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J. E. Wilson Papers

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Papers relating to religious, recreational, and agricultural society in counties
Monaghan, Cavan, and surrounding districts, c1920-45.

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Introduction

This Collection mainly consists of material relating to rural society predominately in counties Monaghan, Cavan, and surrounding districts. It was accumulated largely in the course of professional work by J. E. Wilson, a printer by trade, who operated from Whitehall Street, Clones, Co Monaghan. His predecessors were involved with printing in Clones since pre-famine times and the business remained operational until the late 1980s. Having purchased the storage sheds used by the printer, Gary and Sharon Audley donated the Collection to the National Library in 1993.

In all there are 10 folders of papers and related items contained in a single archival box. The bulk of this collection belongs to the period 1920-45 and includes material of interest relating to Methodist, Presbyterian, and Church of Ireland denominations, associated organisations, social, recreational, and agricultural events, as well as papers concerning the printing business. The Collection is especially interesting in that it provides an insight into rural Protestant society in the inter-war years of the twentieth century.

Most of the Collection is in good condition with only a small proportion of items needing conservation attention. Documents are sorted by class and arranged in chronological order.

Further general background information may be obtained from:

Brooke, P., *Ulster Presbyterianism: the historical perspective, 1610-1970*, (Belfast, 1987).

Crookshanks, C. H., *History of Methodism in Ireland*, 3 vols, (Belfast, 1885-88).

Killen, W. D., *History of Presbyterian Congregations in Ireland*, (Belfast, 1886).

Leslie, J. B., *Clogher Clergy and Parishes*, (Enniskillen, 1929).

MacDonald, B., *Lakeland Dairies: the triumph of Co-operation*, (Monaghan, 1996).

Mackarel, J., *Presbyterian Ministry in Co Cavan – A Look Back*, (Belfast, 1996).

O' Cassidy, S., *A typographical gazetteer of Ireland*, (Dublin, 1923).

Thom's Directory, (Dublin, 1940).

1. Methodist Church

Clones Methodist Circuit includes congregations from Clones, Co Monaghan, Dromedy, Co Fermanagh, Wattsbridge, Co Fermanagh, Magheraveely, Co Fermanagh, and Clough, Co Fermanagh; Killeshandra Circuit includes the congregations of Killeshandra, Co Cavan, and Corlespratten, Co Cavan.

- MS 36,640 (1)** Financial report for Belturbet and Ballyconnell Methodist churches, Co Cavan.
1934/1935. Printed item.
- MS 36,640 (2-3)** Statements of accounts for Clones Methodist circuit.
1934-35. 2 printed items.
- MS 36,640 (4)** Statement of accounts for Killeshandra Methodist circuit.
1935/1936. Printed item.

II. Presbyterian Church

The following congregations are included in the Presbytery of Cavan: Belturbet, Co Cavan, Cootehill, Co Cavan, Drumkeeran, Co Cavan, Killeshandra, Co Cavan, Kilmount, Co Cavan, Ballyconnell Mission Station, Co Cavan, Clones, Co Monaghan, First and Second Drum, Co Monaghan, Carrigallen, Co Leitrim, Mohill Mission Station, Co Leitrim, and Ballyhobridge, Co Fermanagh.

- MS 36,641 /1** Financial reports of congregations in the Presbytery of Cavan.
1934/1935, 1936/1937, 1939/1940, 1942/1943 (incomplete).
4 printed items.
- MS 36,641 /2** Financial reports of congregations in the Presbytery of Cavan.
1935/1936. 13 printed items.
- MS 36,641 /3 (1)** Subscriptions and treasurer's account for congregation of First Drum.
1941-1942.
- MS 36,641 /3 (2)** Treasurer's account for Ballyconnell mission station.
1942/1943.
- MS 36,641 /3 (3)** Treasurer's account, subscribers, and committee members for congregation of Ballyhobridge.
1942/1943.
- MS 36,641 /3 (4)** Treasurer's account, subscriptions, and committee members for congregation of Belturbet.
1942/1943. Typescript item.
- MS 36,641 /3 (5)** Treasurer's account, subscriptions, and committee members for congregation of Carrigallen.

