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Edmund Downey Papers

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(Accession No. 1980)

A collection of letters mainly to Edmund Downey,
novelist, publisher and newspaper editor,
1836-1916.

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INTRODUCTION

Personal History

Edmund Downey, novelist and publisher was born in Waterford in July 1856. After his education at the Catholic University he began writing and enjoyed literary success with his publication of *Through Green Glasses* in 1887. He established two publishing businesses in London, Ward & Downey and Downey & Co. and became a central publishing figure of the early literary revival, publishing works by those such as Standish O'Grady and Joseph Sheridan le Fanu. His fifteen novels and story-collections, written under the *nom de plume* of F.M. Allen, include some retellings of Christian fable, Irish legend and English history. In 1906 Downey took over the editorship of the *Waterford News*. He died in Waterford in 1937.

The Papers

This small collection was acquired by the National Library in 1958 from Mrs Josephine Downey and consists mainly of letters to Edmund Downey concerning literary matters, with some replies. The letters have been arranged alphabetically by correspondent. Notable correspondents include Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, Katherine Tynan Hinkson, Timothy Power O'Connor, Standish O'Grady, John Redmond, Thomas William Rolleston, William Patrick Ryan, Thomas Sexton and Charles Lever.

Bibliographical References

The Library has received one other accession of Edmund Downey papers, which is listed in *Manuscript Sources for the History of Irish Civilisation*, vol. 1, ed. Richard J. Hayes (1965), p. 935 and also in the card catalogue index in the Manuscripts Reading Room.

Letters to Edmund Downey

Ms. 10,000	G.W. Appleton	20 letters	1889-1895
Ms. 10,001	Frank Barrett	17 letters	1886-1887
Ms. 10,002	James Coleman	10 letters	1902-1910
Ms. 10,003	Mrs. Mabel Cook	4 letters	1887-1896
Ms. 10,004	John Coleman D. Crilly	4 letters 2 letters	1890-1903
Ms. 10,005	Miss Julia M. Crottie	37 letters	1891-1913
Ms. 10,006	Alex Henry Davis	14 letters	1902-1906
Ms. 10,007	Charles Dickens Jnr.	9 letters, concerning 'All the year round'	1895
Ms. 10,008	Duffy and Rolleston	28 letters and document.	1892
Ms. 10,009	Sir Charles Gavan Duffy Susan Gavan Duffy	10 letters 1 letter	1892-1900
Ms. 10,010	Capt. John J. Dunne	12 letters	1892-1907
Ms. 10,011	F.A. Fahy	4 letters	1887-1896
Ms. 10,012	Mr. W. Faux	8 letters	1892-1904
Ms. 10,013	Percy Fitzgerald	37 letters	undated
Ms. 10,014	Grattan Flood	32 letters	1912-1914
Ms. 10,015	Arthur Wynnie Foot	1 letter, 3 pamphlets	1887
Ms. 10,016	Harry Furniss	22 letters	1886-1897
Ms. 10,017	D.J. Geary	20 letters, 2 portraits of Lady Morgan.	1887-1893
Ms. 10,018	Somerville Gibney	8 letters, 1 letter undated.	1888-1907
Ms. 10,019	Alfred P. Graves	15 letters, 4 letters with dates incomplete.	1894-1915
Ms. 10,020	J. Gregos	6 letters	1895-1901

Ms. 10,021	W.B. Guinee Maria F. Guinee	19 letters 2 letters, 4 letters with incomplete dates.	1891-1904
Ms. 10,022	Edwin Hamilton	14 letters	1889-1905
Ms. 10,023	D.F. Hannigan	18 letters	1889-1902
Ms. 10,024	John Hill	11 letters, 2 letters with incomplete dates.	1896-1899
Ms. 10,025	Tighe Hopkins	50 letters 40 letters 14 letters	undated undated 1888-1906
Ms. 10,026	Frank Hudson	26 letters, 16 letters undated.	1892-1908
Ms. 10,027	Katherine Tynan Hinkson H.A. Hinkson	14 letters 8 letters, 1 letter undated	1893-1917
Ms. 10,028	Mrs. Cashel Hoey	48 letters 66 letters	1887-1905
Ms. 10,029	Mollie Kenny	40 letters 32 letters, 7 letters undated and incomplete.	1899-1908 1908-1016
Ms. 10,030	Richard Ashe King	19 letters, 8 letters with incomplete dates.	1888-1906
Ms. 10,031	E. Leamy M.M. Leamy	16 letters 1 letter, 2 letters, 2 with incomplete dates.	1891-1904
Ms. 10,032	Brinsley Le Fanu	38 letters, 13 letters with dates incomplete.	1892-1916
Ms. 10,033	W. Lonergan	12 letters	1889-1907
Ms. 10,034	Arthur Lynch	23 letters, one letter incomplete.	1895-1909
Ms. 10,035	William MacKay	38 letters	1900-1925
Ms. 10,036	Thos. R. Macquoid Katherine S. Macquoid Gilbert S. Macquoid	11 letters 2 letters 1 letter	1887-1912

