Papers collected by Sean O’Mahony relating to Irish history and various republican and nationalist movements (1689-2005) with an emphasis on the troubles in Northern Ireland and the contemporary Irish republican movement, 1969-2005.

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<td>Republican Publicity Bureau</td>
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<td>Sinn Féin Workers Party</td>
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INTRODUCTION

Sean O’Mahony

A native of county Kerry, Sean O’Mahony has spent his working life in Dublin. Fascinated by Irish history and politics he has written a number of articles on various aspect of Irish republicanism (MS 44,039 /7, 44,303 /11 and MS 44,304 /6) and published a book Frongoch: University of Revolution (Ir 94109o36). This collection is the extensive amount of material he accumulated on Irish republicanism.

The Irish Republican Movement

The main focus of this Collection is the Irish Republican Movement from the Easter Rising in 1916, through the Troubles in Northern Ireland to the Peace Process of the 1990s. A short survey of the Movement is provided to place the Collection within its historical context.

The involvement of Britain in the First World War provided Irish republicans with an opportunity to resist British rule. The military council of the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB), planned a nationwide armed insurrection using the Irish Volunteers. When the Rising took place at Easter 1916 events were largely confined to Dublin. After six days the leaders of the Rising surrendered on 29th April. Fifteen leaders of the Rising were court-martialled and executed by the British authorities. A further 1,800 participants were interned in Frongoch Camp, North Wales. Although the Easter Rising had little public support at the time, the swift execution of the leaders led to a change in popular opinion and growing support for Irish republicanism. Sinn Féin, a pre-existing nationalist party, was taken over by survivors of the Easter Rising, and became the principal political party of the Republican movement.

In December 1918 Sinn Féin won 73 of Ireland’s 106 seats in the Westminster general election. The following January 20 of the delegates declared themselves to be the legitimate government of Ireland, the First Dáil Éireann. The Irish Volunteers were reorganised after the Rising into the Irish Republican Army (IRA), which continued armed resistance to British rule. One of the first moves of Dáil Éireann was to bring the IRA under its control. From 1919 the IRA under Michael Collins and Richard Mulcahy conducted a guerrilla war against the British in Ireland, known as the War of Independence, while Dáil Éireann ran an Irish based administration.

In July 1921 the British government and representatives of the de facto Irish Republic signed a truce ending the War of Independence, and began negotiations for a treaty. The most significant long term outcome of the Anglo-Irish Treaty, signed in December 1921, was the partition of Ireland into the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland. The treaty split the Republican movement, with the two factions fighting a Civil War (1922-3). The Pro-treaty IRA supported the Free State government, and formed the Free State Army. After their defeat in the Civil War the Anti-treaty IRA and Sinn Féin, which had become the political wing of the IRA, refused to recognise the Free State or participate in elections. In 1926 Eamon de Valera led some members...
of the Anti-treaty faction into mainstream politics with his new party Fianna Fáil, and they formed their first government in 1932.

The IRA continued sporadic acts of violence throughout the 1930s. The organisation was outlawed in 1936 by some of its former members, now in the Fianna Fáil government. A new impetus came in 1939 with the outbreak of the Second World War. The S-plan bombing campaign was organised, and negotiations were undertaken to gain support from Nazi Germany. Both the British and Irish governments introduced harsh legislation against the IRA, including internment without trial. The Declaration of the Republic and the withdrawal from the Commonwealth in 1949 saw a change in policy, as the IRA began to concentrate on the reunification of Northern and southern Ireland. However, during the 1950s and 1960s the IRA saw a decline in membership, and could only carry out sporadic actions.

In 1969 a wave of civil unrest occurred in Northern Ireland, with a violent backlash from the British Army and the RUC. The failure of the IRA to respond lead to a split within the party. The left leaning leadership wanted the party to abandon abstentionism and engage in non-violent constitutional politics. Traditionalists left the party, (now know as the Official IRA and Official Sinn Féin), and under the leadership of Seán Mac Stíofáin and Ruairí Ó Brádaigh formed the Provisional IRA and Provisional Sinn Féin. The Official parties became increasingly marginal, as the Provisionals gained support. The Provisional IRA operated a campaigned of armed violence and attrition against British forces in Northern Ireland, as well as a bombing campaign in Northern and southern Ireland and England.

The 1981 hunger strikes, by members of the Provisional IRA and Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) proved a huge boost to Provisional support. The electoral success of Bobby Sands, one of the hunger strikers, in the Fermanagh and South Tyrone by-election gave a spur to Sinn Féin to increase participation in electoral politics. In 1983 there was a leadership struggle between Dublin based Ruairí Ó Brádaigh, and Belfast based Gerry Adams. Adam’s defeat of Ó Brádaigh led to a further splintering of the party and the creation of Republican Sinn Féin by Ó Brádaigh. The IRA continued its policy of making British rule impossible and unprofitable by the use of armed force. At the same time Gerry Adam’s led the propaganda war, through Sinn Féin, and maintained a fairly constant level of electoral support through the 1980s. A collapse of popular support at the ballot box in the early 1990s and a series of disasterously unpopular bombings contributed to the 1994 IRA ceasefire. Although this ceasefire was broken in February 1996 with the London Docklands bombing, it was reinstate the following year and in 1998 the Good Friday Agreement was signed. Since joining the Peace Process Sinn Féin have experienced increasing support. In 2001 they replaced the SDLP as the largest nationalist party in Northern Ireland. In 2005 the IRA Army Council announced the formal end of its armed campaign.

The papers

The Collection was acquired by the National Library from Sean O’Mahony in 2004 and contains manuscripts, books and periodicals, poster and other ephemera, and photographs. The non-manuscript material has been transferred to the appropriate sections of the National Library. The extensive collection of printed material
accumulated by O’Mahony can be found on the National Library of Ireland’s online catalogue, where the provenance is detailed. The collection of ephemera, including illustrations, cartoons and posters, is housed in the Prints and Drawing section of the Library, PD 4286 TX. The photographic material is held in the National Photographic Archive, PC08LOT02.

The manuscript part of the Collection, detailed within this list, consists of correspondence, administrative records from various organisations, as well as newscuttings relating to groups and events. There is also a sizable amount of historical and commemorative material relating to historical events and groups. The bulk of the material covers the twentieth century, with most from the second half of the century, there are a few items from the nineteenth and twenty-first centuries. The earliest item dates from 1883 and the latest from 2005. The collection is contained with 65 boxes, with 8 outsized items. The papers are generally in good condition.

Arrangement

The Collection had been arranged by Sean O’Mahony within envelopes and folders. These groupings have been kept where possible, and placed within an overall structure. The Collection is divided into two parts, which are dealt with separately.

The first part of the Collection contains historical and commemorative papers relating to the Irish Republican Movement. This material has been divided in nine subgroups. The first five are historical divisions; ‘Pre-1916 Republicanism’, ‘Easter Rising, War of Independence and Civil War, 1916-1923’, ‘Irish Free State, 1924-1939’, ‘The Emergency, 1939-1945’ and ‘Irish Free State and Republic, 1945-69’. There are then four thematic divisions; ‘Irish Socialism and Communism’, ‘Individuals’, ‘Commemorative Material’ and ‘Research Material’. Within the subgroups the material has been further divided thematically, and then arranged chronologically.

The second part of the Collection contains material relating to the Troubles in Northern Ireland and the contemporary Republican Movement. This part of the collection has been divided into four subgroups; ‘The Republican Movement’, ‘Political Parties, Groups and Organisations’, ‘Issues’, and ‘Contemporary Political Events and the Government of Northern Ireland’. Within each of these subgroups the material has been divided thematically into sections, and then arranged chronologically.

Assessment

The Sean O’Mahony Collection is an extensive accumulation of papers relating to the Republican Movement throughout the twentieth century. The collection covers both the early twentieth century republican struggles and the birth of the Free State, as well as the Troubles in Northern Ireland, in the latter half of the century. Although most of the material comprises copies of original documents and newscuttings, there is a substantial amount of material for the researchers of contemporary Irish and Northern Irish history.

There are several areas which demand special attention. In the first part of the Collection there is a considerable collection of material, both contemporary and
commemorative, on Frongoch and Ballykinlar internment camps, reflecting O’Mahony’s interest in this area (MS 44,038 – MS 44,041 and MS 44,051). There is also a sizable collection of first hand accounts, some original and some copies, of the Easter Rising, War of Independence and Civil War (MS 44,033 and MS 44,046). In addition the collection contains smaller amount of original material such as the collection of Eamonn Boyce’s prison letters and cards (MS 44,098 – MS 44,099), as well as interesting individual items such as the Douglas Hyde manuscript (MS 44,108 /4).

In the second part of the collection there are again themes which are covered in considerable detail, such as the H-Block protest and 1981 hunger strike (MS 44,185 – MS 44,197 and MS L 127), as well as internment and prison conditions (MS 44,178 – MS 44,184). Although not as well represented as the Republican movement, the collection does provide some insight into the other groups and organisation who were involved in Northern Ireland during The Troubles (MS 44,212 – MS 44,254).

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PART ONE – 1689-1968

I. PRE-1916 REPUBLICANISM

This section contains papers collected by Sean O’Mahony on republican movements before 1916. These are almost exclusively later newspaper and journal articles, although there are some contemporary items, and copies of contemporary material. Within each subsection any contemporary material is listed first, followed by later papers.

I.i. 1689-1848

As this section contains no contemporary material and covers a number of separate events the material has been listed by the date of the original event, not the date of the item. The material covers the Williamite Wars (1689-91), the 1798 rising, the 1803 rebellion, the Irish famine (1845-51) and the Young Irelander Rebellion (1848).

See also MS 44,032 /6 scrapbook containing some 1798 material.

MS 44,025 /1 Series of articles relating to historic Irish battles; 26 items 1970, 1982-3

MS 44,025 /2 Card showing ‘General Patrick Sarsfield, 1st Earl Lucan, (c.1600-93) defender of Limerick’ during the 1690 siege, and signatory of the Treaty of Limerick Oct. 1691; 1 item undated

MS 44,025 /3 Newspapers cuttings, papers and pamphlets relating to the commemoration of Wolfe Tone and the 1798 rising; 8 items 1942-1998

MS 44,025 /4 Newspaper and magazine articles relating to the actions of Wolfe Tone and the events of the 1798 rising; 14 items c.1970s and May 1998

MS 44,025 /5 ‘Taoisigh Gaedheal Irish Leaders: 1798-1939’, Capuchin Annual, 1940; 19pp 1940

MS 44,025 /6 Newspaper article on Robert Emmet; 1 item c.1970

MS 44,025 /7 “For Irishmen to Forget?” Recent research on the Great Irish Famine by Cormac Ó Gráda, (Working papers NO.WP88/7); 42pp July 1988

MS 44,025 /8 Postcard of a signed photograph of William Smith O’Brien, dated August 1848, Kilmainham Gaol; 1 item undated
Printed item *Ceithre fichid de Scothchainteanna ó pheann Tomáis Dáibhis* (1842-1845), [Eighty excellent talks from the pen of Thomas Davis]; 10pp undated
[item is in English]

Newspaper and magazine articles on leading Young Irelanders; 2 items undated

**I.ii. Fenianism and the Irish Republican Brotherhood**

**MS 44,026 /1** Photocopy of ‘Our Legion of Honour; A Record of the victims of the Coercion Act of 1881’ from a supplement to *United Ireland*; 1p 10 Sep. 1881

**MS 44,026 /2** Photocopy of the report of the ‘trial of Joe Poole, together with his loquent [sic] speech from the dock’; 5pp [1883]

**MS L 120** ‘The Fenian dynamite plot in England’ published in *The Illustrated London News*; 12 pp 14 April 1883

**MS 44,026 /3** ‘Crimes and Criminals’, article relating to Fenian activities in England, published in *The Strand Magazine*; 7pp 1893-4

**MS 44,026 /4** ‘Stephens, Devoy and Tom Clarke’ by Desmond Ryan (*University Review*, 1956); 6pp 1956
See also **VII.v. Thomas Clarke**

**MS 44,026 /5-7** Newspaper supplements and articles relating to the Fenians and the 1867 rising, with related material; c.50 items in 3 folders 1967-1999

**MS 44,026 /8** Five chapters of Kevin J. Brown’s proposed history of Fenians in county Clare, with covering letter; 2 items Feb. 1970

**MS 44,026 /9** Unpublished biography of James Boland, Fenian activist (1857-1895) by his grandson Caoimhghin Ó Beotain (Kevin Boland), 86pp, with some enclosures. Includes related letters from Caoimhghin Ó Beotain to Sean O’Mahony; 5 items 1994-5
[2 letters are in Irish]
I.iii. The Phoenix Park murders, 1882

The radical IRB splinter group the Irish National Invincibles carried out the assignation of Thomas Henry Burke, Under Secretary for Ireland and Lord Frederick Cavendish, Chief Secretary in Phoenix Park. The Invincible leaders James Carey and Michael Kavanagh testified against their comrades and five men (including Kelly, Curley and Brady) were hanged. Carey was murdered in South Africa for his treachery.

See also MS 44,104 /7 papers suggesting that Michael Collins had found out Timothy Healy was acting as a British Spy at the time of the Phoenix Park murders.

Photocopies of reports of the trials and sentencing of Tim Kelly, Daniel Curley and Joe Brady for the Phoenix Park murders; 3 items [1883]

Photocopy of an account of the ‘trial of O’Donnell for the murder of Jas. Carey, in South Africa’, with an account of the career of James Carey; 2 items [1883]

Newspapers and magazine articles on the Phoenix Park murders; 2 items 1938-1982

I.iv. Home Rule and the Land League

‘The Secret Diaries of Lord Leitrim’, series of articles on William Clement, 3rd Earl Leitrim (1806-1878), campaigner against Irish land reform; 6 items 1967

‘John Dillon and the Home Rule Movement’ by Michael Tierney (Studies, Spring 1969); 6pp 1969

Newspaper articles and leaflet celebrating the centenary of the founding of the Land League; 5 items 1979
MS 44,028 /4  Newspaper article on the first Home Rule Bill, 1886; 1 item
Jan. 1989

MS 44,028 /5  Essay ‘A Tale of two Sisters. The Lives of Anna and Fanny Parnell’, by Ciara O’Mahony; 26pp
undated

I.v. The Gaelic League

See also VII.ix. Douglas Hyde, founding member of the Gaelic League.

MS 44,029 /1  Soft bound volume containing series of photocopies of items
relating to Pádraig Ó Conaire, includes letters, photographs and a
declaration of loyalty to the Irish Free State; 10pp
1926-7 and undated
[some items are in Irish]

MS 44,029 /2  Journal articles on the Gaelic league;
• ‘The Gaelic league and the chair of Irish in Maynooth’ by
  Leon Ó Broin (Studies, Winter 1963); 8pp
• ‘What did the Gaelic league accomplish?’ by Michael
  Tierney (Studies, Winter 1963); 6pp
• ‘Douglas Hyde and the Gaelic League’ by Seán Ó Lúing
  (Studies, Summer 1973); 8pp
1963 and 1973

MS 44,029 /3  Miscellaneous articles and papers relating to the use of Irish; 4
items
1980-93 and undated

I.vi. Other republican movements and individuals

MS L 121  Pages from Sinn Féin Newspaper 18 Sep., 2, 9 and 23 Oct. 1909;
6pp
Sep.-Oct. 1909
[items are damaged and dirty]

MS 44,030 /1  Newspaper articles on Archbishop Croke (1824-1902); 2 items
1913 and 1976

MS 44,030 /2  Journal articles on individuals;
• ‘I remember’ by Alderman Tom Kelly (Capuchin Annual,
  1942), personal recollections of the period 1875-1918; 6pp
• ‘Man from the pampas’ by Benedict Kiely (Capuchin
  Annual, 1948), account of William Bulfin, Irish emigrant
to the pampas area of the Argentine; 5pp
• ‘G. K. Chesterton and Ireland’ by John P McCarthy (The
Recorder, undated); 5pp 1942, 1948 and undated

**MS 44,030 /3** ‘The GAA Centenary’ published in *The Irish Time*; 24pp 1984

**MS 44,030 /4** Typed document *The First President of Sinn Féin: Edward Martyn* by J.C.M. Nolan; 20pp undated
II. EASTER RISING, WAR OF INDEPENDENCE
AND CIVIL WAR, 1916-1923

II.i. 1916 Rising and its aftermath

This section contains papers relating to the 1916 Rising and its aftermath, until the start of the War of Independence in 1919. The collections of contemporary papers are listed first, followed by personal accounts, and then accounts of the rising in different regions. The are then two sub-sections of commemorative material, firstly academic articles and then newspaper cuttings commemorating the Rising. The final sections contains O’Mahony’s collection of papers on Frongoch interment camp.

II.i.1. Contemporary papers

This section contains originals and copies of contemporary papers relating to the 1916 Rising and its aftermath, also included are items produced before 1916 showing the development of the leaders ideology and the response to it.

See also II.i.2, which contains some contemporary accounts.

MS 44,031 /1 Draft memorandum on the use of British propaganda in Ireland; 20pp
[c.1914-5]

MS 44,031 /2 *Ghosts*, by Pádraig Pearse (1st published 1915, this is a later edition); 8pp
[1915 1st edition]

MS 44,031 /3 Copy of address given by Pádraig Pearse at the funeral of Jeremiah O’Donovan Rossa (Fenian activist) in Glasnevin cemetery; 1 item
1 Aug. 1915

MS 44,031 /4 Copy of letter from Roger Casement and Robert Monteith to the warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Irish Brigade at Zossen Military training camp, Berlin. This is the last letter written on the eve of departure for Ireland. Note on top ‘original in possession of Michael P Kehoe Ex-Sergeant Major Casement’s Irish Brigade and adjutant to Comdt. Gen. Joe Plunkett’. Also includes proposal to erect a memorial to Casement and Monteith, and fundraising to support memorial; 3 items
11 April 1916, 1966 and 2001

MS 44,031 /5 Easter week documents;
- Reproduction of *Proclamation of the Irish Republic*; 1p
- Photocopy of *Proclamation of the Irish Republic*, with an Irish translation of the text on the reverse; 1p
- Photocopy of Pádraig Pearse’s handwritten *Proclamation of the Provisional Government to the citizens of Dublin*, with copy of printed document and typed transcript of text;
3 items

- Copy of *Irish Republic War Bulletin* from Easter week 1916; 1p
- Copy of handwritten document by Pádraig Pearse presumed to be a further ‘War Bulletin’; 3pp

24-29 April 1916

**MS 44,031 /6** *The Connacht Tribune*, Special Editions; 2 items
25 April and 2 May 1916

**MS 44,031 /7** Prison letters:

- Handwritten copy of Pádraig Pearse’s last letter to his mother, Kilmainham Prison, 3rd May 1916. Includes photocopy of letter from collector of taxes to Pearse a ‘detrained for all taxes due’ dated 24 April 1916. Also printed page with a copy of Pearse’s last letter to his mother, on reverse are notes between Commander of Dublin forces and P.H. Pearse (29 April 1916) and photograph of Pearse’s surrender; 3 items
- Photocopy of final letter from J. J. Heuston, in Kilmainham Prison to Mr. Walsh (7 May 1916); 1p
- Original letter from Finian Lynch in Mountjoy Prison to his sister ‘Eileen’, topics include prison conditions and reactions to the death of Thomas Ashe, [1917]; 2pp
- Copy letter from Austin Stack from the Military Detention Barracks, Cork to ‘Molly’, topics include volunteers in county Kerry, his arrest and prison conditions, 21st August 1917; 2pp

1916 and 1917

**MS 44,032 /1** Bishop of Killaloe’s protest at the death of Thomas Ashe, [1917], also includes a photograph of the burial of Thomas Ashe in Glasnevin Cemetery (cut from a newspaper) [1917] and ‘Irish Leaders of Our Time: No.16 – Tomas Ashe A Biographical Sketch’ by Col. J.V.Lawless published in *An Cosantóir*; 3 items

1917 and undated

**MS 44,032 /2** Copy of summery of evidence relating to James McGuill, prisoner to be tried by Court-martial prepared by Ward & Hamill, Solicitors; 7pp

1918

**MS 44,032 /3** Copy of pamphlet entitled *Ireland’s Appeal to America 1917*. Contains address ‘to the President and Congress of the United States’ from the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic (18 June 1917) and address to the same from the Irish volunteers held in Irish prisons (18 June 1917). Also contains appeal ‘to the people of Ireland from the delegates appointed … to the General Congress’ (10 May 1775); 17pp

undated
II.i.2. Personal accounts

See also II.viii.

**MS 44,032 /4**  
Copy of a photography of Garastún Ard-Oifis an Post, 1916 [Garrison of the GPO]; 1 item  
undated

**MS 44,032 /5**  
Album containing collection of postcards and photographs cut from papers relating to the 1916 Rising, includes portraits of those involved, key buildings and some cartoons; c.50pp  
undated

**MS 44,032 /6**  
Scrapbook containing postcards relating to 1798, 1916 Rising and War of Independence; c.22pp  
undated

**MS 44,033 /1**  
Copy of the account of Brian Joyce, teacher at St. Enda’s School, Dublin and Galway footballer; 6pp  
May 1916

**MS 44,033 /2**  
Copy of the account of ‘John McEnteer of Belfast and Dundalk, soldier in the army of the Second Irish Republic’; 8pp  
June 1916

**MS 44,033 /3**  
Copy of ‘some personal notes’ of Raymond Needham, a Dublin Castle Official; 48 pp  
undated

**MS 44,033 /4**  
Copy of a hand written account of a voluntary medical aid worker; 11pp  
undated

**MS 44,033 /5**  
Bound typed account of Col. Paddy O’Conner, Free State Army, with some handwritten inserts; 26pp  
undated

**MS 44,033 /6**  
‘My part in the Easter Rising’ a 13 part series published in the Irish Weekly Independent by Comdt. W.J. Brennan-Whitmore (Aug.-Nov. 1953) with related cuttings from The Irish Times (1976); 15 items  
1953 and 1976

**MS 44,033 /7**  
Copy of notes made by Andy Cooney on conversation with Jack MacDonagh; 6pp  
1961
II.i.3. Regional accounts

MS 44,034 /1 ‘Galway and the 1916 Rising’ by Gaillimea a Scriod (An t’Óglac[h], February c.1923); 12pp c.1923

MS 44,034 /2 Accounts of Scottish involvement in 1916;
- Series of articles on ‘Óglaigh as Albain Rannpháirteach in aiséirí 1916’ (Deirdre, 1978-9), 11pp
- ‘Scotland and the Easter Rising’ by Raymond J. Ross (Radical Scotland, Summer 1986)
  1978-9 and 1986

MS 44,034 /3 Series of articles on the role of county Tipperary and its men in the 1916 rising; 5pp
  1990

MS 44,034 /4 ‘“Let ours be the glory”, The Story of Easter 1916 by Bride and Blackwater [county Cork]’ by Bill Hammond (The Avondhu, April – May 1991); 7pp
  April – May 1991

MS 44,034 /5 Photocopies of sections from The Parish of St. James, Celebrating 150 Years, 1844-1994; 11pp
  [1994]

II.i.4. Journal articles

MS 44,035 /1 Articles by Florence O’Donoghue on military aspects of rising;
- Copy of ‘Reorganisation of the Irish Volunteers 1916-1917’ (Capuchin Annual, 1967); 6pp
- Copy of ‘Volunteer “Actions” in 1918’ (Capuchin Annual, 1968); 5pp
- ‘Plans for the 1916 Rising’ (University Review, vol.3 no.1) 1967, 1968 and undated

MS 44,035 /2 ‘Connolly’s leap in the Dark’ by Sean Cronin (Capuchin Annual, 1977); 8pp
  1977

MS 44,035 /3 ‘Casement’s Black Diaries closed books reopened’ by Angus Mitchell (History Ireland, 1997); 7pp. Includes a photocopies page of notes entitled Linguistic finger-print of 1910 Amazon Journal, dated 21 Sep. 1999; 1p
  1997 and 1999

MS 44,035 /4 Articles on Joseph Plunkett (1887-1916);
- ‘Joseph Plunkett’s diary of his journey to Germany in 1915’ (University Review, vol.1 no.11/12, undated); 11pp
II.i.5. Commemorative papers

MS 44,036 /1 Articles relating to commemoration of 1916; 6 items 1932-8

MS 44,036 /2 Notices and invites for events commemorating 1916; 19 items 1934 and undated

MS 44,036 /3 Articles on the role of the church and the Capuchins in 1916; 7 items 1937, 1966, 1991 and undated

MS 44,036 /4 Souvenir guide and ticket for a visit to Kilmainham Jail, to raise funds for the Sean Heuston memorial fund, 20 March 1938, also contains later appeal for funds to restore Kilmainham; 3 items 1938 and undated

MS 44,036 /5 Pádraig Pearse (1879-1916);
   - Reproduction of St. Enda’s School prospectus from 1910/11; 1 item
   - Newspaper and magazine articles from the centenary of his birth and 50th anniversary of 1916, (1966 and 1979); 6 items
   - Other newspaper articles on various aspects of his life; 6 items
   - *Glóir-réim an Phiarsaigh, A Pageant of Pearse*, (1979); 14pp
   - ‘Pádraig mac Piarais’ in *An Gaedeal Óg* presented with *Our Boys* (1941); 1pp 1910/11, 1941, 1966, 1968, 1972, 1979 and 1987 [some items are in Irish]

MS 44,036 /6 Articles relating to various aspects of 1916; 28 items 1943-1993

MS 44,036 /7-9 Articles and supplements on 50th anniversary of the 1916 Rising;
c.50 items in 3 folders  
April 1966

**MS 44,037 /1**  
Articles on the press reaction to the 1916 Rising; 3 items  
1977-1991  
[one article is in Irish]

**MS 44,037 /2**  
‘Easter 1916 and its aftermath in picture postcards’, *Irish Times*;  
2pp  
1980

**MS 44,037 /3**  
Articles on leaders of the 1916 Rising, Eamonn Ceannt and Joseph Plunkett. Includes a copy of programme for the unveiling of a memorial to Major John MacBride; 3 items  
1981, 1983 and undated

**MS 44,037 /4**  
Articles on 70th anniversary of the 1916 Rising, also includes programme for the unveiling of renovated memorial; 5 items  
1986

**MS 44,037 /5-6**  
Articles on 75th anniversary of the 1916 Rising; 41 items in 2 folders  
1991

**MS 44,037 /7**  
Articles in magazines relating to the 75th anniversary of the 1916 Rising; 3 items  
1991

**MS 44,037 /8**  
Reproductions of paintings;  
- *An Irish Volunteer, 1916* by Patrick Tuohy  
- *Men of the South* by Seán Keating  
undated

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### II.i.6. Frongoch Interment Camp, 1916

This section concerns documents collected by Sean O’Mahony relating to Frongoch Internment Camp in North Wales, where 1,800 Irishmen were interned after the 1916 Rising. It became known as Ollscoil na Réabhlóide, ‘university of revolution’, as the seeds of revolution which lead to the War of Independence took root there. The camp was an old distillery with a number of wooden huts surrounded by barbed wire. It had been used to intern German prisoners earlier in the First World War. In each of the camps, prisoners elected their own commandants and established a chain of command with group and hut leaders. Morale was kept up by cultural activities, sports and lectures. Notable internees at Frongoch included Michael Collins, Batt O’Connor, Thomas McCurtain, Terence MacSwiney and Sean Hales. An amnesty was declared at Christmas 1916 and the internees were released. *Frongoch – University of Revolution* by Sean O’Mahony was published in 1987 and is available in the National Library of Ireland, *Ir 94109 o 36*. 
II.i.6.a. Contemporary papers and related documents

See also II.i.6.c. Correspondence for copies of contemporary letters.

**MS 44,038 /1**  Photocopy of exercise book containing ‘Minutes of meetings of Games Committee, Frongoch Internment Camp (North) ‘Irish Prisoners of War, North Wales’ compiled by J. M. Stanley, Secretary. This small volume gives details of the winner of various events. See also **MS 44,041 /5-6** for letters from Stanley’s son to Sean O’Mahony; 34pp 1916

**MS 44,038 /2**  Original letters from Tomas O Maoileoin (Tomas Malone) at Richmond Barracks, Dublin, Wandsworth Prison, London and Frongoch Internment Camp, to his mother and sister, Maureen, concerning prison conditions, visits from Larry Ginnel, M.P., and Mrs Margaret Gavan Duffy. In one of the letters he states in relating to the delay in the prison postal service, ‘If you don’t get this [letter] in three days, I’ll ask Mr Ginner to put a question in Parliament about the matter’; 6 items 1916

**MS 44,038 /3**  Original entries (with some photocopies) from the autograph book of Thomas Malone, with a list of prisoners and two news cuttings; 6 items 1916 and undated

**MS 44,038 /4**  Photocopies of letter by Michael Collins while he was interned at Frongoch. Some of these are copies of **MS 8,429**, Art Ó Briain Papers held in the National Library of Ireland. Some are incomplete; 26pp [1916]

**MS 44,038 /5**  Photocopies of poems written in Frongoch (unpublished); 24 pp 1916

**MS 44,038 /6**  Tricolour ribbon ‘worn by Republican POWs after the Rising 1916’ with envelope addressed to Joseph Stanley, July 1916; 2 items 1916

**MS 44,038 /7**  Typescript itemised list of grievances of Irish prisoners in Frongoch. This was published in the *Cork Free Press*, November 1916; 6pp [November 1916]

**MS 44,039 /1**  Photocopy of ‘List of persons recommended by the Advisory Committee to remain in Internment’; 22pp [1916]
Copy of volume ‘The Prisoners 1916 List of Irish Prisoners consigned – without trial – to English and Scottish prisons after the Rising of 1916. The names, arranged alphabetically, are taken from the official list of deported prisoners as published by the Irish Times in its Sinn Féin Rebellion Handbook’; 55pp

Photocopy of handwritten list showing names and addresses of internees; 50pp [1916]

Copies of various original items including photocopy of programme of concert held by Irish prisoners in Frongoch, June 1916, photocopy of a poster advertising the need for woollen mufflers for Irish prisoners in Frongoch, photocopy of Terence McSweeney’s internment notice, leaflets concerning the history of Frongoch and the whiskey distillery and a photocopy of an article published in the Irish Weekly Independent, Christmas [1930?] by T. S. Cuffe entitled ‘The Aftermath of the 1916 Rising’; 10 items 1915-1930 & undated

Miscellaneous material including leaflet concerning Richmond Barracks and St. Michael’s CBS, Inchicore, biographical notes on David Sears, Joseph Coffey, Dick Fitzgerald and Tom Pugh, a list of ‘Frongoch interviews’, students of St Enda’s’ and a photocopy of a page from An Phoblacht, 9 May 1936; 15 pp 1936-2002 & undated

Photocopy of handwritten ‘A rough outline from memories of Michael Collins’. Author describes layout of camp, activities and character of Michael Collins; 4pp undated

Notes prepared by Sean O’Mahony on the history of Frongoch. Some are in Irish; 12 pp undated

II.i.6.b. Newscuttings, photographs and articles

Book extracts and articles as follows:

- Photocopy of part of Saint Laurence O’Toole, G. A. C. Centenary History by Jimmy Wren detailing a list of Club members who took part in the Rising, 18 pp, undated
- Photocopy of part of History of the GAA 1910-1930 by Phil O’Neill (1931), 3 pp
- Copy of ‘Treatment of Irish Prisoners in English Prison Camps’ issued by Irish Prisoners at Frongoch, 2 pp, November 1916
• ‘With the Irish in Frongoch’ by Desmond Clifford, published in Planet 66, the Welsh Internationalist, 6 pp, undated
• Photocopy of extract from the unpublished memoir of Joseph Connolly; 9 pp, undated

1931, 1985 and undated

MS 44,040 /2 Newspaper cutting and photographs relating to the unveiling of a plaque to mark the site of Frongoch internment camp, 2002. Includes a photocopy of two photographs showing a general view of the area and camp and one of a group photograph of some of the internees. Also a news cutting of review of O’Mahony’s book on Frongoch; 20 items 1987-2004 & undated

MS 44,040 /3 Folder of newspaper clippings, photos and other items collected by Sean O’Mahony relating to the publication of his book Frongoch and the 75th anniversary commemoration at Frongoch; c.70pp 1987-91

MS 44,040 /4 Programme and flyer for Frongoch, a play by Ifor ap Glyn, produced by Llwyfan Gogledd Cymru (North Wales Stage) which toured in Wales and Ireland; 2 items 2005 [items are in Welsh, Irish and English]

MS 44,040 /5 Photographs (descriptions taken from photographs in Frongoch by Sean O’Mahony) as follows:
• Clay pipe with harp emblem on bowl made in Fermanagh
• Harp carved in Frongoch from bone of a cow
• Celtic cross carved from bone
• Macramé badge made in Frongoch by Domhnall Ó Buachalla
• Child’s belt with bone buckle made by Domhnall Ó Buachalla in Frongoch
• Painting by N.T. Murray, showing a view of North camp, Frongoch, including wash house (centre) in an autograph book
• Drawing by Eoghan Ó Briain in an autograph book
• Drawings of South Camp (the Distillery) and North Camp by Cathal MacDowell
• Certificate appointing John P. Faller as optician to the prisoners in Frongoch
• Holy water font carved from bone
• Tea and milk powder tubes
• Two related letters from Kilmainham Gaol Museum, 1988 undated

MS 44,040 /6 Other photographs (descriptions taken from photographs in *Frongoch* by Sean O’Mahony) as follows:
• Prisoner being escorted to Richmond Barracks after arrest (3 items)
• A group of internees awaiting deportation
• Deportees being escorted past destroyed city centre to the boat to Wales
• German POWs assembled for inspection in Frongoch
• Irish POWs together with a group of kilted Scottish Regimental Guards outside Frongoch
• Black hand Frongoch
• Released prisoners are welcomed home by jubilant crowds in Dublin, December 1916

undated

II.i.6.c. Correspondence

MS 44,041 /1 Letter from Tom Malone to Sean O’Mahony, September 2000 with related copies of two letters from Mrs Margaret Gavan Duffy to Mrs Malone. Also copy article on Seamus Malone. See also MS 44,038 /2 for original letters from Tomas Malone to his mother and sister, 1916; 7pp 1916, 2000 and undated

MS 44,041 /2 Letter to Sean O’Mahony from Aodh O Tuana, Cork Public Museum, with related copies of documents connected with Frongoch; 7 items 1916, 1986

MS 44,041 /3 Letter to Sean O’Mahony from Mary Clark, archivist, Dublin Corporation with photocopies of various minutes of the Municipal Council of Dublin, 1916-1917; 9 pp 1916-1917, 1986

MS 44,041 /4 Letters from three men interned in Frongoch in 1916 concerning Sean O’Mahony’s book; 3 pp 1986

MS 44,041 /5-6 Letters mainly to Sean O’Mahony from Anton Birthill, Rory Brady, Denis Carroll, Maeve Conlon, Tim Pat Coogan, Francis J. Costello, Orla Davin, Frank Doherty, Joseph J. DoiGuardi, Eamon N. Faller, Meryl Foster, R. Anthony Gambrell, Sean Hall, Joe Harris, James Hampton, Audrey Howard, J. Allan Jones, Harri Pritchard Jones, Peter T. King, Séan MacBride, Eveneen MacGrath, Gerard Martin, Val Mulkerns, P.D. O’Donnell, Lelia
O'Flaherty, Rita O'Hare. Séamus Ó Duinn, Hugh Doherty, Joe O’Connell, Maire Mc Cotter, Pat O’Leary, Eoin Ó Maille, Pádraig Ó Mathúna, P. Ó Snodaigh, Kevin Stanley; 24 items in 2 folders 1986-99

MS 44,041 /7 Letters to Sean O’Mahony and Eveleen [MacGrath] from Emmet Clarke, son of Tom Clarke (1916 Rising leader), relating mainly to Clarke’s mother, Kathleen Clarke and her involvement with the Volunteers and Sinn Féin, his views on the Catholic Church in Ireland, the Irish language, the United Irishmen and Irish history generally; 15 items 1988-1997
See also VII.v. Thomas Clarke and Kathleen Clarke

II.ii. 1918 election and First Dáil Éireann, 1919-21

MS 44,042 /1 Photocopies of Sinn Féin account books from Cashel branch; 2 items 1918-19

MS 44,042 /2 Photocopy of notebook containing list to subscribes to Sinn Féin election fund [Cashel branch]; 15pp 1918

MS 44,042 /3 Photocopy of notebook containing list of subscriptions to Dáil Éireann from Cashel branch of Sinn Féin; 15pp 1919

MS 44,042 /4 Copy of The Declaration of Irish Independence made at the first meeting of Dáil Éireann in the mansion House, Dublin (official English translation; 3pp 21 Jan. 1919

MS 44,042 /5 Photocopy of ‘Declaration of Independence, Jan 21 1919’ in de Valera’s hand on notepaper ‘Elected Government of the Republic of Ireland (American Delegation)’, issued by the First Dáil, January 1919. With attached note, undated; 2 items 1919 and undated

MS 44,042 /6 Presidential Statement of Policy, delivered at the public session of Dáil Éireann; 2pp 10 April 1919

MS 44,042 /7 Flyer advertising the issue of £250,000 5% registered certificates by the Government of the Irish Republic; 1p 1919 [item is bi-lingual]

MS 44,042 /8 Headed paper of Dáil Éireann (blank); 1p
Typed copy of ‘an important letter to members of Dáil Éireann from Erskine Childers, Geo. W Russell, Alice Stepford Green, E. M. Stephens, James MacNeill, H. Cecil Neill-Watson, Edward E. Lysaght, James G. Douglas’ asking for a reconsideration of the boycott of firms in Belfast. Note at bottom of sheet reads ‘this document, D.E 2/110 State Paper Office, Dublin Castle is undated but belongs in 1920’, also includes a copy of a poster listing which firms in Ireland, Scotland and England are to be boycotted (25 Oct. 1921); 2 items [1920] and 1921

Decree of March Session of Dáil Éireann 1921, calling on Irish people to boycott the British Census; 1p 11 March 1921 [item is bi-lingual]

Circular letter issued by L. T. MacCosgair, Minister for Local Government Dáil Éireann. Letter is a ‘solemn warning’ to the British who are accused of diverting funds collected for local improvements away from the local community; 1p 2 April 1921

Copy of letter from Irish Farmers’ Union to President, Dáil Éireann, with memo laying out main points of answer. Subject is concern over the new manifesto of the Irish Labour Party and the Trade Union Congress; 2pp 7-9 April 1921

Articles on first Dáil Éireann and related topics;
- ‘The Importance of Dáil Éireann’ by Michael Hayes (Capuchin Annual, 1969); 4pp
- ‘Dáil Éireann 1919’ by Seamas Ó Riain (Capuchin Annual, 1969); 6pp
- ‘The Republican Courts’ by Conor A. Maguire (Capuchin Annual, 1969); 7pp
- ‘An Important Letter of 1919’ an article on a letter from Arthur Griffith in Gloucester Prison, making suggestions to Dáil Éireann (Capuchin Annual, 1969); 4pp
- Copy of ‘The record of the first Dáil debates’ (Irish Historical Studies, May 1993); 4pp 1969 and 1993

MS 44,043 /7  Articles reflecting on the 1918 elections and copies of article, and letters in response, on J. J. O’Kelly or “Sceilg” on first Dáil republicans; 5pp
1971, 1972 and 2002

MS 44,043 /8  Short and long script of an event to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Dáil Éireann; 2 items
1979

II.iii. War of Independence, 1919-21

II.iii.1. Contemporary papers

MS 44,044 /1  Oath of allegiance to the Irish Republic and Dáil Éireann; 1 item
c.1919

MS 44,044 /2  Contemporary newspapers and articles;
• ‘Three Brief Careers’ (*News of Our Past*, 1919); 2pp photocopied
• ‘Our Irish Heroes: Bernard Ryan’ (*Our Boys*, Nov. 1921); 1p
1919 and Nov. 1921

MS 44,044 /3  Series of cartoons on Ireland from *Punch*; 12 items
10 March 1920 – 29 June 1921

MS 44,044 /4  Copy of Óglaigh na h’Éireann’s [Irish Republican Army (IRA)]
Organisation Memo no.1 (1920): Organisation of flying columns; 5pp
9 Nov. 1920

MS 44,044 /5  *The Illustrated London News*; 28pp
27 Nov. 1920

MS 44,044 /6  Pages from *London Illustrated News* covering the War of Independence; 26pp
21 Jan. – 4 June 1921

MS 44,044 /7  Part of *The Daily Mirror* ‘Dublin battle around blazing Custom House’, 27 May 1921; 4pp
27 May 1921

MS 44,044 /8  *Irish Bulletin*;
• ‘Supplement to *Irish Bulletin*, Thursday 30 June 1921. Weekly review of the war in Ireland, no.13’
• Volume 5, number 68. Monday 5 September 1921. The negotiation for Peace. Letter from the Ministry of Dáil Éireann’
1921
Copy of correspondence relating to the Mrs. Lindsay case. Mrs. Mary Lindsay and her butler James Clark were abducted by men from the 6th Battalion, Cork No.1 Brigade IRA. She was charged with being a British spy and offered as a ransom for clemency by General Strickland to five IRA men awaiting sentence. Both prisoners were shot. Correspondents include Cork No.1 Brigade IRA, Mrs. Benson, sister of Mrs. Lindsay, and various Free State departments, (1921-6). Also includes a related newspaper article (1978) and notes made by Sean O’Mahony (1999); c.100 items in 2 folders arranged chronologically 1921-6, 1978 and 1999

British views of the Anglo-Irish war;
- Copy of ‘The Anglo-Irish War’ by Henry W. Nevinson (The Contemporary Review, 1921), Nevinson was a British journalist specialising in foreign affairs; 7pp
- Copy of ‘The situation in Ireland’ by General Sir Hubert Gough (Review of Reviews, Jan. 1921), Gough was a commander in the First World War and had been criticised for his command at the Third Battle of Ypres leading to a 50% casualty rate in the two Irish division he commanded; 4pp
  1921

Copy of record from Dublin Castle Files of John Beaumont, Sinn Féin activist; 1p
[1921]
[original is in the PRO WO 35 /206]

II.iii.2. Personal accounts

See also II.viii. for first hand accounts, and MS 44,060 /5 and MS 44,061 /6 for accounts of the war of independence in Belfast.


Copy of Recollection based on the Diary of an Irish Volunteer 1898 to 1924 By Jim O’Donnell (1972); 31pp
1972

Copy of They Loved Dear Old Ireland by Sean Kennedy (Private publication, 1972); c.55pp
1972
| MS 44,046 /4 | Copy of ‘Introduction: The killing of Sergeant O’Donoghue’ from *The Irish Republican Army and its Enemies* by Peter Hart (Trinity College, Dublin Ph.D, 1992); 28pp 1992 |
| MS 44,046 /5 | Photocopies of recollections of Charles O’Neill of his involvement in IRA activities in Scotstown, county Monaghan, 1919-23, collected by his daughter; 3 items undated [see also prison letters of Charles O’Neill MS 44,055 /2] |
| MS 44,046 /6 | Photocopy of testimony of James Mulligan, fellow volunteer with Charles O’Neill of events in Scotstown, county Monaghan, 1920-1; 13pp undated |
| MS 44,046 /7 | Photocopy of Connie Neenan’s notes on Pat Collins, and his activities in the IRA in Cork during the war of independence and civil war; 13pp undated |

**II.iii.3. Regional accounts**

| MS 44,047 /1 | ‘History of West Limerick’s fight against the “Tans”’, *Cork Weekly Examiner*, St. Patrick’s Day Number, 14 March 1936; 4p 14 March 1936 [item is damaged] |
| MS 44,047 /2 | Account of the Rathcoole ambush (county Dublin) produced for the 75th anniversary (5pp), with related newscuttings; 2 items 16 June 1996 |
| MS 44,047 /3 | Copy of *The Story of Clonmult* (county Cork) by P. G. Higgins (undated); 16pp, with associated newspaper and magazine cuttings; 3 items 1998 and undated |
| MS 44,047 /4 | Photograph of ‘Another view on the Soloheadbeg Ambush’ by Mangaire Sugach in *Odds and Ends, Limerick Leader* (8 Feb. 2003); 1p 8 Feb. 2003 |
| MS 44,047 /5 | ‘One man’s flying column’ by Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Ryan (*Tipperary Historical Journal*, undated); 16pp undated |
| MS 44,047 /6 | Leaflets and notes relating to John Ryan and the Castlefergus cattle drive, and Kilmichael; 3 items |
II.iii.4. Republican prisoners and ‘martyrs’

This section contains newspaper cuttings, leaflets and associated documents on the cases of individual republican prisoners or cases, as well as items produced in prison.

MS 44,048 /1 Cloth bookmark with the words ‘I gcuimhne Máirtireach Mountjoy 1921’ [In memory of Mountjoy Martyrs] embroidered on; 1 item 1921

MS 44,048 /2 Papers relating to Paddy Moran, executed 14 May 1921, and the related escape of O’Mally, Teeling and Donnelly from Kilmainham on 14 February 1921, mainly later journal and newspaper articles; 8 items 1945-2004 and undated

MS 44,048 /3 Papers relating to the death of ‘Denis Tuohy of Kenmare, county Kerry at the hands of the Black and Tans’ on 1st May 1921, includes a booklet on him and photocopies of newspaper cuttings; 4 items 1946, 1949, 1971 and undated

MS 44,048 /4 Newspaper cuttings relating to the murder of William McCarthy IRA activist by British forces in March 1921; 2 items 1976 and 1983

II.iii.5. Journal articles

MS 44,049 /1 Articles on individuals:

- ‘Professor W. F. P. Stockley: 1859-1943’ by Daniel Corkery (Capuchin Annual, 1948); 7pp
- ‘The Martyr Boy Priest: Father Michael Griffin’ by John Rushe (Vexilla Regis, Maynooth Laymen’s Annual, 1961-2); 15pp

MS 44,049 /2 Articles on the use of the Thompson submachine gun;
- ‘The Thompson submachine gun in Ireland, 1921’ by J. Bowyer Bell (Irish Sword, 1967); 11pp
- ‘The Thompson submachine gun in Ireland revisited (Illustrated)’ by Peter Hart (Irish Sword, Summer 1995); 12pp
- ‘The Thompson submachine gun during and after the Anglo-Irish war: the new evidence (Illustrated) by Patrick Jung (Irish Sword, Winter 1998); 34pp
- Copies of series of three articles in The Anglo-Celt on the GAA football match with a Thompson machine Gun as a prize (Sep. 2004); 2pp
- Photocopy of a advert for a GAA football match with a Thompson machine Gun as a prize, from a Cavan local paper The Anglo-Celt (May 1922); 1p


MS 44,049 /3 Articles on the British view:
- ‘The Anglo-Irish conflict, 1919-1922’ by Giovanni Costigan (University Review, Spring 1968); 12pp
- Copy of ‘Chapter 3 British Intelligence in Ireland, 1914-1921 by Eunan O’Halpin in The Missing Dimension. Governments and Intelligence Communities in the Twentieth Century ed. Christopher Andrew and David Dilks (London, 1984); 17pp

1968 and 1984

MS 44,049 /4 Articles on Irish Guerrilla Warfare and Intelligence organisation;
- ‘Guerrilla warfare in Ireland 1919-1921’ by Major Florence O’Donoghue (An Cosantóir, May 1963); 5pp
- ‘The Irish Volunteers’ intelligence organisation’ by Sean Kavanagh (Capuchins Annual, 1969); 9pp
- ‘The Irish Underground and the War of Independence 1919-21’ by Tom Bowden (Contemporary History, vol.8 1973); 11pp
- ‘The Irish Republican Army and the development of guerrilla warfare, 1916-1921’ by Charles Townsend (April 1979); 12pp

1969, 1973 and 1979

MS 44,049 /5 Articles on prisons and internment camps;
- ‘Prisoners’ Experiences’ by Fintan Brennan (Capuchins Annual, 1969); 5pp
- Curragh Commemorative Issue of An Cosantóir (May 1972); 24pp

1969 and 1972

MS 44,049 /6 ‘Ireland and the Paris Peace Conference 1919’ by Oliver Snoody (Capuchin Annual, 1969); 7pp

1969
MS 44,049 /7 Articles on Bloody Sunday 1920;
  • ‘Bloody Sunday – a Reappraisal’ by T. Bowden
    (European Studies Review, Jan. 1972); 10pp
  • ‘Bloody Sunday – Michael Collins Speaks’ by Charles
    Townshend (European Studies Review, July 1979); 5pp

II.iii.6. Commemorative newspapers

MS 44,050 /1 Newspaper cuttings and one photocopied cutting on the War of
  Independence; 6 items
  1932-47

MS 44,050 /2 Newspaper cuttings and photocopies; 26 items
  1954-69

MS 44,050 /3 Series of articles ‘The Spy in the Castle’ a series by David
  Vincent Heligan published in The Irish Independent with related
  cuttings; 25 items
  Jan.-Feb. 1967

MS 44,050 /4 Series of articles on ‘Secrets of the British War Cabinet’
  published in Irish Press; 12pp
  Jan. 1967

MS 44,050 /5-6 Newspaper cuttings and photocopies; c.45 items in 2 folders
  1970s

MS 44,050 /7 Newspaper cuttings and photocopies; c. 31 items
  1980s and 1990s

MS 44,050 /8 Article ‘Unknown Soldiers’ by Patrick Cooney published in the
  Weekend supplement of The Guardian; 6 pp
  24 October 1998

MS 44,050 /9 Newspaper supplement commemorating the burning of Cork in
  1920; 1 item
  [2005]
II.iii.7. Ballykinlar Interment Camp, 1920-1

During the War of Independence republican prisoners were interned in a camp at Ballykinlar, county Down controlled by the British garrison in Ballykinlar Barracks. Prisoners within the camp producing arts and crafts, plays, a journal *The Barbed Wire* and their own money tokens. This section contains copies of some contemporary items collected by Sean O’Mahony, as well as letters and notes produced while he was researching a book on Ballykinlar.

