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**Key:**
- Books are italicised e.g. *The Hobbit*
- Shelfmark / Call number # in bold e.g. **TR 015.4 FORD**
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Layout of Reference Reading Room

- Ranges 1 – 5: Material in monographs in series e.g. Studia Patristica
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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. 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.

Annals & Manuscripts 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).


*Evangeliorum quattuor Codex Lindisfarnensis* / Musei Britannici Codex Cottonianus Nero D. IV permissione Musei Britannici totius codicis similitudo expressa; Prolegomens auxerunt T.D. Kendrick [et al.]. Also known as *The Book of Lindisfarne*. Oltun et Lausanna Helvetiae: Urs Graf, 1956-60. TRF 226 LIND Location: Range 27

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


*Domdey Book: or, The Great Survey of England of William the Conqueror, A.D. MLXXXVI: Facsimile of the part relating to* ... Southampton: Ordnance Survey Office, 1863. TR 333.3 DOME Location: Range 7


Various Books of Hours for example:

Early English Manuscripts in Facsimile series is also available. TRF 091 EARL Location: Range 30

Author Search on Library Catalogue for ‘Irish Manuscripts Commission’

**Original Gaelic Irish Manuscripts**
Location: Strong Room. Finding aid available at Special Collections Desk. Irish manuscripts themselves uncatalogued.


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

**Means to Locate Manuscripts**
Example: *What happens if I have the reference only (no place), e.g. Add Ms 12F?*
If known to be Irish, try Hayes, Richard J., *Manuscript Sources for the History of Irish Civilisation* [very good indexing!]


Also online at Sources for the History of Irish Civilization
It is an index and catalogue for sourcing manuscripts and articles published in English.

**Introduction to the Collections**

For information on how to navigate the chronicles in many of the sources cited below.


Introduction to the history and contents of many of the sources cited below.
Sources & Reference Material in Reference Reading Room

Patristics

Patrologia Graeca [Vols 1 – 162 with Indices] TR270 PATR.G Location: Ranges 1 – 2
The Greek fathers through 1439. The online version lacks the index. Greek and Latin on facing pages, unless the Greek version has been lost.

Patrologia Latina [Vols. 1 – 221] TR 270 PATR.L Location: Range 2
Includes writings of church fathers through Innocent III (1216 CE), as well as some historical texts. Notorious for the printing and editing errors though still useful for those texts not yet in the Corpus Christianorum series. Indexes in volumes 218-221 include: detailed contents for each volume, an author index, an index of editions, a biographical index with brief sketches, an index of works by title, by place, by time period, and indexes for types of documents and topics (chronologies, festivals, arithmetic, education, oratory, etc.).

Patrologia Latina – Supplementum [Vols 1 – 5] TR270 PATR.L Location: Range 2
A supplemental series, published 1958-74, offers some additions and corrections to Migne’s texts, with a new index in v.5.

Corpus Christianorum:
In 1945 the Benedictine Abbey of Steenbrugge took the initiative of planning a venture similar to the Patrologia Latina but with the conviction that the editing of Patristic and Medieval Christian texts. This series is one of two modern efforts to produce critical editions of the patristic texts to replace those available in Migne. The Series Latina and Series Graeca treat the church fathers through the end of Antiquity; the Continuatio Mediaevalis continues the texts through the Middle Ages; the Series Apocryphorum treats the apocryphal texts.

- Series Latina (CCSL) TR264 CORP CCSL Location: Range 1
  CCSL contains a critical edition of all the works of Christian Latin literature of the first eight centuries, and when completed will comprise 250 volumes. A complete revision and expansion of Migne, begun by the Benedictines of Steenbrugge. Texts date from Tertullian to Bede. Use the Clavis Patrum Latinorum to identify volumes.

- Series Graeca (CCSG) TR264 CORP CCSG Location: Range 1

- Continuatio Mediaevalis (CCCM) TR264 CORP CCCM Location: Range 1
  CCCM contains medieval texts from the eighth to the fifteenth centuries. Later works from Migne and elsewhere, up to the 12th century. Use the Clavis Patrum Latinorum to identify volumes.

- Series Apocryphorum (CCSA) TR 264 CORP CCSA Location: Range 1
  This contains the apocrypha of the New Testament. Each volume contains the critical text, a complete dossier on the apocrypha edited, with commentary and a translation into a modern language.

