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PAPERS OF ÉAMONN AND ÁINE CÉANNT, AND OF KATHLEEN AND LILY O’BRENNAN

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(Accessions 1412 and 2283)

A collection of the political and personal papers of Éamonn Ceannt, of his wife Áine and of her two sisters Lily and Kathleen O’Brennan.

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Introduction

Scope and Arrangement

This collection contains the personal papers of Éamonn Ceannt, his wife, Áine Ceannt and her two sisters Lily and Kathleen O’Brennan. The papers (accessions 1412 and 2283) have been arranged into four sub-groups corresponding to the four main persons involved. A substantial part of the material consists of drafts and proof copies of novels, short stories, plays and articles by Lily and Kathleen, both of whom were prolific writers and journalists in their later lives. The other main component consists of private and personal correspondence, which includes letters from many significant political and literary figures. Where possible, the papers within each of the sub-groups have been arranged according to particular areas of activity. Of special interest is a group of political papers collected by Lily O’Brennan relating to her role in the national struggle, in the Cumann na mBan executive and as private secretary to Erskine Childers during the crucial period of the Treaty negotiations of 1921.

Biographical Notes

Éamonn Ceannt (formerly Edward Kent) was born on 21 September 1881 in Ballymoe, County Galway, the son of James Kent, an officer in the Royal Irish Constabulary. At the age of ten, he moved with his family to Dublin, and was educated at the Christian Brothers School on North Richmond Street. From an early age Ceannt was interested in the revival of Irish as a spoken language and he joined Conradh na Gaeilge in about 1900. He also adopted the Irish form of his name by which he was thereafter known. It was at Gaelic League meetings that he encountered such steadfast Gaelic revivalists as Eoin MacNeill and Padraig Pearse. About this time he also joined Cumann na bPiobairí and received his first lesson in the Irish pipes, for which he won prizes at the Oireachtas or national festivals organised by the League. Many of the documents in this collection reflect Ceannt’s interest in the revival of Irish and associated Gaelic cultural pursuits. On 7 June 1905 he married Áine Ní Bhraonáin (otherwise Fanny O’Brennan). In 1908 he travelled to Rome as part of the Catholic Young Men’s Society jubilee year pilgrimage and reportedly played the pipes for Pope Pius X during an audience.

His political involvement with Sinn Féin began in 1908 and, after acting as secretary of the Central Branch, he was elected a member of the National Council. Sean MacDiarmada, who urged him to become involved in the Irish Volunteers from its inception, subsequently enrolled him in the Irish Republican Brotherhood. Displaying an uncompromising belief in physical force and a dislike of the ‘green-flaggery’ espoused by Pearse and others, Ceannt contributed a number of articles to advanced nationalist journals including the Irish Volunteer. He also wrote Irish articles for the short-lived political journal An Barr Buadh, which appeared in March 1912. By late 1915 Ceannt was a member of a small secret committee of the IRB which was planning an armed insurrection. One of the signatories to the Easter-week proclamation, he skilfully commanded the 4th Battalion of Volunteers from the South
Dublin Union. On 8 May 1916 he was executed by firing squad in Kilmainham Jail. A sentence from one of his letters written an hour before his death reads: ‘I am here without hope of this world and without fear calmly awaiting the end, … I leave for the guidance of other Irish revolutionaries who may tread the path which I have trod, this advice – never to treat with the enemy, never surrender to his mercy but to fight to the finish’.

Áine b. É. Ceannt was born on 23 September 1880, the youngest of the four daughters of Frank O’Brennan, and his wife Elizabeth (née Butler). Her father, an auctioneer and reputed Fenian, died about four months before her birth. An enthusiast for the Irish language, she fully immersed herself in cultural revivalist activities and was acquainted with many of the figures who would later gain prominence in advanced nationalist circles including Padraig and Willie Pearse, W.J. Ryan and Éamonn Ceannt. She was advised to join Ceannt’s Irish language class and involved herself in Cumann na bPìobairí, the Pipers’ Club in which Ceannt was the leading figure. In 1905 she married Ceannt in a ceremony, which was conducted solely in Irish. Four years later she changed her name to Áine b. É. Ceannt. In 1913 she attended the inaugural meeting of the Irish Volunteers, joining the women’s branch, Cumann na mBan, when it was formed a year later.

Like many of the other widows of the 1916 leaders, Áine assumed a public role following the Rising. She was elected Vice-President of Cumann na mBan in 1917 and held that position until 1925. She was also a delegate to Count Plunkett’s Convention and was co-opted onto the Dublin Board of Guardians, later becoming its chairperson. In 1918 she successfully contested an election for the Rathmines Urban District Council, and was elected its Vice-Chairman, which post she held during the War of Independence. She also gained notoriety as a district judge in the Sinn Féin courts in the Dublin suburbs of Rathmines and Rathgar. During 1920-1 she acted as an arbitrator for Dáil Éireann’s Labour Department in wage disputes in various parts of the country. She later received praise for her role in establishing an effective line of communication between various local Sinn Féin organs. A regular participant in executive committee meetings of Sinn Féin after the signing of the Anglo-Irish Treaty in December 1921, she worked assiduously with those Republicans opposed to the agreement. Áine chaired the Cumann na mBan meeting at which the Treaty was discussed and overwhelmingly rejected. Although taking the Republican side in the Civil War that followed, Áine acted on the Sinn Féin peace committee which endeavoured to find a compromise acceptable to both sides.

After the cessation of military hostiles in May 1923 Áine Ceannt gradually severed all her contacts with militant Republicanism and retired from political life soon afterwards. Instead, acting as chairperson of the apolitical Irish White Cross, she devoted the remainder of her public life to providing sustenance, education and benefit to the dependents of those Volunteers killed or permanently disabled during the course of the Irish revolution. Her account of the work of the organization, *The Story of the Irish White Cross, 1920-1947*, was published in 1948. She finally left her residence at Inis Ealga, Churchtown, in 1952. She died in Dundrum on 2 February 1954.

Lily O’Brennan was born in 1878, the third daughter of Frank and Elizabeth O’Brennan. She was educated at the Dominican College on Eccles Street. Like her sister, Áine, she was a founder member of Cumann na mBan in 1914. As part of the Marrowbone Lane garrison during the 1916 Rising, she fought under the command of
her brother-in-law, Éamonn Ceannt. She was subsequently imprisoned in Kilmainham Jail. Following her release, she was appointed secretary to the distribution committee of the Irish National Aid and Volunteers’ Association. In 1918 she was elected secretary to the Cumann na mBan executive. In September 1920 Lily was placed in charge of a bureau set up by Dáil Eireann’s Labour Department to find work for members of the IRA and Cumann na mBan, who, through victimization or other causes, had been forced to leave their employment.

In February 1921, following Erskine Childers’ appointment as Minister for Publicity, Lily left the Labour Department to act as his private secretary. In this capacity she accompanied the Irish delegation of plenipotentiaries to London for the Anglo-Irish Treaty negotiations. Upon the formal ratification of the agreement by the Dáil, however, Childers went out of office and Lily was dismissed. Resolutely anti-Treaty, she worked on the Republican publicity staff at their offices at 23 Suffolk Street during the Civil War. She was arrested in the Autumn of 1922 and held in Mountjoy and Kilmainham Jails until the October of the following year. Lily never returned to an active military or political life. Instead, she concentrated on her literary career, producing an historical novel *The Call to Arms* (1929) and contributing a number of articles, poems and children’s stories to various journals. Aside from her literary career, Lily retained contacts with many of her old comrades from the revolutionary period. She involved herself in the campaign for military service pensions and was frequently called upon by former members of Cumann na mBan to write a history of the formative years of the organization. Although she was never to write such a history, she continued to publish articles largely based on her reminiscences of Éamonn Ceannt and the national struggle. Lily O’Brien died, unmarried, on 31 May 1948.

The date of Kathleen O’Brien’s birth has not been ascertained but she was the second daughter of Frank and Elizabeth O’Brien. A well-known journalist in her day, she was the Dublin correspondent of the London *Times* and was acquainted with many of the leading Irish playwrights, poets, essayists and novelists of her generation. For a large part of revolutionary period, she was resident in the United States where she campaigned for the Republican cause through a myriad of Irish-American organizations. She was a high-profile speaker on a series of lecture tours across North America and was a key organizer of the Women’s Pickets for the Enforcement of America’s War Aims, which sought to pressurize the American administration into recognizing the rights of small nations to self-determination. On one occasion, she was arrested in Washington for putting up posters and placards denouncing British militarism in Ireland. In addition to her support for the Irish national struggle, Kathleen was a keen supporter of women’s rights, and she was a close personal friend and companion of Dr. Marie Equi, a controversial Massachusetts-born feminist and pacifist. On her return to Ireland in the early 1920s, Kathleen abandoned political campaigning and activism and concentrated on her literary and journalistic career. The Abbey Theatre produced her play, ‘Full Measure’, in 1928. She also contributed a large number of reviews, articles and social columns to the *Irish Times, Irish Tatler & Sketch* and to a variety of other newspapers and journals. She was secretary to the writers’ club, the Irish PEN in which capacity she corresponded with leading figures in Irish artistic and literary circles including Jack B. Yeats, Maurice Walsh, Lennox Robinson and May Morton. Kathleen was taken ill in the early part of 1948, and she died, unmarried, on 12 May.
I Papers of Éamonn Ceannt

I.i Correspondence

I.i.1 With Áine Ceannt (née Ní Bhraonáin)

Arranged by date

MS 13,069 /1-3 1903. 31 items.
Letters (with covers) from Ceannt to Áine Ní Bhraonáin. Mainly concerned with personal and family matters. Written in English and Irish. Some of Ceannt’s letters enclose printed circulars from Cumann na bPíobairí; Letter of 17 August encloses four blank copies of a railway voucher for the Connacht Feis, Galway, 12-18 August 1903; Letter of 24 December encloses a greeting card ‘For Auld Lang Syne’ signed by Éamonn. Also includes three postcards.

MS 13,069 /4-6 1904. 35 items.
Letters (with covers) from Ceannt to Áine Ní Bhraonáin. Mainly concerned with personal and family matters. Written in English and Irish, with 1 letter in French (Jan. 6). Includes 1 postcard. Also, includes 1 note (July 27) from Áine to Éamonn regarding a meeting.

MS 13,069 /7 1905-1908 and 2 undated [c. 1905]. 24 items.
Letters (5 with covers) from Ceannt to Áine Ní Bhraonáin. Written mostly in Irish. Mainly concerned with personal matters and Éamonn’s visit to Rome in 1908. Includes 12 postcards.

MS 13,069 /8 1916. 4 items.
Three short notes written by Ceannt to Áine from Richmond Barracks and later Kilmainham, dated 4/5 May 1916. He asks her not to fret and explains how he has requested that his possessions be handed over to her and briefly comments on the course of his trial. ‘I have now no longer an opportunity of showing how I think of you now that the chance of seeing you again is so remote’. Also, an envelope addressed to his brother, Richard.

MS 13,069 /9 1916. 3 items.
List of personal items which Ceannt wishes to leave to his wife. Signed and to be given to the Commandant of Kilmainham Gaol, 7 May 1916 at 11.35 p.m.
Letter dated at Kilmainham Gaol, 7 May 1916, with a list of people Ceannt wishes to leave his best wishes with, including Lily O’Brennan. Letter from Ceannt to Áine, dated 2.30 a.m., 8 May 1916, written an hour before his execution. ‘Not wife but widow before these lines reach you. I am here without hope of this world and without fear, calmly awaiting the end’.
I.i.2 Other correspondence

Arranged by date

MS 13,069 /10-11 1900-1915 and 3 undated [c. 1914]. 46 items.
Includes letters from Peter ?, a school boy friend of Ceannt, who congratulates him on his marriage to Áine Ní Bhraonáin (1905, June 27), and expresses his joy on hearing news that Áine had made a full recovery from a bout of septic poisoning (1906, November 18). He suggests (1908, August 18), that he just about knew ‘what a Sinn Feiner is (I have read the “Resurrection of Hungary!”’) and hopes that the shy bashful superquiet Ned Kent of my school boy days (how long ago they seem!) will never be called upon to wield a pike for what used to be called “the ould country”
Letter (1905, July 25), from the Register General, concerning an alleged error in the Ceannt’s certificate of marriage. Attached copy of a letter from the Register General to George A. Stritch asking him to return the certificate to Ceannt with a request that he add an English translation of his signature to the document. Also a draft copy of Ceannt’s reply on the matter.
Postcard (1906, September 18), in Irish from Lílí Ní Bhraonáin to Ceannt.
Postcard (1908, September 27), depicting Pope Pius X with MS annotation by Ceannt. ‘Played before his Holiness, Thursday, 24.9.08’
Correspondence between Ceannt and his landlord, James Richardson, regarding rent and improvements to rental property, 1913.
Correspondence between Ceannt and H. Wright, Surveyor of Income Tax, 1913-15. Includes notices of assessment for tax payable and a letter in Irish by Ceannt (1913, November 16). A reply from Wright advises that ‘if you have a knowledge of English, perhaps, in order to save time, you will reply in that language.’
Typed letter from Rónán Ceannt to his father (1915, September 21), wishing him a happy birthday, ‘and may you always have plenty of LIGHT on the road before YOU.
Also, an undated copy of a letter by Ceannt [c. 1914] responding to an individual who had accused him of infringing copyright with the words for his song ‘Ireland over all’ set to the air of Deutschland über alles. TS copy of the song is attached.

I.ii Conradh na Gaeilge and Irish Language Revival

I.ii.1 Correspondence

MS 13,069 /12 1906-1913. 8 items.
Includes letters regarding Ceannt’s appointment to a teaching position at Coláiste Laighean and a competition to find the best non-native speaker
of Irish, 1906. Written in Irish and English.

I.ii.2  Ceannt’s Irish Language Notebooks

**MS 13,069 /13-24**  
/13: The Marlborough Exercise Copybook. Containing fragmentary phrases in Irish, possibly used in teaching.  
*1 item*, undated.

*1 item*, undated.

*1 item*, 1906-8.

/16: Loose sheets containing printed Irish phrases, possibly used as a teaching aid.  
Small notebook containing a short Irish text.  
Alphabet table.  
*3 items*, undated.

/17: Byrne & Co. [exercise book]. Containing some Irish language phrases and an extensive text in Irish. Also, notes on ‘National music’ by Ceannt.  
‘Home Ruleism and Anti-Enlisting’ in shorthand [or cipher], 4 January 1906.  
Also encloses a printed flier from Dublin District Committee, Conradh na Gaeilge, encouraging parents to send their children to Irish-speaking schools.  
*1 item*, 1906 and undated.

*1 item*, 1902.