See also MS 44,133 /1 for an autograph book from the camp.

**MS 44,051 /1** Photocopy of journals and programmes made by republican prisoners in Ballykinlar;
- Programme and ticket for *The Suburban Groove: A Mild Satire in 3 Acts* produced on 24 and 25 July 1921; 3 items
- *The Barbed Wire*, vol.1 no.1 Aug. 1921; 3pp
- *The Barbed Wire*, vol.1 no.1 Aug. 1921; 7pp (written in a different hand to the other copy)
- *Ná bac leis*, vol.1 no.1 Sep. 1921; 12pp
- Programme for *The Rising Generation: A new comedy in three acts* produced on 12 and 13 Nov. 1921; 1p

July – Nov. 1921

[Some items contain Irish]

**MS 44,051 /2** Copy of testimonial to Father John McLeister chaplain at Ballykinlar camp on his departure; 2pp 1921

[item is in Irish]

**MS 44,051 /3** Photocopy of a page from an autograph book of Ballykinlar, given to Father John McLeister see item above, showing the names and address of men from Baile Atha Cliath (Dublin), the second signature from top is Seán MacGiolla Meara (Seán Lemass). Includes a covering letter sending the item (1983); 2 items [1921] and 1983

**MS 44,051 /4** Copy of a photograph showing Ballykinlar No.1 internment camp Irish republican prisoners, 1920-1; 1 item [1921]

**MS 44,051 /5** Copy of a sketch of Ballykinlar camp signed Sean [Milwy]; 1 item [1921]

**MS 44,051 /6** Articles and newspaper cuttings relating to Ballykinlar camp; 13pp 1923-1993

**MS 44,051 /7** Letter from Marcus MacRuairi to Sean O’Mahony with related notes on Ballykinlar including bibliography of sources; 5pp
c.1990s

MS 44,051 /8  Letter to Patrick Walton from Sean O’Mahony relating to a book O’Mahony was writing on Ballykinlar camp with associated notes; 15pp 1994

II.iv. The Anglo-Irish Treaty, 1921

MS 44,052 /1  Photocopy of typescript proclamation issued by de Valera ‘on the eve of the London Conference on Irish Independence’; 2 pp 1921

MS 44,052 /2-3  Photocopies of papers relating to the negotiations for the Anglo-Irish Treaty relating to naval, air force and defence issues; c.120pp in 2 folders  Oct.-Dec. 1921

MS 44,052 /4  Photocopies of transcript of letters and memos between the various parties involved in the Anglo-Irish Treaty, also includes extracts from letters between the Pope Benedict XV, King George V and Eamon de Valera, President of the Irish Republic; 6pp  Oct.-Nov. 1921

MS 44,052 /5  Photocopies of papers relating to the negotiations for the Anglo-Irish treaty relating to dominion status and the partition of Ireland; 12pp  Nov.-Dec. 1921

MS 44,052 /6  ‘Articles of agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain & Ireland’; ‘The Treaty and the Original Document No. 2’; 2 related newspapers cuttings; 4 items  c. 1921 & 2000

MS 44,052 /7  Copy article ‘Why we made peace with Ireland’ by David Lloyd George, Prime Minister of Britain at the time; 4pp  undated

MS 44,052 /8  Commemorative newspaper of Anglo-Irish treaty;  
  
  • Forum, Treaty commemorative number (Dec. 1946)  

MS 44,052 /9  Newspaper cuttings commemorating the Anglo-Irish Truce; 13 items  1971 and undated

MS 44,052 /10 Copy of ‘King George V’s speech at Stormont (1921): Prelude to the Anglo-Irish truce’ by Francis Costello (Irish Historical

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Copies of academic articles and sections of books:

- Pages from *Free State or Republic?* Pádraig de Burca and John F. Boyle, (Dublin, 2002)
- ‘Chapter 2. Ireland: the government of Ireland Act’ (unknown publication, undated)
- ‘Chapter VII Partition and the Treat (1919-21)’ (unknown publication, undated)

4 items
2002 and undated

**II.v. The Civil War, 1922-3**

**II.v.1. Free State and Pro-Treaty IRA**

**MS 44,053 /1** Original correspondence of IRA in Bray, county Wicklow, topics include the death of Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith; 3 items Feb. – Oct. 1922

**MS 44,053 /2** Copy of ‘Division in the Army. Detailed analysis of attitude of Officers and Men’ in *The Freemen’s Journal*, 26 April 1922; 3pp 26 April 1922

**MS 44,053 /3** Copies of memos from 3rd Tipperary Brigade IRA asking for various supplies; 3pp May – June 1922

**MS 44,053 /4** Copies of paper making a proposal of government; 1p 9 June 1922

**MS 44,053 /5** Copy of letter from Michael Collins, Commander-in-Chief IRA to Director of Intelligence concerning ammunition making in Aungier Street, Dublin; 1p 10 Aug. 1922

**MS 44,053 /6** Photocopies of pages from official report of the parliamentary debates of the third Dáil Éireann, dealing with the establishment of government; 4pp 1922

**MS 44,053 /7** Pages from the photograph album of D[omhnaill] McDevitt from his time in the Free State Army, photographs are labelled and notes contain information of persons and their careers. Pages also contains some later holiday snaps as well as earlier personal
photographs. Also includes certificate of service of Lieutenant Domhnall McDevitt in the infantry of the Irish Army, 1940-6; 5 items
1922 and 1947

**MS 44,053 /8** Copies of papers relating to IRA in county Kerry;
- Report to the Commander in Chief of conditions in Kerry, explaining difficult conditions and asking for more men, 1 Oct. 1922; 2pp
- Report of action at Clashmealcon Caves, 24 April 1923; 5pp
- Extracts from *An t’Ógláć[h]*, April-Oct. 1923; 9pp
- ‘Part VII: Clashmealcon Caves’ in *Tragedies of Kerry*, undated; 6pp
1922, 1923 and undated

**MS 44,053 /9** Images of leading Free State Army generals, with associated items;
- Series of portraits and biographies in *An t’Ógláć[h]*, 10 March – 1 Sep. 1923; 13 items [copy]
- Double page spread of ‘Army Personalities’, supplement to *The Weekly Freemen*, 17 March 1923; 1p
March – Sep. 1923

### II.v.2. Anti-Treaty IRA

**MS 44,054 /1** Copy of letter from General Headquarters IRA, Four Courts Dublin addressed to ‘Each T.D.’, publishing ‘a brief summary of the events leading up to the present position – for which it will be seen that we have done our utmost, consistent with the support of the Republic, to establish unity in the Army’, with associated documents; 3pp
25 April 1922

**MS 44,054 /2** Cutting for an unknown newspaper of ‘The I.R.A. Official Report’, relating to the landing of Free State Forces near Tralee, county Kerry by British Warships, attack on Collins for ‘crushing his own men’; 1p
[Aug. 1922]

**MS 44,054 /3** Copies of papers of IRA, includes series of minutes of executive meetings and army councils; 13 items
1922-4 and undated

**MS 44,054 /4** Membership card for Cumann na Poblačhta; 1 item
undated

**MS 44,054 /5** Copies of IRA propaganda;
- Appeal ‘to the Soldiers of the Free State Army’; 1p
• Proclamation by the council of South Tipperary Brigade; 1p
• Attack on the way money is spent by the Free State, showing letter from Colonel O’Higgins relating to money spent on whiskey for the firing squads; 3pp
• Poster comparing numbers of soldiers of the Irish Republic executed by the British and the Free State, and reinforcing the link between the Free State and George V; 1p

undated

MS 44,054 /6 Civil war badge showing a signed photograph of Éamon de Valéra, with a white cloth background bearing the quote “Would to God that England’s bloodhounds tracked me down rather than my fellow countrymen who were false to their allegiance”; 1 item

undated

II.v.3. Republican prisoners and ‘martyrs’

This section contains newspaper cuttings, leaflets and associated documents on the cases of individual republican prisoners or cases, as well as items produced in prison.

MS 44,055 /1 Copies of letters from Timothy Sullivan to his sweetheart Helena May of Tralee. Sullivan was a member of the anti-treaty side IRA, he was held in Drumbec Castle and executed there in 1923; 2pp 1918 – Feb. 1923

MS 44,055 /2 Copies of letters written by Charles O’Neill whilst in prison to members of his family; 10 items 1921-3

MS 44,055 /3 Copy of mortuary card for Rory O’Connor, Liam mellows, Richard Barrett and Joseph McKelvey, executed 8 Dec. 1922; 1 item 1922

MS 44,055 /4 Papers relating to Reginald Dunne and Joseph O’Sullivan executed for the murder of Sir Henry Wilson, August 1922;
  • Copy of last letter of Reginald Dunne, 9 Aug. 1922; 3pp
  • Memorial pamphlets; 2 items
  • Letters to Michael from Pat O’Sullivan, with associated documents relating to proposed book, 1968-71; 8pp
  • Letters to Michael from Kathleen King on related topics, July 1973; 2 items 1922, 1968-73 and undated
See also MS 44,058 /3 for articles on Sir Henry Wilson

MS 44,055 /5 Copy of evidence at inquest on Harry Boland, held at Vincent’s Hospital on 3 August 1922, (3pp). Contains a copy of an undated
memorial flyer in memory of Cathal Brugha and Harry Boland
and a review of *Harry Boland’s Irish Revolution*, by David
Fitzpatrick; 3 items
3 Aug. 1922, 2004 and undated

**MS 44,055 /6**
Interment camp Christmas cards;
- Original Christmas card from Denis Quille, Portlaoghise
  Prison to his family; 1 item
- Original Christmas card from John Paul, Hare park
  interment camp, to ‘Chris’; 2 items
- Photocopy of Christmas card from Joseph Barrent, Hare
  park interment camp, to May, Tom and Kevin Ryle; 1 item
Dec. 1922

**MS 44,055 /7**
Copy book of ‘Mr Tho[ma]s Gaffrey, No.60 political prisoner,
Room 4, O Block, Newbridge Barracks; 4pp. Also contains letter
concerning national service and pension rights; 3 items
c.1922-3 and c.1945

**MS 44,055 /8**
Copy of letter from Frank Cunnane in Galway Gaol to his mother,
with typescript of same letter (10 April 1923); 2pp. Including
coving letter, 25 Nov. 1985; 1p
1923

**MS 44,055 /9**
Typescript letter to Joseph G. Ridgeway from the Office of the
Adjutant General concerning the release of his son, Charles
Ridgeway; 1p
January 1924

**MS 44,055 /10**
‘The killing, March 30th 1923, of 21 year old Robert Bonfield’
compiled by Uinseann Mac Eoin for 3rd edition of *Survivors*
(2000); 2 copies, 1 copy contains comments from ‘S[ean]
O’M[ahony] and others [2000]

**II.v.4. Newspapers**

**MS 44,056 /1**
Articles from *The Daily Sketch* on the Battle of Dublin; 4p
7 July 1922

**MS 44,056 /2**
*The Fenian War Issue*; 4 items
July-Aug. 1922

**MS 44,056 /3**
*Nationality War Issue*; 7 items
July-Aug. 1922

**MS 44,056 /4**
Page from *The Monitor* ‘“Stabilizing” England’s Southern
Parliament’ relating to the attack on the Four Courts; 1p
c.1922
MS 44,056 /5 Part of *The Nation*, No.1 4p and No.9 2-3pp; 2 items [1922]

MS 44,056 /6 Copy of ‘Dublin Murders “Such acts and doers of such arts are repudiated by the Army”’ in *The Irish Times*; 1p 5 April 1923 [photocopy is bad quality]

MS 44,056 /7 Copy of article from *Eire* on Newbridge detention camp; 1p 7 April 1923

MS 44,056 /8 *Daily Bulletin*; 4 items (2 are photocopies) 29 June, 5 and 11 July 1923

II.v.5. Regional accounts

MS 44,057 /1 *The Civil War in the West of Ireland, 1922-3* by Marie Coleman. A dissertation as part of a BA in History, UCD; c.60pp March 1944

MS 44,057 /2 ‘Clare in the Civil War’ by Rosa McNamara (*Ennis Community College Magazine*, 1995); 7pp 1995

MS 44,057 /3 ‘Carlow men in Cork ambush’ by Brother P.J. Kavanagh (produced by Carlow County Museum, undated); 3pp undated

II.v.6. Journal articles

MS 44,058 /1 Issue of *An Cosantóir* containing article ‘Burning of the Dublin Custom House’ by Commandant M. O’Kelly (*An Cosantóir*, Jan. 1942);10pp Jan. 1942

MS 44,058 /2 “Smothered History” by ex-chief superintendent Sean Liddy in 3 parts, series of articles on the early years of Garda Síochána (*An Síotadóir*, 1962); 10pp 1962

MS 44,058 /3 Assassination of Sir Henry Wilson;

- Copy of ‘Michael Collins and the assassination of Sir Henry Wilson’ by Peter Hart, with associated letters to Sean O’Mahony and Uinseann Mac Eoin, (1991). Hart’s article was later published in *Irish Historical Studies* May 1993; 3 items
- Series of articles by Bernard Ash in *Irish Press*, entitled
‘The Lost Dictator! The assassination of Henry Wilson’
June 1968; 6 items
- Other related articles, 1967, 1971 and 1982; 3 items
See MS 44,055 /4 for papers relating to Dunne and O’Sullivan tried for the murder of Sir Henry Wilson.

MS 44,058 /4 ‘The Civil war hunger-strike – October 1923’ by James Healy, S.J. (Studies, Autumn 1982); 7pp, includes a related letter from Maurice O’Donoghue published in the Irish Press, 2 March 1976; 2 items
1976 and 1982

MS 44,058 /5 Copy of ‘Frank FitzGerald and the arms crisis of 1922’ by Michael Farrell (Magill, March 1893); 4pp
March 1983

MS 44,058 /6 The role of armoured fighting vehicles in the Irish Civil War, 1922-3 by Paul Walsh, paper written for the Civil War Seminar, Cathal Brugha Barrack, 11-13 September 1997; 14pp
11-13 Sep. 1997

MS 44,058 /7 Copy of ‘Arms dumps and the IRA, 1923-32’ by John Horgan (History Today, Feb. 1998); 6pp
February 1998

MS 44,058 /8 Copy of ‘The Royal Navy and the Irish Civil War’ by John Linge (Irish Historical Studies, May 1998); 13pp
May 1998

MS 44,058 /9 ‘Guest of Two Nations’, article by Paul Murray discussing the plans of the Free State to use the British Island of St. Helena as a penal colony; 5pp
2002

MS 44,058 /10 Copy of ‘The I.R.B. from the treaty to 1924’ by John O’Beirne-Ranelagh (Irish Historical Studies, March 19??); 15pp
[date unclear due to bad photocopy]

II.v.7. Other papers

MS 44,059 /1 Newspaper cuttings and photocopies of articles relating to various aspects of the civil war; 22 items

MS 44,059 /2 Newspaper articles about the release of cabinet papers in both northern and southern Ireland for the period 1921-45; 2 items
1976
Newspaper cuttings and photocopies of articles dealing with anniversaries of the Irish Civil War; 9 items 1997-8 and 2002-3

List of pamphlets published on individuals executed by the Free State in civil war, also suggestions from other titles with covering notes; 4pp undated

**II. vi. 1923 Elections**

*The Freeman’s Journal*, 13 August 1923, leading article ‘President Cosgrave’s message to the Irish people’; 1 item 13 August 1923 [paper is fragile and cracking on folds]

Series of articles by Nollaig O Gadhra on 1923 elections, [Connaught Telegraph]; 3pp August 2003

**II. vii. Northern Ireland**

See also MS 44,059 /2 newspaper articles relating to the release of cabinet papers in northern and southern Ireland

Photocopy of notice to teachers in Northern Ireland relating to the swearing of an oath of allegiance to King and government, (hand written note ‘the vile oath’); 1p 1923

Series of articles ‘Partition the fateful years’ adapted from Tom Jones’ Whitehall Diary, published in Irish Independent; 9 items Oct. 1971

Copy of a letter from Terence O’Keffe, *The Irish News* to Mr. McCarthy, letter relates to the killing of the MacMahon family in Belfast in 1922, generally regarded as the work of the B Specials, also includes photocopy of related article from Irish Press (November 1973);2pp Nov. 1973 and 28 Jan. 1974

Manuscript notes of John Quinn from Minnie Loughran on her father Volunteer Peter Shelin, relating to the War of Independence in Belfast; 3pp May 1999

Papers relating to the Prison Ship Argenta, includes:
- Letter from Denis Klunrichert to Eamon de Burca with
related manuscript Cuimhnigh an Argenta, 307pp
- ‘Cumhnigh an Argenta. The Legacy of the Argenta Interment Ship, 100pp
- ‘Survivors Appendix’ [notes made by Uinseann MacEoin for his book Survivors], 11pp with note '21 Feabhra 2001 to S Ó M for favour of observations’

5 folders
1996-7

MS 44,061 /6 Copy of Statement of Sean Montgomery, relating to the War of Independence in Belfast; 30pp
undated

MS 44,061 /7 ‘Notes on chronology of events in north Louth and south-east Ulster between December 1921 – June 1922; 3pp
undated

MS 44,061 /8 Type written sheet detailing Orange Terror issued by the Mellows Society. Majority relates to the early 1920s although list continues to 1966; 1p
undated

MS 44,061 /9 Copies of article;
- ‘The Northern Question: The Treaty and the Civil War’
- ‘British conservative opinion, the Ulster question, and the partition of Ireland, 1919-21’ by D. G. Boyce
- ‘The Belfast Protestant Association and the Independent Orange Order, 1901-10’ by J. W. Boyle
- ‘Orange and Green. Belfast, 1832-192’ by Sybil E. Baker
undated

II.viii. Bureau of Military History

The Bureau of Military History was established in 1947 by Oscar Traynor, Minister for Defence to collect material for a history of the independence movement from 1913 to 1921. This section contains guides on how and why the Bureau was established, and a large collection of copies of witness statements.

See also II.i.2. and II.iii.2. for personal accounts, and VII.xvi. for a further collection of witness statements

II.viii.1. Information guides

MS 44,062 /1 An introduction to the Bureau of Military History 1913-1921 by Jennifer Doyle, Frances Clarke, Eibhlis Connaughton and Orna Somerville.
Dublin: Military Archives, 2002

MS 44,062 /2 Bureau of Military History information brochure; 2pp
II.viii.2. Witness statements

These have been arranged alphabetically and are all copy typescripts unless otherwise stated.

MS 44,063 /1 ‘Easter Week, 1916, Mount Street Bridge’ by Simon Donnelly, O/C ‘C’ Company; 13 pp undated

MS 44,063 /2 Statement by Robert Holland, Hollybrook, Naas Road, Inchicore, Dublin concerning Fianna Éireann, the Volunteers and the 1916 Rising; 28 pp 18 July 1949

MS 44,063 /3 ‘My Experiences at Knutsford Prison as a Guest of His Majesty’ by Robert Holland describing prison life in 1916; 22 pp 20 October 1949

MS 44,063 /4 Statement by Dan McCarthy, 1 Malahide Road, Clontarf, Dublin concerning the IRB, the Volunteers, the 1916 Rising, various elections, prison and the treaty negotiations. Includes table of contents; 32 pp undated, c. late 1940s

MS 44,063 /5 Statement by Captain P. J. McDonnell, Newcastle, Galway concerning the Volunteers 1914-1921. Includes a list of members of the West Connemara Brigade Active Service Unit, 1921. Marked ‘For 1916-1921 Club’; 82 pp undated

MS 44,063 /6 Statement by John McGallogly, originally from Lanarkshire, Scotland, concerning the events of 1916-1921. With copy acknowledgement from the Bureau of Military History of the receipt of his statement of evidence, 1945; 26 pp undated, 1945

MS 44,063 /7 Statement by James McGuill, Market Square, Dundalk, O/C Vol. Dundalk, (1918-19), IRA brigade, (1919-20) and Head Centre IRB, (1919-20). Subjects include Nationalist activities (1910-21), Dundalk, Easter Week (1916), funeral and inquest of Thomas Ashe and elections 1918-20; 117pp 9 Feb. 1950

MS 44,064 /1 Statement by David McGuiness, 12 Leoville Street, Belfast concerning the Belfast Volunteers 1910-1922; 23 pp undated
See MS 44,131 /9 for obituary of Connie Neenan

MS 44,064 /4 Witness statement no. 1713 by James L. O’Donovan, 2 Wilton Place, Dublin who was the Director of Chemicals, General Headquarters Staff, on the work carried out by the Munitions and Chemicals Department, GHQ for the Irish Volunteers and IRA 1917-1920. File no. S. 1536; 15 pp [1957]
See VII.xviii. for a collection of James O’Donovan’s personal papers

MS 44,064 /5 Witness statement by Patrick O’Keeffe on the Kilcock Volunteers, 1914-1922: 6 pp undated

MS 44,064 /6 Statement by Captain Jack Stafford, 83 Kincora Road, Clontarf, Dublin concerning the Volunteers, the 1916 Rising and the War of Independence; 7 pp undated

MS 44,064 /7 Statement by Alphonsus Sweeney, Naas, county Kildare concerning the County Kildare Brigade and the 3rd Battalion Dublin Brigade IRA 1916-1921; 10 pp undated

MS 44,064 /8 Witness statement from [unknown author] concerning his father and uncle (Tommy Walsh) who were involved in Howth Gun Running, the 1916 Rising; 2 pp 11 September 1987

MS 44,064 /9 Copy handwritten text of witness statement [author unknown] of his IRA activities carried out in county Louth during the War of Independence and Civil War; 32 pp undated

II.lx. Clerical views

This section contains papers showing the views of two clerics, Rev. Dr. Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne and Father Peter Yorke of San Francisco, between c.1918 - 1925, as well as images of two other clerics who supported the Republican movement.

MS 44,065 /1 Pamphlet The Case of Ireland by the most Rev. Dr. Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne, (c.1918); 8pp. Also includes a
photograph of Archbishop Mannix, given away with *The Weekly Freeman*, 10 August 1912; 2 items
1912 and c.1918

**MS 44,065/2** Copy of pamphlet *Irish Bishops usurp Papal rights* by Rev. Dr. Yorke; 8pp
c.1923

**MS 44,065/3** Pamphlet *The most Rev. Dr. Mannix on the Position*, contains a collections of quotation of Archbishop Mannix on the position in Ireland; 4pp
1923

**MS 44,065/4** Broadsheet report of Archbishop Mannix’s speech given at the Rotunda, 29 October 1925, printed by *An Phoblacht*; 1p
30 Oct. 1925

**MS 44,065/5** ‘Father Peter Yorke of San Francisco’ by James P. Walsh (*Studies*, Spring 1973); 8pp
1973

**MS 44,065/6** Reproductions of photographs of Fr. Albert Bibby (1878-1925) and Fr. Dominic O’Connor (d.1958), both of whom died in exile; 2 items
undated
III. IRISH FREE STATE, 1924-1939

This section covers the papers collected by Sean O’Mahony relating to period between the end of the Irish Civil War in 1924 and start of the Emergency in September 1939. The majority of this section is made up of contemporary papers, which have been divided by subject, and then listed chronologically.

III.i. Government papers

MS 44,066 /1  Copy of report on activities of District Inspector Nixon, circulated to members of the Executive Council by the Ministry of Defence, Portobello Barracks; 5pp
20 Feb. 1924

MS 44,066 /2  Publications of Dáil Éireann;
  • Copy of Manifesto from Dáil Éireann, c.1927; 1p
  • Cosain an Poblacht Uphold your own. The Dáil appeals to the Gael, 1929; 1p
  • Copy of To the People of Ireland from the Executive Council of Dáil Éireann, 1936; 4pp
  c.1927, 1929 and 1936

MS 44,066 /3  Booklet entitles A Bill for the Constitution of the Republic of Ireland, published in USA for the government of the republic of Ireland; 8pp
1930

MS 44,066 /4  Copy of Department of Justice report on the present position (August 1931) as regards the activities of unlawful and dangerous Association in the Saorstat with a summary of similar activities in recent years; 14pp
1931

MS 44,066 /5  Map showing the Free State Constituencies, 1923-35, also includes maps showing support for partition and catholic population in Northern Ireland; 3pp
  c.1935 and c.1938

III.ii. Military Service Pensions Act, 1934

A series of Military Service Pensions Acts were passed in the 1920s giving military pensions to members of the various military bodies who had fought in the 1916 rising, the War of Independence and on the Pro-treaty side in the Irish Civil War. The 1934 act extended the rights to military pensions to those who had fought on the Anti-treaty side in organisations such as the IRA and Cumann na mBan, although many still refused to accept pensions. This section contains papers relating to the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934 collected by Sean O’Mahony, the majority relating to IRA Brigades in county Tipperary.
See also MS 44,055 /7 containing a letter from Thomas Gaffrey concerning his pension entitlements, c.1945, and MS 44,123 /9 for a contemporary booklet explaining the Military Service Pensions Act.

MS 44,067 /1 Preliminary lists of names of soldiers who severed in the various IRA Tipperary brigades in 1920 and 1921; c.170pp c.1934

MS 44,067 /2 Correspondence relating to the pensions due to various IRA Tipperary brigades in 1920 and 1921, correspondents include Office of the Referee and Military Service Pensions Board, Griffith Barracks. Also includes biographies of certain soldiers and accounts of some military actions; c.100pp 1935-42

MS 44,067 /3 Further lists of names of soldiers who severed in the various IRA Tipperary brigades in 1920 and 1921; c.150pp c.1935

MS 44,067 /4 Photocopy of cash book with label on front ‘Copy of IRA pension form’, book contains various entries containing names of IRA soldiers and detail of service, county Tipperary; 14pp 1935-42

MS 44,067 /5 Newspaper article about the IRA’s reaction to the Military Service Pensions Act, 1934 in Irish Press; 1 item 20 Dec. 1937

MS 44,067 /6 Photocopy of book containing various entries containing names of IRA soldiers and details of service [county Tipperary]; 14pp 1942

III.iii. Fianna Fáil

Fianna Fáil was established by Eamon de Valera in 1926 in response to Sinn Féin’s abstention from Free State politics, the party enter Dáil Éireann in 1927. Fianna Fáil formed their first government in 1932, under de Valera. The government abolished the oath of allegiance to the King, and in 1937 enacted a new constitution Bunreacht na hÉireann which removed the King as head of state in Ireland.

MS 44,068 /1 Papers relating to the establishment of Fianna Fáil, all copies;
- ‘Statement by president de Valera’, relating to the oath of allegiance; 15 Jan. 1926
- ‘Extraordinary Ard Fheis, The President’s Resolution’, relating to the oath of allegiance; 9 March 1926
- Interview with Eamon de Valera given in part to the representative of the United Press, relating to the establishment of Fianna Fáil; 17 April 1926
- Statement by Eamon de Valera, relating to his view of
Clann Éireann; 18 April 1926
Jan. – April 1926

**MS 44,068 /2**  
*Fianna Fáil Bulletin*, general election edition; 16pp  
June 1937

**MS 44,068 /3**  
*Iubhaile Órga Fianna Fáil, the Republican Party. 1926-1976. An Chéad Caogha Blíain. The first fifty years*, also contains transcript of ‘Constitution of Fianna Fáil’ (incomplete); c.100pp  
1976 and undated

### III.iv. IRA, Sinn Féin and Cumann na mBan

**MS 44,069 /1**  
*Constitution of Óglaigh na hÉireann* (IRA); 2 items  
1927  
[1 copy is taped together incorrectly]

**MS 44,069 /2**  
Notices and general orders of IRA, all are copies;  
- Violation of General Order No. 28 – Volunteers as Parliamentary Candidates, 12 Jan. 1928  
- General Order No. 30 – Treachery, 12 Jan. 1928; 1p  
- General Order No. 31 – Volunteers and membership of political parties, 12 Jan. 1928; 1p  
- To o/c Kerry I Brigade, relating to the distribution of manifesto’s from the Dáil, 12 Jan. 1928; 1p  
- Notice on education and publicity, relating to establishment of committee to direct education and publicity campaign, 2 Feb. 1928; 2pp  
- To Commanders of each independent unit, relating to the checking of address, 2 Feb. 1926; 1p  
- To Commanders of each independent unit, relating to a day of National Commemoration [of Easter Rising], 2 Feb. 1928; 2pp  
- To o/c Kerry I Brigade, relating to commemorations, handwritten, 23 March 1928; 1p  
- To commanders of each independent unit from director of intelligence asking for information on policing in their area, 29 March 1928; 2pp  
- To commanders of each independent unit relating to national commemoration of Easter Rising, sale of *An Phoblacht*, and other matters, 29 March 1928; 2pp  
- Notice relating to number of copies of *An t-Oglac* received, 2 April 1928; 1p  
- To o/c Kerry I Brigade, delay in replies and other matters, 17 May 1928, some in code; 1p  
- Notes for oration on Day of National Commemoration [1928]; 2pp  
Jan. – May 1928
MS 44,069 /3  IRA fundraising;
- Card authorising holder to appeal for and collect subscriptions for IRA (July 1931); 1 item
- Copy of St. Patrick’s Night, Galway Ball 1932 program held by the IRA club; 12pp
- Flyer for Derby Sweep, 1935; 1p
1931, 1932 and 1935

MS 44,069 /4  Óglaigh na hÉireann by Óglaè (a history of the IRA by the IRA); 8pp
June 1932

MS 44,069 /5  Constitution and governmental programme for the Republic of Ireland of Óglaigh na hÉireann (IRA); 2 items
1932 and 1933

MS 44,069 /6  Sinn Féin Constitution and Rules and Sinn Féin Constitution; 2 items
1932

MS 44,069 /7  IRA Papers;
- Statement from the Army Council (to be read at each ceremony on day of national commemoration, Easter Sunday 1932), with related notes, 1932; 6pp
- General Army Convention, 16 and 17 April 1932, Clar with list of motions, 9pp
- Convening of General Army Convention, 4 July 1935; 3pp
- Notes for battalion officers attending company conventions, July 1935; 1p
- Letter to ‘Tom’ from ‘Jim’; 26 Aug. 1935; 1p
- Instructions for officers presiding at unit conventions, July-Aug. 1935; 8pp
1932-5

MS 44,069 /8  Flyers issued by the publicity department of Cumann na mBan;
- ‘The Story of Cathal Brugha’, 1930; 2pp
- Copy ‘Felons of out land’, dealing with the number of republicans held in prisons, Jan. 1932; 1p
- ‘Liam Mellows. His life and aims’, Dec. 1933; 2pp
- Flyer for distribution at Kerry v Cavan GAA match, 17 Oct. 1937; 1p
1932, 1933 and 1937

MS 44,070 /1  Copy of Republicans must unite. An appeal to members of Fianna Fáil and of the IRA, issued by Irish Republicans in America; 4pp
Bodenstown Day, 1935
MS 44,070 /2  
*Instructions on Company and Battalion Staff Work and Duties of Officers*; 10pp  
1935

MS 44,070 /3  
*Manifesto, constitution and rule for Cumann Poblachta na hÉireann*, with associated newscuttings; 2 items  
1935 and 1988

MS 44,070 /4  
Newspaper cuttings relating to the ban on IRA commemoration at Bodenstown; 4pp  
June 1936

MS 44,070 /5  
Copy of a list of ‘certain individuals’ giving details of their IRA involvement and imprisonment in 1930s and 1940s; 6pp  
1947

MS 44,070 /6  
1969

MS 44,070 /7  
Copies of articles;  
- ‘Paying no heed to public clamor: Irish republican solipsism in the 1930s’ by Richard English (*Irish Historical Studies*, Nov. 1993)  
- ‘Socialism and republican schism in Ireland: the emergence of the Republican Congress in 1934’ by Richard English (*Irish Historical Studies*)  
1993 and undated

MS 44,070 /8  
*Flyer To the People of Ireland! Break the Connection with Ireland!* attacking the proposed visit of the Prince of Wales [the future Edward VIII]; 1 p  
undated

### III.v. Republican cases and prisoners

This section contains newspaper cuttings, leaflets and associated documents on the cases of individual republican prisoners or cases.

MS 44,071 /1  
Captain James Murray Case;  
- Copy of report of the Attorney-General of the Irish Free State v. Captain James Murray for the murder of Joseph Bergin a military policeman in the National Army in 1922, 1925; 20pp  
- Copy of ‘Chapter IV – The General Accused in Murder Case’ [no book title or date]; 17pp  
- Copy of ‘Shooting the messenger: Col. Costello and the Murry Case; 18pp  
1925 and undated
MS 44,071 /2  Copy of a flyer reproducing ‘Commandant General Michael Carolan’s speech from the dock’, issued by the political prisoners committee; 1p
November 1925

MS 44,071 /3  Papers relating to James Killeen;
- Copy of prison letter from James Killeen to his sister Lottie, 11 Nov. 1926, prison name not given but it is in England; 4pp
- Copy of newspaper cutting on sentencing of Killeen in London, c.July 1926; 1p
- Copy of newspaper cutting on sentencing of Killeen and others, 1936
- Copy of newspaper cutting listing Clann na Poblachta candidates with a short biography, includes Killeen, c.1948; 1p
1926, 1936 and c.1948

MS 44,071 /4  Newspaper cuttings relating to the controversy over the sacking of Frank Edwards as a teacher at Mount Sion Christian Brothers’ school for attendance at the Republican Congress and IRA membership, also the remarks made on the subject by Dr. Kinane, bishop of Waterford and Lismore; 14 items
1934-5

MS 44,071 /5  Newspaper articles relating to the explosion near Castlefin, county Donegal (1938) which killed John James Kelly, a prominent six county republican, and James Joseph Reynolds previously acquitted of the murder of Richard More O’Ferrall. Also includes items relating to a memorial to John James Kelly (1969) and an article on the trial of James Joseph Reynolds (1935); 9 items
1935, 1938-9, 1969

MS 44,071 /6  Newspaper cuttings relating to the death of Sean Glynn while in solitary confinement in Arbour Hill detention barracks; 2 items
Sep. 1936

MS 44,071 /7  Papers relating to the murder of Admiral Henry Somervell by the IRA in March 1936 for helping Irish men join the British Navy, includes newspaper articles and notes by Sean O’Mahony; 3 items
2001 and undated

MS 44,071 /8  Appeal for funds for a memorial to Jim Vaugh, who died in 1931;
1p
undated
III.vi. Other organisations

MS 44,072 /1 Copy of the Constitution of the V.C. [changed by hand to Clan na Gael] adopted at their National Convention New York City, 1933; 16pp 1933

MS 44,072 /2 Constitution and Rules of the Social Justice League; 2pp undated [after 1931]

MS 44,072 /3 Collection card for Ancient Order of Hibernians Division No. 16 Pomeroy [county Tyrone]; 1 item undated

MS 44,072 /4 Fund raising card for Dependents of Republican Prisoners; 1 item undated

III.vii. Contemporary and commemorative newspapers

MS L 123 The Irish World and American Industrial Liberator, 10 Feb. 1923, 3 March 1923, 23 June 1923, 29 Aug. 1925, 11 Feb. 1928 and 30 March 1929; 6 items 1923-9 [items are damaged and dirty, not all issues are complete]

MS 44,073 /1 Two issues of Inis Fáil Bulletin de la ligue pour l’indépendance de l’Irelande; 2 items June 1925 and Sep.-Oct. 1925

MS 44,073 /2-3 Three copies of The New Ireland Review published by the New Ireland Assurance Company Ltd. (1928), also includes publications relating to the history of the company which was established in 1918 to aid the economic development of Ireland; 7 items in 2 folders 1928, 1964 and undated

MS 44,073 /4 The Garda Review The organ of the Garda Síochána, contains an article on the early days of the Garda by Eoin O’Duffy; 11pp March 1929

MS 44,073 /5 Selection of copies of newscuttings, mainly from International Press Correspondence; 36pp 1932-4

MS 44,073 /6 Photocopy of Republican Congress; 4pp 12 Jan. 1935

MS L 124 The Kerryman Newspaper, Christmas issue 1937 (missing front page), St. Patrick’s Day issue 1938 and Christmas issue 1938; 3
items. Also contains letter from the editor of the Kerryman to Connacht Rangers Mutineer Association, with envelope (18 March 1936); 5 items
1936-8
[items are fragile]

**MS 44,073 /7**
Scrapbook containing newspaper cuttings relating to republican issues, including reports of speeches of leading republicans, and their views on the Irish Constitution, British war policy and conscription, also reports on commemoration events and trials of republican ‘martyrs’; 48pp
Sep. 1938 – Dec. 1939

**MS 44,073 /8**
‘Bunreacht na hÉireann: the constitution of Ireland’s 50th anniversary’, *Irish Times Supplement*; 4pp
1987
IV. THE EMERGENCY, 1939-1945

The majority of papers in this section deals with the activities of the IRA during the Emergency. In 1936 the Fianna Fáil government led by Eamon de Valera banned the Irish Republican Army and imprisoned its leader Moss Twomey, as part of an increasingly strict anti-IRA policy. Sean Russell became Chief-of-Staff in 1938 and set about making preparations for a bombing campaign in Britain. In January 1939 the IRA Army Council declared war against Britain. It began a bombing campaign in Northern Ireland in 1942. The IRA was severely damaged by measures taken against it by the governments on both sides of the border during the Second World War. Its members were interned in the Free State, Northern Ireland and in Britain in especially harsh conditions.

IV.i. IRA papers

MS 44,074 /1 Assorted republican fliers and leaflets, many produced by the Republican Prisoners Release Association, the Standing Committee of Sinn Féin, the Women’s Prisoners’ Defence League, the Political Prisoners’ Committee, the Army Council of the IRA and the Republican Publicity Bureau (RPB). Some are photocopies; 37 items 1937-1992

MS 44,074 /2-3 Papers relating to IRA activities in the 26 counties, mainly newspapers but also some copies of official documents; c.120 items in 2 folders 1939-49

MS 44,074 /4-6 War News, issued by the RPB Dublin, incomplete series of publication covering period July 1939-March 1941; 32 issues in 3 folders July 1939-March 1941

MS 44,074 /7 Republican News issued by the RPB, Dublin and Belfast, covering period Sep.-Dec. 1942 and March-June 1943; 8 items Sep. 1942-June 1943

MS 44,074 /8 Sinn Féin Bulletin issued by the co-ordinating committee of Sinn Féin ‘Wolfe Tone Commemoration number’, Vol.1 No.3; 2pp c.1945

IV.ii. Republican cases, prisoners and ‘martyrs’

This section contains newspaper cuttings, leaflets and associated documents on the cases of individual republican prisoners or cases, as well as items produced in prisons and material relating to the republican prisoners association.

For personal memoirs of prisoners see IV.iii.
MS 44,075 /1 Photocopy of pamphlet ‘An Irish Revolutionary in Court’ concerning the case of James Murphy who was involved with the ‘Friends of the Irish Republic’ in London; 6 pp c. 1939

MS 44,075 /2 Newspaper cuttings relating to the IRA raid on the magazine fort in Phoenix park ‘The Christmas Raid’ on 23 Dec. 1939; 18 items 1939-40 and undated

MS 44,075 /3 Newspaper cuttings on the Ashgrove House case, relating to the possession of an illegal radio transmitter; 2 items Jan. 1940

MS 44,075 /4 Papers relating to the trail and execution of Peter Barnes and James McCormick for their part in the Coventry bomb plot;
- Contemporary papers; 6 items
- Newspapers from re-interment of bodies, 1969; 8 items
- Memorial material; 4 items
- Handwritten notes; 1p
1940, 1969 , 1990 and undated

MS 44,075 /5 Papers relating to the trail of Tomás Mac Curtáin, June 1940 for the murder of Garda officer;
- Contemporary newspaper cuttings; 7 items
- Printed copies of his statement from the dock; 2 items
- Copy of pamphlet ‘Police Persecution of Patriot family’; 3pp
- Copy of Agus containing article ‘Tomás Mac Curtáin sinsear agus sóisear’ by Nollaig Ó Gadhra (Márt 1995); 12pp
1940, 1995 and undated

MS 44,075 /6 Papers relating to the hunger strike of republican prisoners in Mountjoy jail, leading to the death of Tony D’Arcy and Sean MacNeela;
- Newspaper cutting on hunger strike, Jan.-April 1940; 10 items
- Flyers produced in support of the hunger strikers, includes three attacking de Valera and Boland, two commemorating death of Tony D’Arcy, and one appeal from Josephine Mary Plunkett for John Plunkett calling on memory of his brother Joseph Plunkett; 9 items
- Flyer for Tony D’Arcy memorial fund and receipt for contribution, 1947; 2 items
- Newspaper cutting on Sean MacNeela memorial, 1952; 1 item
- Booklet of the story of the ‘martyrdom of Tony D’Arcy and Sean MacNeela; 12pp
• Appeal to ‘The People’s Reason’ calling on the memory of D’Arcy, MacNeela and others; 1p
1940, 1947, 1952 and undated

**MS 44,075 /7**
Statement of James Crofton on conditions in Portlaoighise jail by James Crofton; 1p
C.1940

**MS 44,075 /8**
Internee visit book, Crumlin Road Jail; 100pp
December 1940 – January 1941

**MS 44,075 /9**
Copy of newspaper cuttings relating to the escape of Joseph Walker, John Barry and Arthur Mason from Peveril interment camp, Isle of Man; 15 items
Sep. – Oct. 1941

**MS 44,076 /1**
Photocopy of ‘The Tri-Colour’, Christmas 1941, a magazine produced by republican prisoners in Mountjoy Prison; 28 pp
December 1941

**MS 44,076 /2**
Papers relating to Richard Goss, executed 9 August 1941, contains a newspaper cutting, two photographs of Goss (one is original) and a photograph of his funeral cortege in Dundalk (copy); 4 items
C.1941

**MS 44,076 /3**
Papers relating to the ‘Devereux Affair’, the disappearance and death of Michael Devereux and the subsequent trial of George Plant and three other IRA men for their involvement;

- Contemporary newspaper cuttings, 1941-2; 8 items
- Copy of letter from George Plant to Hayden, dated Saturday Arbour Hill Interment Barracks [1942]; 1p
- Letter from Seán McBride to Miss Agnes Carrigan on the death of George Plant, 10 March 1942; 1p
- Copy of typescript account on the ‘Devereux Affair’, undated; 25pp
- Latter newspaper cuttings, some copies, 1950-92; 5 items
- Related letters, 1960-92; 3 items
1941-92

**MS 44,076 /4**
Papers relating to the execution of Tom Williams on 2 September 1942 for his part in an attack on the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) which killed one constable;

- Contemporary newspaper cuttings (1942), 4 items
- Copy of last letter, produced for distribution; 2 items
- Mortuary cards and memorial poster; 3 items
- Newspaper cuttings and flyers relating to re-interment (1992-2000); 6 items
1942-2000
MS 44,076 /5 Papers relating to the execution of Maurice O’Neill, for the murder of Garda George Mordaunt, 1942;
  • Contemporary newspapers; 3 items
  • Copy of last letter of Maurice O’Neill to ‘My dear friend Mrs. Kelly’, with covering letter; 2 items
  • Later newspapers; 2 items
1942, 1948, 1967 and 1999
See MS 44,086 /3 for papers relating to the trial of Harry White for the same murder.

MS 44,076 /6 Copy of reward poster produced by the RUC offering £3,000 reward for information on Hugh McAteer, James Steele, Edward Maguire and Patrick Donnelly. Also includes a personal memoir of Paddy Donnelly, by Vincent MacDowell who knew him in Belfast Prison; 2 items
1943 and undated

MS 44,076 /7 Material relating to the National Aid Easter and Christmas draws to raise funds to help families of interned republican prisoners, also includes letter from solicitors relating to seizure of collection box of Republican prisoners release association; 6pp
1944-5

MS 44,076 /8 Papers relating to Charles Kerins, executed in Mountjoy prison 1944 for the murder of Sergeant Dinny O’Brien in 1942;
  • Contemporary and later newspaper cuttings; 14 items
  • Appeal for funds for Kerins’ defence; 2 items
  • Copy of his last letters; 3 items
  • Recollections of Kerins; 4 items
  • Memorial material, including poems, cards etc.; 10 items
1944-94

MS 44,076 /9 Statement given by Mháirtín Ó Cadhain to the events in Curragh Interment Camp in December 1940 which resulted in the shooting of Barney Casey, 5th July 1950. Also includes related articles and photographs; 9 items
1950-1992
[some items are in Irish]

MS 44,076 /10 Pamphlet Republican Martyrs 1936-’63; 8pp
undated

IV.iii. Personal accounts

MS 44,077 /1-2 Unpublished typescript memoir of Joe Collins telling of his experiences of imprisonment at Arbour Hill prison 1936 and also in various English prisons including Parkhurst, Strangeways and Dartmoor, 1939-1949. Also photocopy of report on ‘Character
and Prospects on Discharge” of Collins, 1939-1942. With cover letter from Uinsean MacEoin in Irish. Also letter from Ruairí Ó Brádaigh to Sean O’Mahony enclosing typescript memoir of Collins; 146 pp & 2 pp. 68 pp & 2 pp in 2 folders
1939-1942, 2001, 2004 & undated

**MS 44,077 /3**
Folder containing articles written by Pat Shannon (mostly photocopies) as follows:

1. ‘I was there’,
2. ‘Bullets for breakfast’
3. ‘Take up thy bed’
4. ‘A soldier’s death’, April 1963
5. ‘Nine Lives’, May 1963
6. ‘Boland goes back on his word’, September 1963
7. ‘VE day in Dublin’, November 1963
8. ‘Coalition-no change’, January 1964
9. ‘Back to Jail’, March 1964
10. ‘The martyrdom of Tony Darcey and his comrade Sean MacNeela’, April 1964
11. ‘A prisoner of war in enemy hands’, June 1964
12. ‘The voyage back to Erin’, August 1964
13. ‘The Coventry Explosion’, September 1964
14. ‘Three brave women’
15. ‘The west awake’, December 1964
16. ‘A false statement refuted’, February 1965
17. ‘Who dares to say forget the past’; April 1965
19. ‘When two generations met’, August 1965
23. ‘Fifteen dead men’, March 1966
24. ‘The clergy and the Internment Camp’, May 1966
25. ‘The Story of Mr X’
26. ‘Friends in Need’, July 1966
27. ‘The English Campaign’, September 1966
28. ‘Ireland’s Belson Camp’, November 1966
29. ‘Hell let loose at Curragh’, January 1967
30. ‘Putting the record straight’, March 1967
31. ‘Successor to MacSweeney’, May 1967
32. ‘The Story of Sean MacNeela’; July 1967
33. ‘Three matters of Importance’, September 1967
34. ‘Misrepresentation’, November 1967
35. ‘Escape plan foiled’, January 1968
36. ‘Keep their memory green’, March 1968
37. ‘Spreading the news’, May 1968
38. Missing
39. ‘Two forgotten patriots’, November 1968
40. & 41. ‘A great leader’, January & February 1969
42. ‘The Meath Hotel’, April 1969
43. ‘Dying wish of a great soldier’
44. ‘A great Mayo man’, August 1969
45. ‘A story of misrepresentation’, October 1969
46. ‘The IRA & the clergy’, December 1969
47. & 48. ‘Liverpool as a battle ground’, March & May 1970
49. & 50. ‘Two successors to Anne Devlin’, July & September 1970
51. ‘The disappearance of Larry Meaney’, November 1970
52. ‘The story of a great soldier’, January 1971
53. ‘Hunger strikers beaten up’, March 1971
54. & 55. Missing
56. ‘A man of steel’, December 1971
57. Missing
58. ‘Sligo’s noble six’, January 1972
59. ‘Arbour Hill’, March 1972
60/61. & 62. ‘Story of a bank raid’, September 1972
63. ‘Two forgotten patriots’, May 1973
64. ‘Two soldiers of ’22’, August 1973

59 items

c. 1963-1973

MS 44,077 /4
‘A detailed report of the hunger strike in which Sean MacNeela sacrificed his life. Written by Tomas McCurtain, one of the survivors’; 2 pp
1977
See also MS 44,075 /6 papers relating to case of MacNeela and D’Arcy.