Ms. 10,037	M.A. Manning E. Manning	44 letters 1 letter, 10 letters undated.	1893-1909
Ms. 10,038	J. Fitzgerald Molloy	50 letters 27 letters	1886-1908 undated
Ms. 10,039	William O'Brien	6 letters, 2 letters undated.	1890-1905
Ms. 10,040	Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Power O'Connor	40 letters	1903-1904
Ms. 10,041	D.J. O'Donoghue	15 letters	1892-1903
Ms. 10,042	Augustine O'Downey	11 letters	1892-1909
Ms. 10,043	Standish O'Grady	33 letters, 29 letters undated	
Ms. 10,044	I.F. O'Hea	10 letters	1894-1895
Ms. 10,045	John Ausgustus O'Shea	15 letters, 4 letters undated	1887-1907
Ms. 10,046	J.L. Otter	8 letters	1894-1897
Ms. 10,047	John Redmond	8 letters	1910-1914
Ms. 10,048	Charlotte Riddell	24 letters	1890-1903
Ms. 10,049	T.W. Rolleston	16 letters, 5 letters undated.	1892-1894
Ms. 10,050	James Runciman	7 letters	1890-1891
Ms. 10,051	W.P. Ryan	24 letters, 3 letters undated.	1892-1894
Ms. 10,052	Temple Scott	22 letters	1900-1905
Ms. 10,053	Thomas Sexton	17 letters	1892-1913
Ms. 10,054	Crofton Smith	11 letters, 6 letters undated.	1902
Ms. 10,055	J.F. Sullivan	28 letters, 23 letters undated.	1900-1902
Ms. 10,056	William Tinsley	12 letters, 1 letter undated.	1892-1901
Ms. 10,057	Francis S. Walker	10 letters	1901-1905
Ms. 10,058	Osbert Ward	14 letters	1902-1906
Ms. 10,059	Byron Webber	48 letters, 22 letters undated.	1887-1910
Ms. 10,060	300 letters to Edmund Downey		

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1874-1916

(1)

Anderson (John R.)
Auburn (D.)
Bacon (G.F.)
Banim (Mary)
Barnes (J.E.)
Barrott (Frank)
Barry (Sheil)
Belohlavek (L.)
Bentley (Richard)
Bertouch (Beatrice de)
Besant (Arthur)
Blaikie (W.B.)
Bodkin (A.McD.)
Bowater (T.V.)
Brimclow (William)
Brownhead (William)
Brent (Ernest)
Brush (Susan)
Callaghan (John P.)
Casey (Patrick)
Catling (Thos.)
Chatto (Andrew)
Chubb (J.)
Clarke (Charles M.)
Clarke (Minnie)
Cockran (H.)
Coghlan (M.C.)
Commins (E.H.)
Conquest (George)
Courtenay (H. Hovendan)

(2)

Croft (W.)
Croker (B.)
Crone (J.B.)
Dann (Arthur)
Davidson (John)
Davis (Eugene)
Davitt (Michael)
Day (John F.)
Dobbyn (W.A.)
Downey (Mrs.)?
Dunphie (Chas.J)
Duval (Charles)
Edwards (Hamilton)
Ellis (S.)
Evans (Morgan)
Farjeon (B.L.)
Farrow (G.E.)
Fenn (Clive R.)

Fleming (Canon)
Fottrell (E.)
Fox (C. Mulligan)
Gibney (Somerville)
Gill (M.J.)
Gladstone (J.M.)
Glover (J.M.)
Goff (W.)