/19: Eason’s “Terra Cotta” with ‘Coláiste Laighean’, 1907-1908’ in MS on cover. Containing entries relating to meetings of Poll an piobaire on various dates.  
*1 item*, 1908-09.

/20: Sapphire series blue [notebook]. Containing various notes on the work of the Gaelic League and listing its achievements. Also contains some references to the issue of compulsory Irish in National Schools. Maybe connected with preparations for a lecture. Includes draft of a letter regarding a dispute with Alderman Kelly.  
*1 item*, undated.
/21: Loose sheets partially bound within brown covers containing brief references to the work of Conradh na Gaeilge. 
1 item, undated.

1 item, 1903.

/23: Eason’s “Terra Cotta” [exercise book]. Containing short Irish story extract. Also, short roll of individuals and amounts paid to a fund for the preservation of the Irish language [?]
1 item, 1911 and undated.

1 item, 1902-03.

/25: Irish Civil Service Exercise Book. Fragmentary texts in Irish. Also, extensive text in Irish based on article ‘Mannabhár Mór Mac Riogh Lochlann’ edited with notes by Henry Morris in Irishleabhar na Gaedilge, vol. 11, no. 125 (Feabhra 1901). A version of the article was previously published in Dundalk Democrat, 15 Dec. 1900. Ceannt’s texts may have been connected with preparations for a pageant.
1 item, undated.

I.ii.3 Programmes, Broadsheets, Circulars etc.

MS 13,069 /26 Includes:
Newscuttings of Irish poems and songs with accompanying English translations pasted onto sheets. Some taken from the Nation, 1890. Ceannt’s invitation card to the Árd Fheis of Conradh na Gaeilge, 31 May 1905.
Circular from Coiste Ceanntar, Átha Cliath, Conradh na Gaeilge, regarding a demonstration to inaugurate Irish language week, 13 February 1906.
Irish examination set by Ceannt for Coláiste Laighean, 1907. With MS alterations.
Programme for the Christmas fair of Aonach na Nodlag, 8-17 December 1910. With MS alterations.
‘Bean an Fir Ruaid’ by Grace Gifford. Broadsheet to encourage ballad singers to use Irish in the Gaeltacht. Ceannt arranged to have these broadsheets issued in about 1912. 9 copies.
Circular distributed amongst corporation staff re the annual collection in aid of funds for Conradh na Gaeilge, 27 March 1913. A list of subscribers, notes and calculations is enclosed with circular in brown covers.

Card (1913, June 30), inviting Ceannt to a special meeting of Conradh na Gaeilge convened to deal with a ‘matter of great urgency and importance’.

Ephemera issued by Aonach na Nodlag and Cumann Buan-Choimeádta na Gaeilge (Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language). 22 items, 1890-1914 and undated.

I.iii  Cumann na bPiobairí

I.iii.1  Correspondence

MS 13,069 /27  1905-1907 and 2 undated. 49 items.
Many letters relate to requests to Ceannt to perform or adjudicate at pipers’ competitions or at Feis organised by Conradh na Gaeilge or other cultural revivalist organisations. There is also some correspondence regarding William MacBrien whom Ceannt was pursuing for the return of some money and papers belonging to Cumann na bPiobairí. Written in Irish and English.

I.iii.2  Ceannt’s Notebooks

MS 13,069 /28-31 /28: Marlborough Exercise Book containing a lecture on the union pipes. Two sheets of music contained in copybook. Also, loose sheet with ‘A specimen of the paper (Irish-made) on which the circular is to printed’ on cover and list of names, dated 17 February 1900 on verso. Also includes two loose sheets with a note on the playing of the pipes. Also, a note relating to accommodation for the Gaelic League’s Central Branch excursion to Galway, 7 June 1901. 1 item, 1900-1 and undated.

/29: Small notebook [without covers] containing various addresses and Irish language phrases. Also notes re Cumann na bPiobairí and pipers’ classes, 1903. Newscuttings enclosed re the South Meath election of 1826 and Cumann na bPiobairí. Also contains a newscutting relating to the Irish Pipers’ festival at the Rotunda Dublin (Herald, 21 Dec.?), which included a performance by Ceannt on the pipes. 1 item, 1903 and undated.

/30: Sapphire Series [exercise book]. Includes various notes made by Ceannt for a lecture on the union pipes which he asserts is the first to be delivered in Dublin during the last dozen years. With a fragmentary cover for a program for a nationalist demonstration which included an a performance by Ceannt on the pipes.
I item, [c.1912].

/31: Marvel Exercise Book with ‘Áine bean Éamonn Ceannt’ in MS on cover. Containing various notes on the pipes with draft text of Ceannt’s lecture on ‘The Bagpipes’ delivered on 30 January 1912 at the National Museum, Dublin.
I item, 1912.

I.iii.3 Annual Reports and Meetings

Annual Report of Cumann na bPiobairí, 1905-06, written by Ceannt. ‘The Club was founded just six years ago its chief object being the revival of the fast disappearing union pipes’. MS, 6 sheets.
2 items, 1903 and 1905-06.

I.iii.4 Ceannt’s Articles and Lectures on the Pipes

MS 13,069 /33 ‘Reeds and Reed Making’. TS with MS alterations, 8 sheets. 3 copies.
Notes made by Ceannt for a set of articles on the union or war pipes’. MS, 4 sheets.
Copy of an article on the union pipes. TS, 4 sheets.
‘The History of the Irish Piper, June 1906. Further particulars by the Antiquarian Musician Mr. W. O’Duane … in reply to a query from the Secretary of the Pipers’ Club [Ceannt]’. TS, 1 sheet.
Notes for a lecture on the pipes and famous Irish pipers’. MS, 3 sheets.
‘List of lantern slides for a bagpipe lecture’. MS, 3 sheets.
9 items, 1906-07 and undated.

I.iii.5 Programmes, Fliers, Tickets, etc.

MS 13,069 /34 A flier for An Piobaire, the new journal of Cumann na bPiobairí, 1901.
4 concert and recital programmes including ‘The Pipers’ Festival’, Dublin, 26 June 1906, which included a performance by Éamonn Ceannt.
Also, programme for the ‘Celebration in honour of the Centenary of the birth of John Mitchel’, 4 November 1915, with a performance by Commandant Kent on the Uilleann Pipes.
Tickets to the Pipers’ Festival, 1903, 1906.
Ceannt’s receipts from Cumann na bPiobairí for tuition in the pipes,
1904.
Photograph of a piper by Hill’s, The Dublin Studio, Galway.
Newscutting of William Henry Grattan Flood’s lecture on the Irish
Pipers, [c. 1903].
Blank postcard showing ‘Irish piper, and stepdancers, from the Cork
Pipers Club’.
Advertisement flier from Patrick Fallon, Irish Union Bagpipe and
Highland Bagpiper Maker. 3 copies. Printed.
18 items, 1901-15 and undated.

I.iii.6 Other papers relating to Cumann na bPíobairí

MS 13,069 /35 Short notes for minutes of Pipers’ Club meetings, 1906. Some music
scores and other fragmentary notes.
Notes on the Irish Pipes by William Henry Grattan Flood, [c. 1903]
MS, 4 sheets.
7 items, 1901-06 and undated.

I.iv Irish Volunteers

I.iv.1 Correspondence

Includes related documents

MS 13,069 /36 1915. 21 items.
Mostly regarding communications between various Irish Volunteer
Corps around the country, 1915.
 Includes letter to Ceann from W.J. Hoolan regarding IVF communications around Nenagh with attached sketch map of the
town, 26 October 1915.
Also includes correspondence and sketch maps re Borris, Edenderry,
Naas and Maynooth.
Also, 14 copies of a (unsigned) short note in Irish from Ceann on the
posting of letters, 8 November 1915.
Circular from Ceann in his capacity as Director of Communications,
Irish Volunteers, regarding the rules for the posting of letters, circulars
to members of the organisation, 10 November 1915.

I.iv.2 Ceann’s Notebooks

MS 13,069 /37-39 /37: Black-covered exercise book containing notes on the teaching of the
Irish language. With exercises from a teaching manual or language
text (A Hand-book of Modern Irish?) pasted in. Also, Report of the
Uniform Sub-Committee of the Irish Volunteers. Written in cipher [or
shorthand] with references to ‘Whelan, Instructor, 4th Battalion’ and
other members of the Volunteers.
1 item, undated.
/38: Small brown notebook (Copper-Leaf mark) with ‘Re. argument at shoot. 4th Batt’ in MS on front cover. Regarding matters of discipline in the 4th Battalion of Volunteers. Also information re the setting up of the Irish Volunteers Insurance Society. Visual training lecture and firing ranges between various prominent sites in Dublin. Notes for a street fighting lecture, 3 May 1915. Various cipher entries. Also encloses a photograph of Ceannt in a Volunteer parade. 
1 item, 1915.

/39: Small black notebook containing entries relating to Ceannt’s organisation of the 4th Battalion of Irish Volunteers. Most entries relate to mobilisation, preparations for military action, election of officers, addresses of various Volunteer officers, arms and ammunition. Entry on final page signed by Ceannt dated 7 January 1916 reads: ‘In case of my death I leave all my possessions present and future to my wife; failing her to my brother Richard in trust for my son Rónán failing my son Rónán, then to Miss Lily O’Brennan, my sister in law’.
1 item, 1915-6.

I.iv.3 Financial documents

MS 13,069 /40-41 /40: Assorted Irish Volunteer accounts for 1914. Includes a letter (1914, Nov. 9), from M.J. Judge to Ceannt regarding the settling of an account for Volunteer materials. ‘I have £5 to hand you for a rifle and I require a further £12 worth for which the money is ready. Do try to let me have a cheque and don’t cause me the mortification of having to beg the Committee for it. Note in the corner signed by Uí Raghallaigh requesting that the matter be dealt with speedily. Various accounts for stationery, practice rifles, rents, uniforms and other items and equipment for the IVF. With calculations and a note attached signed by Ceannt ‘Keep these a/e’s’.
54 items, 1914.

/41: Messenger receipt book from the Director of Communications, Irish Volunteers. Used in the IVF postage service. Contains stubs from messages sent on 19 November 1915 to various parts of the country.
1 item, 1915.
I.iv.4 Other papers relating to the Irish Volunteers

MS 13,069 /42 Photostat copies of some important documents relating to the formation and organisation of the IVF. Includes copy of a letter to Ceannt from Uí Raghallaigh re the extension of the Volunteer movement to nationalist Ireland, 10 November 1913. Copy of a letter J.D. Nugent, Ancient Order of Hibernians, re the utility of having a Volunteer movement, 9 May 1914. Copy of circular from Ceannt on the split in the Irish Volunteers occasioned by the expulsion of John Redmond’s nominees to the executive committee, 3 October 1914. Also, copies of a minute book of the 4th Battalion, 2 January-20 February 1914 and Ceannt’s notes for special manoeuvres by the Volunteers during Easter, 1915. 15 items, 1913-15.

I.v Dublin Municipal Officers’ Association

MS 13,069 /43 Circular letter from Committee of Dublin Corporation staff interested in setting up a club or association for recreation and mutual advancement, February, 1901. Report of the Provisional Committee of the Dublin Municipal Officers’ Association (Dublin, 1901). 9 pp. Memorandums and memorials from the Association, 1901-02. 7 items, 1901-09.

I.vi Education

I.vii  Writings

I.vii.1  Historical

MS 13,069 /46  Copybook containing Ceannt’s account of a series of annual events from 1902 to 1906/7 and other notes.

- Notes re ‘Language Procession | March 16th 1902’. Refers to Irish Pipers’ Club, tableau of Battle of Clontarf, ‘Dr O’Hickey presided’; list of speakers, etc.
- Notes re event dated ‘1903 15 March’: ‘orderliness and punctuality’; ‘national holiday idea was evolved’; ‘hurlers’ display’; ‘An Craobhín made his bow to a Dublin public’, etc.
- Reference to Bank Holiday (Ireland) Act, 1903.
- ‘13 March 1904’. Refers to very bad weather ‘when the crowds and contingents were assembling literally “in their thousands”’.
- ‘March 12 1905’. ‘Expulsion of Dr McWalter & Editor of the Leader. No surrender to the G.P.O.’
- Attack on Alderman Thomas Kelly: refers to his ‘hesitation to answer the damning charges I have been making against him since December last’. Also refers to failed attempts by Kelly to ‘vent his spleen on my own poor self as he has already meanly endeavoured (unsuccessfully) to do in Council’.

1 item, 1902-07 and undated.

MS 13,069 /47  Marvel [Exercise Book]. Containing the text of a lecture by Ceannt on ‘Constitutional Agitation’ to the Irish Socialist Party of Ireland at the Antient Concert Rooms, Dublin, on 10 March 1912. Reference to the *Irish Catholic*, vol. xxv – no. 8, Saturday, February 24, 1912. ‘Our Paris Letter’. Also some fragmentary Irish texts: ‘Saoirse’ and ‘Na Finini’.

1 item, 1912.

MS 13,069 /48  ‘Who controls the administration? The officials, moral; select them with care’. Notes on Public Health work, housing and other aspects of local government. Some notes in Irish on final page.

1 item, undated.

I.vii.2  Other Writings

MS 13,069 /49  ‘The Art of Publicity’. MS, 4 sheets.

‘Connemara’. Written in Irish. MS, 13 sheets.
Text of a Corporation Examination. Written in Irish. 6 sheets. [Check]
Early lessons in Irish. MS, 4 sheets. [Check]

‘Faoisdeann Chonnradhora’. Written in Irish. MS, 1 sheet.

‘Fear agus bean agus páiste’. Written in Irish. MS, 3 sheets.

Greeting to His Holiness the Pope at the Vatican, 1908. Written in Irish.
MS, 1 sheet.

‘Intensive cultivation of the soil’. Written in English. MS, 5 sheets.

Lá Féile Pádraig. Written in Irish. Incomplete, MS, 2 sheets.

Notes regarding Mitchel’s Jail Journal. ‘Here is the immortal Jail
Journal of Mitchel …’. Written in English. MS, 1 sheet.

‘Thought Transference and Stage Illusions’. TS with MS alterations, 3
sheets.

‘Scealuigheacht’. Written in Irish. MS, 1 sheet. [Check].

Draft of letter by Ceannt regarding Donnchadha O Liathain’s
appreciation of An Mac Leighin. Written in English and dated 23 August
1906.

Untitled script. First line reads: ‘The first night I arrived … as a Gaelic
Leaguer …’. MS, 4 sheets. Annotation on verso of final page reads:
‘Paper read by Éamonn before Clontarf branch about 11-12 years ago –

Untitled script. First line reads: ‘Irish illuminated art seems to have been
the product of Christianity …’. MS, 1 sheet.

Fragmentary texts in Irish by Ceannt. Torn and in very poor condition.