MS 44,077 /5
Transcript memoir by Vincent MacDowell, (1925-2003) held for three months in Crumlin Road Prisoner during the emergency, (39pp) also contains his obituary; 2 items
undated and 2003
See also MS 44,076 /6 includes a personal memoir by MacDowell of Paddy Donnelly

IV.iv. Contemporary and later newspapers

MS 44,078 /1
Cuttings from The New International, includes article ‘The Struggle for Ireland’ and related correspondence; 4 items
April-June 1939

MS 44,078 /2
Newspaper cuttings relating to IRA activities in United Kingdom; c.80 items
1939-45

MS 44,078 /3
Newspaper cuttings relating to IRA activities in Northern Ireland; c.100 items
1939-45

MS 44,078 /4
Newspaper cuttings on the Offenses Against the State Act, 1939,
and Offenses Against the State (amendment) Act, 1940. Also
includes some papers relating to the Offenses Against the State
(amendment) Act, 1972; 13 items
1939-41 and 1972

MS 44,078/5 Newscuttings as follows:
- ‘What is happening in Ireland?’ from Picture Post, 1940
- ‘The IRA plant bombs for Hitler’, undated
3 items
1940, 1971 & undated

MS 44,078/6 Newspaper articles on German spies in Ireland;
- Series of articles by Hermann Goertz on his mission in
  Ireland, 1947; 8 items
- Articles on suicide of Hermann Goertz in Ireland, May
  1947; 4 items
- Later articles of Goertz and spying in Ireland, 1958-70; 13
  items
1947, 1958-70

MS 44,078/7 ‘The Emergency in Kerry’ The Kerryman Supplement; 12pp
28 April 1995

IV.v. Other papers

MS 44,079/1 ‘The persecution of Catholics in Northern Ireland’ by Ultach
(Capuchin Annual, 1940); 15pp
1940

MS 44,079/2 Speech ‘The separatist faith of Tone’, issued by the Young Ireland
Association at the Bodenstown memorial; 1p
1942

MS 44,079/3 Appeal for funds for the Neil (Plunkett) Boyle memorial
committee; 1p
1944

MS 44,079/4 Dr Patrick McCartan’s campaign leaflet for the Presidential
election, 1945; 2pp
1945

MS 44,079/5 Copy article ‘Curragh Internment Camp tokens’ by Derek Young,
published in Coin & Medal News, January 1989; 2 pp
January 1989
V. IRISH FREE STATE AND REPUBLIC, 1945-1969

V.i. Seán McNally and Irish Anti-Partition League

The Irish Anti-Partition League (IAPL) was founded in Northern Ireland in 1945, and campaigned for a united Ireland, gaining the support of the government of the Republic of Ireland. They stood without success in the general elections of 1950 and 1951, but did gain two seats in the Stormont Parliament in 1953. The part broke up in 1954. Seán McNally was an active member of the Fianna Éireann and IRA in Belfast, during the war of independence and civil war. He was twice arrested for his activities during the 1930s, and was interned for the duration of the second world war. McNally acted as secretary of the IAPL, and was also their representative as an elected senator on the Senate of Northern Ireland between 1950-3.

MS 44,080 /1 Earlier documents of Seán McNally;
- Letter from Great Northern Railways arranging ‘special excursion’ on 17 June 1934 [Bodenstown memorial], and a review of The Irish Republican Congress by George Gilmore, 31 March 1934 and undated; 2pp
- Letter from John Murray, Clonard Monastery Belfast to Seán McNally “internee” Derry, 8th Dec. 1935; 1p and envelope

1934-5

MS 44,080 /2 Action Not Words. Republican View-Point of Partition Protests by Eithne McShuibhne; 2pp
c.1950

MS 44,080 /3 Letters to and from Seán McNally of the IAPL from various groups including American League for an Undivided Ireland, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Private Secretary to Eamon de Valera, An Taoiseach, from T Feehan concerning partition propaganda for An Tostal, from Maire Comerford concerning the Anti-Partition Association Ard Fheis, from Aodh MacNeill concerning participation in An Tostal, from Con Lehane TD concerning Clann na Poblachta, and from Patrick D Morgan of the American League for an Undivided Ireland to James McSparran MP; 16 items
1950-2

MS 44,080 /4 IAPL and Anti-Partition Association flyers; 3 item 1 is a copy
1951, 1954 and undated

MS 44,080 /5 Questions to government on transport and shipyards, and a resolution on parliamentary finance. Also includes a report on the American League for an Undivided Ireland by Seamus MacDermott; 4 items
1952 and undated

MS 44,080 /6 Part of Seamus McKearney’s manifesto to the electors of South

63
Letter from the secretary of the Department of Defence to Seán McNally, thanking for help with case of Liam Mulholland and confirming his Service medal; 1p
4 Nov. 1980

Newspaper cutting and copies, including an interview with McNally; 4 items
1987 and undated

Copy of views on Thomas C. Nelson, MP, on policing in Northern Ireland, to be printed in the *Sunday Independent* 7 Oct., with handwritten note asking Seán McNally for his views. Also includes handwritten draft of McNally’s answer; 2 items
undated

Report on funeral of Tom Cunningham in Liverpool, with details of the appreciation given by Seán McNally; 2pp
undated

**V.ii. Clann na Poblachta**

In 1946 the former IRA Chief-of-staff Seán MacBride founded a new political party Clann na Poblachta. The party appealed to disillusioned republicans who had lost faith in Fianna Fáil, especially due to their execution of IRA prisoners during the Emergency. Support also came from voters who wanted to move away from the traditional Pro and Anti-treaty split in politics and wanted more concern shown for social issues. The new party grew rapidly during 1947, and joined the first inter-party government in February 1948. Clann na Poblachta lost power in 1951 in part due to the mother and child scheme of their Health Minister, Dr. Noel Browne. They refused to join the second Inter-Party government in June 1954, and their support decreased until by 1969 the party had ceased to exist.

See VII.xi. for papers relating to Seán MacBride’s political career after Clann na Poblachta.

Newspaper cuttings relating to Clann na Poblachta; c.24 items
1946-88

‘Draft outline of provisional scheme of organisation and a draft outline of Provisional policy, of Clann na Poblachta’. Topics include politics, social and economic affairs, employment, agriculture, cultural and educational schemes and ending of partition, with two different covering letter from Michael A. O’Kelly, secretary of Clann na Poblachta; 8pp
2 Aug. 1946 and undated
MS 44,081 /3  List of affiliated branches on Clann na Poblachta, with names and address of chairmen and secretaries; 18pp
1947

MS 44,081 /4  Report of an interview with Seán MacBride, leader of Clann na Poblachta, regarding his party’s prospect at the forthcoming general election, as recorded by Special correspondent of The Vanguard; 2pp
c.1947

MS 44,081 /5  Letter from Seán McCool to Pádraig Ó Nualláin, Press Officer of Clann na Poblachta. Also includes photographs of Seán McCool, Sean Carroll and [ ] deBalcam, plus obituary of Seán McCool; 5 items
Jan. 1948 and undated

MS 44,081 /6  Copy letter by Pádraig Nolan to Seán MacBride, Minister for External Affairs, relating proposed activities to celebrate declaration of Ireland as a Republic, plus letter acknowledging receipt; 2 items
Nov. and Dec. 1948

MS 44,081 /7  Correspondence of Pádraig Ó Nualláin relating to a speech made by him at the Clann na Poblachta Ard-Fheis stating that the FCÁ (An Fórsa Cosanta Áitiúil, the Irish Reserve Army) has been used against the republican movement; 6 items
7-13 June 1949

MS 44,081 /8  Circular letter ‘Dublin Corporation elections, to the electors in Nos.5 and 7 areas’ asking for Clann na Poblachta support; 2 copies
undated, [c.1949]

MS 44,082 /1-2  Issues of Clann Bulletin published by Clann na Poblachta; 14 items in 2 folders
March, April and June 1954

MS 44,082 /3  Letters concerning interference with, and delay in receiving, post by Sinn Féin members; 5pp
Feb. – July 1950

MS 44,082 /4  Copy letter from Seán MacBride to ‘Donal’ with enclosed report on interview between MacBride and Dr. Noel Browne relating to the possible split in Clann na Poblachta, and Browne’s view on MacBride’s leadership; 9pp
11 Nov. 1950

MS 44,082 /5  Papers relating to the resignation of Dr. Noel Browne, Minister for Health on 11 April 1951;
• Statement from members of the standing committee of Clann na Poblachta, 16 April 1951; 2 copies
• Memorandum for the Government, relating to Dr. Browne’s resignation containing British press comments, 25 April 1951; 4pp
• Statement issued by Clann na Poblachta; 3pp
• Dr. Browne’s resignation, some questions answered; 5pp
• Rights of the churches to express views on Dr. Brown’s resignation; 2pp

April 1951

MS 44,082 /6 Statement made by Seán MacBride, Minister for External Affairs, on the dissolution of the Dáil, (2pp) and a report on achievements of Inter-Party government on external affairs, declaration of Irish Republic, public spending, emigration etc., (8pp, page 2 missing, 2 copies of page 3); 2 items

C. June 1951 and undated

MS 44,082 /7 Press comments on election results and Seán MacBride (3pp) and letter to the Editor (newspaper unspecified) from Con Lehane referring to the press comments, 6 June 1951, (1p); 2 items

June 1951

MS 44,082 /8 ‘Fianna Fáil Cumann joins Clann na Poblachta’, press statement explaining decision taken by Fianna Fáil Cumann in Dublin South West (Kimmage), the Roger Casement Cumann to join Clann na Poblachta and support Seán MacBride; 2pp

C. May 1954

MS 44,083 /1 ‘Statement by Seán MacBride concerning his participation in the new government’, outlining his reason for declining to participate in the second inter-party government under John A. Costello; 2pp

June 1954

MS 44,083 /2 ‘Statement issued by the Ard Chomhairle of Clann na Poblachta on 26th January, 1957’ on the economic and political policy of the second inter-party government meaning that Clann na Poblachta can no longer offer support, (7pp). Also ‘Statement by Seán MacBride to a meeting of Clann Dublin constituency representative held at 20 Herbert Place, on Wednesday, 30th January, 1957’, responding to newspaper’s suggestion that the removal of support from second inter-party government was a surprise (3pp), also includes copy letter from Seán MacBride to An Taoiseach, John A. Costello and copy of ‘Economic development motion tabled in Dáil Éireann by Seán MacBride, John Tully and Kathleen O’Connor, 8 July 1956; 4 items

July 1956 and January 1957

MS 44,083 /3 ‘Statement by the Coiste Seasmhach of Clann na Poblachta’ against the Irish government’s policy of internment of republican
suspects; 2pp
12 July 1957

**MS 44,083 /4** Miscellaneous Clann na Poblachta letters;
  - Letter relating to reorganisation of Clann na Poblachta, 12 Dec. 1957; 1p
  - Letter relating to memorial fund for Johnny O’Conner, with receipt for donation, 1958; 2 items
  - Letter from Pádraig Ó Nualláin on general election results, Nov. 1961; 1p
  - Poem of ‘Kelly the boy from the Clann’, undated; 1p
  1957, 1958, 1961 and undated

**MS 44,083 /5** Letter of resignation by Pádraig Ó Nualláin to Seán MacBride, leader of Clann na Poblachta; 1p
  Jan. 1958

**MS 44,083 /6** Newscuttings and articles relating to Dr. Noel Browns, with document expressing Sean O’Mahony’s view on him; 13 items
  1967-78 and undated

**MS 44,083 /7** Letters from Patrick D. O’Keefe to Pádraig Ó Nualláin relating to his MA thesis on Clann na Poblachta, also includes questionnaire prepared for Ó Nualláin; 3 items

**V.iii. Sinn Féin and IRA**

**MS 44,084 /1** Flyer attacking Leinster House for its repression of Sinn Féin, specifically the deaths of Harry White and Sean McCaughey, and the seizure of Resurgence the official organ of Sinn Féin; 1p
  c.1946

**MS 44,084 /2** IRA statements;
  - Copy of Ireland’s Call to Arms, issued by the Army Council, IRA, Jan. 1948; 1p
  - Statement ‘To the Irish People’ issued by the army council IRA, outlining new phase in resistance to British rule, 12 Dec. 1956; 1p
  - Notice of ‘final warning’ sent to Sir Richard Pim, Inspector General of RUC, Belfast calling on removal of civilians from RUC posts, 22 Dec. 1956; 1p
  - Copy of statement ‘issued by the Irish Resistance movement in British occupied Ireland and distributed on their behalf by the Irish Republican Publicity Bureau, Easter 1957; 1p
  - ‘IRA Manifesto. To the people of occupied Ireland’ issued by the Army Council, Irish Republican Army, August 1957; 1p

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• Copy letters sent to Republican prisoners, Curragh Concentration Camp, relating to escape of prisoners, IRA campaign, hostile propaganda, military force, unity and objectives, Jan. and April 1959; 5pp

• Copy statement issued by the Irish Republican publicity Bureau, ‘Statement: Escape article in “Aiseiri”, handwritten annotation ‘not for publication’; 5 Dec. 1959

• Statement issued by the army council, Irish Republican Army to the people of Ireland, calling on the ‘termination of the campaign of resistance to British occupation’, 26th Feb. 1962; 1p

1948-62

MS 44,084 /3 Sinn Féin Constitution; 4pp
1950

MS 44,084 /4 Sinn Féin Republican Policy; 2pp
1950

MS 44,084 /5 Sinn Féin Social and economic programme, with handwritten annotations; 12pp
1950

MS 44,084 /6 Sinn Féin National Unity and Independence Programme; 2 copies
1950

MS 44,084 /7 Assorted republican flyers; 24 items
1954-76 and undated

MS 44,084 /8 IRA Irish Derby Sweep tickets; 2 items
1956 and 1969

MS 44,085 /1 Copy of ‘Documents found on 7th May 1966, on member of illegal organisation’, documents concern the reorganisation of the illegal organisation [IRA], also include covering note from department of Justice, documents to be show to the Houses of the Oireachtas but not made public; 5pp
1966

MS 44,085 /2 An Drithleog newsletter issued by South west county Dublin and Northern Kildare Sinn Féin Cumann; 1p
1966

MS 44,085 /3 Campaign material for Seamus Costello, Sinn Féin candidate, also includes correspondence with RTE over election coverage; 15 items
1967-8

MS 44,085 /4 Statement by IRA council, outlining their attitude to sectarian fighting in Northern Ireland; 2pp
c.1970

MS 44,085 /5  Note from Sean O’Farrell requesting a meeting; 1p undated

V.iv. Republican prisoners and cases

This section contains newspaper cuttings, leaflets and associated documents on the cases of individual republican prisoners or cases, as well as items produced in prison.

MS 44,086 /1  Affidavits by Eoin O’Mahony on four prisoners serving sentences in English jails, with biography of author; 5pp c.1940s [item is badly stained]

MS 44,086 /2  Papers relating to Seán McCaughey, who died on hunger strike on 11 May 1946 after 4 years in prison, items include religious card sent to him in Dec. 1942, signed on back with his prison number, mortuary card, campaign pamphlets and newspaper cuttings; 29 items 1942 and May 1946

MS 44,086 /3  Papers relating to the trial of Harry White in 1946, for the murder of George Mordaunt in 1942, also includes material relating to his memoirs;
- Contemporary newspapers; 7 items
- Article on his memoirs, including naming of those who shot Kevin Higgins; 1 item
- Mortuary card; 1 item 1942, 1946, 1989 and undated
See also MS 44,076 /5 for papers relating to the trial and execution of Maurice O’Neill for the same murder

MS 44,086 /4  Papers relating to Seán Sabhat (Sean South), an IRA man killed in an attack on the RUC barracks, Brooksborough, county Fermanagh in January 1957;
- Painting of GPO in 1916 rising by Eileen Ni Murcú a pupil at Coláiste Muire, county Limerick, with note in Irish on back giving artistic advice by Sean South, dated 1954; 1p
- Booklet They Kept the faith... published for the funeral of Seán Sabhat, with signatures on back (1957); 10pp
- Copy of The Dream a poem written about Seán Sabhat by --- Gallowglass, 10 Eanair 1957; 1p
- Newspaper cuttings and copies (1964); 5 items
- ‘Seán Sabhat I gCiarrai’ by Diarmuid Ó Donnchadh (Feasta, Samhain 1964); 3pp
- Booklet In Memoriam Seán Sabat (undated); 2 copies 1954, 1957, 1964 and undated
Copy of article *British Torture in Ireland* released by Irish Republican Publicity Bureau – Dec. 1957; 4pp
Dec. 1957

Hand drawn card [Curragh camp] showing a soldier with a list of place of names, Eglington, Armagh, Omagh, Fdelsted, Arbourfield, Derrylin, Lisnaskea and Brookeborough, on reverse two crossed rifles and words ‘We Shall Rise Again, Curragh 1958’; 1 item
1958

Letters giving bearer permission to receive collection boxes to collect for Mallon-Talbot defense fund, signed Austin Stack, Treasure; 2 items
22 March 1958

Photocopy of a flyer outlining aims of those on Hunger Strike in 1966, based on the 1916 proclamation and the failure to deliver it aims; 2pp
[item is mainly in Irish, with some English translation]
1966

Copy of a photograph of Nelson’s Pillar after the IRA had destroyed the top, also contains a contemporary newspaper cutting; 2 items
March 1966

**V.v. Republican Prisoners’ Release Association**

This association was formed to work for unconditional release of republican prisoners held in Great Britain and Ireland, as well as providing for their welfare, and the welfare of their dependants whilst they are imprisoned.

*Com cumann Saorta na bPriosúna Poblaíta* (Republican Prisoners’ Release Association Constitution); 6pp
April 1946

Copy of minutes of Republican Prisoners’ Release Association;
43pp
1946-8

Two letters relating to fund raising for the association; 2 items
17 Nov. 1958 and undated
V.vi. Belfast, Antrim & Down Pre-Truce IRA (3rd Northern Division)

MS 44,088 /1 Photographic prints as follows:
- Duffin Bros funeral on way to county Antrim for burial taken at Dover St/Falls Junction, c.1920
- ‘Volunteers on Parade [Hannalastown] Belfast’, c.1920
- ‘F. McDermott FS Army father of Frank [’]s man’
- ‘IRA activist Belfast man Douhan?’
- Belfast Tan War Vets includes McCotter, Liam Burker, Dad front Row, 1966’
c.1920 and 1966

MS 44,088 /2 Cards advertising smoking concerts, annual dinners and outings; 3 items 1935-1939

MS 44,088 /3 Volume containing minutes of committee meetings and AGMs; c. 130 pp 1965-1981

MS 44,088 /4 Circular letter from the Ladies Committee, Irish Republican Felons Club part of Pre-truce IRA and Fianna, Belfast Brigade, relating to resent entertainment; 1p 21 Nov. 1968


MS 44,089 /1-3 File of ‘Miscellaneous Correspondence March 1977-April 1980’ including attendance rolls at meetings, notices of committee meetings and AGMs, newscuttings and correspondence of Hugh P. Kennedy, Hon. Secretary concerning meetings, benefits for veterans and widows of service medal holders (with related Department of Defence papers) and funerals; c.140 items in 3 folders 1977-1980

MS 44,089 /4-5 File ‘III Northern from 2/5/80’ as above; c. 60 items in 2 folders 1980-1981

MS 44,089 /6 Headed notepaper (blank); 5 sheets undated

V.vii. Wolfe Tone Society

MS 44,090 /1 Papers of the Wolfe Tone Society:
- Resolution passed at the Dublin Wolfe Tone Society meeting, 1 September 1964 relating to cross border
economic development; 1p

• Report of the Economic Independence Committee, brief points on the Anglo-Irish free trade agreement; January 1966, 3pp
• Draft constitution of the Wolfe Tone Society; 2 copies 1964, 1966 and undated


MS 44,090 /3 Papers of the Cork Wolfe Tone Society, includes correspondence, publicity material and agendas; 19 items 1966-7

V.viii. Other societies and organisation

MS 44,091 /1  *An Solus. A Monthly Organ of Republicanism* Vol.1 No.1; 8pp June 1947

MS 44,091 /2  Tri-colour ribbon badge celebrating the creation of the Republic of Ireland in 1949. Badge shows the General Post Office on O’Connell Street, Dublin surrounded by flames, with the dates 1916 above and 1949 below; 1 item 1949

MS 44,091 /3 Pamphlet *Engeland deed Ierland onrecht. Ulster oorzaak van Strubbelingen* (England did injustice to Ireland. Ulster is the cause of the troubles), published by Gazet van Limburg (newspaper of Limburg). Includes a newspaper cutting relating to the spread of ‘British out of Ireland’ material across Europe; 2 items 20 Jan. 1951 and 21 Oct. 1973 [one item is in Dutch]

MS 44,091 /4 Pamphlet *First Objective of “Ireland for the Irish”*, lays out the aims of the society to have Irish land in Irish hands only; 2pp c.1956

MS 44,091 /5  *The Constitution of the Connolly Association and Irish Self-Determination League*; 3pp 1960 with addition in 1964

MS 44,091 /6  *Clann Éireann*, the newsletter of Clann Éireann GAA, in Lurgan, county Armagh; 2 items 1963

MS 44,091 /7 Copy of *Torch* Vol.1 No.3, issued by the Republican Movement; 7pp March 1966
MS 44,091 /8  By-laws of the Committee for Justice in Northern Ireland; 2pp
c.1969

MS 44,091 /9  Flyer for The Land League, relating to small farmer’s rights; 2pp
undated

V.ix. Contemporary newspapers

MS 44,092 /1  The Irish Independent, relating to the declaration of Ireland as a
Republic; 4pp
19 April 1949

MS 44,092 /2  Newspaper cuttings on the IRA; 52 items
1953-4

MS 44,092 /3  Copy book containing newspaper cuttings on release of anti-
partitionist senator and MP Liam Kelly from Belfast Jail and the
raid on Omagh military barracks, and on a military camp near
London; c.55 items
c.1954-5

MS 44,092 /4  Newspaper cuttings on the IRA; 33 items
1955

MS 44,092 /5  Newspaper cuttings on the IRA; 24 items
1956

MS 44,092 /6-8  Newspaper cuttings on the IRA; c.250 items in 3 folders
1957

MS 44,093 /1  The United Irishman; 2 items
Feabhra 1957 and Lunasa 1961

MS 44,093 /2  Photocopies of letters to the editor discussing the boundary
agreement; 1p
July 1957

MS 44,093 /3-5  Newspaper cuttings on the IRA; c.150 items in 3 folders
1958

MS 44,093 /6-7  Newspaper cuttings on the IRA; c.130 items in 2 folders
1959-64

MS 44,093 /8  ‘Ireland’s Fanatics Fight to Keep Hatred Green’ by Hugh Moffett
(Life International, August 1966), looking at the situation in
Northern Ireland in 1966, the fiftieth anniversary of the Easter
rising; 4pp
August 1966
Facsimile pages from *The Irish News*; 7pp
August 1969
VI. IRISH SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM

Due to the involvement of James Connolly and other socialists in the 1916 rising there has always been a link between Irish socialism and Irish republicanism. This section contains papers collected by O’Mahony on some aspects of Irish socialism and communism.

**MS 44,094 /1** Copy of articles by Jenny Marx and her father Karl, on the Irish question. Also includes review of book *Marx and Engles on Ireland*; 2 items 1870 and undated

**MS 44,094 /2** Photography of Jim Larkin and other Trade Unionist Activists in Belfast; 1 item 1909

**MS 44,094 /3** Copy of *The Starry Plough*, journal of Irish Labour opinion; 4pp Dec. 1951

**MS 44,094 /4** [James] Connolly: Yellow Unions in Ireland and other articles (Connolly Books, Irish Communist Association, 1968); 11pp 1968

**MS 44,094 /5** Newspapers articles and printed article on James Connolly (1868-1916) and Jim Larkin (1876-1947); 7 items 1968 and undated


**MS 44,095 /1** Newspapers articles on Irish Communism, mainly relating to Michael O’Riordan, founder of the Communist party of Ireland; 10 items 1971-1980 and undated

**MS 44,095 /2** Article ‘Mick Prices Citizen Army’ from *Sunday World*; 1p April 1975

**MS 44,095 /3** Copies of articles;
- ‘William Martin Murphy and the origins of the 1913 Lock-out’ by Dermot Keogh (*Capuchin Annual*, 1977)

**MS 44,095 /4** Typed copy of *Towards a history of the communist party of Ireland* by Dr. O’Connor Lysaght, parts 1-4; c.55pp, Also includes two related articles; 3 items undated
MS 44,095 /5  Appeal by Irish Worker Union for support; 1p  undated

MS 44,095 /6  Copy of a flyer calling on men and women of Ireland to demand Irish made cigarettes, issued by Trade Union Labour; 1p  undated
VII. INDIVIDUALS

This section contains collections of papers belonging or relating to some of the key individuals in the republican movement. This section does not contain smaller collections of newspaper cutting and flyers relating to republican prisoners of ‘martyrs’ which O’Mahony collected. These have been listed in the relevant chronological period under the subsection Republican prisoners and ‘martyrs’. The collections of papers are arranged alphabetically by name, and the papers within each subsection are then listed chronologically. There is also a small collection of material on republican women, and a large collection of obituaries of republicans.

VII.i. Kevin Barry (1902-1920)

While a medical student at University College Dublin (UCD) Kevin Barry was involved in IRA and IRB activities in Dublin. On 20 September 1920 he took part in an ambush on the British army, in which three soldiers were killed. Barry was arrested, tortured and hanged for his part in the ambush, having refused to inform on his comrades. He was the first republican to be executed since the 1916 Rising, and that combined with his young age caused public outrage. Barry and nine others who were executed in Mountjoy during the War of Independence became known as ‘the forgotten ten’. On 14th October 2001 they were given a state funeral and their bodies re-interred in Glasnevin cemetery.

MS 44,096 /1 Papers relating to the re-interment of Kevin Barry and the forgotten ten, includes Sean O’Mahony’s invite, programme and order of service; 3 items
14 Oct. 2001

MS 44,096 /2 Album containing nineteen photographs of the funeral of Kevin Barry and the forgotten ten; 1 items
14 Oct. 2001

MS 44,096 /3 The Forgotten Ten: A commemorative brochure by Aengus O’Snodaigh and Jamie Moran, published by Sinn Féin. Booklet is signed by authors; 12pp
Oct. 2001

MS 44,096 /4 Newspaper and magazine articles, some copies; 11 items
Oct. 2001

MS 44,096 /5 ‘Kevin Barry and the Anglo-Irish propaganda war’ by M.A.Doherty; 12pp
undated

VII.ii. Tom Barry (1897-1980)

Tom Barry served in the British Army during World War I. In 1920 he joined the 3rd (West) Cork Brigade IRA. He was an extremely successful guerrilla leader, notable at Kilmichael and Crossbarry, and made west Cork ungovernable for the British. He
took the Anti-treaty side and was imprisoned after the battle of Dublin, July 1922. He escaped and was active in Anti-treaty forces until his recapture in May 1923. Barry was expelled from the IRA in 1924 but rejoined in the 1930s, and became Chief of Staff (1937-8). He was denounced by the IRA in 1940. He published his memoirs *Guerrilla days in Ireland* in 1949.

**MS 44,097 /1** Copy of transcript of questioning by Superintendent Jeremiah J. Meehan of Tom Barry on 28 March 1935; 4pp
28 March 1935

**MS 44,097 /2** Photocopy of signatures of IRA prisoners in 1935, including Tom Barry, also includes a list of names of 3rd West Cork Brigade and their position in a memorial photograph taken in 1938; 2 items
1935 and 1938

**MS 44,097 /3** Newspaper articles, some copies, relating to Tom Barry and the Kilmichael ambush; 18 items
1966-98

**MS 44,097 /4** Obituaries of Tom Barry; 7 items
July 1980

**MS 44,097 /5** ‘The IRA and its enemies: a review article’ by Brian P. Murphy (*The Month*, Sep.-Oct. 1998); 4pp
Sep.-Oct. 1998

**MS 44,097 /6** Leaflet ‘A refutation on the false attacks on Tom Barry, Malachy Conlon and Jeremiah Lennon’; 2pp
undated

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**VII.iii. Eamonn Boyce (b.1925)**

Eamonn Boyce was born in 1925 to a Republican family in Dublin. He joined the IRA in 1962 and was active in Dublin. In 1954 he was convicted for his part in the IRA raid on the Omagh barracks, and sentenced to 12 years imprisonment. During his time in Prison he kept a secret diary, as well as sending coded letters to his family.

**MS 44,098 /1** Manuscript copy of ‘The Revival of Irish. A case re-stated’ by Rev. Conleth Kearns, (*The Irish Ecclesiastical Record*, March 1954). Copied by Father Livinius for Eamonn Boyce, republican prisoner in Belfast Jail; 11pp
March 1954

**MS 44,098 /2** Letters from Eamonn Boyce, Crumlin Road Prison, Belfast to his mother, Mary, and brother Seán, 73 Galtymore Road, Drimmagh, Dublin. The letters have invisible ink (lemon juice) on reverse or between the lines, secret text gives details on conditions, requests information and items to be smuggled into the prison and sends messages to others. Most of the letters have their envelopes; 24
items

**MS 44,098 /3**
Two typed letters (copies) from Eamonn Boyce to his mother Mary; 2 items
6 Nov. 1954 and undated

**MS 44,098 /4**
Miscellaneous prison items;
- One prison tag ‘Eamonn Boyce, 12 years impt. 15.12.54’
- An Club Leabhar, 22/3/56
- 2 envelopes addressed to Mr Eamonn Boyce, No.1041 “A” Wing, Belfast/IRA Prison, Crumlin Rd, Belfast, Occupied Ireland. One postmarked Philadelphia, Dec. 1957
- Programme for the showing of the film *Mise Éire* by An Cumann Gaelic, 1960

**MS 44,098 /5**
Letters to Eamonn Boyce, Crumlin Road Prison, Belfast from Eamon Timoney or Mac Tiomáiní, one is his letter of resignation as a volunteer in the IRA. Also includes a letter from Patrick Gormley, Member of Northern Ireland parliament; 6 items
1954-1963, and undated

**MS 44,098 /6**
Letters to Eamonn Boyce, Crumlin Road Prison, Belfast from Charlie Murphy. Also includes a letter from Charlie’s younger brother Donal Murphy, IRA prisoner in Wormwood Scrubs to ‘Mankievicz’, letter includes a references to Seán Boyce going to visit his brother Eamon; 3 items
1954, 1956 and 1959

**MS 44,098 /7**
Nine jail cards, mainly Christmas with one Easter, made by Eamonn Boyce in Belfast jail; 9 items
1954-63

**MS 44,098 /8**
Two letters from Eamonn Boyce, Crumlin Road Prison, Belfast to his mother, Mary, and brother Seán, 73 Galtymore Road, Drimnagh, Dublin. Both have second page missing, one has envelope; 2 items
20 Dec. 1958 and 22 Feb. 1959

**MS 44,099 /1**
Miscellaneous letters to Eamonn Boyce, Crumlin Road Prison, Belfast; 5 items
1958-63

**MS 44,099 /2**
Letters from Eamonn Boyce, Crumlin Road Prison, Belfast to his mother, Mary, and brother Seán, 73 Galtymore Road, Drimnagh, Dublin. The letters have invisible ink (lemon juice) on reverse or between the lines, secret text gives details on conditions, requests information and list items to be smuggled into the prison and
sends messages to others. Most of the letters have their envelopes; 23 items 7 Jan. 1959 – 28 Sep. 1960

**MS 44,099 /3**
A-level Irish exam paper Summer 1960, with results for A-level Irish for E. Boyce and certificate for Eamonn Boyce for A-level Irish, Summer 1960; 3 items Summer 1960

**MS 44,099 /4**
Poem *Speal an Ghorta 1845*, copied by Eamonn Boyce while a prisoner in Belfast Gaol; 3pp c.1960

**MS 44,099 /5**
Letters from Eamonn Boyce, Crumlin Road Prison, Belfast to his mother, Mary, and brother Seán, 73 Galtymore Road, Drimnagh, Dublin. The letters have invisible ink (lemon juice) on reverse or between the lines, secret text gives details on conditions, requests information, lists items to be smuggled into the prison and sends messages to others. Letter dated 28th Feb. 1962 has a leather sample attached to it. Most of the letters have their envelopes; 16 items 8 Jan. 1961 – 14 March 1962

**MS 44,099 /6**
Four pages from letters by Eamonn Boyce, Crumlin Road Prison, Belfast to his mother, Mary, and brother Seán, 73 Galtymore Road, Drimnagh, Dublin. All are missing first page, 3 have extensive passages in invisible ink (lemon juice) on the reverse; 4 items undated

**MS 44,099 /7-8**
Christmas cards, postcards and mass cards sent to Eamonn Boyce in Crumlin Road Prison. One card is probably from Brendan Behan; c.70 items in 2 folders c.1954-62

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**VII.iv. (Robert) Erskine Childers (1870-1922)**

Erskine Childers was an English soldier in the Boer War, and author of the novel *The Riddle of the Sands* (1902). He became increasingly involved in the Home Rule movement and Irish Republicanism. Childers and his wife used their yacht *Asgard* to smuggle guns into Ireland for the Irish volunteers in July 1914, the Howth gun run. In 1918 he moved to Dublin and joined Sinn Féin. He was elected to the First Dáil Éireann and went to London with to negotiate the Anglo-Irish Treaty. Childers opposed the Treaty, and was arrested by the Free State in 1922, and executed later that year.

**MS 44,100 /1**
Copy of letter to Erskine Childers relating to the authority of the Rathmines and Pembroke Courts; 1 item
VII.v. Thomas Clarke (1857-1916) and Kathleen Clarke (1878-1972)

Thomas Clarke grew up in county Tyrone, he joined the IRB, and in 1883 was arrested in England on a bombing mission, and spent over 15 years in prison. On his release in 1899 Clarke meet Kathleen Daly, who’s uncle he had been imprisoned with. They married the next year and emigrated to America. In 1907 the Clarkes returned to Dublin and Thomas Clarke worked for the IRB, being involved from an early stage on the planning for the Easter rising. He was executed in Kilmainham in 1916. In 1907 Kathleen was involved in establishing Cumann na mBan. Throughout the 1920s she campaigned for support for the families of Republican families. She was elected to the Second Dáil and opposed the Treaty. She followed de Valera in forming Fianna Fáil and was elected to the Dáil in 1927. She was the first female Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1937, but left the party in 1943, due to the imprisonment of IRA members. She remained involved with the hospitals boards and the National Graves Association in the 1940s.

See also MS 44,041 /7 a letter from their son, and MS 44,026 /4 for an article on Thomas Clarke

MS 44,101 /1 Memorial card for John Daly (d.30 June 1916), Thomas J. Clarke (d.3 May 1916) and John Edward Daly (d.4 May 1916); 1 item 1916

MS 44,101 /2 Letter to Mrs. T. Clarke from D/Medical Services, IRA, General Headquarters Dublin, concerning entitlement of Leo Walters to
disablement grant; 1 item with envelope
16 Oct. 1923

MS 44,101 /3 Letter to Senator Mrs Clarke from ‘M P Boyle Keogh, ex Casement’s adjutant and friend, asking for help in searching for employment (4pp) also includes German tax card ‘Steuerkarte 1932’; 2 items
2 Dec. 1932

MS 44,101 /4 Copy of letter by Kathleen Clarke to Sean B MacManus published in Donegal Democrat relating to her husband and John Willie Kelly, also includes copy of related article; 2 items
9 Oct. 1964 and undated

MS 44,101 /5 Copy of article published in Sunday Times ‘1916 files shed new light on aftermath of Easter Rising’, relating to documents released at Kew (Public Records Office), also includes picture of the stonebreaker’s yard in Kilmainham where the 1916 executions took place; 2 items
21 May 1995 and undated

MS 44,101 /6 Copy of newspaper article on Kathleen Clarke, first female Lord Mayor of Dublin; 1 items
14 April 2001

VII.vi. Michael Collins (1890-1922)

A member of the IRB, Collins came to prominence in 1916 when he fought beside Patrick Pearse in the General Post Office. During his time in Frongoch Collins became a leading member of Sinn Féin, and was elected to the House of Commons, refused to take his seat and joined the First Dáil in 1919. Collins played an important role in the War of Independence as Director of Intelligence for the IRA, and with Richard Mulcahy directed the IRA. Collins helped negotiate and signed the Anglo-Irish Treaty in December 1921, and became President of the Provisional Government. He moved away from this role as he took control of the Free State’s new defence force, and the defeat of the Anti-treaty IRA. In August 1922 Collins was assassinated in West Cork. His death has provoked a number of rival claims and conspiracy theories over who fired the bullet, and who ordered the killing.

See also MS 44,038 /4 and ms 44,039 /6 for papers relating to Michael Collins while a prisoner in Frongoch.

VII.vi.1. Contemporary papers

MS 44,102 /1 Photocopy of letter by Collins to Lughaidh Breathnach concerning Northern Ireland, 7 February 1922, with note sent by Collins to Director of Intelligence concerning ammunition making in Aungier Street, Dublin, 10 August 1922; 2 items
1922
MS 44,102 /2  Copy wire to Emmet Dalton giving terms of ceasefire of Irregular leaders, 19 August 1922, with photocopy of note of Dalton concerning the death of Collins, undated; 2 pp
August 1922, undated

MS 44,102 /3  Newspaper articles;
- Article and photographs on the death of Collins from *Sunday Illustrated* (27 Aug. 1922); 2pp
- Article and photographs on the death of Collins from *Sunday Pictorial* (27 Aug. 1922); 2pp
- Copy of *An Saorstát The Free State*, Michael Collins Memorial Numbers (29 Aug. 1922); 4pp
- ‘Men who matter in Ireland, No one can replace Michael Collins’ *Sunday Pictorial*, undated

MS 44,102 /4  Photocopies of two photographs of Michael Collins, one of which was taken in Croke Park, 1920. Both are probably from newspapers; 2 items
undated

MS 44,102 /5  Photocopy typescript report on the death of Collins; 3 pp
undated

VII.vi.2. The death of Collins

MS 44,103 /1  ‘Statement under personal oath’ made by Robert Flynn concerning the circumstances surrounding the death of Collins. Includes copy of his birth and baptismal certificate and typescript notes on the statement; 6 pp
1904, 1977 & undated

MS 44,103 /2-3  News cuttings and some photocopies of news cuttings concerning the death of Collins (arranged chronologically by year); c.50 items in 3 folders
1966-2001

MS 44,103 /4  Letters concerning the death of Collins, some suggesting that Emmet Dalton carried out the assassination; 5 items

MS 44,103 /5  Photocopy letter from Emmet Dalton enclosing his annual subscription to *[Coisde Cuimhneachán an Choileánaig]* with an information leaflet on the society; 2 items
1976 & undated

MS 44,103 /6  Report on interview with Bill McKenna on the death of Collins; 2pp
1981


MS 44,104 /2  Photocopy affidavit signed by Simon Joseph Dalton, nephew of Emmet Dalton stating that his uncle shot Michael Collins; 1 p 1987

MS 44,104 /3  Interview with Larry Murphy, solicitor concerning the alleged shooting of Collins by Emmet Dalton and affidavit of Simon Joseph Dalton; 4 pp 1989

MS 44,104 /4  ‘Transcript of interview with Tom Foley’; 9 pp 1989

MS 44,104 /5  Photocopy of account by Patrick Collins on the movements of Eamon de Valera on 22 August 1922 [the day of Collins’s assassination]; 5 pp 1990

MS 44,104 /6  Photocopy ‘Clinching the argument’ concerning the death of Collins; 1 p undated

MS 44,104 /7  Photocopy of documents concerning the possibility that Timothy Healy was a British spy at the time of the Phoenix Park murders and the Michael Collins had discovered this in the week before his death; 3 items undated

VII.vi.3. Articles

MS 44,105 /1  Photocopy of ‘The Army in Being’ published in An t-Oglach, 30 August 1924; 3 pp 1924

MS 44,105 /2  Typescript ‘The Best Secret Service man we had – Jack Byrnes, A2 and the IRA’ by Julian Putlowski, published in Lobster concerning a British spy Jack Byrne who was executed by the Michael Collins’s ‘Squad’ in 1920; 38 pp [1990s]

MS 44,105 /3  Articles relating to the film Michael Collins by Neil Jorden (1996), and the response to it, some are copies; 5 items 1996
A member of the Irish Volunteers and IRB from 1914, de Valera occupied Boland’s Mill during the 1916 rising. Escaping execution he became president of Sinn Féin, and later prime minister of the First Dáil. De Valera objected to the Treaty and lead the Anti-treaty IRA into the Civil War. In 1926 he left Sinn Féin and established Fianna Fáil, entering the Dáil and swearing the oath of allegiance to King George which had been his main objection to the Treaty five years earlier. De Valera and Fianna Fáil dominated Irish politics; he was Taoiseach from 1937 to 1959, with two short breaks and then president from 1959 to 1973.

See also MS 44,042 /5 de Valera’s statement to the Dáil

MS 44,106 /1 Printed material:

- Copy of slip thanking for good wishes on election to President of the Free State, 24 March 1932; 1p
- ‘Taoiseach’s broadcast to the nation’ reprinted from The Irish Press, 17 May 1945; 7pp
- Presidential election leaflet, 1959; 4pp

1932, 1945, 1959

MS 44,106 /2 Articles;

- ‘If it wasn’t for Dev …’ by Ultach (Capuchin Annual, 1942); 6pp
- ‘Eamon de Valera agus a Ré’ by Seán Ó Lúing (Studies, Spring 1971); 12pp
- ‘Eamon de Valera: Life and Irish Times’ by Nicholas Mansergh (Studies, Spring 1971); 6pp

1942 and 1971

MS 44,106 /3-4 Newspaper cuttings and supplements relating to Eamon de Valera, mainly his death in 1975, 2 relating to Irish neutrality during Second World War and the golden Jubilee of Fianna Fail (1976); 21 items in 2 folders

1973-2000

MS 44,106 /5 Ireland Today. Bulletin of the department of Foreign Affairs, tribute to Eamon de Valera, (October 1982); 16pp

October 1982
Hayes was active on the GAA and IRA in the 1930s. He was the mastermind behind the ‘Christmas Raid’ on the magazine fort in Phoenix Park and replaced Seán Russell as IRA chief of staff in 1940. In June 1941 he was captured by IRA men who accused him of spying for the Free State. He was court-martialled and sentenced to death, but managed to escape having written a lengthy ‘confession’. He went to the Garda for protection, and after interrogation by the Special Branch was imprisoned for five years in 1942.

MS 44,107 /1 Copy of letter from Stephen Hayes to Jim O’Donovan, with a typed transcript of letter; 4pp
2 May 1941

MS 44,107 /2 Copy of ‘Special Communiqué issued by the Army Council’ concerning the court martial of Stephen Hayes with his ‘Confession’, (21 pp) and pamphlet published by the IRA with extracts from the communiqué; 2 items
September 1941

MS 44,107 /3 Pages from Evening Herald containing report on the sentencing of Stephen Hayes to five years imprisonment; 2 pp
19 June 1942

MS 44,107 /4 Comment of Hayes Confession by J. Crofton (3pp) also includes photocopy of a page from memoirs of Ned Gargan giving his view on Hayes case (1p); 2 items
27 Jan. 1945 and undated

MS 44,107 /5 Newspaper cuttings, one copy, of stories relating to Stephen Hayes, also includes letter from him to ‘Máire’ relating to research she was doing; 5 items
1962, 1968 and 1993

Hyde studied languages at Trinity College, Dublin and founded Conrád na Gaeilge [Gaelic League] in 1893 to save the Irish language. He found the growing politicisation of the movement uncomfortable and resigned the presidency in 1915. He was nominated by Cosgrave to Seanad Éireann, but lost his seat at the election in 1925. Having returned to academia he was selected in 1938 as the first President of Ireland, and held the office until 1945 when he retired due to ill health.

See also section I.v. for papers relating to the Gaelic League

MS 44,108 /1  Letters from J. John Stockely to Douglas Hyde; 11 items
              July 1887 - Nov. 1891

MS 44,108 /2  Letter to Douglas Hyde from James Keegan, St. Malachy’s Church, USA, also contains 3 other unsigned letters; 4 items
              1890, 1905, 1913 and 1916
              [one letter is in Irish]

MS 44,108 /3  Accounts and vouchers from presidency of Douglas Hyde; 13 items
              1940 and 1942

MS 44,108 /4  Manuscript of An Comachtach agus an t-Ultach [by Douglas Hyde], also includes entry from sale catalogue describing Mise agus an Connradh (1999); 2 items
              undated

VII.x. Liam Lynch (1893-1923)

Lynch joined the IRA becoming commandant of No.2 Cork Brigade. His reputation was such he rose to command the 1st Southern Brigade. Lynch was Anti-treaty and in March 1922 became Chief of Staff of the IRA. In November he issued a General Order, know as the ‘order of frightfulness’ allowing the assassination of Free state TDs, Senators and other leading figures. He was shot and killed in an action against Free State troops in county Tipperary on 10th April 1923; his successor issued the order to ceasefire shortly after. In 1935 a memorial tower was built on the site where he met his death, where a yearly commemoration is held.

See also MS 44,126 /4 interview with Moss Twomey, relating to Lynch’s views on Anglo-Irish truce.

MS 44,109 /1  Copies of three testimonials to Liam Lynch from his employers, P. O’Neill’s Hardware and M. J. Flavins Ironmonger; 3 items
              1913-1916

MS 44,109 /2  Copies of letters from Liam Lynch to his brother Tom and his mother Mary. Also includes copy of a telegram from Liam Lynch to Placidus Lynch; 20 items
Oct. 1917 – Oct. 1922 and undated

MS 44,109 /3 
Copies of letters of sympathy and a memorial poem sent to members of the Lynch family on the death of Liam Lynch, also includes a copy of a contemporary report of his death; 4 items April-June 1923

MS 44,109 /4 
Newspaper cuttings and copies of articles relating to Liam Lynch; 5 items 1933-73

MS 44,109 /5 
Papers relating to the fund raising for and building of the Liam Lynch memorial, includes copies of letters to and from Moss Twomey, IRA Chief of Staff and newspaper cuttings; 9 items 1934-5

MS 44,109 /6 
Letters relating to memorial services held at the Liam Lynch memorial, includes a copy of the oration delivered at the 2001 commemoration by Nioclás MacCraith; 6 items 1950-2001

VII.xi. Seán MacBride (1904-1988)

MacBride was born in Paris in 1904, son of Major John MacBride and Maude Gonne. He joined the Irish Volunteers in 1919, took the Anti-treaty side and was imprisoned in 1921. On his release he studied law in England before returning to Ireland as IRA Chief of Staff, he retired in 1937 and was called to the bar. In 1946 he formed Clann na Poblachta, and became Minister for External Affairs, in the first Inter-Party Government, 1948-51. After the failure of Clann na Poblachta MacBride became a leading campaigner for human rights. He was a founding member of Amnesty International and worked for several non-government organisations. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1974. He gave his name to the MacBride Principle which aimed to eliminate discrimination in employment of Catholics in Northern Ireland. This section deals with Seán MacBride’s life after Clann na Poblachta, for his time as leader of the Clann see V.ii.

