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Maurice R. O'Connell Papers

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Papers of Maurice Rickard O'Connell, historian, writer and academic, and great great grandson of Daniel O'Connell, including correspondence, drafts of articles, offprints and newspaper cuttings relating mainly to Daniel O'Connell, the Liberator.

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Introduction

Biographical note

Maurice R. O’Connell was born on 30 December, 1922, at Kilheffernan House, Kilsheelan, County Tipperary, where his parents lived from 1920 – 1923, the third son of Maurice C. O’Connell and Emily (née O’Connell) who was a kinswoman of her husband. His father was in the army and they lived in the Curragh for a time before moving to Dublin. Maurice was sent to Trinity College, Dublin, to study Medicine in 1939 but failed his pre-medical year as he didn’t like Science and didn’t study. Then he heard about an exam for the Bank of Ireland and pursued a career there for twelve years. During the last three years he took a night degree at University College, Dublin, from 1949.

In 1955 Maurice R. O’Connell left Ireland to study at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. He had been awarded a graduate assistantship and a minor scholarship. He commenced a three year course for a PhD in History. The subject of his thesis was Anglo-Irish relations (1767 – 1783) during the American Revolution. He later won a scholarship from the University of Pennsylvania for a research year to be spent mainly in Dublin, 1957-1958. He received a doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania in 1962. He spent from 1958 at the University of Portland, Oregon, run by the Holy Cross priests. In 1964, he joined the staff of Fordham, the Jesuit University of New York where he was to remain for the rest of his career. He studied Constitutionalism and Violence in Irish Politics since 1775; Young Ireland and the Catholic Clergy in 1844: contemporary deceit and historical falsehood; British Political Radicalism: 1830 – 1846; the Meaning of Catholic Emancipation; violence in Irish history and culture; Class Conflicts in the Dublin of 1780; Irish Politics and Social Conflicts in the Age of the American Revolution; Daniel O’Connell and the Irish Eighteenth Century; Edmund Burke, Daniel O’Connell and Religious Freedom; Daniel O’Connell, Romantic Nationalism and Negro Slavery; Daniel O’Connell, Constitutionalism and Violence, among other topics. He was runner up for the NUI’s (National University of Ireland) History Prize in 1967.

He made several attempts to get a chair in history in one of the Irish universities, but to no avail.

He edited, along with Gerard Lyne, the letters of Daniel O’Connell, starting in 1967 when MRO’C was on a sabbatical from Fordham.

He married Betty McCan, of the National Bank, at Christmas of 1962. She grew up on a farm in County Meath and was educated in Mount Anville, Dublin. She was related on her mother’s side to Denys Scully, who was a leading writer on behalf of Catholic Emancipation in the first two decades of the 19th century. Her uncle was Pierce McCan who was a founder member of Sinn Féin in 1905. She worked as a secretary in a Wall Street brokerage firm when she and Maurice lived in New York.

MRO’C spent many years from 1946 on trying to find caretakers for Derrynane, the ancestral home of his great-great-grandfather, Daniel O’Connell, so that the house and the estate could be preserved. At one point it was suggested that a religious order of

priests or nuns might take it over, but it was finally acquired by the Office of Public Works for the people of Ireland and they did a commendable job on its restoration.

Maurice and Betty had a small apartment at Vergemount Court, Clonskeagh, in Dublin, which they returned to every summer from America. The O'Connells retained a cottage on the Derrynane estate at Western Lodge, a small gate lodge and Maurice and Betty spent a considerable amount of time down there every summer when home in Ireland on vacation from Fordham. Maurice loved Derrynane. He retired from Fordham in 1988 and was conferred Professor Emeritus and came back to Ireland for good, residing at Barclay Court, Blackrock, South County Dublin, and at the cottage at Western Lodge, Derrynane, Cahirdaniel, County Kerry. He was told that the chair in Modern British and Irish History which he held at Fordham was to be abolished after his retirement but he objected strongly to this and it was reinstated at least temporarily as a result.

He supported the SDLP from 1973 when he heard John Hume give a lecture in Dungarvan, County Waterford. Maurice was also a member of the Irish Georgian Society from its inception in 1958.

MRO'C taught Modern British and Modern Irish History at Fordham. John A. Murphy said of him: "I know of no scholar who is willing to share his knowledge so unselfishly and so promptly as Maurice O'Connell." Maurice R. O'Connell's two ambitions in life were to see O'Connell's reputation restored, and to have Derrynane preserved. He suffered a stroke in 1995 and his correspondence declined after that and he also suffered some loss of memory. He died in 2006 and is buried at Derrynane.

Content and Structure

The collection is housed in 16 archival boxes. It includes much of Maurice R. O'Connell's correspondence over the course of his career 1950s – 1990s, some newspaper cuttings from the 19th and 20th century, offprints, copies of journal articles, all mainly concerning Daniel O'Connell. It also includes a card index that he used while editing the correspondence of the Liberator and also some photographs.

Arrangement

The first part of the collection includes historical notes, offprints, journal articles, newspaper cuttings and other material (mostly copies) relating mainly to Daniel O'Connell, and collected by Maurice R. O'Connell, some architectural drawings of Derrynane, as well as a small amount of documentation on Denys Scully, a collection of personal papers relating to Maurice R. O'Connell, and some miscellaneous photographs.

The second part of the collection is the correspondence of Maurice R. O'Connell and has been divided into two sections: main correspondents and minor correspondents, arranged alphabetically in each case.

