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Other Useful Guides
Special Collections: http://libguides.ucc.ie/specialcollections
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.

Newspapers
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.
Example: Southern Cross (Jan 1875 – Dec 1975)

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.

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
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- 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
General Reference Collection
Use for date calculation, the regnal years, exchequer years and saints days.

Irish History Pamphlet Collection Location: Range 11

Maps: Location: Range 16
Maps may also be present in other items such as *Facsimiles of national manuscripts of Ireland* / selected and edited under the direction of the Right Hon. Edward Sullivan, master of the rolls in Ireland; by J.T. Gilbert, secretary of the Public record office of Ireland; and photozincographed by command of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, by Major-General Sir Henry James, director-general of the Ordnance survey. Dublin: Public record Office of Ireland, 1874-84. OPB f 891.62 IREL Pt. 1 - OPB f 891.62 IREL Pt. 4 (2) Location: Range 31
Pt. 4(1) C: Diploma to Irish officers who liberated the Princess Clementina Sobieski.

Journals Location: Ranges 16 – 18
*Transactions of the Royal Historical Society*

*Journal of the Cork Archaeological and Historical Society*
Note: Indices are only available up to 1985.

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, e.g. *Mizen Journal*

Hayes’ Sources. Location: Range 28
Also online at *Sources for the History of Irish Civilization*.
It is an index and catalogue for sourcing manuscripts and articles published in English.

Special Collections also has the printed version: Hayes’ Sources. Location: Range 28

The periodicals are listed in Vol. 1 and 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.

Examples of Periodicals:
- Subject (Vol 7): Irish Abroad – Australia: p.356
- Subject (Vol 7): Irish Abroad – Austria: p.357
- Subject (Vol 7): Irish Abroad – Chile: p.360
- Subject (Vol 7): Irish Abroad – India: p. 368
- Subject (Vol 7): Irish Abroad – Russia: p.371
  1. e.g. Jordan, (John): Peter Lacy – Marshall of Russia, extract from a work in progress (The Bell vol XVII No. 1 p34-41 Apr 1951).
  Check Library Catalogue for The Bell. The Bell is held in Special Collections on microfiche and as a hard-copy journal.
  2. e.g. Ireland, John De Courcy. Note on Ireland and the Russian Navy and its founder David Butler. The Irish Sword Vol II No. 7 p.229-30 Winter 1950.
  Check Library Catalogue for The Irish Sword. The Irish Sword is held on Q+2.
- Subject (Vol 7): Irish Abroad – Spain: p.372 – 374

Examples of Manuscripts
- Subjects (Vol 5): Irish Abroad: Barbadoes – see West Indies
- Subjects (Vol 5): Irish Abroad: Chile: p. 483
  1. e.g. Santiago de Chile Archivo Nacional: Benjamín Vicuna MacKenna Collection: Documents relating to the career of Don Bernardo O’Higgins, early 19th century.
- Subjects (Vol 5): Irish Abroad: Russia: p.534 – 549
  2. e.g. Cork: University College Library: Official Correspondence of Sir George Macartney during his embassy to St Petersburg 2 vols 1765–6.

Strong Room Material
Advance notice of one day must be given for all Strong Room material.
- U.2: William O’Brien Papers
Europe – Continental Soldiers


A paper read before the Literary and Economics Society, Cork, 10th March, 1939.

*“You are history you are legend”: In Memory of the Eleven Waterford Volunteers Who Fought in Defence of the Spanish Republic in the Ranks of XVth International Brigade*. [S.l.: s.n.], 2004. **TRF 941.081 YOU** Location: Range 11

Murphy, John A. *Justin MacCarthy Lord Mountcashel: Commander of the First Irish Brigade in France*. An O’Donnell Memorial Lecture delivered at University College, Cork, on 22nd May. [Cork, Ireland]: Cork University Press, [1959]. **TRP 941.5 ODON no.2** Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.


Europe – Russia
U19: Official correspondence of Sir George Macartney during his embassy to St Petersburg, 2 vols. 1765-6. (For Macartney, see also India). Location: Closed Access. Must be requested with one day’s notice.

Staunton, George. An Authentic Account of an Embassy from the King of Great Britain to the Emperor of China ...: Taken chiefly from the papers of His Excellency the Earl of Macartney ... Sir Erasmus Gower ... and of other gentlemen in the several departments of the embassy. Dublin: Printed for P. Wogan [et al.], 1798. A.5.12 v.1 and A.5.13 v.2 Location: Closed Access. Must be requested with one day’s notice.

