational qualifications.
FIN.18/10/445	1930	File containing papers relating to an application by the Women's League of Health and Beauty for exemption from Entertainment Tax.
H.L.G.1	1937-63	Files relating to training of nurses, child welfare, function of hospital services in time of war.
H.S.S. 27/39	1946-52	Belfast Corporation Housing Inquiry (1953), into irregularities in the allocation of Corporation houses: case of Annie Copeland.
P.M.2/1/18/1-5	1924	Letters from Edith Adams, Cardiff, complaining of ill-health caused by behaviour of Irish Free State soldiers and requesting assistance in obtaining treatment.
P.M.9/21	1928	File of letters of Lord Craigavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, including references to possible visit of HRH Princess Mary to open the Samaritan hospital, Belfast.
L.A.60 add.	1942-8	Minute books of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee of Newtownards Borough Council.

D.562/109	1767	Hospital referred to in letter from Viscountess Massereene to Lord Massereene.
D.1071 J/G	1885-1935	Papers of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund for the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India. [ <i>See also</i> Major Collections]
D.1231/M	c.1916-1918	Lady Hermione Blackwood's letters to her mother recounting her experiences as a nurse in France in the First World War.
D.1269/1	c.1910	Two photographs of UVF Nursing Corps.
D.1326/11, Bundle 7	1888-1915	Papers of the Belfast Maternity Hospital. Rules and bye-laws; rules and application forms for nurses; reports; memorandum and articles of association; correspondence; tracing. Also, scheme relating to educational endowments: the Ladies' Industrial School, Belfast.
D.1326/11, 8	1901-36	Copy draft deeds, correspondence, case papers and plan Bundle for incorporated Belfast Maternity Hospital, comprising lands at Duncairn Street, Clifton Street and Townsend Street, Belfast.
D.1326/11, Bundle 9	1855-1902	Copy deed, map and note of incorporated Belfast Maternity Hospital, Old Lodge Road, Crumlin Road, Court Street area, Belfast.
D.1326/11, Bundle 10  Belfast property and	1931	A Bill, affidavit of service of bill for incorporated Belfast Maternity Hospital and Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. To enlarge the objects of the Royal Victoria Hospital and to provide for the dissolution of the incorporated Maternity Hospital and the application of the assets thereof.
D.1384	1851-2	Ann Jane Doody, Ballymena, died due to outbreak of cholera on emigrant ship from Liverpool to Australia.
D.1505	1897-1947	Papers of Larne District Nursing Society.
D.1548	1939-40: 1964	Letter from Dr Sydney Elizabeth Croskery in Aden to her family in Tunbridge Wells, describing her work as a medical missionary.
D.1630	1874-1958	Minutes, Annual Reports etc., of Belfast Society for Providing Nurses for the Sick Poor.

D.1840/1	1940	Photograph of members of Larne Nursing Society, with Duchess of Abercorn and Lady Dixon.
D.1862/G/4	1946-7	File of correspondence relating to A J Mulvey's attempts to obtain permission for Molly Buttgen (née McCann), a nurse in Germany, to visit her family in Beragh, Co. Tyrone. This file includes accounts by Molly Buttgen-McCann of her work as a nurse in post-war Germany.
D.1884/1/3-5	1907-22	Minutes and printed reports of the Omagh Branch of the Women's National Health Association, and pamphlets of the WNHA.
D.1943	1917	Papers relating to Red Cross Society in Russia.
D.1982/1	1916-18	Xerox copy of part of a book edited by Eva S McLaren on the history of the Scottish Women's Hospitals, Serbia during the First World War.
D.1982/2-3	1916-19	Album of photographs of the Scottish Women's Hospitals, Serbia, including: members of the nursing staff, an Italian officer, Serbian peasants. Also includes photographs taken in England by Lady Londonderry's Volunteer Drivers.
D.2109/8-12	1915-17	Five First World War nursing diaries of Miss Emma Duffin, Dunowen, Belfast.
D.2109/13	1939-41	Second World War nursing diary of Miss Emma Duffin, Dunowen, Belfast.
D.2160	c.1914	Photograph of UVF Nursing Corps exercise, possibly at Springhill, Moneymore, Co. Londonderry.
D.2418/1: T.2579	1960-65: 1961-8	Printed missionary newsletter from Dr Catherine M Young, a Scottish missionary, giving details of the medical work carried on at the Christian dispensary, Dandel Dhina, West Nepal.
D.2418/2	1969	As above but from Nasik, Maharashtra, India.
D.2479/1/1-9	1913-26	Diaries of Charlotte Despard. These include references to routine matters, contemporary political, social and moral issues, visits to various European locations, her work for the Women's Freedom League etc.



D.2479/1	1920	Diary of Mrs Charlotte Despard containing references to outbreak of diphtheria at children's home in the south of England, which she helped run.
D.2479/1	1924	Diary of Mrs Charlotte Despard containing reference to influenza epidemic in Dublin.
D.2488	1942-55	Letters from Sister Freda Crane, British General Hospital, Poona, India.
D.2496	1928-46	Minute books of Ahoghill, Cullybackey and Galgorm District Nursing Society.
D.2648	c.1840-1970	Papers of the Ulster Women's Christian Temperance Union (UWCTU) comprising: Executive and branch minute books; roll books; cash books; members' names and subscriptions; Annual Reports; correspondence; publications; photographs etc.
D.2784/18	1753	Book containing cookery and medicinal recipes of Mrs Anne Rogers, Dunaghey, Stranocum, Co. Antrim.
D.2936	1945-1969	Papers of Miss Felicitie Ferguson, of Newcastle, Co. Down, a nurse in Aden.
D.2960	1860	Diaries containing details about medicine and nursing.
D.3270/A/1-18	1924-51	Papers of Dr Nan Watson's career in medicine, politics and the Girl Guides' Association including: letters to various friends, colleagues, relatives.
D.3270/D/- D.3270/I/	1918-55	Correspondence regarding her missionary work, organisation of Brownies, Girl Guides, religious groups etc.
D.3270/J/1	c.1912-1918	Exercise books, examination results etc.
D.3270/K/1	c.1913-1960	Diaries mostly from her schooldays.
D.3270/L/1	c.1918-1924	Papers regarding her university career, lecture notes etc.
D.3270/2/1	c.1915-1950	c.1000 photographs of Dr Nan Watson's career in medicine, politics and the Girl Guides' Association.
D.3543/2/1	1964-77	Records of Northern Ireland Family Planning Association.
D.3612	1914-70	Reminiscences of Dr Florence Stewart at Queen's

University, Belfast, 1927-33 and as a General Practitioner in Northern Ireland, including work during the Second World War as a member of Woodvale First Aid Post.

D.3691/1-3	1960-84	Minutes of AGM and executive committee meetings of Belfast Women's Welfare Clinic/Family Planning Clinic, Lisburn Road, Belfast.
D.3691/4	1979-84	Financial statements and bank pass books of the Family Planning Clinic, Lisburn Road, Belfast.
D.3691/5	1972-83	Miscellaneous papers and correspondence of Belfast Women's Welfare Clinic/Family Planning Clinic.
D.3720 add.	1913-16	Nursing certificates of Miss Emma Craig.
D.3757	c.1912	Prospectus for training courses for children's nurses at Belfast Babies' Home.
D.3878	1970-89	Records of the Samaritan Hospital Ladies' Guild Committee, Belfast, comprising: minute books and notebook of members' attendance and expenses.
D.3892	c.1915-1918:	51 photographs taken by Nurse Jean Montgomery
photographs of	c.1950	QAIMNA(R), showing nurses and patients in English hospitals during the First World War; also Tel Aviv, Israel.
T.763	1743-4	Rental relating to clergy widows' hospital.
T.1804/1	1913-14	Ten photographs. 2nd Battalion South Down regiment and UVF Nursing Corps at Mourne Park, Kilkeel, Co. Down.
T.2398	1945-9	Letters from Dr Agatha R Crawford to her parents in Belfast from various towns in India, the College of Chinese Studies, Peiping, China and Moukden Medical College, China.
T.2921/1/10	1834-1933	Correspondence of the Workman family, Newtownbreda Manse, Belfast, principally between Robert Workman and his wife, Sarah (née Davis). Topics include: social and domestic matters, health, travel abroad and devotional interests.
T.3256	1652	Volume of medicinal and cookery recipes.

T.3338	1896	Typescript report of Cushendall Cottage Hospital House of Rest and District Nursing Association.
T.3376/1	c.1914	Ten photographs. UVF Nursing Corps and Boy Scouts.
MIC.328	1878-1972	Autobiography of Professor C H G Macafee, Professor of Midwifery and Gynaecology at Queen's University, Belfast, 1945-63.

## 5. HOUSEHOLD AND FAMILY

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
CAB.4/140, 142, Ireland, Causes Bill	1925-39 284, 400, 403, 411	Discussions by the Northern Ireland Cabinet relating to proposed changes to divorce laws in Northern Ireland culminating in approval of the Matrimonial (NI), 1939.
CAB.4/252	18 Mar. 1930	Maternity and child health provision: postponement of decision by Northern Ireland Cabinet on improving provision for.
CAB.9B/275	1952	Married Women (Restraint upon Anticipation) Bill (NI), to remove restrictions on disposal of women's property.
H.S.S. 27/39	1946-52	Belfast Corporation Housing Inquiry (1953), into irregularities in the allocation of Corporation houses: case of Annie Copeland.
P.M.2	1921-43	Department of the Prime Minister: Correspondence, 1921-43. This includes numerous applications by women, many of them widows from the First World War, seeking the Prime Minister's patronage in obtaining employment, financial assistance etc.
B.G.7/A/3	Aug. 1843	Belfast Board of Guardians' Minute Book. Details of the appointment of Miss Jane Wylie... 'as Superintendent to the industrial training of female pauper children in the workhouse at a salary of £15 <i>per annum</i> with apartments and board as usual for other officers'.
CURC.2	1989	Printed publications of the Northern Ireland Curriculum Council, including Nursery Education Guidelines.
L.A.60 add.	1942-8	Minute books of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee of Newtownards Borough Council.
D.207/Bundle 20	1811	Dublin Orphan House (Female): accounts.
D.211	12 Aug. 1871	Grant of Admon. Intestacy Cecilia Venner, Cork Abbey, Bray.
D.420/1	1888	Equity papers. Armagh Grant (I) Eliza Costello, Aughyoule, Co. Fermanagh.

D.623/B/15/1-8 late	1830: 1833:	Half-box of annuities by way of rent-charge to Mrs 1838 Frances Hawkins/Maguire, the former mistress of the 1st Marquess of Abercorn, and to his illegitimate children by her, including thank-you letters from the latter to the 1st Duke of Abercorn.
D.671/A38/11	1928-9	Inventory and valuation of Murlough House, Co. Down by Lady Downshire.
D.859/61	1764	Schedule of Alicia Caulfield's jewels.
D.906/6	1756	Marriage settlement between Rev. Kane Percival and Sarah Corbet, Dublin city.
D.906/364	1857	Reminiscences by the wife of an Army officer describing a journey by herself and her children through hostile country between Rawalpindi and Umballa, India.
D.929/HA12/ F1/2/16	1722	Grant of annuity as part of marriage settlement (in trust for Dame Arabella Adair).
D.937	1842-95	Rainey Charity, Downpatrick, Co. Down: account book of widows' fund.
D.1006 add.	1884-1932	Letters to Anne Wakefield Richardson from her sister and various friends, including one from Lord Aberdeen.
D.1071 H/B/D	6 and 21 Aug. 1880	Letters to her old friend, Lord Dufferin from the Countess of Dartrey, a witty society lady, in which she ridiculed the second marriage of the famous philanthropist, Lady Burdett-Coutts:
parentage...! She two years love of was never out <i>maitre</i> , and she of money, this Spring dismissed him. <i>She</i> youthful swain [She] ever met the likelihood as Sarah		'The chief social topic is the to be or not to be of Lady B Coutts' marriage to Mr A Bartlett, younger brother of the MP, aged 28 ... a good-looking and agreeable ... [but] very impudent snob of American is 66, and has, I hear grown more monstrous than ever the last and enhances her hideousness by her extraordinary dress and glaring colours and contrast. All last year, Irving the actor of her house and ordered everything in it quite <i>en air de</i> was nicknamed Lady Coutts Irving. She gave him large sums on one occasion, £10,000 all at once. But when she took up with young A Bartlett, she quarrelled with Irving and ... <i>denies the marriage</i> , but ... [still] goes out riding with her ... [who is to receive] £350,000 in cash on the wedding day. ... says his is the only <i>perfectly disinterested affection</i> she has with...! She consulted the Archbishop of Canterbury as to of her having a family, saying she was precisely the same age when Isaac was born!'