18 items, 1904-08 and undated.

I.viii  Personal papers

I.viii.1  Financial papers

MS 13,069 /50  Bank account books, receipts etc., mostly from the Munster and Leinster
Bank Ltd.
19 November 1906 – 4 November 1907
17 September 1907 – 28 April 1908
30 March 1909 – 20 November 1909
4 December 1910 – 30 January 1912
4 May 1908 – 2 March 1909
4 December 1909 – 4 October 1910
1 February 1912 – 18 December 1912
19 November 1906 – 4 September 1907
32 items, 1906-15.

**MS 13,069 /51** Bank receipts and chequebook stubs mostly from the Munster and Leinster Bank Ltd.
c. 230 items, 1907-16.

**MS 13,069 /52** Miscellaneous receipts and invoices. Includes Ceannt’s invoice from J. McDowell, watchmaker and jeweller, for a wedding ring and keeper, 29 May 1905.
22 items, 1903-05.

### I.viii.2 Other personal papers

**MS 13,069 /53**
- Small black address book. Some dated entries from 1903 and also some notes re subscription fees for the Pipers’ Club. With two newcuttings relating to Cumann na bPiobairí from the *Evening Telegraph* placed within the leaves. One is dated 22 October 1903. Also encloses small photographs of 3 unidentified women and 1 man.
- Browne’s small scribbling diary for 1905. Entries until 6 June 1905. Written in Irish.
2 items, 1903 and 1905.

**MS 13,069 /54** Partially bound notebook containing newscuttings relating to Áine Ceannt, the 1916 Rising and the National Struggle, with some original letters and personal documents by Éamonn pasted in. Includes:
- Short note in Irish signed by Ceannt on the posting of letters to Volunteers, 8 November 1915.
- Memorandum from Director of Communications, Irish Volunteers [Ceannt] regarding the rules for the posting of letters and circulars to members of the organisation. 10 November 1915.
1 item, 1912-36 and undated.

**MS 13,069 /55** Drawing book containing various sketches by Ceannt including a colour self-portrait signed 1909. Also encloses a postcard ‘Muriel’ from which he sketched.
1 item, c. 1908-09.

**MS 13,069 /56** Sketchbook with ‘Áine Ni Bhraonáin’ in Celtic calligraphy on fly-leaf. Contains a series of calligraphically drawn inscriptions by Ceannt dedicated to Áine.
1 item, undated.
MS 13,069 /57  Receipt signed by Ceannt for salary advance of £16 18s 6d received from the City Treasurer, 19 April 1916. (5 days before the beginning of the Rising.)
1 item, 1916.

MS 13,069 /58  Broadsheet containing the words and music for ‘Ireland over all’. Words by Ceannt to the air of Deutschland über alles. ‘Profits for the sale of this edition will be handed to the 4th Battalion, Irish Volunteers, Kimmage, Dublin’. 30 copies.
30 items, undated [c. 1914].

MS 13,069 /59  Documents re life insurance policy.
Pamphlet from the Sun Insurance Office.
Receipts paid by Éamonn Ceannt for the renewal of a policy from the Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society. Renewed for 12 months on 1 April 1915.
Speech made by Robert Blyth, Chairman of the Scottish Life Assurance Society, on 23 March 1916, with copy of the schedule referred to in the speech.
10 items, 1915-16.

MS 13,069 /60  Agreement between Mr. W. Darby and Mr. G. Baily for letting premises on 44 Reuben Street, Dublin, 1 May 1905.
1 item, 1905.

MS 13,069 /61  Envelopes with Ceannt’s notes re income tax returns. Also some notes re his average weekly income and outgoings.
11 items, 1913-15 and undated.

MS 13,069 /62  Assorted blank postcards, empty envelopes with few fragmentary notes and other miscellania.
11 items, undated.

MS 13,069 /63  Éamonn Tomás Ceannt calling cards.
8 items, undated.

I.ix    Other papers

MS 41,478 /1-3  /1: Notebook containing an account by Áine Ceannt of her first meeting with Éamonn during a Conradh na Gaeilge excursion to Galway, 1901. Also household accounts for 1915-16, 1925.
1 item, 1901 and 1915-16, 1925.

/2: Copy of the Irish Universities Act, 1908, 8 Edw. 7, c. 38. With ‘Éamonn Ceannt, 25/8/08’ in MS on title page.
I.x Papers relating to Éamonn Ceannt

MS 41,479 /1-10

/1: An account of the 4th Battalion’s activities (under Commandant Éamonn Ceannt) during the 1916 Rising by Lily O’Brennan, 1 TS and 1 MS copy. 2 items.

/2: Notes on the history of the Irish Volunteers by Lily O’Brennan, MS, 7 sheets.

/3: Notes on ‘Easter Monday morning – On the march with the 4th Battalion of the Irish Volunteers’ with recollections of Father Albert, and other assorted historical notes by Lily O’Brennan ([56 pp of text]).
1 item.

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/6: Biographical account of Éamonn Ceannt and notes on Ardee, County Louth by Lily O’Brennan ([30 pp of text]).
Draft article [or speech?] by Líli Ní Bhraonáin [Lily O’Brennan] on the occasion of the seventh anniversary of the Easter Rising. 24 Apr. 1923. The article recalls some important incidents in Ceannt’s early career. MS, 5 sheets.
Notes on Éamonn Ceannt. MS, 3 sheets.
6 items.

/7: ‘Éamonn Ceannt, Commandant of the 4th Battalion, Irish Volunteers. Executed in Kilmainham Jail, 6 May 1916’ by Lily O’Brennan, TS with MS annotations. 3 copies.
‘Easter Week 1916 and the South Dublin Union’ by Lily O’Brennan.
TS for a radio broadcast, with MS annotations.

4 items.

/8: Biographical notes and recollections of Éamonn Ceannt and the 1916 Rising. Includes:
‘Éamonn Ceannt’s visit to Rome’ by P.J. Daniels. TS, 2 sheets.
‘What I remember about Éamonn’ by Michael Kent. TS, 3 sheets.
‘Éamonn Ceannt – an impression’ by J. Monks. Described as ‘one who worked with him in the same department in the corporation for a long number of years’. TS, 3 sheets.
Recollections of Easter Week at the South Dublin Union by Michael J. Kelly. MS, 2 sheets. With cover letter to Ronald [Rónán] Ceannt (1949, May 9).
‘Quotation from account of the funeral of John Doherty, late of the 4th Battalion’. TS, 1 sheet.
‘Sean McGlynn to Ed. Keegan’ (1936, May 24), in which he gives an account of the fighting at the South Dublin Union during Easter Week, enclosing a line drawing of the location where Cathal Brugha received his wound.
16 items.

/9: Printed and MS copies of the last letters and statements of those executed in 1916 and 1921-2.
‘An alleged speech of Mr. Thomas MacDonagh’. Transcribed from the Weekly Freeman. MS, 1 sheet.
‘No apology for my acts. The last letter of Thomas MacDonagh’.
Newscutting, Irish Independent, 12 August 1916.
Letter (1916, May 7), of J.J. Heuston.
Letter (1916, May 11), of Sean MacDiarmada. 3 copies.
‘Last and inspiring address of Thomas MacDonagh’.
Statement (1916, May 7), of Éamonn Ceannt. 3 copies.
Newscutting referring to the last letter of Thomas Wheelan, executed in Mountjoy Jail, 13 March 1921.
Newscutting referring to the last letter of Barney Doyle, executed in Mountjoy Jail, 13 March 1921.
Letter (1922, December 8), of Rory O’Connor.
12 items.

/10: Hand-coloured print of Éamonn Ceannt in an Irish Volunteer’s uniform. 1 item.

II Papers of Áine Ceannt

For papers about Éamonn Ceannt see Section I above

II.i Correspondence

II.i.1 General correspondence

Arranged by date

MS 41,480 /1 1916-1917. 18 items.
Correspondents include: Major Commandant, Kilmainham Detention Barracks (1916, May 11), regarding personal effects which Éamonn requested be given to his wife before his execution; Peter J. Murray (1916, May 10) sending his condolences on the death of Éamonn; Margaret Pearse; Also copies of letters by Áine Ceannt to the British military seeking the return of items taken from her house in Dolphin’s Barn during military raids in 1916; Includes permit (1916, May 13-16) for Áine Ceannt and Lily O’Brennan to visit Éamonn Ceannt in Kilmainham Jail; Also, letters from Irish Command on the return of Éamonn’s effects and property, 1917.

MS 41,480 /2 1918-1922. 16 items.
Correspondents include: Father Augustine; Father Albert (1921, Dec. 31), on the Treaty debate; Lily O’Brennan (1922, Nov. 15) concerning her conditions of imprisonment in Mountjoy Jail; Alice Stopford Green ([1922?] Dec. 16) on the need to heal national divisions; Includes an inventory of property destroyed or confiscated during military raids, 1920-1.

MS 41,480 /3 1923-1929 and 2 undated [c.1923 and c.1925]. 27 items.
Correspondents include: Rónán Ceannt; Father Albert (1923, Aug. 31), concerning the view amongst English papers and politicians that every vote cast for Cosgrave ‘is a vote for English supremacy in Ireland and ([c.1923]) his memory of how ‘Éamonn [Ceannt] … smiling, spoke, a few moments before his death of meeting Pope Pius X for whom he played the pipes in Rome’; Father Augustine; Constance Davis Houston (1924, Oct. 20) on arrangements for the funeral of Erskine Childers and her joy that at last honour is to be done for the executed men; Alice Stopford Green (1925, Jan. 21) on Father Albert’s banishment and praying that something be done for this ‘ardent, frail, almost shadow of a man’; Margaret Pearse. Includes a postcard (1923, Aug. 9), from Áine to her mother Elizabeth O’Brennan and a copy of letter (1924, Dec. 4) by Áine? on the ransack of her house in a raid by Auxiliaries and Black and Tans.
Correspondents include: Éamonn De Valera (1930, Nov. 11), sending his condolences on the death of Áine Ceannt’s mother; Dan Breen (1932, Sept. 21) introducing Dr. P O’Dowd. Includes a copy of a letter from Áine Ceannt (1933, May 30) to the editor of the Irish Press regarding Count Plunkett’s assertion that John O’Neill signed a letter of credit in early 1916; Dorothy Macardle; Patrick Lyons, Bishop of Kilmore; Margaret Pearse; Molly Childers; Includes a copy of a letter from Áine Ceannt (1935, Mar. 12) sending samples of the writing by her late husband; Also letters from Michael Cox, solicitors, regarding a dispute with Longman, Green & Co concerning the recently published The Prisoner Letters of Countess Markievicz (edited by Esther Roper) which Áine Ceannt believes includes a serious slur on the honour and courage of her husband. Includes drafts of letters by Arthur Cox and suggestions by Áine on the wording of possible corrections; John Kelly (1936, June 8), responding to Áine’s recent letter in the Irish Press, recalling his service with Éamonn Ceannt in 1916 and agreeing that such an insult to his memory ought to be ‘hurled back’; Esther Roper ([1936], June 17), apologising for any distress caused to Áine Ceannt and offering to withdraw the offending piece from any future editions of the work.

Correspondents include: Michael Kent [Miceál Ceannt] (1937, Nov. 22), concerning work on Mount Argus Monastery, Dublin, and a meeting with the Father Provincial (Father Adrian) who recalled seeing ‘Éamonn [Ceannt] and his lieutenants drilling the Volunteers in Plunkett’s old mills, and the sad split when he saw Redmond’s followers marching off and the Volunteers remaining true giving an ironical cheer’. Also refers to an important note given to him by Éamonn Ceannt on the eve of the Rising; Frank Aiken (1939, Jul. 6), inviting Áine Ceannt to become a member of the First Council of the Irish Red Cross Society. Includes 1 telegram.

Correspondents include: Father Augustine; Alice Milligan; Helena Concannon; Peadar O’Donnell (1941, Dec. 11) forwarding an oration by Éamonn Ceannt. Written in Irish, ‘Glas, bán agus buide’ includes O’Donnell’s own memories of Ceannt. He also asks Áine to use any influence she may have with the editor of the Irish Press to have his work published, as ‘I am sorely in need of a little money’; Patrick Lyons, bishop of Kilmore; M. Bean O’Brolchain (undated) encouraging Áine to write about the life of Éamonn, as it would appeal ‘to many who might be cold to Connolly’. Also gives important information on Éamonn Ceannt’s early life.

Correspondents include: Patrick Lyons, bishop of Kilmore; Sinéad Bean de Valera; James A. Healy; John Charles McQuaid, archbishop of Dublin; Rónán Ceannt.
MS 41,480 /8  **1949-1953. 14 items.**
Correspondents include: Sinéad Bean de Valera (1949, June 21) concerning the ‘Mrs Mellows fund’ and recalling Áine’s attendance in Éamonn’s Irish class many years previously; Gerard Butterly; Elizabeth Bloxham (1953, Apr. 15), agreeing with Áine’s view that ‘Nationalism has dwindled into party politics’ and recalling the sacrifice of 1916.

MS 41,480 /9  **Undated. 11 items.**
Correspondents include: Alice Milligan; Patrick Lyons, bishop of Kilmore; Margaret Pearse; Jack B. Yeats. Includes an undated postcard from Áine to her mother Elizabeth O’Brennan.

II.i.2  **Correspondence with Bureau of Military History**

*Includes related documents*

MS 41,481  **ca. 1941-50. 23 items.**
Letters and documents re Áine Ceannt’s statement to the Bureau of Military History, 1913-21.
List of documents given by Áine to the Bureau, 16 July 1941. MS, 1 sheet.
Letters from the Director of the Bureau and other officials concerning documents donated or loaned by Áine to the Bureau, 1947-50.
Assorted notes made by Áine in preparation for her statement to the Bureau.
Draft Statement of Áine B. Ceannt to the Bureau. Her statement includes a narrative of Éamonn Ceannt’s role in the early organisation of the Irish Volunteers, his command of the 4th Battalion of Volunteers during Easter Week and events leading to his execution. Also includes a short biography of Éamonn Ceannt. There is also much information on Lily O’Brennan’s experiences in the Rising, her leading role in Cumann na mBan and her activities during the War of Independence. TS with MS alterations, 48 sheets.
Incomplete drafts of Áine’s statement. TS, 6 sheets. 2 copies.
Other notes written by Áine Ceannt relating to the period of the national struggle.

II.i.2.A  **Correspondence, etc., relating to Áine Ceannt’s service in Republican Courts**

MS 41,482  **1921-22. 64 items.**
Letters and documents (mostly receipts) relating to Áine Ceannt’s service as district justice and trustee of the funds in the Pembroke and Rathmines Sinn Féin courts. Includes some letters from Gearoid O’Toole, register of the courts.
II.i.2.B  Correspondence, etc, relating to Barn Elms, Inis Ealga, Churchtown, Dublin, and other property

MS 41,483 /1-3  /1: Letter from Arthur Cox, solicitors (1929, April 23), regarding the sale of a plot of land in Skerries to Áine Ceannt. Bill of costs from Arthur Cox on the sale of the Skerries plot. 3 items, 1929.