Corpus scriptorum ecclesiasticorum Latinorum Series, Enarrationes in Psalmos [vol 93: Augustine, Bishop of Hippo TR 264 CSEL AUGU Location: Range 1]
The CSEL is intended to include the ecclesiastical authors who wrote in Latin from the late 2nd century until the death of Bede in 735. The texts are edited on the basis of all extant manuscripts and according to the principles of modern textual criticism and thus aim to provide a critical replacement for the corresponding volumes of the Patrologia Latina. The series goes to late antiquity. This is the other effort to update Migne.
Clavis patrum latinorum: qua in novum Corpus christianorum edendum optimas quasque scripturn recensiones a Tertulliano ad Bedam / commode recludit Eligius Dekkers; opera usus qua rem praeparavit et iuvit Aemilius Gaa. Steenbrugis: In Abbatia Sancti Petri, 1951. TR 264 CORP CPL y1951 Location: Range 1


These are key to writings appearing in collections and periodicals. Has four indexes: Nominum et Operum, "Systematicus (subjects), "Hagiographicus" (saints) and "Initia" (first lines). Appendices include a very useful series of concordances showing the volumation of sets such as the PL, PG, BHL, etc. and their Clavis ("CPL ") entry.

Sources Chretiennes [Vols 1- 510] TR270 Location: Range 2
Main has selected volumes, separately classed. It pairs critical editions of Latin, Greek and Syriac original texts with 20th century French translations.

Morals on the Book of Job, St. Gregory [Gregory's Moral's appears in this – vols. 18, 21, and 3. TR 281.1 LFHC Location: Range 3

Library of the Fathers [vols 1 - 113] TR 281.1 LFHC Location: Range 3
These are mostly 19th century translations with a few editions of original texts.

Studia Patristica TR281 STUD Location: Range 3
This is a peer-reviewed academic book series established in 1957 that covers the study of patristics. It is the official publication of the Oxford International Conference on Patristic Studies.

MGH: Monumenta Germaniae Historica. Munich: MGH, 1826-. TR 943 MGH Location: Range 5
An excellent account is available in Knowles' Great Historical Enterprises. MGH collects narrative and other sources for German history to 1500. To some extent, excludes church history and documents. In several series: Scriptores (SS), Leges (LL), Epistolae (Epp), Diplomata (DD), Antiquitates, etc. Selected volumes freely available online at: http://www.dmgh.de/.

English Translations
Ancient Christian Writers. v1- [in progress]. New York: Paulist Press, 1945-. TR 281.1 ANCI Location: Range 3

Still useful for its extensive indexes. Also available online as Early Church Fathers through the Christian Classics Ethereal Library at Calvin College: http://www.ccel.org/fathers.html.

Early Irish Sources  
*Scriptores Latini Hiberniae* [Vols 1-14] (green) TR274.15 SLH Location: Range 3

*Irish Texts Society* [Vols 1-ongoing] TR ITS 891.62 Location: Range 4

The Society issues annotated editions of texts in Irish with English translations and related commentaries.


*Todd Lecture Series*, Royal Irish Academy [Vols 1-20] TR 891.62 TODD Location: Range 4

**Other Useful Material for Early Irish Sources**

Heist. WV. *Vitae Sanctorum Hiberniae*. (Saint of Ireland) Bruxelles: Société des Bollandistes, 1965. TR 274.15 HEIS Location: Range 7


This is an exact facsimile of the Louvain edition 1647, original in OPB f 270.2 COLG Location: Closed Access. Must be requested. It covers the lives and works of Patrick, Brigid and Colm Cille.

**Biblica**

*Biblia sacra iuxta vulgatam versionem*. / ... recensuit et brevi apparatu instruxit Robertus Weber. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1983. TR 220.4 BIBL Location: Range 6

Also known as the Vulgate Bible.

*Biblica*  
*The Holy Bible translated from the Latin Vulgate*. Dublin: Richard Coyne, 1847. TR 220.5 DOUA Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.


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. It’s also available online http://www.vetuslatina.org/

Hagiography

*Acta sanctorum quotquot toto orbe coluntur* / vel a Catholicis scriptoribus celebrantur, quae ex antiquis monumentis Latinis & Græcis, aliarumque gentium colligit, digessit. Antwerpiae: J. Meurisium, 1643-1932. TRF 270 ACTA Location: Range 10
Library has 56 vols. of this edition (complete to October, missing Nov. v.1, v.2 pt.1, pt.4 & 5).


*Analecta Bollandia: Revue critique d’hagiographie* Special Collections Serials Location: Range 10
This is the journal of the Société des Bollandists.

The monographic Series by the Société des Bollandists: *Subsidia Hagiographica*. Run ‘Title search’ on *Subsidia Hagiographica* for all volumes.


A useful work, organized alphabetically by saint.

Cartularies

Cartularies are books (or rolls) into which charters and sometimes other documents from an institution’s archive have been copied. Most medieval charters have survived in cartularies; instances of forgeries are numerous. Relevant fascicles are in *Typologie des sources du moyen âge occidental* TR 940.1 TYPO Location: Range 6

Consult Mullins *Texts & Calendars I* and *Texts & Calendars II* for State Papers’ publications TR 016.942 MULL Location: Range 6


**Abbreviations and Names**


The fundamental catalogue of the Catholic hierarchy from 1198 to 1605. It is more complete than Gams for the period it covers.


A catalogue of the Catholic hierarchy. It covers the period prior to 1198 that Eubel misses.

