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Newspapers Guide: http://libguides.ucc.ie/newspapers
Theses: http://libguides.ucc.ie/theses
Layout of Reference Reading Room

- Ranges 1 – 5: Material in monographs in series e.g. Studia Patristica
- Ranges 5 – 9: General reference material
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- Range 11: Pamphlets & State Papers folio-sized
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- Range 29: Map cabinets

Manuscripts

Manuscripts on Microfilm
Medieval manuscripts in Irish and European institutions (RIA, NLI, Aberystwyth, Bibliothèque Nationale, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek, etc): mainly un-catalogued. Finding aid available
Location: Range 28 Shelf 7. Three black binders in alphabetical order according to PLACE and then location of mss.
Example: Dublin: Royal Irish Academy

Manuscripts on microfilm (UCC Main Series): Location: Microform Room: Cabinets 2 – 4, 21, 29, 38.

Manuscripts & Annals in Facsimile

Annals of Inisfallen
It is a chronicle of medieval history in Ireland. There are over 2500 entries from the year AD 433 to 1450. It is believed that it was written between the 12th and 15th centuries. It is written in Latin and Irish. The Annals contain chronological entries and a short narrative of the history of Pre-Christian Ireland (the pre-Patrician section). It was at least partially written on the island of Inisfallen near Killarney. It is now housed in Oxford. Oxford, Bodleian L, Rawlinson B 503; vellum; s. xi ex (AD 1092).


Annals of Ulster
It is a chronicle of medieval Ireland. There are entries from the year AD 431 to 1504. It was compiled from the late 15th century to the mid-16th century. It is written in Irish and Latin. It was compiled at Lough Erne in Ulster. It is an important sources for the authors of the *Annals of the Four Masters*. Trinity College Dublin houses the original manuscript. Dublin, Trinity College Library, MS 1282 (olim H. 1. 8).


Gwynn, John, ed. *The Book of Armagh*. Dublin: Royal Irish Academy, 1913. TRF 270.2 ARMA and TF ARMA Location: Range 27


*Leabhar breac, The Speckled Book, otherwise styled Leabhar mór dúna doighre, the Great book of dúna doighre, A Collection of Pieces in Irish and Latin, Comp. from Ancient Sources About the Close of the Fourteenth Century; Now for the First Time Published from the Original Manuscript in the Library of the Royal Irish Academy*. Dublin: Royal Irish Academy House, 1872-6. TRF 891.62 LEAB pt.1 – 2 Location: Range 27; TF LEAB Location: Range 27


*The Book of Ballymote: A Collection of Pieces (Prose and Verse) in the Irish Language*. Dublin: Royal Irish Academy, 1887. TRF 891.627 BOOK Location: Range 27; TF BOOK Location: Range 27
Original Gaelic Irish Manuscripts
Special Collections holds three major Gaelic manuscript collections. Location: Strong Room, Closed Access. Must be requested with at least one day’s notice.

Irish manuscripts themselves uncatalogued. A finding aid is available at the Special Collections Desk. The collections are:
- Torna: 76 traditional & 35 of his own
- Murphy: 77 manuscripts
- Power: See finding aid at Special Collections Desk.

Torna Collection: These are manuscripts which belonged to Professor Tadhg O Donnchadha, Professor of Irish at University College Cork (1916-1944). One of the many interesting items would be a 19th century version of the Irish-style Arthurian tale Eachtra an Mhadra Mhaoil with hand-painted frontispieces designed to imitate printed books.


Over 200 additional manuscripts were purchased by or donated to the Library. Seventy seven of these belonged to Professor James E.H. Murphy, Professor of Irish at Trinity College Dublin (1896-1919).


Most of the remaining manuscripts belonged to Canon Power, Lecturer in and later Professor of Archaeology at University College Cork (1915-1932). Highlights include a version of Geoffrey Keating’s Foras Feasa ar Eirinn in a 17th century hand that has been attributed to Keating himself.

Catalogues for Manuscripts
TR 011.3 or TR 011.4 Location: Range 5
TRF 011.3 or TRF 011.4 Location: Range 10

TR 011.31 FITZ and TR 011.31 RIA Introduction Location: Range 5

TR 011.31 RIA fasc.28 & index
TR 011.31 RIA fasc. 1 – 5
TR 011.31 RIA Index.1

For items relating to the following: Patristics, Biblica, Dictionaries and Atlases on Christianity, please see the guide for MA in Medieval History:

Bibliographies (See separate guide on how to use them)
Best, R.I. *Bibliography of Irish Philology and Manuscript Literature: Publications 1913-1941*. TR 016.49162 BEST Location: Range 5


Kenney, James. *The Sources for the Early History of Ireland*. Blackrock, Co. Dublin: Four Courts Press, 1993 TR 941.5 KENN Location: Range 9; T KENN Location: Range 22


Hayes' *Sources*. Location: Range 28 Shelf 3, 5


Also online *Sources for the History of Irish Civilization*: [http://sources.nli.ie/](http://sources.nli.ie/)

It is an index and catalogue for sourcing manuscripts and articles published in English.