/2: Copy of letters from Rónán Ceannt to W.E. Magill regarding the purchase price of Barn Elms, Churchtown, Dublin. Letter from William Magill (1939, Oct. 2) to Rónán Ceannt, affirming that he is willing to accept Áine Ceannt’s offer of £520 for his interest in Barn Elms. Letter from Robert N. Matheson, solicitors, on the date on which Áine and Rónán Ceannt would like to receive possession of Barn Elms. Memorial (1940, Sept. 11), on the sale of superior interest in Barn Elms by the Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation to Áine and Rónán Ceannt. 6 items, 1939-40 and undated.

/3: Letter from County Commissioner (1945, Dec. 17), advising Áine Ceannt that a notice has been served on James MacDonald requiring him to discontinue the practice of keeping pigs at Inis Ealga. Letters from Patrick Reilly, solicitors, to Áine and Rónán Ceannt regarding an Ejectment Civil Bill against MacDonald and a notice to quit to the same. Letter from M.J. Burke, T.D. (1946, Sept. 10), enclosing a letter received from Thomas Heanon. Copy of a letter from Áine Ceannt (1946, Nov. 23) to Patrick Reilly enclosing letters from M.J. Burke and Dr. Stanley and a draft of a letter to M.J. Burke setting out the Ceannt’s case against both Thomas Heanon and James MacDonnell. Letter from Thomas Heanon (1946, Nov. 23), demanding an apology from Áine Ceannt for alleging that he caused a civil disturbance on Kildare Street. Notice (1946, Dec. 17), of a sitting of the Dublin Circuit Court for a case between the Lord Mayor (plaintiff) and Joseph White (defendant) on a decree of possession of premises. Bill of costs from Patrick O'Reilly regarding the McDonnell case. Memorandum of agreement (1940, Nov. 28), between Áine Ceannt and James Derham concerning grazing and meadowing rights on a plot of land in Skerries. Certificate (1943, Feb. 28), from the Valuation Office Dublin on the rateable valuation for the Gate Lodge, Inis Ealga. 19 items, 1940-50.
II.ii Irish White Cross

MS 41,484 /1-2  /1: Circulars, Memoranda, agenda, reports of resolutions, and other official documentation associated with the Irish White Cross Association.

2 copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Irish White Cross. ([c. 1924]).

Agenda and supplementary agenda of an Irish White Cross general council meeting, 22 June 1922.

Copy of a letter from James Houghton to Henry Kennedy enclosing a copy of the byelaws of the New Bedford (Massachusetts) branch of the Irish White Cross ([c. 1922]).

Statement setting out position of the various funds pertaining to the Irish White Cross Association, and giving recommendations for their future organisation, 5 July 1924.

Circular letter setting out proposals for the future administration of the balance of funds, 12 August 1924.

2 copies of the resolutions of the meeting of the General Council of the Irish White Cross, 21 August 1924. With MS annotations.

A letter from Arthur Cox & Co., solicitors, to Áine Ceannt enclosing a draft copy of a deed of trust for the Irish White Cross (Disablement Fund), 1 Sept. 1924.

A letter from Arthur Cox & Co., solicitors to Áine Ceannt, enclosing an original counterpart deed of trust from the Irish White Cross (Disablement Fund), 12 December 1924.


Bill of costs from the committee for the maintenance of orphan boys and girls clothing and for their food.

Circular regarding a forthcoming annual general meeting of the Irish White Cross, 29 May 1945.

Circular from the Irish White Cross (Winding-Up) Association regarding the allocation of remaining funds.

MS notes on the resolutions passed at a meeting of the Council of the Irish White Cross.

19 items, 1924-45 and undated.

/2: Publicity items, appeals for support, information leaflets, stamps etc. relating to the work of the Irish White Cross.

Copies of letters from Éamonn de Valera to the Lord Mayor of Dublin ([c. 1921]), on the formation and work of the Irish White Cross. With MS annotations.

Copy of a letter (1921, Jan. 16), from Archbishop William J. Walsh on the formation of the Irish White Cross.

Newscutting from the New York Herald (15 Jan. 1922), on the willingness of Irish-American nurses to travel to Ireland to form a White Cross unit.

Flier from the Irish White Cross appealing for funds, 26 February 1921.

Copy of a letter from Áine Ceannt (1923, Oct. 15), to ? requesting
information regarding the payment of compensation.
Copy of a letter (1936, Jan. 8), enclosing a copy of particulars of the dependents of those killed in action from 1916 to the end of the Civil War.
Newscutting, includes photograph of an Irish White Cross meeting in Dublin, 2 Sept 1936.
Copy of a letter to Cardinal Joseph MacRory (1936, Aug. 25) inviting him to attend a meeting of the Council of the Association in the Mansion House, Dublin.
Invitation from Áine Ceannt to all original members of the Council of the Irish White Cross to intend a meeting in the Mansion House. ([c. 1936]).
Copy of a letter to Arthur Cox from Áine Ceannt (1943, Sept. 15), requesting that the registered office of Irish White Cross be changed to Inis Ealga, Churchtown.
Newscutting referring to work done by Áine Ceannt for the White Cross organisation.
2 blank Irish White Cross children’s relief forms.
Blank invitation card to a meeting of the Committee for the maintenance of orphans, Irish White Cross, Áine Ceannt, Secretary.
Irish White Cross Stamps.
21 items, 1921-43 and undated.

**MS 13, 069 /52** Includes: various newscuttings (mainly from the *Irish Press*) re Áine Ceannt’s work for the Irish White Cross Society.

**II.iii   Irish Red Cross**

**MS 41,485** 1939-1946. 10 items
Minutes of the first meeting of the executive committee of the Irish Red Cross Society, 5 Sept. 1939.
TS extract (1940, Apr. 19), from the manual of the International Red Cross referring to the organisation’s duties during a civil war.
Circular to all Irish Red Cross Society county secretaries, county divisional directors and branch secretaries regarding the agreement between the Taoiseach and society representatives, 22 December 1941.
Circular on the programme of activities of the Irish Red Cross Society ([c. 1946]).
‘Suggestions regarding activities of the Junior Red Cross Organisation’. Undated TS memorandum.
Circular on the International School of Correspondence of the Junior Red Cross. TS, 2 copies.
3 newscuttings of pictures relating to the Society’s work.
II.iv Personal papers

II.iv.1 Financial papers

3 items, 1909-14.

/2-3: Bank account books, receipts, etc.
Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd. account book, September 1916-December 1922. ([16 pp of text]).
Receipts from the National Land Bank, 1921-3.
2 account books from the Royal Liver Friendly Society.
2 receipts from the Irish Red Cross Society.
Receipts from the National City Bank, 1931-8.
8 chequebook stubs.
Other assorted receipts.
c. 327 items, 1916-38.

/4: Certificate of Shares in Comhar-Comhlucht Foilseoirachta Gaedheal Teo (Gael Co-operative Society Ltd.), 27 September 1923.
1 item, 1923.

/5: Hardback book containing dentist and doctors fees, Alliance Gas Company accounts, Trinity College, Dublin, fees and accounts, entries for coal, tax, petrol etc; Assorted household accounts. Undated.
13 items, c. 1919-34.

II.iv.2 Other personal papers

MS 41,487 /1-12  /1: Fragmentary note in Irish signed Áine, dated 15 February 1905.
Áine Ceant’s membership card for Conradh na Gaeilge.
Invitation card to Ard-Feis of Conradh na Gaeilge at the Mansion House, 16 August 1905.
Certificate enrolling Áine b. É. Ceant as a life member of the Dominican College (Eccles Street) Past Pupils’ Union.
Memorandum by Áine b. É. Ceant re a dispute over the will of John R. Graham. It reads ‘John R. Graham was a grandson to Esther Sullivan (née Brennan), she was very wealthy and adopted my father Frank Brennan when he was a lad. He lived with her for years and conducted her business and crossed to and from America with her …’.
27 May 1925. 8 pp.
7 items, 1904-25 and undated.
6 items, 1935-49 and undated.

/4: Note on the pedigree of the O’Brennan family. MS, 1 sheet.  
1 item, undated.

/5: Francis O’Brennan’s (Áine’s father) certificate of membership of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Family, 5 August 1874.  
1 item, 1874.

/6: Hardback book addressed to Mrs Elizabeth O’Brennan (Áine’s mother) with annotation in pencil on cover: ‘Rome, re Mary’. Includes:  
A small pamphlet on the Roman Catacombs.  
‘The Papal Benedicitoris in St. Peter’s during the Jubilee year by Helena Lucretia’. MS, 2 sheets.  
Copies of testimonials recommending Miss Mary J. Brennan (Áine’s sister?) for the position of crèche superintendent, 1902-05.  
1 item, 1902-05 and undated.

/7: Newscuttings (mostly obituaries) relating to the Most Reverend Dr. Tobias Kirby (1803-95), Archbishop of Ephesus and Rector of the Irish College, Rome. Áine’s mother, Elizabeth O’Brennan, was a niece of Archbishop Kirby.  
10 items, 1895-1935.

/8: Family and holiday photographs. Some dated on verso, including one of Rónán Ceannt dated 8 May 1916, the date of his father’s execution.  
46 items, 1926-46 and undated.

/9: Two postcards to Elizabeth O’Brennan from Francis O’Brennan (1903, Oct. 4), and ‘Kats’ (1924, Aug. 29).  
2 items, 1903 and 1924.

/10: Original photograph of Áine b. É. Ceannt by Keogh Bros., Dublin.  
1 item, undated.

/11: Newscuttings relating to Áine b. É. Ceannt.  
5 items, 1933-52 and undated.

/12: Newscuttings of obituary notices for Elizabeth O’Brennan, 1930.  
5 items, 1930.

MS 13,070 /5 Religious cards for the Irish National Pilgrimage to Lourdes signed by Áine, Éamonn and Rónán Ceannt.  
4 items, 1913 and undated.
Sympathy, bereavement acknowledgment and memorial cards, including people killed and executed in the 1916 Rising.
6 items, 1917-46.

Miscellaneous family and holiday photographs including two of Áine b. É. Ceannt.
12 items, 1933, 1949 and undated.

II.v Papers relating to Rónán Ceannt

MS 41,488 /1-4 /1: School copybooks
Irish copybook and Vere Foster’s perspective drawing book.
5 items, 1913 and undated.

/2: Examination papers, Junior Freshman, Trinity College, Dublin, 1926.
Incorporated Law Society examination papers with responses and notes.
Certificate from the Incorporated Law Society attesting to Rónán Ceannt’s attendance at Common Law Lectures, 21 May 1931.
Assorted notes for Intermediate Examination for solicitors.
25 items, 1926-34 and undated.

TS and MS copies of an essay by Rónán Ceannt recalling early radio broadcasts in Ireland.
3 items, 1926.

/4: Personal letters, cards, invitations etc.
Letter from Rónán to his father re his typing on his uncle’s machine, 1912.
Postcard from Rónán to his grandmother, Elizabeth O’Brennan. 1 September 1916.
Invitation card to attend the reception at the Eucharistic Congress, Dublin, 1932.
Greeting cards, postcards from his uncle Miceál.
Invitation card to attend the unveiling of a memorial commemorating the 1916 Rising, 21 April 1935.
Letters from Arthur Cox, solicitors, re position with Dublin Corporation. 1937.
Christmas greeting card from his grandfather. Undated.
Copies of letters from Rónán Ceannt to James G. O’Connor, solicitor, regarding the estate of John R. Graham, 1939-40.
Birthday card to Mary, 23 September 1953.
23 items, 1912-53 and undated.
II.vi    Writings

II.vi.1    Historical

MS 41,489    Notes on the political situation, c. 1923-4. MS, 6 sheets.
1 item, [c. 1923-4].

II.vii    Other papers

2 items, 1916.

Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart. Includes article on Éamonn
Ceannt by Máire B. Ni Broclcháin, pp 7-8.
1 item, 1948.

/3: List of documents held by Áine Ceannt and list of correspondents to
her and her sister, Kathleen O’Brennan. MS, 5 sheets.
1 item.
III Papers of Lily O’Brennan

For papers about Éamonn Ceannt see Section I above

III.i Correspondence

III.i.1 General Correspondence

Arranged by date

MS 41,491 /1 1911-1918. 10 items.
Correspondents include: Josephine O’Sullivan; Muriel MacDonagh (nee Gifford, wife of Thomas MacDonagh, executed Irish Volunteer leader); Rob Brennan (1918, Dec. 30) at Gloucester Jail, requesting Lily to remember him ‘to everyone in the old firm’; Includes copy of a medical certificate (1918, Sept. 26) relating to Molly Childers’ health; Also includes two postcards from Lily O’Brennan to her mother, Elizabeth.

MS 41,491 /2 1919-1923 and 2 undated (c. 1921 and c. 1923). 31 items.
Correspondents include: Liam P. O’Riain; Sean T. O’Ceallaigh (1921, Oct. 20), conveying his thanks for a recent letter; Elizabeth O’Brennan (1921, Oct. 10) on a recent visit by Father Augustine; Molly Childers (1921, Nov. 21), regarding personal matters and the approaching Treaty negotiations, ‘in 35 mins. they will be meeting, God bless our delegates and their purpose’; Erskine Childers (1922, Feb 10), thanking Lily for her tireless and devoted labours and affirming that ‘we are in a bad crisis over the preventing of the republic … [but] we will manage somehow’; Includes a letter by Erskine Childers (1921, Sept 14), introducing Lily O’Brennan as his private secretary; Includes 4 letters (1 undated) from Lily O’Brennan to her mother (1923, Feb. 11), refers to the conditions in Kilmainham Jail for 54 female inmates detained there, in particular how there is no hot water, and how ‘some of the delicate girls had several collapses’. Also describes visiting ‘Éamonn’s two cells. 88 is on the top landing and none of us have got up there yet’; Robert Barton; Áine Ceannt; Éamonn de Valera (1923, July 14), expressing his delight on hearing news that she had been released and recalling this day two years ago and the changes there have been since then. Also includes a letter (1922, June 9), from the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust to the Lord Mayor of Dublin, regarding an act of heroism performed by Lily O’Brennan. With a copy of an application form from the Trust Fund.

MS 13,070 /4 1922. 1 item.
‘On His Majesty’s Service’. Conferring an award upon Lily O’Brennan for an act of heroism in saving the life of a drowning child in the River Dodder, January 1922. TS.