MS 44,110 /1 
Newspaper and magazine cuttings relating to various aspect of Seán MacBride’s career; 16 items 1971-99

MS 44,110 /2 
Newspaper cuttings relating to Seán MacBride’s Nobel Peace Prize, also includes Amnesty International Nuacht, giving details on Seán MacBride’s Nobel Prize address; 4 items Dec. 1974 – March 1975

MS 44,110 /3 
Articles on Seán MacBride;
- ‘Interview with Seán MacBride’ by Ronan Sheehan (The Crave Bag, 1977); 8pp
- ‘The Extraordinary life and times of Sean MacBride’ by
Michael Farrell (*Magill*, Christmas 1982); 19 pp
1977 and 1982

**MS 44,110 /4**
Copy letters from Seán MacBride to Michael Costello, sending subscription to 1916-1921 Club and suggesting revisions to its constitutions, 13 August 1985. Also includes address by Sean MacBride to 1961-1921 Club’s Annual Truce (1921) Commemorative Dinner, 12 July 1985; 4 items
July – August 1985

**MS 44,110 /5**
Extract from the address to the Irish parliament by Charles J. Haughey, an Taoiseach on the MacBride Principles, also includes article ‘What are the MacBride Principles?’; 2 items
7 April 1986 and undated

**MS 44,110 /6**
Obituaries of Seán MacBride, including published correspondents over the controversial obituary in *Sunday Telegraph* also contains programme from the Requiem Mass held in St. Mary’s Pro-Cathedral and Kilmainham Goal; 25 items
Jan.-July 1988

**MS 44,110 /7**
*Seán MacBride Revolutionary and Statesmen* by Proinsias Mac Aonghuse, written for the Seán MacBride Memorial Meeting; 12pp
10 Feb. 1989

**MS 44,110 /8**
Photographs of Seán MacBride, one showing him giving a speech, the other showing a group of European delegates; 2 items
undated

**VII.xii. Patrick McGrath (1894-1940)**

Patrick McGrath was from a republican family, and he and two brothers, Gabriel and Lorean, were members of the IRA and took part in the Easter Rising. Patrick was later interned in Frongoch camp. Following his release he was active in the War of Independence and on the Anti-treaty side in the Civil War. He was arrested again in September 1939 with other members of the IRA staff. In Mountjoy, after attempting to escape, he went on hunger strike and was unconditionally released after 24 days. He was captured with Tom Harte during a raid in Rathgar, and both were executed on 6th September 1940.

**MS 44,111 /1**
Science Laboratory note book of Patrick McGrath; c.40 pp
1914

**MS 44,111 /2**
Letters and postcards to members of the McGrath family, includes postcards to Gabriel McGrath and Lorean McGrath both in Mountjoy Prison, and a letter from Annie Traynor, wife of Michael Traynor IRA Curragh internee to McGrath family expressing sorry at Paddy’s death; 5 items

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1920, 13 Sep. 1940 and undated

**MS 44,111 /3** Newspaper cuttings relating to the McGrath family; 6 items (one is a copy) 1924-1940 [one item is damaged]

**MS 44,111 /4** Newspaper cuttings on the arrest and hunger strike of McGrath; 2 items 1939, 1940

**MS 44,111 /5** List of items found on McGrath on his arrest; 1 item 1940

**MS 44,111 /6** Papers relating to the re-interment of Patrick McGrath, includes memorial cards, newscuttings and letter from the National Graves Association; 5 items 1957, 1960 and undated

**MS 44,111 /7** Collection of leaflets and poems commemorating Patrick McGrath, Tom Harte and others; 6 items 1990 and undated

**MS 44,111 /8** Manuscript account of ‘the arrest and trial of Paddy McGrath and Thomas Harte (Rough Draft)’; 7pp undated

**MS 44,111 /9** Collection of photographs of Patrick McGrath and other members of his family; 8 items undated

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**VII.xiii. Paddy McLogan (1897-1964)**

Paddy McLogan joined the IRB and Irish Volunteers in 1913, he was imprisoned in 1917 and went on hunger strike with Thomas Ashe. He was an IRA commander in South Armagh in the War of Independence, and between 1933-8 an abstentions republican member of the Northern Irish parliament for the area. He was President of Sinn Féin from 1953, until his resignation from the party in 1962. He was arrested in 1957 after the Garda Special Branch raid on the Sinn Féin Ard Comhairle, with six others including Michael Traynor.

**MS 44,112 /1** Three letters from Michael Traynor, National Secretary Sinn Féin in Curragh Internment camp to Paddy [McLogan], 3 items 21 July 1957, 27 Feb. 1958 and undated

**MS 44,112 /2** Papers relating to the resignation of Pádraig MacLógáin as president of Sinn Féin, all are copies there are duplicates of most;  
- Resignations letter [Pádraig MacLógáin] to the members of an Ard Comhairle, Sinn Féin, 24 May 1962; 4pp
• Further letter from [Pádraig MacLógáin] to members of an Ard Comhairle, Sinn Féin, relating to the differences between Sinn Féin and IRA, 30 June 1962; 3pp
• Statement to ‘Cumann and Comhairle Ceanntair of Sinn Féin’ issued by Pádraig MacLógáin, Miceal MacTreinhir, Sean O’Mathghamhna, Tomas o’h-Eanain, Sean O’Guimidhí, Marie Bean Ui Ruiseil, Pádraig O’h-Again and Antoine MagCana explaining ‘the reasons behind their resignation from Ard Comhairle of Sinn Féin, 18 July 1962; 1p
• Two letters from Tomas Misteil to Pádraig MacLógáin relating to MacLógáin’s statements of resignation, and MacLógáin’s reply, 1-27 August 1962; 3 items
• Correspondence between Tomas Misteil, Sinn Féin Secretary, to Pádraig MacLógáin relating to the expulsion of Pádraig MacLógáin and others from Sinn Féin, November 1962; 3pp
• Correspondence between Tomas Misteil and Eamon MacThomas, Sinn Féin Secretaries, relating to statements of resignation and expulsion from Sinn Féin, with reasons for resignation and ‘some observations on the methods used to effect explosion’, Aug. – Nov. 1962; 4pp
• Newscutting, June 1962; 1 item

May – Nov. 1962

MS 44,112 /3 Copy letter to ‘George’ from Paddy McLogan; 2pp
5 July 1964

MS 44,112 /4 Copy of press release on memorial service to be held in New York for Paddy McLogan; 1p
10 June 1975

VII.xiv. Eoin MacNamee (1914 -1986)

Eoin MacNamee served in the IRA in 1930s and 1940s and was interned in Crumlin Road Jail, Belfast, Mountjoy Jail, Dublin and the Curragh Internment Camp. He was a republican activist, including a period in London during the 1930s. He was a founder of NORAID Organisation (Irish Northern Aid Committee) in the USA and was active in Irish/American welfare organisations until his death in 1986.

See also MS 44,134 /3 autograph book of MacNamee in the Curragh Camp

VII.xiv.1. Letters and memoir

MS 44,113 /1 Letter from ‘Criostoir’ at Mountjoy Prison to ‘Roisin’, 1942, with letters to Eoin MacNamee from Sean MacDiarmada (in Irish), 1944, and from James Larkin, Seamus O Dudhghaill, 1948 and Tim Pat Coogan and other correspondents; 13 items
1942-1970 & undated
Mainly Christmas cards sent to Eoin MacNamee with a letter from ‘Nora’ sent to MacNamee while he was in the Tintown Internment Camp at the Curragh, county Kildare, April 1942; 23 items
c. 1940s

Letters to Eoin MacNamee from ‘Opsa Club’ and from the Chief Migration Officer, Commonwealth of Australia concerning travel to and settlement in Australia; 2 pp 1949 and undated

Envelope marked ‘Memories of Eoin MacNamee, part of his unpublished memoir’ containing typescript sheets, sections, 1-5 describing ‘How did I arrive at my Republican convictions? Above all what were the factors that motivated me to become so committed to the Republican cause as to do at lease a little every day of my life since early youth until to-day (1967), for the advancement of Tone’s ideal, sometimes in Britain, sometimes in America, and in my seagoing days in a variety of foreign lands’; 23 pp [c.1967]

Letters from Barry McElduff, Secretary of the Tyrone National Graves Association with reply from Dáithí Ó Conaill concerning the erection of a monument to Eoin MacNamee at Broughderg, county Tyrone; 4 pp 1987-1988

Printed item Cummery Shirveish Ashoonach: Ayns Chengey ny Mayrey Ellan Vannin [A form of service national, in the middle tongue of the Isle of Man], Doolish Prentit son Yn Cheshaght Ghailckagh liorish S.K. Broadbent as sh., Straid Kill, 1924; 12 pp 1924

Exercise books containing Irish language exercise and grammar; 8 items c.1940s

Printed item An Ceim, published by the Gaelic League of Scotland; 8 pp March 1947

Letter to Eoin MacConmidhe from Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge; 3 pp 1948
VII.xiv.3. Trade Unionism

MS 44,115 /1 Papers relating to The Irish Union of Distributive Workers & Clerks including collectors’ account books, contribution cards, a rules book and application forms; 9 items
1940s

MS 44,115 /2 ‘Summary of evidence from The Irish Union of Distributive Workers & Clerks in connection with dispute at Payantake Ltd., Dublin and Dun Laoghaire’; 7 pp
c.1947

MS 44,115 /3 ‘Trade Talk no. 3 under the auspices of the Wholesale Grocers’ Association of Ireland at Jury’s Hotel, Dublin 19th October, 1949…Subject - The Candle Industry’; 12 pp
1949

VII.xiv.4. Other personal papers

MS 44,116 /1 Book keeping exercise book; 12 pp
1900, 1923-24, 1943

MS 44,116 /2 Pamphlet [with some pages missing] concerning financial issues in Britain such as the return to the gold standard; 20 pp
c.1930s

MS 44,116 /3 Lecture notes, some on O’Donovan Rossa; 4 items
1948 & undated

MS 44,116 /4 Papers relating to shipping; 3 items
1951-1952 and undated

MS 44,116 /5 Envelope marked ‘Owen Personal Items, Drawings’ containing engineering qualification certificates and a volume of drawings; 4 items
1961-1969 and undated

MS 44,116 /6 Derry Citizens Defence Association Newssheet; 1 p
September 1969

MS 44,116 /7 Postcards, memorial cards, a telegram, notes and a small account
VII.xiv.5. Newscuttings

MS 44,117 /1
So Book 136½ supplied for the public service containing newscuttings relating to the Second World War with handwritten notes on various events; 1 item
[c.1939-45]

MS 44,117 /2
Loose newscuttings; 8 items
1949-1986

VII.xv. Terence MacSwiney (1879-1920)

MacSwiney was the founder of the Cork branch of the Irish Volunteers in 1913, and second in command of the Cork part of the Easter Rising. He was interned in various prisons in England. In 1918 he was elected to Dáil Éireann for Sinn Féin, and after the murder of Tomás Mac Curtan he became Lord Mayor of Cork in March 1920. In August 1920 he was arrested for possession of seditious articles and documents. He was sentenced to two years in Brixton Prison, where he died on the 74th day of his hunger strike. His body lay in St. George’s cathedral, Southwark, before it was returned to Cork for burial.

MS 44,118 /1
Extracts from the minutes of the council of County Borough of Cork, relating to the removal of Prof. Kuno Meyer from the freemen of Cork due to his pro-German views; 2pp
8 Jan. 1915 and 14 May 1920

MS 44,118 /2
Journal articles relating to Terence MacSwiney;
  • ‘The Story of Terence MacSwiney’ by Eithne mc Suiöne, extract from a proposed book. Published by Cumann ns mBan (1930); 2pp
  • ‘And a deathless dream’ by Eileen F. Quinn (Capuchin Annual, 1948); 4pp
  • ‘The funeral of a hunger-striker’ by Sean O’Mahony; 2pp
1930, 1948 and undated

MS 44,118 /3
Newspaper articles; 4 items
1932, 1970, 2004 and undated

MS 44,118 /4
Invitation to subscribe to Terence MacSwiney memorial chapel of St. Patrick in St. George’s Cathedral, Southwark, also includes receipt for money; 2 items
5 Oct. 1957

MS 44,118 /5
Copy of account of Muriel MacSwiney (neé Murphy) of her struggle with Mary MacSwiney for the custody of her daughter,
Máire, after the death of Terence MacSwiney, 6pp. Also includes a news release from RTÉ about the marriage of Máire MacSwiney and Ruairi Brugha, son of Cathal Brugha; 2 items
Sep. 1944 and 23 Jan. 2003

MS 44,118 /6 Memorial placard to Terence MacSwiney, with a poem and photo surrounded by a Celtic design, also includes a later produced memorial card; 2 item
undated

VII.xvi. Sean Moylan (1888-1957)

Sean Moylan was active in the Irish Volunteers in Cork and in the IRA during the War of Independence in Cork. He was elected as an Anti-treaty T.D. in 1922 but failed to take his seat in the Dáil. He acted as Director of Operations in the IRA the Civil War and joined Fianna Fáil in 1926. Moylan was Minister for Education in Eamon de Valera’s government (1951-1954) but lost his seat in the 1957 general election. He later returned to the Dáil as a Senator and became Minister for Agriculture until his death later that year. His autobiography Sean Moylan in his own words: his memoir of the Irish War of Independence was published by the Aubane Historical Society, Cork in 2003. This section contains statements collected for the Bureau of Military History and an unpublished manuscript.

MS 44,119 /1 ‘Typescript statement by Sean Moylan, T.D., Minister for Education, 135 St Lawrence Road Clontarf, Dublin. Officer Commanding Cork II Brigade, 1921. Officer Commanding Cork IV Brigade, 1921. Unsigned: 272 pp
6 May 1953

MS 44,119 /2 Photocopy of ‘Statement of Tomás Malone, Bushfield, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary’. Includes table of contents and appendices; 109 pp
12 May 1953

MS 44,119 /3 Photocopy of typescript statement by Comdt. Vincent Byrne of the Dublin Brigade. Includes table of contents; 79 pp
12 October 1958

MS 44,119 /4 Word-processed statement by Paddy Daly with a ‘Descendant Report For: Thomas Daly’ [father of Paddy]; 37 pp
undated

MS 44,119 /5 Photocopy of ‘Statement of Mr Joseph McGuiness, Evergreen Cottage, New Road, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin’. Includes table of contents; 26 pp
undated

MS 44,119 /6 Photocopy of an unpublished manuscript entitled ‘The Threshold of Freedom or With the Men of the West: a Story of the Troubled Times in the West of Ireland’ by Tom Kittrick. Contains
typescript ‘The Threshold of Freedom in Retrospect 1914-1916’; 
typescript ‘The Threshold of Freedom or With the Men of the 
West. Part the first. A Journal of Jails’; handwritten ‘Part Two, 
the Regime of the Black and Tans’; handwritten ‘Part Three, Civil 
Strife’. Some pages are annotated; 193 pp undated

VII.xvii. Patrick O’Byrne (1893-?)

Patrick J. O’Byrne was born in 1893. He joined the Volunteers in 1916. He served as Adjutant of the First Battalion Dublin No. 1 Brigade IRA from May 1921-February 1923. He fought on the Anti-treaty side of the Civil War and was imprisoned firstly in Mountjoy prison and later in the Curragh Camp.

**MS 44,120 /1**  
Letter from Eamon de Valera, Brigade Adjutant concerning an application to join the Irish Volunteers, with related list of parades; 2 pp  
February 1916

**MS 44,120 /2**  
Letter fragments found at Ringsend Basin and Boland’s Mill; 2 items  
April 1916

**MS 44,120 /3-4**  
Permit issued by the British Military Authorities, May 1916 to J. Byrne to proceed to Trinity College, with other documents relating to the IRA during and after the Civil War including, letter concerning the Irish Republican Prisoners’ Dependents’ Fund, 1922, document concerning ‘Transfers, letter giving details of Governor-General’s mail, and details of some of the IRA men killed during the Civil War with a list of their dependents; 55 items in 2 folders  
1916, 1922, mostly undated

**MS 44,120 /5**  
Letter to Mr Hooper from [ ] Cotter concerning Lloyd George and Randolph Churchill’s attitude to Ireland; 4 items  
July 1918

**MS 44,120 /6**  
Notice ‘To the electors of North Kildare’ from Domhnall ua Buachalla, Sinn Féin candidate [later Governor-General of the Irish Free State]; 1 p  
1918

**MS 44,120 /7**  
Account book; 1 item  
1918-1923

**MS 44,120 /8**  
Draft ‘The Coming Irish Elections. “Parliaments” – or “Constituent Assemblies” to negotiate?’ concerning the proposals for elections following the Government of Ireland Act, December 1920; 6 pp
c.1920-1921

**MS 44,120 /9**  Letter to editor of Freeman’s Journal giving details of attacks on the Custom House and other ‘Enemy Government Offices’ for publication; 1 item
May 1921

**MS 44,120 /10**  Two notes concerning money, with a letter relating to the organisation of Volunteers and rules of procedure for court-martial; 3 items
November-December 1921

**MS 44,121 /1**  Typescript report on ‘Attack on Alderman Liam de Roiste’s House, and murder of Rev. Father O’Callaghan on Whit Sunday morning, May 15th, 1921’; 3 pp
1921

**MS 44,121 /2**  Photocopy of ‘Posts occupied by troops’; 4 pp
June 1922

**MS 44,121 /3**  Applications for unemployment assistance; 2 pp
July 1922

**MS 44,121 /4**  Various orders and other documents relating to the Anti-Treaty forces in the Civil War relating to ammunition and prisoners’ releases. Also includes ‘List of members of [A Dublin company] as prisoners in hands of the Enemy Forces, 6 November 1922 and order to kill all members of the Free State Government, 22 December 1922; 15 items
July-December 1922

**MS 44,121 /5**  Report of Christopher Ferguson on his arrest by Free State troops; 2 pp
1922

**MS 44,121 /6**  ‘Oglaigh na h-Éireann (IRA) Constitution and Rules adopted at Army Convention, 9th April 1922’. Printed, typescript and draft typescript copies; 4 items
1922

**MS 44,121 /7**  Printed ‘Address to the Dublin Brigade’ by Oscar Traynor, O/C Dublin Brigade with ‘Resolutions passed by the Brigade Convention’ and ‘Dublin Brigade. Resolutions not passed by Brigade Convention’; 5 items
undated, c. 1922

**MS 44,121 /8**  Correspondence of Patrick O’Byrne including one letter from O’Byrne to his family (photocopy), July 1922, a letter from ‘Mary’ while he was in Mountjoy prison, May 1923, from O’Byrne to his sister Fanny, May 1923 and from K. Kissane to
O’Byrne while he was at the Curragh Camp, November 1923; 10 items
1922-1923

**MS 44,121 /9** Lists of ‘IRA prisoners captured by F.S. Forces’, lists of IRA dead during the Civil War including some photocopies and IRA daily report for Dublin No. 1 Brigade (blank); 11 items
1922-1923

**MS 44,122 /1** Various orders and other documents of the Anti-Treaty forces during the Civil war including a monthly attendance sheet, a letter from the Divisional Commandant to J. O’Dowd concerning possible peace negotiations with the Provisional Government, 17 January 1923, a list of ‘enemies of the Republic’ to be shot on sight, 7 February 1923, a list of traders asked to discontinue supplying good to the Free State government and army, a letter to John Tierney concerning the death of his son, with other documents; 28 items
1923

**MS 44,122 /2** Mainly envelopes with postcards send to Patrick O’Byrne from K. Kissane, 1923 and other notes; 18 items
1923 and undated

**MS 44,122 /3** Address book with names, addresses and company and battalion information on various men who fought in the Civil War, Dublin; 1 item
undated

**MS 44,122 /4** Papers showing names and addresses of some volunteers involved in the Civil War in Dublin and also giving information on companies and battalions; c. 75 items
undated

**MS 44,122 /5** Reports on court-martial proceedings taken against the *Freeman’s Journal*; 2 items
undated

**MS 44,122 /6** Various orders and other documents of the IRA including a list of decisions made by the Army Executive at a meeting in June 1924 with wording of the ‘Oath of Allegiance to the Republic’ and orders relating to casualty forms and also to courts-martial; 9 items
1924

**MS 44,122 /7** Typescript ‘List of fatal casualties 1922-1924, 1st Batt’; 1 p
[c.1924]

**MS 44,122 /8** ‘Cumann na saighdiurí poblacht na hÉireann. Irish Republican Soldiers Club 1916 – 23’. ‘Aims and objects’ and ‘Rules’; 1 item
1925

**MS 44,122 /9** Documents concerning reserve lists with some photocopies; 9 pp
1925

**MS 44,123 /1** Documents relating to the IRA concerning the Reconstruction Committee, January 1925, a report by Daniel Lyons on his interrogation by the Free State Army, March 1925, an order concerning the ‘Attitude of Volunteers to the so-called Northern and Free State Parliaments and Courts’, April 1925, and an order concerning finance, September 1925; 16 items
1925

**MS 44,123 /2** Typescript documents on the organisation of Oglaigh na h-Éireann including ‘General Organisation’, ‘General notes on company organisation and work’, ‘The Battalion’, ‘The Brigade’, ‘Intelligence’ and other papers; 14 items
1926 and undated

**MS 44,123 /3** Orders and various documents concerning IRA including ‘White Cross Funds’, ‘Compiling of casualty lists’ and ‘volunteers as parliamentary candidates’; 5 items
1926

**MS 44,123 /4** Three leaflets: ‘British shells to kill Irishmen’, ‘What Sinn Féin stands for’ [produced by the Ulster Unionist Council] and ‘Appeal for recruits…join the Irish Republican Army’; 3 items
undated

**MS 44,123 /5** Copy letter from Patrick O’Byrne to Mark Byrne with related death notice; 2 items
1929, 1969

**MS 44,123 /6** Papers concerning ‘Cumann Oglaigh na h-Éireann’ including constitution; 4 items
1934 & undated

**MS 44,123 /7** Reports on the service of Sean Moore in the Volunteers, c. 1916-1923; 2 items
1937

**MS 44,123 /8** Papers concerning the reorganisation and meetings of ‘A’ Company, 1st Battalion Old Dublin Brigade IRA; 8 items
1940

**MS 44,123 /9** Department of Defence army pensions forms, 1954-1980, with related booklet *An explanation of the sections of the Military Service Pensions Act*, 1934; c. 63 items
1954-1980
VII.xviii. James O’Donovan (1896-?)

O’Donovan studied chemistry at UCD, and carried out research for an explosive company. He joined the IRA and became the director of Chemicals in 1921, and took the Anti-treaty side in the Civil War. He was imprisoned in Mountjoy and Kilmainham. During the 1920s and 30s O’Donovan carried on a successful career with various chemical companies. In 1938 he wrote the S-Plan, a bombing campaign of England for the IRA. In 1939 he visited Germany three times making arrangements for arms and plans for war. He was imprisoned in the Curragh Camp during the Emergency.

See also MS 44,064 /4 for O’Donovan’s submission to the Bureau of Military History

MS 44,124 /1 Miscellaneous articles and papers;
- Published letter from Edward Thomas O’Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, 25 May 1917, contained inside an envelope bearing the inscription ‘Bishop O’Dwyer of Limerick our most nationalist minded bishop yet wrote in 1917, against John Dillon MP as “this poor drivelling bottle holder of the English Liberal”. John Dillon and Larry Ginnel MP were the two strongest proponents and defendants of the executed 1916 men.’; 2 items
- ‘Report on Eire’ (The Economist, 18 July 1942), article is annotated; 2pp
- Ex Libris bookplate of James L. O’Donovan; 1 item 1917, 1942 and undated

MS 44,124 /2 Copy of poem In Memoriam, dated 10th April 1923, Mountjoy Jail; 1p
10 April 1923

MS 44,124 /3 Papers relating to James O’Donovan’s career;
- ‘Dublin-Made Paint Product’ reprinted from Irish Builder and Engineer, 20 Feb. 1926, featuring James O’Donovan
- Curriculum Vita of James O’Donovan [1948]
- Business card of James O’Donovan, undated
- Blank form authorising James O’Donovan to work as agent for them, undated 1926, [1948] and undated

MS 44,124 /4 Selection of travel documents from journey to Berlin, 1939. Includes travel tickets, luggage labels, hotel and other recipes, breakfast menu from S.S. New York, 26 April 1939 and a post card to Miss M. O’Donovan; 16 items 1939
One lino print and two original drawings from the Curragh camp; 3 items
1943 and undated

Soft bound book entitled Scraps, containing poems transcribed by James O’Donovan, from the Curragh Camp; 27pp
1943

Transcript of a rough draft of a ‘letter for some publication by Seamus (Jim) O’Donovan while Harry White awaited hanging in 1946. I have no idea if it was ever published.’ Transcribed by Gerry O’Donovan; 3pp
1946

VII.xix. Brian O’Higgins (1882-1963)

Brian O’Higgins was involved in the run up to the Easter Rising, and was imprisoned in Frongoch camp. He was elected to Westminster for Sinn Féin in 1918 and the First Dáil in 1919. He opposed the Anglo-Irish Treaty, and lost his seat in 1927. During the 1930s he was one of seven member of the Second Dáil who gave the title of “legitimate government of Ireland” to the IRA. He left Sinn Féin in 1934 in protest at members of Sinn Féin taking Free State pensions. As well as his political activities O’Higgins was also a writer and poet, often under his pen name Brian na Banban, and editor of the Wolfe Tone Weekly. He also produced a series of Christmas and other religious cards and calendars with a nationalistic feel.

Copies of ‘The Dáil Appeals to the Gael, 1929’ and “Declare the Republic!” a letter form O’Higgins to a conference held to inaugurate a new Republican Movement. Also includes typed copies of ‘Who is Ireland’s Enemy?’ a poem by Brian na Banban; 3 items
1929, 1940 and undated

Three calendars and one Christmas card design by O’Higgins. The Christmas card is signed by O’Higgins, and two of the calendars are addressed to Eamonn Boyce; 4 items
1955-7

Newspaper cuttings relating to Brian O’Higgins; 5 items
1967-82

VII.xx. Moss (Maurice) Twomey (1897-1978)

Moss Twomey joined the Irish Volunteers in 1917. He was active in the War of Independence and Civil War, serving under Liam Lynch, and was imprisoned in April 1923. In 1927 he became IRA Chief of Staff, and held the position until his arrest in
1936, when the organisation was banned. He left the IRA in 1939, and withdrew from politics. He continued his involvement with many republican commemorative events.

**MS 44,126 /1**  Copy of general order from IRA headquarters, re executive decisions on courts, 5 Feb. 1924. Also includes a letter from Moss Twomey to ‘Paddy’ discussing attacks made on Twomey for the hard line nature of this order, arguing that ‘it was I who drafted that general order, OR more precisely I tore up a harder line draft made in rough by Frank Aiken … nothing was to extreme at that time for Frank’, 22 Aug. 1973; 3 items 5 Feb. 1924 and 22 Aug. 1973

**MS 44,126 /2**  Newspaper cuttings relating to Moss Twomey, topics include his 1936 arrest and his death; 3 items 1936-1978

**MS 44,126 /3**  Report on the Moss Twomey commemoration by George Harrison of the National graves association; 2pp 21 Nov. 1978

**MS 44,126 /4**  Copy of part of a transcript of questions and answer session [with Moss Twomey] discussing the Anglo-Irish truce and the subsequent split of the army, with special reference to the views and movements of Liam lynch; 11pp undated

**MS 44,126 /5**  Copy of typed notes on a conversation with Moss Twomey, covering various subjects from the Anglo-Irish truce to his arrest in 1936, also his views on many key individuals. [Notes made by Uinseann MacEoin, and used in his book *Survivors* (Dublin, 1980); 22pp undated

**VII.xxi. Republican Women**

This sections contains papers relating to the involvement of women in the republican movements. The papers are arranged alphabetically, with papers on republican women generally listed last.

See also **VII.v.** for papers relating to Kathleen Clarke (neé Devoy).

**MS 44,127 /1**  Newspaper articles relating to Leslie Bean de Barra (neé Price), wife of Tom Barry; 3 items 1971-80

**MS 44,127 /2**  Papers relating to Gobnait Ní Brudair (Albina Brodrick), mainly newspaper cuttings, many relating to the memorial in her memory (1968) also contains typed extracts from her diary; 14 items 1955-78 and undated
MS 44,127 /3 Newspaper articles relating to Maire Comerford, also includes a letter from Maire Comerford to Coleman Doyle (undated); 14 items 1971-82

MS 44,127 /4 Papers relating to Nora Connelly, daughter of James Connelly, mainly newspaper articles also contains copies of a letter and associated documents; 8 items 1935, 1977, 1980 and undated

MS 44,127 /5 ‘Survivors; Appendix: Maude Gonne’ (1866-1953), a biography compiled by Uinseann MacEoin for his book Survivors (Dublin, 1980); 22pp undated

MS 44,127 /6 Series of newspaper articles by Sheila Hartnett, Kerry civil war and Kilmainham Jail veteran; 3 items Dec. 1971

MS 44,128 /1 Memorial card to Mary MacSwiney (1878-1942); 1 item [1942]

MS 44,128 /2 Papers relating to Constance, Countess Markievicz neé Gore-Booth, includes A call to the women of Ireland by Constance Markievicz (Dublin, 1918) and newspaper cuttings; 6 items 1918, 1990-3, 1997 and undated

MS 44,128 /3 Articles relating to Margaret Pearse and Margaret Mary Pearse, mother and sister to Patrick Pearse; 2 items 1969 and undated

MS 44,128 /4 Article on Grace Plunkett neé Gifford, wife of Joseph Plunkett, also interviews with Joseph’s sister Geraldine Dillon-Plunkett; 2 items 1982 and 2000 [see also file on Nora Connolly, MS 44,127 /4 for join interview with her and Geraldine Dillon-Plunkett]


MS 44,128 /6 List of names, with details of activities, of ‘women in the republican struggle 1950 to 1972’, also includes a photocopy of an intelligence report on Eileen Margaret McKearney, Provisional IRA; 2 items 2002 and undated
This section contains newspaper cuttings, mainly obituaries, of various individuals involved in the republican movement, with related documents. They relate to individuals not listed elsewhere in this collection.

**MS 44,129 /1**  
Newspaper cuttings relating to Frank Aiken; 2 items  
1983, 1999

**MS 44,129 /2**  
Biography of Joe Barrett, by Owen McCrohan; 3pp  
30 Aug. 2002

**MS 44,129 /3**  
Articles on Brendan Behan, includes a copy letter from D. Blakely to Irish Lights Office relating to the work of Behan; 5 items  
1950-1964

**MS 44,129 /4**  
Articles on, or by, and obituary of Ernest Blythe; c.35 items  
1964-75

**MS 44,129 /5**  
Articles on and obituaries of Gerry Boland, also copy of includes ‘Gerry Boland’s Story’ by Michael McInerney, published in *The Irish Times*; 9 items  
1959-72

**MS 44,129 /6**  
Articles on and obituaries of Dan Breen; 9 items  
1969-71

**MS 44,129 /7**  
Articles, mainly obituaries, on Joe Clarke, veteran of Mount Street Brigade, with related items; 28 items  
1965-76

**MS 44,129 /8**  
Biography of Andrew Cooney, (fifth draft of entry for Dictionary of Bibliography); 3pp  
1998

**MS 44,129 /9**  
Articles on John A. Costello; 6pp  
1967

**MS 44,130 /1**  
Articles on Michael J. Costello and photocopy of a portion of a memorial booklet; 5 items  
1965-86

**MS 44,130 /2**  
Obituary of Liam Cotter and memorial committee notes; 2 items  
Undated

**MS 44,130 /3**  
Obituary and notes on memorial to Frank Driver; 2pp  
c.1983

**MS 44,130 /4**  
‘In memoriam Tom Falvey April 12, 1928 – August 25, 1988’ by
his comrades George Harrison and Frank Durkan; 2pp
c.1988

MS 44,130 /5 Articles on George and Charlie Gilmore, also includes photograph
of Charlie Gilmore; 5 items
c.1970, 1985-7, undated

MS 44,130 /6 Article on Bulmer Hobson; 1p
1969

MS 44,130 /7 Obituary of Seamus Hoey, former political prisoner who died in
1922 as a result of his prison experiences. Also includes a
collection book to raise money for him to undergo a sea voyage to
recover his health (Nov. 1921); 2 items
1921-2

MS 44,130 /8 Copy of extracts from memoirs of Sean Kavanagh, governor of
Mountjoy Jail, with obituary; 2 items
Undated

MS 44,130 /9 Articles by Pearse Kelly; 6 items
Jan. 1969

MS 44,131 /1 Articles on Sean Lemass; 17 items
1966-9

MS 44,131 /2 Articles and obituaries of Hugh McAteer, IRA Chief of Staff; c.20
items
1951 and undated

MS 44,131 /3 Articles on Sean MacEntee, also includes a related letter; 9 items
1974-98

MS 44,131 /4 Series of articles ‘The Fenian Tradition’ by Sean Cronin,
published in *The Irish Times*, based on the papers of Joseph
McGarrity, leader of Clan-na-Gael; 14 items
April 1969

MS 44,131 /5 Articles on Mick McGlynn; 2 items
1986 and undated

MS 44,131 /6 Articles by Liam McWilliams, Belfast IRA, published in *The
People*; 3 items
25 Sep. 1955

MS 44,131 /7 Obituary of John Joseph Martin; 1p
c.1972

MS 44,131 /8 Articles of General Richard Mulcahy, includes articles from
*Capuchin Annual*, and some research notes; 12 items
1969-92

**MS 44,131 /9**  
Obituary of Connie Neenan, IRA activist in Cork during the War of Independence and Civil War, who was later leader of the IRA in America; 2 item copy  
undated  
See also **MS 44,064 /2-3**

**MS 44,132 /1**  
Articles on and obituary of Peadar O’Donnell; 19 items  
1968-86

**MS 44,132 /2**  
Obituary of George Plunkett, republican activist and brother of Joseph Plunkett; 1 item copy  
undated

**MS 44,132 /3**  
Obituary of Joe John Rice, IRA activist in county Kerry and Sinn Féin TD; 1 items  
1 Aug. 1970

**MS 44,132 /4**  
Articles on Sean Russell, also includes commemorative booklet, extract from a biography and a copy of one of Russell’s letters (10 Oct. 1937); 22 items  
1937-1999

**MS 44,132 /5**  
Articles on Frank Ryan, mostly on the return of his body to Ireland, with related items; 16 items  
1975-9

**MS 44,132 /6**  
Obituaries of John Joe Sheehy; 10 items  
1980

**MS 44,132 /7**  
Articles on Austin Stack, including photocopy of memorial material; 7pp  
1929-79 and undated

**MS 44,132 /8**  
Obituary and mortuary card of Seamus (Jimmy) Steele; 2 items  
1970
VIII. COMMEMORATIVE MATERIAL

This section contains commemorative material of republicanism which is not specifically linked to one individual or events, so has not been listed in the chronological section of the collection. This material in this section has been divided by type and then listed chronologically.

VIII.i. Autograph collections

This section contains a collection of autograph books kept by internees in various camps and prisons.

| MS 44,133 /1 | Autograph cook of [Riobaíd] O Raghallaigh while at Ballykinlar Internment Camp, with a release form for R. O’Reilly dated November 1921; 2 items 1921 |
| MS 44,133 /2 | Autograph book of Tadhg O’Murchadha at Rath Internment Camp, Curragh; 1 item 1921 |
| MS 44,133 /3 | Autograph book of Michael Cunningham at Mountjoy Prison. Signatories include Sean Lemass; 1 item 1923 |
| MS 44,133 /4 | Photocopy of pages from an autograph book in Curragh Camp; 65pp 1923 |
| MS 44,134 /1 | Autograph book of Billy Doyle while at Cork Jail. Includes some photographs; 1 item 1940 |
| MS 44,134 /2 | Photocopies of autographs collected at internment camps 1940-1975 (‘originals in Paddy McCarthy’s Club, Belfast’); 21 pp 1940-1975 |
| MS 44,134 /4 | Single sheet with 11 signatures, and a drawing of the Irish flag; 1p Undated |
VIII.ii. Brigade rolls of honour and memorials

MS 44,135 /1 County Kerry Memorial;
- Souvenir of unveiling of the Ballyseedy memorial to the Kerry Battalions, (1959); 2 copies
- Menu for a memorial dinner for the 50th anniversary of the 1916 rising (1969); 1p
- Appeal for funds for Kerry No.2 Brigade memorial committee, 1p
1959, 1966 and undated

MS 44,135 /2 County Tipperary material;
- Roll of honour North Tipperary IRA, covering period 1916-26; 1p
- Subscription card to Vice-Brig. James Stapleton, old 2nd Tipperary Brigade IRA, testimonial; 2pp
- Souvenir of unveiling ceremony of Upperchurch IRA Memorial to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Tipperary Brigade (1967); 2pp
1967 and undated

MS 44,135 /3 Sligo roll of honour, produced by Sligo National Graves Association, covering the period 1919-75; 1p
1983

MS 44,135 /4 Lists of attendees, with signatures, of the 50th anniversary dinner of the Armagh Raid (1954); 3pp
2004

MS 44,135 /5 Nominal roll of Crosserlough Battalion; 1p
undated

MS 44,135 /6 List in memory of all those from Ardoyne, Bone and Ligoniel ‘who died for Ireland’s troubles’; 2pp
undated

MS 44,135 /7 IRA roll of honour 1969-1972 Belfast Brigade, two copies one has a hand written annotation Gerry McCauley Aug. ’69 under the Na Fianna Éireann heading. Also contains Republican roll of honour 2nd Battalion Belfast Brigade, covering period 1969-73; 3 items
undated

VIII.iii. Mortuary cards

Other mortuary cards were found with papers relating to a specific individual and have been kept with those papers. This section contains a collection of mortuary cards which were kept together.
MS 44,136 /1  Mortuary cards, some copies, from 1880s-1930s, includes Charles Kirkham (d.1882), Roger Casement (d.1916), Thomas Ashe (d.1917), Michael Collins (d.1922) and several for Rory O’Connor, Liam Mellows, Dick Barrett and Joe McKelvey (all d.1922); 24 items 1880s-1930s

MS 44,136 /2  Mortuary cards, some copies, from 1940s-1960s, includes Máire Nic Shuibhne (d.1942), Sean Sabhat and Feargal Ó h-Annluain (d.1957); 16 items 1940s-60s

MS 44,136 /3  Mortuary cards, some copies, from 1970s-1980s; 12 items 1970s-80s

MS 44,136 /4  Mortuary cards, some copies, from 1990s-2000s; 11 items 1990s-2000s

VIII.iv. Poetry

MS 44,137 /1  Photocopy of *Leisure Moments* by James Laurence O’Donovan, plus newspaper cutting about the author; 2 items 1962 and undated [copy is poor quality]

MS 44,137 /2  Manuscript and typed poems, some submitted to *An Phoblacht*, plus a related copy of *Rebel City*; 10 items 1970-90

MS 44,137 /3  *Two Nations, An Eadh* by Geoffrey Coulter. Typed copy with covering letter to Marie Comerford, and published copy in *Capuchin’s Annual*; 2 items 1976-7

MS 44,137 /4  Miscellaneous printed poems;
  - *Too Late* ...(1997)
  - *Butcher’s Dozen* Thomas Kinsella
  - *Easter Week* Joyce Kilmer
  - *A Nation Once Again?* Alfred Allan
  - *Lodenn ar Brezoneg* published in Chronique Bretonne 1997 and undated

MS 44,137 /5  Poems by Liam MacGrabhann (1908-1978); 16pp undated

MS 44,137 /6  Poems by Mairéad Tuohy Duffy; 12 items undated [some items are in Irish]
MS 44,137 /7  Miscellaneous printed poems;
- *To Liam* by Sean O Tomhnair; 1 item, copy
- *A Farewell to Arms or the Guard of Armagh*; 2 copies
- *A Legend in our Time* by Peadar Tunney; 1 item
  undated

MS 44,137 /8  Manuscript poem *An tAthair Ó Floinn*; 1p
  undated
  [Item is in Irish]

MS 44,137 /9  Series of republican poems, mainly on republican martyrs from
  Terrance MacSwiney to Bobby Sands; 13pp
  undated

**VIII.v. Sheet music**

MS 44,138 /1  Copy of *Freedom’s Hill, A National Anthem* words by Thomas
  MacDonagh; 1p
  Dec. 1914

MS 44,138 /2  *Wrap the green flag round me, boys*, words by Caoimisin
  O’Rasallais; 2pp
  1917

MS 44,138 /3  *The flag of freedom*, words by Joseph Stanley; 2pp
  1917

MS 44,138 /4  *The Big Fellow, Michael Collins* by Leo Maguire; 2pp
  1965

MS 44,138 /5  *My Land* by Thomas Davis, produced by Irish Countrywomen’s
  Association; 2pp
  undated

MS 44,138 /6  *Down by the Glenside*, by Peadar O’Cearnaigh as sung by Delia
  Murphy; 2pp
  undated

MS 44,138 /7  *To Eire* music by Joseph M Crofts, words by a famous Irish poet,
  as sung by Gerald Crofts; 2pp
  undated

MS 44,139 /1  *Let me carry your cross for Ireland Lord*, words by Thomas Ashe;
  2pp
  undated

MS 44,139 /2  Song sheets relating to World War I; 4 items
  undated

MS 44,139 /3  Song sheets all in memory of Irish Republicans; 7 items
MS 44,139 /4  Song sheets, mostly printed by G.F. Walsh of Dublin; 14 items
undated

MS 44,139 /5  Typed song words, and notes on availability of songs; 3 items
undated

MS 44,139 /6  Words of a song referring to Roger Casement and Alfred Noyes; 1p
undated

VIII.vi. Stickers, stamps and correspondence

MS 44,140 /1  Scoil Éanna (St. Enda’s School) Pearse memorial fund badges (16 items) also includes to badge commemorating ‘Irish volunteers Gun-running at Howth July 26th 1914’ and one with the words ‘Damn you concessions England, We support the men who fight’ on the Irish flag; 18 items
undated

c.1920s

MS 44,140 /2  Reproductions of early Free State stamps; 2 items
undated
c.1922

MS 44,140 /3  8 republican commemorative stamps; 4 items
undated
1957

MS 44,140 /4  Sinn Féin’s Christmas postal service;
  • Booklet on 20 years of republican post 1976-1996; 6pp
  • Complete sheet of 30 stamps from 1976; 1 item
  • Details of 1988 service in West Belfast, with example of stamp; 2 items
  • Part of an envelope with stamp; undated
undated
1976-1996

MS 44,140 /5  Selection of Republican stickers; 9 items
undated

MS 44,140 /6  Blank headed note papers from various republican movements, including 1st Battalion, Dublin City Brigade and Interment camp writing paper for prisoners; c.60 items
undated

MS 44,140 /7-9  Republican Christmas cards; c.85 items in 3 folders
undated
IX. RESEARCH MATERIAL

This section contains a small amount of material relating to research done by Sean O’Mahony and others into various aspects of republicanism. Where research material was found with related documents, they have been kept together and listed in the relevant section.

**MS 44,141 /1**  
Research letters on various subjects; 8 items  
1955-2002  
[some items are in Irish]

**MS 44,141 /2-3**  
Papers relating to republican archives, includes;  
- Bundle relating to Northern Ireland political collection at Linen Hall Library, Belfast  
- Booklets on Cardinal Tómas ó Fiaich memorial library and archive, and American Irish historical society activation Irish project  
30 items in 2 folders  
1981-2000

**MS 44,141 /4**  
Copy letter from Ruairí Brugha to Uinsean MacEoin concerning a book written by Mac Eoin entitled *The IRA in the Twilight Years*, April 1997, with copy letter from MacEoin to Editor, Irish Times concerning the assumption that Sir John Betjemen was an IRA target in the 1940s, May 2000; 2 pp  
1997, 2000

**MS 44,141 /5**  
Reading lists and bibliographies on Northern Ireland; 6 items  
1980, 1987 and undated

**MS 44,141 /6**  
Letter from Edward Culleton to Sean O’Mahony concerning a television programme on internment and the Curragh Camp, with related document ‘Voices of the Disowned. An Oral History of the Curragh Internment Camp’; 5 pp  
April 2002

**MS 44,141 /7**  
Copy of list of journals and papers held in the Linen Hall Library, Belfast, compiled by Sean O’Mahony; 19pp  
undated

**MS 44,141 /8**  
List of books and pamphlets of J. J. O’Kelly in Irish; 10pp  
undated
PART TWO – 1969-2005

I. THE REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT

This section contains papers relating to the Republican Movement. The first few sections deal with the different groups that made up the movement such as Sinn Féin, as well as their publications. There is also a large collection of material relating to republican prisoners, and various cases and events involving republican activists. The final part of the section deals with American support for Irish republicanism.

I.i. Sinn Féin and IRA

After the failure of the 1939-45 and 1950s bombing campaign Sinn Féin and the IRA went into decline throughout the 1950s and 1960s. The party also moved to the left, becoming increasingly influenced by communist groups. In 1969 a wave of civil unrest occurred in Northern Ireland, with a violent response from the British Army and the RUC. The failure of the IRA to respond lead to a split within the party. The left leaning leadership wanted the party to abandon abstentionism and engage in non-violent constitutional politics. Traditionalists left the party, (now know as Official IRA and Official Sinn Féin), and under the leadership of Seán Mac Stíofáin and Ruairí Ó Brádaigh formed the Provisional IRA and Provisional Sinn Féin. The Official parties became increasingly marginal, as the Provisionals gained support. The 1981 hunger strikes proved a huge boost to Provisional support, and the spur to stand at elections. In 1983 Gerry Adam defeated Ruairí Ó Brádaigh to become president of Sinn Féin, leading to a further splintering of the party and the creation of Republican Sinn Féin. Gerry Adam’s led the party to a fairly constant level of support in elections throughout the 1980s. A collapse of popular support at the ballot box in the early 1990s and a series of disastrously unpopular bombings contributed to the 1994 IRA ceasefire, and the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. Since joining the Peace Process Sinn Féin have experience increasing support, and in 2001 replaced the SDLP as the largest nationalist party in Northern Ireland.

The papers in this section relate generally to the administration and policies of Sinn Féin and include correspondence, press releases, election and publicity material, and newscuttings.

This section covers the papers of both the Official and Provisional wings of the party, for Republican Sinn Féin see sections I.iii. and I.iv.