Gordon, Alexander. The History of Peter the Great, Emperor of Russia: To Which is Prefixed a Short General History of the Country from the Rise of That Monarchy: and An Account of the Author’s Life. Aberdeen: Printed by and for F. Douglass and W. Murray: Sold by C. Hitch and L. Hawes ... London ... and at Aberdeen by the said F. Douglass and W. Murray ..., 1755. OPB 947.05 GORD Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

Olearius, Adam. The voyages and travels of the ambassadors sent by Frederick, Duke of Holstein, to the great Duke of Muscovy and the King of Persia: Begun in the year M.DC.XXXXIII. and finish’d in M.DC.XXXIX: Containing a compleat history of Muscovy, Tartary, Persia, and other adjacent countries: With several publick transactions reaching near the present times: in VII books: Whereto are added the Travels of John Albert de Mandelslo (a gentleman belonging to the Embassay) from Persia, into the East-Indies ... in III books ... Faithfully rendered into English by John Davies. London: Printed for John Starkey, and Thomas Basset, at the Mitre near Temple-Barr, and at the George near St. Dunstans Church in Fleet-Street, 1669. OPB f 910.4 OLEA Location: Closed Access. Must be requested. Contains maps from 1630s e.g. A new map of Muskovy between p44 – 45.

Travels Through the Southern Provinces of the Russian Empire, in the Years 1793 and 1794. Trans. from the German of P.S. Pallas. London: printed by A. Strahan ... for T.N. Longman and O. Rees ... , 1802-1803. H.R. PALL v.1 – 2 Location: Closed Access. Must be requested. "In two volumes. With many coloured vignettes, plates and maps."


North America
Lyons, WF. Brigadier General Thomas Francis Meagher: His Political and Military Career: with selections from his speeches and writings. Glasgow: Cameron, Ferguson & Co., [1870?]. Corkery 973.7 MEAG.l Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

Central & South America – General


Hakluyt Society publishes scholarly editions of primary records of historic voyages, travels and other geographical material.


Central & South America – Argentina


Central & South America – Bolivia

*La hija de O'Leary en el centenario de Boyacá: 1819-1919*. Bogotá: J.Casís, 1919. TR 980 OLEA Location: Range 9


Daniel O’Leary wrote a large number of diaries describing conditions in the war. In addition O’Leary collected various papers and documents relating to Bolívar despite Bolívar’s wish that they be destroyed after his death in 1830. O’Leary intended to write Bolívar’s biography however it was not until 1888 that the results of his work were published by Simon O’Leary in a 32 volume set. This constitutes the definitive work on the life and achievements of Simón Bolívar.

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of birth of Bolívar the Government of Venezuela republished the *Memorias del General O’Leary* in 1983 as a limited edition of 34 volumes including indices. The Venezuelan Embassy presented one set to University College Cork as a gesture to the birthplace of O’Leary. *The Memorias del General O’Leary* is now part of UCC Library’s Special Collections. Volumes 1 – 12 cover the correspondence of notable men with the liberator, volumes 13 – 26 have various documents, volumes 27 – 28 contain narration, volumes 29 – 31 contain correspondence of the liberator and volumes 32 – 34 contain the indices to the documents in the previous volumes. These indices have been prepared by Manuel Pérez Vila (1922 – 1991) who was a Spanish born Venezuelan historian.


South America – Ecuador

De Courcy Ireland Library copy has correspondence enclosed relating to South American history.

India


Sexton Collection [Subject: History and culture of India and south Asia] Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
Lieut.-Col. Sexton, a graduate and surgeon in the Indian Medical Service, donated many gifts to the College from about 1889 onwards. The bibliographic side of the donation amounted to over 1,000 items dealing mostly with India but also with adjacent countries. His reasoning behind the gift was to offer opportunities for study to students intending on similar careers. Sexton Anglo-Indian and Oriental Library was created by Queen’s College Cork (UCC after 1908) to support a recruitment drive for graduates from Engineering and Medicine – as well as other faculties – to join the Indian Civil Service. The collection contained manuscripts as well as printed material. This period of empire, of colonial service, is reflected elsewhere in the College’s story, in the biographies of staff, and in the museums. It also echoes, silently, the lives of Cork men who served as Lancers in the Indian Army. See UCC Official Gazette, no.1, Jan. 1911.

Sexton Manuscripts: U.157 – 168 Location: Closed Access. Must be requested with one day’s notice.
Check with Special Collections’ Desk for finding aid. Includes: Letters, photographs + Cuttings from Indian newspapers.
U.317: Book of Indian Costumes Location: Closed Access. Must be requested with one day’s notice.
Series of exquisitely coloured paintings. Depicting the costumes of Indians of various castes and occupation. Each page has MS captions.

U.367: Minute Book of the Library Committee Location: Closed Access. Must be requested with one day’s notice.
15th December 1857 (page 79 - 82): The committee recommends the following works to be purchased: Thornton Gazetteer of India; Thornton History of British India 6 vols; Malcolm’s Central India; Malcolm’s Sketches of Persia; Napier’s Administration of Scinde; Napier’s Conquest of Scinde; Napier’s Letters and Correspondence for Sir Charles; Napier’s Defects, Civil and Military of the Indian Government; Heber’s Journey through India; Hayes History of the Administrative of the East India Company; Wylie McLeod Commerce of India (1857).

Australia & New Zealand


Africa

Missionaries Abroad

Various articles in:
*Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review* Location: Q+3 and Location: Range 18
*The Irish Sword: The Journal of the Military History Society of Ireland* Location: Q+2
*The Irish Ecclesiastical Record* Location: Range 16
*Archivium Hibernicum* Location: Ranges 16 and 23
*The Irish Monthly* Location: Range 17