MS 41,491 /3 1924-1935. 19 items.
Correspondents include: Dorothy MacCardle; Ronan Ceannt; Jack B.
Yeats (1929, May 22), sending a list of illustrative Dublin street signs; Cumann na mBan (1930, Dec 8), sending their condolences on the death of Elizabeth O’Brennan; Father Augustine; Brown & Nolan Ltd. (1930, Oct. 29), on the possible use of the sequel to *The Call to Arms* by Esther Graham (Lily O’Brennan) for use in schools and editorial suggestions for its improvement; Phyllis Ryan (1935, Feb. 2) suggesting that information be collected on Cumann na mBan members for the purposes of the Military Service Pensions Act and for a history of the organisation which she believes Lily O’Brennan should write; H.S. Murray (1935, Oct. 22), regarding a reunion of members of the South Dublin Union and Marrowbone Lane garrisons who fought in the 1916 Rising; Also includes a memorandum of agreement (1929, Dec. 5) between Lily O’Brennan and Browne & Nolan Ltd., publishers, concerning the publication of *The Call to Arms*.

**MS 41,491 /4 1936-1948. 23 items.**
Correspondents include: Department of Education (1937, Dec. 23), giving reasons for not adding *The Call to Arms* to the official list of approved books for use in national schools; Browne & Nolan Ltd.; Maurice Walsh (1942, Aug. 20), enclosing a draft forward to a children’s book by Lily O’Brennan; Maire O’Reilly (1945, June 7), requesting a reference to certify membership of Cumann na mBan; Francis X. Ford (1945, Nov. 19), on his experiences with the Catholic Mission in China during the war; Nuala Ni Mhoráin, *The Leader*; The Kerryman Ltd. (1946, May 29), on the possibility of publishing ‘Leading a dog’s life in Ireland’; *An Cosantoir* (1947, May 19), on the publication of ‘We surrender. An episode of the fourth battalion, 30th April 1916’; Includes 3 draft copies of a letter (1947, Aug. 30) from Lily O’Brennan to Mr. Nolan requesting the return of MS copies of ‘Leading a dog’s life in Ireland’ and the ‘Adventures of smooth-the-ways fairy’.

**MS 41,491 /5 Undated. 15 items.**
Correspondents include: Rónán Ceannt; Jack B. Yeats; Kathleen Fox; Alice Stopford Green; Dora Shorter.

### III.i.2 Correspondence with Alice Milligan

*Includes related documents*

**MS 41,492 /1-5 /1:** Letters from Alice Milligan to Lily O’Brennan. The letters are principally concerned with family and personal matters, recollections of Éamonn Ceannt, literary matters particularly Alice’s poetry of the 1916 Rising and her work as editor of *Shan Van Vocht*. Other subjects include partition, northern cultural organisations, commemorative events, and encounters with other notable nationalist figures including Jennie Wyse Power, Helena Concannon, Louise Gavan Duffy and Bulmer Hobson. Includes a letter from Minne Milligan referring to a picture of Alice sent to her by Rónán Ceannt and the effects that the death of a brother has had on Alice.

40 items, undated.
/2: Letters from Alice Milligan (8 with covers). Includes 2 letters to Áine Ceannt and 1 telegram (1939, Sept. 25).
14 items, 1939 and undated.

/3: Cards from Alice Milligan. Includes 1 telegram (1940, 29 June).
27 items, 1940 and undated.

/4: ‘At the Castle’ by Alice Milligan with a dedication to Áine Ceannt. MS, 1 sheet.
Notes on Napper Tandy by Alice Milligan. MS, 8 sheets.
MS and TS copies of a biographical sketch of Alice Milligan by Áine Ceannt. 4 sheets.
MS notes for a biographical description of Alice Milligan, dated 13 Dec. 1937.
Text of an introductory address delivered by Denis J. Coffey on the occasion of the award of an Honorary Doctorate of Literature to Alice Milligan by the National University of Ireland, 10 July 1941. TS, 2 sheets. 2 copies.
Letter (1937, April 3), from Michael Donnelly to Alice Milligan requesting money.
13 items, 1937-41 and undated.

/5: Newscuttings by and relating to Alice Milligan. Many include extracts of her work.
18 items, 1936-9 and undated

III.i.3 Correspondence with the Department of Finance

Includes related documents

MS 41,493 1916-1932. 7 items.
Copy of letter (1932, May 19), to the Committee of the Department of Finance enclosing Lily O’Brennan’s statement of service with the National Aid Organisation, Cumann na mBan, the Labour Department, Dáil Éireann, and the Department of Publicity, 1916-23.
Draft of Lily O’Brennan’s statement. With MS corrections.
Includes copies of letters from the Department of Finance regarding the payment of Lily O’Brennan’s salary following her dismissal from the civil service, 1922.
Also copies of letters from Cumann na mBan regarding payment for Lily O’Brennan’s services to the organisation, 1922.
III.ii  Cumann na mBan

MS 41,494 /1-2  /1: Circulars, reports of executive meetings and conventions relating to the organisation of Cumann na mBan.
   List of Cumann na mBan members attached to Dublin garrisons, 1916, TS, with MS annotations, 4 sheets.
   Copy of attendance of executive from 1920-21, TS, 1 sheet.
   Report of special convention of Cumann na mBan, 5 Feb. 1922. MS, 1 sheet.
   Constitution of Cumann na mBan. TS with MS alterations. 3 copies.
   Circular on military activities of Cumann na mBan. TS, 1 sheet.
   Circular (14 Mar. 1936), notifying members of the old executive (1915-22) of Cumann na mBan that a meeting will be held for the purposes of rendering assistance to those seeking to certify their claims under the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934. TS, 1 sheet.
   Agenda of the meeting of the executive of 25 April 1936. TS with MS additions, 3 sheets.
   Certificate of Bridget Laffan’s service in Cumann na mBan.
   Note certifying Elis McNamara’s service in Cumann na mBan, signed by Lily O’Brennan. MS.
   Note certifying M. O’Reily’s service in Cumann na mBan, signed by Lily O’Brennan. MS.
   ‘Six first-aid lectures’. TS, 6 sheets
   15 items, 1916-36 and undated.

/2: Handbills, publicity items and other printed matter relating to Cumann na mBan.
   Flier encouraging membership of Cumann na mBan, the women’s section of the Volunteer movement. 4 copies.
   Leaflet from the Cumann na mBan executive giving information on the formation of a branch and details of the organisation’s activities.
   Undated.
   Newscutting from the Freeman’s Journal [1921]. A photograph showing Cumann na mBan members in a ‘Boycott Belfast’ demonstration in Dublin.
   A copy of Eire, The Irish Nation, 21 April 1923. Includes a list compiled by various Cumann na mBan branches of women ‘held prisoner by the King’s Irish Ministers’.
   Newscuttings relating to (deceased) members of Cumann na mBan: Marcella Cosgrave, Maire Deegan (3 May 1939), Mollie O’Hanlon.
   Newscutting of an article in which Elizabeth O’Farrell contradicts an account given by Ailbhe O’Monacháin regarding the delivery of P.H. Pearse’s dispatch to Galway during Easter week, 1916.
   12 items, 1923-39 and undated.
Includes: Annotated circular of a meeting held in 1924, Áine Ceannt in the chair, at which the re-organisation of Cumann na mBan was discussed.

III.iii Military Service Pension

MS 41,495 1936-37. 9 items.
Includes letters from W. Doolin, Department of Finance, J. Barry, Assistant Assessor for the Office of Public Debts and the Department of Defence relating to the award of a pension to Lily O’Brennan under the 1934 Military Service Pensions Act.
Memorandum of information on the Military Service Pensions Act, 1924-1934.
Award Certificate, dated 5 July 1937, awarding a pension of £44. 12. 0.

III.iv Writings

III.iv.1 Historical and biographical

For published and unpublished historical articles see: Articles below

MS 41,496 /1 /1: A draft account of the formation of Cumann na mBan, the Irish Volunteers and the 1916 Rising. TS with MS alterations, 73 sheets. 1 item, undated.

MS 41,496 /2 /2: ‘Anglo-Irish Conquest of Ireland’. Written by Lily O’Brennan while she was imprisoned in Kilmainham Jail, February 1923. Contains a rough chronology of Irish history from the Norman invasion to the sixteenth century. MS, 8 sheets. 1 item, 1923.


III.iv.2 Novels

III.iv.2.A The Call to Arms (1929)

MS 41,497 /1-9 /1: Galley proof, pp 1-84.

/2: Galley proof, pp 85-191.

/4: Galley proof, chapters 14-30.

/5: Chapters 1-10, TS with MS alterations, 65 sheets.

/6: Chapters 11-20, TS with MS alterations, 60 sheets.

/7: Chapters 21-30, TS with MS alterations, 57 sheets.

/8: Fly-leaf and forward, 2 copies. 2 items.

/9: Newscuttings of reviews, 1930. 7 items.

III.iv.2.B ‘In Arms’. Unpublished sequel to *The Call to Arms*

**MS 41,498 /1-6**

/1: TS with MS additions, pp 1-230.

/2: MS, bound copy of chapters 1-9 with notes for unwritten chapters (36 pp of text). With loose sheet of chapter titles.  2 items.

/3: TS with MS additions and alterations. Title page bears the date 11 Feb. 1931, pp 1-60.

/4: TS, pp 61-120.

/5: TS, pp 121-71.

/6: MS notes compiled by Lily O’Brennan for ‘In Arms’. Includes a chronology of key historical events from c. 1890. Also commentary on various topics including the Boer War, the evolution of Sinn Féin and the IRB, the Ulster Question and the Irish Parliamentary Party.  9 items.

III.iv.2.C ‘Ships a Calling’

**MS 41,499** Chapters 1-2, pp 1-19. TS with MS alterations.  1 item.

III.iv.2.D ‘Strength’ by Eliza Cronin [Lily O’Brennan].

**MS 41,500** TS with MS alterations, pp 1-11.  1 item.

III.iv.3 Poetry

**MS 41,501 /1-3** /1: Small copybook containing poems including a draft of ‘The Wee Northern Woman. A Donegal Legend’. ([9 pp of text]). ‘The Wee Northern Woman’. TS, 5 sheets.
Report on ‘Oidhche Bealtaine’ and ‘The Wee Northern Woman’, giving a judgment on their artistic merits and their suitability for publication, 17 November 1917. TS, 2 sheets.

3 items, 1917 and undated.

/2: Poems written by Lily O’Brennan while she was imprisoned in Kilmainham and Mountjoy jails, 1922-3.
Small bound volume of poems, some in Irish ([11 pp of text]).
‘Vigil at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour’s Altar, Mountjoy – 1922 (November)’. MS, 1 sheet.
‘Vigil for Erskine Childers at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour’s Altar. (Mountjoy jail), 4.30 a.m., 24th November, 1922’. TS, 1 sheet.
‘Captivity’ (7 March 1923).
‘Credo’ ([Easter, 1923]).

6 items, 1922-3.

/3: Other poems by Lily O’Brennan.
‘To Father Albert, O.S.F.C. (Kilkenny Friary, 18 February 1925)’. TS with MS alterations, 2 sheets.
‘To Father Albert, who died in Santa Barbara, 15 February 1925’. TS, 1 sheet.
‘Our Lady of Lourdes’. TS, 1 sheet.
‘Constance de Markievicz’. MS, 1 sheet.
‘Little Bredeen (A scene in an Irish cabin, Christmas Eve)’. TS, 2 sheets.
‘Éamonn Ceannt’. TS, 4 copies.
‘In Memoriam’, MS, 3 sheets.
‘In Memoriam’. With two dated ‘Lily O’Brennan, 1916’, MS, 3 sheets. 4 copies.
‘In Memoriam’. TS, 2 sheets.
‘In Memoriam’. TS, finished in MS on verso, 1 sheet.
‘Cowships’. ‘The Volunteers’ on recto of final page. MS, 3 sheets.
‘Just Again’. ‘Grattan’ on verso. MS, 1 sheet.
‘Perhaps’. Note on the Irish parliament building on recto, MS, 1 sheet.
Untitled poem. Beginning ‘Come in Arthur and go to bed’. MS, 2 sheets.
‘Passing Days’. ‘Grattan’ on verso. MS, 1 sheet.
Untitled poem by Esther Graham (Lily O’Brennan). Beginning, ‘Along the beach, while all was calm’. TS, 1 sheet.
‘Etain’, MS, 1 sheet.
‘Johnny’ by Elizabeth Graham (Lily O’Brennan). TS, 2 copies.
‘Honeymoon’, MS, 1 sheet.
Note on ‘Emilia’. MS, 1 sheet.
‘Old Age’ by Esther Graham (Lily O’Brennan), 1 sheet.
‘A Spring Song’. MS, 2 sheets.
Untitled poem. Beginning, ‘There is a gray and pompous building’, MS, 2 sheets.
‘Recollections’, dedicated to Rónán, dated 17 May 1913. MS, 3 sheets.
‘Elain, the child, part I’, ‘Beckty Nan’ and other notes for poems. MS, 5 sheets.
‘A rambling Irishman’, MS, 1 sheet.
‘Saviour’, TS, 1 sheet.
‘Saviour’, TS, 2 sheets.
‘Saviour’, TS, 2 sheets.
‘Saint Patrick’ by Esther Graham (Lily O’Brennan). TS, 1 sheet.
‘Philosophy’ by Lily M. O’Brennan, MS, 1 sheet.
‘A picture of Our Lady of Lourdes’ by Lily O’Brennan. TS, 1 sheet.
‘Granny Gray’, TS, 2 copies.
‘Blind Mary of the Glen’ by Eliza Cronin (Lily O’Brennan). TS, 1 sheet.
‘Mary of the Glen’ by Elizabeth Graham. TS, 1 sheet.
‘In Memoriam Mrs Una Mallin, 2nd May 1932’. TS, 1 sheet.
‘Springtime’, MS, 1 sheet.
‘Autumn’, MS, 2 sheets.
‘Blessed be God’. MS, 2 sheets.
‘The Bremen’ by Esther Graham (Lily O’Brennan). MS, 1 sheet.
‘Little Bridheen (Christmas Eve in Donegal)’. TS, 2 sheets.
‘Memories’. TS, 1 sheet.
‘Beckty Nan’. MS, 2 sheets.
54 items.

III.iv.4 Children’s stories

Typescripts with MS alterations


/7: ‘King Guaire’s Cat and the Bard’, dated 27 July 1946, pp 1-15. 3 copies, 2 copies incomplete. Includes an illustration by Lily Williams to accompany the story.
4 items.

4 items.

/9: ‘Silver Hide’. 6 copies, some incomplete. Includes an illustration by Lily Williams to accompany the story.
7 items.

3 items.

3 items.

/12: ‘The Fairy of the Waterfall’. TS, 2 copies. Includes an illustration by Lily Williams to accompany the story.
4 items.