Custodial history and access

The papers were created by Maurice R. O'Connell in the latter half of the 20th century and he donated them to the National Library of Ireland in 2001. They are available for consultation in the Manuscripts Reading Room of the National Library of Ireland. The papers are in good condition although much of the correspondence is on carbon copy paper which is not of a high quality. A small amount of material has been withdrawn as not for consultation but this will be subject to review in 2020 (NFC 152).

I. Historical notes mainly on Daniel O'Connell

Historical notes found in the papers of Maurice Rickard O'Connell (1922-2006), great-great-grandson of Daniel O'Connell, the Liberator (1775-1847).

- MS 47,334** Card index used to compile the correspondence of Daniel O'Connell, a project undertaken chiefly by Maurice R. O'Connell and his wife Betty, while on sabbatical from Fordham, the Jesuit University of New York, and Gerry Lyne, of the National Library of Ireland. Three card index boxes compiled in the late 1960s and early 1970s.
Card index box 1: A – F
Card index box 2: G – N
1 archival box.
- MS 47,335** Card index box 3: O – Z
Card index box: Irish history
Further box of index cards on Irish history, compiled from historical works read by Maurice R. O'Connell.
Also included in this archival box are 5 tapes of radio and television programmes, including Radharc, on Daniel O'Connell, as well as a microfilm reel of the Mahoney letterbook.
1 archival box.
- MS 47,336 /1** Statistics for the census of 1881 for Kerry.
61 pages.
- MS 47,336 /2** 19th and 20th century.
Notes about the O'Connell family tree, along with extracts from the Pedigree of the Antient, noble and formerly royal house of O'Connell. As verified by the antient Irish Historians and Genealogists. Also, some anecdotes about the O'Connell family of Derrynane, notes on the maternal ancestry of Daniel O'Connell as well as the Pedigree of Captain d'Esterre who was fatally wounded by Daniel O'Connell, in a duel in 1815.
Printout from 1994 tracing the family back to the year 1260 AD and including many branches of the O'Connell family tree.
Circa 120 pages.
- MS 47,337** 19th century newspaper cuttings and copies of 19th century letters.
1 folder.
Circa 58 items.
- 20th century newspaper cuttings mainly re Daniel O'Connell and his descendents.
3 folders.
- MS 47,338 /1** Folder 1: circa 50 items.
MS 47,338 /2 Folder 2: circa 49 items.
MS 47,338 /3 Folder 3: circa 82 items.

- MS 47,339** Old documents and illustrations relating to Daniel O’Connell, including some cartoons and a letter from Dunraven, as well as an old plan for the proposed additions and improvements to Derrynane House. 19th and 20th century.
28 items.
- MS 47,340 /1** 1906
Photocopy of book: Daniel O’Connell: his early life, and Journal, 1795 to 1802 by Arthur Houston, LL.D. London: Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons, Ltd., 1906.
141 pages.
- MS 47,340 /2** Two journals and a musical programme found among the papers:
1. Cumann Seandálaíochta is Staire Chiarraí – Journal of the Kerry Archaeological and Historical Society. No. 27. Issued free to members for 1994. Includes an article on Daniel O’Connell, the Counsellor, and our present constitutional disposition by Justice Hugh O’Flaherty.
 2. Blackrock Society Proceedings 1993-1994. (Including an article on Daniel O’Connell by Maurice R. O’Connell).
 3. Also, a programme for a concert: Maynooth University Music Society presents St Matthew Passion, J.S. Bach, Conductor: Gerard Gillen. College Chapel, Sunday 26 March, 2000.
- 3 items.
- MS 47,340 /3** 20th century.
Photostats for a Daniel O’Connell (1775-1847) commemorative stamp.
11 pages.
- Newspaper cuttings, notes for lectures, offprints, journal articles of an historical nature, mainly concerning Daniel O’Connell, which were accumulated over the course of his career as an historian, by Maurice R. O’Connell. Mainly 20th century.
7 folders.
- MS 47,341 /1** Folder 1: ca 50 items.
MS 47,341 /2 Folder 2: ca 50 items.
MS 47,341 /3 Folder 3: ca 30 items.
MS 47,341 /4 Folder 4: ca 50 items.
MS 47,341 /5 Folder 5: ca 50 items.
MS 47,341 /6 Folder 6: ca 50 items.
MS 47,341 /7 Folder 7: ca 50 items.
- Offprints, study notes, lectures and journal articles on topics of historical interest, but chiefly on Daniel O’Connell. Content similar to above folders. Mainly 20th century.
5 folders.
- MS 47,342 /1** Folder 1: ca 52 pages.
MS 47,342 /2 Folder 2: ca 52 pages.
MS 47,342 /3 Folder 3: ca 52 pages.

- MS 47,342 /4** Folder 4: ca 52 pages.
MS 47,342 /5 Folder 5: ca 34 pages.
- MS 47,343** Photographs and postcards with various subjects, found in the Maurice Rickard O'Connell Collection. Mainly 20th century. 62 items.
- MS 47,344** Additional photographs and visual material. Mainly 20th century. Circa 44 items.
- MS 47,345** OPW (Office of Public Works) guide book on Derrynane Abbey (Mainistir Dhoire Fhionáin). [no date but late 20th century]. Also, some architectural drawings of Derrynane. [196-?]. 7 items.
- MS 47,346** More architectural drawings of Derrynane. [196-?] 5 items.

II. Scully Family Papers

Scully family papers: Historical papers relating to the family of Maurice Rickard O'Connell's wife, Betty (née McCan). Betty's mother was a Scully who was related to Denys Scully, who was a leading writer on behalf of Catholic Emancipation in the first two decades of the 19th century.

