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- Books are italicised e.g. *The Hobbit*
- Shelfmark / Call number # in bold e.g. TR 912.4 ORDN Index
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**Useful Guides**
Special Collections: http://libguides.ucc.ie/specialcollections
Newspapers Guide: http://libguides.ucc.ie/newspapers
Theses: http://libguides.ucc.ie/theses
Collections on Microfilm

Archives Relating to the Transportation of Convicts from Ireland to Australia 1796 – 1900

N 364.6 ARCH Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 10 Drawers 3 – 6
- Reels 1 – 5: Transportation register 1836-1857
- Reels 6 – 20: Prisoners' petitions & cases 1757-1830
- Reels 21 – 25: State prisoners' petitions 1798 – 1799
- Reels 26 – 100: Convict reference files 1836 – 1856
- Reel 101: Convict reference files, Fenian photos, Free settlers' papers
- Reels 102 – 103: Free settlers' papers 1836 – 1839
- Reel 104: Register of convicts on convict ships, male convict register
- Reel 105: Convict reference files

Some material and further information is available online from the Transportation of Convicts from Ireland to Australia Collection.

The Immigrants in America (Reels 57 – 73) N 325.7 IMMI Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 24 Drawer 8. Index: TR 325.7 IMMI index Location: Special Collections Desk Holdshelf.
The collection is letters, books, poems, stories and articles written by immigrants in America assembled from several major archives including New York Public Library.

Ireland: Politics and Society through Press 1720-1922. Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 24 Drawers 1 – 7 and Cabinet 41
This collection is various Irish national and regional newspapers.
- Guide to the collection.
- Index.

Irish Political & Radical Newspapers. Reels 1 – 151. Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 14 Drawers 5-8 and Cabinet 15 Drawer 1. Full details are available on the Newspaper Guide.

Minute Book of the Irishwomen's Suffrage & Local Government Association 1876 - 1913.
Youghal: Digital Documents Ltd. N 324.6 MINU v.1 & v.2 Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet X Drawer X.
Note of box of vol. 2: Loose material in folder 12.

Example: Reel 27: Housing
Reel stated at the start. Present: Introduction; Appendices: Northern Ireland Cabinet, Senior Civil Servants and Police Officers, Ministerial Office, Officials in Government of Ireland; Years on each reel, Topics discussed on each reel.
Contents of reels.
See also database: Northern Ireland: A Divided Community 1921-1972.

Papers of the Prime Ministers of Great Britain: Series Two: Robert Peel. Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 26 Drawers 2 – 3
There is a contents list for parts 1 and 2 on the first reel of each. For parts 4 through 6, the contents list for each part appears on the first reel of that part. Note: Robert Peel was Prime Minister during the Great Famine.
The index is available online.
Newspapers on Microfilm
See [Newspapers guide](#) on Library website. It covers newspapers on microfilm & in hardcopy. All newspapers on microfilm are located in the Microform Room. All newspapers hardcopy are located in Closed Access and must be requested.

Examples include:

*Freeman’s Journal* (1763-1924) **Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 13 Drawers 3 – 8 & Cabinet 14 Drawers 1 – 4**
This was the oldest nationalist newspaper in Ireland. Example: Births, marriages and deaths.

*Bean na hEireann* (1908 – 1911) **Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 16 Drawer 1**
This was the first Irish women’s paper. Maud Gonne was the publisher and Helena Molony was editor. Example: Advertisements

*Irish Citizen* (1912 - 1920) **Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 14 Drawer 1**
This was issued by the Irish Women’s Franchise League. Suzanne Day wrote articles for it. Example: May 1916: War in Ireland; Peace; Freedom & Servility.

Useful Items for Working with Newspapers

This gives an alphabetical listing and description of publications in Ireland in all fields. A subject index is also present.

This details what is available on microfilm and where it is held.

Also [National Library of Ireland's Newspaper Database](#).

Parliamentary Papers

UK Parliamentary Papers (formerly known as the House of Commons Parliamentary Papers – HCPP) are the working documents of the British Government, encompassing all areas of social, political, economic and foreign policy, showing how issues were explored and legislation was formed. UK Parliamentary Papers are vital to the historical record of Britain, its former Colonies, and the wider world.

Parliamentary Papers for the period 1801 – 1920 are bound as sessional papers or sessional sets. Volumes for each Parliamentary session are identified by Roman numerals and referred to according to a continuous pencilled page number. A reference to a particular paper in an index or bibliography might read e.g. Reports and communications on vagrancy, 1847-48, Liii, 235.

See also *Hansard by Century*. 
Material to 1923 is available on microfiche. Location: Microform Room Cabinets 30 – 32, 36 – 37.

Material from the 19th and 20th centuries is available through UK Parliamentary Papers database.