3 items.

/14: ‘The Snake of the Lough’, pp 1-8. 2 copies. 2nd copy incomplete. Includes an illustration by Lily Williams to accompany the story.
3 items.

2 items.

/16: ‘The Piper’s Wife’, pp 1-4. TS.
‘The Piper of Grit, pp 1-5. 3 copies.
‘Phelim One Tune’, pp 1-3.
5 items.

/17: ‘A Christmas Fairytale’, pp 1-5. TS.
‘Christmas Legends’, pp 1-7. 2 copies. 1 copy incomplete. Published in The Monitor and Weekly Independent.
3 items.

2 items.
   2 items.

/20: ‘The Branch of Red Gold Apples’. TS drafts with MS corrections and alterations. Includes an illustration by Lily Williams to accompany the story.
   7 items.


/22: Miscellaneous shorter items and literary fragments.
   ‘Shaun Og’. TS, 2 sheets.
   ‘Cuchulain’. MS, 3 sheets.
   ‘Una in Tir na nOige’. TS, with MS alterations, 9 sheets.
   ‘Hard Fates’ by Esther Graham, dated 16 April 1928. MS, 4 sheets.
   Report on ‘Seabird’ by Esther Graham, giving a judgement on its artistic merits. MS, 1 sheet.
   Untitled short story. Beginning, ‘It was on a wonderful May Eve when the people of Kerry were celebrating …’. TS, 7 sheets.
   Untitled story. Beginning, ‘Kathleen Conway stood at the window …’. MS, 9 sheets.
   Short synopsis for a novel on the life of Constance Gore-Booth. MS, 1 sheet.
   9 items.

III.iv.5 Short stories

MS 41,503 /1-2 /1:
   ‘Notions and Dreams’. TS, 14 sheets. Published in The Irish Catholic, 1 December 1928. Also published in The Monitor, 15 December 1928, 2 newscuttings.
   ‘A Hewer of Wood’, dated 25 May 1939. TS, 7 sheets. Published in The Irish Catholic, 8 September 1928.
   ‘The Piper’s Way’ by Elizabeth Graham (Lily O’Brennan). TS, 14 sheets.
   ‘The Blackbird’s Call’. TS, 11 sheets.
   ‘A hallow eve in Ireland’. TS, 5 sheets.
   ‘Christmas dialogues’. TS, 4 sheets.
   Untitled story, beginning, ‘It was a cosy kitchen, ruddy with firelight …’. TS, 11 sheets.
   ““Give us to guard our native coast – the matchless men of Tipperary”, Thomas Davis’. TS with MS additions, 3 sheets.
   ‘The Sister’. Draft of another story on the verso. MS, 6 sheets.
   ‘A mushroom hunt’. TS. On verso, a list of schools with meal provisions for children, dated 15 Nov. 1921. 6 sheets.
   12 items.
/2: ‘The season is over’. TS, 2 sheets.
‘Waysiders’. MS, written on the verso of a printed flier from the Irish Volunteer Student’s Aid Committee, 13 sheets.
‘The wee northern woman (a Donegal legend)’. TS, 6 sheets.
‘Peter’s dream’, TS with MS alterations, 7 sheets.
‘Jimmy’. MS, 12 sheets.
MS, ‘Marcus Nolan’. On the verso of the final sheet there is a copy of a letter from Elizabeth Graham (Lily O’Brennan) to Curtis Brown, Covent Garden, London, forwarding one short story and four poems for publication, 29 October 1932. 17 sheets.
‘Old Kilbarry’. TS with MS alterations, 3 sheets.
‘Kathleen’s seventh Friday’. TS, 3 sheets.
‘Only for the night adoration’. TS, 3 sheets.
‘The Season is over’ by Za Butler (Lily O’Brennan). TS, 2 sheets.
‘How doth the little busy bee improve each shining hour’. TS, 1 sheet.
13 items.

III.iv.6 Plays

MS 41,504 /1-9 /1: ‘Conn, a one act drama in four scenes’. MS, 18 sheets.

/2 ‘Saint Brigid’, with dramatis personae and a list of actors. TS, with MS alterations. 2 copies. ‘Brigid of Ireland. Patroness of Ireland’. MS notes and scenario for a life of St. Bridget, 22 sheets.
3 items.

/3: ‘The Rann of Sword’, 3 copies. Also, 2 copies of Acts II and III with an incomplete draft of Act II. TS.
8 items.


2 items.

/6: ‘New Year’s Eve in Glen of Imaal’. MS, 8 sheets.

/7: ‘Buttercups and daisies, a fairy play’. TS, 11 sheets.
Includes copies of ‘Song of the buttercups and daisies’. TS, 6 sheets. Also, musical score to children’s song in the ‘Buttercups and daisies’. TS, 15 sheets.
3 items.
/8: Incomplete script of an untitled play featuring a dialogue between a father and child. MS, 4 sheets.

/9: Short scenarios for ‘Eithné and St. Patrick’ and Erin’s Fate’. 2 items.

### III.iv.7 Articles

*Typescripts with MS alterations. Arranged by title.*

**MS 41,505 /1**  

**MS 41,505 /2**  
‘18 and 19 Eccles Street. Mother Antonia’. TS, 10 sheets.

‘Brendan’s dream, crossing the Atlantic’. TS, 2 sheets.

‘Connemara’ by Elizabeth Graham (Lily O’Brennan). TS, 7 sheets, 2 copies.

‘The Curragh or Currahain’. TS, 2 sheets.


‘An Irish Tour (From West to North)’, dated 12 October 1933. TS, 3 sheets.

‘The Irish wolfhound, a native breed to be revived’. TS, 4 sheets. Includes a poem, ‘The Irish wolfhound’ with a short note by Lily O’Brennan encouraging a revival interest in literature about the animal. Also, a photograph of the dog pasted onto cardboard.

‘The harvest fields’. TS, 1 sheet.


‘Old memories’. TS, 2 sheets.

‘Saint Patrick’s Breastplate’ by Esther Graham (Lily O’Brennan). TS, 3 sheets.

‘Saint Patrick’s Purgatory’. TS, 7 sheets.

‘Wayside shrines, Ireland’s Eucharistic Congress’. TS, 4 sheets. MS annotation on the verso of page 4 praying ‘that peace not war may yet be obtained by the human race’ and recalling that ‘glorious week in 1932 when Dublin was a city of prayer, peace and loveliness’.


‘When the geese came home, Christmas 1916’. MS, 5 sheets.

‘Why I prefer an Irish holiday’, dated 12 October 1933. TS, 2 sheets 21 items.

MS 41,505 /3 Various newscuttings etc. of articles relating to the 1916 Rising.

‘“A Young Friar came down the corridor.” Father Albert and Easter Week’. Irish Press, 14 Feb. 1934.

‘One Easter Monday’. Irish Press, 2 April 1934.


‘Recollections of 1916’, Irish Independent, 16 April 1936.

‘The Last of Easter Week’. Undated newscutting pasted onto paper.

‘The Aftermath of Easter Week. The search at Kilmainham’. Undated newscutting pasted onto paper.

8 items, 1934-36 and undated.

MS 41,505 /4 Hely’s 1925 Diary with newscuttings of articles (1928-37) by Lily O’Brennan pasted in. Also includes list of addresses on pp 98-9. 1 item, 1928-37 and undated.


III.iv.8 Lectures


/2: Notes made in preparation for the ‘Little Rivers of Dublin’ paper.
Includes:
‘Sketch map showing location of principal institutions mentioned in paper’.
A letter to a Mr. Meehan ([1938?], Nov. 11), enclosing a copy of the paper and expressing her appreciation for the use of books in preparation for the talk.
Assorted historical MS notes on the Rivers Tolka, Camac, Puddle Bradoge and Coleman’s Brook.
4 newscuttings reporting the talk.
14 items, [c. 1938].

III.iv.9 Pageants

MS 41,507 Script for a pageant commemorating the 1916 Rising. TS, 9 sheets.
1 item, undated.

III.v Other papers

MS 41,508 /1-9 /1: Roll book and weekly receipts of 6th class at St. Patrick’s School, George Leigh St., Manchester, 1851. Containing an MS annotation ‘Lizzie Butler’. [Maybe Elizabeth Butler, Lily’s mother].
1 item, 1851.

/2: First Communion Certificate of Lillie Mary O’Brennan, 31 May 1888. Certificate of Merit from the Society of Science, Letters and Art of London, certifying that Lily as a pupil of the Dominican Convent of Sion, Dublin, has gained the requisite mark, 3rd Class, Christmas, 1890.
2 items, 1888 and 1890.

/3: Prospectus for Scoil Naoim Ronan. Lily O’Brennan’s private and preparatory school for Catholic boys and girls at 2 Dolphin Terrace, Dolphin’s Barn.
1 item, 1915.

/4: Publicity flier issued by The Irish National Aid and Volunteers Dependents Fund. An annotated list of those killed during the 1916 Rising, and those leaders who were later executed.
1 item, [c. 1916-7].

/5: Photograph of an elderly lady pasted onto card with MS annotations in Irish including ‘Lili Ni Bhraonáin’. Dated 11 March, 29 April 1923.
1 item, 1923.

/6: Receipts from Brown & Nolan, Publishers, Ltd., regarding royalties for sales of The Calls to Arms, 1930-44.
14 items, 1930-44.
/7: Lists ‘books in French,’ ‘Anglo-Irish’ books and ‘Magazines’.
3 items, undated.

/8: Newscuttings relating to Lily O’Brennan.
4 items, 1915-50 and undated.

5 items, 1948.

IV Papers of Kathleen O’Brennan

IV.i Correspondence

IV.i.1 General correspondence

Arranged by date

MS 41,509 /1 1911-1919. 12 items.
Correspondents include: Jack London; ‘A Larkinite’; Lily O’Brennan
(1917, Jan. 13), sending a ‘little sketch of Éamonn’s career, his last letter
to Fanny and fellow countrymen which have never yet been published’
and which had to be got out of Kilmainham privately. Also recalls her
time in Kilmainham during all the executions and Éamonn’s ‘calm,
aristocratic and soldierly’ demeanour before the ‘ghastly volley’; Rónán
Ceann (1917, Jan. 14), on his experiences in school in St. Endas and how
he is in class with ‘Daly, Clark, Jim Larkin [and] the two Mallins’ – all
the sons of rebels; Willis C. Hawley; Marie E. Equi (1919, Mar. 20), on
her memories of happier days with Kathleen and advising her not to ‘go
outside the Irish question. Just depend on the deep seated justice of your
cause – attacking Wilson will get you nowhere but out of [the] country’;
Includes two letters introducing Kathleen O’Brennan to Judge John W.
Willis during her campaign in the United States. Also includes a draft of a
letter by Kathleen O’Brennan to Judge John W.

MS 41,509 /2 1920-1921 and 4 undated [c. 1920-1]. 25 items
Correspondents include: J.L. Fawsitt, Consul General of the Irish
Republic; Thomas Ash Branch, Friends of Irish Freedom (1920, Apr. 16),
congratulating Kathleen O’Brennan on her picket (with other female
activists) in support of Irish self-determination outside the State
Department in Washington; Marie E. Equi (1921. Jan. 10), on the extent
of her mental fatigue and the effects of degradation she is experiencing in
San Quentin prison and (1922, Jan 10), on her affections for Kathleen
O’Brennan; Includes 3 drafts of a letter from Kathleen O’Brennan to J.L.
Fawsitt (1921, May 18), complaining about a vehement attack and libel
against her by two envoys of the Irish mission in America, James O’Mara
and Harry Boland; Includes a pass (1922, May 5), allowing Kathleen
O’Brien to leave the Four Courts’ garrison; Also contains a telegram (1922, Dec. 6), from M. Durant.

There are also 9 letters (8 with covers) introducing Kathleen O’Brien to various people connected with her campaign in the United States.

**MS 13,069 /54**
Includes: Passes (1922, May), signed by the Commandant of the Four Courts’ barracks allowing Kathleen O’Brien access.
Pass (1922, May 30), from Cumann na Poblacta, to allow Kathleen O’Brien of the International News to visit and interview Belfast refugees.

**MS 41,509 /3**
1923-1939. 23 items.
Correspondents include: Joseph Holloway; Katherine Leckie (1927, Sept. 7), on the forthcoming visit to the United States of Arthur Darley, ‘the greatest living authority on the traditional music of Ireland’. On the verso there is an MS article on Alice Furlong by Kathleen O’Brien; Father Albert (1929, Oct. 28), on his journey through Chicago where he stayed with the Carmelites and where Máire Comerford is known and loved. He also mentions that he will be saying Mass for Erskine Childers on his anniversary and for ‘Rory, Liam, Joe, Dick and theirs’ and gives remembrances ‘to all those who kept the faith’; Elizabeth Yeats; Marie Equi; Cecil Harmsworth (1930, Mar. 2), on a proposed visit by the Abbey Theatre to America; Lennox Robinson; Bruce Bliven, *The New Republic* (1935, Apr. 29), expressing an interest in her article ‘The Economic War in Ireland’ (attached), but rejecting it for publication; Alfred M. Bender (1939, Jan. 11), enclosing two cards and a newscutting (1930, July 11), from the *Jewish Tribune* on Bender, a member of the Irish Jewish community.

**MS 41,509 /4**
1940-1945. 46 items.
Correspondents include: Alice Milligan; Albert Bender; Joseph Holloway; Esther Capper, Irish P.E.N.; Maurice Walsh (1942, July 26), on possible emendations to a children’s story by Lily O’Brien; Nuala Ní Mhóráin, *The Leader* (1942, Apr. 29), enclosing a corrected proof of an untitled article by Kathleen O’Brien; Ursula Eason, B.B.C. (1943, July 7), returning a copy of ‘The Belgian Theatre. A talk with Monsieur Ferdinand Justice and Kathleen O’Brien’, and declining an offer to make use of it; B.B.C. (1943, Oct. 5), returning a copy of ‘The eyes in the portrait’; *Irish Tatler and Sketch* (1945, Feb. 20), on errors in a report by Kathleen O’Brien of the Donelan/Donnellon wedding and in her copy for the March ‘social round’; R.R. Figgis (1945, July 10), sending his appreciation to Kathleen for her support for the recent Jack B. Yeats National Loan Exhibition. On the verso and attached there is an TS and MS article for the Dublin Letter (1946, Mar. 4), on the Book of Kells; Brown & Nolan Ltd.; The Kerryman Ltd.; Talbot Press; Includes a circular (1946, Aug. 14), from Irish P.E.N. requesting authors to send in a copy of one of their works for a forthcoming book fair to be held in the Mansion House.
MS 41,509 /5 1946-1948 and 2 undated [c. 1946 and c. 1948]. 26 items.
Correspondents include: The Kerryman Ltd. (1946, Mar. 1), concerning the possible publication of a children’s story by Lily O’Brennan; May Morton (1946, July 24), on Kathleen Brennan’s talk on the censorship of Irish writers at a forthcoming congress of the International P.E.N. Association; Edith OEnone Somerville ([c. 1946]), complaining that she cannot find a copy of her work to send as the ‘Hun bombs and guns destroyed all existing copies and the desperate shortage of paper prevents new editions’; Jack B. Yeats (1947, Apr. 3), thanking Kathleen for her kind letter and prayers for his dying wife who ‘has no hope of life’; Patrick Cannon, The National Press; Whitford Kane ([1948], Apr. 22), wishing Kathleen every success with the forthcoming production of her play ‘Napper Tandy’; Includes 2 drafts of a letter (1947, July 3) by Kathleen O’Brennan to a Mr. Topham on the production of ‘Napper Tandy’ at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, and her wish to have works published; Also includes a letter (1948, Mar. 20), from Miss K. Dooley to ‘Anna Liffey’ (Kathleen O’Brennan) expressing her admiration for her weekly articles in The Leader.