**Periodicals** Location: Range 28 Shelf 3

The periodicals range in date of publication from about 1800 to the end of 1969. Periodicals not included: those of a popular nature, trade journals and journals focussing on news or current affairs and periodicals in the Irish language.

Periodical entries are arranged in order of:

- Person (as subject, e.g. book review, obituary, etc. or institutions, societies): Vols. 1 – 5.
- Subject (includes political and religious organisations): Vols. 6 – 8. A list of subject headings used is provided in Vol. 6.
- Places & Dates: Vol. 9. This contains places in Ireland only. Places in other countries will be found in the Subject volumes. The arrangement of places (province, county etc.) is given in a table at the beginning of the volume. As a number of articles relate
to a specific date or short period in Irish history (e.g. 1014), the entries for these are arranged in chronological order at the end of the volume.

**Manuscripts:** Location: Range 28 Shelf 5
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**Encyclopedias**
- *The Catholic Encyclopaedia* [vols.1-12], London 1907-12. TR 282 CATH Location: Range 7

**Early Irish Sources**
  This is an exact facsimile of the Louvain edition 1647, original in OPB f270.2 COG 2 vols). It covers the lives and works of Patrick, Brigid and Colm Cille.

**Irish Texts Society** [Vols 1- ] TR ITS 891.62 Location: Range 4
The Society issues annotated editions of texts in Irish with English translations and related commentaries.

**Scriptores Latini Hiberniae** [Vols 1- ] (green) TR274.15 SLH Location: Range 3
This is a series of important works in Latin by medieval Irish writers, edited with English translations and notes. It is published by the School of Celtic Studies at the DIAS.

**Todd Lecture Series**, Royal Irish Academy [Vols 1- ] TR 891.62 TODD Location: Range 3
Plummer, Charles. *Vitae Sanctorum Hiberniae partim hactenus: ineditae ad fidem codicum manuscriptorum recognovit prolegomenis notis indicibus instruxi*. TR 274.15 PLUM v.1 – 2 Location: Range 7
These 32 lives are mostly based on the texts in manuscripts in Marsh's Library (Z.3.1.5 formerly V.3.4), TCD (E.176 formerly E.3.11), Rawlinson B 485 and Rawlinson B 505 with variants, including citations from Lives in Irish noted at the bottom of the page. There is an introduction to each life, in which the mss, Latin and Irish, are discussed and compared.

This is a supplement to the Latin Lives. They contain the Irish text and an English translation (in vol 2) of 17 documents bearing on the acts of certain saints introduced in the earlier work. The principal manuscripts from which the texts are derived are two compilations made by Brother Michael O'Clery which are now preserved in the Bibliothèque Royale in Brussels (MSS 2324-40, 4190-200). These were copied for the brethren at Louvain.


**Material in the Reference Reading Room**

Also known as the Vulgate Bible.


This reference work covers all aspects of the Christian Church. The resource is listed alphabetically. It is useful for exploring the conversion of Celtic peoples to Christianity and their respective roles in the early Church. It has a good list of abbreviations for journals and standard works.

DACL, *Dictionnaire d'archeologie Chretienne et de liturgie*. Paris 1924-56
Cabrol, Fernand TR 200.0 CABR Location: Range 6


Dix, ER McC and Séamus Ua Casaide, comp. *List of Books, Pamphlets, &c., Printed Wholly, or Partly, in Irish, From the Earliest Period to 1820*. Dublin: An Cló-Çumann, 1905. TR DIX Location: Range 22
The Holy Bible translated from the Latin Vulgate. Dublin: Richard Coyne, 1847. TR 220.5
DOUA Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

Latham, RE. Revised Medieval Latin Wordlist from British and Irish Sources. London: Published for the British Academy by the Oxford University Press, 1965. TR 477 LATH Location: Range 8

Latham, RE et al, prep. Dictionary of Medieval Latin from British Sources. TT 477 DICT fasc.1 – 12 Location: Closed Access. Must be requested. This describes Latin words located in British documents up to 1550, giving most thorough treatment to non-classical uses and forms or those forms that are unique to Britain. Similar to the OED, provides quotations showing use. Bibliography and abbreviations are found at the end of fasc. 1


Thompson, Newtown and Raymond Stock. Concordance to the Bible: (Douay version.) St. Louis, Mo.; London: B. Herder Book Co., 1943. TR 220.3 THOM Location: Range 6


‘The Vetus Latina’ is the collective name given to the Biblical texts in Latin that were translated before St Jerome’s Vulgate. In the footnotes at the end of each page it shows which medieval scholar covered which text.

Church History Pamphlet Collection Location: Reference Reading Room Range 11
“Life of Saint Cataldus.” Dublin Irish Messenger 1902. p 274.15 CATAP.280

Irish History Pamphlet Collection Location: Range 11

Irish Historic Towns Atlas Series TRF 912.415 IRIS Location: Range 12
Title search on catalogue for full list. Each volume includes a variety of historical maps, topographical information, prints, & aerial photographs.