**Vol. 4:** Subject index for Irish material.

**Vol. 5:** Full alphabetical subject index, this index also gives cross references. Each volume has a table of contents at the start detailing what sections are covered in that volume. The index in vol. 5 has entries for 'Labour.' For each entry it gives the volume number and the page number.

Example: The entry for 'Labour' in the index in vol. 5 directs to vol. 2 pages 165, 167 – 171. *Example: Royal Commission on Labour, HC 1893-4 (C. 6893), xxxvii*


Ford, P. *A Breviate of Parliamentary Papers 1917-1939*. TR 328.4 FORD Location: Range 7

**Census Material**

**19th Century Holdings**


1841 Holdings: General Report

1851 Holdings
- General overall stats. Hardcopy only.
- Returns of Agricultural Produce, Part II
- Ages & Education
- Disease
- County of Wexford
- County of Kerry

Similar holdings exist for 1861, 1871, 1881 and 1891.

Census Holdings on Microfiche: 1821 – 1891 Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 5 Drawer 7

First government all-Ireland Census: 1821 & 1831 (on microfiche). These do not have people’s names – just general statistics. This can be searched by county, barony etc.


**20th Century Holdings**

Census material (microfiche) **Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 5 Drawers 3 – 8**

Full holdings for Cork & Kerry on microfilm.

Partial holdings for Limerick and Waterford on microfilm.

20th century holdings in hardcopy similar to those of the 19th century.

The National Archives of Ireland has census material for **1901 and 1911**.

Census material (1911) in hardcopy is kept in Closed Access and needs to be requested. The following volumes are available:

- Kilkenny
- Kerry (Vol. 1)
- Clare
- Limerick
- Tipperary
- Province of Leinster (Vol. 1)
- Tipperary, Waterford, Munster Summary and Indexes
- Cork City and County
- Province of Leinster
- Connaught
- Ulster
- Province of Munster Summary
- General Report

It is also available on microfilm. **Location: Microfilm Room: Cabinet 5 Drawer 8**.

It is also available on microfiche (red folder) **Location: Range 28**.

**Griffith’s Valuation**

The survey was conducted from 1848 – 1864. It was published in 1864 so people may have emigrated in the meantime.

It is the first full scale evaluation of property in Ireland including the north.

The purpose was to have a tax (rate on land owned). It was paid by the landlord or the leaser. The only people paying are those who own land; therefore not all people show up on the valuation.

Griffith’s Valuation is online on **Ask about Ireland**. Online searching is possible on:

- Family name (searches all names): provides results with details of the individual, a link to a copy of the original Griffith’s Valuation page entry and a link to the Valuation Map on which the land plot was located.
- Place name: This gives details on the area and a list of its occupants, the Griffiths Valuation Map and a current Google Map.
- Historical spelling is used.

Special Collections has Griffith’s Valuation on microfilm. **Location: Microform Room Cabinet 1 Drawer 8**.

On the microfiche the following notations may be viewed:

- G: Griffith’s Valuation
- T: Tithe Applotment
Townland Index

*General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland: Based on the Census of Ireland for the Year 1851.* Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1984. TR 914.15

**GENE Location: Range 8**

The first edition was published to accompany the statistical returns from the Census of Ireland 1851. Both the Townlands Index 1851 and the Townlands Index 1901 are essential reference works for establishing the exact locations of places. Use the Townland Index to locate relevant entries in Griffith's Valuation and to find information in the Census Statistical Returns 1851 – 1891.

**Layout of Material in Reference Reading Room**

- **Ranges 1 – 5:** Material in monographs in series e.g. Studia Patristica
- **Ranges 5 – 9:** General reference material
- **Ranges 10 – 11:** General reference material folio-sized
- **Range 11:** Pamphlets & State Papers folio-sized
- **Ranges 12 – 16:** State Papers
- **Range 16:** Maps
- **Ranges 16 – 18:** Q-1 Journals
- **Ranges 18 – 19:** Almanacs & directories
- **Ranges 19 – 20:** Munster Printing
- **Ranges 20 – 21:** Bielenberg Selection
- **Ranges 21 – 24:** Torna Collection
- **Ranges 25 – 26:** OS 1st ed. Maps
- **Ranges 27 & 30:** Facsimiles of manuscripts
- **Range 28:** Hayes, Griffith’s Valuation, UCD Folklore Collection, Listing of microfilm
- **Range 29:** Map cabinets

**Material in Reference Reading Room**


Material formed as a result of surveying servants and employers.

Contents: Personal aspect, industrial aspect, intersection of personal and industrial aspects.

Appendices: extracts from letters, census material.