I.i.1. General papers

| MS 44,142 /1 | Sinn Féin constitution, policy and other documents; 8 items 1950s |
| MS 44,142 /2 | Papers relating to Sinn Fein’s attitude to elections, abstentionism and the Wicklow by-election, 1968; 18 items 1961-1969 and undated |
| MS 44,142 /3-5 | Sinn Féin booklets; 11 items in 3 folders 1962-1970 |
MS 44,143 /1-7 Papers relating to Sinn Féin’s opposition to the European Economic Community (EEC) and Common Market; c.125 items in 7 folders

MS 44,144 /1-5 Presidential addresses, mainly by Ruairí Ó Brádaigh, to various Sinn Féin Ard-Fheis; 18 items in 5 folders
1964, 1967-8, 1970-83
[some items in Irish]

MS 44,144 /6-8 Policy documents and position papers; c.45 items in 3 folders
[1960s-1980s]
[some items in Irish]

MS 44,145 /1-5 Pamphlets, newscuttings, posters, letters and other papers from various organisations around Europe and US in support of Sinn Féin; c. 75 items in 5 folders
c.1972-1979 and undated
[Some documents are in French, Spanish, German and Italian]

MS 44,145 /6 List of Sinn Féin councillors; 8 items
1974-9 and undated

MS 44,145 /7 Handwritten notes of Ruairí Ó Brádaigh on Sinn Féin Convention, dated 2/2/82, and election leaflet for Rory Brady; 2 items
1982 and undated

MS 44,145 /8 Sinn Féin election material; 2 items
undated

MS 44,145 /9 Miscellaneous items; c.20 items
various dates

I.i.2. Press releases

MS 44,146 /1 Press releases with related documents and papers; 5 items
1965

MS 44,146 /2 Press releases; 23 items
1966

MS 44,146 /3 Press releases; 33 items
1967

MS 44,146 /4 Press releases; 37 items
1968

MS 44,146 /5 Press release; 1 item
1969

MS 44,146 /6  Press releases; 28 items
1970

MS 44,147 /1-2  Press releases; c.80 items in 2 folders
1971

MS 44,147 /3  Press releases; c.50 items
1972

MS 44,147 /4-6  Press releases containing statements and speeches of Ruairí Ó Brádaigh, President Sinn Féin; c. 50 items in 3 folders
1972-1982 & undated

MS 44,148 /1-2  Press releases with related documents and papers; c.80 items in 2 folders
1973

MS 44,148 /3-4  Press releases; 42 items in 2 folders
1974

MS 44,148 /5-6  Press releases; c.40 items in 2 folders
1975

MS 44,148 /7  Press releases; 35 items
1976

MS 44,148 /8  Press releases; 22 items
1977

MS 44,148 /9  Press releases; 22 items
1978

MS 44,149 /1-2  Press releases; 37 items in 2 folders
1979

MS 44,149 /3  Press releases; 18 items
1980

MS 44,149 /4  Press releases; 6 items
1981

MS 44,149 /5  Press releases; 6 items
1982

MS 44,149 /6  Press releases; 8 items
1983

MS 44,149 /7  Press release; 1 item
1989

**MS 44,150 /1** Press release; 1 item

1992

**MS 44,150 /2** Press releases; 3 items

1996

**MS 44,150 /3** Press release; 1 item

1997

**MS 44,150 /4** Press releases; 2 items

2000

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**I.i.3. Articles and ephemera**

**MS 44,151 /1** Two wedding mass programmes signed by leading republicans, and photocopy of programme for funeral of Liam Burke; 4 items 1983-5 and undated

**MS 44,151 /2** Photocopies of articles in *International Viewpoint* as follows:

- ‘Sinn Féin moving leftward, the stakes for the national liberation movement’ by Gerry Foley and ‘Gerry Adams speaks’: 25 Nov. 1985, 5pp
- ‘Irish workers reject austerity’ by John Meehan: No.168, 31 July 1989, 3pp
- ‘Ireland: In from the cold’ by Penny Duggan and Roland Wood: No.260, Oct. 1994, 6pp
- ‘Ireland: the challenges facing the republicans’ by Gerry Foley: No.271, Nov. 1995, 1p

1985-95

**MS 44,151 /3** Photocopies of ‘Sinn Féin Foreign Affairs Bureau Information Service’ as follows:

- ‘Collusion and counter gangs, a counter insurgency strategy’: 22pp, c. 1989

1989-91

**MS 44,151 /4** Postcards and photographs of republican murals, with a related newspaper article; 30 items 1990 and undated
MS 44,151 /5 Photocopies of articles as follows:
  - ‘Gerry Adams interview Part 2: We are totally committed to a real peace process’ published in *An Phoblacht/Republican News*, 12 Sept. 1991, 4pp

1991

MS 44,151 /6 Press release from the White House concerning a question asked to President Bill Clinton concerning the non-issuing of a US visa to Gerry Adams; 3pp

1993

MS 44,151 /7 ‘Opening speech by Sinn Féin TD Caoimhghin O Caolain in Leinster House’ downloaded and printed from the Sinn Féin website; 2pp

1997

MS 44,151 /8 Two posters published by *An Phoblacht* with one published by Irish International Solidarity; 3 items

undated

I.i.4. Letters, circulars and other manuscript material

MS 44,152 /1 Typed letters from Sean O Mathghamhna, runai to Pádraig O Nuallain thanking him for his subscription to the Sinn Féin election fund, with 2 receipts; 3 items

13 October 1959, 1961

MS 44,152 /2 Typed letter from Tom Lyons to an unnamed correspondent concerning a delay in publishing the *An Phoblacht*; 1p

20 August 1971

MS 44,152 /3 Copy typescript list of charges brought against Seán Ó Brádaigh under Section 21 of the Offences Against the State Act, 1939; 1p

[June 1972]

MS 44,152 /4 Holograph letter from Francie Molloy to [unnamed person] with related typescript letter from Brid Rodger, General Secretary Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) to Molloy, 5 August 1982, and typescript letter from Rodgers to Danny Morrison, Sinn Féin, 15 November 1984; 3pp

1982 and1984

MS 44,152 /5 Copy typescript letter from Dáithí Ó Conaill to the Sinn Féin leadership concerning his not standing for election to the officer board or Ard Comhairle of Sinn Féin; 2pp

10 November 1983
Circular letter from the Sinn Féin head office to its members concerning an appeal for contributions to the National Election fund for the EEC Assembly elections, June 1984; 1p
12 May 1984

Copy circular letter from Gerry Adams concerning the Manhattan/West Belfast Sister Community Project; 1p
30 August 1991

Note from Máirtín Ó Muilleoir, Sinn Féin councillor to Pádraig [?]; 1p
21 September 1991
[item is in Irish]

Invitation letter to the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis; 1p
14 January 1992

Letter from Gerry Adams, Sinn Féin President inviting [unnamed person] to a reception for prominent Irish Americans who were involved in the Clinton election campaign; 1p
3 September 1993

Typed statement by Gerard O’Neill concerning his car which was stolen, the bombing of the Widow Scanlon pub, Operation Madonna and other matters; 3pp
11 June 1994

Letter from Alderman Sean MacManus (of Sligo Corporation) to Sean [O’Mahony] concerning his collection of republican memorabilia; 1p
6 June 1995

Letter from Joe Cowhie to Pat McKevitt with related fax from Hugo Flynn concerning an article published in the *Derry Journal*; 3pp
22-23 January 1997
[See also Section II.ii]

Copy letter from Hugo Flynn to Pat Doherty, Vice-President Sinn Féin concerning the IRA ceasefire with related newspaper articles; 7pp
10 April 1997
[See also Section II.ii]

Circular letter from Pat Doherty, Vice-President Sinn Féin concerning public hearing of Sinn Féin’s ‘Our future – A united Ireland’; 2pp
10 March 1998
Letter from Pádraig Griffin to Sean O’Mahony concerning the presidents of Sinn Féin; 3pp
24 March 1998

1998

Copy letter from Uinseann MacEoin to Gerry Adams concerning sectarian killings which were ‘part of a British inspired strategy’ and congratulating Adams for publicising this; 1p
5 February 2002

Circular letter from Gerry Adams requesting financial aid to help elect Bairbre de Brun to the European Parliament; 2pp
[2002]

Circular letter from Joe Cahill, Sinn Féin National Treasurer requesting financial aid to help the work of Sinn Féin; 1p
undated

Circular letter from Lucilita Bhreatnach, General Secretary Sinn Féin concerning the collusion between loyalist paramilitaries and sections of the British Army; 1p
undated

‘Case of Patrick Shanahan (Dublin)’. Handwritten statement concerning arrest and detainment of Patrick Shanahan, unsigned; 4pp
undated

Copy circular from Jim Gibeny, Sinn Féin Head Office concerning Ireland’s censorship laws and the repeal of Section 31; 1p
undated, c.1990s

Letter on Derry City Council notepaper from ‘Mary’ to ‘Catriona’; 1p
27 September [no year]
I.i.5. Newspaper cuttings

This sections contains newspaper cuttings relating to Sinn Féin and the IRA generally. It does not contain material relating to specific individuals, cases or events which can be found in Section I.ix.

**MS 44,155 /1**  
File of material entitled ‘Pack of press cuttings’ as follows:
- ‘Sinn Féin Constitution as amended by the Annual Ard Fheis, 1926’, 1p
- ‘30th Annual Ard Fheis of Sinn Féin’, 5pp, undated, c.1935
- ‘Sinn Féin Publicity Committee: Statement, 25.3.1958’, 2pp
- ‘Irish Republican Publicity Bureau’, Easter 1970, 2pp
- ‘Moment de vérité pour tous les Irlandais’, 3pp, Sept. 1975
- May 1982, 1p
- ‘Statement by outgoing President Ruairí Ó Brádaigh to the Ard-Fheis pf Sinn Féin on the Sunday afternoon, November 13th 1983’, 2pp
- ‘Sinn Féin Cultural Officer Arrester. Statement from Dublin Sinn Féin’, 1p, 6 December 1985, partly in Irish
- ‘Towards a Peaceful Ireland, 4pp, 12 May 1991
- ‘Options for a lasting peace in Ireland. Text of a speech by Sinn Féin Chairperson Mitchel McLaughlin to a conference organised by an agreed Ireland Forum in London on 28th June 1996’, 3pp
- Drafts of possible Sinn Féin policy document to be issued by Ard Chomhairle, 4pp, undated
- ‘Outline of Socialist Society’, 5pp, undated
- ‘Sinn Féin Manifesto, 3pp, undated, 2 copies, one with pen annotations, also RTE script.

various dates
[some items in Irish]

**MS 44,155 /2**  
Newscuttings relating to Sinn Féin split in 1969-70, with 2 pamphlets ‘Where Sinn Féin stands’, published by Provisional
Sinn Féin and the text of a lecture on ‘the split’; 47 items 1965-72

**MS 44,155 /3-4**  
Newspaper cuttings relating to various aspect of the IRA, mainly from the period 1970-5, some items are copies; c.175 items in 2 folders 1966-2004

**MS 44,155 /5-7**  
Magazine articles and book review on various aspect of the IRA and its leaders; c.80 items in 3 folders 1969-2004  
[one item is in Spanish and one in Norwegian]

**MS 44,155 /8**  
Press cuttings relating to various aspects of Sinn Féin; 35 items 1969-71

**MS 44,155 /9-10**  
Newspaper articles relating to various aspects of the IRA, mainly the Provisional IRA, some items are copies; c.140 items in 2 folders 1971-2001

**MS 44,156 /1-2**  
Newspaper articles relating to various aspects of the IRA, including the Provisional IRA and the Peace Process, some items are copies; c.150 items in 2 folders 1971-2003

**MS 44,156 /3-6**  
Newspaper cuttings relating to Official IRA, Official Sinn Féin and Sinn Féin Workers Party, with related documents. Also includes material relating to Proinsias De Rossa and Cathal Goulding. Some items are copies; c.200 items in 4 folders 1972-2002

**MS 44,156 /7**  

**MS 44,156 /8**  
Press cuttings; 47 items 1972-4

**MS 44,156 /8**  
Newspaper cuttings relating to Republican feud in 1975 between the Provisional IRA and Official IRA; 9 items 1975-6

**MS 44,157 /1**  
Press cuttings; 29 items 1975-1977
MS 44,157 /2  Newspaper cuttings relating to IRA finances; 7 items 1977-92

MS 44,157 /3  Press cuttings; 22 items 1978-1979 and undated

MS 44,157 /4  Press cuttings; 49 items 1980-1984

MS 44,157 /5  Press cuttings; 39 items 1985-1989 and undated

MS 44,157 /6  Press cuttings; 29 items 1990-1993

MS 44,157 /7  Newspaper cuttings concerning an attack of the Sinn Féin offices in Belfast by an off-duty RUC officer. Some are photocopies; 10 items 1992

MS 44,157 /8  Press cuttings; 33 items 1994-1998

MS 44,157 /9  Press cuttings; 7 items 1999-2002

MS 44,157 /10  Press cuttings; 20 items undated

I.i. Éire Nua and provincial governments

Provisional Sinn Féin launched their political strategy, Éire Nua, in 1972. It was based on the principle of a united Ireland, which would be governed through the four provinces, with a central parliament in Athlone.

See also Sections Liv. for papers of Dáithí Ó Conaill, one of the authors of the policy.

MS 44,158 /1  Newspaper articles; 5pp 1970-2

MS 44,158 /2  Papers covering all four regional governments and their establishment, includes correspondence, press releases and associated material; 11pp 1972 and undated

MS 44,158 /3  Papers relating to Dáil na Uladh (Ulster), includes draft and final structure, economic plan, agendas and publicity material; 9 items 1972 and undated
Papers relating to Dáil Connaught, includes notes on constitution, headed papers, publicity material and correspondence; 9 items 1972 and undated

Papers relating to Dáil na Mumhan (Munster), includes agendas, correspondence and publicity material; 8 items 1972 and undated

Papers relating to Dáil na Laighean (Leinster), includes press releases, agendas, correspondence and publicity material; 11 items 1972

Miscellaneous agenda and papers; 23 items 1972

Document *Eire Nua: New Governmental Structures* concerning new Sinn Féin policy. ‘The system…is one of a federation of the four provinces of Ireland under the coordination of a national parliament. Power would be devolved through regional administrative councils to local district bodies so that citizens can have the maximum say in the running of their county’; 20pp undated

Three plastic shopping bags marked ‘Éire Nua’; 3 items undated

**Iii. Republican Sinn Féin**

Republican Sinn Féin emerged from a split in Provisional Sinn Féin at the 1986 Ard-Fheis over Gerry Adams and his Northern Based supporters’ decision to end the policy of abstention from elections to the British House of Commons and the Dáil Éireann. Ruairí Ó Brádaigh and much of the older Southern based membership disagreed with this decision to accept the legitimacy of the partition of Ireland and formed Republican Sinn Féin in opposition to this policy. This new political party combined traditional republicanism (as expressed in the 1916 Proclamation) with federal socialism. It viewed both the governments of the Republic of Ireland and UK as illegitimate. Republican Sinn Féin believes itself to the true inheritors of the Irish republican tradition which fought in the War of Independence, 1919-1921. It claimed to have attained legitimacy through its recognition by Tom Maguire, the last surviving member of the Second Dáil.

Notices and other documents including the following:
- Eamonn Mooney obituary, d. 1965
- Information sheets on unemployment in the 26 counties, prisoners, election restrictions, strip-searching and cross-border collaboration, July 1988
- ‘1986: Daithí Ó Conaill outlines the basic republican position’
- ‘A totally new Ireland – the only answer’, September 1989
- Éire Nua information sheet [in Irish on reverse], December 1993
- ‘Feis na poblahta, 1997’
- ‘A note from Al Madden, Trusteem Friends of Irish Freedom’, August [2000]
- Article from Forum Magazine, May 2003, ‘Six County Negotiations – peace at any price?’
- ‘Permanent Peace, Justice, Freedom, Democracy’, [Irish on reverse], undated
- An appreciation of Pat Ward, undated
- ‘Lists drawn up by Ruairí Ó Brádaigh re [project] for politicalfunerals in Ireland’ [handwritten], undated

15 items
1965-2003 and undated

**MS 44,159 /2**

Papers relating to Thomas Maguire, last surviving member of the Second Dáil including statement on ‘Entering Leinster House’; 5 items
1986

**MS 44,159 /3**

Press releases and statements relating to extradition, 1986, the Sean Sabhat Commemoration, the re-organisation of Republican Sinn Féin, the campaign against the Single European Act and Enniskillen Bombing, all 1987, ‘British Occupation Forces and GAA Membership’, 1987, the death of Sean MacBride and an appreciation of Pat Ward, 1988, ‘Ó Brádaigh visa frustrated’, ‘Advice not to vote taken by many republicans’ and ‘Restricted franchise shows Britain’s contempt for ballot box’, all 1989, ‘Easter Statement 1994 from the leadership of Republican SF’, protests in Cork and Limerick Jails, 1995; 25 items
1986-1995 and undated

**MS 44,159 /4**

Letters (including circular letters) to Sean O’Mahony concerning a variety of topics including the following: the 1987 Ard-Fheis, the unveiling of a headstone and plaque to Daithí Ó Conaill, Easter commemoration celebrations, meetings, requesting financial aid, Eamonn O’Doherty memorial service, the new office of Republican SF in Belfast, Republican prisoners and lists of upcoming events. Includes letter from John Horan to Kathleen Griffin concerning the 1916 Proclamation and the legitimacy of Dáil Éireann, April 1990. Some items are in Irish; 22 items
1987-2005 and undated

**MS 44,159 /5**

Transcripts of speeches as follows:
- ‘Address on behalf of the National Executive to the 83rd
Ard-Fheis of Sinn Féin…October 24 and 25, 1987. Ruairí Ó Brádaigh, spokesperson’; 12pp
- ‘Presidential Address of Ruairí Ó Brádaigh to the 84th Ard-Fheis of Sinn Féin…22nd and 23rd October, 1988’; 15pp
- ‘Presidential Address of Ruairí Ó Brádaigh to the 86th Ard-Fheis of Sinn Féin…27th and 28th October, 1990; 31pp
- ‘Presidential Address, Ruairí Ó Brádaigh, to the 91st Ard-Fheis of Sinn Féin…11-12 November, 1995’; 20pp
- ‘Presidential Address, Ruairí Ó Brádaigh to the 92nd Ard-Fheis of Sinn Féin…November 30-December 1, 1996’; 18pp
[all are partly in Irish]
5 items
1987-96

MS 44,159 /6 Newscuttings (including some copies) including the following:
- ‘Policies to differ at Republican Conferences’, Irish Times, October 1987
- ‘Small Continuity IRA may pose future threat to peace in the North’, Irish Times, December 2000
- ‘ “British disentanglement from North” only way to end armed struggle’ [article on Ruairí Ó Brádaigh], Irish Times, undated

C.55 items
1987-2000 and undated

MS 44,159 /7 Letter to Sean and Angela [O’Mahony] from ‘R’ and ‘Coral’ [Corrie], the latter concerning meeting at which Gerry Adams spoke; 3 items
1990 and undated

MS 44,159 /8 Photocopy of [Republican] Sinn Féin Constitution and Rules; 24pp
1991

I.iv. Dáithí Ó Conaill Papers

Dáithí Ó Conaill (1938-1991) was born in Cork and joined the Republican Movement at the age of 17. He took part in the IRA Border Campaign in the 1950s and early 1960s. Ó Conaill went with the Provisional IRA after the split and served on the first Provisional IRA Army Council. In 1970 he travelled to New York and was instrumental in establishing Irish Northern Aid (NORAID), which raised funds for the Provisionals. As well as being a militarist Ó Conaill was also deeply involved in the drafting of the Éire Nua policy, launched by Provisional Sinn Féin in 1972. He also
played a leading role in the truce negotiations between the IRA and the British government between 1972 and 1975. He was officer commanding of the IRA Southern Command for much of the early 1970s. In 1983 Ó Conaill, along with Ruairí Ó Brádaigh, resigned from the position of vice-president of Sinn Féin in opposition to the dropping of the Éire Nua policy. At the 1986 Sinn Féin Ard Fheis, he opposed the decision to abandon abstentionism. He joined in the walk out led by Ó Brádaigh and was chairman of Republican Sinn Féin from 1986 to 1987, and subsequently vice-president of the party.

I.iv.1. Sinn Féin

MS 44,160 /1-2 Papers relating to Sinn Féin organisation, meetings, Ard Fheiseanna, publicity and other matters; 46 items in 2 folders 1969-87 and undated

MS 44,160 /3 Sinn Féin papers including lectures and Easter Statements from Leadership of Republican Movement; 9 items 1970-82 and undated

MS 44,160 /4 Press release ‘New Social and Economic Programme’ with sections on finance, industry, agriculture, fisheries, forestry, transport, planning, Irish language, education and social services; 45pp 1971

MS 44,160 /5 Mainly Provisional IRA press releases, with some Sinn Féin press releases. Includes some related newscuttings; 36 items 1971-78 and undated

MS 44,160 /6-7 Papers relating to Sinn Féin education, agriculture, social and other policies; 32 items in 2 folders 1972-86 and undated [one document in Irish]

MS 44,161 /1 Papers relating to European elections and EEC; 9 items 1977-79 and undated

MS 44,161 /2 Papers relating to Éire Nua; 6 items 1978-79 and undated

MS 44,161 /3 Papers relating to proposed ‘History of Sinn Féin’; 2 items 1979

MS 44,161 /4 Papers relating to political prisoners and H-Blocks; 3 items 1979-80

MS 44,161 /5 Papers relating to general and local elections; 14 items 1979-87 and undated

MS 44,161 /6 TS ‘Chapter V’ containing questions put to Official Sinn Féin and
Provisional Sinn Féin with their respective responses; 34pp c.1980s

**MS 44,161 /7** Photocopy of manuscript ‘Twenty-six county strategy’ containing ‘Political analysis and recommendations’ and ‘Sinn Féin’s position’. Includes recommendation of ‘Involvement in all elections, Leinster House, EEC, local government’; 32pp c.1980s

**MS 44,161 /8** Newscuttings relating to Sinn Féin split 1986; 12 items 1986

**Liv.2. Republican Sinn Féin**

**MS 44,162 /1** Declaration of independence by Republican Sinn Féin following events at the Sinn Féin Ard Fheis, November 1986; 2pp 1986

**MS 44,162 /2** Leaflets and notices; 8 items 1986-7 and undated


**MS 44,162 /4** ‘Pack of working papers and agendas’; 53 items 1986-90 and undated

**MS 44,162 /5** Letters to Dáithí Ó Conaill including one from an unnamed person concerning the split over abstention in Sinn Féin and issues being raised in prison, 26 November 1986, from Uinseann MacEoin, from Antoin O Sluain [Anthony Sloan], 8 December 1986 concerning abstention, from John Brendan Flannery and others; 6 items 1986-90 and undated [one item is in Irish]

**MS 44,162 /6** Initial draft of Fior-Éire; 4pp 1987

**MS 44,162 /7** ‘General Secretary’s Annual Report to Ard Fheis’ Republican Sinn Féin, October 1990, with O Conaill’s admission cards to the
MS 44,162 /8 Various miscellaneous Republican Sinn Féin including some relating to elections, EEC, statistics and administration issues; 18 items 1987-90 and undated

MS 44,162 /9 Letters and circular letters; 8 items 1987-90 and undated


I.iv.3. General Papers

This section contains a variety of material, including reports and articles on various subjects, as well as newspaper cuttings, notebooks and some ephemera.


MS 44,163 /2-5 Printed items as follows:
- *Bun-Chursa ar Cheapadóireacht Gaedhilge* [First course in Irish composition] by Brian McGiolla Phadraig (Brún agus Ó Nuallain, 1941)
- *Government by the people* by William J. Philbin (Talbot Press, [1958])
- *Wolfe Tone* by Sean Cronin (Dublin Directory Wolfe Tone Bi-Centenary, 1963)
- *Commandant Peter Kearney* (The Commandant Peter Kearney Memorial Committee, undated)
- *Monaghan: County of Intrigue* (privately printed by author, 1979)
- *Wolfe Tone Annual 1958* (Brian O’Higgins, 1958)
- *Gandhi* by Nollaig Ó Galhra (Cló Morainn, 1969)
- *Eleven Galway Martyrs* (1985)
- *Operation Brogue* by John M. Feehan (Mercier Press,
1984)
• *Belfast’s Patriot Graves* (undated)
• *New Light on Social Problems* (Catholic Truth Society, 1962)

14 items in 4 folders
1941-85
[some items in Irish]

**MS 44,163 /6**
Songs and poems; c.60 items
C.1950s-70s

**MS 44,163 /7**
Notebook containing English lessons; c.65pp
1960

**MS 44,163 /8**
Christmas cards sent to Dáithí Ó Conaill while he was in Crumlin Road Jail; 7 items
C.1960

**MS 44,164 /1-7**
Newscuttings; c.330 items in 7 folders
C.1960-88

**MS 44,164 /8**
Transcript ‘The Connemara Project’ by Dermot A Lee with chapters on ‘Education and training for technical skills and leadership’ and ‘Tourism’ and ‘Finance’; 42pp
1970

**MS 44,164 /9**
Statement by Fr Sean McManus at Enniskillen Court, 6 September 1971 in which he refuses to recognise the Court and declares himself an IRA sympathiser; 3pp
1971

**MS 44,165 /1**
1971

**MS 44,165 /2**
Part of *The Week* featuring Dáithí Ó Conaill and signed by him; 1 item
1971

**MS 44,165 /3**
Material relating to Irish political prisoners and H-Blocks; 3 items
1971 & undated

**MS 44,165 /4**
Libyan Arab Republic Publications: *Col Mu’ammar Al-Qathafi...declares the establishment of the Union of Arab Republics, 1971; First September Revolution and the Contemporary World, 1972; 2 items
1971-2

**MS 44,165 /5**
Some press releases, including drafts, and other documents including ‘A reply to Conor Cruise O’Brien’ after his attack on

**MS 44,165 /6**
Various speeches and orations by Dáithí Ó Conaill including one on Resolution 31, Easter Rising Commemorations and other issues; 9 items 1971-88 and undated

**MS 44,165 /7**
Transcript ‘Policy Document II/The North III’; 4pp 1972

**MS 44,165 /8**
Dáil Éireann Parliamentary Debates: Reports of the debate on ‘Offences against the State (Amendment) Bill, 29 November-3 December 1972; 5 items 1972

**MS 44,165 /9**
Transcript ‘Note of a meeting with representatives of the Provisional IRA’ printed from the PRO website, released under the 30 year rule; 6 pp [1972]

**MS 44,166 /1**
Transcript ‘Memorandum on an alternative court system for six counties’ with ‘Commentary on proposals for judicial system & related matters’; 2 items 1972 and undated

**MS 44,166 /2**
Material relating to Civil Rights and Free Derry; 4pp 1972 and undated

**MS 44,166 /3**
Two telegrams, one urging an end to the hunger strike of Sean MacStiofain, 1972 with a notebook ‘Stair na Breataine’ and other papers; 5 items 1972 and undated

**MS 44,166 /4**
Various republican documents including ‘Can it be achieved. Negotiated Independence’, 1978; ‘The Provisionals II; the Whitelaw Convention, why it must not take place’, undated. Manuscript ‘Policy No. 3’ giving an analysis of the situation, July 1972; ‘British Terror in Action’ and ’26 County Economy in Shambles’ and related issues, undated. Transcript observations on a paper entitled ‘Ulster can survive unfettered’; 9 items 1972-8

**MS 44,166 /5**
Draft transcript interviews and answers, includes letter to Dáithí Ó Conaill from Eamonn McCann; 7 items 1973-81 and undated

**MS 44,166 /6**
Two documents relating to a conference entitled ‘Can Irishmen
find a solution to their own problems’ held at Galway Regional Technical College; 2 items
1974

MS 44,166 /7 Ulster Independence Movement Economic Survey and Feasibility Study; 27pp
1974

MS 44,166 /8 ‘A social option. Suggestions for an overall community social planning approach to the problems of Northern Ireland’, ‘Northern Ireland Special Proposals for Derry’ and ‘Northern Ireland (Fourth Paper) with special reference to the No-Go areas’ all by Richard Hauser; 3 items
1975 and undated

MS 44,166 /9 Transcript and manuscript notes on the position of the Ulster Defence Association (UDA), Ulster Volunteer Force (UVF) and other Unionist/Loyalist groups; 2 items
C.1975

MS 44,166 /10 Christmas cards sent to Dáithí Ó Conaill at Portlaoise Prison; 36 items
1975-6

MS 44,167 /1 ‘What price independence? A discussion paper issued by the New Ulster Movement’; 1 item
1976
[see also Section II.xiv. New Ulster Movement]

MS 44,167 /2 ‘The Ulster Independence Debate. Background and present arguments’ by Sarah Nelson; 27pp
1977

MS 44,167 /3 Statements, speeches and addresses issued by the Government Information Service relating to Curragh Command and Defence Forces, United Nations and Broadcasting; 7 items
1977

MS 44,167 /4 Transcript article ‘Nuclear Genie’ by Terry Glavin with manuscript annotations and select bibliography on nuclear power and disarmament; 10pp
1977 and undated

MS 44,167 /5 Transcript witness statement made by persons in Belfast who alleged being assaulted by the British Army; 9pp
1977 and undated

MS 44,167 /6 Transcript ‘Observations on ULCC policy document “Can Ulster Survive Unfettered”’. Author unknown; 13pp
1978
MS 44,167 /7  ‘Statement by the Taoiseach to Dáil Éireann 30 November 1978’ relating to proposal establishment of European Monetary System; 1 item 1978

MS 44,167 /8  Coalisland Anti-Repression Conference Resolutions Passed; 1 item 1978

MS 44,167 /9  Papers relating to the International Tribunal on Britain’s Presence in Ireland; 3 items [c. 1978]

MS 44,168 /1  Papers relating to government structures, judicial system and regional governments; 4 items c.1970s

MS 44,168 /2  Transcript ‘The plight of small farmers’ lecture with related document on agriculture; 2 items c.1970s

MS 44,168 /3-6  Bundle of Dáithí Ó Conaill working papers including pocket diaries for 1972 and 1978 with two small notebooks, business cards and ticket stubs. Also many sundry papers including contracts and addresses, letters, notes on political broadcasts, Irish elections, meetings, strategies, H-Blocks, Republican philosophy, Éire Nua, prisoners and other matters; c. 200 items in 4 folders 1970s-90s

MS 44,169 /1-6  Sundry papers; c. 90 items in 6 folders 1970s-90s and undated

MS 44,169 /7  Press release relating to publication of We shall rise again by Nora Connolly O’Brien with related letter; 12pp 1981

MS 44,169 /8  Photocopy of chapter 9 ‘The Longest War: the Provisional IRA’ from The Terrorist Network by Claire Sterling; 13pp [1981]


MS 44,169 /10  Photocopy affidavits of Sean Lynch and Christin Ni Elias in suit of Sean Lynch V Minister for Posts and Telegraphs; 2 items 1982
MS 44,170 /1  ‘Extradition (European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism) Bill 1986 Explanatory Memorandum’; 16pp 1986

MS 44,170 /2  ‘Single European Act Briefing Document’ prepared by the Campaign for Irish Neutrality and Independence, with a government leaflet on the Single European Act; 2 items 1987

MS 44,170 /3  Correspondence concerning the denial of a US visa to Gerry Adams and related law suit; 26pp 1989

MS 44,170 /4  Photocopy *Workers Republic* no. 123 with leaflet ‘Where is Sinn Féin going?’; 2 items c.1980s

MS 44,170 /5-6  Papers relating to the death of Dáithí Ó Conaill including obituaries, photographs and a press release; c.65 items in 2 folders 1991

MS 44,170 /7  Documents concerning labour issues; 4 items undated

MS 44,170 /8  Transcript ‘A Guide to the British Left’; 4pp undated

MS 44,170 /9  Two documents produced by Community Development Movement of Ireland: ‘Constitution’ and ‘Home Discussion Manual’; 2 items undated

MS 44,171 /1  Transcript ‘Thames Television This Week “Special” Northern Ireland suggested treatment’; 10pp undated

MS 44,171 /2  Copy paper ‘Why we should reject federalism’; 10pp undated

MS 44,171 /3  Copy paper giving details of organisation, objectives and activities of the New Ireland Movement; 5pp undated [See also Section II.xiii. New Ireland Movement]

MS 44,171 /4  Transcript ‘West Belfast; Liberation or Oppression?’; 52pp undated

MS 44,171 /5  Photocopy ‘Topic five: The Industrial Revolution in France, Germany and other European Countries’; 8pp undated
MS 44,171 /6  Transcript article ‘Women in Ireland’s fight for freedom’; 7pp undated

MS 44,171 /7  Transcript ‘Reflections on the morality of the 1916 Revolution’; 14pp undated

MS 44,172 /1  Photocopy of manuscript of ‘The economy of the 26-county state’; 38pp undated

MS 44,172 /2  Catalogue of violence carried out by an IRA Active Service Unit between 1 March and 17 March (no year); 6pp undated

MS 44,172 /3  ‘A critical look at Independence Papers from a weekend workshop at Corrymeela’; 21pp undated

MS 44,172 /4  Transcript ‘The Republican Definition of Ownership’ with transcript ‘Online of Socialist Society’; 2 items undated

MS 44,172 /5  Papers relating to ‘A People’s Assembly’; 2 items undated

MS 44,172 /6  Transcript ‘Draft policy document’ with pen annotations relating to ‘Status and constitution of Ulster’ with manuscript proposal; 2 items undated

MS 44,172 /7  Cards, driving licences, insurance certificate, envelopes and other items; 19 items undated

I.v. Other groups within the Republican Movement

This section contains papers relating to other Republican groups including Fianna Éireann and Cumann na mBan.

MS 44,173 /1  Papers relating to Fianna Éireann, includes Constitution (1926), flyers, and Young Republican magazine (2004); 8 items 1926, 2004 and undated

MS 44,173 /2  Papers relating to An Cumann Cathrach (Republican Aid); 9 items 1944, 1953, 1875-8 and undated

MS 44,173 /3  Letter to all units Cumann na mBan, relating to 1975 convention.
Also contains statement on 1969 Wolf Tone Commemoration; 2 items
June 1969 and May 1975

**MS 44,173 /4** Newspaper cuttings relating to Saor Eire, and deaths of Peter Graham, Liam Dalton and Liam Walsh; 17 items
1970-5 and 1997

**MS 44,173 /5** Constitution, guidelines and duties of Cumann na mBan; 5 items
1975 and undated

**MS 44,173 /6** Newspaper cuttings relating to the Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) and Irish Republican Socialist Party (IRSP), some are copies; c.50 items
1975-96

**MS 44,173 /7** Documents relating to the INLA and IRSP, including Ard Fheis report 1975/6, the Ta Power Document and various leaflets and flyers; 7 items
1975/6, 1980 and undated

**MS 44,173 /8** Cumann na mBan Roll of Honour; 1p
April 1994

**MS 44,173 /9** Copy of typed letter to editor, SFWP (Sinn Féin Workers Party) with editors response; 11pp
undated

I.vi. *An Phoblacht* and other newsletters

*An Phoblacht*, the official newspaper of Sinn Féin established in 1970, was initially only published for the south of Ireland. It became the most important way to disseminate the republican message, and expose the conditions in Northern Ireland. This section also contains small newsletters produced by regional Sinn Féin Cumann.

See also MS 44,193 /4 for issues of *An Phoblacht* relating to the 1981 Hunger Strike.

**MS 44,174 /1** Republican Education Bulletins; 3 items
1966

**MS 44,174 /2** *Rośin Dudh: The Voice of Kerry Republicanism*; 1 item
c.1970s

**MS 44,174 /3** *The Republican Press*, issued by Republican news office; 16 items.

**MS 44,174 /4** *An Guth. The Voice of SF*, issued by the Brian Dillon Cumann, Cork; 6 items

**MS 44,174 /5**  
*The Volunteer*, North Armagh SF; 1 item  
30 Oct. 1972

**MS 44,174 /6**  
*The Tattler*, issued by Liam Parland Cumann; 10 items  
[1972]

**MS 44,174 /7**  
*An Phoblacht*; 5 issues  
1972-7

**MS 44,174 /8**  
*The Volunteer*, official organ of Andersonstown SF; 11 items  
c.1973-4

**MS 44,175 /1**  
Galway Provo and related publication *Housing in Galway*; 3 items  
1974 and undated

**MS 44,175 /2**  
Accounts for *An Phoblacht*; 19 items  
1974-1980

**MS 44,175 /3**  
*Saoirse*. Voice of the Robert Emmett/Francis Leggett Cumann; 1 item  
Easter 1976

**MS 44,175 /4**  
*Nation*. The paper of Clonard Martyrs SF; 1 item  
1976

**MS 44,175 /5**  
Circulation numbers and reports for *An Phoblacht*; 18 items  
1976-9

**MS 44,175 /6**  
*The Pikeman*, voice of Republican Wexford; 1 item  
Sep. 1977

**MS 44,175 /7**  
Photocopies of *Republican Bulletin*. St. James’s and district  
[Belfast]; 3 items  
Jan. and May 1978 and undated

**MS 44,176 /1**  
*Liberty*. Issued by John Rooney Cumann and Fenell/McDonnell  
Cumann; 1 item  
Easter 1978

**MS 44,176 /2**  
*An Phoblacht*; 7 issues  
April – July 1979

**MS 44,176 /3**  
*The Phoenix*, issued by the Republican movement; 3 items 1 is a photocopy  
Jan., March and April 1980

**MS 44,176 /4**  
Note on problems within production team of *An Phoblacht*; 1p
I.vii. Irish Republican Information Service

This majority of papers in this section comprise correspondence of the Irish Republican Information Service (IRIS) for the years 1974-6. The correspondence relates mainly to subscriptions to the IRIS newsletters and bulletins, however there are also a few reports from the response to the situation in Ireland sent to IRIS by Irish expatriates. Some items are in Irish.

MS 44,177 /1 Mailing lists and labels; c.50pp c.1970s

MS 44,177 /2 Correspondence; 36 items 1974

MS 44,177 /3 Correspondence; c.60 items Jan. – March 1975

MS 44,177 /4 Correspondence; c.70 items April – June 1975

MS 44,177 /5 Correspondence; c.50 items July – Sep. 1975

MS 44,177 /6 Correspondence; c.50 items Oct. – Dec. 1975

MS 44,177 /7 Correspondence; c.50 items Jan. – March 1976

MS 44,177 /8 Correspondence; 12 items April – June 1976

I.viii. Republican prisoners

I.viii.1. General

This section contains material relating to the internment of Republican prisoners, the conditions of prisoners in various Irish and British jails (excluding Portlaoise which is dealt with separately) and also some material relating to hunger strikes in the 1970s. There is also some material relating to the Prisoners Aid Committee (PAC).

MS 44,178 /1 Newscuttings relating to treatment of Republican prisoners in
British Prisons. With list of Republican prisoners in British prisons; 26 items
1969-97

MS 44,178 /2-4 Newspaper articles relating to internment and its consequences, includes the history of internment in Ireland and British newspapers, some items are copies; c.170 in 3 folders 1969-88
[some items are in Irish]

MS 44,178 /5 Newspaper articles relating to escapes by Republican prisoners, with handwritten list of those who have escaped; c.50 items 1970-93

MS 44,178 /6-8 Newspaper articles relating to internment and its consequences, some are copies; c.100 items in 3 folders 1971-85

MS 44,179 /1 Newspaper cuttings relating to special category status for prisoners; 16 items 1972-8

MS 44,179 /2 Newspaper cuttings relating to internees and hunger strikes, mainly notices of support; 30 items 1972-8

MS 44,179 /3 Letters to Captain Patrick McKeivitt from Merlyn Rees MP, Fergus Pyle editor *Irish Times*, Fr. Denis Faul, Enoch Powell MP, BBC, Home Office, RTE and Albert Reynolds an Taoiseach, relating to prisoners and other issues; c.55 items 1972-95

MS 44,179 /4 Hibernia Anti-interment campaign, includes letters, newspaper cuttings and one photo; 10 items 1974

MS 44,179 /5 Newscuttings relating to the hunger strike of Marian and Dolours Price; 17 items 1974-5, 1993 and 1999

MS 44,180 /1 ‘Long Kesh Birthday greetings to mother’, includes list of interned and sentenced prisoners; 8pp 1974

MS 44,180 /2-3 Papers, including newspaper cuttings, relating to Francis Stagg and Michael Gaughan, 2 prisoners who died on hunger strike in English jails; c.120 items in 2 folders c.1974-8

MS 44,180 /4 Papers of the PAC;
- *PAC News*, Oct./Nov. and Dec. 1977, Feb., April, May, June and Nov. 1978 and Feb/March 1979; 8 items
- Leaflets, circular letters and related documents on prisoner, prison conditions
16 items
1976-9

**MS 44,180 /5**
Statements issued by the Prisoners’ Welfare Action Group and prisoners held in Mountjoy relating to prison conditions and reasons for hunger strike, with letter from Amnesty International about case of Thomas Green and related papers; 12 items
1976-7

**MS 44,180 /6**
Various papers relating to prisoners including Sinn Fein (Britain) circular letters and leaflets. Also includes statements from Republican prisoners in British prisons detailing prison conditions, assaults, threats made against them, visits of family members, transfer of prisoners to Irish prisons; 27 items
1976-2001 and undated

**MS 44,180 /7**
Papers relating to the Independent Public Inquiry into abuse and torture of Irish Prisoners, 19-21 May 1978 including letters of invitation, press release and schedule, and report of inquiry; 8 items
1978

**MS 44,180 /8**
Papers relating to the Prisoners Aid Committee, London including leaflets, a press statement and statement relating to prison conditions; 13 items
1978 and undated

**MS 44,180 /9**
Papers relating to strip searching in women’s prisons. Includes copies of letters to Patricia Campbell, Irish Women’s Defence Campaign from Lord Belstead, Northern Ireland Office, Paul Murphy MP, Jeremy Corbyn MP re strip searching of Pauline Quinn, a prisoner at Maghaberry prison. Also includes copy reports from the National Strip Searching Conference 1987, statements by women prisoners, a dossier by the Irish Solidarity Movement, and newscuttings; c.50 items
1980-94

**MS 44,181 /1-2**
Reports, briefing papers, letters and circulars relating to the repatriation of Republican prisoners by various organisations including Sinn Fein, the National Council for the Welfare of Prisoners Abroad, the National Association of Probation Officers, the Committee for the Transfer of Irish Prisoners, the Northern Ireland Prison Service, Irish Political Prisoners in English Gaols Relatives Committee. Also includes papers by the British and Irish governments, and a list of Republican prisoners in Northern
Ireland, Britain and Europe; 21 items in 2 folders
1980-95 and undated

**MS 44,181 /3-4** Photocopy letters by Republican prisoners, mainly relating to the Irish Solidarity Movement; 29 items in 2 folders
1982-5

**MS 44,181 /5-7** Papers relating to the Irish Solidarity Movement in Britain including leaflets, copies of letters from MPs (including Clare Short and Margaret Beckett) and from the Home Office, London, press statements and papers relating to the conference, October 1984; 75 items in 3 folders
1983-7 and undated

**MS 44,181 /8** Papers relating to the Campaign to stop the strip searches in Armagh Prison; 2pp
May 1983

**MS 44,181 /9** Various papers as follows:
- Magazine *The Irish Prisoner* containing articles about Republican prisoners in British jails, undated
- ‘H-Block solidarity with the miners’, 1985
- draft document on prison conditions by Republican prisoners at Long Kesh, 1994
6 items
1985-95

**MS 44,182 /1** Photocopy correspondence with some originals of Republican prisoners relating to strip searching in women’s prisons, prison conditions, human rights abuses and miscarriages of justice; 28 items
1990-2003

**MS 44,182 /2** Newspaper cuttings and one essay relating to political prisoners; 6 items
1990-3 and undated

**MS 44,182 /3** Report ‘Sentenced Families’ from Tribunal which investigated the effects of long-term imprisonment in England on prisoners’ families living in Ireland, with article on prisoners’ families; 2 items
1991

**MS 44,182 /4** Newscuttings relating to the trial of Republicans POWs in German, French and US courts, with copy handwritten statement by Gerry McGeough; 12 items
1991-5

**MS 44,182 /5**  
Reports of delegation which visited Republican prisoners in British prisons by Eamon Ó Cuív TD, the Irish Labour Party and Fine Gael, commenting on prison conditions; 4 items 1995-6

**MS 44,182 /6**  
Papers relating to the Irish Commission for Prisoners Overseas as follows:
- Submission to the Committee against Torture ‘The situation of Irish prisoners in England’, 1995
- ICPO contribution to the second public hearing on prisoners’ issues at the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation, 1995
- Submission to the Tribunal on the Future of Human Rights in the EU, 1996
- ‘The situation of Irish Republican Prisoners in the United Kingdom’, 1997
- *Newsletter for Irish Prisoners Overseas*, issue 21, 1996
- Article from Resource winter 1988/89 on ‘Families also sentenced’

6 items 1995-7

**MS 44,182 /7**  
Draft of ‘the Prison Diary of Raymond McLaughlin’ with an introduction by Dáithí Ó Conaill; c.50pp undated

I.viii.2. Portlaoise Prison

This section contains material relating to Portlaoise Prison, the maximum security prison in the Republic of Ireland used for IRA and other paramilitary prisoners. The material relates to the conditions within the prison, and the hunger strike conducted by the prisoners in response.

**MS 44,183 /1-2**  
Material relating to conditions in Portlaoise Prison. Some items relating to the hunger strike, 1975. Includes circular, leaflets, newscuttings; 55 items in 2 folders c.1972-94

**MS 44,183 /3**  
Press statements, reports and related documents by Fr Piaras O Duill concerning conditions in Portlaoise Prison, mid 1970s; 7 items 1974-7

**MS 44,183 /4**  
Press release and memorandum by Sinn Féin relating to conditions in Portlaoise prison; 2 items 1975
**MS 44,183 /5**  
Newspaper cuttings relating to the death of Portlaoise Prisoner Thomas Smith; 7 items  
1975

**MS 44,183 /6-7**  
Statements by prisoners and prisoners’ relatives relating to conditions in Portlaoise Prison, solitary confinement, strip searching, visiting etc; 25 items in 2 folders  
1975 and 1977

**MS 44,184 /1-2**  
Press cuttings relating to hunger strike in Portlaoise Prison; c.55 items in 2 folders  
1977

**MS 44,184 /3**  
Affidavits of William Reilly & Kathleen Green (mother of Thomas Green) and judgement in the suit of Thomas Green (a prisoner) V. Governor of Portlaoise Prison relating to conditions in the prison; 28pp  
1977

**MS 44,184 /4**  
Letters to Patrick McKevitt from the office of Patrick Cooney, TD, Minister for Justice concerning conditions in Portlaoise prison. Copy letter from Pádraig Ó Mathuna to Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave with reply. Also includes information issued by the Government Information Service; 7 items  
1977 and undated

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**I.viii.3. H-Blocks**

The H-Blocks at Long Kesh (HM Maze Prison) were used to house prisoners convicted of terrorist offences in Northern Ireland from 1976 onwards. The move to the H-Blocks coincided with a removal of Special Category Status, which since 1972 had meant that IRA prisoners were treated as prisoners of war rather than as ordinary criminals. In 1976 Kieran Nugent started the blanket protest, refusing to wear his uniform and instead wrapping himself in his prison blanket. Others joined him in the protest and in 1978 the situation escalated into the dirty protest (also called the no wash protest). In October 1980 seven IRA and INLA prisoners went on hunger strike to secure the ‘five demands’, which included the right not to wear prison uniform or do prison work and the right to free association with other prisoners. The British government appeared to be on the point of conceding, and after 53 days the prisoners ended the strike and saved the life of Sean McKenner, who had slipped into a coma. By March 1981 it was clear the ‘five demands’ were not going to be met, and this lead to the second hunger strike lead by Bobby Sands. Five days into the strike the MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone died, leading to a by-election. Sands stood as an Anti-H-Block candidate and defeated the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) candidate. By the time the strike ended on 3rd October 1981, ten of the 23 men who had taken part in the hunger strike, including Sands, had lost their lives. Two days later the new Northern Ireland Secretary, granted most of the ‘five demands’.
I.viii.3.a. Printed material

**MS 44,185 /1**
Poems by John Montague published in unknown publications;
2pp
c.1970s

**MS 44,185 /2**
Foreign support; includes papers relating to West German Anti-H-Block committee, and material relating to Irish links with France;
16 items
1975-89 and undated

**MS 44,185 /3**
[1978-9]

**MS 44,185 /4**
‘England on trial’ folder from the American Irish Unity Committee symposium on Northern Ireland help on 22 July 1981, New York containing the following typescript speeches and other material:
- Programme and list of topics for discussion, 2pp
- ‘Why are men standing in line to die?’, 1p
- ‘The torture of Irish political prisoners’ by Fr. Joseph McVeigh, 12pp
- Information sheets on various prominent Irish republicans including Sean MacBride, 5pp & 4 photographs
- ‘Hunger Strike (acute starvation’ by Dominick Di Maio MD), 5pp
- Copy and transcript of letter written by Kieran Doherty, one the hunger strikers in Long Kesh prison addressed to Richard Harvey, Barrister, City College, New York, 1981, 4pp
- Quotations from prominent Americans on the hunger strikes
- ‘Statement by Paul O’Dwyer-July 22, 1981’, 1p
1981 and undated

I.viii.3.b. Letters and other documents

**MS 44,186 /1**
Various items relating to the H-Blocks including copy of debate in European Parliament, May 1981, blank petition, demonstrations; 25 items
1978-81

**MS 44,186 /2**
Copy circular letter from U. O Loinsigh, Sinn Féin to GAA county boards asking them to pass a resolution in support of H-Blocks prisoners; 2pp
18 May 1978

**MS 44,186 /3**
Material relating to Sinn Féin including draft leaflet, trade union
activity, guidelines for lobbying, circulars and letter from Irish Commission for Justice & Peace; 6 items
1980-1

MS 44,186 /4 Copy typescript letter from Cardinal Tomás Ó Fiaich to Pádraig Uas Ó Máthuna. In Irish; 1p
20 November 1980

MS 44,186 /5 Copy letters from relatives of hunger strikers to Charles Haughey, Taoiseach; 2pp
20 November 1980 & 19 May 1981

MS 44,186 /6 Typescript ‘Address to Charter 80 from the H Blocks’ by Republican POWs (Blanketmen), H Block 3, 4 and 5, Long Kesh Prison Camp; 3pp
  c. 1980

MS 44,186 /7 Card from Rosaleen Sands, mother of Bobby Sands to [Sean O’Mahony] thanking him for his letter of sympathy of the death of her son; 1 item
  1981

MS 44,186 /8 ‘The Spirit of Freedom’ prize winning entries in the Bobby Sands Commemoration School Essay with press statement and advertisement; 3 items
1983

MS 44,186 /9 Typescript ‘A treatment for a film titled “The Time Has Come” by Joseph Condren, Patrick Condren & Siobhan Rice, 29.06.00. From an original idea by Joseph Condren’; 7pp
  2000

I.viii.3.c. Newspapers

  1979-1981

MS 44,187 /1-7 Newspaper articles; c.600 items in 7 folders
  1980-91

MS 44,187 /8 French newspaper articles, mainly from Le Monde, on H-Block Hunger strikes; 22 items
  1981
  [items are in French]
MS 44,187 /9 Newspaper supplements commemorating 20th anniversary of Hunger Striker; 3 items
2001

I.viii.3.d. Ephemera and commemorative material

MS 44,188 /1 Cards with photographs of the 1981 hunger strikers and quotations from various Irish republicans. Memorial cards for the 10 hunger strikers who died 1981-1982. Advertisement card for 1980 hunger strike commemoration night. Two memorial postcards, one written by ‘Anthony’ to ‘Sean’ [O’Mahony?]. Programme and poster for Irish language plays at the Peacock Theatre advertising ‘Dialann Ocráis, Diary of a Hunger Strike’ by Peter Sheridan; 20 items
C. 1980-90

MS 44,188 /2 Typescript poem ‘The Volume of Time’ with short story ‘The Lark and the Freedom Fighter’, both by Bobby Sands; 2 items
12 August 1981 and undated

MS 44,188 /3 Typescript poem by Bobby Sands, Long Kesh, 1981; 1 p
1981

MS 44,188 /4 Script for ‘Who suffers most’, commemorating the first anniversary of the death of Bobby Sands and his comrades; 1 item
1982

MS 44,188 /5 H-Block ephemera including a black armband, Bobby Sands poster, Smash H-Blocks badge; Smash H-Blocks stickers, illustrated hunger strikers table mat and H-Blocks banner; 7 items
Undated

MS 44,188 /6 Short and long sketch for TV film based on ‘One Day in my Life’ by Bobby Sands; 2 items
Undated

MS 44,188 /7 ‘A voice in the dark’, poem commemorating the hunger strikers; 1 p
Undated

I.viii.4. National H-Block/Armagh Committee Material

The campaigns of the relative of H-Block prisoners created widespread support for the H-Block protest, and on 21st October 1979 in the Andersontown area of Belfast the National H-Block/Armagh Committee was formed. It soon drew the support of the IRSP, Sinn Féin, People’s Democracy and Trade Unions. The Committee aimed to put pressure on the British government and expose the brutal treatment in the H-Blocks. The scale of widespread support can be seen in the huge numbers who
attended Bobby Sands’ funeral, and the riots in Derry, Dublin and Belfast which greeted the news of the death of other hunger strikers.