D.1071 J	1754-1938	Papers of Hariot, Lady Dufferin comprising: personal and family correspondence; journals and photographs of her travels with Lord Dufferin on diplomatic missions to Russia, Turkey, Egypt, Italy and France, and as Governor General of Canada and Viceroy of India.
D.1071 J/A/23	Aug. 1914	Two letters from Lady Victoria Plunket to her mother, Hariot, Dowager Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, concerning the outbreak of war and its effect on her domestic affairs.
D.1071 J/G	1885-1935	Papers of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund for the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India.
D.1071 J/H	1900-16	Papers of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, Ulster District, of which Hariot, Lady Dufferin was President and Treasurer.
D.1326/11, Bundle 7	1888-1915	Papers of the Belfast Maternity Hospital. Rules and bye-laws; rules and application forms for nurses; reports; memorandum and articles of association; correspondence; tracing. Also, scheme relating to educational endowments: the Ladies' Industrial School, Belfast.
D.1326/11, Bundle 8	1901-36	Copy draft deeds, correspondence, case papers and plan for incorporated Belfast Maternity Hospital, comprising lands at Duncairn Street, Clifton Street and Townsend Street, Belfast.
D.1326/11, Bundle 9	1855-1902	Copy deed, map and note of incorporated Belfast Maternity Hospital, Old Lodge Road, Crumlin Road, Court Street area, Belfast.
D.1326/11, Bundle 10	1931	A Bill, affidavit of service of bill for incorporated Belfast Maternity Hospital and Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. To enlarge the objects of the Royal Victoria Hospital and to provide for the dissolution of the incorporated Maternity Hospital and the application of the assets thereof.
Belfast property and		
D.1514/1/4	1564-1776	Manuscript list of divorces and annulments for adultery and impotency granted by the Commissariat of Edinburgh.
D.1749	1882	Probate and copy will of Mary S Young, Drumrush House, Co. Fermanagh.
D.1853	1910-30	Papers and correspondence of Miss J Cunningham, Dromore, Co. Down including family photograph album, postcards, newspaper cuttings and correspondence

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D.1905/2/30/5	1938	James Sweeney & Co., shoe and boot manufacturer, Londonderry city, testamentary case papers etc., concerning the estate of James Sweeney, deceased, in the case of Anna Maria Sweeney v Joseph Sweeney.
D.1917/7A	1942	Letter to Mrs E Whitla from her nephew in a German prisoner of war camp.
D.1928/T/2/22	1892	Documents relating to an agreement for return of plate and jewels of Emily Anne, Lady Lurgan, to family possession as required under the conditions of her marriage settlement.
D.2061	2 Apr. 1835	Probate and copy will of Miss Mary Vowell, Clyda, near Mallow, Co. Cork.
D.2072	1934-49	Minute book of the Belfast Midnight Mission for unmarried mothers, Belfast.
D.2109 add.	c.1925-1954	Correspondence, newspaper cuttings etc., relating to public life and welfare work of Emma Duffin, Hon. Secretary of Belfast Council of Social Welfare, 1933-53.
D.2182	1883-1915	Typescript schedule of deeds relating to Irish property of Mrs Letitia Sarah Bomford, mortgaged to Colonel Charles Edmund Fisher.
D.2479/1/1-9	1913-26	Diaries of Charlotte Despard. These include references to her interest in unmarried mothers, contemporary political, social and moral issues, visits to various European locations, her work for the Women's Freedom League etc.
D.2479/2/1-46	1928-35	Correspondence of Charlotte Despard on a wide range of issues, arrangements for talks, trips etc.
D.2532	1880	Probate copy of will of Viscountess Dungannon.
D.2577	1842-9	Personal and domestic account books and receipts of Lady Harriet Forde, Hollymount, Co. Down, eg discount books for baker, butcher, soap and candles etc.

D.2648	c.1840-1970	Papers of the Ulster Women's Christian Temperance Union (UWCTU) comprising: Executive and branch minute books; roll books; cash books; members' names and subscriptions; Annual Reports; correspondence; publications; photographs etc.
D.2722	1817-53	Servants' wages book of Martin family, Kilmacrew, Co. Down.
D.2750	1921-8	Letters from Elsie Hodgkin to her parents in Belfast.
D.2753	1888	Divorce papers of R McClintock, Londonderry.
D.2784/18	1753	Book containing cookery and medicinal recipes of Mrs Anne Rogers, Dunaghey, Stranocum, Co. Antrim.
D.2806	1921-65: 1937-65	c.12,000 family case files of the Belfast Council of Social Welfare. c.7000 advice cases of the Belfast Council of Social Welfare including divorce.
D.2846/1/14-15	1916-17	Tradesmen's accounts to Theresa, Lady Londonderry.
D.2846/2	1874-1919	Box files of letters to Theresa, Lady Londonderry, including: correspondence from Lord Londonderry and other family members; the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII (1896-1908); British and foreign royalty, Kaiser Wilhelm; the Duke and Duchess of York, later George V and Queen Mary (1892-1918); military and naval dignitaries; bishops; eminent politicians; artists etc. [See also Major Collections]
D.2847/1	26 Oct. 1892	Copy of the copy will and probate of Mrs Eliza Gilmore (née Williams), Holywood, Co. Down. Will dated 5 December 1877.
D.2922/G/6	1912	Typescript inventory of furniture, pictures, silver etc., in Miss Emerson Tennent's house at Thurlow Square, London.
D.2966/73	1944	Two pamphlets of the Central Council of Parents' Associations (Northern Ireland).
D.3000/47	c.1950	Letters from Jane Lowry (née Stitt) to her daughter, describing her childhood in Comber, Co. Down.
D.3030/T3-4	1794-1821	Two volumes of typescript copy letters from Lord Castlereagh to his wife, during their frequent periods of enforced separation. These are mainly of a personal



		nature, but include occasional allusions to current events. The most surprising aspect of these letters is their and affection, as they create a picture of Castlereagh's character which is in sharp contrast with the oft-quoted assessments pronounced by his associates in public life. The man who was described by Cornwallis as 'so cold that nothing can warm him', and by Napoleon's plenipotentiary at Châtillon as 'passionless', emerges as one possessed of an impish sense of humour and capable of both inspiring and entertaining strong and lasting affection.
warmth		
D.3053/1	1682-1906	Includes marriage settlements of the Dawson family.
D.3249/1	1804	Marriage settlement of Thomas D'Arcy and Elizabeth Ann Buchanan.
D.3312 add.	1982	Abbreviated version of Dr A P W Malcomson's book <i>The Pursuit of the Heiress: Aristocratic Marriage in Ireland, 1750-1820.</i>
D.3315	c.1939-c.1970	Correspondence and reports of the Belfast Branch and the Northern Ireland Area Committee of the Nursery School Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
D.3370/1	1970-87	Minute books, committee minutes, AGM minutes, National Council Committee of Management of the National Council for the Single Woman and her Dependents.
D.3370/2	1965-88	Correspondence.
D.3370/3/1-16	1970-88	Annual Reports and financial statements.
D.3370/4/1-14	1980-88	Newsletters.
D.3370/5/1-18	c.1970-1978	Printed reports and publications.
D.3370/6/1	1969-79	Scrapbook of newspaper cuttings.
D.3410	1769-1834	Title deeds relating to a trust set up by Clotworthy Upton, 1st Baron Templeton, for his natural children, involving 20,000 acres of land in New York Province, and including a marriage settlement of Clotworthy Upton Jnr and Miss Eliza Walton, 1805.
D.3539/1-2 'Jennymount',	1826-30:	Household account book and recipe book of Alicia Thomson, wife of Robert Thomson, Belfast.

D.3543/2/1	1964-77	Records of Northern Ireland Family Planning Association.
D.3580	c.1810-1822	Personal papers including recipes and tradesmen's accounts of Mrs Anne Torrens, Dublin and Derrynoyd, Co. Londonderry.
D.3590/H	1855-98	Box of c.300 family and personal letters to Mary, daughter of James Higginson of Rockport, Co. Antrim (and wife of her cousin Charles Henry Higginson).
D.3590/J	1855-98	Box of c.200 family and personal letters, together with c.six volumes or clutches of journals, diaries etc., kept by Mrs Higginson, some of them describing voyages to or from Mauritius.
D.3590/K-L	1886-1904	Two boxes containing c.500 letters to Mrs Higginson and other members of the family, from her sons, Charles Henry Berkeley, Archibald James Macauley, Gordon Shakespeare and William Higginson, all of whom served, and two of whom died, overseas in the army or the police; the letters are from Canada, India and South Africa, and include details of the Punjab frontier campaigns of the late 1890s and of the 2nd Boer War.
D.3590/M	1894-8	Box containing c.50 letters to Mrs Higginson and other members of the family from her daughter, Agnes Shakespeare <i>alias</i> Nesta (the pseudonymous poetess 'Moira O'Neill') and son-in-law Walter Claremont Skrine, mostly describing the Skrines' life as ranchers at High River, Alberta, Canada.
D.3606	1910-65	Records of the Victoria Homes for Destitute Little Girls and Shamrock Lodge Industrial School, Belfast, managed by Belfast Women's Temperance Association.
D.3618/D/6/10A	1864	Sheet containing daguerrotype photographs of an Irish female, immigrant servant in USA.
D.3618 add.	1861-[1865?]	Extracts from diaries of Rev. Cavendish Foster, covering Lady Elizabeth Foster's separation from her husband, John Thomas Foster.
D.3642	1897-1910	Staff wages book (domestic?) for the home of the Davidson family, 'Seacourt', Bangor, Co. Down.
D.3659 add.	1916-41	Personal account book of Mrs E I Adams.

D.3691/1-3	1960-84	Minutes of AGM and executive committee meetings of Belfast Women's Welfare Clinic/Family Planning Clinic, Lisburn Road, Belfast.
D.3691/4	1979-84	Financial statements and bank pass books of the Family Planning Clinic, Lisburn Road, Belfast.
D.3691/5	1972-83	Miscellaneous papers and correspondence of the Belfast Women's Welfare Clinic/Family Planning Clinic, Belfast.
D.3720 add.	1888-1903	Papers relating to the litigation between the Craig family, Ballyrickardmore, Co. Antrim, and Miss Eliza Watson, Islandmagee, Co. Antrim.
D.3739	1890-91	Diary of Mrs Elizabeth Holmes (née Delacherois Crommelin), wife of Rev. J G Holmes. Written at Downpatrick, Co. Down after her husband's death, containing details of social and domestic life.
D.3739 Cushendun,	1900-32	Diary written during above times with her daughters in Bedford, England. Includes autobiographical memoir of her life in Belfast, Rosstrevor, Co. Down and Co. Antrim.
D.3757	c.1912	Prospectus for training courses for children's nurses at Belfast Babies' Home.
D.3763/1	1863	Marriage settlement between Jackson Hawksby of Ballymote, Co. Sligo and Elizabeth Ballan, Ballyfarnon, Co. Roscommon.
D.3764	1917	The War-Time Cookery Book.
D.3790	1850	Marriage settlement between Captain George McClintock, Drumcan, Co. Louth and Catherine Stronge, Tynan Abbey, Co. Armagh.
D.3838	1921-73	Papers of Roberta Hewitt (née Black), wife of the poet John Hewitt, relating to her work as secretary of the Belfast Peace League, as an activist in the Labour Movement and her involvement in the growth of nursery schools.
T.763	1743-4	Rental relating to clergy widows' hospital.
T.1053	1783-1863	Antrim Presbytery Widows' Fund: Minutes

T.1562: MIC.42	1859-84	Clogher Diocesan Widows' Fund Society, rules and Annual Reports.
T.1850	1897-9	Emigrant letters from Elizabeth Fleming, Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, to her cousin in Belfast, concerning family affairs.
T.2279	1769	Volume of recipes compiled by Elizabeth Nicholson.
T.2854	1790-1829	Servants' and labourers' account book giving details of hiring and discharging servants on estate of Rev. Dr J Story, Clogher, Co. Tyrone.
T.2905	1764-81	Letters to 3rd Duke of Portland from 5th Viscount Gormanston and his wife concerning arrangements for a separation.
T.2921/1/10	1834-1933	Correspondence of the Workman family, Newtownbreda Manse, Belfast, principally between Robert Workman and his wife, Sarah (née Davis). Topics include social and domestic matters, health, travel abroad and devotional interests.
T.3028/B/9	1863	Letter about Irish housemaids in America.
T.3256	1652	Volume of medicinal and cookery recipes.
T.3459/D & /F	1806-25	Letters from and about mistresses and natural children of 1st Earl of Donoughmore.
T.3650	1826-47	Letters from emancipated convicts, New South Wales, Australia, to wives in Ireland.
T.3691	1799	Extracts from the House of Lords' Journals relating to the Abercorn Divorce Bill, 1799, along with manuscript petition, Divorce Bill and Consistory Court proceedings filed in the House of Lords Main Paper series. John James Hamilton, 1st Marquess of Abercorn v his second wife [Cecil?] on grounds of her adultery.
T.3764	1878-83	Transcribed diary of Eliza Corscadden, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim, detailing experiences during the Land War in Leitrim.

MIC.238	1759-1821	36 vols. Mid 19th century copies of letters written to Lady Sarah Bunbury, largely from her sister, including account of her running away from her husband and remarrying.
MIC.328	1878-1972	Autobiography of Professor C H G Macafee, Professor of Midwifery and Gynaecology at Queen's University, Belfast, 1945-63.
MIC.432	1771-1801	Wives' certificate book of the Benevolent Annuity Co., Dublin, containing statements of wives' married status.
Tp.29	1983	Tape of BBC radio programme 'Pursuit of the Heiress'.

## 6. TRAVEL, INCLUDING EMIGRATION

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
D.648/9	1890-1921	Register of Girls' Friendly Society sponsored emigrants from Cos Antrim, Armagh, Down, Londonderry etc., to USA, Canada and Australia.
D.906/365/1	1850	Account of an Irish woman's visit to London.
D.906/394	1857	Reminiscences written by the wife of an Army officer describing a journey by herself and her children through hostile country between Rawalpindi and Umballa, India.
D.1047/1	1853	Emigrant letter from Mrs Jane Fleming, USA, to Mr McVitty, Bundoran area, Co. Donegal.
D.1047/2	1856	Letter from Margaret Johnston, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, to her brother in Ireland.
D.1071 J	1754-1938	Papers of Harriot, Lady Dufferin comprising: personal and family correspondence; journals and photographs of her travels with Lord Dufferin on diplomatic missions to Russia, Turkey, Egypt, Italy and France, and as Governor General of Canada and Viceroy of India: papers of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund (National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India), 1885-1935; papers of the Soldiers' and Sailors' families' Association, Ulster District, 1900-16.
D.1231/M	c.1916-1918	Lady Hermione Blackwood's letters to her mother recounting her experiences as a nurse in France in the First World War.
D.1270	1851	Letter from Mrs Whitelaw, Lebanon, to her nephew in Pennsylvania, USA.
D.1384	1851-2	Emigrant letters from a married sister of the Doody family, Ballymena, to Margaret Fuller in Adelaide, Australia: includes news that Ann Jane Doody died of cholera on the voyage from Liverpool to Australia.
D.1415/C	1929-50	Diaries and photograph albums of Lady Craig, later Viscountess Craigavon, wife of the first Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, recording cruises taken by the Craigavons.

D.1548	1939-40: 1964	Letters from Dr Sydney Elizabeth Croskery in Aden to her family in Tunbridge Wells, describing her work as a medical missionary.
D.1618/18/12	1920	Quarto exercise book containing reminiscences [of Emma Georgiana, wife of the 6th Earl of Castle Stewart and daughter of Gen. Arthur Stevens of the Madras Staff Corps]. The reminiscences begin with a description of life in India.
D.1727	1904: 1907	Two letters from Emma Crook, Irish Presbyterian Mission, Manchuria.
D.1728	c.1800-c.1849	c.150 letters, most of which were received by Augusta, Selina and Harriet Kiernan of Killermogh, Queen's Co., in the 1820s and 1830s. They are strongly devotional in character, reflecting the Evangelical movement in the Church of Ireland. Among the correspondents are Rev. George Hamilton, rector of Killermogh, his wife, Sophia, and his daughter, Isabella, c.1808-1830; Rev. P Roe Morrison, a missionary in China, 1827-9; John discussing the feminine anti-slavery movement in 1828; Lady Olivia Sparrow, 1829-35; Lord Roden, 1822-54 and Augusta Kiernan herself, describing her journey to the West Country <i>via</i> Holyhead in 1820.
on Robert Campbell,		
D.1746	1860	Passport issued to Miss Anna McClure for travelling in Italy.
D.1771	1845	Emigrant letter from Miss Nancy Wightman, a teacher near Florence, Alabama, USA, to John Arnold.
D.1794	c.1900-c.1958	Five postcard albums and a small parcel of postcards, the collection of Miss Helena C Wallace. They include views of various European countries, Palestine, Egypt, local scenes, some battle scenes from the First World War, famous stage personalities, royal family etc.
D.1862/G/4	1946-7	File of correspondence relating to A J Mulvey's attempts to obtain permission for Molly Buttgen (née McCann), a nurse in Germany, to visit her family in Beragh, Co. Tyrone. This file includes accounts by Molly Buttgen-McCann of her work as a nurse in post-war Germany.
D.1944/9	c.1870	Log book kept by Mrs F Lemming of Bunrana, during an emigrant voyage to Australia.