*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.
Irish History Pamphlet Collection  Location: Range 11

Irish Historical Town Atlas Series: TR 912.415 IRIS  Location: Range 11

Directories  Location: Ranges 18 – 19
- Guy's Cork Almanac & Directory
- Irish Catholic Directory
- Irish Directory & Guide
- Purcell's Cork Almanac
- Thom's Official Directory
Contains: Diocesan matters; Census of Ireland: General and provincial summary, religious statistics, education statistics, emigration; Catholic members in Parliament; Directory for the laity; Page 33: Sisters of the Little Poor

Journals  Location: Ranges 16 – 18
Irish Ecclesiastical Record.
It was founded in 1864, by Cardinal Cullen, with Doctor Conroy and Doctor Moran as editors. It was established as a link between Rome and Ireland. Subsequently it lapsed for a number of years but publication resumed in 1880 and it continued to be published under episcopal supervision. Among its contributors have been some of the most prominent authorities on Catholic history and doctrine. Example: Vol. XX 1922: Page 145: “Unmarried Mother...”

Munster Printing  Location: Ranges 19 – 20
Two sections: Historical and Copyright.
Munster Printing Historical (e.g. MP439) Location: Ranges 19 – 20.
Munster Printing Modern Location: Range 20 & Closed Access. Must be requested.

Murphy, Dominick. Memoirs of Miss Nano Nagle, and of the Ursuline and Presentation Orders in Ireland: Compiled from authentic and hitherto unpublished documents. Cork: Printed by Joseph Roche, 1845.  MP 148


UCC Material
All UCC material, bar UCC Gazette, is held in Closed Access and must be requested. Other UCC material is located with the College Archivist.
- Quarryman: 1913 – 1917
- UCC Calendars: 1900 – 1933
- President’s Reports Queens College Cork /UCC.
Strong Room Material

Advance notice of one day must be given for all Strong Room material.

- **U.2**: Papers of William O'Brien M.P. (1852-1928) with some papers of his wife, née Sophie Raffalovic
- **U.6**: Correspondence of various prominent persons with Charlotte Grace O'Brien.
- **U.17**: Volume entitled Rebecca Ridgway's Ms., 1833.
- **U.155**: Late 19th century accounts' book for business of Maurice Ronayne, Co. Cork. It contains accounts for children's education, stock balance sheets, whiskey in bond and list of expenses. Also loosely inserted are papers relating to family matters.

Topic: Susanne Day, Cork Woman

Susanne R Day was a formative force in organizing a branch of the suffrage organization, the Irish Women's Franchise League (IWFL), in Cork city in 1910. She subsequently left the IWFL and formed the Munster Women's Franchise League in 1911. She organized and spoke at meetings on suffrage throughout Munster. Day acknowledged that her suffrage work had raised her awareness of social problems. She wrote a number of articles on topics such as white slavery, and women and war for the *Irish Citizen*, a suffrage newspaper.


Front endleaves: Bookplate John T Hogan and manuscript note 'Des MacHale.'

This is a satirical novel on the workhouses and is based on her experiences as a poor-law guardian. She described the workhouse as a ‘colossal business run by amateurs’ (Day, *Amazing Philanthropists*, 89). She believed that the workhouse system ‘breeds and perpetuates the very evil it was designed to kill’ (ibid., 93).


Protective mylar cover as material is fragile.

*Fox and Geese* was written with Geraldine Cummins. It was produced in the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, in 1917.


Useful Collections

**Attic Press [Subject matter: Irish feminism]** Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.


**Cork University Press (Cork UP) [Publications from Cork University Press]** Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

Maisie McCarthy. Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

Munster Printing [Publications printed in Munster] Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.


Older Printed Books Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

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Hannah More (1745-1833) championed in England a programme of social reform within the existing political system through education, philanthropy and moral improvement. She was acquainted with a number of eminent people, including, Edmund Burke, Horace Walpole and William Wilberforce. She believed that social reform must be preceded by moral reform of the nation. More recommended that a young lady's education should include reading the Bible, devotional tracts and serious literature, which will enable her to carry rational conversation and exercise compassion and generosity.

Reading Book for the Use of Female Schools. Dublin: published by the direction of the Commissioners of National Education, 1839. Ed.225 CNE

Other lesson books exist but this is solely for female schools. It is a combination of prose, history and poetry. The Commissioners for National Education (National Education Board) were established in 1831 for the purpose of administering a fund of £30,000 placed at the disposal of the Lord Lieutenant for the education of the poor in Ireland. There were five reading books published by the commissioners which had to be used in all national schools. All of these books contained a great deal of moral tales. Women's main virtues were seen as their gentleness, cheerfulness, modesty, kindness, sympathy and their hard work.

Torna Reference Pamphlets Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.