I.viii.4.a. Memoranda, appeals and official notices

MS 44,189/1 Information sheets; 7 items 1977-80 & undated

MS 44,189/2 Memorandum from Fr Piaras O Duill, chairman of the National H-Block Committee on the H-Blocks; 3pp 5 June 1979

MS 44,189/3 ‘The National H-Block Committee Mansion House Conference Sunday 16th December’. Includes the following documents:
- ‘A conference on H-Blocks’ by Fr Piaras O Duill, chairman
- list of sponsors
- agenda
- standing orders
- ‘The National H-Block Committee an Historical Survey’
- Press release of the chairman’s opening address
- ‘Resolutions for the Mansion House Conference from the National Smash H-Block Committee’
9 items [1979]

MS 44,189/4 Memorandum by Fr Piaras O Duill, chairman of the National H-Block Committee on Christmas in the H-Blocks; 2pp 28 December 1979

MS 44,189/5 ‘National Smash H-Block Committee 1980’ list of committee members; 1p 1980

MS 44,189/6 Statement by Fr Piaras O Duill, chairman, on the aims and objectives on the National H-Block Committee; 4pp (2 copies) 9 February 1980

MS 44,189/7 Typescript ‘Address by Fr Piaras O Duill to the Eighth Annual Testimonial Dinner of Irish Northern Aid’; 7pp 18 January 1980

MS 44,189/8 Minutes of meeting of the National H-Block Committee held on 28 February 1980; 2pp 28 February 1980

MS 44,189/9 Typescript ‘Address by Fr Piaras O Duill…, National Chairman of the H-Block Committee, to conference in Flannery’s Hotel, Galway, March 9th 1980’; 6pp 9 March 1980
MS 44,190 /1  ‘Letter from the H-Blocks to the National Smash H-Blocks Committee’. Copy letter and typescript transcription; 2pp 25 March 1980

MS 44,190 /2  ‘Conference in the Green Briar, Belfast, June 15, 1980. Chairman’s Address: Fr Piaras O Duill’; 5pp 15 June 1980

MS 44,190 /3  Typescript ‘Conference in Liberty Hall, Dublin, September 14th 1980, Chairman’s Address: Fr Piaras O Duill’; 5pp 14 September 1980


MS 44,190 /5  Typescript ‘The following statement is a smuggled communication from the Blanketmen in the H-Blocks of Long Kesh’ declaring that ‘political status is ours of right and we declare that from Monday, 27th October 1980 a Hunger Strike by a number of men representing H-Blocks 3, 4 and 5 will commence’ with copy; 2 items 10 October 1980


MS 44,190 /7  ‘H-Block Protest an Historical Survey’ issued by the National H-Block Committee; 5pp October 1980

MS 44,190 /8  Essay by Fr Piaras O Duill, chairman of the National H-Block Committee concerning ‘The H-Blocks of Long Kesh’ [2 copies]. Includes photographs of the “The Children of ‘69”; 9pp and 7pp October 1980

MS 44,190 /9  ‘Meeting of hunger strike committee, Belfast, Thursday, 23rd October’; 2pp 23 October [1980]

MS 44,191 /1  ‘Report on Action Groups’ by Cristin Ni Elias, Runai, Activities Sub-Committee to the National H-Block Committee; 12pp 8 November 1980

MS 44,191 /2  Information Bulletin ‘Who supports H-Block prisoners?’; 5pp
18 November 1980

**MS 44,191 /3** Memorandum by Christina Carney, Secretary on address by Fr Piaras O Duill, chairman, to the National H-Block/Armagh rally in Dublin; 1p
6 December 1980

**MS 44,191 /4** ‘Derry H-Block/Armagh Action Group Report January 8th 1981’; 5pp
8 January 1981

**MS 44,191 /5** ‘Statement by tAth Piaras O Duill, Chairman National H-Block/Armagh Committee’; 3 copies
9 January 1981

**MS 44,191 /6** ‘National Open Conference 25 January 1981’. Includes the following documents:
- Circular invitation letter, 15 January 1981
- Address by Fr Piaras O Duill
- ‘Who supports H-Block/Armagh Prisoners?’. List of organisations and individuals
3 items
25 January 1981

**MS 44,191 /7** ‘Minutes of meeting of National H-Block/Armagh Committee, held on 17th January 1981 in Dundalk’; 4pp
28 January 1981

**MS 44,191 /8** ‘Statement on his arrest by Fr Piaras O Duill, chairman of the National H-Block/Armagh Committee’; 2pp
1 February 1981

**MS 44,191 /9** ‘Statement from IRSP/INLA Prisoners H Blocks 3, 4 and 5’ by Patsy O’Hara on commencement of the hunger strike on 1 March 1981; 1p
4 February 1981

**MS 44,192 /1** ‘H Block/Armagh Campaign News Sheet’; 10pp
13 February 1981

**MS 44,192 /2** Minutes of meeting of National H-Block/Armagh Committee held on 22 February 1981; 3pp
1 March 1981

**MS 44,192 /3** ‘Copy of statement issued 23/3/81 by N H-B/A Com’ relating to ‘intervention of hunger striker, Bobby Sands, as a unity candidate for Fermanagh/South Tyrone seat at Westminster’; 1 item
27 March 1981

**MS 44,192 /4** *Hunger-Strike Newsheet*, issued by the National H-
Block/Armagh Committee; 5 issues
29 March – 19 June 1981

**MS 44,192 /5**
Information Bulletin ‘H-Block Hunger Strike Activities’; 1p
31 March 1981

**MS 44,192 /6**
*H-Block Armagh Bulletin*, issued by the Belfast H-Block/Armagh Committee; 5 issues
2 April – 29 May 1981

**MS 44,192 /7**
Copy of ‘The Commonwealth of Massachusetts resolutions memorializing the President of the United States to urge the government of Great Britain to recognise Bobby Sands as political prisoner’; 1p
22 April 1981

**MS 44,192 /8**
Typescript “A quick response to interview on RTE by Fergus O’Hara on 58th day of Bobby Sands M.P. hunger strike, 27 April ‘81” from Margaretta D’Arcy, county Galway; 2pp
27 April 1981

**MS 44,192 /9**
‘Press release from Sinn Féin, 5 Bealtaine [May] 1981. Bobby Sands MP POW-a Tribute by Ruairi O Bradaigh, President Sinn Féin’ on his death; 2pp
5 May 1981

**MS 44,192 /10**
‘The Way Forward Address by Gerry Adams of the National Committee’; 4pp
c. May 1981

**MS 44,193 /1**
Minutes of meetings of National H-Block/Armagh Committee held on 8 and 12 July 1981; 4pp
17 July 1981

**MS 44,193 /2**
Minutes of meeting of National H-Block/Armagh Committee held on 2 August 1981; 3pp
14 August 1981

**MS 44,193 /3**
‘National Recall Conference Report from National Committee’;
6pp
6 September 1981

**MS 44,193 /4**
*An Phoblacht*; 12 issues
1981-1982

**MS 44,193 /5**
Typescript chronology ‘Northern Ireland: a few facts’. Covers 1919-March 1981; 3pp
c.1981

**MS 44,193 /6**
Typescript ‘The National H-Blocks Committee. What can you
do?’ by Fr Raymond Murray; 1p
c.1980-1

**MS 44,193 /7**
Typescript ‘H-Blocks’ Events April-June’. With some pen annotations; 1p
c.1980-1

**MS 44,193 /8**
‘Maintain political status’ issued by the Belfast Comhairle Ceantair Sinn Féin in conjunction with Relatives Action Committee, Belfast; 1p
c.1980

**MS 44,193 /9**
‘Political status strategy for victory’ issued by Irish Workers Group; 4pp
c.1980

**MS 44,193 /10**
*H-Block News*, issued by the Cork branch of the National H-Block Committee; 1 issue
c.1980

**MS 44,194 /1**
Typescript appeal ‘Save the hunger strikers’ and ‘A mothers plea’; 2pp
c.1981

**MS 44,194 /2**
Book review of *One Day in my Life* by Bobby Sands by Enda McDonagh, published in Fortnight, May 1983; 1 item
May 1983

**MS 44,194 /3**
Typescript quotations taken from ‘The Insurrection in Dublin’ by James Stephens [1916]; 1p
undated

**MS 44,194 /4**
Typescript statement by Alice Bradley on the treatment of her son John Bradley in the H-Blocks at Long Kesh; 1p
undated

**MS 44,194 /5**
Publication by the National H-Block Committee showing lists of supporters and also giving details of public rallies; 1 item
undated

**MS 44,194 /6**
Articles: ‘Cover Up’; ‘Torture’; ‘Arguments for political status and amnesty’; 4pp
undated

**MS 44,194 /7**
Typescript ‘H-Blocks’ by Rev. Reamonn O Muiri; 4pp
undated

**MS 44,194 /8**
Typescript ‘Report on H-Block/Armagh work in USA’ by V. Doherty; 3pp
undated
Typescript ‘Progress of the National H- Blocks Committee’ by Fr Piaras O Duill, chairman; 2 items undated

Typescript ‘Synopsis’ of events; 4pp undated

Draft Secretary’s Report on the progress of the National H-Block Committee; 4pp undated

‘Mailing list for individuals’ with some pen annotations; 6pp undated

Profiles of some of the blanketmen in the H-Blocks; 2 items undated

Typescript ‘Profiles of the Hunger Strikers’ [2 copies] with typescript essay on Irish political prisoners; 5 pp & 6pp undated

Form for support of the H-Blocks, Long Kesh and Armagh Jail prisoners. Cork branch National H-Block Committee. With copy publication of lists of supporters; 3pp undated

‘A plea to the Gaelic Athletic Association from: the protesting prisoners in Armagh Jail’ with a list of some members of the GAA imprisoned in the H-Blocks; 4pp undated

Typescript information on Pádraig Wilson, one of the blanket prisoners in Long Kesh; 3pp undated

Handwritten ‘Warning to the H-Block Committee & the Organisers, the Provisional IRA and INLA’; 4pp undated

‘H-Block/Armagh Campaign Concluded’ by Cristin Ni Elias on behalf of the caretaker executive, National H-Block/Armagh Committee with resolution from National Committee; 4pp undated

I.viii.4.b. Press releases and announcements

1980 press releases and announcements as follows:
  • ‘Memoranda to the press and news media relating to
National Smash H-Block Committee March, Derry City, April 20, 1980', 2pp
- ‘Hunger Strike Campaign’, 17 October 1980, 2pp
- ‘Commencement of hunger strike’, 27 October 1980, 1p
- Relating to Gerry Fitt’s statement, 11 November 1980, 2pp
- ‘Day 26 of the Hunger Strike, Veteran’s support hunger strike’, 21 November 1980, 1p
- ‘Day 27 of the Hunger Strike, March and Lobby of Leinster House’, 22 November 1980, 1p
- ‘Day 27 of the Hunger Strike, To the youth against H-Block and Armagh’, 22 November, 2pp
- ‘Day 41 of the Hunger Strike, March to the British Embassy’, 6 December 1980, 1p
- Relating to appointment of Bobby Sands, Patsy O’Hara and Mairéad Farrell to negotiate on behalf of the prisoners, 9 December 1980, 2pp
- ‘Republican Press Centre Belfast’ relating to hunger strikers, 11 December 1980, 2pp
- ‘Statement on ending of hunger strike’, 19 December 1980, 1p
- ‘British Renege on Commitments?’, 30 December 1980, 2pp

14 items
1980

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1981 press releases and announcements as follows:
- “Gesture of prisoners’ sincerity”, 11 January 1981, 1p
- ‘Bernadette and Michael McAliskey’, 16 January 1981, 1p
- Reply to Mr Michael Alison’, 13 February 1981, 1p
- ‘New Hunger Strike’, 2 March 1981, 4pp
- ‘56th day of Hunger Strike. Statement from Bobby Sands MP’, 24 April 1981, 2pp
- ‘Day 57 of Hunger Strike’, [26 April 1981], 1p
- ‘Day 62 of the hunger strike’ and ‘Statement from Owen Carron’, 1 May 1981, 2pp
- Day 66 of the Hunger Strike, Death of Bobby Sands”; 5 May 1981, 1p
- ‘Hunger strikers’ relatives hijacked by Gardai’, 19 May 1981, 2pp
• ‘New National H-Block/Armagh Committee’, 7 September 1981, 1p
• ‘Announcement of new members’, 14 September 1981, 1p
• ‘Prisoners end the hunger strike’, 3 October 1981, 1p
15 items
1981

I.viii.4.c. Letters and circulars

MS 44,197 /1 Copy letter from J.C. Concannon [Office of the Minister of State] to Frank Maguire MP re the treatment of Gerard Patrick McDonnell, a prisoner in the Maze Prison; 1p
19 January 1978

MS 44,197 /2 Copy typescript letters from Dr F. Maguire to Patrick Marrinan, solicitor concerning an assault on Phelim Patrick Hamill after his arrest. With copy typescript statement by Hamill on the assault; 6pp
3 May 1978

MS 44,197 /3 Copy letter from J.S. Wall, First Secretary in the British Embassy, Washington to Mrs H.D. Koelb relating to treatment of prisoners in Armagh prison; 2pp
22 October 1980

MS 44,197 /4 Copy letters to Charles Haughey, Taoiseach from Fr Piaras O Duill, Christina Carney and others; 2 items
22 November 1980 and 9 May 1981

MS 44,197 /5 Letters from Kevin Cashman, Secretary Cork Area National H-Block Committee to the National H-Block Committee, Dublin relating to supplies of leaflets and events. Includes one letter to the Editor of the Evening Echo, Cork; 6 items
1980

MS 44,197 /6 Mainly circular letters from the National H-Block/Armagh Committee with individual letter to the British Ambassador, Dublin, Egyptian Ambassador, Dublin and Thomas P. Hogan, Honorary Consul General of Iceland; 19 items
1980, 1981 and undated

MS 44,197 /7 Letter from Eamonn O’Reilly, Dublin asking members of the Irish Hierarchy to renounce their titles to dioceses lying within the 6 counties. Marked ‘Not for publication’; 1p
undated

MS 44,197 /8 Circular letter from Ivan Hartel, Honorary Secretary, Charter 80, Human Rights for Irish Political Prisoners, London; 1 items
undated
I.ix. Republican individuals, cases and events

This section contains material relating to individual republicans, prisoners, cases and events, such as kidnapping and planned attacks. It also contains some material relating to the commemoration of individuals.

**MS 44,198 /1-2**  
George Harrison File on American IRA, includes;  
- Statement by Harrison about the searching of his house in New York in 1981  
- Papers relating to United States V. Thomas Falvey, Michael Flannery, George Harrison and Patrick Mullin for possession of firearms for shipping to IRA  
- Newscuttings  
- Letters and speeches of Harrison  
42 items in 2 folders  
1955-87

**MS 44,198 /3-5**  
Newspaper articles relating to Ruairí Ó Brádaigh; c.150 items in 3 folders  
1970-94

**MS 44,198 /6**  
Newspaper cuttings on Joe Cahill, IRA Chief of Staff, with associated letters, come copies; c.35 items  
1970-5  
[some items are in Irish]

**MS 44,198 /7-8**  
Newspaper and magazine articles relating to Seán Mac Stiofáin, Provisional IRA chief-of-staff; c.80 items in 2 folders  
1970-2001

**MS 44,199 /1-2**  
Newspaper articles relating to Bernadette McAliskey neé Devlin, with related documents including published speeches and letters, some are copies; c.110 items in 2 folders  
c.1970s-90s

**MS 44,199 /3**  
Papers relating to the campaign to clear Captain James Kelly from the accusation of arms smuggling in the early 1970s, includes newspaper cuttings, election leaflet and memorial cards; 21 items  
1971-2003

**MS 44,199 /4**  
Newspaper and magazine articles relating to Jim McCann; 3 items  
1971-87

**MS 44,199 /5**  
Newspaper cutting on Seamus Twomey, Provisional IRA Chief of Staff 1970s, with photocopy of an interview with him. Also contains booklet ‘Volunteer Seamus Twomey 1919-89. A tribute’; 23 items  
1972-89 and undated

**MS 44,199 /6**  
Newspaper cuttings on Martin McGuiness, with related
documents; 23 items
1972-2002

**MS 44,199 /7**
Michael Tobin case, newspaper cuttings and papers. Also includes Hapotoc (help a prisoner and outlaw torture organising committee) papers; 7 items
1972-6 and undated

**MS 44,199 /8**
Newspaper cuttings, with some copies, on Marie Drumm; 26 items
1972-6

**MS 44,200 /1-2**
Papers of Joe O’Neill, including various Republican Bulletins and documents relating to Éire Nua building fund; c.20 items in 2 folders
1972-92

**MS 44,200 /3**
Newspaper cuttings relating to Joe McCann, and his brother-in-law Tony Doran; 17 items
1972-3 and 1999

**MS 44,200 /4**
Newspaper cuttings on Kevin Mellows, Provisional IRA; 8 items
1973-5

**MS 44,200 /5**
Newspaper cuttings relating to the IRA ‘Doomsday’ plans and the Brendan Hughes capture, 1 copy; 11 items
1974

**MS 44,200 /6**
Newspaper cuttings on the kidnapping of Dr. Tiede Herrema by Marian Coyle and Eddie Gallagher; 25 items
1975-6

**MS 44,200 /7**
Brendan Dowd file. Copy of papers in the European Commission of Human Rights against United Kingdom, contains second memorandum and exhibits 1-10; 12 items
1976-9

**MS 44,200 /8**
Noel and Marie Murry;
- Newspaper and magazine articles; 7 items
- Flyers and pamphlets; 6 items
- Letters and other papers; 3 items
1976-90

**MS 44,200 /9**
Letter relating to the Noel Jenkinson Memorial, and the Sean McNeela-Michael Gaughan Memorial Committee; 3 items
27 Oct. 1976 and undated

**MS 44,201 /1**
Newspaper cuttings relating to the killing of British Ambassador Christopher Ewart Biggs by the Provisional IRA; 33 items
1976
| MS 44,201 /2 | Newspaper cuttings relating to Peter McMullen, Provisional IRA; 6 items 1978-9 and undated |
| MS 44,201 /3 | Newspaper cuttings relating to the murder of Louis Mountbatten, 1st Earl Mountbatten by the Provisional IRA; 7 items 1979 |
| MS 44,201 /4 | Newspaper cuttings relating to Dessie O’Hare ‘the Border Fox’; 5 items 1979-2003 |
| MS 44,201 /5 | Newspaper cuttings on Rose Dugdale; 3 items October 1980 |
| MS 44,202 /1 | Newspaper cuttings relating to the Murder of Robert Bradford, Ulster Unionist MP by the IRA; 4 items 1981 |
| MS 44,202 /2 | Newspaper cuttings on Phil Flynn; 3 items 1981, 1998 and undated |
| MS 44,202 /3 | Newspaper cuttings relating to Sean O’Callaghan, former head of IRA Southern Command who was an informer for British security services; c.40 items c.1981-2001 |
| MS 44,202 /5 | Newspaper articles relating to the kidnapping of Don Tidey by the IRA, and the gun battle which led to his release; 3 items 1983-4 |
| MS 44,202 /6 | Dominic McGlinchey (INLA);  
  - Newspaper and magazine articles; 7 items  
  - Affidavit of McGlinchey with covering letter; 2 items 1983-2001 |
| MS 44,202 /7 | Newspaper cuttings relating to Dr. Maire O’Shed, tried and acquitted on conspiring to cause explosions; 4 items 1985-95 |
| MS 44,202 /8 | Newspaper articles relating to the Evelyn Glenholmes case; 17 items 1986-7 |
| MS 44,202 /9 | Newspapers cuttings relating to the Eskund gun running case; |
**MS 44,203 /1**  
Newspaper cuttings relating to the Loughgall ambush; 11 items 1987-90

**MS 44,203 /2**  
Aengus Ó Snodaigh. Papers relating to his alleged assault on Garda Desmond Byrne, Nov. 1987, with related documents; 12 items 1988-2002 and undated

**MS 44,203 /3**  
Newspaper and magazine clippings of interviews with Gerry Adams; 6 items 1988-1995

**MS 44,203 /4-9**  
Gibraltar 3 Case, shooting of IRA members Mairead Farrell, Daniel McCann and Sean Savage by SAS in Gibraltar, March 1988, includes;  
- Letters from Niall Farrell, brother of Mairead Farrell  
- Newspaper and magazine cuttings  
- Papers relating to commemoration  
c.130 items in 6 folders 1986-96  
[Some items are in Irish, French and Spanish]

**MS 44,204 /1**  
Papers relating to Gabriel Cleary, member of Provisional IRA imprisoned in France for gun smuggling (1987-1992), and later in Ireland (1996-8), includes;  
- Copy of letter laying out conditions for Cleary and other defendants in France; 1p  
- Letters of support to Cleary, one attacking him; 7 items  
- Drawing of a bee, dated 19/11/91; 1p  
- Papers relating to Portlaoise prison  
- Printed copies of web pages; 3 items  
26 items 1987-2000

**MS 44,204 /2**  
Newspaper cuttings relating to the conviction of Don O’Leary for possession of a Sinn Féin poster; 1 item 1989

**MS 44,204 /3**  
Material relating to arrest and detention of Roisin McAliskey (daughter of Bernadette Devlin) including leaflets, circulars, letters, newscuttings and other papers relating to the Dublin Justice for Roisin McAliskey Group; c. 50 items 1996-8 and undated

**MS 44,204 /4**  
Papers relating to Jim Monaghan, Martin McCauley and Niall Connolly, the ‘Columbia 3’ including ‘Prison update for prisoner’s month’, 2001, ‘10 interesting facts about Columbia’
Due to the high levels of immigration from Ireland to America, there has always been a tradition of Irish support groups in America. In the eighteenth century these groups tended to be Catholic and charitable in their nature, but during the nineteenth century they became increasingly nationalistic. In the 1860s Clan na Gael was promoted by the IRB as the main Irish Republican organization in America. Organization like Clan na Gael not only campaigned for Irish freedom from England, but provide monetary support to their sister organizations in Ireland. Clan na Gael was the largest financial supporter of the Easter Rising. The tradition of US support and fund raising for Irish republicanism has continued throughout the twentieth century. US pressure groups and politicians also played an important role in the Northern Ireland peace process in the 1990s.

I.x.1. General papers

**MS 44,205 /1-3**  
Newspaper articles relating to the US and Northern Ireland; c.130 items in 3 folders  
1949, 1971-93 and undated

**MS 44,205 /4**  
Leaflets produced by republican support groups including Friends of Sinn Féin, IRA Prisoners Aid Committee of New York, Clan na Gael and IRA Veterans of America, Irish Freedom Committee and James Connolly Association; 12 items  
1951-1962 and undated

**MS 44,205 /5**  
Papers relating to US support groups including;  
- American Irish United Committee  
- Sean Oglaigh na hÉireann of New York  
- Artist Committee for Irish Freedom  
- American Congress for Irish Freedom  
- Friends of Irish Freedom  
36 items  
1967-90

**MS 44,205 /6**  
Copy letters from James C. Heaney, President American Congress for Irish Freedom with ‘Survey Report of Attorney’s Committee on the legal structure existing in Northern Ireland’; 7 items  
1968

**MS 44,206 /1**  
Newspaper cuttings relating to Paul O’Dwyer, Irish-American Politician and lawyer, Mayor of New York. A strong supporter of Irish and US liberal causes, with related items including dinner menu and memorial mass programme; 28 items  
1968-98
MS 44,206 /2 Leaflet asking for support for Resolution 195 in the House of Representatives, “the Irish people ought to be permitted to exercise the right of national self-determination thus returning the disputed six counties to the Irish republic”; 1p 1971

MS 44,206 /3 Leaflets, letters, press releases, policy statements, news articles and fliers produced by various republican support groups in the US including the Irish Affairs Bureau, the National Council of Irish Americans, the Friends of Ireland, Northern Ireland Justice Watch, United Nations for Ireland International, Amnesty International, American Irish Political Education Committee, Irish American Unity Foundation, Friends of Irish Freedom, the Irish People, and American Congress for Irish Freedom; 32 items 1971-91 and undated

MS 44,206 /4 Assorted magazine articles relating to Ireland and the US; 11 items 1972-96 and undated

MS 44,206 /5 Document related to hearings on international protection of human rights held by the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Organisations and Movements. Includes opening statement and statement by Professor Richard A. Falk; 9pp 1973


MS 44,206 /7 Documents related to the initiation ceremony at Pairc na Boine, Boyne Park of National Heritage. Includes statement by Sean MacBride and article on Jim Delaney; 4 items 1985

MS 44,206 /8 Statements issued by prominent Irish-Americans and groups on the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, 15 November 1985; 15pp 1985

MS 44,207 /1 Letters (some published) by James V. Burke relating to terrorism, the Northern Ireland policies of Garret Fitzgerald, and other matters, with one from James J. Florio, member of Congress; 6pp 1987

MS 44,207 /2 Material relating to the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America concerning St Patrick’s Day cards, the performance of the Grenadier Guards and Gordon Highlanders and Jim Shannon Testimonial; 6 items
1987, 1991

**MS 44,207 /3**  

**MS 44,207 /4**  

**MS 44,207 /5**  
Letter from US Senator Christopher J. Dodd to Sandy Carlson concerning the Foreign Relations Committee hearings on Northern Ireland with related statement made by Senator Dodd to the Committee; 3pp (2 copies) 1993

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**I.x.2. Irish National Caucus**

The Irish National Caucus is an Irish-American lobby group. One of its main activities involves lobbying for the MacBride Principles which comprise nine fair employment principles and are a corporate code of conduct for US companies doing business in Northern Ireland.

**MS 44,208 /1**  
‘Irish American Reporter. A publication of the American Congress for Irish Freedom’; 1 item  
November 1968

**MS 44,208 /2**  
Photocopies of parts of ‘Congressional Record’, resolutions submitted to the House of Representatives concerning the situation in Northern Ireland with statement by Fred Burns O’Brien to the Committee on Government Operations and Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary United States Senate, June 1974; 7 items  
1970-5 and undated

**MS 44,208 /3**  
Copies of documents from classified FBI file relating to Irish National Caucus, Ruairí Ó Bradaigh, Dáithí Ó Conaill and others. Some are from Henry Kissinger; 11pp  
1973-1975

**MS 44,208 /4**  
Memorandum from Sean W. Walsh, INC to Richard H. Ichord, US House of Representatives relating to ‘A brief for the Provisionals’ by Dr Fred Burns O’Brien’ with related papers; 41pp  
1974

**MS 44,208 /5**  
Press releases relating to ‘Ceasefire in Ireland and Britain’, January
1975 and relating to revocation of visas of leaders of Republican movement in Ireland (2 copies), April 1975; 2 items 1975

**MS 44,208 /6** ‘Petition (Application) for Permanent Observer Status at the United Nations in the General Assembly for the Provisional Republican Movement of the 32 Counties of all Ireland’; 13pp 1975

**MS 44,208 /7** Memoranda from Sean W. Walsh to Sean Cronim relating to the Executive Council, with memoranda from Fred Burns O’Brien to the Irish Republican leadership relating to ‘Regarding the establishment of the Irish Republican Information Service’; 2 items 1975 and undated

**MS 44,208 /8** Letters relating to the denial of US visas to members of the Irish Republican Movement, the Congressional Committee for Irish Affairs and other matters; 7 items 1975-8, 1991 and undated

**MS 44,208 /9** Folder containing copies of newspaper articles, letters, proceedings, Congress debates and other papers re visas for leaders of the Republican Movement in Ireland to visit UK, alleged human rights violations and other matters; 21 items 1977

**MS 44,209 /1** Sundry papers produced by the Irish National Caucus including ‘Resolution concerning human rights, justice and freedom and peace in Ireland’, INC Newsletter, list of Irish organisations in US and CV of Fred Burns O’Brien; 9 items 1977-8 and undated

**MS 44,209 /2** *Maryland Irish National Caucus*, 3 volumes; 3 items 1978

**MS 44,209 /3** *National Newsletter*; 1 item 1979

**MS 44,209 /4** *The Irish Lobby Newsletter of the Irish National Caucus*; 2 items 1995

**MS 44,209 /5** Leaflets and other publications giving general information on the Irish National Caucus and ‘The MacBride Principles’; 9 items 1995 and undated

**MS 44,209 /6** Paper ‘The Roots of Genocide’ by Fred Burns O’Brien; 25pp undated

**MS 44,209 /7** Copy ‘Indictment of the Irish Free State. A Report to the International Relations Committee US House of Representatives
Subcommittee on Future Foreign Policy and Research Development’ by Fred Burns O’Brien, Information Director, Irish National Caucus; 4pp undated

MS 44,209 /8 Paper ‘Her Majesty’s Indiscretions’ by Fred Burns O’Brien; 23pp undated


I.x.3. Irish Northern Aid Committee

The Irish Northern Aid Committee (NORAID) is an Irish American fundraising organization founded in 1969. British, Irish and American governments have accused NORAID of being a front for the Provisional IRA, although this is denied by the organisation.

MS 44,210 /1 Letters from Charles W Yost, US Representative to the UN; Timothy B Brennan, Chairman, NORAID; Kevin J O’Connor, San Diego Friends of Ireland; Joseph J DioGuardi, Congressman; Seosamh Ó Neill, Republican Sinn Féin and others. Includes some circulars; 10 items 1969-87 and undated

MS 44,210 /2 Package sent to An Phoblacht office, Dublin containing information on handling explosives, first aid and booklet on explosives; 8 items 1970 and undated

MS 44,210 /3 Circular letters announcing demonstrations and rallies in New York and requesting financial assistance with ‘Questions and Answers on Northern Ireland’; 7 pp 1970-1 and undated

MS 44,210 /4 Sundry papers including ‘The Irish Northern Aid Committee Newsletter, vol. 1, April 1971, posters advertising mass demonstration and also re the Special Powers Act, Northern Ireland with ‘Letter from America’ by Sean Collins relating to Irish emigrants; 9 items 1971 and undated

MS 44,210 /5 Reports, news bulletins, information on fundraising and educational events, meeting agendas, resolution of Ancient Order of Hibernians in US, information on coercion and Special Powers Acts; 15 items 1971-89

MS 44,210 /6 Newscuttings (including some copies) with membership card; 7 items
1971-90 and undated

**MS 44,211 /1**  
Newspaper cuttings relating to Martin Galvin and NORAID; 15 items  
1976-91

**MS 44,211 /2**  
‘Address by Fr Piaras O Duill to the Eight Annual Testimonial Dinner of Irish Northern Aid’ with related text of speech; 2 items  
1980

**MS 44,211 /3**  
Affidavit (not signed) in suit of Attorney general of United States, Plaintiff V Irish Northern Ireland Committee, Defendant; 16 pp  
1982

**MS 44,211 /4**  
1988

**MS 44,211 /5**  
Memorandum by the Political Action Department of the Irish Northern Aid Committee on the ‘Anti-Crime Bill and Irish Northern Aid’ with an emergency appeal for aid; 7pp  
June 1991 and undated
II. POLITICAL PARTIES, GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

This section contains papers, newsletters and newspaper cuttings relating to political parties, groups and organisations which operated or were involved in Northern Ireland. There are arranged alphabetically by the name of the organisation. The last section contains the small collections of papers relating to groups, or their newsletters and other publications.

II.i. 1916-1921 Club

The 1916-1921 Club was founded in the 1940s, the aim being to heal the divisions caused by the Irish Civil War. Leading republicans from both sides were invited to join. The club aims to preserve the memory of those who died for Irish freedom, as well as support and promote the idea of a united Ireland, and preserve Irish traditions and culture.

II.i.1. Meetings

MS 44,212 /1-3 Minutes, agendas, notices and reports of meetings held as follows:

- Notice of AGM, minutes of AGM, attendance sheet, 1982, 3pp
- Minutes of Special General Meeting, attendance lists, 1983, 2pp
- Minutes of AGM, 1986, 1p
- Minutes of AGM, 1987, 2pp
- Minutes of Committee Meetings and Extraordinary General Meeting, 1990, 11pp
- Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting, ‘Procedures for conduct of Annual General Meeting’, Secretary’s Report, 1991, 6pp
- AGM minutes, 1992, 5pp
- Treasurer’s Report, [1993], 1p
- Minutes of committee meetings, 1994, 9pp
- Minutes of AGM, agenda of meeting, 1996, 3pp
- Minutes of committee meeting, 1998, 2pp
- Minutes of committee meetings, 1999, 6pp
- Minutes of committee meetings, list of committee members, agendas, 2000, 8pp
- Minutes of committee meetings, agendas, 2001, 9pp
- Minutes of committee meetings, AGM minutes, agenda, 2002, 10 items
- Minutes of committee meetings, AGM, agenda, Treasurer’s Report, 2003, 9 items
- Minutes of AGM, 2004, 1 item
- Minutes of committee meetings, AGM, treasurer’s report, 2005, 9 items
- Also other papers, mostly undated, including ‘Special Resolutions’ concerning Trustees, ‘Procedures of conduct of Annual General Meeting’ and ‘Secretary’s Report’
1982-2005
3 folders

II.i.2. Correspondence

The material within this section has been divided into general correspondence relating to subscriptions and other routine matters, and letters on specific topics. Also included are circular letters.

**MS 44,213 /1**
Letters to Col. Eamon Morkam, including two from Joe Gilfoyle, President of the Club; 3 items
1961-2

**MS 44,213 /2**
Correspondence of Martin Wallace, Risteard Ó hEigeataigh, Hon. Secretary and P. O Murchadha, Dept. of Defence concerning an application by Wallace for a service (1917-21) medal with bar; 13pp
1971-2

**MS 44,213 /3**
General correspondence, including letter relating to subscriptions; 34pp
1974-2003

**MS 44,213 /4**
Correspondence of Brig. Gen. V. F. Savino, Lt. Gen. M. J. Costello, President and Sean MacBride concerning the Club’s annual dinner dance; 11pp
1985

**MS 44,213 /5**
Letter from Mártain MacGuillabuide to James Tunney, Lord Mayor of Dublin with reply concerning the hiring of a room for a Club meeting; 2pp
1985

**MS 44,213 /6**
Copy letters from Martin MacEvoy, M.J. Costello, President and J. O’Brien to editors of various publications; 8pp
1985

**MS 44,213 /7**
Letters from Eoin MacNeill to Martin [Bell]; 2 items
1985

**MS 44,213 /8**
Copy letter from Michael McMahon, Treasurer to M. J. Costello with typescript record of conversation between Costello and Lt. Col. Clancy; 4pp
1986

**MS 44,213 /9**
Copy letter from M. J. Costello to ‘Tadgh’; 2pp
1986

**MS 44,214 /1**
Letters from Martin MacEvoy to the Editors of the *Evening Press*
and *Irish Press* with one reply; 4pp
1987

**MS 44,214 /2**
Letter from Martin MacEvoy to Michael Noonan, Minister for Defence with reply; 2pp
1987

**MS 44,214 /3**
Copy letters from Martin Bell, Hon. Secretary concerning a commemoration service to be held at the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham in July 1989; 3pp
1989

**MS 44,214 /4**
Circular letter concerning draft policy document; 8pp
1990

**MS 44,214 /5**
Circular letter from Michael MacEvilly concerning the postponement of the AGM; 3pp
1991

**MS 44,214 /6**
Copy letter from Martin MacGuillabuid, Treasurer to Eamon Ó Cuiv T. D.; 2pp
1993

**MS 44,214 /7**
Letter from Criostoir de Baróid to Michael MacEvilly, Secretary and from Pádraig Ó Cuanacháin to Capt. James J. Kelly, President with copies of newspaper articles concerning an article written by Kevin Myers on the 1916 Rising; 7pp
1994-1995

**MS 44,214 /8**
Letters from Sean O’Mahony, President and David Fitzgerald to John Bruton, Taoiseach concerning the dismissal of Fitzgerald from his job as a guide at Kilmainham Jail; 4pp
1996

**MS 44,214 /9**
Letter from Pat O’Donnell to Sean O’Mahony, President; 3pp
1996

**MS 44,215 /1**
Letters to Sean O’Mahony as President of the Club; 26pp
1996-8

**MS 44,215 /2**
Letters from P.D. O’Donnell to Martin Mansergh, Special Advisor to the Taoiseach, with one reply and other letters concerning a monument to Wolfe Tone; 12pp
1998-9

**MS 44,215 /3**
Letter from Leslie O Laoi, For Asgard Sub-Committee, to J. Donnelly, Secretary concerning the restoration of the Asgard; 7pp
2001

**MS 44,215 /4**
Letter from Fr Eoin Thynne, Chaplain Cathal Brugha Barracks
with reply from John Morgan and related papers concerning the installation of a stained glass window to honour the Royal Dublin Fusiliers in a church in the Barracks; 9pp
2002-3

MS 44,215 /5 Letters concerning the registration of the Club as a limited company and resignation of Ernie Keaveney as a committee member; 2pp
2003

II.1.3. Other Papers

This section comprises of press cuttings, texts of speeches, notices of events and other material.

MS 44,216 /1 Papers relating to the ownership of a site at 51 Parnell Square, Dublin and includes solicitors’ letters, letters from Sean O’Mahony and a copy of the memorandum and articles of association of the 1916-1921 Club; 59pp
1944-2003

MS 44,216 /2 Photocopy of 1916 Commemoration dinner programme held by the Club in April 1946; 1 item
1946

MS 44,216 /3 Press cuttings and copies of press cuttings concerning the Club and commemorative events; 28 items
1979-1999

MS 44,216 /4 ‘Statement by the President [M. J. Costello] 1916-1921 Club’ concerning decisions made at the AGM May 1985 and the Club constitution; 7pp
1985

MS 44,216 /5 Texts of speeches as follows:
• Typescript ‘Annual truce (1921) Commemorative Dinner Officers Mess, Collins Barracks, Friday 12th July 1985. Address by Mr Sean MacBride S.C.’, 3pp
• Typescript ‘Speech made by Miss Silvia de Valera at Collins Barracks on the 12th July 1985’, 3pp
• Typescript ‘Ernie Cowan Speech Kilmainham Easter ‘93’, 3pp
• Handwritten ‘Oration ’96 Arbour Hill’, 6pp
• Handwritten ‘Oration ’97’ with 2 photographs, 7pp
• Handwritten ‘MacBride Mass, 1998’, 5pp
• Typescript ‘1999’ [Arbour Hill], 1p
• Typescript ‘Sean O’Mahony, Arbour Hill, 2000’, 4pp
• Handwritten ‘MacBride Mass, 2001’, 4pp
• Handwritten ‘Arbour Hill, May 03’, 7pp
10 items
1985-2003

MS 44,216 /6 Notices of events and membership application forms; 18pp
1989-2002

MS 44,217 /1 Memorandum on extradition, with reply, motion and resolution;
9pp
1990

MS 44,217 /2 ‘Proposals for a standard or banner suited to the aims and
aspirations of the 1916-1921 Club’. Includes 6 photographs; 4pp
1991

MS 44,217 /3 Papers relating to the constitution and rules of the 1916-1921
Club; 7pp
c.1994

MS 44,217 /4 Papers relating to the Sovereign Seal of Dáil Éireann; 6pp
2003

MS 44,217 /5 Statement by the President 1916-1921 Club, signed M.J. Costello;
3pp
undated

MS 44,217 /6-7 Other items including commemoration dinner menus, headed
notepaper (blank), cheque stubs, photographs of planting of tree at
the garden of Remembrance, a list of the presidents of the Club,
1945-2003, topics for lectures, press releases, song and hymn
sheets, information on St Bricin’s Military Hospital and a list of
members names and addresses; c.30 items in 2 folders
various dates

II.i. Conciliation Ireland and Hugo Flynn

Founded in 1972 out of concern for events in Northern Ireland, Conciliation Ireland
aimed to promote dialogue and conciliation between militants and moderates leading
to a lasting peace. It also aimed for a general amnesty of political prisoners. This
section contains some papers relating to the Northern Ireland Freedom and Justice
Campaign, of which Conciliation was a continuation. This section also contains some
personal papers of Hugo Flynn who was a founder member of Conciliation.

See also MS 44,249 /6 Information Service Ireland, which was closely related to
Conciliation Ireland, and MS 44,153 /4 and MS 44,153 /5 for letters from Flynn.

MS 44,218 /1 Minutes of the Northern Ireland Freedom and Justice Campaign
and later Conciliation, incomplete set; 7 items
1972-6
| **MS 44,218 /2** | Various documents produced by Conciliation Ireland assessing the Irish situation; 7 items 1972-7 |
| **MS 44,218 /3** | Papers relating to the aims of Conciliation Ireland and the Northern Ireland Freedom and Justice Campaign; 4 items c.1972 |
| **MS 44,218 /4** | Correspondence of Conciliation Ireland with various parties; 29 items some copies April 1972 – Jan. 1978 and undated |
| **MS 44,218 /5** | *The Conflict in Northern Ireland. A Brief Analysis –The Path to Peace*, produced by Conciliation Ireland; 2 bound copies Jan. 1975 |
| **MS 44,218 /6** | Letters between Hugo Flynn (former Chairman of Conciliation Ireland) and Pat [McKevitt, also a former Conciliation member], with related document. Also contains some other correspondence of Hugo Flynn and a related newspaper article; 12 items Sep. 1981 – June 1996 |
| **MS 44,218 /7** | Various documents and drafts, produced by Conciliation Ireland, the Northern Ireland Freedom and Justice Campaign and Hugo Flynn on different aspects of the problems in the North; 13 items undated |

### II.iii. Dublin ’68 Committee

The Dublin ‘68 Committee was formed in 1988 from an idea of Sean MacBride. The title refers to 1968, the year in which the first real impetus towards civil rights and non-discrimination in employment in Northern Ireland began. Objectives included support for the MacBride Principles, highlighting civil rights abuse and the distribution of information about the situation in Northern Ireland.

| **MS 44,219 /1** | Letters to Sean O’Mahony and circular letters, relating to meetings, agendas, objectives, principles, 75th Easter rising commemorative dinner, art sale, seminars and Dublin and Monaghan Bombings; 16 items 1988-97 and undated |
| **MS 44,219 /2** | Notices and leaflets; 10 items [1988-91] |
| **MS 44,219 /3** | [Speech] on first anniversary of IRA ceasefire, author unknown. Facsimile from friends of Sinn Féin marked ‘for the attention of [Gerard] McGuigan’ and ‘Read at United Irish Societies gathering at Scranton, Pennsylvania, USA’. With facsimile of ‘Statement by
the president on the first anniversary of the ceasefire in Northern Ireland’; 3 items
1995

MS 44,219 /4  Booklet ‘A failed political Entity” Studies in Unionism, the
civil rights campaign Discrimination and the way forward’, ed. Vincent MacDowell and published by Dublin ’68 Committee;
48pp
undated

II.iv. Fianna Fáil

In the early 1970s Fianna Fáil went through a difficult period with internal splits, and
the trial of two government ministers, Charles Haughey and Neil Blaney, for arms
smuggling (MS 44,297 /1-2). In 1979 Haughey became Taoiseach, but economic
problems lead to one of the party’s worst election defeat in 1981. Throughout the
1980s Haughey’s position as leader of the party was challenged and in 1991 he was
replaced by Albert Reynolds. During his short term as Taoiseach (1992-4) at the head
of a coalition government, Reynolds played an important role in the Peace Process
and helped pave the way to the 1994 IRA ceasefire. Reynolds was replaced by Bertie
Ahern in November 1994, who found himself immediately reduced to leader of the
opposition when the Labour Party ended their coalition deal. In 1997 Ahern formed a
coalition with the Provisional Democrats and was influential in the achievement of the
Good Friday Peace Agreement for Northern Ireland.

MS 44,220 /1  Neil Blaney, newscuttings and one photograph; 36 items
1969-2000

MS 44,220 /2  Envelope entitled ‘Jack Lynch Material’, contains newspaper
cuttings, also lists of TDs who intended to break from Fianna Fáil
at the Ard Fheis; 14 items
1971-99 and undated

MS 44,220 /3  Newspaper and magazine articles relating to Fianna Fáil, some are
copies; c.125 items
1971-97

MS 44,220 /4  Newspaper and magazine articles relating to Charles Haughey an
Taoiseach; c.30 items
1977-92

MS 44,220 /5  ‘Agreed Communiqué on meeting between an Taoiseach Mr.
Charles Haughey and the Prime Minister the Right Hon. Margaret
Thatcher on 21 May 1980; 2pp
May 1980

MS 44,220 /6  Ireland Today, January 1980, Bulletin of the Department of
Foreign Affairs; 24pp
1980
II.v. Forum for Peace and Reconciliation

The Forum for Peace and Reconciliation was established in October 1994 by the Irish government following a ceasefire by paramilitary organisations in order to bring together all parties on the island of Ireland in dialogue with each other and the wider community. Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness served as the first chairperson of the Forum from 1994 to 2001. Following this Senator Maurice Hayes acted as chairperson.