The Henry Bradshaw Society founded in 1890 in memory of Henry Bradshaw (1831-1886) for the purpose of printing liturgical mss, and rare editions of service books and illustrative documents, on a historical and scientific basis.
Keyword search on the Library Catalogue for ‘Henry Bradshaw Society’. They are scattered through various collections.

**State Papers** Location: Ranges 11 – 16
Keyword search on the Library Catalogue for ‘Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts.’ They are part of State Papers and State Papers Serials.
Use also for *Rerum Britannicarum Medii Ævi scriptores*. Often known as "The Rolls series," this is the British equivalent of the MGH. For those working in English history, the collections developed by the Camden Society, the Royal Historical Society and the Pipe Roll Society.

**Journals** Location: Ranges 16 – 18
*Analecta Bollandiana*, *Analecta Hibernica*, *Celtica*, *Irish Ecclesiastical Record*, *Journal of Celtic Studies*, *Revue Celtique*
- **L’Année Philologique**: Use for Authors/texts to c. AD 500-800 & secondary literature. It records citations of all known scholarly work published in any language anywhere in the world concerning the areas of ancient Greek and Latin language and linguistics, Greek and Roman history, literature, philosophy, art, archaeology, religion, mythology, music, science, early Christian texts, numismatics, papyrology and epigraphy, and concerning the time period from the second millennium B.C. to roughly 500-800 A.D.
- **Medioevo Latino**: Use for Authors/texts AD 500-1500 & secondary literature: Consult section "Auctori e testi." Prior to 1992 coverage ended at ca. 1330.
- **Medioevo Latino**: Use for general listing of sources. Consult "Repertori ed Enciclopedie." It is about two years behind in coverage.

**Torna (T)** Location: Reference Reading Room Ranges 21 – 24
Books and journals belonging to the late Professor Tadhg Ó Donnchadha (Torna), Professor of Irish at University College Cork (1916-1944) form the nucleus of a research collection for Celtic Studies. The sequence is organised by author surname, for example: T YELL. Torna’s collection has been augmented by purchases of material of related interest published since the death of Torna. This second sequence is organised by Dewey, for example: T 891.63 BLAC

Fraser, J et al. eds. *Irish Texts* ... London: Sheed and Ward, 1931. T FRAS v.1 - 5 Location: Range 22


**Useful Collections & Selected Other Material**
*Acta sanctorum quotquot toto orbe coluntur*. Antwerpiæ: J. Meurisium, 1643-1932 TRF 270

**ACTA** Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
This was begun in 1630 by Jesuit Jean Bolland, and has been continued by the Société de Bollandistes. The work offers vitae and other hagiographical texts in calendar order by saint’s day. The *Analecta Bollandia*, published since 1882 (UA has 1994-), supplements the *Acta* with articles, newly edited texts, and an *Index Sanctorum* which draws together all publications relating to a particular saint.
Arbois de Jubainville (Arbois) Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
Professor D’Arbois de Jubainville, had been for very many years known as one of the leading authorities on the subject of Celtic matters.

Irish Literary Society (ILS) Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

Irish Text Society (ITS) Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
For information relating to the Irish Text Society:
Ó Riain, Pádraig, ed. Irish Texts Society: The First Hundred Years: essays to mark the centenary of the Irish Texts Society. ITS 891.62 ORIA

Irish Text Society Archives Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
The boxes are part of the Strong Room collection. For information relating to the box files: Sub.ser.9 for index to the box Files. Box File Index starts at page 80. Pádraig Ó Ríain must be contacted to give permission should photocopying be required.
Arrangement of box files in order:
- Minute Books: Boxes 1 – 5
- Correspondence regarding volumes: Boxes 6 – 13
- Dinneen: Boxes 14 – 17
- General Correspondence: Boxes 22 – 28

Noel O’Connell Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
London: Routledge & Paul, 1951. NOC 891.6 JACK


Ó Riordáin Collection Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
Sean Ó Riordáin (1916-1977), poet and essayist, was an assistant in the Department of Modern Irish at University College Cork (1969-1976). His annotated collection, which reflects the poet’s interests in worldwide literature, was acquired by University College Cork in 1978. For an account of his life and work see Sean Ó Coileáin Sean Ó Riordáin: beatha agus saothair. Baile Atha Cliath, An Clochomhár, 1982.


Torna Reference Pamphlets (TRP) Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
Ó Cuív, Brian. Observations on the Book of Lismore. Dublin: Royal Irish Academy, 1983. TRP 091 OCUI

*Transmissions & Transformations (TT) Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.*

This describes Latin words located in British documents up to 1550, giving most thorough treatment to non-classical uses and forms or those forms that are unique to Britain. Similar to the OED, provides quotations showing use. Bibliography and abbreviations are found at the end of fasc. 1.