D.1995	1809-27	Diary of Mary A Folliot, Boyle, Co. Roscommon, which includes descriptions of journeys to Bath, Gloucester, Cheltenham and Weymouth with a detailed account of the 1824 Weymouth storm.
D.2013	1821	Letter from Jane Agnew, New York, USA, to her uncle, Rev. William Stavely, Kellswater, Co. Antrim.
D.2418: T.2579	1960-65: 1961-8	Printed missionary newsletter from Dr Catherine M Young, giving details of the medical work carried on at the Christian dispensary, Dandel Dhina, West Nepal.
D.2418	1969	As above but from Nasik, Maharashtra, India.
D.2479/1/1-9	1913-26	Diaries of Charlotte Despard. These include references to the weather, contemporary political, social and moral issues, visits to various European locations, her work for the Women's Freedom League etc.
D.2479/2/1-46	1928-35	Correspondence on wide range of issues, arrangements for talks, trips etc.
D.2488	1942-55	Letters from Sister Freda Crane, British General Hospital, Poona, India.
D.2547/17	1907	Letter from Mrs Margaret Beeman, Broad Brook, Connecticut, USA.
D.2548	1757-1966	Includes:  Letters from Nora Gardner to her parents in Belfast, while she was staying with the Harck family in Berlin, 1898-9.  Letters from Hettie and Adelaide Gardner to their parents in Belfast, while Hettie was convalescing in Freemantle, and elsewhere in Australia, 1910-12.  Letter from Nora Gardner, Thusis, Switzerland to her mother in Belfast describing her travels, 1899.  Notes by Elinor Gardner of tour of Austria, Germany and Hungary with the Soroptomists, 1936.  Manuscript account, written 1915 by Nora Gardner, describing the atmosphere in Germany at the outbreak of war and the difficulty of returning home to England.



D.2758 add.	1937-9	Papers and letters of Miss G Delap Stevenson, a journalist in India.
D.2826	1888	Diaries of Edith Richardson, Co. Armagh, of her travels in Palestine.
D.2841	c.1951-1958	Diaries of Mrs Edith McNutt, Bangor, Co. Down, describing visits to various countries.
D.2936	1859-1965	Papers of Miss Felicitie Ferguson of Newcastle, Co. Down comprising: diaries, photographs etc., and correspondence from Miss Ferguson to her family during a tour of duty as a nurse in Aden.
D.2981/3	1891	Letter from Ellen Treanor, New York, USA.
D.3044/D	1881-95	Diaries of Miss Mary Meade giving accounts of holidays on the Continent.
D.3044/L	1852-7	Diary of Lady Georgiana Caroline Crefell of travel abroad.
D.3270/D/- D.3270/I/	1918-55	Correspondence regarding Dr Nan Watson' missionary work, organisation of Brownies, Girl Guides, religious groups etc.
D.3270/N/1-3	1940-50	Papers regarding army career of Dr Nan Watson.
D.3270/O/1- D.3270/R/1-3	1915-50	Cards, religious leaflets and photographs of Dr Nan Watson.
D.3270/2/1	c.1915-1950	c.1000 photographs of Dr Nan Watson's career in medicine, politics and the Girl Guides' Association.
D.3513/3/2	1856	Diary of Margaret Steele Nicholson, Dublin, describing a voyage to Constantinople through the Mediterranean.
D.3549	1843	Diary of Catherine Fitzgerald, wife of Edward Symes Bayley, Ballyarthur, Co. Cork, describing trips to England and the Continent.
D.3549	1858	Typescript extract of Catherine Fitzgerald's diary describing a visit by the Prince of Wales to Valencia, Co. Kerry.
D.3574 add.	1939-42	Diary kept by Barbara Marjoribanks Egerton, during the Second World War in Malta.

D.3590/J	1855-98	Box of c.200 family and personal letters, together with c. six volumes or clutches of journals, diaries etc., kept by Mrs Higginson, of Rockport, Co. Antrim, some of them describing voyages to or from Mauritius.
D.3590/K-L	1886-1904	Two boxes containing c.500 letters to Mrs Higginson and other members of the family from her sons, Charles Henry Berkeley, Archibald James Macauley, Gordon Shake speare and William Higginson, all of whom served and two of whom died overseas in the army or the police; the letters are from Canada, India and South Africa, and include details of the Punjab frontier campaigns of the late 1890s and of the 2nd Boer War.
D.3590/M	1894-8	Box containing c.50 letters to Mrs Higginson and other members of the family from her daughter, Agnes Shakespear <i>alias</i> Nesta (the pseudonymous poetess O'Neill) and son-in-law Walter Claremont Skrine, mostly describing the Skrines' life as ranchers at High River, Alberta, Canada.
D.3618	1850-90	Printed material and correspondence of Vere Foster relating to aspects of emigration to USA and Canada including: abuse and status of female emigrants to USA; sheet containing daguerrotype photographs of an female, immigrant servant in USA, 1864, 10A) etc.
Irish (D.3618/D16/		
D.3751	1847	Letter from Martha Gamble, Philadelphia, USA, to her brother John Gamble in Dungiven, Co. Londonderry.
D.3821	1895	Diary of Adelaide R Palmer recording details of her trip (with her widowed mother) from New York, USA, via London, England, to Tanderagee, Co. Armagh, before embarking for Europe.
T.1638/14A/2	1816	Diary of Mrs John Montgomery (née Jane Ferguson) of Benvardeen, Bushmills, Co. Antrim, describing a visit to Brussels.
/14A/4	1841	Diary of Mrs John Montgomery (née Jane Ferguson) of Benvardeen, Bushmills, Co. Antrim, describing a visit to Paris.
/14A/6-9	1843	Diary of Mrs John Montgomery (née Jane Ferguson) of Benvardeen, Bushmills, Co. Antrim, describing a visit to Rome.

T.1769/3	Dec. 1865-	Emigrant diary of Elizabeth Anketell relating to a voyage Apr. 1866to Australia.
T.1850	1897-9	Emigrant letters from Elizabeth Fleming, Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, to her cousin in Belfast, concerning family affairs.
T.1866/1	1868-1903	Letters from Miss Thompson, Wayside, Articlave, Co. Londonderry to Philadelphia, New York and Cincinnati, USA.
T.2207/11	Dec. 1935- Feb. 1936	Typescript copy of South African diary of Miss P Cowan.
T.2398	1945-9	Letters from Dr Agatha R Crawford to her parents in Belfast from various towns in India, the College of Chinese Studies, Peiping, China and Moukden Medical College, China.
T.2627/6/3	22 Dec. 1791	Letter about transportation of female convicts to Botany Bay, Australia.
T.2662	1819-20	Journal of Miss Christiana Gordon made while touring Ireland, England, France, Switzerland and Germany.
T.2678/6	1939-45	Diary of Una G Haldane, Milan, Italy, kept during the Second World War.
T.2858 add.	1870	Typed extracts of a diary kept by Isabella Grant during a voyage from London to New Zealand.
T.2874	1817	Reference to prostitutes in Liverpool in journal of Hugh Quin of his voyage from Portaferry, Co. Down, to New Orleans, USA.
T.2921/1/10	1834-1933	Correspondence of the Workman family, Newtownbreda Manse, Belfast, principally between Robert Workman and his wife, Sarah (née Davis). Topics include social and domestic matters, health, travel abroad and devotional interests.
T.3028/B/9	1863	Letter about Irish housemaids in America.
T.3238	1832: 1834	Typescript copies of two letters from Robert Chesney, Largy, Portglenone, Co. Antrim to his daughter

Jane McClure, Toronto, Canada.

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| T.3252 | 1823: 1850 | Two letters. One from Ann Crawford, Bombay, India, to her parents, Mr and Mrs John Gardner, Edinburgh, concerning missionary work; the other from Jane Mitchell, Bombay, India, to Rev. Alexander Crawford, Randalstown, Co. Antrim. |
| T.3645 | 1907       | Letter from Eliza Price, Clanabogan, Co. Tyrone to her niece, probably in Kansas, USA.   |
| T.3647 | 1811       | Letter from Mrs Holmes, Tullygoney, Co. Tyrone to her son, Robert, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.   |
| T.3650 | 1826-47    | Letters from emancipated convicts, New South Wales, Australia, to wives in Ireland.  |
| T.3664 | 1850       | Letter from Marianne Gurd, Montreal, Canada, to her sister in Edgeworthstown, Co. Longford.  |
| T.3755 | 1855       | Letter from Mary, Rosey and Ellen Fern[n] of Po'keepsie [New York?], USA to their cousin in Rosstrevor, Co. Down. Includes details of work, wages, living conditions etc.  |

**B.G.: WORKHOUSE RECORDS AS EVIDENCE OF THE ASSISTED EMIGRATION TO AUSTRALIA OF FEMALE ORPHAN PAUPERS, 1848-50**

One of the most curious episodes in the widely varied and interesting story of emigration to Australia from Ireland is that of the female orphan paupers who were sent from the workhouses of Ireland between 1848-50. Some 4000 young girls with no visible means of support, 'orphans' in the eyes of the Poor Law Guardians, were given free transport to Australia at the charge of the Unions from whose workhouses they were selected. The minute books and admission registers of the workhouses in Ulster which are held in PRONI (Ref B.G.) may be used to document the selection of female orphans and the preparations that were made for their journey across the world.

The interest of some workhouses in Ulster in reducing the growing numbers of children abandoned by their parents as the full effects of the Famine began to be felt in 1846-8 was initially attracted by a scheme which opened up the prospect of shipping them out to Canada. The administrators of workhouse policy were guardians of the public purse as well as of the inmates, and their task was to

make economic use of the Poor Law rates levied to fund the workhouse. In their view, and in that of the Poor Law Inspectors, orphans had to be considered residents and, therefore, long-term drains on public money. By February 1848 the workhouse orphan population under 15 was 56,361 and it was this growing problem that the assisted emigration from the workhouses, first to Canada and then to Australia, sought to alleviate. The Poor Law Commissioners had recommended, before the female orphans to Australia movement was instituted in 1848, that local Guardians should ‘send as emigrants to Canada, at the cost to the Electoral Division, anyone of the able-bodied inmates of the workhouse, especially females ... in this mode (continued Mr Edward Senior’s memorandum) some of the permanent deadweight in the workhouse may be got rid of at a cost to the E(lectoral) D(ivision) of about £5 or about one year’s cost of maintenance’.

It is worth pointing at this stage to the various definitions of ‘orphan’ which the workhouse authorities chose to operate under. For instance, among those who were directed to Canada from the workhouses of north Ulster were young single mothers and their children. And it is clear from the Admission Register entries of the females who ultimately found themselves aboard ship for Australia that ‘orphan’ relates to their inability to support themselves rather than merely signifying parentless. The classification of the 68,402 children in Irish workhouses described as ‘orphans’ in 1852 illustrates the breadth of this definition of ‘orphan’.

22,771	-	complete orphans
19,654	-	widows’ children (8399 unaccompanied)
7,191	-	widowers’ children (5443 unaccompanied)
4,431	-	illegitimate (1436 unaccompanied)
14,355	-	both parents alive but were unaccompanied in 5407 cases

Only 64 orphans were sent from Belfast. By far the best represented Ulster workhouse was Enniskillen, with 107. In fact, apart from Dublin and Skibbereen, Co. Cork, this was the largest number from any single workhouse in Ireland. The significant numbers from other workhouses in the south and west of Ulster which anticipates the strong links that are evident in the New South Wales immigration records in the post-1850 period between that part of Ulster and Australia. Armagh with 57; Cavan with 60; Lisnaskea with 44; Derry with 40; Cookstown with 33 and Dungannon and Donegal with 31 each comprise a considerable percentage of the 936 orphans who sailed from Ulster to Australia, 1848-50.

## **EMIGRANT LETTERS**

PRONI has some 3000 emigrant letters, very few of which were written by women. It is interesting, in fact, that one of the earliest emigrant letters relating to a woman's emigration is in fact a 'reverse' emigrant letter written from Ireland to New Zealand (Ref. T.3034/1). Ann McClelland left her family home in Moneymore, Co. Londonderry in 1840 and had gone direct to New Zealand, at a time when there was scarcely any emigration, male or female, to the colony. A letter from her mother, which eventually caught up with her in New Zealand, relates something of the shock of her precipitous departure and the worries of her mother.

'...I suffered after you went away, grieving night and day about you. I hoped you would have perhaps rued and changed your mind, when you would go to Liverpool, but alas to my sorrow you went on leaving me....As soon as possible write to me everything about you, both by sea and land, how you are fixed and if you met with friends since you left me...Sister Nancy longs greatly to hear from you. She intends to go to you if you give her the least encouragement. She would have went with the bearer of this letter, but she wished to wait for a letter from you as she did not know whether you got over safe or not, or where she might find you, but if this comes to hand she expects you will delay no time in writing fully and truly all you think and believe about the place as sister Nancy, brothers Samuel, Dilley [?] and Thomas Flack would be disposed to go if it was thought to be answerable...the Rev. Mr Campbell was grieved that he did know when you went...it is reported that the place is a wicked place and little or no clergy or public worship. Please tell us some of the particulars of the treatment of the voyage, and how you came on since, what you are doing and where you worship on Sunday. Also the customs and manners of the people, the climate, produce, trade, lands and prospects of this new colony...'.

Ann McClelland married John Veldt, a German cabinet maker, in Wellington, in 1843. They subsequently went to Valparaiso in Chile, came home to Moneymore for a few years, where several of their five children were born, and went back to New Zealand where Ann opened a millinery shop in Wellington about 1870.