- 1942/1943.
- MS 36,641 /3 (6)** Treasurer's account, subscriptions, and committee members for congregation of Drumkeeran.
1942/1943.
- MS 36,641 /3 (7)** Treasurer's account, subscriptions, and committee members for congregation of Killeshandra.
1942/1943.
- MS 36,641 /3 (8)** Financial statement for Mohill mission station.
1942/1943.
- MS 36,641 /3 (9)** Committee members and subscribers for Second Drum congregation.
1942/1943.
- MS 36,641 /3 (10)** Treasurer's account for Second Drum congregation.
1942/1943.
- MS 36,641 /3 (11)** Schedule for Clones and Ballyhobridge harvest thanksgiving services.
n.d. Printed item.

III. Church of Ireland

Of those parishes mentioned in the collection the following are part of Diocese of Clogher: Clones, Co Monaghan, Drum, Co Monaghan, Killeevan, Co Monaghan, Ematris and Rockcorry, Co Monaghan, Tydavnet, Co Monaghan, Aughnamullen, Co Monaghan, Drumsnat, Co Fermanagh, Aghadrumsee and Galloon, Co Fermanagh; those in Diocese of Kilmore include: Annagh, Co Cavan, Quivvy, Co Cavan, and St Andrew's, Co Monaghan.

- MS 36,642 /1 (1-4)** Annual reports for united parishes of Annagh, Quivvy, and St Andrew's.
1925-26, 1935/1936, 1937/1938. 4 printed items.
- MS 36,642 /1 (5-9)** Annual reports for parish of Aghadrumsee.
Also cover sheet for 1931/1932.
1929/1930, 1932-1933, 1935/1936. 5 printed items.
- MS 36,642 /1 (10)** Annual report for parish of Ematris.
1932/1933. Printed item.
- MS 36,642 /1 (11-13)** Annual reports for parish of Killeevan.
1932/1933, 1935-36. 3 printed items.
- MS 36,642 /1 (14-16)** Annual reports for parish of Aughnamullen.
1934-1935, 1939/1940. 3 printed items.

- MS 36,642 /1 (17)** Table showing parochial endowments granted to parish of Aughnamullen from Representative Body of Church of Ireland. 18 April 1935. Printed item.
- MS 36,642 /1 (18-20)** Annual reports for joint parishes of Ematris and Rockcorry. 1936-38. 3 printed items.
- MS 36,642 /2 (1)** Statement of accounts for parish of Drumsnat. 1936/1937. Printed item.
- MS 36,642 /2 (2-3)** Annual reports for parish of Currin (St Andrew's). 1938/1939, 1942/1943. 2 printed items.
- MS 36,642 /2 (4)** Annual report for parish of Drum. 1939/1940. Printed item.
- MS 36,642 /2 (5)** Annual report for parish of Galloon. 1940/1941. Printed item.
- MS 36,642 /2 (6-7)** Annual report for parish of Tydavnet. Also single cover page. 1940/1941. 2 printed items. [Conservation required].
- MS 36,642 /2 (8)** Annual report for united parishes of Annagh, Quivvy, and St Andrew's. 1941/1942. Typescript item.
- MS 36,642 /2 (9)** Parochial report for parish of Clones. 1941/1942. Printed item.
- MS 36,642 /2 (10)** Parochial report for parish of Killeevan. 1941/1942. Printed item.
- MS 36,642 /2 (11)** List of contributions to Sustentation Fund for parishes of Annagh, Quivvy, and St Andrew's. 1942/1943.
- MS 36,642 /2 (12)** Balance sheet for parish of Annagh. 1942/1943.
- MS 36,642 /2 (13)** Annual report for parish of Drum with list of subscribers and notes in rector's hand. 1942/1943.
- MS 36,642 /2 (14)** Parochial reports for parish of Clones. 1943/1944.

- MS 36,642 /2 (15)** List of sidesmen, churchwardens, and select vestry members for parish of Clones.
n.d.
- MS 36,642 /2 (16)** Sustentation and organ accounts for parish of Clones.
n.d.
- MS 36,642 /2 (17)** List of subscribers to Special Church Fund for parish of Clones.
n.d.