- MS 47,347** Scully papers: photocopies of letters and notes.
27 pages.
- MS 47,348** Correspondence re Scully family genealogy and tree by Betty O'Connell (née McCan) who was related to the Scully family, and her husband, Maurice Rickard O'Connell.
Circa 54 pages.
- MS 47,349** Correspondence re Scully publishing project. Betty O'Connell, MRO'C's wife, was assisting her cousin Brian MacDermot, with the editing of Denys Scully's correspondence. Brian MacDermot was also editing a diary kept by Scully for the month of March 1805 when Denys Scully was on the Catholic delegation to London for Emancipation.
71 pages.

III. Personal papers of Maurice Rickard O'Connell

III.i. General Papers

- MS 47,350** Early correspondence of Maurice R. O'Connell and his siblings with their mother from boarding school.
Circa 8 items.
- MS 47,351** Land Registry transfer of all property owned by Maurice Rickard O'Connell in County Kerry, to John M. O'Connor, Solicitor, Clare Street, Dublin 2, to the use of Geoffrey O'Connell and Rickard O'Connell.
2 pages.
- MS 47,352** Names and addresses of Maurice Rickard O'Connell contacts.
NFC 152 9 pages.
- MS 47,353** An account of a trip to Tokyo, Japan, by Maurice Rickard and his wife, Betty O'Connell in 1982-1983. They stayed at the Canadian Embassy residence. The Ambassador, Barry Steers, was a distant cousin who was descended from Daniel O'Connell's aunt who left Derrynane in 1762 to marry his ancestor, a small landlord in West Cork.
Circa 23 items.
- MS 47,354** Miscellaneous items found in collection of Maurice Rickard
NFC 152 O'Connell, including invoices, envelopes and random notes.
Circa 27 items.
- MS 47,355** Folder with bills, receipts, correspondence on financial matters and
NFC 152 property.

III.ii. Career of Maurice Rickard O'Connell

- MS 47,356** Curriculum Vitae. 4 pages.
- MS 47,357** Contract of employment, 1962, by and between Maurice R. O'Connell and the University of Portland, in the capacity of Assistant Professor of History for one year.
1 page.
- MS 47,358** Student feedback on Maurice Rickard O'Connell's lecturing style at Fordham University, New York, where he spent most of his career as a Professor of History. Proposal for Advanced (A) Level History Examination: individual study outline 1996 by D.C.M. O'Connell. Photocopy of information sheet on proofreaders' marks.
12 pages.
- MS 47,359** Address to the Meeting of the American Committee for Irish Studies

by Peter Quinn: Remembering the Famine.
15 pages.

MS 47,360 Notes for a talk by Gerry Lyne, National Library of Ireland.
9 pages.

MS 47,361 Caricature of Maurice Rickard O'Connell captioned 'The Nation'
Once Again, Pearse Street Library, 1983. Seán Lennon, of Dublin
City Libraries, was the artist.
1 item.

III.iii. Correspondence

III.iii.1. Main Correspondents

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent, covering 1950s to 2000s. Maurice wrote long and detailed letters, often accompanied by enclosures. He kept carbon copies of the letters he sent out but the enclosures aren't included. Most of them are probably in the folders of offprints, articles in periodicals and newscuttings at the start of this list. Please note that minor correspondents are included after the main correspondents at the end of this list.

MS 47,362 1969 – 1990. Correspondence with **Hubert Butler**, historian and writer, about Catholic – Protestant relations in Northern Ireland, the Butler Society, Daniel O'Connell, Derrynane, Tyrone Guthrie (Hubert Butler was married to Guthrie's sister), Irish history and politics, the Young Irelanders, and Wolfe Tone.
93 pages.

MS 47,363 1959 – 1997. Correspondence with **Jim Covert**, Professor of History, University of Portland, Oregon. They were students together at Portland. Items discussed include university dissertations and doctorates, academic life, mutual friends and acquaintances, history publications, Daniel O'Connell correspondence, Northern Ireland, and a trip to Ireland.
98 pages.

MS 47,364 1974 – 1996. Correspondence with **L. Perry Curtis**, Department of History, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, a writer and academic. They discuss Daniel O'Connell, Irish history generally, the state of Ireland, historical points, Young Ireland, the Land War, Irish newspapers, the O'Connell Summer School, and the Catholic Church.
87 pages.

MS 47,365 1988 – 1994. Correspondence with **Greg Delanty**, a poet, a college lecturer and a lifeguard at Derrynane in Kerry in the summer. Letters discuss poetry, where he is living in Vermont, Kerry folklore, Catholics and Protestants in Ireland, Daniel O'Connell, and literature in general.

48 pages.