## 7. SUFFRAGE AND THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
CAB.4/116-118 extend	June-July	Discussion by Northern Ireland Cabinet on the proposed 1924 application of the Franchise Bill (Westminster) [to female suffrage] to Northern Ireland.
BELF.1/1/2/45/8	1914	Belfast Crown File of Assize and Commission: Dorothy Evans and Madge Muir, possession of explosive substances. Both women were office-bearers in the Women's Social and Political Union, an organisation whose members took part in arson attacks and other outrages and had connections with the Militant Suffragettes.
D.1041/5	1943	Leaflet relating to National Conference of Women.
D.1071 H/B/C/ Aberdeen's Act, Councillors	20 June 1901	Letter to Frederick, Lord Dufferin, from Mabel Sharman 688/3 Crawford, appealing for his support for Lord Bill for the amendment of the London Government 1899 [in respect of the eligibility of women as and Aldermen]  '... I hope that should you be in London at this time you will give the women's cause embodied in the Bill, your support on that occasion'. [See also Major Collections]
D.2479/1/1-9	1913-26	Diaries of Charlotte Despard, suffragette leader and social reformer, including references to routine matters such as the weather, contemporary political, social and moral issues, eg National Council for Civil Liberties, visits to various European locations, her work for the Women's Freedom League etc.
D.2479/2/1-46	1928-35	Correspondence on wide range of issues, arrangements for talks, trips etc.
D.2479/3/1-19	1908-35	Pamphlets on various topics, including hymnsheet for funeral service of Emmeline Pankhurst.
D.3074/1/1	1903	Letter from Frank Sheehy Skeffington to 'Annie' which refers to the Irish Women's Suffrage Association.
D.3155	c.1914	Christmas card designed by Rosamund Praeger for the Irish Women's Suffrage Movement.

D.3987	1907	Letter from Charlotte Despard (suffragette leader and social reformer) to Stewart Ker explaining that since she came out of prison a week ago she has received a great many supportive letters, and that she is '...truly thankful to know that you are one of the noble band of men who with prophetic gaze upon the future, are seeking to join together men and women in the great work of social regeneration which, as you see, will never be accomplished by the one sex alone'.
T.2125/32	1976	Copies of documents used in PRONI exhibitions. Items used in the <i>Women's Suffrage in Ireland</i> exhibition, which include captions and copies of documents and newspaper cuttings.
T.3259 photograph	1911-75	Correspondence, photographs of badges, newspaper extracts, exhibition notes etc., relating to the Women's Suffrage Movement in Ireland including, photograph of a badge presented to Miss Margaret Robinson for her sentence as a suffragette, in Holloway Prison; of an Irish Women's Suffrage Society badge, worn by Miss Mina Smith.
T.3600	1980-81	Transcripts of interviews on radio and television with Monsignor A H Ryan in which he reminisces about people, events and issues his life has embraced including the struggle for women's suffrage.
Tp.33	1975	Interview with Miss Margaret Robinson about suffragette activities in Belfast.



## 8. THE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
FIN.18/10/445	1930	File containing papers relating to an application by the Women's League of Health and Beauty for exemption from Entertainment Tax.
FIN.19/8/3	1929	Letter from Lord Craigavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, to H M Pollock, Minister of Finance. The letter discusses the proposed purchase of a picture for the new Parliament Buildings at Stormont alleged to depict William III receiving the blessing of the Pope before battle of the Boyne. Mrs (later Dame) Dehra Parker suggested the purchase and offered to bid at auction behalf of the Northern Ireland Government. Lord Craigavon writes... 'I have the utmost confidence in her judgment. She is perfectly marvellous at picking up bargains of the kind'.
D.829	1911	Printed copy of poem <i>Sunset and Evening Bell, a _____ Memory</i> , by Mary Brett, Holywood, Co. Down.
D.1006/3/2/1-72	c.1890-c.1910	Papers of Helen Macnaghten, who was involved in the activities of the Gaelic League, and who was particularly interested in the revival of the Irish language.
D.1071 J	1754-1938	Papers of Hariot, Lady Dufferin comprising: personal and family correspondence; journals and photographs of her travels with Lord Dufferin on diplomatic missions to Russia, Turkey, Egypt, Italy and France, and as Governor General of Canada and Viceroy of India.
D.1501/1-6	c.1900	Six photographs. Musical comedy artists, including Mrs Agnes Tandy, Grand Theatre, Fulham.
D.1794	c.1900-c.1958	Five postcard albums and a small parcel of postcards, the collection of Miss Helena C Wallace. They include views of various European countries, Palestine, Egypt, local scenes, some battle scenes from the First World War, famous stage personalities, royal family etc.
D.1917/8A	c.1945	Book of war poems by E Whitla, Omagh, Co. Tyrone.
D.1917/9-10	1933-64	Poems by Mrs E Whitla dedicated to well-known people such as Winston Churchill and scrapbook containing newspaper cuttings and poems contributed by Mrs Whitla.

D.2479/4/1-9	c.1900	Novels, novelettes and notes for novels by C Despard.
D.2661 add.	1931-80	Papers of Miss M A McNeill, founder member and office-bearer in the Irish Association for Cultural, Economic and Social Relations.
D.2758 add.	1937-9	Papers and letters of Miss G Delap Stevenson, a journalist in India.
D.2846/2  including  etc.	1874-1919	Box files of letters to Theresa, Lady Londonderry, including: correspondence from Lord Londonderry and other family members; the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII (1896-1908); British and foreign royalty, Kaiser Wilhelm; the Duke and Duchess of York, later George V and Queen Mary (1892-1918); military and naval dignitaries; bishops; eminent politicians; artists  [See also Major Collections]
D.2958 add.	c.1930-1957	Papers, transcript and manuscript poems by Miss Adelaide Cochrane, Co. Donegal.
D.2990/1-4	1915-18	Notebooks and sketch pads of Ellen Ferguson while attending Marlborough Street Training College.
D.3099/3	1886-1962	Personal letters and papers of Edith Helen, wife of 7th Marquess of Londonderry. [See also Major Collections]
D.3152	1956-7	Correspondence relating to a memorial to Miss Rosamund Praeger, sculptress, founder member and benefactress of Hollywood Working Men's Club.
D.3155	c.1914	Christmas card designed by Rosamund Praeger for the Irish Women's Suffrage Movement.
D.3549	1878-1935	Diaries, sketch books, correspondence, newspaper cuttings etc., of Nina F Layard, archaeologist and antiquarian.
D.3590/M	1894-8	Box containing c.50 letters to Mrs Higginson of Rockport, Co. Antrim and other members of the family from her daughter, Agnes Shakespeare <i>alias</i> Nesta (the pseudonymous poetess 'Moira O'Neill') and son-in-law Walter Claremont Skrine, mostly describing the Skrines' life as ranchers at High River, Alberta, Canada.

D.3601	1662-1985	Papers of Miss Majorie K Lyle, insurance broker, local councillor, founder member of the Ulster Enterprise Voluntary Commission, member of the Ulster Unionist party and the Alliance party and historian.
D.3732	c.1950-1976	Papers of the late Miss M A McNeill mainly relating to her work as an historian.
D.3838	1921-73	Papers of Roberta Hewitt (née Black), wife of the poet John Hewitt, relating to her work as secretary of the Belfast Peace League, as an activist in the Labour Movement and her involvement in the growth of nursery schools.
D.3846	c.1906-1966	Papers of Dr Nesca Adeline Robb, distinguished Northern Ireland writer, Italian scholar and biographer of William III.
D.3866	1926-84	Records of the Drawing Room Circle, a women's literary entertainment group in Belfast.
T.1430	1883	Manuscript versions of 'Only a Snowdrop' and 'To Lizzie' by Ethna Carbery.
T.2032	c.1933-1960s	Letters from Dr Helen Waddell, writer and medieval historian to Miss Kathleen White, commenting on Waddell's publications. Also, obituary notices and newspaper cuttings about Waddell's death.
T.2331	1911-53	Paper of Dr Helen Waddell. Letter to 'My dears'; verses by Waddell entitled <i>Adoro Te Devote</i> ; Christmas card from Waddell with manuscript poem.
T.2508	c.1927-1938	Letters from Dr Helen Waddell to Sir William Rothenstein and Professor John L Lowes; musical compositions by Gustav Holst, with words by Waddell.
T.3254	1933-5	Autobiographical memoir of Sarah Allgood, Dublin actress.
T.3443/2	c.1745	Photograph of a sketch of Cootehill, Co. Cavan made by Kath[erine] Coote.
T.3720	c.1795-1798	Squibs hostile to Lord Clare, including poem about Lady Clare's affairs with Lord Ormonde and others.

MIC.147/Reel 10 (Vol. 21)(pp 106-109)	ND	Romantic verses on the death of Lady Dashwood by Countess Hardwicke.
Tp.19	1978	Tape-recording of a radio broadcast of a conversation between William Conor and Denis Ireland and an interview made by Mercy Hunter [Mercy McCann], with her husband George McCann and William Conor, 1978.
Tp.20	1965	Tape-recording of Judith Wilson's interviews about the Ulster artist William Conor, with various people such as Mercy Hunter, Rowel Friers, John Hewitt etc.

## 9. DIARIES, AUTOBIOGRAPHIES AND JOURNALS

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
D.1071 J	1754-1938	Papers of Harriot, Lady Dufferin comprising: personal and family correspondence; journals and photographs of her travels with Lord Dufferin on diplomatic missions to Russia, Turkey, Egypt, Italy and France, and as Governor General of Canada and Viceroy of India; papers of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund (National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India), 1885-1935; papers of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, Ulster District, 1900-16. [See also Major Collections]
D.1295/1 add.: D.1633 add.	1912	Fragments of early diaries of Lady Spender.
D.1415/C	1929-50	Diaries and photograph albums of Lady Craig, later Viscountess Craigavon, wife of the first Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, recording cruises taken by the Craigavons.
D.1558/2/3	1853-7	Diary of Rev. Anthony McIntyre, kept as a report to the Committee of the Domestic Mission to the Poor of Belfast, containing details of social conditions, prostitution etc., in Belfast.
		1853 Diary of visits to the poor of Belfast.
		'August 25 [1853]. Visited in Balmer's Court. Found that several here attend no place of worship. The reasons assigned for non infirmity and want of clothes. The latter the more common. I asked a young woman in No. 1 who had a sickly child on her knee, and who was diligently engaged in veining, how much she could earn in the week of that work- she replied from eighteen pence to two shillings. I inquired is this the only support you have for yourself and child? Answer, yes, this is all, and this child is very unwell this long time and greatly keeps me back - is seldom off my knee or out of my arms. I left tracts and promised to call again'.
D.1633/2	1899-1966	Diaries of Lilian, Lady Spender (née Dean), wife of Sir Wilfrid Spender, (Secretary to the Northern Ireland Cabinet, 1921-5, then Permanent Secretary to Ministry of Finance). Besides social and domestic matters, the diaries contain detail of periods of political significance. For example, for 1914-15 the diaries include political topics such as lectures on First Aid as part of the war effort, the UVF and gun-running, as well as comment on

prominent For		Ulster politicians and various aspects of political life. 1920-21, there is comment on conditions in Ireland, the B Specials, Sinn Fein, De Valera, the Treaty, the choosing of Northern Ireland's first Prime Minister, the Boundary question etc., while the diaries for 1938-45 comment on the national crisis, refugees etc.
D.1995	1809-27	Diary of Mary Anne Folliot, Boyle, Co. Roscommon. Includes description of journeys to Bath, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Weymouth, with detailed account of storm at Weymouth, 1824.
D.2109/8-12	1915-17	Five First World War nursing diaries of Miss Emma Duffin, Dunowen, Belfast.
D.2109/13	1939-41	Second World War nursing diary of Miss Emma Duffin, Dunowen, Belfast.
D.2109 add.	1910-54	Diaries of Maria Duffin.
D.2109 add.	1854-1921	Reminiscences of Maria Duffin.
D.2109 add.	1912-22	Diaries of Olive Duffin.
D.2109 add.	1892-1913	Transcribed extracts of diaries of Ruth Duffin.
D.2315	1892-1965	Personal diaries of Ethelind Gausson, (née Kennedy), Mullantean, Co. Tyrone.
D.2339	1892-1930	31 diaries of Mrs MacGregor [Greer?], wife of Thomas MacGregor Greer, daughter of Col James Corry Lowry of Rockdale, Co. Tyrone, written mainly at Rockdale and Tullylagan, Co. Tyrone or Seapark, Co. Antrim.
D.2339	1907:1914	Two diaries of Miss Fanny E Bushe, step-daughter of Col James Corry Lowry, Rockdale, Co. Tyrone.
D.2362 add.	1850-1929	Typescript copy notes of Helena Richardson, Moyallen, Co. Down, including extracts from her diary.
D.2479/1	1913-26	Diaries of Mrs Charlotte Despard, suffragette and social reformer, containing references to her various interests: suffrage; unemployment; charities; health and welfare; unmarried mothers; adult education; travel in Europe etc.
D.2548	1889: 1907	Personal diary belonging to [? Mrs Gardner], 1889, recording day-to-day events. Personal diary of Elinor Gardner, 1907.

D.2585	1920-69	Personal diaries of Mrs W J Strain, Belfast.
D.2758 add.	1944-9	Diaries of Miss Delap Stevenson, a journalist in India.
D.2826	1888	Diaries of Edith Richardson, Co. Armagh, of her travels in Palestine.
D.2841	c.1951-1958	Diaries of Mrs Edith McNutt, Bangor, Co. Down, describing visits to various countries.
D.2936	1958-65	Diaries of Miss Felicitie Ferguson, Newcastle, Co. Down, a nurse, during a tour of duty in Aden.
D.2960	1860	Diaries containing details about medicine and nursing.
D.3044/D	1881-95	Diaries of Miss Mary Meade giving accounts of holidays on the Continent.
D.3044/G	1831-58	Diaries of Elizabeth Meade, Lady of Clanwilliam.
D.3044/G/5	1603-19	Diary of Anne Clifford, Countess Pembroke.
D.3044/K	1865-6	Diaries of Lady Mary Meade.
D.3044/L	1852-7	Diary of Lady Georgina Caroline Grenfall.
D.3044/O	1881-95	Diaries of Miss Mary Meade.
D.3235	c.1835- c.1839	Diary of Lady Harriet Kavanagh, Borris, Co. Carlow, which makes a number of references to the elections in Co. Carlow.
D.3513	1788	Diary of Mary Hancock.
D.3513/3/2	1856	Diary of Margaret Steele Nicholson, Dublin, describing a voyage to Constantinople through the Mediterranean.
D.3549	1843	Diary of Catherine Fitzgerald, wife of Edward Symes Bayley, Ballyarthur, Co. Cork, describing trips to England and the Continent.
D.3549	1858	Typescript extract of Catherine Fitzgerald's diary describing the Prince of Wales' visit to Valencia, Co. Kerry.
D.3549	1878-1935	Diaries, sketch books, correspondence, newspaper cuttings etc., of Nina F Layard, archaeologist and antiquarian.