MS 41,509 /6 Undated. 18 items.
Correspondents include: Alice Milligan, on a new poem about Arbour Hill which she intends to dedicate to Jennie Wyse Power; Lennox Robinson, on emendations to a play which might be produced in the Abbey Theatre; Linda Kearns, Women’s Industrial Development Association; May Morton.

IV.i.2 Correspondence with Radio Éireann

Includes related documents

MS 41,510 /1-5 Letters and documents relating to Kathleen O’Brennan’s talks and lectures on Radio Éireann. TS drafts (many with MS corrections) of Kathleen O’Brennan’s radio broadcasts for the ‘I liked this book’, ‘The Theatre today’ and ‘Famous people I have met’ series.

/1: Letters from the broadcasting station concerning times, dates and fees for radio talks given by Kathleen O’Brennan. 19 items, 1938-42.

‘I liked this book – Mitchel’s Jail Journal’ ([13 May 1938]). TS, 9 sheets.
1 item, undated [1938].

‘Gossip of the Theatre – A chat about French theatre today with M. Cauvet Duhamel and Madam Yvonne Jammet’ Script by Kitty Clive
(Kathleen O’Brennan). TS, 11 sheets.
‘The theatre today – the German theatre, a talk by Frau Brase and Kathleen O’Brennan’. Script by Kitty Clive. 2 TS copies, 13 sheets.
4 items, undated, [c. 1942].

‘Famous people I have met: Eugene O’Neil’. 2 TS copies, 12 and 10 sheets.
‘Famous people I have met: Madam Fanny Moody’. 4 TS copies, 16 and 18 sheets.
‘Famous people I have met: Dr. George Sigerson’. 3 TS copies, 9 and 10 sheets.
‘Famous people I have met: John Butler Yeats. TS, 9 sheets.
10 items, undated, [c. 1941].

/5: Newscuttings announcing or relating to Kathleen O’Brennan’s broadcasts on Radio Eireann.
5 items, undated, [c. 1938-42].

IV.ii Political activity in the United States

MS 41,511 /1-4 /1: Letters and notes relating to Kathleen O’Brennan’s republican activism in the United States.
Flier (1918, February 13), inviting Americans to attend a news meeting at Carnegie Hall to demand that the United States recognise a chose representative of the Irish nation at the peace conference. Speakers include Kathleen O’Brennan, Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington and Liam Mellows. 5 copies.
Card advertising Kathleen O’Brennan’s farewell lecture on a ‘Woman’s Place in the Irish Republic’, 22 May 1919.
Card (1919, October 23), certifying Willard De Lue’s acceptance of the National Constitution of The Friends of Irish Freedom.
Invitation card to a dinner held in honour of Éamonn de Valera, President of the Irish Republic at the Hotel La Fayette, Washington, 7 April 1920.
Letters from the American Women Pickets for the Carrying Out of America’s War Aims to Stephen G. Porter, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Hon. Ambrose Kennedy demanding that the United States fulfil its aim of self-determination for small nationalities, 18 May 1920.
A draft copy of a letter from Éamonn de Valera on the activities and future work of the Irish delegation to the United States in their campaign for recognition of the Irish Republic ([c. 1920]).
‘Report from America’. TS copy of suggestions offered to the Cabinet on the work of Consuls and Diplomatic Agents seeking recognition of the Irish Republic ([c. 1920]). 3 sheets. 2 copies.
Draft notes made by Kathleen O’Brennan for a speech soliciting support for the newly declared Irish Republic ([c. 1920]).
A copy of a letter from S. M. Ó Meará to Nonie A. English acknowledging receipt of a check for $1,500 for the refugee fund, 31 August 1921.
An open letter (1921, Nov. 6), from S. M. Ó Meará, American agent for the Finance Department, Irish Republic, seeking financial support and setting out the purpose of the second external loan. With MS annotation on the verso: ‘I am attending a special meeting tonight on the new Bond drive, we expect to go over the top …’.
Three handbills published by The Donnelly Press, 164 East 37th Street, New York ([c. 1921]).
Ireland’s Trade with England and America
Sinn Fein
Can Ireland Support Herself?
America Shipping, its development and checks, with special reference to the Irish trade route ([c. 1921]). Issued from the office of the Irish Consul-General, New York. The pamphlet concerns British interference with American shipping to Ireland.
Copies of telegrams from Dr. Gertrude Kelly regarding the work of Irish relief organisations in America, 1921.
Statement from the Women of Ireland to the Senate and Congress of the United States ([c. 1922]), seeking support for the dependents of Republicans killed or imprisoned as a consequence of the Civil War. Signed by Kathleen O’Brennan on behalf of the Women Prisoners Defence Association.
A note from Katherine Leckie to Molly Childers: ‘the world is with you’ ([c. 1922]).
Handbill condemning England’s ‘reign of terror’ in Ireland from the American Women’s Airoplane Service For Irish Freedom ([c. 1922]). 10 copies.
Assorted notes by Kathleen O’Brennan on the activity of the Women’s Picket for the Enforcement America’s War Aims, 1914-18. Includes list of participants. MS, 3 sheets.
A draft speech by Kathleen O’Brennan soliciting American support for the Irish Republican cause. MS, 3 sheets.
‘Slogans carried before the Chamber of Commerce, Boston’, undated.
An undated letter from the Reverend Peter E. Magennis to Mrs Mac Rae commending the work of the Women’s Irish Education League and Kathleen O’Brennan as one who ‘I expect very much from’.
Ireland in Drama, Art, Music and Story’. Undated flier, advertising a series of lectures by Kathleen O’Brennan in California Gardens. 4 copies.

Causeries: Literary and Artistic by Kathleen O’Brennan. Undated card, advertising courses on Irish literature and politics.

Card advertising Kathleen O’Brennan’s talk on the ‘Feis Ceoil or Irish Musical Renaissance’. 2 copies.

Card advertising Kathleen O’Brennan’s lecture entitled ‘Will England Free Ireland? If Not, Why Not?’

Card advertising Kathleen O’Brennan’s address to the San Francisco Council of Catholic Women on the ‘Ireland of To-day’.

Photograph of two women (one of whom is Dr. Marie Equi) with placards seeking recognition of the Irish Republic.

49 items, undated, [c. 1918-22].

2/: Letters and documents relating to Kathleen O’Brennan’s support for non-Irish political interests in America.

An open letter from Henry Chung, Representative Korean National Association, to the United States Senate demanding self-government and independence from Japan, 10 December 1918.


A letter (1920, August 30), from Ralph W. Magee to Inis B. Hayes acknowledging here letter to Mrs. Wilson on behalf of Dr. Equi and affirming that every opportunity is being given to Dr. Equi to have her claims heard before sentencing.

A letter (1920, Sept. 20) of acknowledgment from the Secretary of the British Embassy, Washington, to Mrs. E.L. Roddy.

A letter (1920, Sept. 27), from Robert Willberforce to the American Women Pickets for the Enforcement of America’s War Aims, concerning the British Government’s responsibility for the world traffic in opium.

Dr. Marie Equi surrendering to the authorities. Newscutting from The Portland Telegram, 16 October 1920.

Copy of a letter (c. 1920) from Lula H. Russell to the Editor of the Oregonion, regarding the blacklisting of Kathleen O’Brennan on account of her association with the I.W.W. and Dr. Marie Equi.

A letter (1921, Feb. 15), from John D. Wright to Elizabeth Glendower Evans acknowledging her letter requesting Sen. Frank G. Allen’s support for specific bills before the House. ‘Le Coeur Rebel (D’Apres de Musset)’ on the verso.

Information leaflet for lectures run by The League for Political Education, January–February 1922. Badly torn.

Notes on Dr. Kelly’s article on the food market. Undated, MS, 5 sheets.

Two invitation cards to the Exhibition of Paintings by John O’Shea at The Helgesen Gallery. Undated.

13 items, undated, [c. 1918-22].
/3: Lists of names, primarily of prominent American politicians, judges and authors connected with Kathleen O’Brennan’s activities in the United States. 
7 items, undated.

/4: Accounts and bank receipts. 
5 items, 1920-21.

IV.iii  Writings

IV.iii.1  Novels

IV.iii.1.A  ‘Amethyst Land’

*Typescripts with MS alterations*

**MS 41,512 /1-5**  
/5: pp 194-249. With assorted and unnumbered sheets.

IV.iii.1.B  ‘Dean Swift’

**MS 41,513 /1-8**  
/1: Foreword, pp 1-4. TS with MS alterations. 2 drafts, TS. Also, a draft of contents of Book 3 and copies of the epitaph on Swift’s tomb in St. Patrick’s Cathedral, MS. 
/2: Book 1, Chapters I-IV, pp 1-46. 
/3: Book 1, Chapters I-XI, pp 6-192. MS. 
/4: Book 1, Chapters XI-XIV, pp 193-294. MS. 
/5: Book 2, Chapters III-IV, pp 298-550. MS. 
/6: Book 3, Chapters I-XIV, pp 567-751. MS. 
/7: Book 3, Chapters XV-XXIII, pp 753-964. MS. 
/8: Assorted fragments, pp 104, 111 and pp 251-68. TS with MS alterations.

IV.iii.1.C  ‘Tallow’

**MS 41,514**  
Chapters 3-4, pp 20-37. TS with MS alterations. 2 items.
IV.iii.2 Poetry

**MS 41,515**

Small notebook containing many poems by Kathleen O’Brennan. With various secretarial shorthand exercises on verso. A few poems are dated 1896-8. Others bear annotations suggesting that they were written for *Common Sense*. There are also many short extracts from the works of Matthew Arnold, William Makepeace Thackeray and other various authors.

*1 item*, 1896-8 and undated.

IV.iii.3 Short stories

**MS 41,516**

‘First Mass on Christmas Morning’. Incomplete, TS, 3 copies.
‘In the Hotel Lobby’. TS, *3 sheets*. 2 copies.
‘Knockabreen’. MS ([c. 80 pp of text]).
‘The Little White Cot’. TS, *3 sheets*.
‘The Pension’. TS with MS alterations, 3 copies.
‘The Spanish Rowers’. TS with MS alterations, *14 sheets*. Also, MS draft of first page.
‘The Story of Finn Mac Cumall’ ([c. 80 pp of text]). MS.
‘The Travelled Man’ ([11 pp of text], MS. Notebook also contains notes for the short story ‘The Market Place’.

*15 items*.

IV.iii.4 Plays

**MS 41,517 /1-14**

/1: ‘The Eyes in the Portrait’, a radio play. 4 TS copies with MS alterations.

*4 items.*


*14 items.*


*11 items.*

/6-7: ‘Johnny takes a turn’, a comedy in three acts. 3 TS copies with 4 copies bound in blue covers with title in MS on front. Includes 1 MS copy.

*6 items.*

1 item.

/9-10: ‘Napper Tandy’, a play in four acts with epilogue. 3 TS copies with 3 copies bound in blue covers dated 13 May 1943 on title page. 2 incomplete MS drafts of acts.

7 items.


16 items.


6 items.

/14: Hely’s Popular one-day diary for 1944 contains a synopsis of a play in three acts written into the memoranda.

1 item.

IV.iii.5 Articles

Typescripts with MS alterations. Arranged in alphabetical order by title.

MS 41,518 /1-4


‘Alice Furlong, some memories’. Newscutting, 29 October 1946.

‘Arthur Darley the best living exponent of the traditional music of this country’. An article for the Associated Press, [1927]. TS, 1 sheet.

‘The author and the state’. TS, 4 sheets.

‘The Boswell Papers. The Oak Chest Treasures’. TS, 2 sheets. 2 copies.

‘Centenary of Board of Works. One hundred years of Irish history’. TS with MS additions, 3 sheets.

‘A Day at Delville with Swift’. TS, 4 sheets.

‘Did de Valera fail?’ MS annotation in the corner ‘Released 29th April’. TS, 4 sheets. 2 copies.

‘They didn’t know Irish but they knew de Valera’. TS, 2 sheets. 2 copies.

‘Dr. Vincent O’Brien Remembers’. TS, 1 sheet.

‘A Dublin letter’, 16 February n.d., recalling the riot occasioned by a
performance of *The Plough of the Stars*. Kathleen O’Brennan believes that the play cannot be considered a masterpiece. TS, 4 sheets.

‘A Dublin letter’, 7 March n.d., regarding W.B. Yeats and the relationship between his poetry and his politics. TS, 3 sheets.


‘Echoes of the town’ by Kitty Clive, on the Ulster King of Arms. TS, 2 sheets.

‘Echoes of the town’ by Kitty Clive. TS, 1 sheet.


‘Erskine Childers – Patriot’. TS, incomplete, 3 sheets.

‘The Feis Ceoil’. Galley proof, 2 sheets.

26 items.

/2:


‘The French theatre today, some suggestions for Dublin’. TS, 3 sheets.

‘George Nobel Plunkett’. Fragmentary notes for a biographical article. MS, 2 sheets.

‘Hunting in Ireland. Galloping over the Irish ditches’. TS, 5 sheets. 2 copies.


‘The Kingdom of the Horse’. Ireland brings the Nations to Ballsbridge’, TS, 7 sheets. Attached card from *The Sun* regretting that
they can make use of it.

‘I listen and learn’. Incomplete, TS, 8 sheets.

‘In cloudland. The future of the aerial painter’. TS, 2 sheets.


‘Ireland as an air port’. TS, 2 sheets.

‘Ireland’s Minister of Labour. The Countess Markievicz’. TS, 2 sheets. 2 copies.

‘Ireland in Paris and Abroad’, [1921]. TS, 11 sheets. 2 copies. 15 items.

/3:

‘Irish art needlework’. TS, 5 sheets.