Sean O’Mahony prepared a catalogue of the material he collected in the section, this can be found in MS 44,229 /6

II.v.1. Submissions

This section includes submissions from political parties, church bodies and other groups and private individuals.
| MS 44,222 /2 | ‘Submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation from the National Platform for Democracy, Employment and Neutrality’; 11pp November 1994 |
| MS 44,222 /3 | ‘The Nature of the Problem and the Principles underlying its Resolution – Discussion Papers from Fianna Fáil for Peace and Reconciliation’; 7pp November 1994 |
| MS 44,222 /5 | ‘Submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation prepared by Sean O’Mahony’ with related letters; 12pp November 1994-April 1995 |
| MS 44,222 /6 | ‘Sinn Féin Discussion Paper. The nature of the problem and the principles underlying its resolution. Submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation’; 6pp November [1994] |
| MS 44,222 /7 | ‘Forum for Peace and Reconciliation creation of a human rights environment. Britain and Ireland Human Rights Centre’; 9pp December 1994 |
| MS 44,222 /8 | ‘Centre for Research and Documentation. Submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation’; 8pp December 1994 |
| MS 44,223 /1 | ‘“The Nature of the Problem and the Principles underlying its resolution”. Discussion paper from the Labour Party for the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation’. With pen annotations; 9pp December 1994 |
| MS 44,223 /2 | Faxed copy of ‘“The nature of the problem, and the principles underlying its resolution”. Submission by the Progressive Democrats’; 8pp |
December 1994

MS 44,223 /3  ‘The Alliance analysis of the problem presented to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation at Dublin Castle, 9 December 1994’; 5pp
December 1994

MS 44,223 /4  ‘Submission from Belfast Community Forum on policing to Forum for Peace and Reconciliation’; 9pp
December 1994

MS 44,223 /5  ‘INOU [Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed] submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation’; 4pp
December 1994

MS 44,223 /6  ‘The Workers’ Party Submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation, Dublin Castle, December 1994. The nature of the problem and the principles underlying its resolution’; 7pp
December 1994

MS 44,223 /7  Fax copy of ‘Towards participative democracy, a submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation by Simon Lee [and] Robin Wilson’. With related letter. Some annotations; 21pp
December 1994

MS 44,223 /8  ‘Submission to Forum for Peace and Reconciliation by Leon Mac Pádraig Ua Broin’ with related letter to John Major, Prime Minister; 14pp
December 1994

MS 44,223 /9  ‘Submission from Senator Gordon Wilson on the Nature of the Problem and the Principles underlying its resolution’; 14pp
C. December 1994

MS 44,224 /1  Faxed copy of ‘The nature of the problem and the principles underlying its resolution. Discussion paper from the Independent Senators for the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation’; 3pp
January 1995

MS 44,224 /2  ‘Discussion Papers by the Green Party…the Nature of the Problem and the Principles underlying its resolution’. With pen annotations; 12pp
January 1995

MS 44,224 /3  ‘Communist Party of Ireland. Submission to Forum for Peace and Reconciliation’; 12pp
January 1995

MS 44,224 /4  ‘Peace in Ireland submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation by Patrick McKevitt’; 24pp
January 1995

**MS 44,224 /5** ‘Submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation on the nature of the problem and the principles underlying its resolution on behalf of the Independent Deputies in Dáil Éireann’. Annotated in pen ‘This submission was written by Sean O’Mahony Jan ‘95’. Also related newscuttings; 8pp

[January]-February 1995

**MS 44,224 /6** ‘Oral submission by the Committee on the Administration of Justice to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation Friday, March 31, 1995’ with ‘Irish Council for Civil Liberties, Presentation to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation’; 9pp

March 1995

**MS 44,224 /7** ‘Forum for Peace and Reconciliation. Policing remarks by the Tanaiste and Leader of the Labour Party, Mr Dick Spring, T. D.’; 8pp

March 1995

**MS 44,224 /8** Press release ‘Statement by Mary Harney, T. D., Leader of the Progressive Democrats, speaking in the special debate at the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation on Policing in Northern Ireland’; 6pp

March 1995

**MS 44,224 /9** ‘Policing in Northern Ireland on Alliance submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation’; 5pp

March 1995

**MS 44,225 /1** ‘Forum for Peace and Reconciliation Dublin. A submission by Colin Crawford on behalf of Loyalist prisoners in Northern Ireland’; 10pp

March 1995

**MS 44,225 /2** ‘Sinn Féin submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation May 5th 1995…Initial discussion of “A New Framework for Agreement”’; 11pp

May 1995

**MS 44,225 /3** ‘Sinn Féin presentation to Sub-Committee on obstacles to Peace and Reconciliation in the South…The “Protestant View” – is there one?’; 7pp

May 1995

**MS 44,225 /4** ‘Sinn Féin Submission to Forum for Peace and Reconciliation, Dublin Castle, May 19th 1995…on the need for all-Ireland institutions; 8pp

May 1995
MS 44,225 /5  ‘Church of Ireland submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation’, with related letter and pen annotations; 30pp May 1995

MS 44,225 /6  ‘Peace Train Organisation, Keep the Peace…submission to Forum for Peace and Reconciliation’ with related letter and some pen annotations; 31pp August 1995 [item contains some Irish]

MS 44,225 /7  Fax copy of ‘Submission to Forum on the question of reconciliation’ by Jim Gibney, Sinn Féin; 3pp [September 1995]

MS 44,225 /8  ‘Beyond the Troubles – a way forward for Northern Ireland’ by Francis A. Boyle, Professor of International Law, University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign, with related letter; 16pp September 1995

MS 44,225 /9  ‘Submission to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation’ by Desmond Wilson with letter from Wilson; 6pp undated

MS 44,226 /1  ‘A very special relationship. British images of Ireland and the Irish’ by James O’Connell, Dept. of Peace Studies, University of Bradford. With some pen annotations. Incomplete; 10pp undated

MS 44,226 /2  ‘Self-determination, the Joint Declaration, and women’s participation’ by the Galway Women’s Right to Choose Group and Galway Women’s Resource Group. Some passages are highlighted; 4pp undated

MS 44,226 /3  ‘Forum for Peace and Reconciliation. Sinn Féin contribution to the preliminary discussions’; 4pp undated

MS 44,226 /4  ‘A submission by the Committee on the Administration of Justice to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation with ‘Declaration on Human Rights, the Northern Ireland Conflict and the Peace Process’. With some pen annotations; 18pp undated

MS 44,226 /5  ‘Issues of fundamental human rights’ prepared by Thomas M. Cullen; 13pp undated

MS 44,226 /6  Submission from the Irish National Congress; 44pp undated
II.v.2. Other documents

**MS 44,227 /1** Unsigned copy letter concerning the GAA and the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation. Note in pen on reverse ‘Martin McGovern, St Ann GAA Club’; 1p [c. October 1994/5]


**MS 44,227 /3** ‘Forum for Peace and Reconciliation Parity of Esteem’; 2pp November 1994

**MS 44,227 /4** ‘Possible programme of work to end-February’; 13pp November 1994

**MS 44,227 /5** ‘Possible programme of work’ with pen annotations; 4pp November 1994

**MS 44,227 /6** “‘Parity of Esteem’ (some ideas for a Sinn Féin contribution)” with some pen annotations; 15pp November 1994


**MS 44,227 /8** ‘Media Release, 9 December 1994. Forum to explore the economic benefits of peace’; 3pp December 1994


**MS 44,228 /1** ‘Fundamental Rights and Freedoms – paper to assist discussion’ by the Forum Secretariat, with pen annotations. Also ‘Fundamental Rights and Freedoms’; 5pp March 1995

**MS 44,228 /2** ‘The response of Sinn Féin to the submissions from the Standing Committee of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland’; 12pp May 1995

**MS 44,228 /3** Faxed copy of incomplete document concerning the work of the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation under headings such as ‘Present Realities’, ‘Principles and Requirements’ and ‘Paths to a
MS 44,228 /4  Sinn Féin document ‘Plenary session (private) 2/2/1996’; 6pp
February 1996

MS 44,228 /5  ‘Speech by the Taoiseach, Mr Bertie Ahern, T. D. at the Forum
for Peace and Reconciliation in Dublin Castle, on Wednesday 27
November 2002’; 5pp
November 2002

MS 44,228 /6  List of submissions to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation;
43pp
undated

MS 44,229 /1  Sinn Féin document ‘Draft for discussion’, ‘Objectives’ and
‘Elements of Strategy’; 5pp
undated

MS 44,229 /2  ‘Strategy of anti-republican parties’ by Brian MacDonald; 2pp
undated

MS 44,229 /3  ‘Economic issues for Forum’; 2pp
undated

MS 44,229 /4  ‘Economic and Social Consequences of Peace and Economic
Reconstruction. Sinn Féin Proposals on Terms of Reference for
Study’; 4pp
undated

MS 44,229 /5  Photocopy of manuscript notes on Sinn Féin objectives and core
republican demands; 5pp
undated

MS 44,229 /6  Catalogue prepared by Sean O’Mahony of material in this section;
4pp
undated

II.vi. The Ireland Institute for Historical and Cultural Studies

The Institute was established in 1996 with the object of advancing republican ideas
and thinking, and promoting self-determination. In 2000 they moved to the newly
restored Pearce Family Home, 27 Pearse Street, Dublin.

MS 44,230 /1  Correspondence; 3 items
1996-2001

MS 44,230 /2  Flyers for events and lectures; 38 items
II.vii. The Irish Nation newsletter

*The Irish Nation* was conceived in 1984, as a popular magazine to present an ‘informative and independent’ view of Irish nationalism. The publication would cover Northern Ireland and the Republic, calling for the withdrawal of Britain but also opposing many of the views of the established Irish media and government.

**MS 44,231 /1**
Original and revised proposals for *The Irish Nation*, with a publicity flyer for the same; 4 items
1984 and undated

**MS 44,231 /2**
Letters relating to the establishment and initial funding of *The Irish Nation*; 13 items
Aug. – Dec. 1984

**MS 44,231 /3**
Letters in support of *The Irish Nation*, and relating to the continuation of funding for the same; 4 items
1986-96

II.viii. Irish National Congress

The Irish National Congress (INC) was established in January 1990 with the aim of promoting the interests of all people in Ireland, both North and South. This objective derives from the democratic right of the Irish people to freedom, unity and peace, enshrined in the 1916 Proclamation and the Democratic programme of the First Dáil Éireann. It asserts that only with the withdrawal of Britain and the end of partition can the interests of all Irish people be guaranteed. The papers in this section comprise policy statements, press releases, petitions, circular and other letters, leaflets and newscuttings. It has been arranged by class of document and then chronologically.

See also **MS 44,287 /8** for a statement on the Barron Report into the Dublin and Monaghan bombings by the INC.

**MS 44,232 /1**
Press releases concerning the launching of the INC 1989, announcing rallies, looking for US assistance and other matters; 8pp
1989-2003 and undated

**MS 44,232 /2**
Papers concerning policy and strategy issues, background
information, proposals, etc. Includes the following:

- ‘Background information on the Irish National Congress’, [1990]
- ‘Composite resolutions to INC Conference’, [c. 1990]
- ‘Comments from Peter Madden about Enquiry’, undated
- ‘Easter Rally invitation list’, undated
- ‘Proposal from the Irish National Congress’, 2 copies, undated
- ‘Implementation Plan for the Representation of 6 county Irish citizens in the Oireachtas’, undated
- proposal for the sale of a new Easter lily, 1997
- ‘Critique of the Belfast Agreement’, [1998]
- ‘Ongoing non-implementation of Belfast Agreement’, [c. 1999]
- ‘Manoeuvres-Easter 2000’
- Letters sent to Issues magazine, 2000
- ‘Visit of Irish National Congress Delegation to Short Strand, Belfast on 26 October 2002’

21 items [1990]-2005

**MS 44,232 /3**
Circular letters concerning the establishment of the INC, a newsletter, a critique of the Patten Commission’s Report on policing in Northern Ireland, the creation of a CD-ROM called ‘Troubled Images’, Liam Cosgrave and the 1974 Dublin and Monaghan bombings and the Orange Order; 12 items 1990-2004 and undated

**MS 44,232 /4**
Brochures and leaflets, including the following:

- ‘Aims and objectives’
- ‘Constitution of the Irish National Congress’ and ‘Objectives of the INC’
- ‘Public Inquiry 22nd/23rd June, 1991, in Cullyhana, county Armagh’
- ‘August 1994 International Day of Action’
- ‘AGM Sat. 6th May 1995’
- ‘The Massacre at Dolly’s Brae: Placing Drumcree in an Historical Perspective’
- papers concerning the Orange Order and the RUC
- ‘Time for peace: Time to go: 25 Years’ [newsletter]
- details of AGM, meetings and conferences

26 items c.1990-2000

**MS 44,232 /5**
Papers concerning appeals and petitions; 4 items 1991, 1999 and undated

**MS 44,232 /6**
Newspaper cuttings; 7 items
1994 and undated

MS 44,232 /7 Minutes of ‘Time for Peace – Time to Go’ Organising Committee Meeting, with associated documents; 32 items
12 Feb. – 7 Sep. 1994

MS 44,232 /8 Dublin activist group meeting; 4 items
14 Sep. – 12 Nov. 1994

MS 44,233 /1-2 INC National Executive meeting, incomplete set; c.50 items in 2 folders

MS 44,233 /3 Bundle of INC papers stapled together including the following:
  • draft circular letter from Mary Lou McDonald, National Executive, INC concerning the murder of Rosemary Nelson, 1999
  • non-implementation of Belfast agreement, 1999
  • letters from Finian McGrath and Robert Ballagh to Anglea O’Mahony, 1998
  • papers concerning the 1998 AGM
  • papers concerning the reorganisation of the INC, 1998
  16pp 1998-9

MS 44,233 /4 Letter from Bernard Stecken to Sean O’Mahony concerning the murder of Rosemary Nelson and also his desire to work in Ireland, with related leaflets; 3pp
1999

MS 44,233 /5 Photocopies of newspaper cuttings and articles as follows:
  • Cuttings and photographs concerning the proposed march in Dublin by the Orange Order and ceremony to mark the founding of the order, April-May 2000, 7pp
  • Article ‘Noel Flannery’ published in Cool Britannia-what Britishness means to me, an Ulster Society publication, 1999, 2pp
  • ‘Limerick gets lost in the North’ from Limerick Leader, 5 August 2000, 2pp
  • ‘North peace trip attacked’ and ‘Local peace team deny Orange bias’ both from Limerick Leader, 12 August 2000, 2pp and 4pp
  • ‘Now FG share in the disregard for unionism’ from Irish Times, 5 February 2001, 2pp
  1999-2001

MS 44,233 /6 Letters as follows:
  • Copy letter from Sile Carson, National Executive Committee, INC to an Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern,
concerning the ‘Constitutional implications of the British Government’s suspension of Institutions agreed under the British-Irish Agreement’, March 2000

- Letter of resignation from Sile Carson, July 2000
- Copy letter from Cathal Óg McCarthy, Chairperson, INC concerning the election of senators by Northern Nationalists, December 2001
- Draft letter to ‘An Runaí, Comhairle Dáil Ceantair’ from Cathal Óg McCarthy concerning constitutional change in Ireland and its effects on Northern Ireland, undated
- Note from Finian McGrath, T.D. to Angela O’Mahony with text of a speech made by him in Dáil Éireann, April 2003

5 items
2000-2003

MS 44,233 /7 INC News; 6 issues
2003-2005

II.ix. Irish Sovereignty Movement

The Irish Sovereignty Movement was a small organisation which opposed Irish entry into the EEC and campaigned for Irish neutrality in the 1970s.

MS 44,234 /1 Correspondence relating to Free Trade agreements, civil liberties, collapse of Sunningdale agreement, violence in Northern Ireland, Irish economy and the European Parliament; 11 items 1966-80 and undated

MS 44,234 /2 Resolutions, memoranda, reports and press releases, including:
- ‘Statement of ISM on the British White paper’, 22 March 1973
- ‘Mr. Cosgrave’s “Clarification” of Sunningdale’, ISM statement, 12 March 1974
- ‘Pros and cons of the EEC’, [1977]
- ‘Is there a case for a new political formation?’, [1983]
- Briefing points on the Anglo-Irish free trade agreement”, 1966

18 items
1966-85 and undated

MS 44,234 /3 Leaflets and newscuttings; 4 items [1970s-80s]

MS 44,234 /4 Leaflets and circulars produced by the Common Market defence campaign; 11 items 1972

MS 44,234 /5 Memoranda and proposals relating to federalism in the
II.x. Loyalist and Unionist groups

This section contains material relating to various Loyalist and Unionist groups. The material is arranged chronologically.

**MS 44,235 /1**  Copies of newspaper cuttings relating to links between Loyalist groups and British and European fascist groups, with covering letter; c.50pp c.1970s-90s

**MS 44,235 /2-4**  Newspaper and magazine article relating to Loyalism, including Rev. Ian Paisley, some are copies; c.250 items in 3 folders 1970-2003

**MS 44,235 /5**  Copies of Protestant telegraph; 4 issues 1972, 1975 and 1976

**MS 44,235 /6**  Newspaper cuttings relating to the Shankhill butchers; 6 items 1979-98

**MS 44,235 /7**  Papers from various Loyalist groups, with related journal article; 7 items 1981-97

**MS 44,235 /8**  Copy of Constitution, Laws and Ordinances of the Loyal Orange Institution of Ireland; 28pp undated

II.xi. National Graves Association

Established in its present form in 1926, the National Graves Association (NGA) is a voluntary organisation which aims to preserve and restore graves and memorials of those who died for Ireland. It maintains over 500 sites across Ireland and arranges historical tours and commemorations.

**MS 44,236 /1**  Papers of the NGA including press releases, constitution, appeals for funds, invitations, information on tours of Glasnevin and photographs; 26 items 1970s -2000

**MS 44,236 /2**  Letters to Sean O’Mahony from Caitlin de Faoite with one reply. Also contains one letter to Daithi [O Conaill] from Chairman of NGA Cork; 5 items 1979, 1989 and 1993
II.xii. New Ireland Forum

The New Ireland Forum was established in 1983 to discuss ways to bring peace and stability to the whole of Ireland. Over 30 submissions were made from interested groups and individuals, although only democratic parties who rejected violence were invited. The report published in May 1984 suggested three structures; a unitary 32-county state, a federal state of Northern Ireland and the Republic, or a joint authority over the North by the Republic and British government. All were dismissed by the then British Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher.

II.xiii. New Ireland Group/Movement

The New Ireland Movement was founded by John Robb in 1982. The group campaigned for a new approach to Northern Ireland arguing that both the British and Irish should forego their claims of sovereignty and sponsor a new constitutional convention in the region.

See also MS 44,171 /3 for paper documenting objectives and activities of the movement.

MS 44,236 /3 Circular letters relating to events to be held by the NGA; 26 items 1986-2005 and undated

MS 44,237 /1 Newspaper and magazine cuttings; 23 items 1983-4

MS 44,237 /2 Submission to the New Ireland Forum by Hugo Flynn; 17pp 31 Jan. 1984

MS 44,237 /3 Statements made to the closing session of the New Ireland Forum, by John Hume, SDLP leader, Charles J. Haughey, Fianna Fail leader and Dr. Colm O hEocha, chairman of New Ireland Forum; 3 items 2 May 1984

MS 44,238 /1 Letters, press statements and newscuttings relating the New Ireland Movement and its founder John Robb; 19 items 1973-92

MS 44,238 /2 Addresses by John Robb, Consensor, New Ireland Group;  
• Consensus and Community given to the New Ireland Group Brance, University of Ulster Colerain, 4pp  
• Address to AGM, Buswells Hotel, Dublin; 4pp 1 and 24 Nov. 1990

MS 44,238 /3 Aims of the New Ireland Group/Movement, also includes
II.xiv. New Ulster Movement

The New Ulster Movement was formed early in 1969 and campaigned for political, economic and social reforms in Northern Ireland. Among its ideas were a community relations commission, a central housing authority, the abolition of the 'B-Specials' and a power-sharing government. They published a number of pamphlets on various issues, most notable *The Reform of Stormont*. Many of its members went on to join the Alliance Party of Northern Ireland.

See also MS 44,167 /1 for a discussion paper produced by the movement.

**MS 44,239 /1** Confidential draft of pamphlet on ‘The Programme of Reform’, with covering letter, (pamphlet printed in 1971); 9pp [c.1970]

**MS 44,239 /2** Newspaper article ‘The legal basis of the partition of Ireland’, *Irish Times*; 1 item
14 June 1971

**MS 44,239 /3** Interim report to members; 1 item
April 1972

**MS 44,239 /4** Memorandum from the New Ulster Movement to the Inter-Party Committee on the implications of Irish Unity set up by Dáil Éireann in May 1972; 10pp
May 1972

**MS 44,239 /5** Typescript of a pamphlet addressing pre-conceptions about Northern Ireland [New Ulster Movement]; 61pp
undated

II.xv. Pat Finucane Centre

The Pat Finucane Centre (PFC) is based in Derry, Ireland. The Centre advocates human rights and encourages political development and social change in Ireland. The centre promotes a non-violent ethos and actively works to build alliances with groups and individuals within the radical and progressive wings of Irish politics. The centre believes that the attainment of human, political, cultural and economic rights can only be achieved within the context of active self-determination involving all the Irish people. The PFC is named in memory of Pat Finucane, a human rights lawyer from Belfast who was murdered in front of his wife and children on 12 February 1989 by the pro-British UDA. Finucane had successfully challenged the British Government over several important human rights cases.

**MS 44,240 /1** Newspaper cuttings relating to the murder of Pat Finucane; c.50 items
1989

**MS 44,240 /2-3** Papers, including letters, documents on the origin, history and activities of the centre, leaflets and some fact files on persons killed by British army; 43 items in 2 folders c.1991-7

**MS 44,240 /4** Copy of biography of Ronnie Flanagan, Chief Constable of the RUC compiled by the Pat Finucane Centre and published on the internet with related email; 16 pp
November 1997

**MS 44,240 /5** Email containing the text of the ‘Submission to the Select Committee from the Pat Finucane Centre for Human Rights’ parts 1 and 2; 12 pp
December 1997

**MS 44,240 /6** News email from the Pat Finucane Centre ‘Jeremy Hardy on Robert Hamill; 4pp
16 Dec. 1999

**II.xvi. People’s Democracy**

Founded in 1968, People’s Democracy campaigned for civil rights within Northern Ireland, which they believed could only be attained through the establishment of a socialist republic for the whole of Ireland.

See also **MS 44,269 /3**

**MS 44,241 /1** Articles relating to Michael Farrell, former leader People’s Democracy some are copies; c.40 items
1969-94

**MS 44,241 /2** Published material, includes Dublin West By-election leaflet, *People’s Bulletin* (Armagh People’s Democracy Newsletter) and press statement; 3 items
1970, 1981 and undated

**MS 44,241 /3** Correspondence, mainly circular letters or letters of resignation;
12 items
1975-80 and undated

**MS 44,241 /4** Miscellaneous papers; 6 items
1975-9 and undated

**MS 44,241 /5** Papers relating to conference held by the People’s Democracy; 1pp
1976 and undated
II.xvii. Social Democratic and Labour Party

The Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) was formed in 1970 from members of various parties in Northern Ireland, who rejected violence and felt that they should work for reforms within the Stormont system. During the Troubles the SDLP was the main nationalist party in Northern Ireland.

All items are printed and are arranged chronologically.

MS 44,242 /1-2  Newspaper cuttings relating to the SPLP; c.85 items in 2 folders 1964-96

MS 44,242 /3  ‘Dossier on loyalist violence and the result of it – the failure of the security forces to deal with it’; 6pp early 1970s


MS 44,242 /5  Press release: ‘Statement from Austin Currie SDLP former Minister of Housing’; 2pp February 1974

MS 44,242 /6  ‘Background information on SDLP’ including ‘Synopsis of Party History’; 5pp September 1975

MS 44,242 /7  ‘Northern Ireland Constitutional Convention SDLP Proposals’; 13pp September 1975

MS 44,242 /8  ‘Submission of the Social Democratic and Labour Party to the Committee on Aid to Political Parties’; 8pp October 1975


MS 44,243 /1  ‘Complete list of nominations received for Party Office and Executive Committee’; 1p September 1977

MS 44,243 /2  ‘List of motions submitted for seventh annual conference’; 14pp [1977]

MS 44,243 /4  ‘Social Democratic and Labour Party. 12th Annual Conference. Address of party chairman Sean Farren’; 10pp
January 1983

MS 44,243 /5  ‘Sean Farren Party Chairman. Address to 13th Annual Conference’; 9pp
January 1984

MS 44,243 /6  ‘Address of Leader of the SDLP, Mr John Hume, MP, MEP, to the 13th Annual Conference of the SDLP in the Forum Hotel, Belfast on Saturday, 28th January 1984’. With pen annotations; 12pp
January 1984

MS 44,243 /7  ‘Statement by the SDLP Policy Committee to the Standing Conference of Diocesan Justice and Peace Groups Conference on Northern Ireland, Friday, March 30th – Sunday, April 1st, the Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derby; 1p
March 1984

MS 44,243 /8  ‘“Justice” in Northern Ireland. A study of alienation from the law and the legal process in Northern Ireland. A discussion paper for submission to the SDLP’s 14th Annual Conference’; 24pp
January 1985

MS 44,243 /9  ‘Policy document. Stop searching presented to the 17th Annual Conference, 6-8 November 1987’; 8pp
November 1987

MS 44,244 /1  SDLP literature concerning the 1987 general election; 9pp
1987

MS 44,244 /2  Information sheets on the SDLP; 6pp
C. 1987

MS 44,244 /3  ‘Code of conduct for SDLP Councillors’; 1 item
November 1994

MS 44,244 /4  ‘Broadening the base. Motion 131 refers discussion document presented to the SDLP 24th Annual Conference’; 2pp
November 1994

MS 44,244 /5  Part of a document [pp. 23-29] concerning the Police Complaints Board including ‘Legislation alienation through legislation and practices disorderly behaviour’; 7pp
Undated

MS 44,244 /6  ‘Speech by Mr Seanus Mallon, SDLP Leader and Spokesman on Justice’, ‘Conference Motion 22’ concerning the disbandment of
II.xviii. West Belfast Economic Forum

The West Belfast Economic Forum (WBEF) is a non-political, non-governmental organization, with membership drawn from the local community. It was established in 1990 due to the failure of government employment and training policies in countering the tradition of unemployment and discrimination in the area. WBEF aimed to challenge economic injustice and marginalisation by identifying key issues, providing analysis and information and monitoring the economic, social change and development of the West Belfast area.

MS 44,245 /1 Letters and documents relating to the funding of WBEF, includes letters from the Inland Revenue, denying charitable status to the organization, and the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust; 5 items
July – Oct. 1991

MS 44,245 /2 Newspaper cuttings, including one faxed copy, relating to WBEF; 3 items
1991-4

MS 44,245 /3 ‘Policy document’ and ‘Statement of policy and action’ of WBEF; 2 items
c.1991

MS 44,245 /4 Copy of trust deed of the West Belfast Education and Research Trust Charity, established by WBEF 27 May 1992 (8pp), also includes draft notes (2pp); 2 items
May 1992

MS 44,245 /5 Minutes of WBEF, incomplete set with some duplicates; 33 items

MS 44,245 /6 Development workers work plans and reports; 20 items
March 1993 – June 1994
**MS 44,245 /7**  
_Economic Bulletin_ published by WBEF, incomplete run; 9 issues  
March 1993 – May 1999

**MS 44,246 /1**  
_WBEF Briefing Papers:_  
- No. 1 – The 1991 census results, (2 copies); July 1993  
- No. 2 – Making Belfast Work strategy consultation. Responses from the West Belfast community sector, (32pp); October 1994  
- No. 3 – Government measures to tackle discrimination against disabled people: Inadequate, piece-meal and second-best, (3pp); October 1994  
- No. 4 – The Irish “Peace Dividend”, (38pp); October 1994  
- No. 5 – Submissions to the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation, (3pp); February 1995  
- No. 6 – Broken Promises: Job creation and West Belfast, (2pp); March 1992 (From Obair, The Campaign for employment in West Belfast).

7 items  

**MS 44,246 /2**  
WBEF appointment panel report of meeting; 2pp  
21 Sep. 1993

**MS 44,246 /3**  
WBEF Annual Report February 1993 – February 1994; 1 bound copy and one photocopy  
Feb. 1994

**MS 44,246 /4**  
Forbairt Eacnamaíocht agus Comhphobal na Gaeilge / Economic Development and the Irish Language Community; 105pp  
May 1994  
[item is bi-lingual]

**MS 44,246 /5**  
Folder containing introductory material for WBEF; 1 item  
c.1998

**MS 44,246 /6**  
‘Jobs or just promises? The IDB and West Belfast’ by Denis O’Hearn & Charlie Fisher, published by WBEF; 31pp  
1999

**MS 44,246 /7**  
Miscellaneous WBEF papers, includes statistics on composition of West Belfast and unemployment, as well as a bi-lingual conference proposal; 3 items  
undated

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**II.xix. Other groups**

This sections contains papers relating to other groups, and newsletters produced by them. The material is arranged chronologically.
MS 44,247 /1  Copies of letter of Pádraig O Nuallain, with replies, some related papers of the University Republican Society; 14 items 1938-9, 1954-1909 and undated

MS 44,247 /2  Proinsias Mac Aonghusa (former vice-chairman of the Irish Labour Party), includes photocopy of interview text, obituaries and newspaper cuttings; 13 items 1964, 1971-2, 2003 and undated

MS 44,247 /3  Papers relating to the British and Irish Labour Party, includes newspaper articles, newsletters and conference reports; 28 items 1966-97 and undated

MS 44,247 /4  Derry Citizens Action Committee. Text of article ‘Forwards or Back?’ by Fionnbarra O’Dochartaigh; 3 items 1969-70

MS 44,247 /5  Newspaper articles relating to two Breton Nationalists in Ireland, Yann Fouére and Yann Renard Goulet; 14 items 1969-99

MS 44,248 /1-2  Folder of assorted Irish and British socialist material relating to Ireland, includes newspapers cuttings, conference papers, leaflets; c.50 items in 2 folders c.1970-93

MS 44,248 /3-4  Newspaper cuttings on Aontacht Éireann (Irish Unity), with related pamphlets; c.80 items in 2 folders 1970-6 and 2001

MS 44,248 /5-6  Papers relating to the Alliance Party, includes leaflets, Newspaper, 1971 conference papers, policy sheets, manifesto and information booklet; 22 items in 2 folders 1970-87 and undated

MS 44,248 /7  Copies of Comhar; 4 items 1970-3 [items in Irish]

MS 44,249 /1  Frank McManus file, contains Statement, newspaper articles and letter from McManus to Sean O’Mahony with enclosures; 10 items 1970-3

MS 44,249 /2-3  Papers of Peace People, includes newscuttings, pamphlets and leaflets as well as discussion document ‘Peace building in the Republic of Ireland’; c.62 items in 2 folders 1971-2000 and undated

MS 44,249 /4  Information sheet from Bolton Street Republican Club, relating to
protest against the Offences against the State Amendment Act;
3pp copy
1972

MS 44,249 /5
Newspaper articles relating to Fine Gael, with related documents
including election leaflets, letters and speeches. Includes papers
relating to Liam Cosgrave and Garrett FitzGerald. Some items are
copies; c.70 items
1972-1996

MS 44,249 /6
Press statements issued by the Irish Information Service, with one
newspaper article about the service; 18 items
1972 and undated
[see also Section II.i. Conciliation Ireland]

MS 44,249 /7
Papers of the Anti-Interment League, London; 3 items
April 1973

MS 44,249 /8
*Weekly Curragh*, photocopy; 6pp
15 Aug. 1973

MS 44,249 /9
*Free the People*; 2 items
[1973]

MS 44,250 /1
*The Plough*, 4 issues including 2 special bulletins, Jan. 1974, and
1 emergency bulletin, July 1973; 4 items
1973-4 and undated

MS 44,250 /2
Manchester based Peace and Justice in Northern Ireland; 7 items
July – Sep. 1974

MS 44,250 /3
Glencree Centre for Reconciliation, Prize bonds and
advertisements; 3 items
1976, 2000 and undated

MS 44,250 /4
*Socialist Republic Newsletter*; 8 issues
1977-81 and undated

MS 44,250 /5
Newspaper cuttings and other papers relating to the Falls Taxi
Association (Black Taxi); 7 items
1977-87

MS 44,250 /6
*Living with Terrorism*, a new International Security Seminar by
Personnel Protection and Communications Services; 2pp
Jan. 1978

MS 44,250 /7
Leaflets relating to negotiated independence for Northern Ireland;
2 items
1978
MS 44,250 /8  Copy of survey produced by Economic and Social Research Institute on attitudes of people in the Republic of Ireland to Northern Ireland, with related material; 10 items 1978-80

MS 44,250 /9  Letter from Irish Socialist Review; 1p 28 July 1979

MS 44,251 /1  Papers of the Centre of Concern for Human Dignity, (a joint venture of the English and Irish Jesuits). Includes correspondence and 3 papers on Northern Ireland by Raymond Helmick; 9 items 1980-81

MS 44,251 /2  Fact sheets produced by the Irish Tourist Board; 2pp 1980 and 1982

MS 44,251 /3  Papers of the Troops out Movement; 4 items 1982, 1994 and undated

MS 44,251 /4  Papers of the Christian Socialist Party; 4 items 1985 and undated

MS 44,251 /5  Director of Northern Ireland Political Periodicals produced by Fortnight, with a copy of Fortnight: An independent review for Northern Ireland; 2 items 1985

MS 44,251 /6  Papers of Irish World Citizens Organisation, includes booklet on first AGM and printed document on their aims; 2 items 1986 and undated

MS 44,252 /1  Glór newsletter produced by an Irish group from South Armagh and Newry, county Down; 1 item [1986]

MS 44,252 /2  Documents relating to the formation of a new republican political party, national committee; 5 items Dec. 1987 and 1989

MS 44,252 /3  Papers of Between (inter-community support group); 27 items 1988-95

MS 44,252 /4-5  Papers of the Forum for a Democratic Alternative, includes circular letters, press releases, meeting information and other material; 53 items in 2 folders 1989-91 and undated

MS 44,252 /6  Papers relating to the Green Party, includes press releases, discussion paper on Northern policy, Green Gazette and motion on prisoners to be tabled in European Parliament; 7 items
1989-95 and undated

MS 44,253 /1 Papers of Meitheal Naisiúnta, includes;
- Booklet ‘Subsidising Evil’ and ‘A plan for permanent Peace through National Co-Operation’; 2 items
- Papers on Mary Robinson, Unionism and Peter Brook; 3 items
- Newspaper cutting; 1 item
1991 and undated

MS 44,253 /2 The Ireland Agenda;
- News Updates; March, Simmer and Dec. 1991
- In depth Briefing March 1991, with associated documents
7 items
1991

MS 44,253 /3 Campaign for Democracy;
- Democracy Newsletter, May 1992 and Nov. 1993; 2 items
- Circular letter, August 1991; 1 item
1991-3

MS 44,253 /4 Spartacist League;
- Dublin Spartacist group statement; 1 item
- Leaflets; 3 items
1991, 1996-7

MS 44,253 /5 Democracy Now, material relating to their campaign to influence the British Labour Party to organise branches in Northern Ireland and contest elections their; 14 items
1993

MS 44,253 /6 Newspaper cuttings and articles relating to the Ospahl Commission, established by independent citizen’s group Initiative ’92; 3 items
1993-4

MS 44,253 /7 Circular letters, leaflets and press releases of Muintir na hÉireann, with a copy of Solidarity, 11 April 1993; 11 items
1993-5

MS 44,253 /8 List of publication by the Irish Reporters Publication; 5pp c.1997

MS 44,253 /9 Publicity material for Cearta – Charter for Change; 7 items
1998 and undated

MS 44,254 /2 Information pack produced by the National Peace Council’s Northern Ireland Working Group; c.40pp undated

MS 44,254 /3 Natural Law Party Manifesto; 1 item undated

MS 44,254 /4 Publicity material for events relating to art and the northern Irish conflict, includes ‘When History and Hope Collide. Artist for Irish Peace’ and ‘Troubled Images. Posters of the Northern Ireland Conflict’; 3 items undated

MS 44,254 /5 Leaflets produced by the Connolly Association, London; 3 items undated

MS 44,254 /6 Various leaflets and flyers for different movements; c.60 items c.1970-2003
III. ISSUES

This section contains papers relating to issues that caused controversy and tension within Northern Ireland, such as justice and policing. There are also papers relating to organisations involved with particular issues.

### III.i. Miscarriage of Justice cases and extradition

#### III.i.1. General cases

| MS 44,255 /1 | Envelope entitled ‘Winchester 8 – Hunger Strike (Price sisters) 1972/73?’ Papers, including newspaper supplement on force-feeding of four members of the Winchester eight in British prisons including Dolours and Marian Price; 4 items 1973 |
| MS 44,255 /3-4 | Newscuttings relating to Guildford 4 and Maguire 7; c.50 items in 2 folders 1975-91 |
| MS 44,255 /5 | Newscuttings from The Irish News and Belfast Morning News’, 30 November 1979 ‘Issued by the Falls Taxi Association, Hugh Murphy is innocent’ concerning the arrest of taxi-driver Hugh Murphy; 1 item 1979 |
| MS 44,255 /6 | Envelope entitled ‘Peter Pringle Case 1997’ including the following: ‘Editorial. No hanging here’ by Vincent Browne, *Magill*, March 1981, ‘Justice Irish Style: the Framing of Peter Pringle’ published by the Peter Pringle Support Group, June 1993 with 3 leaflets. All concern a back robbery at Ballaghderreen, county Roscommon in which a Garda was killed; 5 items 1981-94 and undated |
| MS 44,255 /8 | Envelope entitled ‘Winchester 3’ concerning the case of Finbarr Cullen, Martina Shanahan and John McCann, convicted for conspiring to murder the Northern Ireland Secretary, Tom King. Includes ‘Waiting for justice: One woman’s story: Martina Shanahan’ and leaflets produced by the Winchester Three Support Group, including ‘Trial by Media: How police leaks, press smears and a British Minister convicted the Winchester Three’. Also contains newspaper cuttings, ‘Justice for the Winchester
Three…issued by the Winchester Three Support Group…Memorandum concerning the arrest, trial and conviction’, a letter to members of the Oireachtas, resolution proclaiming the innocence of the Birmingham 6, Guildford 4 and Winchester 3 by the Council of the City of New York, extracts from Martina Shanahan’s letters, typescript of extract from a radio interview with Peter Barry, T.D. and other papers; 21 items 1988-91

MS 44,255 /9 Copy letter from John O’Mahony and Frank O’Higgins, South Dublin Support Group Miscarriage of Justice Cases to Desmond Connell, Archbishop of Dublin; 1p 1989


MS 44,256 /3 Envelope entitled ‘Danny McNamee Case, Miscarriage of Justice’ concerning the case of Danny McNamee convicted on conspiring to cause explosions in the UK in 1987. Includes the following: ‘The case of Danny McNamee, an innocent man’, ‘An appeal for Danny McNamee’ information pack and leaflet, leaflets produced by the Danny McNamee Support Group with a circular letter and newspaper cutting; 11 items 1990-97

MS 44,256 /4 Envelope entitled ‘Beechmount 5. Miscarriage of Justice Case’. Material relating to the arrest and interrogation of five young men from Beechmount in relation to the murder of an RUC sergeant including ‘Campaign to free the Beechmount Five’ leaflets and press release, a copy of an article in An Phoblacht, July 1992 with a copy letter from Liam Coogan, HM Prison, Belfast; 6 items 1992

**MS 44,256 /6** Envelope entitled ‘Gerard Power case, issued by Britain and Ireland Human Rights Centre 1993’ concerning the murder of British soldier in Germany, 1980; 2 items 1993

**MS 44,256 /7** Envelope entitled ‘Miller and others Derry Case’ containing papers relating to the conviction of Tony Millar, Gerard McFadden and Sean McMonagle in 1992 for conspiring to murder and possession of explosives. Includes letter from Millar to Madden and Finucane, solicitors with related details for trial and points of appeal; 7pp 1993

**MS 44,257 /1** *Remedying Miscarriages of Justice*, a booklet produced by Justice, London, [1994]; c.60pp 1994

**MS 44,257 /2** Envelope entitled ‘McNulty family and Kate Magee’ containing ‘A joint briefing document’ published by the McNulty family support group and Kate Magee support group; 10pp c.1994


**MS 44,257 /4** Envelope entitled ‘Donal Gannon’ containing papers concerning the refusal by prison authorities at Belmarsh prison to allow Gannon to meet with his solicitor without the presence of members of the prison service; 10pp (some copies) 1996
III.i.2. Birmingham 6

On November 21\textsuperscript{st} 1974 bombs exploded in two Birmingham pub, killing 21 and injuring 182. Six men, Hugh Callaghan, Patrick Joseph Hill, Gerard Hunter, Richard McIlkenny, William Power and John Walker, were arrested, tried and found guilty, each being sentenced to life imprisonment. Fourteen prison officers were charged with ill-treatment of the men, but were later acquitted. After two unsuccessful appeals in 1976 and 1988, supported by a number of television programs, articles and books, the convictions were declared unsafe in 1991. The Court of Appeals uncovered police fabrications and suppression of evidence, as well as discrediting the forensic evidence and the confessions of the six men.

III.i.2.a. Committee material

\textbf{MS 44,258 /1} Material relating to the Birmingham Six Committee including circular letters, petition, notices of events and invitations; 32 items c.1988-9 and undated

\textbf{MS 44,258 /2} Mainly printed material concerning the Birmingham Six by various campaign groups including notices of events, invitations and information sheets. Some relating to Judith Ward and the Guildford Four; 28 items c.1988-9

\textbf{MS 44,258 /3} \textit{The Birmingham Six Committee Newsletter} Issues as follows:
May [1989], no. 1, 2pp
June 1989, no. 2, 4pp
July 1989, no. 3, 4pp
August 1989, no. 4, 4pp
September 1989, no. 5, 4pp
October 1989, no. 6, 4pp
November 1989, no. 7, 4pp
December 1989, no. 8, 4pp
January 1990, no. 9, 4pp
February 1990, no. 10, 4pp
March 1990, no. 11, 4pp
April 1990, no. 12, 4pp
May 1990, no. 13, 4pp
June 1990, no. 14, 4pp
July 1990, no. 15, 4pp
August 1990, no. 16, 4pp
September 1990, no. 17, 4pp
October 1990, no. 18, 4pp
November 1990, no. 19, 4pp
December 1990, no. 20, 4pp

January 1991, no. 21, 4pp
February 1991, no. 22, 4pp
April 1991, no. 23, 4pp

23 items
1989-91

MS 44,258 /4 Material relating to the Co-ordinating Group on the Miscarriage of Justice Cases including notices of events, draft agenda for conference, 17 November 1990 and agendas of other meetings; c.20 items 1989-90 and undated

MS 44,258 /5 Folder ‘Celebrations of Innocence. An Introduction to the work of the Coordinating Group on Miscarriages of Justice Cases and Parade’. Contains press releases, letter from Tiernan MacBride, producer River Parade of Innocence to Pádraig O’Nuallain and articles; 8 items 1990

MS 44,258 /6 Photocopy of the National Birmingham Six Campaign Newsletter; 14pp May 1991

III.i.2.b. Newscuttings and other material

MS 44,259 /1-3 Newscuttings and articles relating to Birmingham 6 including many concerning their release from prison in March 1991; c. 90 items in 3 folders 1974-1996

MS 44,259 /4 Copy letters from Mrs Kathleen Griffin, of the Miscarriage of Justice Cases (South Dublin Support Group) and Sir Nicholas Fern, British Ambassador to Ireland with his replies; 14 items 1988-91

MS 44,259 /5 Material concerning the proposed establishment of an Independent Review Body in Britain including transcript of parliamentary debate of Clause 2 of the Criminal Justice Bill (A), Early Day Motion signed by over 200 M.P.s calling on the establishment of an Independent Review Tribunal (B), and transcript of the parliament debate on Dr. Skuse (C); 4 items 1988

MS 44,259 /6 Two letters from Gareth Peirce, solicitor for Birmingham 6 to Sean O’Mahony, 8 December 1988 and 9 January 1989; envelope signed by Gerry Conlon; Christmas card from Richard McIlkenny; ‘A Mass of Thanksgiving’ sheet signed by the Birmingham Six, 17 May 1991; ‘Celebration Concert’ programme, 20 May 1991 signed by the Birmingham Six and Gareth Peirce; menu for Polish dinner to raise money for the Birmingham Six Committee, undated
III.i.3. Nicky Kelly

Nicky Kelly was one of forty members of the IRSP arrested and interrogated by the ‘Heavy gang’ shortly after the mail train robbery at Sallins, county Kildare in 1976. He was tried before the Special Criminal Court and convicted, but escaped to the US during the trial. Kelly returned in 1980 when the two men who had been convicted with him were released on appeal. However he was sent to Portlaoise prison and had appeals for release refused by the Court of Criminal Appeal and the Supreme court. In 1984 he was released, and in 1992 given a Presidential pardon, and substantial compensation.

See also MS 269 /7 for papers relating to the Free Nicky Kelly Campaign

MS 44,260 /1 Leaflets and documents, including:
- Booklet ‘Framed through the Special Criminal Court: the “Great Train Robbery” Trial’
- Leaflets produced by Release Nicky Kelly Committee
- Pack produced by Fund for Justice Committee
12 items
1970s-80s

MS 44,260 /2 Newspaper cuttings and photocopies of cuttings; c.25 items
1976-92

MS 44,260 /3 Bound item containing chronology of events, photocopies of newspaper cuttings, with copies of legal documents; 38pp
1976-82
III.i.4. Extradition

MS 44,260 /4 Letters from Fr. Piaras Ó Dáill, Siobhan Troddyn (Release Nicky Kelly Committee, Gregory F. O’Neill (copy) and Osgar Breatnach, with related material; 7 items 1983-93

MS 44,260 /5 List of organisation who have called for the release of Nicky Kelly, with Diary of State’s treatment of Nicky Kelly since June 1983; 4pp 1983 and undated

MS 44,261 /1-5 Newscuttings concerning extradition cases and laws arranged by year; c.85 items in 5 folders 1971-1994

MS 44,261 /6 Copies of letters sent by Kathleen Griffin, with replies, various individuals. Correspondents include newspaper editors, Ministers for Justice and David Norris, topics include extradition of Paul Kane and the Birmingham 6, with related documents; 35 items 1984-91 and undated

MS 44,261 /7 Typescript documents as follows:

- ‘Extradition – a violation of national sovereignty and constitutional policy on partition’, 2pp, April 1988
- ‘The case against the Extradition Act’ prepared by the Irish Anti-Extradition Committee, 7pp, October 1988
- ‘The case against extradition’ prepared by the Irish Anti-Extradition Committee, 12pp, January 1990
- ‘Extradition’, 12pp, undated (copy)
- ‘Firici faoin Eiseachadh’ [Facts about extradition], ‘Cearta Daonna ‘sna chontae’ [human rights in the 6 counties], 1 item, undated 1986-90

MS 44,261 /8 Papers relating to the Joe Doherty deportation case from US to UK; 7 items 1987-92

MS 44,261 /9 Letter including circular letters to Fianna Fail members against extradition with a letter to Kathleen Griffin from the Private Secretary to the Taoiseach concerning the case of Paul Kane and also from the Irish Anti-Extradition Committee; 6 items
Papers relating to Dermot Finucane, Paul Kane, Owen Carron and Jim Clarke as follows:
- profiles of Finucane, Kane, Carrona and Clarke in Portlaoise Prison awaiting extradition to UK
- Photocopy of affidavit of Brian Pettigrew concerning actions of prison officers in Long Kesh, 1983, in aftermath of escape of IRA prisoners, October 1988
- Affidavit of Eugene Cosgrave, December 1988
- Open letters to members of Fianna Fáil, October 1988
- ‘The case of Dermot Finucane’ with full text of his affidavit to High Court hearing of his appeal against extradition, February-March 1989
- ‘Speech of the Minister for Justice, Mr Gerard Collins TD on the adjournment debate, April 1989’
- ‘Jim P. Clarke – the Facts’
- Affidavits of Denis J. Doherty, Bernard Donaghy and Brendan O’Donnell in the case of James Pius Clarke, June 1989

11 items

Publications: *Anti-Extradition News*, March & April 1990, Summer 1995 and August 1993 *with Fianna Fáil Members against extradition*, February 1989, newsletter no. 2; 5 items

Letters to Kathleen Griffin from John Pius Clarke, Dermot Finucane and Owen Carron all in Portlaoise Prison concerning their appeals against extradition; 7 items

Leaflets; 27 items

Papers concerning extradition and the 1916-1921 Club including memorandum and reply, October-November 1990 and resolution put to the association, November 1990; 8pp

Papers relating to the extradition cases of Dessie Ellis, Jimmy Smyth, Paul Magee, Robert Campbell and Tony Sloan as follows:
- ‘The case of Dessie Ellis’, 3 pp, undated
- ‘Irish National Congress [newsletter], 1 item, undated
- print out of email sent from Socialist Action to Jim Monaghan ‘Federal Judge orders Irish political refugee Jimmy Smyth extradited to Northern Ireland’, 2 pp, 1996
- profiles of Magee, Campbell and Sloan, 5 pp, undated
III.i.5. Fr. Paddy Ryan

Father Paddy Ryan was an Irish Catholic priest who was alleged to have been involved with the Provisional IRA in the 1980s. He was arrested in Belgium in June 1988 and Britain called for his extradition. During the five months of negotiations he went on hunger strike. In November 1988 he was transferred to Ireland, but the Gardaí did not hold him in custody. Farther Ryan also campaigned to be elected to the European Parliament in the 1989 elections. In December 1988 the Director of Public Prosecutions in Ireland announced no actions would be taken against Father Ryan.