D.3574 add.	1939-42	Diary kept by Barbara Marjoribanks Egerton, during the Second World War in Malta.
D.3590/J	1855-98	Box of c.200 family and personal letters, together with c. six volumes or clutches of journals, diaries etc., kept by Mrs Higginson of Rockport, Co. Antrim, some of them describing voyages to or from Mauritius.
D.3618/D/6	1851-83	Manuscript and printed accounts of Vere Foster's travels while collecting information for would-be emigrants to USA and Canada.
D.3618 add.	1861-[1865?]	Extracts from diaries of Rev. Cavendish Foster, covering Lady Elizabeth Foster's separation from her husband, John Thomas Foster.
D.3739	1890-91	Diary of Mrs Elizabeth Holmes (née Delacherois Crommelin), wife of Rev. J G Holmes. Written at Downpatrick, Co. Down after her husband's death, containing details of social and domestic life.
D.3739 Cushendun,	1900-32	Diary written during time spent with her daughters in Bedford, England. Includes autobiographical memoir of her life in Belfast, Rosstrevor, Co. Down and Co. Antrim.
D.3741/13-14	1933: 1935	Diaries of Mrs W Leeper, Wellbrook, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone.
D.3821	1895	Diary of Adelaide R Palmer recording details of her trip (with her widowed mother) from New York, USA, via London, England, to Tanderagee, Co. Armagh, before embarking for Europe.
D.3856	1828-30	Account book-cum-diary, possibly of Mary Cunningham, Belfast. She apparently kept, or assisted her father, in a gin shop. It records sales of various drinks and details of her purchases.
T.1638/14A/2	1816	Diary of Mrs John Montgomery (née Jane Ferguson) of Benvardeen, Bushmills, Co. Antrim, describing a visit to Brussels.
/14A/4	1841	Diary of Mrs John Montgomery (née Jane Ferguson) of Benvardeen, Bushmills, Co. Antrim, describing a visit to Paris.
/14A/6-9	1843	Diary of Mrs John Montgomery (née Jane Ferguson) of Benvardeen, Bushmills, Co. Antrim, describing a visit to Rome.



T.1769/3	Dec. 1865-	Emigrant diary of Elizabeth Anketell relating to a voyage Apr. 1866to Australia.
T.1848	1870-1914	Diaries and correspondence of Sarah Poots, teacher, Friends' School, Brookfield, Co. Antrim.
T.2207/11	Dec. 1935- Feb. 1936	Typescript copy of South African diary of Miss P Cowan.
T.2662	1819-20	Journal of Miss Christiana Gordon made while touring Ireland, England, France, Switzerland and Germany.
T.2678/6	1939-45	Diary of Una G Haldane, Milan, Italy, kept during the Second World War.
T.2757	c.1810-1823	Journal of Rachel Craig, Lisburn, Co. Antrim.
T.2858 add.	1870	Typed extracts of a diary kept by Isabella Grant during a voyage from London to New Zealand.
T.2874	1817	Reference to prostitutes in Liverpool in journal of Hugh Quin of his voyage from Portaferry, Co. Down to New Orleans, USA.
T.2879	1891-c.1910	Typescript copy of the autobiographical recollections of Miss Margaret Rose Houston, Randalstown, Co. Antrim.
T.2948	1915-21	Diaries of Constance Masefield (née Crommelin).
T.3254	1933-5	Autobiographical memoir of Sarah Allgood, Dublin actress.
T.3764	1878-83	Diary of Eliza Corscadden, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim.
T.3808 Blitz	15-25 Apr. 1941	Extract from a diary kept by Miss Woodside, Belfast, as part of the Tom Harrison Mass Observation research project in the United Kingdom, recording the Belfast and its aftermath. The diary includes evidence of the health and social conditions of evacuees from the Belfast slums.
MIC.63	1916	Copy of a diary kept by a Galway lady in Dublin city during the Easter Rising.

## 10. CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
AUS.1/7	1920	Registered General Series file of Assistant Under-Secretary's Office, Belfast. Papers relating to the appointment of a woman Justice of the Peace in Belfast.
H.A.10/20, 28, schools/reformatories for young homeless women in		1879-1958      Files relating to training 35, 41, 44, 45,      female offenders. Topics include 52-3, 55-7      Belfast.
H.S.S. 27/39	1946-52	Belfast Corporation Housing Inquiry, (1953), into irregularities in the allocation of Corporation houses: case of Annie Copeland.
BELF.1/1/2/45/8	1914	Belfast Crown File of Assize and Commission: Dorothy Evans and Madge Muir, possession of explosive substances. Both women were office-bearers in the Women's Social and Political Union, an organisation whose members took part in arson attacks and other outrages and had connections with the Militant Suffragettes.
D.1088/22 & /26	c.1816: c.1818	Letters about the Ulster Female Penitentiary, Belfast.
D.1558/2/3	1853-7	Diary of Rev. Anthony McIntyre, kept as a report to the Committee of the Domestic Mission to the Poor of Belfast, containing details of prostitution in Belfast.
D.1905/2/179B	1878	Belfast Female Prison Aid Society: copy deeds.
D.2479/1	1924	Diary of Mrs Charlotte Despard, supporter of republicans, containing reference to protest about conditions in prison.
D.3987	1907	Letter from Charlotte Despard (suffragette leader and social reformer) to Stewart Ker explaining that since she came out of prison a week ago she has received a great many supportive letters, and that she is '...truly thankful to know that you are one of the noble band of men who with prophetic gaze upon the future, are seeking to join together men and women in the great work of social regeneration which, as you see, will never be accomplished by the one sex alone'.

T.2627/6/3	22 Dec. 1791	Letter about transportation of female convicts to Botany Bay, Australia.
T.3259/2/1 Holloway	1911	Photograph of a badge presented to Miss Margaret Robinson for her sentence as a suffragette, in prison.
T.3650	1826-47	Letters from emancipated convicts, New South Wales, Australia, to wives in Ireland.
T.3691	1799	House of Lords and criminal proceedings concerning adultery of Lady Abercorn with Captain Joseph Copley.
T.3764	1878-83	Transcribed diary of Eliza Corscadden, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim, detailing experiences during the Land War in Leitrim.

# 11. RELIGION

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
D.1006/3/2	1910	Attempts to convert Mohommedans mentioned in correspondence from Helen Macnaghten: reference to proposed new Benedictine school in Ireland in letter from Helen Macnaghten to Anne W Richardson.
D.1548	1939-40: 1964	Letters from Dr Sydney Elizabeth Croskery in Aden to her family in Tunbridge Wells, describing her work as a medical missionary.
D.1558/2/3	1853-7	Diary of Rev. Anthony McIntyre, kept as a report to the Committee of the Domestic Mission to the Poor of Belfast, containing details of social conditions, prostitution etc., in Belfast.
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		quarrelled...'
D.1727	1904: 1907	Two letters from Emma Crook, Irish Presbyterian Mission, Manchuria.

- D.1728                      c.1800-c.1849    c.150 letters, most of which were received by Augusta, Selina and Harriet Kiernan of Killermogh, Queen's Co., in the 1820s and 1830s. They are strongly devotional in character, reflecting the Evangelical movement in the Church of Ireland. Among the correspondents are Rev. George Hamilton, rector of Killermogh, his wife, Sophia, and his daughter, Isabella, c.1808-1830; Rev. P Roe the writings of Rev. George Hamilton in 1823; Morrison, a missionary in China, 1827-9; John discussing the feminine anti-slavery movement in 1828; Lady Olivia Sparrow, 1829-35; Lord Roden, 1822-54 and Augusta Kieran herself, describing her journey to the West Country *via* Holyhead in 1820.
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Robert  
Campbell,
- D.1812                      1909-16            Minute book of the Women's Working Association, Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Belfast with some details of social work.
- D.2332                      1889-1937        Reports on the work of the Irish Presbyterian Mission Hospital at Kirin, Manchuria.
- D.2418:  
T.2579                      1960-65:  
                                  1961-8            Printed missionary newsletter from Dr Catherine M Young, giving details of the medical work carried on at the Christian dispensary, Dandel Dhina, West Nepal.
- D.2418                      1969                As above but from Nasik, Maharashtra, India.
- D.2479/1                    1913-26            Diaries of Mrs Charlotte Despard containing references to her interest in mysticism.
- D.2648                      c.1840-1970       Papers of the Ulster Women's Christian Temperance Union (UWCTU) comprising: Executive and branch minute books; roll books; cash books; members' names and subscriptions; Annual Reports; correspondence; publications; photographs etc.
- D.2846/2                    1874-1919        Box files of letters to Theresa, Lady Londonderry, including: correspondence from Lord Londonderry and other family members; the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII (1896-1908); British and foreign royalty, Kaiser Wilhelm; the Duke and Duchess of York, later George V and Queen Mary (1892-1918); military and naval dignitaries; bishops; eminent politicians; artists etc.
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- [See also Major Collections]
- D.2977/5/3                1894                Correspondence in the Antrim Papers relating to the redoubtable Annie B Tully, Principal of Carnalbanagh National School, Co. Antrim. A Presbyterian herself, the lady married a Roman Catholic and despite some

misgivings tendered her resignation. She subsequently changed her mind and sought to withdraw her resignation. On her request being refused, she thereupon staged a 'sit-in', refusing to surrender the keys of the school despite repeated demands. It was only after months of wrangling that the case was finally resolved, when the National Commissioners ceased to recognise her as teacher in the school.

D.3270/A/1-18	1924-51	Letters to various friends, colleagues, relatives of Dr Nan Watson.
D.3270/A/2/1-7	c.1924-1944	Letter postcards to her mother.
D.3270/B8/- D.3270/B49	1926-51	Letters from friends, colleagues and relatives on various subjects.
D.3270/D/- D.3270/I/	1918-55	Correspondence regarding Dr Nan Watson's missionary work, organisation of Brownies, Girl Guides, religious groups etc.
D.3270/L/1	c.1918-1924	Papers regarding university career, lecture notes etc., of Dr Nan Watson.
D.3270/O/1- D.3270/R/1-3	1915-50	Cards, religious leaflets and photographs of Dr Nan Watson.
D.3271	1883-1965	Records of the Girls' Friendly Society, Diocese of Connor, including minute books, ledgers, accounts, lists of subscribers etc.
D.3320/1-38	c.1900-1926	Miscellaneous papers of Martha Jennings, Ballycashone, Hilltown, Co. Down, including: letters; picture of Queen Victoria; dog licence; tobacco dealer's licence; Poor demand notes; printed booklet, <i>Some Brief and Reasons why the People called Quakers do not pay tithes.</i>
T.763	1743-4	Rental relating to clergy widows' hospital.
T.1461 testamentary Newry,	1625-1826:	Account of the Order of Poor Clares from its foundation 1734-1838 in Dublin city; title deeds, legal papers, papers etc., relating to Convent of Poor Clares, Co. Down
T.1562: MIC.42	1859-84	Clogher Diocesan Widows' Fund Society: rules and Annual Reports.
T.2627/5/U/21	1804	Copy of memorandum relating to requests for financial assistance for female religious and emigré French clergy resident in Ireland.

T.2921/1/10	1834-1933	Correspondence of the Workman family, Newtownbreda Manse, Belfast, principally between Robert Workman and his wife, Sarah (née Davis). Topics include social and domestic matters, health, travel abroad and devotional interests.
T.3252	1823: 1850	Two letters. Ann Crawford, Bombay, India to her parents, Mr and Mrs John Gardener, Edinburgh, concerning missionary work: Jane Mitchell, Bombay, India to Rev. Alexander Crawford, Randalstown, Co. Antrim.
T.3600	1980-81	Transcripts of interviews on radio and television with Monsignor A H Ryan in which he reminisces about people, events and issues his life has embraced including the struggle for women's suffrage.

## 12. SOCIAL MORES

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
D.623/B/15/1-8	1830: 1833:	Half-box of annuities by way of rent-charge to Mrs Frances Hawkins/Maguire, the former mistress of the late 1st Marquess of Abercorn, and to his illegitimate children by her, including thank-you letters from the latter to the 1st Duke of Abercorn.
D.1071 J/G	1885-1935	Papers of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund for the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India. [See also Major Collections]
D.1514/1/4	1564-1776	Manuscript list of divorces and annulments for adultery and impotency granted by the Commissariat of Edinburgh.
D.1558/2/3	1853-7	Diary of Rev. Anthony McIntyre, kept as a report to the Committee of the Domestic Mission to the Poor of Belfast, containing details of social conditions, prostitution etc., in Belfast.
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		quarrelled...'



D.2072	1934-49	Minute book of the Belfast Midnight Mission for unmarried mothers, Belfast.
D.2479/1/1-9	1913-26	Diaries of Charlotte Despard. These include references to contemporary political, social and moral issues, unmarried mothers, visits to various European locations, her work for the Women's Freedom League etc.
D.2479/2/1-46	1928-35	Correspondence on wide range of issues, arrangements for talks, trips etc.
D.2479/3/1-19	1908-35	Pamphlets etc., on various topics including hymnsheet for funeral service of Emmeline Pankhurst.
D.2661 add.	1931-80	Papers of Miss M A McNeill, founder member and office-bearer in the Irish Association for Cultural, Economic and Social Relations.
D.3312 add.	1982	Abbreviated version of Dr A P W Malcomson's book, <i>The Pursuit of the Heiress: Aristocratic Marriage in Ireland, 1750-1820.</i>
D.3543/2/1	1964-77	Records of Northern Ireland Family Planning Association.
D.3618/D	1850-90	Correspondence of Vere Foster concerning abuse and status of female emigrants to USA.
D.3691	1960-84	Minutes, correspondence and accounts of Belfast Women's Welfare Clinic Family Planning.
T.2874	1817	Reference to prostitutes in Liverpool in journal of Hugh Quin of his voyage from Portaferry, Co. Down, to New Orleans, USA.
T.3459/D & /F	1806-25	Letters from and about mistresses and natural children of 1st Earl of Donoughmore.
T.3556	c.1942	Typescript reminiscences of P S Callaghan, who served in Belleek, Co. Fermanagh as a radio operator with the US Air Corps in the Second World War. He relates local customs and relations with the local population.
in respect understood to be to the un-world over		'... The Irish country people, in spite of their great love of America and Americans, were no different than people of any other country to the soldier. A soldier is, after all, a soldier and well less inhibited than the average citizens who are not subjected known and fearful that are part of the soldier's lot. People the simply do not want their daughters associating with strange

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form. If one of our 'yanks' should occupy a bench, it would  
  
considerable amount of courage for an Irish lass to perch herself in his lap.  
No one really likes to be different and this would certainly give  
reputation for being forward, for no one can deny that a  
a foreign land is different. The consequence of this was that  
were often seen leaning against the wall of the hall, not  
ungentlemanly (by our own standards), and not entering into  
  
merriment at all. It was several months before I worked out a 'system'  
that enabled me to join the Irish 'system.' This consisted of  
ticket to anything or for anything being raffled from the  
who peddled them around the benches. By never missing a  
trade my night shift to Wee Rocky who was married), I soon  
enough words to become acquainted with a few of  
on, they lost their aversion to the 'yank' lap and things  
  
normally. The dancing was fun, and the music haunting, and that the  
'system' worked well is attested to by the fact that one of the  
that most often sat on my lap and who was named Winnie,  
from the McGee farm out by Keenchan Lough, became my  
years later in New York'.