- MS 47,366** 1991 – 1994. Correspondence about **DOCAL: Daniel O’Connell Association Limited**. Some correspondence and notes relating to same, including objectives. They also organised a number of workshops. Additional correspondence with the Institute of Public Administration about the publication of the DOCAL journal.
18 pages.
- MS 47,367** 1984 – 1991. Correspondence with **Dublin Corporation Public Libraries**, (later Dublin City Council Public Libraries) about obtaining copies of newspaper articles, arrangements for delivering a memorial lecture on November 1st, 1991, on the 150th Anniversary of the election of Daniel O’Connell as Lord Mayor of Dublin.
6 pages.
- MS 47,368** 1955 – 1988. Correspondence with **Robert (Robin) Dudley Edwards** (1909-1988). Along with T.W. Moody he founded the Irish Historical Society in 1936, and its journal *Irish Historical Studies* was first published in 1938. In 1937 he was awarded a DLitt by the National University of Ireland and in 1939 was appointed to a statutory lectureship in Modern Irish History at University College Dublin. He succeeded to the Chair of Modern Irish History in 1944, which he held until he retired in 1979. His contribution to the discipline of history in Ireland was substantial, and included the setting up of the university archives. He corresponded with MRO’C, having been his research supervisor at UCD, about a range of topics, including the Ulster Scots in America, Edmund Burke’s correspondence, the significance of Catholic Emancipation, a subject for MRO’C’s PhD thesis, the I.R.A., the world of academia, students, the educational system in America, MRO’C’s studies, a dispute between the two academics over research, the Catholic Church, and religion generally. Folder includes a small number of letters from Owen Dudley Edwards and Ruth Dudley Edwards, children of Robert Dudley Edwards, and historians themselves.
198 pages.
- MS 47,369** 1955 – 1991. Correspondence with **Reverend Professor John Tracy Ellis**, managing editor of *The Catholic Historical Review*, Washington, afterwards of the University of San Francisco, California, and later a Professor at the Catholic University of America in Washington. O’Connell writes about the possibility of having an article published in the Review, Daniel O’Connell and Catholic Emancipation, advice on MRO’C’s academic future, politics between Britain and Ireland particularly during the 19th century, assessment of articles for publication, lecture arrangements, editing the Daniel O’Connell correspondence, church history and various publications about Irish history.
148 pages.

- MS 47,370** 1966 – 1987. Correspondence with **Father James C. Finlay, S.J.**, a Jesuit priest from Roscommon, a writer and Dean of Graduate Studies and later President at Fordham Jesuit University of New York, about Daniel O’Connell, Denys Scully, academic affairs at Fordham, Montalambert about whom Father Finlay had written and who had stayed in Derrynane in 1830, Irish politics, the publishing of the O’Connell correspondence, a visit by General Charles de Gaulle to Derrynane, a lecture at Fordham by Tomás MacGiolla, President of Sinn Féin, the Workers’ Party, the O’Conor Don and Clonalis, the Catholic Hierarchy and academic life.
88 pages.
- MS 47,371** 1968 – 1996. Correspondence with **Adrian Fitzgerald**, a son of the Knight of Kerry who is based in London but with associations with Valentia, County Kerry. He held a job at the Town Hall, Kensington, London. Topics include publishing the O’Connell correspondence, history of County Kerry, Daniel O’Connell’s politics and religious faith, and the visit of the King and Queen of Sweden to Derrynane.
50 pages.
- MS 47,372** 1955 – 1995. Correspondence with **Holden Furber**, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, who supervised MRO’C’s PhD dissertation. MRO’C was his graduate assistant. Furber was a very distinguished historian of British India. They discuss teaching methods, history in general, ideas for a dissertation, academic life, job prospects, the Butler Society, the opening of Derrynane to the public in 1967 by the Office of Public Works, Daniel O’Connell, recent history publications, the situation in Northern Ireland, the editing of the Daniel O’Connell correspondence, Irish history and life, former students, and Irish and American politics. Furber died in 1993 but his wife, Lucy, kept up the correspondence for some time afterwards.
277 pages.
- MS 47,373** 1962 – 1967. Correspondence with **Brigadier Maurice Denham Jephson**, of Mallow Castle, County Cork concerning the history of the Jephson family, Irish history, Jephson’s book, ‘An Anglo-Irish Miscellany: some records of the Jephsons of Mallow’, books they have both read, contacts for historical information, fishing in Cork, the opening of Derrynane by Éamon de Valera as a museum in 1967, and historical references.
67 pages.
- MS 47,374** 1962 – 1998. Correspondence with **Kathleen Kingsley**, cousin of MRO’C and a teacher based in England, about Derrynane and DOCAL (the Daniel O’Connell Association Ltd), Hunting Cap and Daniel O’Connell.
74 pages.
- MS 47,375** 1962 – 1996. Correspondence with **Emmet Larkin**, Department of

History, University of Chicago, about the violence in Northern Ireland, the IRA, Irish politics, Daniel O’Connell letters, and Irish history articles for periodicals written by the two historians. MRO’C sent Emmet Larkin some enclosures mentioned in the correspondence, but they are not in the folder.
61 pages.

MS 47,376 1975 – 1995. Correspondence with **J.J. Lee**, Professor of Modern History, University College, Cork, about the O’Connell Correspondence, the Repeal Association, British political radicalism: 1830 – 1846, the Thomas Davis lectures, and the Daniel O’Connell workshop run by DOCAL in Derrynane at which Joe Lee was a contributor.
27 pages.

MS 47,377
Partly NFC
152 1972 – 1996. Correspondence with **Gerry Lyne**, Keeper of Manuscripts at the National Library of Ireland and a Kerryman, also related to Daniel O’Connell.
He co-edited the correspondence of Daniel O’Connell with MRO’C. Topics covered include Irish and American politics, historical points, the National Library, funding and sponsorship for the publication of the O’Connell correspondence, Northern Ireland and the IRA, Irish culture, lectures and articles for local archaeological and historical societies, genealogical research, O’Connell’s support of the Abolitionists and against slavery in the U.S., Hunting Cap, the Irish language and the Lansdowne Estate in Kerry. MRO’C’s views on the Irish language in the 1950s were “I also could never see that the revival of a language which was virtually dead and contained only a limited cultural heritage could really be worth the trouble.” This was to remain his view, which some of his correspondents, including Gerry Lyne, found unenlightened.
274 pages + 15 pages not for consultation – review in 2020.