MS 44,263 /1 Papers relating to extradition of Fr. Paddy Ryan from Belgium; 7 items

MS 44,263 /2 Correspondence; 13 items
[some items in Irish]

MS 44,263 /3 Miscellaneous papers, includes photographs, copy of a cartoon and a business card; 4 items
1988, 1994 and undated

MS 44,263 /4-6 Newspaper cuttings; c.260 items in 3 folders
1988-90

MS 44,263 /7 Papers relating to Fr. Paddy Ryan’s election campaign for the European Parliament; 7 items
1989

III.ii. The Catholic Church

III.ii.1. Journal and magazine articles

MS 44,264 /1 Articles from Doctrine and Life as follows:
  • ‘Irish Identity’ by David Thornley, vol. 16, no. 4, April 1966
  • ‘The Terrible beauty that never was’ by Desmond Fennell, May 1966
  • ‘After Derry: the Propaganda War’ by the Editor and ‘The Priest in Irish Politics’ by Garrett Fitzgerald, vol. 22, no. 3, March 1972
  • ‘Violence’ by the Ulster Branch, Association of Irish Priests and ‘Justice in Ireland’ by the Merseyside Priests, vol. 22, no. 4, April 1972
- ‘The Northern Ireland Conflict and the Christian Churches’ by Brian de Búrca, September 1973
- ‘The Politics of Peace’ by Cathal Daly, March 1978
- ‘The Pope on Violence’ by Eoin de Bhaldraithe, December 1979
- ‘Northern Ireland Thoughts of Reconciliation’ by David Stevens, undated

12 items
1966-88

MS 44,264 /2 Articles from The Furrow as follows:
- ‘The Situation in Northern Ireland’ a statement signed by the Archbishop of Armagh and Bishops of Derry, Dromore, Kilmore, Down and Connor, and Clogher and issued 12 September 1971, October 1971
- ‘The Irish Conflict and the Christian Conscience’ by Pro Mundi Vita, September 1973
- ‘In Place of Terrorism’ by Edward Daly, October 1975
- ‘The Drogheda Speech’ by Patrick Hannon and ‘Christ and the Prisoner’ by Denis Faul and Raymond Murray, March 1980
- ‘Ireland and Northern Ireland’ by John Austin Baker, ‘Ireland’s Divided Disciples’ by Enda McDonagh, ‘Opportunities for Peacemaking’ by Raymond Hylton and ‘Pastoral Dimensions of the Northern Ireland Conflict’ by John Dunlop, Gerard Clifford and Eric Elliott, all January 1982
- ‘A Pastor’s Theology?’ by Denis Carroll and ‘Northern Ireland and Irish Responsibility’ by Enda McDonagh, June 1985

6 items
1971-85

MS 44,264 /3 Other published articles as follows:
- ‘Bishops and Violence—a Response to Oliver Rafferty’ by Peter Donnelly
• 2 copies of sections from works on the catholic church and northern Ireland (undated)
5 items
1968, 1973 and undated

**MS 44,264 /4**

Envelope marked ‘Pack of Magazine Articles on Church & the North’ as follows:

• ‘Irish Christians have failed’ by Dr Cathal Daly, and ‘Bishop Daly of Derry’ interviewed by Brother Paul, SVD, publications unknown
• ‘The Bishops & the North’ by Olivia O’Leary in *Magill*, January 1985
• ‘Reconciliation or Revolution-The Christian Agenda and the Northern Ireland Conflict’ in *Resource*, Spring 1986
• ‘Ulster Protestants and the Kingdom of God’ in *Resource*, Autumn 1986
• ‘Brits Out’ Fr Joe McVeigh speaking to Shaun O’Sullivan in *In Dublin*, 20 August 1987
• ‘Human Right Thrown Aside’ by Fr Raymond Murray in *Resource*, Summer 1988
• ‘Abuse of Power is Key to North’ by Sean Loughlin in *Alpha*, 27 April 1989
• ‘Vatican move on Cardinal O Fiaich: British pressure over primate’, in *Now*, July 1989
• ‘Nation, state and society in Ireland: the role of the Churches (2)’ by Sean Loughlin in *The Month*, January 1990
• ‘Back to Bombing’ by Terence O’Keeffe in *The Tablet*, 28 November 1992
• ‘Self help in Ulster’ by Jimmy Burns in *The Tablet*, 30 January 1993

11 items
1985-93

### III.ii.2. Other items

**MS 44,265 /1-3**

Newscuttings; c.280 items in 3 folders
1970-2003

**MS 44,265 /4**

Press releases from nine catholic priests about the conditions in Long Kesh Internment camp; 16pp
14 Sep. 1973

**MS 44,265 /5**

Newspaper cuttings on Fr. Denis Faul and Fr. Raymond Murray; 29 items
1974-87

**MS 44,265 /6**

Piaras Ó Dúill file, contains letters, speeches and newspaper
cuttings; 10 items
1976-9 and undated
[some items are in Irish]

MS 44,265 /7 Newspaper cuttings relating to Tomás O’Fiaich, including obituaries; 13 items
1977-2001

MS 44,265 /8 Copy letter from Sean O’Mahony to Professor Enda McDonagh with related newscuttings concerning the H-Block prisoners and human rights; 2 items
1978

MS 44,265 /9 Note (in Irish) from Cardinal Thomas O’Fiaich to Sean O’Mahony, 1978, with 2 copy letters (one in Irish) from O’Mahony to Cardinal O’Fiaich, 1979 and 1987. Also one letter from Cardinal O’Fiaich to Eamonn O’Doherty (brother of Shane Paul O’Doherty), 1984; 4 items
1978-1987
[some items in Irish]

MS 44,266 /1 Leaflet published by Sinn Féin containing statement issues by Cardinal Thomas O’Fiaich on the conditions in the H-Blocks; 1 item
1979

MS 44,266 /2 Statement concerning Shane Paul O’Doherty by Bishop Edward Daly issued 1 March 1984; 3pp
1984

MS 44,266 /3 Newscuttings containing speech by Dr Cathal O’Daly with related letter by Sean O’Mahony; 2 items
1986

MS 44,266 /4 The Irish People’s Bulletin, vol. 1, no. 4; 8pp
January/February/March 1988

MS 44,266 /5 TS documents, ‘Proposals arising from Ulster People’s College Weekend on Church and Society’, 1989 and ‘The Churches and Society in N. Ireland: a Radical Perspective’, undated; 2 items
1989 and undated

MS 44,266 /6 Roman Association of Priests for Justice in Northern Ireland press release. Typescript; 2pp
undated

MS 44,266 /7 Typescript ‘Ideas for Response to Alpha article by [Fr. Brian] Lennon’ with copy letter of response to the editor of Alpha; 2 items
undated
III.ii.3. Fr Maurice Burke papers

Fr Maurice Burke (1927-1998) served as a missionary in Nigeria. He later worked in a New York parish and became actively involved in the Northern Ireland human rights movement.

III.ii.3.a. Pamphlets

MS 44,267 /1  ‘Northern Ireland: points at issue’ (photocopy); 47pp
June 1981

MS 44,267 /2  ‘From blanket protest to hunger strike’ by Maurice Burke, Irish Northern Aid, Irish Prisoners of War Committee; 70pp
August 1981

MS 44,267 /3  ‘The American Connection’ by Maurice Burke; 29pp
c.1981

MS 44,267 /4  ‘Ireland: the religious dimension’ by Maurice Burke, NORAIM, Irish Prisoners of War Committee (photocopy); 60pp
c.1981

MS 44,267 /5-6  ‘Northern Ireland: points at issue’ produced by the [Foreign and Commonwealth Office]-2 copies (photocopies); 81pp and 131pp in 2 folders
July 1982

MS 44,267 /7  Photocopies of three small pamphlets (or 3 chapters): ‘Strip searching’, ‘Informers and show trials’, and ‘The Malvinas War’ by Maurice Burke, 1982; 3 items
c.1982

MS 44,267 /8  ‘The Brits: Peacekeepers or Terrorists?’ by Fr Maurice Burke, Fr Joe McVeigh, Mr Tomas Walsh and Fr Des Wilson; 139pp
c.1990s

MS 44,267 /9  Untitled pamphlet on the history of Sinn Féin and the IRA, c. 1905-1930s; 27pp
undated

MS 44,268 /1  ‘Ireland for beginners’; 25pp
undated

MS 44,268 /2  ‘Injustice is injustice is injustice. The Lady doth protest too much
methinks’ by Maurice Burke, Irish Northern Aid, Irish Prisoners of War Committee (photocopy); 58pp undated

MS 44,268 /3 ‘A guide to Robert Kee’s Ireland’ by Maurice Burke, Irish Northern Aid, Irish Prisoners of War Committee; 71pp undated

MS 44,268 /4 ‘CBS, Claire Sterling & the Provos’ by Maurice Burke; 55pp undated

MS 44,268 /5 ‘Questions for Representatives in America of the Republic of Ireland’; 8pp undated

MS 44,268 /6 ‘Reed of the Digest’ by Maurice Burke; 51pp undated

III.ii.3.b. Other papers

MS 44,268 /7 Newscuttings of letter by Maurice Burke published in the Irish Times, July 1976, with memorial card to mark the Silver Jubilee of his ordination, 1977; 2 items 1976-7

MS 44,268 /8 ‘Articles of Religion’ (photocopy) with related letter from Pat McKeveitt to ‘Hugo’[Flynn]; 8pp August 1994 and undated

III.ii.4. Eugene McEldowney

Eugene McEldowney, novelist, journalist and editor was born in Belfast and educated at Queen's University. He enjoyed a long career as a journalist with the Irish Times, and began to write fiction in 1994. His novels include A Stone of the Heart (1995), The Faloorie Man (1999) and Stella’s Story (2002).

MS 44,269 /1 Documents relating to the ‘Revolutionary Workers’ Party (Trotskyist)’; 5 items 1963 and undated

MS 44,269 /2 Assorted documents and papers relating to trade unions, vandalism, Labour Day statements, emigrant voting, the merger of the Northern Ireland Labour Party with the British Labour Party and other social issues; 23 items 1963-84 and undated

MS 44,269 /3 Papers relating to “People’s Democracy”; 9 items 1968-82
See also Section II.xvi. People’s Democracy

MS 44,269 /4 Assorted material relating to politics in Northern Ireland, Sinn Féin, Gerry Adams, the SDLP and other political matters; 12 items 1969-1986 and undated

MS 44,269 /5 Documents relating to student politics including the Queens University Labour Group and Queens University Socialist Society, and Union of Students of Ireland; 4 items c.1975/6

MS 44,269 /6 Press bulletins issued by ‘Nemesis’, an anti-IRA organisation; 9pp 1977

MS 44,269 /7 Papers relating to the ‘Release Nicky Kelly Campaign’ including a photocopy of a letter from Amnesty International to Michael Noonan, Minister for Justice, June 1983, with letter and petition concerning the extradition case of Brendan McFarlane and Gerard Kelly, April 1986; 12pp 1983, 1986 See also Section III.i.3. Nicky Kelly

MS 44,269 /8 Letter from Eoghan Harris to Conor Brady concerning an article on the Workers’ Party written by Mark Brenock, March 1990, with letter from Brian Brennan to the Editor, Irish Times concerning his resignation from the party and an open letter of resignation to the members of the party. All are photocopies; 17pp 1990

MS 44,269 /9 Typescript ‘Songs’ by Eugene McEldowney concerning songs and Northern Ireland; 8pp undated

III.ii.5. Fr. Desmond Wilson

Desmond Wilson was born in South Belfast in 1925. He became a diocesan priest in Balymurphy, one of the poorest areas of Belfast. He wrote extensively on the situation in Northern Ireland, especially in relation to the church and Catholicism. In 1997 he published Democracy Denied.

MS 44,270 /1-2 Newspaper and magazine articles by or about Fr. Desmond Wilson; c.135 items in 2 folders 1972-94 and undated

MS 44,270 /3 Correspondence of Fr. Desmond Wilson; 6 items 1990-4

MS 44,270 /4 Articles and speeches of Fr. Desmond Wilson:
III.iii. Policing

See also Section.II.xv. Pat Finucane Centre

III.iii.1. Letters, affidavits and statements

MS 44,271 /1 Typescript copy of an anonymous letter received by the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association in August 1974; 1p [1974]

MS 44,271 /2-5 Copy affidavits and statements of those subjected to Garda torture; 34 items in 4 folders 1975-78

MS 44,271 /6 Copy letter from the Chairman and Chief Constable of the Policing Authority for Northern Ireland to J. O’Kane concerning ‘proposals for improved consultative arrangements between the Community and the Police’ with related papers and handwritten notes on the proposals; 7pp September 1988

MS 44,271 /7 Copy affidavit signed by former RUC Special Branch Officer John Oliver Weir, February 1999, detailing incidents of collusion between the RUC, UDR, British Army Intelligence and Loyalist paramilitaries in Northern Ireland. Copy letter from Joe Guinan of The Nation to his mother asking her to send a message relating to collusion and related copy affidavit to Chris Patten, Chair of the Commission on the future of Policing in Northern Ireland, Jack Straw, M.P., Home Secretary, Mo Mowlam, M.P., Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Seamus Mallon, M.P. and others; 43pp May 1999

III.iii.2. Centre for Research and Documentation

The Centre For Research and Documentation is an information resource centre based in Belfast which promotes a deeper understanding of the root causes of poverty and inequality in Ireland, north and south and the developing world. It was founded by people with experience of similar projects in 'Third World' countries.

MS 44,272 /1 ‘Belfast Community Forum on Policing’ by Catriona Ruane; 2 pp
November 1994

MS 44,272 /2 Report by Catriona Ruane on ‘Policing in a new society’; 7 pp
December 1994

III.iii.3. Committee of the Administration of Justice

The Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ) was established in 1981 and is an independent non-governmental organisation affiliated to the International Federation of Human Rights. The Committee seeks to secure the highest standards in the administration of justice in Northern Ireland by ensuring that the government complies with its responsibilities in international human rights law

MS 44,273 /1 Complaints against the Police. A working party report. CAJ pamphlet no.3; 15pp
September 1982

MS 44,273 /2 Consultation between the Police and the Public. CAJ pamphlet no.6; 28pp
June 1985

MS 44,273 /3 Lay Visitors to police stations in Northern Ireland. CAJ pamphlet no.14; 44pp
November 1989

MS 44,273 /4 ‘Policing in the Community – Response by the CAJ’; 8pp
May 1994

MS 44,273 /5 ‘Draft section for CAJ policy document on post-Troubles policing’ by Brian Dickson; 5pp
November 1994

MS 44,273 /6 ‘CAJ Policing sub-group. Policy paper on post-ceasefire policing. Draft on structure, function and accountability’ with minutes of the CAJ executive meeting held on 15 November 1994; 7pp
November 1994

III.iii.4. Other organisations

MS 44,274 /1 Community Relations. Magazine of the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council. No. 12, April 1993; 8pp
1993

November 1994
MS 44,274 /3  ‘Anti social behaviour. The way forward’, a conference prepared by Springhill Development Agency; 16pp undated

MS 44,274 /4  ‘An agenda for post-Troubles policing in Northern Ireland – the South African precedent (first draft) by Professor Mike Brogden, Director of the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Queen’s University, Belfast and International Training Committee of the South African Police Service; 20pp undated

MS 44,274 /5  ‘Policing in the Six Counties of Ireland’; 16pp undated

III.iii.5. Articles


MS 44,275 /3  Photocopy of ‘Policing the New Europe: the Northern Ireland Factor’ by Mike Tomlinson in State watching the New Europe, ed. Toby Bunyan, Unison/Russell Press, 1993; 28pp 1993

MS 44,275 /4  Photocopy of ‘Back to the future, the debate on Policing’ by Paul O’Connor in Fingerpost, December 1994; 3pp 1994

III.iii.6. Others papers

MS 44,276 /1  ‘Communiqué by the Secretary to the European Commission of Human Rights. Alleged ill-treatment in Northern Ireland’; 1 item 1973

MS 44,276 /2  Newspaper cuttings on police informers in Northern Ireland, with associated documents; 31 items 1976-2000

MS 44,276 /3  Newspaper cuttings on Patten Report into policing in Northern Ireland; 3 items 1999
MS 44,276 /4 Leaflet concerning the death of Sammy McLarnon in August 1969 (he was shot by police); 1p undated

MS 44,276 /5 Pamphlet on policing in Britain and Northern Ireland. Incomplete and no title; 28pp undated

MS 44,276 /6 Two copy handwritten narratives of events involving Loyalists and the RUC by Catholic Nationalists; 2 items undated

MS 44,276 /7 Typescript speech (?) by a Fianna Fáil member on policing in Northern Ireland; 7pp undated

MS 44,277 /1-7 Envelope of newspaper cutting relating to policing in Northern Ireland arranged by year as follows:
  • 1970, 1971, 1974; 5 items
  • 1975, 1977, 1978; 9 items
  • 1979; 15 items
  • 1989, 1991; 11 items
  • 1994, 1995; 29 items
  • 2000, undated; 5 items
7 folders
1970-2000

III.iv. Human Rights

III.iv.1. General Papers

MS 44,278 /1 UN Resolution on Treatment of Prisoners; 15pp 1959

MS 44,278 /2 Leaflets, pamphlets, proposals and policies of Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association (NICRA); 12 items 1969-[1978] and undated

MS 44,278 /3-7 Papers relating to the Association for Legal Justice including copy statements, leaflets, letters, news clippings, copies of the Bulletin and documents re the foundation and objectives of the Association; 73 items in 5 folders 1971-81

MS 44,278 /8-9 Papers relating to Amnesty International; 29 items in 2 folders 1971-94
MS 44,279 /1-4  Papers relating to the Irish Civil Rights Association (ICRA) including Manifesto, Draft Code of Civil Rights and Constitution, news clippings, applications for membership, correspondence, press statements, agendas and resolutions and papers relating to the establishment of ICRA; c. 300 items in 4 folders 1972-5

MS 44,279 /5  Papers relating to the Irish in Britain Representation Group including leaflets, policy statements, press statements, papers re conferences, letters and news clippings; 25 items 1974-2000 and undated

MS 44,279 /6  Papers relating to Diplomatic Conference at Geneva, 1977; 2 items 1977

MS 44,279 /7  Northern Ireland surveys on unemployment, discrimination and political situations; 3 items 1987

MS 44,279 /8  Papers relating to the American Protestants for Truth about Ireland; 5 items 1989-92

MS 44,280 /1-2  Papers relating to the Centre for Research and Documentation (CRD) including text of speeches, submission to Forum for Peace and Reconciliation, reports, letters and leaflets, and various publications including CRD News; 22 items in 2 folders 1989-98 and undated

MS 44,280 /3-7  Papers relating to the inquiry into the death of Fergal Caraher including submission to Human Rights Conference, 1992, leaflets, questionnaire, correspondence and publication; 54 items in 5 folders 1991-2

MS 44,280 /8  Papers relating to Helsinki Watch report in human rights and civil liberties in Northern Ireland including news clippings; 7 items 1991-2

MS 44,280 /9  Documents relating to the ‘United Nations’ Convention Against Torture and Other Punishments or Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment’; 4 items 1991-3

MS 44,281 /2-3  Newscuttings, newsletters and other material relating to the murder of Rosemary Nelson, Northern Irish Human Rights solicitor by Loyalist paramilitaries; 22 items in 2 folders 1999-2001

MS 44,281 /4  TS copy ‘A practical guide for NCOs wishing to file communications with the UN asserting violations of Human Rights’; 15pp undated

III.iv.2. Northern Ireland Human Rights Assembly

The Northern Ireland Human Rights assembly was held in London in April 1992 to examine the nature of Britain’s conduct in Northern Ireland in light of international human rights conventions. A panel of seven international human rights experts heard evidence over three days and produced a report entitled ‘Broken Covenants’.

MS 44,282 /1  Agendas, minutes and reports from preparatory meetings; 7 items 1991-2

MS 44,282 /2  Timetable, lists of participants, commission co-ordinators, submissions, commissioners; 14 items 1991-2

MS 44,282 /3  Letters and circular letters; 26 items 1991-5


MS 44,282 /6  Submissions by the following organisations:

- Aly Renwick, Information on Ireland
- James MacGuill, solicitor
- Committee on the Administration of Justice (CAJ)
- Irish Commission for Prisoners Overseas
- Crumlin Road Relatives Action Committee
- Sinn Féin POW Dept
- Alliance of Prisoners’ Families
- Committee against extradition of Irish political prisoners in Germany
- Voice of the Innocent
- Britain & Ireland Human Rights Watch

10 items 1992
MS 44,282 /7  Submissions by various solicitors including Murphy & McManus, Tiernans, Madden & Finucane and Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers; 4 items 1992

MS 44,283 /1-3  Submissions from individuals, mainly relating to ill treatment of RUC. Includes witness statements; 41 items in 3 folders 1992

MS 44,283 /4-5  Submissions relating to strip searching in women’s prisons including many prisoners’ statements; 30 items in 2 folders undated

III.v. Housing and education

MS 44,284 /1  Newspaper and magazine articles relating to education in Northern Ireland; 4 items 1967-76

MS 44,284 /2  Papers relating to Northern Ireland’s Ministry of Development allocation of council houses, includes circular letter on ‘allocation of houses’ and ‘suggested scheme for the allocation of council houses. Also contains Omagh Urban District Council Application for accommodation; 4 items 1969-70


MS 44,284 /4  Documents relating to the Desmond Graves summer school, Pearce summer school and others; c.55 items 1980-2003
IV. CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL EVENTS AND THE GOVERNANCE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

This section contains papers relating to events in Northern Ireland since 1969. It also covers the government of Northern Ireland and government and justice in the Republic of Ireland relating to the North. Finally it contains papers relating to the peace process and initiatives since the start of the troubles, including various ceasefires and the decommissioning process.

IV.i. Bloody Sunday, 30 January 1972

On 30th January 1972 NICRA organised a civil rights march through the Bogside area of Derry. During the march the 1st Battalion of the British Parachute Regiment opened fire on the marchers, in full view of the public and press. Thirteen people, including six children, died in the firing while another 13 were wounded, some being shot in the back. Although the Provisional IRA’s campaign was launched two years earlier, Bloody Sunday had a huge impact on recruitment, and remains one of the most significant incidents in the troubles. The Widgery Tribunal which mainly cleared the British authorities of responsibility was criticised as a whitewash. The second tribunal, lead by Lord Saville was established in 1998 and is ongoing.

**MS 44,285 /1-5**  
Newspaper articles relating to Bloody Sunday and its aftermath, some are copies; c.144 items in 5 folders  
1972-98

**MS 44,286 /1**  
Letters from Liam Wray to ‘Don’, Dec. 1977 with related documents. Letters from Daniel Holl, Bloody Sunday Inquiry to Sean O’Mahony, with O’Mahony’s archive of Bloody Sunday material. Also includes a statement by O’Mahony with copies of related original documents  
c.55pp  
1997-2007

**MS 44,286 /2**  
Bloody Sunday Supplement, *Derry Journal*; 20pp  
31 Jan. 1997

**MS 44,286 /3**  
Newscuttings, postcards and leaflets from Bloody Sunday Justice Campaign; 9 items  
1997

**MS 44,286 /4**  
Papers relating to the Bloody Sunday Inquiry, includes;  
- Endorsing copy statement from a soldier from 1st Parachute Regiment of his experience and memory of Bloody Sunday  
- Letters and documents of Tom McGurk, journalist on *Sunday Business Post*  
- Newspaper articles  
c.70pp  
1999-2000 and 2005
IV.ii. Dublin/Monaghan Bombings 1974

On May 17th 1974 a series of car bombs in Dublin and Monaghan left 33 people dead and nearly 300 injured, the largest number of casualties on any single day of the Troubles. In July 1993 Yorkshire Television broadcast *Hidden Hand: The forgotten Massacre* claiming that the UVF were responsible, and that there had been British collusion. A week later the UVF claimed responsibility but denied British involvement. In 1996 relatives set up ‘Justice for the Forgotten’ calling for the Irish government to set up a public inquiry, which was established in 1999. In 2003 the Barron Inquiry published its report, although the British government had refused to hand over official documents. In 2005 the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women’s Rights suggested that the Irish government should take the British government to the European Court of Human Rights to force them to hold an inquiry into the bombings.

**MS 44,287 /1**  
Newspaper cuttings and one photocopy; 16 items  
1974-5

**MS 44,287 /2**  
Newspapers cuttings relating to the *Hidden Hand* programme, UVF and British involvement, includes some photocopies and a issue of *Magill*; 8 items  
1987-99

**MS 44,287 /3**  
Correspondence in response to *Hidden Hand* programme, relating to establishment of a relatives group and campaigning for a inquiry, correspondents include Nora Owen, Minister for Justice and the Society of African Missions; 6 items  
1993-5

**MS 44,287 /4**  
Papers of ‘Justice for the Forgotten’, includes letters to members and publicity material; 10 items  
1995-2003

**MS 44,287 /5**  
The bombing of Dublin and Monaghan, Friday 17th May 1974. A submission to the Independent commission on Inquiry by Lt.Col. John Morgan (20pp), with a copy of a handwritten ‘An addendum, dated 23rd August 2000, to my submission’ (1p); 2 items  
25 May and 23 Aug. 2000

**MS 44,287 /6**  
Newspaper cuttings on Baron Report; 6 items  
Dec. 2003

**MS 44,287 /7**  
Papers of the Sub Committee on the Barron Report, Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women’s Rights; 8pp
Jan. 2004

**MS 44,287 /8** Copy of the submission to the Joint Oireachtas committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women’s Rights on the Barron Report by the Irish National Congress; 5pp


Nov. 2004

**MS 44,287 /10** Copy of ‘A brief examination / analysis of the intellectual response to the Dublin-Monaghan bombs of 1974’, by Caoilfhionn Ni Bheachain for a course on ‘Intellectuals and Society’, with lecturers handwritten comments; 16pp

undated

**IV.iii. Other bombings**

**MS 44,288 /1** Newspaper cuttings relating to McGurk's Bar bombing, Belfast, 1971; 3 items

1971-91

**MS 44,288 /2** Newspaper cuttings relating to Ballykelly pub bombing, Derry, 1982; 3 items

Dec. 1982

**MS 44,288 /3** Newspaper cuttings relating to the Hyde Park bombing, London, 1982; 3 items

1982

**MS 44,288 /4** Newspaper cuttings relating to the Brighton bombing, 1984; 11 item

1984-5

**MS 44,288 /5** Newspaper cuttings relating to the Remembrance Day bombing, Enniskillen, county Fermanagh, 1987; 7 items

1987-9

**MS 44,288 /6** Newspaper cuttings relating to La Mons House Hotel bombing, county Down, 1987; 4 items

1987

**MS 44,288 /7** Letters circulars and newspaper cuttings relating to Omagh bombing and Real IRA, 1998; c.35 items

1995-2001
IV.iv. Regional events

**MS 44,289 /1** Newspaper cuttings relating to Derry; c.50 items
1968-83

**MS 44,289 /2** *This Week in Ireland*, containing Belfast Battle exclusive pictures;
1 item
24 Oct. 1969

**MS 44,289 /3** Newspaper cuttings relating to violence in Derry and Belfast; 5 items
June – July 1970

**MS 44,289 /4** Newspaper articles relating to towns in Northern Ireland during the troubles, includes Ardoyne, Strabane, Dungannon, Belfast, Moy, Andersonstown and Ballymurphy; 12 items
1972-6

**MS 44,289 /5** Newspaper cuttings relating to Republican areas of Crossmaglen and South Armagh; 17 items
1973-96

**MS 44,289 /6** Article on joyriding in West Belfast by Feilim O’hAdhmaill; 2pp
Dec. 1990

**MS 44,289 /7** Leaflets relating to the Garvaghy Road, Belfast; 12 items
1997-9 and undated

IV.v. Northern Ireland Government and judiciary

This section deals with the government of Northern Ireland, including the Westminster government, the Stormont Parliament, the Northern Ireland Assembly and local government in the north. It also includes papers from various British politicians about Northern Ireland. Also contained within this section are papers relating to the justice process in Ireland, and legislation against terrorism.

Papers relating to the various British attempts at ending the troubles can be found in Section IV.viii.

**MS 44,290 /1** Copy letter from Foreign Office to British Embassy, Dublin about the line *Irish Times* is taking in reports on the situation in Northern Ireland; 1p
2 Oct. 1969

**MS 44,290 /2** Newspaper cuttings relating to British government reports on Northern Ireland; 27 items
1969-80

**MS 44,290 /3** Newspaper cuttings relating to Northern Ireland election results;
Newspaper cuttings relating to Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, 1976-9, with election leaflets of Brendan Gallagher who ran against Mason in Barnsley; 27 items

Extract from a speech by the Rt. Hon. J. Enoch Powell speaking at the Civic Hall, Ormskirk on 8th January 1972; 7pp

Newspaper cuttings relating to reforms of Stormont election boundaries; 3 items

Repression of the Catholic Minority in Northern Ireland, May 1974. Memorandum to members of Parliament taking part in the debate on N. Ireland, Westminster June 3-4, 1974; 2pp

Statement by the secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Merlyn Rees MP, in the House of Commons; 3pp

Newspaper cuttings relating to the Prevention of Terrorism Act, with associated leaflet and press releases; c.30 items

Press release from Humprey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland relating to remarks of Andy Tyrie on the ‘World this Weekend’ programme; 1p

Newspaper cuttings relating to the Diplock Commission and court, with related documents; 6 items

Press release by the Fair Employment Agency on its report into the Northern Ireland Civil Service (4pp). Government press release ‘Religious equality of opportunity in employment. Secretary of State launches guide to effective practice (5pp). Also includes statement from Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister supporting equality in employment on Catholics and Protestants (1p); 3 items

Newspaper articles relating to conflict in councils of Northern Ireland; 2 items, 1 is a copy
MS 44,291 /5  Government press releases on terrorism;
  • ‘No support for terrorist violence – Government proposes
    declaration by candidates’, (2pp), 12 Oct. 1987
  • ‘Review of special life sentence prisoners’, (2pp), 20
    March 1989
  • Government press release ‘Scheduled offence of
    blackmail’, (first page only), 16 Aug. 1989
  • Statistics on the operation of the prevention of Terrorism
  • ‘Anti-terrorist legislation in Northern Ireland’, (4pp), 11
    July 1990

5 items
1987-90

MS 44,291 /6  Newspaper cutting on the British Justice system; 1 item
              1988

MS 44,291 /7  Government press release “Making Belfast work – 72 new
              programmes for people”; 4pp
              30 March 1989

MS 44,291 /8  Report on the operation in 1989 of the prevention of terrorism
              (temporary provisions) acts 1984 and 1989; 25pp
              [1989]

MS 44,291 /9  Government press release ‘West Belfast Shootings – Minister of
              State’s letter to Bishop Cahal Daly’, with associated documents;
              9pp
              28 Jan. 1990

MS 44,292 /1  Text of full speech given by Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for
              Northern Ireland to businessmen in London, ‘The British
              Presence’; 12pp
              9 Nov. 1990

MS 44,292 /2  Papers relating to the political vetting of community groups,
              allowing government funding to be withheld from groups with
              paramilitary links; 4 items
              1990-1 and undated

MS 44,292 /3  Press statement from the British Ambassador to Norway ‘extract
              from an address to the Armagh Diocesan Synod by the Chief
              Constable of the RUC on 22 October 1991 – Interrogation in
              Northern Ireland’; 1p
              1 Nov. 1991

MS 44,292 /4  ‘The British Broadcasting Ban; an update’ published in
              Censorship News, Oct. 1991; 7pp
              1991
Newspaper cuttings on the 1991 Northern Ireland census, relating to rise of catholic population across all six counties; 6 items 1992-3

Copy of official report of House of Commons’ Northern Ireland debate; 4pp 22 Oct. 1993

Newspaper cuttings on the royal visits, with two protest flyers; 6 items 1995

Address given by Michael Ancram at the University College, Dublin on Northern Ireland; 8pp 2 Feb. 1996

Newspaper cutting relating to the 1998 Assembly elections in Northern Ireland; 1 item 1998

### IV.vi. British Army and Intelligence

This section contains papers relating to the British Army’s role in Northern Ireland, and the role of the Intelligence service. There are also papers relating to the shoot-to-kill policy and collusion between the British Army, RUC and loyalist paramilitary groups, as well as papers relating to the trial of Army members for crimes committed in Northern Ireland.

Newspaper cuttings relating to the British Army in Northern Ireland and the British Prime Minister’s Northern Ireland policy; c.350 items in 3 folders 1966-95

Newspaper cuttings relating to the British Army in Northern Ireland and list of British Army bases; c.50 items in 2 folders 1970-95

Newspaper cuttings relating to the UDR, some items are copies; c.150 items in 3 folders 1970-92

Newspaper cuttings relating to the use of CS gas by British army in Northern Ireland, with related pamphlet; 7 items 1970-1

Newspaper cuttings relating to the abuse and torture of prisoners in Northern Ireland by the RUC and British Army; c.140 items in 5 folders
1971-95

**MS 44,294 /7**  Newspaper cuttings relating to the use of plastic bullets, also includes related documents and posters; 28 items  
1972-89

**MS 44,294 /8**  Newspaper cuttings relating to the shooting of James Hughes; 4 items  
1973-4

**MS 44,295 /1-3**  Newspaper cuttings relating to British Intelligence in Northern Ireland; c.85 items in 3 folders  
1973-2003 and undated

**MS 44,295 /4-6**  Newspaper cuttings relating to the shoot to kill operations and SAS in Northern Ireland, includes related leaflets and documents; c.70 items in 3 folders  
1973-96 and undated

**MS 44,295 /7**  Papers relating to the trial of Lance-Corporal Roy Jones for the murder of Patrick McElhone, with one related letter from the Northern Ireland Office; 8 items  
1975

**MS 44,295 /8**  Seamus Ludlow;  
- Newspaper articles; 6 items  
- ‘The Death of Seamus Ludlow’ by British Irish Rights Watch; 10pp  
- Correspondence; 7pp  
1976-99

**MS 44,295 /9**  Newspaper cuttings relating to Captain Robert Nairac; 2 items  
1977 and 1999

**MS 44,296 /1**  Papers relating to ‘Document 37’, a confidential British army intelligence assessment of political and paramilitary developments in Northern Ireland which was acquired by the Provisional IRA, includes copy of report; 12 items  
1979-82

**MS 44,296 /2**  Newspaper cuttings relating to the trial of British soldiers charged with murder of two catholic farm workers in Fermanagh in 1972, known as ‘Pitchfork Murders’, with related documents; 5 items  
1981-6

**MS 44,296 /3**  Newspaper cuttings relating to the work of MI5 in Ireland; 6 items  
1981 and 1994

**MS 44,296 /4**  Papers relating to the case of Colin Wallace, British Intelligence Officer in Northern Ireland, found guilty of manslaughter; 66pp
MS 44,296 /5  Newspaper cuttings relating to the Stalker/Sampson report into the shoot-to-kill policy; 23 items 1988-93

MS 44,296 /6  Newspapers cutting, with related flyer, relating to the case of Private Lee Clegg; 4 items 1995

MS 44,296 /7  Articles, publications and newspaper cuttings on collusion includes;
  - ‘Shoot-to-kill and collusion. Violations of Human rights by State forces in Northern Ireland, (16pp); June 1993
  - Committee for truth on collusion newsletter, (3pp); Oct. 1994
  - Collusion 1990 – 1994 Loyalist paramilitary murder in North of Ireland, (30pp); 1995
7 items 1989-1999


MS 44,296 /9  Notes on the BBC Panorama documentary on British State collusion with loyalist killers, by Ed Moloney; 7pp 25 June 2002

IV.vii. Republic of Ireland Government and Judiciary

This section contains papers covering the role of the government and justice system of the Republic of Ireland in relation to Northern Ireland, including the Garda Síochána. This section also contains some papers relating to the views on Europe, NATO and the UN.

MS 44,297 /1-2  Newspaper cuttings relating to the ‘Arms Crisis’; c.100 items in 2 folders 1970-80

MS 44,297 /3  Newspaper cuttings relating to the Special Criminal Court and Supreme Court; 18 items c.1972-1985

MS 44,297 /4  Newspaper cuttings relating to the EEC referendum, 1972, with 2
letters one from Jack Lynch, an Taoiseach; 7 items
1972

MS 44,297 /5 Letter to Patrick McKevitt from the Department of the Taoiseach with extracts from speech laying out policy towards internment; 6pp
24 Oct. 1974

MS 44,297 /6 Newspaper cuttings relating to the Garda Síochána, topics include phone tapping, false fingerprinting and the death of Michael Lynagh; c.100 items
1974-92

MS 44,297 /7 Newspaper articles relating to articles 2 and 3 of the Irish constitution, with related leaflets; c.35 items
1974-98 and undated

MS 44,297 /8 Newspaper cuttings relating to the Criminal Law (Jurisdiction) Bill; 4 items
1975-6

MS 44,297 /9 Newspaper cuttings relating to the Emergency Powers Act, 1976; c.50 items
1976

MS 44,298 /1 Newspaper cuttings relating to the government’s ban of the 1976 Easter March, and the attendance at the same by Dr. David Thornley, Labour TD; c.50 items
1976

MS 44,298 /2 Newspaper cuttings relating to Dublin trail of SAS soldiers on arms charges; 8 items
1976-7

MS 44,298 /3 Newspaper cuttings relating to the resignation of Cearbhaill O Dalaigh as President of Ireland; 28 items
1976, 1980 and undated

MS 44,298 /4 Newspaper cuttings relating to Sean Donlon, Ireland’s ambassador to US; 10 items
1980-6

MS 44,298 /5-6 Newspapers cuttings, articles and leaflets relating to Irish neutrality, NATO, UN and the Maastricht Treaty; 38 items in 2 folders
1982-95 and undated

MS 44,298 /7 Newspaper cuttings on election results; 6 items
1982-2002
The Northern Ireland Peace Process is generally seen as the talks leading up to the Good Friday Agreement in 1998, however there had been various attempts in the previous two decades to end the Troubles. One of the earliest attempts was the Sunningdale Agreement (1973) which tried to force unionists and nationalists to share power in a new Northern Ireland government, however opposition from both sides led to its collapse after only a few months. After failed talks and ceasefires during the 1970s and 1980s, the breakthrough came with the Downing Street Declaration (1993). A joint declaration by the British and Irish governments stated that the reunification of Ireland was possible only with majority support in the North and South. Although initial reactions were suspicious on both sides, the IRA announced a ceasefire in 1994 and talks began which eventually led to the Good Friday Agreement (1998). As part of this agreement the IRA began decommissioning its weapons, and in 2005 announced an end to its armed campaign. In May 2007 Sinn Féin and the DUP formed a power-sharing government in the Northern Ireland Assembly.
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Newspapers cuttings relating to the Good Friday Agreement; 21 items in 3 folders 1998

Papers relating to the Provisional IRA;
- ‘Provos will be stood down but ….’, Tommy McKearney. Irish Examiner, 22 Nov. 2004
- Typed document ‘IRA involvement in bank raids’, 2pp

Newspaper supplements relating to the 2005 IRA announcement of an end to its armed struggle; 3 items 2005

This section contains reports and articles on various aspects of the Troubles in Northern Ireland. They have been grouped together under broad thematic heading, and then arranged chronologically.

Republicanism, Revolution and armed struggle; 22 items in 2 folders 1970-99 and undated

The situation in Northern Ireland and Anglo-Irish relations; 28 items in 3 folders c.1970-90s

Socialist, communist, Marxist and trade unionist views of republicanism and Northern Ireland; 11 items 1970-95 and undated

Community relations, cultural traditions, minorities and cross border relations; 21 items 1973-94 and undated

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IV.x. General Papers

This sections mainly comprises newspaper articles, with related documents, covering the Troubles. The majority are either wide ranging overviews, or collections of articles on various topics by a single author.

**MS 44,304 /1**  
Birth certificates with photographs for John Patrick Kelly and Alphonsus Xavier Mulhall; 2 items  
1939 and 1943

**MS 44,304 /2**  
Correspondence of Fionán MacColum, with a circular letter relating to his testimonial’; 5 items  
1956  
[some items are in Irish]

**MS 44,304 /3-5**  
Newspaper cuttings relating to Conor Cruise O’Brien, with pamphlet and essay by him; c.215 items in 3 folders  
1957-98

**MS 44,304 /6**  
Articles and essays prepared by Sean O’Mahony on various subjects, also contains related newspaper cuttings and letters; c.50 items  
1957-2002 and undated

**MS 44,304 /7**  
Articles by Jack Bennett, alias Claude Gordon, published in *Sunday Press*; 22 items  
1963-80

**MS 44,304 /8**  
Articles concerning the situation in Northern Ireland; 9 items  
1964-8

**MS 44,304 /9**  
Articles by John P McCarthy, with related newscuttings; 5 items  

**MS 44,305 /1**  
Articles by Seamus O’Neill published in *Irish Press*; 13 items  
1967-72

**MS 44,305 /2**  
Supplements from *The Observer* concerning Northern Ireland; 4 items  
1969 and 1978

**MS 44,305 /3**  
Magazines focusing on northern Ireland, mainly *The Economist*; 5 items  
1969-88

**MS 44,305 /4**  
‘The Curse of Ireland’ [*Irish Times Supplement*]; 13pp  
c.1970s

**MS 44,305 /5**  
Series of articles ‘What is Irish Republicanism?’; 6 items  
1970
MS 44,305 /6  Editorials from Irish newspapers, some copies; c.80 items
             1970-80

MS 44,305 /7  Articles by John Kelly published in *Irish Times*; 8 items
             1970

MS 44,305 /8-9  Articles on censorship, with related documents. Some are copies;
                c.200 items in 2 folders
                1971-2000

MS 44,305 /10  Articles by Claud Cockburn published in *Irish Times*, with his
               obituary; 11 items
               1971-81

MS 44,305 /11  Articles relating to the numbers killed in Northern Ireland; c.20
               items
               1971-93

MS 44,306 /1  Newspaper cartoons relating to the situation in Northern Ireland,
              mainly from the *Andersontown News*, some are copies; 45 items
              1971-98

MS 44,306 /2  Articles published in *Hibernia*; 3 items
               1972

MS 44,306 /3  Article by Liam de Paor published in *Irish Times*; 11 items
               1972-6 and 1983

MS 44,306 /4  Articles relating to the GAA and northern Ireland; c.25 items
               1972-95

MS 44,306 /5  Articles on border poll and BBC Panorama poll; 4 items
               1973-8

MS 44,306 /6  Articles by J. Bowyer Bell, with related documents; 6 items
               1973-2003

MS 44,306 /7  Articles by John Healy, mostly in *Irish Times*; 19 items
               1974-88

MS 44,306 /8  Articles by Conor O’Clery in *Irish Times*; 7 items
               1974 and 1976

MS 44,306 /9  Cartoons by Clarseachair; 8 items
               1974 and undated

MS 44,307 /1  Papers relating to political violence in Northern Ireland in 1975; 4
               items
               [1975]
MS 44,307 /2  Articles by Frank Dolan, published in *Irish Post*; 35 items 1975-92

MS 44,307 /3  Articles by Eamon McCann; 11 items 1975-77

MS 44,307 /4  Articles by Kevin Myers, mainly in *Irish Times*; 17 items 1975, 1988-2001

MS 44,307 /5  Newspaper and magazine articles by Desmond Fennell, includes copy of extract from his book. Some items are copies; c.140 items 1975-94

MS 44,307 /6  Articles by Anthony Cronin; 7 items 1976-8 and undated

MS 44,307 /7  Articles on Ireland and the end of the British Empire; 3 items 1977 and 1993


MS 44,308 /2  ‘The way we were. A retrospective on the decade of the seventies and on Hibernia’s roll therein’, *Hibernia*; 20pp 16 Oct. 1980

MS 44,308 /3  Articles by Todd Andrews, with related newspaper cuttings; 10 items 1980-5 and undated

MS 44,308 /4  Articles by Tom McGurk in *The Irish Times*; 5 items [1980]

MS 44,308 /5  Copies of letters of Anthony Coughlan, lecturer, TCD, with related newspaper articles; 5 items 1980-2001

MS 44,308 /6  Supplement on Ireland from *National Geographical* and article from *Time Magazine*; 2 items [1981] and 1984

MS 44,308 /7  Newspaper articles by Mary Holland from *Irish Times*, including
her obituary; 23 items
1981-2004

**MS 44,308 /8**
Articles by John Devine in *Sunday Business Post*; 3 items
1982

**MS 44,308 /9**
Newspaper articles, some are copies, with correspondence relating to the Remembrance Day Commissions organised by the Royal British Legion; c.40 items
1983-2000

**MS 44,309 /1**
Newspaper articles written by Joe Lee; 12 items
1985-98

**MS 44,309 /2**
Newspaper articles written by Patrick Murray; 2 items
1986-2001

**MS 44,309 /3**
Articles by Declan Kiberd in *Irish Times*; 21 items
1987-8

**MS 44,309 /4**
Articles by Nuala O’Faolain published in *Irish Times*; 2 items
1987

**MS 44,309 /5**
Newscuttings on 20th anniversary of troubles in the North; 4 items
1989

**MS 44,309 /6**
Articles by Robert Ballagh in various publications; 20 items
1991-2003

**MS 44,309 /7**
Newspaper articles reviewing the year; 4 items
1991-2

**MS 44,309 /8**
‘Civil Rights 25 Years’, *Derry Journal*; 4pp
5 Oct. 1993

**MS 44,310 /1-5**
Newscuttings from *Sunday Business Post*; c.150 items in 5 folders
1993-2001

**MS 44,310 /6**
Articles by John Waters mainly in *Irish Times*; 27 items
1993-2000

**MS 44,310 /7**
Articles and supplements on 25 years of troops in Northern Ireland; 21 items
July – Aug. 1994

**MS 44,310 /8**
‘Eye on the 20th Century, a decade by decade look at the past 100 years’, *Irish Times Supplement*; 14pp
30 Dec. 1999

**MS 44,310 /9**
Scrapbook containing postcards relating to Northern Ireland; 18pp
undated

**MS 44,310 /10** Articles and essays by Raymond Murray;
- State Killings in Northern Ireland; 5pp
- *Northern Ireland Tomorrow*, various authors including Raymond Murray (ERA, undated); 5pp

undated

**MS 44,310 /11** Miscellaneous articles and documents; c.20 items various dates