T.3691                      1799                      Extracts from the House of Lords' Journals relating to the  
Abercorn Divorce Bill, 1799, along with manuscript  
petition, Divorce Bill and Consistory Court proceedings  
filed in the House of Lords Main Paper series. John  
James Hamilton, 1st Marquess Abercorn v his second wife  
[Cecil?] on grounds of her adultery.

MIC.238                      1759-1821                      36 vols. Mid 19th century copies of letters written to  
Lady Sarah Bunbury, largely from her sister, describing  
her running away from her husband and remarrying.

## 13. WELFARE

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
COM.61/218	1944	National Emergency file, Northern Ireland Salvage Committee, relating to the Women's Voluntary Service organising a paper collection to help the war effort. Many ration books and other interesting documents were probably destroyed in this way.
ED.15	1938-66	c.250 Youth Welfare files concerning youth organisations including the Girl Guides.
H.A.10/20, 28,	1879-1958	Files relating to training schools/reformatories for young female offenders. Topics include homeless women in Belfast.
	35, 41, 44, 45, 52-3, 55-7	
H.L.G.1	1937-63	Files relating to training of nurses, child welfare, function of hospital services in time of war.
P.M.2	1921-43	Department of the Prime Minister: Correspondence, 1921-43. This includes numerous applications by women, many of them widows from the First World War, seeking the Prime Minister's patronage in obtaining employment, financial assistance etc.
P.M.2/1/11/1-14	1934	Letters to Lady Craigavon from Mrs C Adair, Belfast, asking for financial assistance following her husband's death.
P.M.2/1/87/1-4	1922	John Anderson, Castlerock, Co. Londonderry, seeking help for a lady in distressed circumstances.
P.M.2/1/93/1-5	1927	Mrs L A Anderson, Portglenone, Co. Antrim, seeking additional compensation for the death of her husband.
P.M.2/1/100/1	1929	Sarah Anderson, requesting an increase in her widow's pension.
P.M.2/1/169/1-15	1923-8	Mrs Mary Austin, Whitehouse, Co. Antrim, requesting assistance from public funds.
P.M.2/2/40/1-14	1923-4	Mrs Martha Barr, Co. Antrim, seeking assistance for her sick husband.
B.G.7/A/3	Aug. 1843	Belfast Board of Guardians' Minute Book. Details of the appointment of Miss Jane Wylie.... 'as Superintendent to the industrial training of female pauper children in the

workhouse at a salary of £15 *per annum* with apartments and board as usual for other officers’.

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L.A.60 add.	1942-8	Minute books of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee of Newtownards Borough Council.
D.207/Bundle 20	1811	Dublin Orphan House (Female): accounts
D.912	c.1940-1944	Seven photographs. Royal visit to the Ulster Women’s Gift Fund and photograph of the UWGF Committee.
D.937	1842-95	Rainey Charity, Downpatrick, Co. Down: account book of widows’ fund.
D.1050/12	1963-70	Papers of the Irish Congress of Trades’ Unions, which include records of Women’s Advisory Committees.
D.1071 J/G	1885-1935	Papers of the Countess of Dufferin’s Fund for the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India.
D.1071 J/H	1900-16	Papers of the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Families’ Association, Ulster District, of which Harriot, Lady Dufferin was President and Treasurer.
D.1088/22 & /26	c.1816: c.1818	Letters about the Ulster Female Penitentiary, Belfast.
D.1630	1874-1958	Minutes, Annual Reports etc., of Belfast Society for Providing Nurses for the Sick Poor.
D.1812	1909-16	Minute book of the Women’s Working Association, Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Belfast with some details of social work.
D.1905/2/179B	1878	Belfast Female Prison Aid Society: copy deeds.
D.1943	1917	Papers relating to Red Cross Society in Russia.
D.2072	1934-49	Minute book of the Belfast Midnight Mission for unmarried mothers, Belfast.

D.2109 add.	c.1925-1954	Correspondence, newspaper cuttings etc., relating to public life and welfare work of Emma Duffin, Hon. Secretary of Belfast Council of Social Welfare, 1933-53.
D.2315	1939-50	Correspondence etc., relating to Mrs Ethelind Gausson's work for the Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmens' Families' Association in the Stewartstown area, Co. Tyrone.
D.2479/1/1-9	1913-26	Diaries of Charlotte Despard. These include references to contemporary political, social and moral issues, such as, care of unmarried mothers, child care, prison conditions, adult education etc.; visits to various European locations, her work the for the Women's Freedom League etc.
D.2479/2/1-46	1928-35	Correspondence on wide range of issues, arrangements for talks, trips etc.
D.2479/3/1-19	1908-35	Pamphlets etc., on various topics including hymnsheet for funeral service of Emmeline Pankhurst.
D.2479/4/1-9	c.1900	Novels, novelettes and notes for novels by C Despard.
D.2648	c.1840-1970	Papers of the Ulster Women's Christian Temperance Union (UWCTU) comprising: Executive and branch minute books; roll books; cash books; members' names and subscriptions; Annual Reports; correspondence; publications; photographs etc.
D.2667	1720-42	Mrs Jane Brownlow's Charity account book.
D.2806	1921-65: 1937-65	c.12,000 family case files of the Belfast Council of Social Welfare. c.7000 advice cases of the Belfast Council of Social Welfare including divorce.
D.2961	1722-1974	Southwell Charity, Downpatrick, Co. Down. To support six old men and six old women, to live in almshouses; to educate and advance 12 poor girls and 12 poor boys; eight orphan girls and eight orphan boys also to be lodged, maintained and instructed.
D.3099	1886-1962	Papers of Edith, Marchioness of Londonderry who formed the Women's Legion during the First World War and revived it during the Second World War. There is a letter to Lady Londonderry, 8 February 1937, from Adolf Hilter, in which he acknowledges her work for improved Anglo-German relations. [See also Major Collections]

D.3370/1	1970-87	Minutes books, committee minutes, AGM minutes, National Council Committee of Management of the National Council for the Single Woman and her Dependents.
D.3370/2	1965-88	Correspondence.
D.3370/3/1-16	1970-88	Annual Reports and financial statements.
D.3370/4/1-14	1980-88	Newsletters.
D.3370/5/1-18	c.1970-1978	Printed reports and publications.
D.3370/6/1	1969-79	Scrapbook of newspaper cuttings.
D.3480 add.	c.1910	Inspectors' report on sweated labour in the making-up and embroidery trades.
D.3606	1910-65	Records of the Victoria Homes for Destitute Little Girls and Shamrock Lodge Industrial School, Belfast, managed by Belfast Women's Temperance Association.
D.3618/D	1850-90	Correspondence of Vere Foster concerning abuse and status of female emigrants to USA.
D.3691/1-3	1960-84	Minutes of AGM and executive committee meetings of Belfast Women's Welfare Clinic/Family Planning Clinic, Lisburn Road, Belfast.
D.3691/4	1979-84	Financial statements and bank pass books of the Family Planning Clinic, Lisburn Road, Belfast.
D.3691/5	1972-83	Miscellaneous papers and correspondence of Belfast Women's Welfare Clinic.
D.3757	c.1912	Prospectus for training courses for children's nurses at Belfast Babies' Home.
D.3838	1921-73	Papers of Roberta Hewitt (née Black), wife of the poet John Hewitt, relating to her work as secretary of the Belfast Peace League, as an activist in the Labour Movement and her involvement in the growth of nursery schools.
D.3878	1970-89	Two minute books of Samaritan Hospital Ladies' Guild committee.
D.3878	1975-87	Notebook of Committee members' attendance and expenses.
T.763	1743-44	Rental relating to clergy widows' hospital.

T.1053	1783-1863	Antrim Presbytery Widows' Fund: minutes.
T.1562: MIC.42	1859-84	Clogher Diocesan Widows' Fund Society: Rules and Annual Reports.
T.2627/5/U/21	1804	Copy of memorandum relating to requests for financial assistance for female religious and emigré French clergy resident in Ireland.
MIC.432	1771-1801	Wives' certificate book of the Benevolent Annuity Co., Dublin, containing statements of wives' married status.

## 14. EMPLOYMENT AND MANUFACTURING, INCLUDING TRADES' UNIONS

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
CAB.3		<p>War History of Northern Ireland: Official Papers.</p> <p>This includes material on the role of women in the war effort, in the Services, war-related industries, civil defence and nursing, as may be seen from the sample below:</p>
CAB.3A/41	1939-48	RAF and WAAF in Northern Ireland: recruiting returns, accounts of operations, newspaper articles, interviews etc.
CAB.3A/87	1938-51	Graphs and statistics relating to employment in Northern Ireland, by sex, in the following industries: agriculture; shipbuilding; aircraft manufacture; other engineering; linen industry; manufacture of rope; textiles.
CAB.4/952	3 Nov. 1954	Cabinet Conclusions file. Topics discussed include: equal remuneration for men and women for work of equal value.
CAB.9C/42	1936-9	Employment of women and children on the two-shift system.
DEV.7	1941-9	'R' Files, Roads Branch, Ministry of Commerce, relating to driving tests in Northern Ireland for women from Eire wishing to join the mechanised transport corps of the Ministry of Supply.
ED.13/1/270	1935	Ministry of Education 'G' file relating to the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.
ED.13/1/2074	1943	Correspondence and reports on the Women's Employment Federation.
P.M.2/1/54/1-2	1923	Mrs Allan, Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, seeking employment for her daughter.
B.G.7/A/3	Aug. 1843	<p>Belfast Board of Guardians' Minute Book. Details of the appointment of Miss Jane Wylie... 'as Superintendent to the industrial training of female pauper children in the workhouse at a salary of £15 <i>per annum</i> with apartments and board as usual for other officers'.</p> <p>There is a multitude of references about other female staff in the records of the 28 workhouses which PRONI holds. For example, the minute book of Armagh Workhouse for</p>



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1841 [Ref B.G.2/A/1] details that the school-mistress the workhouse school, Mrs Maxwell was paid £15 *annum* plus rations. As a comparison her husband, Mr Maxwell, who was schoolmaster, received £20 *annum* plus rations.

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Another interesting comparison in the same workhouse for the same period relate to the master and matron, Mr and Mrs Harrington. Mr Harrington was paid £40 per annum plus rations while his wife received £20 *per annum*, rations.

D.562/35	1665	Letter to Lady Massereene mentioning linen.
D.562/341	1771	Letter from Lady E S Kapton to Hon. Miss Jocelyn, referring to cotton.
D.562/678	1754	Letter from Henrietta, Viscountess Limerick to Anne Jocelyn, referring to cotton.
D.959 add.	1937-50	Bleachers' wage books of Springvale Bleachworks, Laurencetown, Co. Down.
D.1050/12	1963-70	Records of the Irish Congress of Trades' Unions, including the activities of the Womens' Advisory Committees.
D.1133 add.	1851-1904	Business records of Bessbrook Spinning & Weaving Co., including: annual summaries of goods made; wages paid etc.
D.1136 add.	1926-48	Wages book, Banford Bleachworks Co., Gilford, Co. Down.
D.1286	1871-6	Out-letter book of A Beck & Co., Portadown, Co. Armagh, manufacturers of cambric handkerchiefs.
D.1326	1890-96	Records showing state of industrial development of F H O'Flaherty, Belfast, handkerchief manufacturers.
D.1769	1886-91	Belfast Hemstitching Co., Belfast, title deeds etc.
D.1775/5/3A-B	c.1910: 1920	Two photographs of Matilda and William Patton of Patton & Co., Lurgan, Co. Armagh.

D.1812	1909-16	Minute book of the Women's Working Association, Fisherwick Presbyterian Church, Belfast with some details of social work.
D.1853 with Oil	1910-30	Papers and correspondence of Miss J Cunningham, Dromore, Co. Down including family photograph album, postcards, newspaper cuttings and correspondence the Cambrian Trust Ltd, London, regarding Arkansas Land Development shareholders.
D.1905/2/30/5	1938	James Sweeney & Co., shoe and boot manufacturer, Londonderry city, testamentary case papers etc., concerning the estate of James Sweeney, deceased, in the case of Anna Maria Sweeney v Joseph Sweeney.
D.1905/2/73A/1	1874	Franklin Street Collar Co., Ltd, Belfast, copy draft agreement relating to sale of men's and women's clothes in London, Manchester, Dublin, Belfast and Glasgow.
D.1933 add.	1940-45	Wages book of Raceview Woollen Mills Ltd, Broughshane, Co. Antrim.
D.1965	1910-56	Corry's Stitching Factory, Newtownards, Co. Down, accounts and correspondence.
D.2012	1921-46	Business records Alexander Boon & Co., Belfast, handkerchief manufacturers.
D.2054	1936-66	27 volumes of Annual Reports and accounts (with gaps) of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.
D.2092/1/2	1720	Letter concerning tapestry.
D.2149	1908-26	Business records of the Belleek Needlework Industry, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh.
D.2346	1886-1977	Business records of H M Robb & Co., Belfast.
D.2372	1965	Six documents. Correspondence about the formation of Townswomen's Guilds in the suburbs of Belfast.
D.2479/1	1918	Women's Co-operative Guild, diary of Mrs Charlotte Despard containing reference to Guild.
D.2479/1	1919-20	Diaries of Mrs Charlotte Despard containing references to unemployment in England.