MS 47,378 1971 – 1983. Correspondence with **Professor F.S.L. Lyons**, of the University of Kent at Canterbury, and later Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, in which Professor Lyons says that MRO’C is the authority on Daniel O’Connell, discusses nationalism, O’Connell’s opposition to violence, religious tolerance, how the historian must write of what he sees in the past and must not try to serve any purpose, however good, other than the pursuit of truth, the interpretation of history,. the Thomas Davis lectures, the O’Connell correspondence, American politics, the kindness of Eric Goldman, congratulations on Lyons’s book, the Oxford University Press and publishers in general.
32 pages.

MS 47,379 1961 – 1996. Correspondence with **Lawrence J. McCaffrey**, historian and author, University of Illinois and later, Department of History, Marquette University, Wisconsin, about the O’Connell letters, De Valera’s speech at the opening of Derrynane to the public

in 1967, McCaffrey's book on the Irish Question, Irish America, the American Council of Learned Societies - ACLS, the American Committee for Irish Studies - ACIS, Young Ireland, Northern Ireland, the IRA, nationalism, violence in Northern Ireland, McCaffrey's books – Ireland from Colony to Nation State, and, The Irish Catholic Diaspora in America.
115 pages.

- MS 47,380** 1988 – 1995. Correspondence with **James McCord**, Associate Professor, Department of History, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, about portraits, prints and the H.B. caricatures of Daniel O'Connell in various institutions including the National Portrait Gallery in London, the National Library of Ireland and Trinity College, Dublin. They also discuss the whereabouts of the More O'Ferrall papers and the Arthur Conan Doyle papers.
42 pages.
- MS 47,381** 1968 – 1996. Correspondence with **Professor Oliver MacDonagh**, Department of Modern History, University College, Cork. He later worked in Australia at the Australian National University, Canberra. MRO'C had a great admiration for Professor MacDonagh's books on Daniel O'Connell, topics in the correspondence include: the Thomas Davis lectures, academic life, doctoral theses, topics for a dissertation, Northern Ireland and the IRA, O'Connell and the Young Irish, MacDonagh's reasons for working in Australia, the Daniel O'Connell Summer and Autumn School, an invitation to Derrynane, and historical points.
128 pages.
- MS 47,382** 1955 – 1997. Correspondence with **Father F.X. Martin**, (1922 – 2000)**O.S.A.**, (Order of Saint Augustine) an Augustinian priest and an academic who was the Professor of Medieval History at University College, Dublin. They were in the same class in Belvedere College S.J., Dublin, as young secondary school students. The correspondence begins during Father F.X. Martin's years in Peterhouse, Cambridge, where he was doing his PhD. MRO'C discusses academic job prospects in America and in Ireland. They also mention MRO'C's book, *Irish politics and social conflicts in the age of the American Revolution*, and F.X. Martin's book on *Friar Nugent*. They talk about getting opinions on PhD dissertations, other academics, their ambitions for chairs in the universities, the politics of academia, Wood Quay and general gossip.
It seems MRO'C was always hoping to return to a lecturing job in Ireland, either in UCD, UCC or TCD.
144 pages.
- MS 47,383** 1970 – 1975. Correspondence with **Raymond Moley**, formerly a Professor of Public Law, Columbia University, and afterwards a journalist with Newsweek for 37 years. They discuss a book Moley is intending to write on O'Connell to show the Liberator's relevance

to the Modern World. Moley was a great and genuine admirer of Daniel O'Connell.
103 pages.

- MS 47,384** 1963 – 1982. Correspondence with **T.W. Moody**, Professor of History at the University of Dublin, Trinity College. They discuss job prospects for MRO'C in TCD, Northern Ireland and the IRA, the series of volumes known as A New History of Ireland, various Irish political figures, Henry Grattan, Edmund Burke and Daniel O'Connell.
13 pages.
- MS 47,385** 1989 – 1998. Correspondence with **Samuel J. Muldoon**, an Ulster Protestant based in Portadown, County Armagh, about the troubles in Northern Ireland, the Catholics and the Protestants in Ulster, the SDLP, the IRA, various books and articles in newspapers and periodicals, places and happenings in Kerry and general news.
97 pages.
- MS 47,386** 1967 – 1997. Correspondence with **Helen Mulvey**, historian and author, who worked at Connecticut College, New London, Connecticut, discussing historical figures such as Thomas Davis, Denys Scully, Daniel O'Connell and Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, an article about the correspondence between Daniel O'Connell and his wife, Mary, the editing of the Daniel O'Connell correspondence, grants to write history papers, publishing, Young Ireland, Irish America, Northern Ireland, the writing of biography, the work of other academics, books they have read, and education in Ireland. MRO'C sent Helen Mulvey a lot of enclosures of articles, offprints and newspaper cuttings during the course of their correspondence. These are not included in the folder.
116 pages.
- MS 47,387** 1975 – 1996. Correspondence with **John A. Murphy**, Professor of Irish History, University College, Cork (UCC), and also a Senator. Subjects include Daniel O'Connell, book reviews, lectures, the editing of the Denys Scully correspondence, politics and general elections in Ireland, and a lecture tour by John A. Murphy in New York.
21 pages.
- MS 47,388** 1974 – 1996. Correspondence with the **National Library of Ireland** about various matters including the donation of some Daniel O'Connell and other letters.
15 pages.
- MS 47,389** 1982 -1995. Correspondence with the **National Museum of Ireland** about dress in Ireland in the 1780s and about Daniel O'Connell's chariot.
4 pages.