‘The Irish theatre’. TS, 3 sheets.

‘Is Irish music worth saving?’ TS, 6 sheets.

‘Is the Church persecuted in Belgium?’ Dated May 1943. TS, 2 sheets.

‘Living through an Earthquake’. TS, 2 sheets.

‘Lord Dunsany discovers another Irish poet. Stanislaus Lynch – the Huntsman Poet’. TS, 2 sheets. Attached colour print of ‘They ran him six miles, from the rocks’.

‘Modern Art Gallery at Dalkey. Mr. Joseph Brennan’s Collection’. TS, 4 sheets.

‘The most solemn moment! When the Bremen left Baldonnell’. TS, 1 sheet.

‘Notes from Ireland’, dated 12 January 1939. TS, 1 sheet. 9 items.

/4:

‘Notes on the Irish drama’. TS, 3 sheets.

‘On a Canadian fur farm. Struggle to hold the market’. TS, 2 sheets.

‘Opening of Royal Hibernia Academy. St Patrick in Art’. TS, 3 sheets.


‘The Picturesque and the Practical’. TS, 2 sheets.
‘Pity the Poor Pressmen’. TS, 3 sheets.

‘Politics and Woman’s dress. At school with the French designer’. TS, 2 sheets.

‘Polly from the gap wins at the Killorglin races’. TS, 3 sheets.

‘Random Jottings’, on forthcoming social events. TS, 4 sheets.

‘Red Cross denied admittance to Ireland’, 1923. TS, 1 sheet.

‘Round the world and home’ by Bluebird [Kathleen O’Brennan], on Japan and its culture. MS, 2 sheets.

‘Sally Cavanagh or The Untenanted Graves by Charles J. Kickham’. A review by Kathleen O’Brennan. TS, 5 sheets.

‘Stella’, on Dean Jonathan Swift’s wife. TS, 6 sheets.


‘Swift and the Patriot Party’. TS, 5 sheets.


‘Thomas Davis’. TS, 1 sheet


‘Victor Hugo’. MS, 4 sheets.

‘What is a political prisoner? Ask a Dublin Newsbot!!’ TS, 2 sheets.

‘Wedding Particulars for Leslie M.C. Pielou’ for Irish Tatler & Sketch.

‘Women in Turkey in the new democracy’. TS, 2 sheets.

Untitled article on Dublin Castle. Incomplete, pp 4-5. TS, 2 sheets. 25 items.
IV.iii.6 Cartoons

MS 41,519 Cartoons with captions drawn by Kathleen O’Brien.

5 items, undated.

IV.iv Other papers

MS 41,520 /1-7 /1: Assorted papers relating to Kathleen O’Brien’s literary career.

Includes:

- Warranty card from the Corona Typewriter Company, 24 May 1920.
- A cover letter from Thomas Carnduff, Young Ulster Society, to Miss Day enclosing a list of members travelling to Dublin to speak at a P.E.N. meeting, 7 February 1942.
- ‘Memorandum on Book Week’ signed Kees van Hoek, 15 April 1945. TS, 6 sheets.
- Invitation card to the annual general meeting of the Dublin P.E.N. Centre, 26 October 1946. MS on the verso in Kathleen O’Brien’s hand relating to Thomas Addis Emmet.
- Memorandum proposing the establishment of a ‘President’s List’ to reward persons of outstanding achievement in the field of the Arts and Celtic Scholarship. TS, 2 sheets. MS annotation on the verso includes a list of characters and acts for a play.
- Assorted notes on the poets Percy Bysshe Shelley and John Keats. MS in copybook ([10 pp of text]).
- Speech introducing a new President and conveying thanks to the ex-president, Rutherford Mayne, author of ‘The Drone’. TS, 3 sheets.
- Memorandum signed by C. Gibbon suggesting that the government should set up an office of Commissioner for Arts. TS, 3 sheets.

10 items, 1920-46, and undated.

/2: Documents relating to the National Land Bank. Includes copies of an ‘Act to encourage saving, to authorize the Borrowing of such savings and the issue of securities therefore’ (1920) and ‘An act to amend “The Provincial Savings Act”’ (1921). Also fragmentary notes by Kathleen O’Brien on the origins and function of the bank.

6 items. 1920-21.

/3: Assorted fliers, programmes, information relating charitable or religious organizations etc. Includes:

- Bantract na Poblacta – a souvenir of Turas na Boinné, 14 July 1926.
- Programme for the Abbey Theatre, 1928.
- Flier for a country produce sale in aid of the Peamount Care Committee, 27 April 1929.
- Flier advertising a meeting of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, 6 November 1945.
- List of attendees at the 23rd Annual Peamount Dance, 30 November 1945.
- Leaflet from the National Centre for the Enthronement of the Sacred
Heart of Jesus.
Flier for the Lyric Theatre.
Flier for The Dublin Magazine seeking subscriptions. 4 copies.
16 items, 1926-45, and undated.

/4: Shurley’s 1931 Diary, containing entries relating to various social events. Also, list of characters and scenarios for the unfinished plays ‘The Children of Lir’, ‘The Wild Irish Girl’ and ‘The Phantom’.
1 item, 1931.

/5: Concert programmes, Inis-Ealga, Churchtown, Dublin.
5 items, 1945-7.

1 item, 1946.

/7: Newscuttings relating to Kathleen O’Brennan. Includes photographs of P.E.N. Committee groups. Also four short notices relating to her funeral arrangements.
10 items, 1929-48, and undated.

V Political documents, 1916-1949

MS 41,521 /1 List of dependents of those executed in 1916. Includes information on occupations and status of orphans and dependants of Thomas Clarke, Éamonn Ceannt, Thomas McDonagh, James Connolly, Michael Mallin and John McBride. MS, 1 sheet.
‘Killed in Action in 1916’. Includes information on occupations and status of orphans and dependants. MS, 4 sheets.
‘Possible applicants for posts from Government’. Summary of information on dependants of 1916 leaders, Black and Tan and Civil War periods. MS, 1 sheet.
‘Killed or executed during the Black and Tan Regime’. Includes information on occupations and status of dependants. MS, 3 sheets.
‘Killed or executed during Civil War’. Includes information on occupations and status of dependants, and whether the individual has been awarded compensation by the government under the Army Pension Act. MS, 4 sheets.
5 items, undated [c. 1935].

MS 41,521 /2 Notes of events in the Four Courts and Church St. area during the 1916 Rising by Stephen Pollard. MS, 4 sheets. Incomplete, pp 3-6, 8-9.
Order issued by General Sir John Maxwell prohibiting the selling of flags for the benefit of the Irish Volunteers Dependents Fund, 22 June 1916.
Copy of a letter written by Harry Boland found outside Lewes Jail, 1917. MS, 2 sheets.
Flier for *L’Organisation défensive des Femmes des Prisonniers Irlandais*, seeking French assistance for the release of republican prisoners ([c. 1917]).

Rules for writing to Prisoners of War with 4 special envelopes used in the correspondence ([c. 1918]).

Election publicity card for George Noble, Count Plunkett ([c. 1918]).

Hand-coloured depiction of the Peace Conference with the seat for Eire vacant. ‘Áine Bean Ceannt’ in MS on verso.

*The Case of Ireland* ([c. 1919]). Sinn Féin series, no. 12. 8 pp.

Circular from the Department of Agriculture, Dáil Éireann, 1919.


Copy of warrant of arrest under Defence of the Realm regulations ([c. 1921]).

‘President de Valera states the National Position’. Copy of interview given by Éamonn de Valera to the International News and Universal Service, 30 March 1921.

Safe conduct pass between Dublin and London signed by A.W. Cope, Assistant Secretary, Dublin Castle, 11 July 1921.

*Cumann Léigheacht an phobail. What it is? What its object is? Complete list of lectures and list of those ready* ([Dublin], [c. 1921]).

With a short note on the origins and scope of the organisation by Alice Stopford Green. 4 pp.

Narrative of events from the truce with Great Britain, 11 July 1921, to the attack on the Republic, 28 June 1922. TS, 7 sheets.


16 items, 1916-22 and undated.

**MS 41,521 /3**

Copies of documents and notes relating to the Anglo-Irish Treaty, 6 December 1921 and de Valera’s alternative ‘Document No. 2’.

Includes:


Statements from the Irish hierarchy on the political situation, 1914-20. TS, 2 sheets.

Articles of Agreement of the Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland, 6 December 1921. Submitted to Dáil Éireann for ratification on 14 December 1921.

De Valera’s alternative proposals. TS, 6 sheets. 3 copies.

Orders of the Day, Dáil Éireann, 19 December 1921, 3, 5, 10 January 1922.

26 items, 1921-2 and undated.

**MS 41,521 /4**

Dáil Éireann, interim accounts, January 1st, 1922, to April 10th, 1922.
‘Genoa and Ireland’ in Kathleen O’Brien’s hand on verso.
Beginning, ‘Lloyd George’s defeat at Genoa makes one wonder what might have happened had the Irish representatives met the enemy on neutral soil?’

Report of a committee appointed by Dáil Eireann to vote £5,000 to Fine Gaedail ([c. 1922]). TS, 2 sheets.

Diary of events written by Father Augustine of events leading to the surrender of the Four Courts Republican Garrison, 30 June ([1922]). MS, 2 sheets.

*The Responsibility.* Statement issued by the publicity department, IRA, and addressed to each Teachta Dáil Eireann, on September 7th, 1922. 4 pp. 6 copies.

Extracts taken from the farewell letter received by Mrs. Erksine Childers from her husband ([24 November 1922]). TS, 4 sheets.


‘A Visit to the Dáil,’ March 1925. MS, 2 copies.

*No Income Tax?* by Professor Alfred O’Rahilly (Dublin, 1925). 16 pp.

‘Meeting of Comhairle na Teachtaí’ ([1926]), regarding President de Valera’s proposals for a change in the policy hitherto adopted by the Republican Government [Second Dáil] and Organisation.

Memorandum from Sinn Féin on de Valera’s recent secession from the party, 12 April 1926. 2 copies.


*The Truth about the Deputy’s Oath.* Undated printed flier. 2 copies.


Circular relating to the 1916 commemoration, 21 April 1935. TS, 1 sheet.

‘War News’. Issued by the Republican Publicity Bureau, Dublin, 4 November 1939. TS, 4 sheets.


**MS 41,521 /5** Assorted newscuttings relating to the National Struggle, 1916-22. 16 items.

**MS 13,069 /54** Includes:

- Note re Pact Election: ‘That it is the earnest hope of the Sinn Féin that the right of public meeting and free speech will not be interfered with by either side in the present electoral contests’.

  Agreement arrived at by sections of Sinn Féin in 1923, [1922?] when to avoid bloodshed it was decided to hold the ‘Pact’ election. Signed by Áine b. É. Ceannt. Also signed by Éamonn de Valéra and others.
• Newscuttings from the *Daily Sketch* re de Valera’s arrival in London for the Treaty negotiations. Photograph (14 July 1921) of the Irish negotiating team including Erksine Childers and Lily O’Brennan.

• Letter of protest against the action of the Irish Provisional Government in violating the international rights of prisoners of war, 1922. Signed by Bertram Russell and others.

**MS 13,070 /1**  
‘Exchange is Robbery’. Broadsheet with a cartoon by Grace Vandeleur Plunkett, [c. 1920].  
1 item, [c. 1920].

**MS 13,070 /2**  
Blank subscription forms for certificates or shares from the Government of Ireland, [c. 1919]. 3 copies.  
3 items, [c. 1919].

**MS 13,070 /3**  
Photostat copies of assorted political papers, 1917-22  
‘Strike in Lewes Jail’. Copy of a letter written by Harry Boland found outside Lewes Jail, 1917. Printed. 2 copies.  
Copies of receipts relating to Áine Ceannt’s service as district judge in the Pembroke and Rathmines Dáil Courts, 1921.  
Copy of the verbatim report of what was said when Mr. Lloyd George handed to Mr. Art O’Brien and Commandant R. Barton his reply to President de Valera’s reply to the British proposals, 13 August 1921.  
Copy of the order to Father Dominick under the Restoration of Order in Ireland Regulations, signed by Ed. Shortt, one of his Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State, 14 July 1922.  
6 items, 1917-22 and undated.

### VI Other papers

**MS 41,522 /1-13 /1**  
Poems and songs in Irish and English, printed, MS and TS. Includes works by “Coln”, Louise Agnes Garrett, Alice Milligan, Grace Gifford and Katharine Tynan.  
52 items, undated.

**/2**: Short stories:  
• ‘Norah’s Experience’. TS. 11 sheets.  
• ‘Tessie’s Accident’ by S. Smithson. TS, 5 sheets.  
• ‘A Tangle of Babies’ by Susan Carpenter. TS with MS alterations, 10 sheets.  
• ‘A Crook We Cannot Admire’ by Chester A. Arthur. TS, 9 sheets.  
• Untitled piece on the experience of women imprisoned during the Spanish Civil War. TS, 3 sheets.  
5 items, undated.

**/3**: ‘Books that Irish people ought to read’ by Katharine Tynan. TS, 34
sheets.
1 item, undated.

/4: Letters from and to various correspondents, 1916-1945. Includes letter from the Military Governor of Mountjoy Prison to Miss Barton (30 Oct. 1922) relating to the embargo on delivery of letters and parcels to prisoners.
12 items, 1916-45.

/5: Illustrated material, including blank postcards. Includes postcards depicting Edward Daly (Commandant of the North West Dublin Area) and Cathal Brugha.
14 items, undated.

/6: Article on Defence Act of South Africa, 1912. TS, 12 sheets.
1 item, 1912.

/7: Assorted articles:
- ‘Austria and the League of Nations. What may happen to Ireland’ by Maureen O’Neill. TS, 3 sheets.
- ‘Statement re Seosamh MacGrianna’. Irish novelist, his physical condition, mental health and financial circumstances. Includes a list of MacGrianna’s published work. Signed Roisin Walsh, 16 March 1944. TS, 2 sheets.
- ‘Pain, its causes and meaning’. 7 sheets.
- ‘An Irish “Poet and Dreamer”. Ella Young by Rosamond Langbridge. TS, 5 sheets.
- ‘The Hungarian Roumanian Tangle’ by Rosiaka Schimmer. TS, 10 sheets.
5 items, undated.

/8: Assorted newscuttings. Includes a copy of The Monitor, 31 August 1929.
12 items, 1929.

1 item, 1935.

/10: Photograph of an unknown individual in military uniform. Pasted onto cardboard.
1 item, undated.

/11: Assorted literary fragments, scraps from books, ticket stubs and other miscellanea.
17 items, undated.

/12: Assorted Christmas, religious and remembrance cards.
15 items.

/13: Empty envelopes.
10 items. 1915-48, and undated.