D.2479/1	1926	Diary of Mrs Charlotte Despard containing reference to Irish Free State and USA and boycott of linen from Northern Ireland.
D.2561 add.	1936-70	Parcel post receipt book of Miss Lily Wylie, Bellaghy, Co. Londonderry, maker of embroidered tablecloths etc.
D.2577	1842-9	Personal and domestic account books and receipts of Lady Harriet Forde, Hollymount, Co. Down, eg discount books for baker, butcher, soap and candles etc.
D.2662	1907-17	Wages books of Spence, Bryson, & Co., linen manufacturers.
D.2722	1817-53	Servants' wages book of Martin family, Kilmacrew, Co. Down.
D.2724	1969-70	23 documents, the result of a project undertaken by Northern Ireland Division of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, giving an account of life in their respective towns. Compiled with illustrations, maps and postcards.
D.2773	1930-71	Business records of the Grand Central Hotel, Belfast, including staff training, wages etc.
D.2846/1/14-15	1916-17	Tradesmen's accounts to Theresa, Lady Londonderry. [See also Major Collections]
D.2966/40/1	1843	Letter about wages in cotton mills in Glasgow and Belfast.
D.3054	1902-19	Ledger and journal of Jack Hodgson & Co., shirt manufacturers, Londonderry city.
D.3082/A/1-8	c.1920	Photographs of female employees at work in damask linen premises.
D.3152	1956-7	Correspondence relating to a memorial to Miss Rosamund Praeger, founder member and benefactress of Holywood Working Men's Club.
D.3480 add.	c.1910	Inspectors' report on sweated labour in the making-up and embroidery trades.

D.3480/19	c.1900	Series of 14 photographs of various linen processes in the Ulster Spinning Co., Ltd, flax spinners, Belfast.
D.3580	c.1810-1822	Personal papers including recipes and tradesmen's accounts of Mrs Anne Torrens, Dublin and Derrynoyd, Co. Londonderry.
D.3582	1898-1936	Salary books of Barron & Co., of Belfast Ltd, cotton and jute bag manufacturers.
D.3601	1662-1985	Papers of Miss Majorie K Lyle, insurance broker, local councillor, founder member of the Ulster Enterprise Voluntary Commission, member of the Ulster Unionist party and the Alliance party and historian.
D.3616	1872-c.1930	Wages books, Drummatticonnor Mills, near Listoder, Co. Down.
D.3618/D	1850-90	Correspondence of Vere Foster about wage levels in Canada and USA compared with those in Ireland.
D.3622/4	1825	Apprenticeship indenture of Martha Magrath, Clarkehill, Co. Down as a mantua (gown) maker with Mary Ann Prendergast, Dublin.
D.3642	1897-1910	Staff wages book (domestic?) for the home of the Davidson family 'Seacourt', Bangor, Co. Down.
D.3670/A/B	1915	Letter about Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, St James' Palace, London.
D.3720/33/1-3	1898: 1925	Letter and memorandum of agreement of appointment to Ballygowan School, Co. Down, for Miss Mary Agnes Craig to position of work-mistress, and a letter establishing her pension rights.
D.3820	1921-76	Papers of the Ulster Headmistresses' Association including minutes of the Executive Committee and of Annual General Meetings.
T.2854	1790-1829	Servants' and labourers' account book giving details of hiring and discharging servants on the estate of Rev. Dr J Story, Clogher, Co. Tyrone.

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| T.3494/1 | c.1915 | Photograph of 30 mill workers at Charters' Spinning Mill, North Howard Street, Belfast, dressed in mill clothes [but photograph taken in a photographic studio?]. The mill workers are predominantly female. The males are apparently machine oilers. |
| T.3755   | 1855   | Letter from Mary, Rosey and Ellen Fern[n] of Po'keepsie [New York?] USA to their cousin in Rosstrevor, Co. Down. Includes details of work, wages, living conditions etc.  |

## 15. CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
ED.13/1/2016	1942-6	Grants for Girls' Training Corps in technical schools.
ED.13/1/2020	1942-3	Correspondence on the formation of the Women's Junior Air Corps.
ED.15	1938-66	c.250 Youth Welfare files concerning youth organisations including the Girl Guides.
D.648/9	1890-1921	Register of Girls' Friendly Society sponsored emigrants from Cos Antrim, Armagh, Down, Londonderry etc., to USA, Canada and Australia.
D.1006/3/2/1-72	c.1890-c.1910	Papers of Helen Macnaghten, who was involved in the activities of the Gaelic League, and who was particularly interested in the revival of the Irish language.
D.1098 add.	1907	Minute book of the Women's Unionist Association of North Tyrone.
	1914-20	Minute book of the Women's Unionist Association of North Down.
	1921-69	Minute book of the Women's Unionist Association of North Down (Bangor Branch).
D.1505	1897-1947	Papers of Larne District Nursing Society.
D.1630	1874-1958	Minutes, Annual Reports etc., of Belfast Society for Providing Nurses for the Sick Poor.
D.1812	1909-16	Fisherwick Presbyterian Church Women's Working Association, Belfast, minute book.
D.1840	1940	Photograph of members of Larne Nursing Society, with Duchess of Abercorn and Lady Dixon.
D.1884	1913-19	Women's National Health Association, Omagh, Co. Tyrone, printed reports and minute book.

D.1905/2/179B	1878	Belfast Female Prison Aid Society: copy deeds.
D.2372	1965	Six documents. Correspondence about the formation of Townswomen's Guilds in the suburbs of Belfast.
D.2479/1	1918	Women's Co-operative Guild, diary of Mrs Charlotte Despard containing reference to Guild.
D.2496	1928-46	Minute books of Ahoghill, Cullybackey and Galgorm District Nursing Society.
D.2548	1936	Notes by Elinor Gardner of tour of Austria, Germany and Hungary with the Soroptomists.
D.2648	c.1840-1970	Papers of the Ulster Women's Christian Temperance Union (UWCTU) comprising: Executive and branch minute books; roll books; cash books; members' names and subscriptions; Annual Reports; correspondence; publications, photographs etc.
D.2661 add.	1931-80	Papers of Miss M A McNeill, founder member and office-bearer in the Irish Association for Cultural, Economic and Social Relations.
D.2724	1969-70	23 documents, the result of a project undertaken by Northern Ireland Division of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, giving an account of life in their respective towns. Compiled with illustrations, maps and postcards.
D.2789	1946-67	Seven volumes. Minute books of Greenisland Women's Institute, Co. Antrim.
D.3152	1956-7	Correspondence relating to a memorial to Miss Rosamund Praeger, founder member and benefactress of Holywood Working Men's Club.
D.3270/D/- D.3270/I/	1918-55	Correspondence regarding Dr Nan Watson's missionary work, organisation of Brownies, Girl Guides, religious groups etc.
D.3270/M/1	c.1920-c.1950	Papers regarding Dr Nan Watson's involvement in the Girl Guides' organisation etc.
D.3270/2/1	c.1915-1950	c.1000 photographs of Dr Nan Watson's career in medicine, politics and the Girl Guides' Association.

D.3271	1883-1965	Records of the Girls' Friendly Society, Diocese of Connor, including minute books, ledgers, accounts, lists of subscribers etc.
D.3524/2/1	1918	Killyleagh Women's Guild booklet describing 'Killyleagh Women's War Work and Patriotic Effort' organised by the Guild.
D.3670/A/B	1915	Letter about Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, St James' Palace, London.
D.3767	1900-30	Minute books of Newcastle Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Co. Down.
D.3866	1926-84	Records of the Drawing Room Circle, a women's literary entertainment group in Belfast.
D.3875	1920-89	Records of the Girl Guides' Association, Province of Ulster.
D.3878	1970-89	Records of the Samaritan Hospital Ladies' Guild, Belfast
D.3982	1905-93	Ulster Women's Hockey Union records.
T.1562: MIC.42	1859-84	Clogher Diocesan Widows' Fund Society: rules and Annual Reports.
T.3376/1	c.1914	Ten photographs. UVF Nursing Corps and Boy Scouts.
MIC.569	1933-92	Newcastle Women's Institute minute books etc.
MIC.572	1932-90	Garvagh Women's Institute records, minute books etc.



## 16. EDUCATION

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
ED.13/1/160	1936-9	File of general correspondence about nurses' educational qualifications.
ED.13/1/270	1935	Ministry of Education 'G' file relating to the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.
ED.13/1/2016	1942-6	Grants for Girls' Training Corps in technical schools.
ED.13/1/2020	1942-3	Correspondence on the formation of the Women's Junior Air Corps.
B.G.7/A/3	Aug. 1843	<p>Belfast Board of Guardians' Minute Book. Details of the appointment of Miss Jane Wylie....'as Superintendent to the industrial training of female pauper children in the workhouse at a salary of £15 <i>per annum</i> with apartments and board as usual for other officers'.</p> <p>There is a multitude of references about other female staff in the records of the 28 workhouses which PRONI holds. For example, the minute book of Armagh Workhouse for 1841 [Ref B.G.2/A/1] details that the school-mistress in the workhouse school, Mrs Maxwell was paid £15 <i>per annum</i> plus rations. As a comparison her husband, Mr Maxwell, who was schoolmaster, received £20 <i>per annum</i> plus rations.</p> <p>Another interesting comparison in the same workhouse for the same period relate to the master and matron, Mr and Mrs Harrington. Mr Harrington was paid £40 <i>per annum</i> plus rations while his wife received £20 <i>per annum</i>, plus rations.</p>
CURC.2	1989	Printed publications of the Northern Ireland Curriculum Council, including Nursery Education Guidelines.
D.637/1	1888-1904	Account book, Ladies' Industrial School, Lancaster Street, Belfast.
D.637/2	1888-1915	Receipt book for the Ladies' Industrial School, Belfast.
D.756	1888-1937	Minute book of trustees of Ladies' Industrial School, Belfast.
D.1006/3/2/1-72	c.1890-c.1910	Papers of Helen Macnaghten, who was involved in the activities of the Gaelic League, and who was particularly

includes		interested in the revival of the Irish language: references to Irish College in Co. Donegal.
D.1326/11,	1888-1915 Bundle 7	Scheme relating to educational endowments: Ladies' Industrial School, Belfast.
D.1341	1914-57	Documents and prospectuses etc., relating to the history of Glenlola Collegiate Ladies' School, Bangor, Co. Down.
D.1771	1845	Emigrant letter from Miss Nancy Wightman, a teacher near Florence, Alabama, USA, to John Arnold.
D.1854/6/1/p.44	1839	Letter mentioning qualifications required for school-mistress.
D.2109	1927-43	Correspondence, newspaper cuttings etc., relating to the public life of Emma Duffin and including minutes and other papers of the School Pictures Committee, Belfast, of which she was secretary.
D.2194/50	1874	Papers of the Ladies' Collegiate School, Belfast.
D.2479/1	1919	Diary of Mrs Charlotte Despard containing references to her interests in adult education.
D.2786	Oct. 1836	Letters describing the visit of Queen Victoria to Queen's College, Belfast.
D.2826 add.	1921-34	Letters to Miss Anne Wakefield Richardson, vice-principal of Westfield College, London, mainly from members of staff and students about educational matters.
D.2846/2/15	1904-19	Letters relating to the appointment of Lady Londonderry as a Senator of Queen's College, Belfast.
D.2977/5/3	1894	Correspondence in the Antrim Papers relating to the redoubtable Annie B Tully, Principal of Carnalbanagh National School, Co. Antrim. A Presbyterian herself, the lady married a Roman Catholic and despite some misgivings tendered her resignation. She subsequently changed her mind and sought to withdraw her resignation. On her request being refused, she thereupon staged a 'sit-in', refusing to surrender the keys of the school repeated demands. It was only after months of that the case was finally resolved, when the National
despite wrangling		

Commissioners ceased to recognise her as teacher in the school.

D.2990/1-4	1915-18	Notebooks and sketch pads of Ellen Ferguson while attending Marlborough Street Training College.
D.2990/5	1921	Graduation diploma of Ellen Ferguson.
D.3114/1	1915	Printed prospectus of 'The Lodge' school, Fortwilliam Park, Somerton Road, Belfast. Includes photographs of Miss Elizabeth Rentoul, principal, accommodation and facilities at the school. Also including list of 38 referees for the school with names and addresses. Methods of Education emphasises non-academic atmosphere of the school: '... since the establishment of the school no pupil sent into any public examination as it is the belief of the Principal that severe competitive examinations, public or private, are detrimental to free education and entirely valueless to all girls except those intending to teachers.'
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D.3114/2	1918	Group photograph of the boarding pupils of the school and Miss Rentoul taken on front porch of 'The Lodge' school.
D.3114/3	c.1919	Photograph of Miss Rentoul in her residence in Boscombe, England where she retired.
D.3116	1887-90	Five homework exercise books of Bella Beck containing grammar, arithmetic, practice at letter writing etc., from her time spent as a pupil in the National District Model School, Divis Street, Belfast.
D.3119	1916-70	Records of Riddell Hall Women's Hall of Residence.
D.3270/J/1	c.1912-1918	Exercise books, examination results of Dr Nan Watson.
D.3270/K/1	c.1913-1960	Diaries of Dr Nan Watson, mostly from her schooldays.
D.3270/L/1	c.1918-1924	Papers of Dr Nan Watson, regarding university career, lecture notes etc.
D.3315	c.1939-c.1970	Correspondence and reports of the Belfast Branch and the Northern Ireland Committee of the Nursery School Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
D.3426	1911	Illuminated address presented to Miss Jane Mitchell on her retirement on principal of Trooper's Lane National School, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim by her pupils and friends.