IV. Miscellaneous Religious Materials

- MS 36,643 (1)** Fifty-fourth annual report of Co Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society (Church of Ireland).
1924/1925. Printed item.
- MS 36,643 (2)** List of contributions from various protestant churches, and Orange and Black lodges to Lord Enniskillen Orphan Society, Co Monaghan.
1943/1944. Typescript item.
- MS 36,643 (3)** Information sheet for Co Monaghan Protestant Orphan Society with details of contributions from parishes in Diocese of Clogher.
n.d. Printed item.
- MS 36,643 (4-5)** Wood ink block stamp with names of those who made bequests (1871-1974) to Church of Ireland parish of Clones. Also A4 impression sheet.
n.d. 2 items.

V. Items relating to Printing Business and Miscellaneous

- MS 36,644 (1)** Account audited by Swain, Brown & Co, 13 D'Olier Street, Dublin, for anonymous business concern.
31 October 1943. Printed item.
[Conservation required].
- MS 36,644 (2)** Letter from K. McKenna, Clones Urban Council, to Mr E. Wilson, Printer, Clones, with order for stationary.
21 March 1967. Typescript item.
- MS 36,644 (3)** Letter from William Miller & Sons Ltd, 31 Upper Abbey Street, Dublin 1, to Mr J. E. Wilson, Whitehall Street, Clones, Co Monaghan, requesting payment of overdue account; statement attached.
11 September 1967. Typescript item.

MS 36,644 (4) Draught order of service for marriage of L. C. Fisher and H. Johnston in Church of Ireland parish of Galloon.
21 March 1970.

MS 36,644 (5) Calendar page for month of July with short aphorisms from Irish contributors.
n. d. Printed item.

VI. Equestrian, Golf & Shooting Materials

MS 36,645 (1) Annual general meeting circular and statement of accounts for Clones Golf Club, Co Monaghan.
1934/1935. Printed item.

MS 36,645 (2) Program for South Fermanagh Harriers Hunt Club point-to-point races at Scotshouse, Co Monaghan.
17 March 1939. Printed item.

MS 36,645 (3) Circular and entry form for South Fermanagh Harriers Hunt Club point-to-point races at Scotshouse, Co Monaghan.
17 March 1939. Printed item.

MS 36,645 (4) Program of equestrian events in Portadown, Co Armagh.
10 April 1939. Printed item.

MS 36,645 (5-15) Tickets for shooting competition in Cootehill, Co Cavan.
22 December 1943. 10 printed items.

MS 36,645 (16) Agenda for thirtieth annual general meeting of Clones Golf Club, Co Monaghan.
1943/1944. Typescript item.

VII. Agriculture and Co-op Materials

MS 36,646 (1) Catalogue detailing dispersal sale of purebred bovine stock at Clones, Co Monaghan.
28 August 1929. Printed item.

MS 36,646 (2) Catalogue detailing dispersal sale of shorthorn cattle at Red Barns Farm, Dundalk, Co Louth.
20 October 1932. Printed item.

MS 36,646 (3) Catalogue detailing dispersal sale of shorthorn cattle at Millbrook House, Clones, Co Monaghan.
12 April 1933. Printed item.

MS 36,646 (4-6) Annual reports of Cloverhill Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd, Drum, Co Monaghan.
1935/1936, 1942-1943. 3 printed items.

- MS 36,646 (7-10)** Annual reports of Clones Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Ltd, Co Monaghan.
1937-1938, 1941-1942. 4 printed items.
- MS 36,646 (11)** Catalogue of sale of pedigree shorthorn cattle and cows at Clones, Co Monaghan.
1 July 1942. Printed item.
- MS 36,646 (12)** Annual report of Cloverhill Co-operative Agricultural Society Ltd, Drum, Co Monaghan.
1943/1944.
[Conservation required].
- MS 36,646 (13)** Catalogue of sale of pedigree cattle by Taylor, Tweedy & Co, Co Cavan. No cover sheet.
n.d. Printed item.