- MS 47,390** 1971 – 1992. Correspondence with **Conor Cruise O'Brien**, politician and journalist, on Northern Ireland, the reassessment of Daniel O'Connell, history and politics, Edmund Burke, and the proposed abolition of the Chair in Modern British and Irish History at Fordham. MRO'C sent Conor Cruise O'Brien a lot of articles, offprints and inserts with his letters. These are not included in the folder.
55 pages.
- MS 47,391** 1955 – 1981. Correspondence with **Father Sylvester O'Brien, OFM**, (Order of Friars Minor), a Franciscan priest and an academic who wrote and edited books about the saints, about Micheál Ó Cléirigh, chief author of the Annals of the Four Masters and about the Irish language,. Father O'Brien was involved in the Derrynane Trust which was trying to find suitable tenants for Derrynane who would look after the property. He was a great admirer of John Joseph O'Kelly (known as Sceilg, Seán S. Ó Ceallaigh: 1872 – 1957) an Irish politician, author and publisher. Sceilg was a former president of the Gaelic League and of Sinn Féin. Father Sylvester is clearly a friend as well as an academic peer and MRO'C tells him about his life outside work as well as commenting on historical matters and on the Irish and American politics of the day. Father Sylvester spent some of his time as a Franciscan in Africa as well as in Ireland. Some of the topics discussed in the correspondence include the breakout of violence in Northern Ireland, the assassination of John F. Kennedy, Vatican II, Archbishop McQuaid, contraception, the Catholic Church, the papacy, various books they had read, and of course Daniel O'Connell.
106 pages.
- MS 47,392** 1955 – 1971. Correspondence with **Basil O'Connell**, of the Genealogical Office, Dublin Castle. Basil and Maurice O'Connell were cousins and Basil was an authority on genealogy in general and on the genealogy of the O'Connell family in particular. Matters discussed in the correspondence include university life in America, Derrynane, local news from Kerry, Daniel O'Connell and his sons, and other family matters.
209 pages.
- MS 47,393** 1955 – 1995. Correspondence with **Father E.F. (Feichín) O'Doherty**, Professor of Psychology, University College, Dublin. Describes university life in America, the Church's role in education, assignments, points of history, Fr O'Doherty's opinion on the psychology of Daniel O'Connell, television appearances, and the teaching of the Irish language.
39 pages.
- MS 47,394** 1974 – 1998. Correspondence with **Fergus O'Ferrall**, author. Topics include Thomas Davis, Daniel O'Connell, offprints from

various historical journals, articles for submission to journals such as the Catholic Historical Review and Thought, Northern Ireland, a book O'Ferrall published on Daniel O'Connell and another on Catholic Emancipation, and Oliver Goldsmith.

76 pages.

- MS 47,395** 1970 – 1997. Correspondence with the **Office of Public Works**, National Parks and Monuments Branch, mainly about improvements to Derrynane, which had been looked after by the OPW since the mid-1960s. MRO'C retained a cottage on the estate there, Western Lodge, and maintained an interest in the maintenance and development of the O'Connell ancestral home. Correspondence between the O'Connell family and the Office of Public Works or OPW re handing over Derrynane, Caherdaniel, County Kerry, Daniel O'Connell's ancestral home, to the state. Includes historical notes and newspaper clippings as well as letters from the family and from then Taoiseach, Mr. Jack Lynch, Minister of State at the OPW, Mr Pearse Wyse and a number of civil servants.
218 pages.
- MS 47,396** 1955 – 1997. Correspondence with **Thomas P. O'Keefe**, of Columbus, Ohio, of the Irish American community and friend of MRO'C. He worked in investments. Describes lectures attended on Irish subjects, sponsorship by the direct descendents of Denys Scully at the Scully plantation in America for the project to publish the correspondence of Denys Scully, American politics, genealogy, and retirement.
90 pages.
- MS 47,397** 1968 – 1997. Correspondence with **Lieutenant-Colonel Richard K. Page, M.C.**, of Grange Con, County Wicklow, with family and Irish history, Daniel O'Connell, Eoin O'Mahony otherwise known as the Pope O'Mahony, General Charles de Gaulle's visit to Derrynane in 1969, the history and links between the Mahony and O'Connell families, a Christmas visit to Tokyo, Japan, mentions trying to have historical articles published, trying to get access to Basil O'Connell's archives (he was a genealogist), questions of religion, and changes at Derrynane.
147 pages.
- MS 47,398** 1974 – 1984. Correspondence with the **Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)** and the **Ulster Historical Foundation**, about the Talbot Crosbie papers in which O'Connell and his uncle were mentioned which are confirmed to be in packing cases in the National Library of Ireland, the American Committee for Irish Studies lecture series, A.P.W. Malcolmson's writings, references and holdings of the PRONI.
17 pages.
- MS 47,399** 1968 – 1989. Correspondence with **Werner and Kate Stark**, who

were friends from Fordham, where MRO'C and Stark were both professors, and the Starks retired to live in Salzburg, Austria. The Starks were both converts from Judaism to Catholicism, and they were Germans who had fled Europe at the time of World War II. Topics discussed include publications, articles for periodicals, Northern Ireland, Irish politics, editing the correspondence of Daniel O'Connell, research methods. Werner Stark died in 1985, but his wife, Kate, maintained the correspondence.
74 pages.