D.3606	1910-65	Records of the Victoria Homes for Destitute Little Girls and Shamrock Lodge Industrial School, Belfast, managed by Belfast Women's Temperance Association.
D.3612	1927-33	Reminiscences of Dr Florence Stewart, born in Dublin in 1910, describing her student days at Queen's University, Belfast.
D.3712	1912-9	Manuscript notes of Miss E A Moore containing her recollections of 'The Lodge' Ladies' School, Fortwilliam Park, Belfast, which she attended.
D.3720/33/1-3	1898: 1925	Letter and memorandum of agreement of appointment to Ballygowan school, Co. Down, for Miss Mary Agnes Craig to position of work-mistress, and a letter establishing her pension rights.
D.3732	c.1950-1976	Papers of the late Miss M A McNeill mainly relating to her work as an historian.
D.3820	1921-78	Papers of the Ulster Headmistresses' Association, including minutes of the executive committee and of Annual General Meetings.
D.3863	1911-87	Records of Ashleigh House School, Belfast.
D.4003	1925-67	Minutes of the Board of Governors of Richmond Lodge School, Belfast.
T.626	1802-1907	Manuscript notes relating to Belfast Ladies' Industrial School, Lancaster St, Belfast.
T.1848	1870-1914	Diaries and correspondence of Sarah Poots, teacher, Friends' School, Brookfield, Co. Antrim.
T.2398	1945-9	Letters from Dr Agatha R Crawford to her parents in Belfast from various towns in India, the College of Chinese Studies, Peiping, China and Moukden Medical College, China.
T.3190/5	1832-8	Memorandum, 'Some aspects of life and education for girls in the early 19th century'; brief notes on the schools for young ladies opened by Eliza Remington and her sisters in Magherafelt (1832), Cookstown (1834) and Coleraine (1838).

## **ED.1: GRANT AID APPLICATIONS**

The National System of Education was established in 1831-2. Its aim was to provide schools in which the children of Ireland could be educated practically free of charge. The costs of the schools were grant-aided by the Board of Commissioners of Education on the understanding that they were non-denominational. A school could be established in any area and as long as it had the support of the local clergy belonging to the three main churches - Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian - the Board of Education could provide money for it. By the 1870s, over 10,000 schools existed throughout Ireland, and over 2600 of these were in Ulster.

When a national school was established, the teacher originally appointed was, in the majority of cases, male. The quality of the education which was afforded by the national schools was gradually recognised and the result was a continued growth in the number of pupils in regular attendance. This in turn saw an increase in the applications from schools to the Board to appoint teaching assistants. Many of the teachers thus appointed were employed specifically for areas of the curriculum such as sewing and needlework. This new generation of teaching assistants was almost exclusively female, and it is in this regard that the Grant Aid Applications contribute to a study of the role of women in education in Ireland in the 19th century.

The Board of Education created an extensive bureaucratic system in order to administer the system on a national basis. PRONI holds over 4500 application forms submitted by national schools, requesting the Board's permission for additional expenditure. The period covered by this archive is c.1832 to 1889; it is in the thirty years c.1860-1889 that most applications for female teaching assistants are to be found. Two exemplary extracts from the Grant Aid Applications should indicate their usefulness.

ED.1/22/42

Grant Aid Application of Mullick National School in the townland

Ballymegaghan, Belleek, Co. Fermanagh, 1878, requesting the

Board of

Education's approval for the appointment of Miss Mary

Drum as a sewing

mistress. The Board's Inspector reported:

'.....since the present manager took charge, energetic steps have been

taken, and with success, to raise the attendance. To this the

appointment  
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believe it will  
application be

of a female assistant has materially contributed. Since her  
the attendance has been sufficient to warrant her salary and I  
continue so. On these grounds, I recommend that the  
granted’.

As a consequence, Miss Mary Ann Drum, aged 19, was appointed at a  
salary of £25 *per annum*.

ED.1/3/165

Grant Aid Application of Hannahstown National School, Co. Antrim,

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1886, requesting the Board’s approval of the appointment of  
as a work-mistress. She is equipped in ‘sewing, knitting,  
teach sewing machine ...’ and works two hours per day  
The conditions of Rule 142(a), printed at the top of the  
that ‘In a mixed school conducted by a Master, in which there  
male Assistant, a work-mistress may be employed, provided  
least 20 girls in average attendance ...’. In addition to their  
mistresses were also paid ‘Results fees’, the amount  
number of pupils who attained the Board’s standards.

## 17. MISCELLANEOUS

REFERENCE	DATE	DESCRIPTION
CAB.9C/50	1943	Attendance of Northern Ireland representatives at Women's Conference to be held in Great Britain.
DEV.7	1941-9	'R' Files, Roads Branch, Ministry of Commerce, relating to driving tests in Northern Ireland for women from Eire wishing to join the mechanised transport corps of the Ministry of Supply.
D.211	12 Aug. 1871	Grant of Admon. Intestacy, Cecilia Venner, Cork Abbey, Bray.
D.420/1	1888	Equity papers. Armagh Grant (I) Eliza Costello, Aughyoule, Co. Fermanagh.
D.562/34	1665	Letter to Lady Massereene referring to horse-racing at Lisnagard, Co. Roscommon.
D.562/88	1710	Bowling greens referred to in a letter from Captain Skeffington to Viscountess Massereene.
D.562/1743	1770	Letter from Letitia Charlotte Brooke to Miss Harriet Jocelyn referring to Enniskillen horse-racing.
D.623/B/15/1-8 late	1830: 1833:	Half-box of annuities by way of rent-charge to Mrs 1838 Frances Hawkins/Maguire, the former mistress of the 1st Marquess of Abercorn, and to his illegitimate children by her, including thank-you letters from the latter to the 1st Duke of Abercorn.
D.859/61	1764	Schedule of Alicia Caulfield's jewels.
D.912	c.1940-1944	Seven photographs. Royal visit to the Ulster Women's Gift Fund and photograph of the UWGF Committee.
D.1006/3/2	c.1910	Letters from Helen Macnaghten, Bushmills, Co. Antrim to Anne W Richardson, Westfield College, London relating to the Irish language generally and including a promise to start an Irish training college for Ulster; also reference to a disturbance during a hurling match at Bushmills, Co. Antrim.
D.1422	c.1910-c.1950	Photographic collection of Herbert Cooper, Strabane, Co. Tyrone. Miscellaneous subjects and places

mostly Cos Tyrone and Donegal, and including photographs of women. The collection is of interest in relation to female dress, occupation, class etc.

D.1749	1882	Probate and copy will of Mary S Young, Drumrush House, Co. Fermanagh.
D.1794	1900-58	Miss Helena C Wallace, albums of miscellaneous photographs, including musicians, stage personalities, members of royal family etc.
D.1853	1910-30	Papers and correspondence of Miss J Cunningham, Dromore, Co. Down, including family photograph album, postcards, newspaper cuttings and correspondence with the Cambrian Trust Ltd, London, regarding Arkansas Oil Land Development shareholders.
D.1904/1-3	c.1915	One photograph. Edward and Madeleine Sclater.
D.1905/2/73A/1	1874	Franklin Street Collar Co., Ltd, Belfast, copy draft agreement relating to sale of men's and women's clothes in London, Manchester, Dublin, Belfast and Glasgow.
D.1917/1-6	1938-64	Letters of acknowledgement to Mrs E Whitla, Omagh, Co. Tyrone from the royal family, Winston Churchill, General J C Smith, General Montgomery and others.
D.1928/T/2/22	1892	Documents relating to an agreement for return of plate and jewels of Emily Anne, Lady Lurgan to family possession as required under the conditions of her marriage settlement.
D.1939 add.	1930s	Personal correspondence of 5th Earl of Erne to his wife.
D.2061	2 Apr. 1835	Probate and copy will of Miss Mary Vowell, Clyda, near Mallow, Co. Cork.
D.2092/1/14	c.1854	Papers of Miss Mary King, later the Hon. Mrs Ward, pioneer scientist and painter.
D.2109 add.	c.1925-1954	Correspondence, newspaper cuttings etc., relating to public life and welfare work of Emma Duffin, Hon. Secretary of Belfast Council of Social Welfare, 1933-53.



D.2182	1883-1915	Typescript schedule of deeds relating to Irish property of Mrs Letitia Sarah Bomford, mortgaged to Colonel Charles Edmund Fisher.
D.2405/1	c.1860	One photograph. Mary Millicent Montgomery in Zurich, Switzerland, taken by J Keller.
D.2460/24	c.1880	One photograph. Marjorie de le Crommelin, 5th daughter of Thomas Montgomery of Ballydrain, Co. Antrim.
D.2661 add.	1931-80	Papers of Miss M A McNeill, founder member and office-bearer in the Irish Association for Cultural, Economic and Social Relations.
D.2784/18	1753	Book containing cookery and medicinal recipes of Mrs Anne Rogers, Dunaghey, Stranocum, Co. Antrim.
D.2804	[c.1865?]	Two photographs. Harriot Georgina, Lady Dufferin and Arthur Hill, 4th Marquess of Downshire.
D.2846/1	1903-19	Papers of Theresa, Lady Londonderry from named or classified correspondents including: Sir Edward Carson, later Lord Carson; miscellaneous Unionist papers; Sir James Craig, later 1st Viscount Craigavon; various Conservative politicians; various Irish Unionists (1912-19), writing to Lord Londonderry as President of the Women's Unionist Council.
D.2846/2	1874-1919	Box files of letters to Theresa, Lady Londonderry, including: correspondence from Lord Londonderry and other family members; the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII (1896-1908); British and foreign royalty, Kaiser Wilhelm; the Duke and Duchess of York, later George V and Queen Mary (1892-1918); military and naval dignitaries; bishops; eminent politicians; artists
		including etc.
D.2846/3/6	ND	Funeral of Mary Cornelia, Lady Londonderry. [See also Major Collections]
D.2847/1	26 Oct. 1892	Copy of the copy will and probate of Mrs Eliza Gilmore (née Williams), Holywood, Co. Down. Will dated 5 December 1877.
D.2886	c.1895-c.1950	Photographic collection of H Allison, Armagh. Miscellaneous subjects and places, including Cos Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Tyrone and Monaghan, and including photographs of women. The collection is of interest in relation to female dress, occupation, class etc.
D.3044		

/G	1815-58	Papers of Elizabeth Meade, Countess of Clanwilliam.
/K	1853-66	Papers of Lady Mary Lascelles.
/L	1852-81	Papers of Lady Georgina Caroline Grenfell.
/O	1865-95	Papers of Miss Mary Meade.
D.3140	1880	Printed copy of a curious love letter from a gentleman to a lady, with the young lady's reply.
D.3270/2/1	c.1915-1950	c.1000 photographs of Dr Nan Watson's career in medicine, politics and the Girl Guides' Association.
D.3320/1-38	c.1900-1926	Miscellaneous papers of Martha Jennings, Ballycashone, Hilltown, Co. Down, including: letters; picture of Queen Victoria; dog licence; tobacco dealer's licence; Poor demand notes; printed booklet, <i>Some Brief and Serious Reasons why the People called Quakers do not pay tithes.</i>
D.3513/3/1	1788	Diary of Mary Hancock, sister of Isabella Steele Nicholson.
D.3549	1878-1935	Diaries, sketch books, correspondence, newspaper cuttings etc., of Nina F Layard, archaeologist and antiquarian.
D.3601	1662-1985	Papers of Miss Majorie K Lyle, insurance broker, local councillor, founder member of the Ulster Enterprise Voluntary Commission, member of the Ulster Unionist Party and the Alliance Party and historian.
D.3659 add.	1957-63	Correspondence of Mrs Adams about her property in Belfast.
D.3720 add.	1888-1903	Papers relating to the litigation between the Craig family, Ballyrickardmore, Co. Antrim, and Miss Eliza Watson, Islandmagee, Co. Antrim.
D.3771/1	c.1900	Lady Hill, wife of the 6th Marquess of Downshire.
D.3835/E	c.1900-1926	Papers of Lady Nugent, Mount Nugent, Farren Connell, Co. Cavan.
D.3847	c.1906-1966	Papers of Dr Nesca Adeline Robb, distinguished Northern Ireland writer, Italian scholar and biographer of William III.

D.3856	c.1828-1830	Account book-cum-diary kept by [Mary Cunningham?], Belfast, who kept or assisted her father in a gin shop, recording sales of spirits and includes details of her expenditure on clothes.
T.1677/3/2 Crommelin.	c.1920: c.1930	Two photographs. Andnora Crommelin, sister of Peter Crommelin; Mrs Constance Masefield, née Crommelin.
T.1941/1	1853	Valentine card to Miss Davidson, Queen's Bridge Mills, Ballymacarrett, Belfast.
T.2884	1793-1800	Love letters from Dr William Drennan, Dublin, to Sarah Swanwick.
T.3378	1902-10	Passbook of Miss Emily Croke, Beagh, Co. Fermanagh, in account with D Donaldson, Derrygonnelly, Co. Fermanagh.
T.3443/2	c.1745	Photograph of a sketch of Cootehill, Co. Cavan made by Kath[erine] Coote.
T.3494/1	c.1915	Photograph of 30 mill workers at Charters' Spinning Mill, North Howard Street, Belfast, dressed in mill clothes [but photograph taken in a photographic studio?]. The mill workers are predominantly female. The males are apparently machine oilers.
T.3556	c.1942	Typescript reminiscences of P S Callaghan, who served in Belleek, Co. Fermanagh as a radio operator with the US Air Corps in the Second World War. He relates local customs and relations with the local population. '...The Irish country people, in spite of their great love of America and Americans, were no different than people of any other country to the soldier. A soldier is, after all, a soldier and well less inhibited than the average citizens who are not subjected known and fearful that are a part of the soldier's lot. People over simply do not want their daughters associating with uniform. If one of our 'yanks' should occupy a bench, it considerable amount of courage for an Irish lass to perch No one really likes to be different and this would certainly give reputation for being forward, for no one can deny that a a foreign land is different. The consequence of this was that were often seen leaning against the wall of the hall, not ungentlemanly (by our own standards), and not entering into merriment at all. It was several months before I worked out a 'system' that enabled me to join the Irish 'system.' This consisted of ticket to anything or for anything being raffled from the
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Irish girls, and who came bride a few		normally. The dancing was fun, and the music haunting, and that the 'system' worked well is attested to by the fact that one of the that most often sat on my lap and who was named Winnie, from the McGee farm out by Keenchan Lough, became my years later in New York'.
T.3600	1980-81	Transcripts of interviews on radio and television with Monsignor A H Ryan in which he reminisces about people, events and issues his life has embraced including the struggle for women's suffrage.
T.3606/3	c.1840	Mrs McCartney, who died in the destruction of Lissanoure Castle by gunpowder in 1847.
T.3606/4	c.1880	Photograph of Daisy McCartney, Loughguile, Co. Antrim.
T.3691	1799	Extracts from the House of Lords' Journals relating to the Abercorn Divorce Bill, 1799, along with manuscript petition, Divorce Bill and Consistory Court proceedings filed in the House of Lords Main Paper series. John James Hamilton, 1st Marquess Abercorn v his second wife [Cecil?] on grounds of her adultery.
T.3764	1878-83	Transcribed diary of Eliza Corscadden, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim, detailing experiences during the Land War in Leitrim.
MIC.19/64	6 Sept. 1816	<i>Belfast Newsletter</i> report of ladies' fashions.

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