- (3) Greenwood (Frederick)
Hackett (J.)
Hannon (John)
Hardy (Mary)
Hardy (Iza D.)
Hamilton (E.)
Hannigan (D.F.)
Harrington (T.R.)
Haviland-Burke (E.)
Hayes (J.)
Healy (J.) D.D.
Henesie (J.E.)
Henry (J.)
Herlihy (John)
Holmes (Richard P.)
Holloway (Joseph)
Horin (Andrew)
Hudson (Frederick)
Hungerford (M.)
Hurley (M.J.)
Johnson (J.T.)?
Keane (J.F.)
Keogh (Katherine E.)
Knubley (J.L.)
Langbridge (Fredrick)
Lee (Robt. H.)
Leng (V.C)

- (4) Long (John)
Longford (Ada)
Low (Sidney)
Lubortawoki (W.)?
Lyburn (E.W.)
McCann (H.)
McColl (N.)
McCormack (A.D.)
McDermot (Martin)
McEnri (S.P.)
McGrath (J.H.)
McGrath (John)
McGuinness (J.)

MacKey (W.L.)
McManus (J.)
McManus (L.)
Macmillan & Co. Ltd.
Madge (Elliot Walter)
Maxwell (W.B)
May (W. Charles)
Meehan (P.A.)
Melville (Lewis)
Merry (Godfrey)
Merry (J.X.)
Montesole (Mary)
Mooney (John)
Moore (George)
Moore (Augustine M.)

(5) Moran (Edw. A.)?
Morrisey (Michael)
Morton (Edw. A)
Mudie (Arthur)
Murphy (M.J.)
Murray (D.C.)
Nicoll (Rev. W. Robertson)
Notley (F.E.M.)
O'Brien (J.F.X.)
O'Brien (M.)
O'Brien (R. Barry)
O'Carroll (T.D.)
O'Connor (F.J.)
O'Donohue (J.)
O'Downey (Augustine)
Offer (L.)
O'Keeffe (James)
O'Kelly (James)
O'Mara (Joseph)
O'Mara & Lalor
O'Ryan (Richard P.)
Ostlere (May)
O'Sullivan (E.)
Oxford, Lord
Paxton (Mary)
Payn (James)
Penby (W.S.)
Pettitt (K.)?
Philips (Eva)
Philips (F.C.)
Pladen (Douglas)
Poer (Count de la)

(6) Poore (Ida)

Power (James A.)
 Power (P.J.)
 Purnell (T.)
 Raven (John)
 Redmond (C.P.)
 Reeves (Helen)?
 Regan (M.J.)
 Reynolds (S.)
 Riches (P.H.)
 Roberts (Matthew J.)
 Robertson (Ella J.)
 Roosevelt (Blanche)
 Rothery (Guy C.)
 Rowland (F.A.A.)
 Russell (Matthew)
 Ruthard, Lord
 Samuels (J.)
 Schaumhirc (Wolfgang)
 Scott (Francis)
 Shortie (H.F.)
 Sheehan (Most Rev. Dr.R.A.)
 Sheehan (Rev. Dr.) Maynooth
 Sherwin (J.P.)
 Shelton (Catherine Ellen)
 Sieirer (R.S.)?
 Stack (Elliot)
 Stephens (James)
 Strange (Jennette)
 Strange (L.C.)
 Strauss (G.L.M.)
 Sterry (J. Ashby)

(7) Sullivan (P.J.)
 Terry (Edw.)
 Tillotson
 Van de Vitel (M.J.)?
 Wagner (Leopold)
 Walsh (Chas.)
 Waterford, Lord.
 Watson (H.M. Marriot)
 White (Joe)
 Whitten (W.)
 Williamson (C.M.)
 Wingfield (Lewis)
 Woodard (W.D.)

Ms. 10,061	Mrs. Lever	26 letters	1836-1860
	Charles Lever family	35 documents, letters etc.	
	Charles Lever	9 letters	1867-1871
		54 letters, notes etc.	1890-1908

		14 documents- Receipts for Insurance, Envelopes and some miscellaneous matter. 23 envelopes in handwriting.	1847-1856
Ms. 10,062	Edmund Downey	13 letters, notes etc. 18 letters 15 letters, 2 letters undated.	1888-1911 1863-1916 1896-1915
Ms. 10,063	'Mocking Bird' 'Green Glasses'	31 documents 17 letters, 1 undated. 58 letters, 'A House of Tears'.	1886-1894
Ms. 10,064	Correspondence concerning Bonmahon Copper Mines, also Prospectus.		1906
Ms. 10,065	Cuttings of 'A Strange Wife's Sacrifice' by W.P. Ryan?		
Ms. 10,066	Verses by John Healy, T.C. Irwin, E. Hamilton and R. Dowling.		
Ms. 10,067	Waterford News	36 letters and 2 other documents.	1906
Ms. 10,068	Richard Dowling Memorial Fund	20 documents.	1900-1907
Ms. 10,069	31 documents, mostly fragmentary.		