- MS 47,400** 1980 – 1996. Correspondence with **Barry and Martha Steers**. Barry Steers was descended from Daniel O'Connell and was Canadian Ambassador to Tokyo, Japan at one stage and he and his wife invited Maurice and Betty O'Connell to spend a Christmas with them. Items discussed include Daniel O'Connell, Derrynane, Northern Ireland, Irish politics, Canadian politics, family news, Japanese politics, and DOCAL (the Daniel O'Connell Association Limited).
151 pages.
- MS 47,401** 1982 – 1993. Correspondence with **Mary Helen Thuente**, of the Department of English and Linguistics, Indiana University – Purdue University, where she taught Irish literature and folklore, about her visits to Ireland, university life, their joint project to write about O'Connell and Young Ireland, Gavan Duffy as a historian and his portrayal of O'Connell, contemporary newspaper reports about O'Connell, a lecture MRO'C was to give in Indiana, the American Committee for Irish Studies (ACIS), and other academics.
67 pages.
- MS 47,402** 1982 – 1998. Correspondence with **Charles Chenevix Trench**, historian and author, of Nenagh, County Tipperary. Trench asks MRO'C to write an introduction to his book about Daniel O'Connell. They corresponded about Irish and British history and politics, the Second World War, Irish America, Northern Ireland, and proof-reading of manuscripts for publication.
162 pages.
- MS 47,403** 1989 – 1996. Correspondence with **Kevin Whelan**, historian and author. Topics discussed include revisionist historians, O'Connell's reputation, folk-heroes, and Wexford in 1798.
21 pages.
- MS 47,404** 1963 – 1985. Correspondence with **Professor T. Desmond Williams**, of University College, Dublin, on Maurice O'Connell's career as a history lecturer, including his application for the Chair of History in University College, Cork, which was given to J.J. Lee. Mentions various historical points, the Thomas Davis lectures, encouragement to continue editing the correspondence of Daniel O'Connell, Northern Ireland, articles in journals and newspapers

about the Liberator, and various other publications on O'Connell in book form.
21 pages.

III.iii.2. Other Correspondents

Arranged alphabetically by correspondent, mainly covering the 1950s – 2000s.

- Correspondence A:
- MS 47,405** Folder 1: 58 pages. Adams - Altholz
MS 47,406 Folder 2: 68 pages. Alvey – Appletree Press
MS 47,407 Folder 3: 29 pages. Arnold – Atochamah
- Correspondence B:
- MS 47,408** Folder 1: 60 pages. Baker - Barrington
MS 47,409 Folder 2: 66 pages. Barry - Bary
MS 47,410 Folder 3: 58 pages. Bean - Berridge
MS 47,411 Folder 4: 69 pages. Bianconi – Bodkin
MS 47,412 Folder 5: 59 pages. Bogan - Bric
MS 47,413 Folder 6: 50 pages. British Consulate General - Burns
MS 47,414 Folder 7: 58 pages. Bus Éireann - Byrne
- Correspondence C:
- MS 47,415** Folder 1: 50 pages. Caffaratto – Canny
MS 47,416 Folder 2: 88 pages. Carey - Casey
MS 47,417 Folder 3: 54 pages. Cassidy - Cavalli
MS 47,418 Folder 4: 51 pages. Central Fisheries Board - Channer
MS 47,419 Folder 5: 55 pages. Chappell - Claxton
MS 47,420 Folder 6: 61 pages. Clery – Comerford
MS 47,421 Folder 7: 80 pages. Comune di Managa - Coombes
MS 47,422 Folder 8: 50 pages. Cooper – Crage
MS 47,423 Folder 9: 57 pages. Craig - Crowhurst
MS 47,424 Folder 10: 53 pages. Cuddy - Curran
MS 47,425 Folder 11: 21 pages. Curtin - Cushing
- Correspondence D:
- MS 47,426** Folder 1: 70 pages. D'Alton - Davis
MS 47,427 Folder 2: 87 pages. Deane – Del Rivo
MS 47,428 Folder 3: 56 pages. De Montalembert - Doerries
MS 47,429 Folder 4: 58 pages. Doherty - Donnison
MS 47,430 Folder 5: 68 pages. Donoughmore - Duggan
MS 47,431 Folder 6: 44 pages. Dundon - Dwyer
- Correspondence E:
- MS 47,432** Folder 1: 76 pages. Egan - Ezech
- Correspondence F:
- MS 47,433** Folder 1: 19 pages. Fahy
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MS 47,434 Folder 2: 48 pages. Fallon – Faul

MS 47,435 Folder 3: 44 pages. Feehan – Fitchett
MS 47,436 Folder 4: 70 pages. Fitzgerald – FitzSimon
MS 47,437 Folder 5: 66 pages. Flanagan - Foster
MS 47,438 Folder 6: 38 pages. Foreign Affairs – Fulham

Correspondence G:

MS 47,439 Folder 1: 68 pages. Galazka – Gaughan
MS 47,440 Folder 2: 48 pages. Gebert - German Ambassador
MS 47,441 Folder 3: 82 pages. Gibson – Goldman
MS 47,442 Folder 4: 79 pages. Good – Grogan
MS 47,443 Folder 5: 37 pages. Gubbins – Gwynn

Correspondence H:

MS 47,444 Folder 1: 77 pages. Hagan - Hayes-McCoy
MS 47,445 Folder 2: 50 pages. Headford Drama Group – Hermitage
MS 47,446 Folder 3: 33 pages. Heron - Hewett
MS 47,447 Folder 4: 77 pages. Hickey – Hinckley
MS 47,448 Folder 5: 63 pages. Hobson - Hood
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Correspondence J:

MS 47,451 Folder 1: 65 pages. Jackson – Juodeika

Correspondence K:

MS 47,452 Folder 1: 57 pages. Kamei – Kee
MS 47,453 Folder 2: 59 pages. Kelleher - Keogh
MS 47,454 Folder 3: 51 pages. Kerr – King’s Inns Library
MS 47,455 Folder 4: 39 pages. Kirby – Kuhn

Correspondence L:

MS 47,456 Folder 1: 41 pages. La Ferriere - Lauret
MS 47,457 Folder 2: 57 pages. Leader – Leggatt
MS 47,458 Folder 3: 56 pages. Lehane - Leydon
MS 47,459 Folder 4: 45 pages. Lilliput Press – Lynch

Correspondence M:

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MS 47,461 Folder 2: 54 pages. McCartan – McCartney
MS 47,462 Folder 3: 52 pages. McCormack – McDonagh
MS 47,463 Folder 4: 59 pages. McDonnell – McGreevy
MS 47,464 Folder 5: 57 pages. McGuinness – MacLoughlin
MS 47,465 Folder 6: 78 pages. McKeegan – McSwiney
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MS 47,467 Folder 8: 47 pages. Mandarino – Merva
MS 47,468 Folder 9: 75 pages. Mickley – Moran
MS 47,469 Folder 10: 41 pages. Moravian College – Moses
MS 47,470 Folder 11: 86 pages. Mulcahy – Myers

Correspondence N:

- MS 47,471** Folder 1: 41 pages. NAACP - Newell
MS 47,472 Folder 2: 74 pages. Nichols – Nykiel

Correspondence O:

- MS 47,473** Folder 1: 63 pages. Ó Braonáin – Ó Buachalla
MS 47,474 Folder 2: 14 pages. O’Callaghan – O’Coileáin
MS 47,475 Folder 3: 25 pages. O’Connell, Adrian – O’Connell, Daniel
MS 47,476 Folder 4: 63 pages. O’Connell, Dan and Una
MS 47,477 Folder 5: 115 pages. O’Connell, Dan and Una
MS 47,478 Folder 6: 153 pages. O’Connell, Dan and Una
MS 47,479 Folder 7: 23 pages. O’Connell, Dan Pat
MS 47,480 Folder 8: 44 pages. O’Connell, Donal – O’Connell, Elizabeth
MS 47,481 Folder 9: 128 pages. O’Connell, Emily (mother of MRO’C)
MS 47,482 Folder 10: 67 pages. O’Connell, Esther – O’Connell, Joe
MS 47,483 Folder 11: 50 pages. O’Connell, Katie – O’Connell, Lucila
MS 47,484 Folder 12: 75 pages. O’Connell, Margaret E. – O’Connell, Morgan
MS 47,485 Folder 13: 17 pages. O’Connell, Rev. Neil – O’Connell, Tony
MS 47,486 Folder 14: 98 pages. O’Connor – Ó Criadáin
MS 47,487 Folder 15: 51 pages. Ó Dálaigh – Oehling
MS 47,488 Folder 16: 46 pages. Ó Faoláin – O’Hare
MS 47,489 Folder 17: 89 pages. O’Keefe – Oliver
MS 47,490 Folder 18: 67 pages. O’Mahony – Ó Murchú
MS 47,491 Folder 19: 33 pages. O’Neill – O’Rourke
MS 47,492 Folder 20: 85 pages. Osborne – Owiredu

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- MS 47,493** Folder 1: 52 pages. Paci – Peyrera
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Correspondence Q:

- MS 47,495** Folder 1: 33 pages. Quain – Queen’s University Belfast

Correspondence R:

- MS 47,496** Folder 1: 51 pages. Rachlin - Renfrew
MS 47,497 Folder 2: 60 pages. Reilly – Roche
MS 47,498 Folder 3: 83 pages. Rogers – Rynne

Correspondence S:

- MS 47,499** Folder 1: 55 pages. Saint Augustine School of the Arts – Scully
MS 47,500 Folder 2: 40 pages. SDLP – Sheehan
MS 47,501 Folder 3: 70 pages. Sheehy – Silke
MS 47,502 Folder 4: 50 pages. Simms – Stanford
MS 47,503 Folder 5: 74 pages. Stauble – Swords

Correspondence T:

- MS 47,504** Folder 1: 45 pages. Tashjean – Thought
MS 47,505 Folder 2: 50 pages. Tierney – Tyrrell

MS 47,506 Correspondence U:
Folder 1: 38 pages. Udekwe – University of Pennsylvania

MS 47,507 Correspondence V:
Folder 1: 34 pages. Valley – Vilade

MS 47,508 Correspondence W:
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MS 47,509 Folder 2: 51 pages. Warner – Whyte
MS 47,510 Folder 3: 52 pages. Wilder – Woods
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Correspondence X: None

MS 47,512 Correspondence Y:
Folder 1: 41 pages. Yankey – Yoseloff

MS 47,513 Correspondence Z:
Folder 1: 18 pages. Ziegler - Zuger

Six folders of unidentified correspondence (Christian names only in most cases) with Maurice Rickard O'Connell spanning his career in America to his retirement to Dublin. 1950s – 1990s.

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MS 47,519 Folder 6: ca 35 items.