Lexicon abbreviaturarum. *Dizionario di abbreviature latine ed italiane*: usate nelle carte e codici specialmente del Medio-Evo, riprodotte con oltre 14000 segni incisi, con l'aggiunta di uno studio sulla brachigrafia medioevale, un prontuario di sigle epigrafiche, l'antica numerazione romana ed arabica ed i segni indicanti monete, pesi, misure, etc. **Milano: Hoepli, 1967. TR 413 CAPP** Location: Range 8

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This provides lists of Latin and French abbreviations, Latin place, family, and Bishopric names, and a glossary of Latin terms often found in documents.


Repertory of Medieval and Renaissance Latin authors.

**Dictionaries and Atlases** The dictionaries are best used from the start of research.


Good list of abbreviations for journals and standard works.


Also available online through *Oxford Reference Online*.

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.

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


**Encyclopaedias**

This edition is an extremely rich source of information with a level of detail its successors do not contain, though the scholarship is of course old.


**Bibliographies**

Use for State Papers and historical societies.

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Increasingly out-of-date, but this bibliography still contains a valuable introduction to the older sources.

*Typologie des sources du Moyen Age occidental*. TR 940.1 TYPO Location: Range 4
Title search: ‘Typologie des sources du Moyen Age occidental’ for full listing. This series of small guide books, published by Brepols, provides careful introductions to a multitude of sub-disciplines and topics, ranging from "the sermon" to "letter writing" to the Latin hymn.

Other Material in Reference Reading Room

Church History Pamphlet Collection Location: Range 11
“The Life of Saint Cataldus.” Dublin Irish Messenger 1902. p 274.15 CATA P. 280

Irish History Pamphlet Collection Location: Range 11

Irish Historic Town 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.

Henry Bradshaw Society
The Henry Bradshaw Society founded in 1890 in memory of Henry Bradshaw (1831-1886) for the purpose of printing liturgical manuscripts, 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 (IMC)*, etc.
- *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.

- **Medievo Latino**: Use for Authors/texts AD 500-1500 & secondary literature: Consult section "Auctori e testi." Prior to 1992 coverage ended at ca. 1330.
- **Medievo Latino**: Use for general listing of sources. Consult “Repertori ed Enciclopedie.” It is about two years behind in coverage.

**Maps**
See contents: Mappa Mundi (pages 78 – 87). Hibernia: Plates 56v
See also: [http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/onlineex/unvbrit/a/001cottibb00005u00056v00.html](http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/onlineex/unvbrit/a/001cottibb00005u00056v00.html)

Contains: Introduction, Bibliography, list of reproductions, chart of maps, transcriptions and translations of the legends, Appendices.
Appendix C:
Hibernia: r/i 832 [r = regio or region]; Dublin c (828) [c = civitas or city]
822 or 828 refers to the numbers in bold on the left. It is not the page number.
Map Section: 9

**Ptolemy (2nd Century):** *Claudii Ptolemaei Geographiae enarrationis libri octo / Bilibaldo Pirckeymher interprete; annotationes Ioannis de Regio Monte in errores commissos a Iacobo Angelo in translatione sua.* Argentorati [i.e. Strasbourg]: Iohannes Grieningerus, communibus Iohannis Koberger impresso in erroribus commissis a Iacobo Angelo in translatione sua. OPB f 910 PTOL Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.


It shows the geographic distribution and the character of religious houses from the 5th century to the end of the 16th century. The national grid allows cross-reference to other maps in the survey.

**Useful Collections & Selected Other Material**

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


**French Sources:**
*Recueil des historiens des Gaules et de la France: contenant tout ce qui a ete fait par les Gaulois, & qui s’est passe dans le Gaules avant l’arrivee des Francois; & plusieurs autres choses qui regardent les Francois depuis leur origine jusqu’a Clovis*. Paris: Aux dépens des librairies, 1738-1904. **OPB f 944 RECU v.1 – 22** Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
Begun by Martin Bouquet, reprinted by Leopold Delisle and continued by the Academie, the series is actually incomplete.

**Italian Sources:**
Keyword search on *Fonti per la storia dell'Italia medieval*. Material in TT Collection.


Compiled by G.M. Tartini as a supplement to Muratori's *Rerum Italicarum scriptores*. 
Church Councils
Baronius was the first great attempt to assemble a collection of the documents of the church from the Catholic perspective, both conciliar and other documents. "Baronius was at some pains to secure accuracy, as is clear from the long list of authorities he cites and compares. But on many matters, particularly where the English church is concerned, his information was scanty and in error, and throughout his critical powers failed to support his good intentions." (Oxf. Dic. Chr. Church). Later collections devoted specifically to the church councils drew much of their material from Baronius' work. "At his death this work had only reached the year 1198, and various attempts, all worthless, were made to continue it." (ibid.) Library has v.[9] & [10] of continuation of Baronio by Odorico Rinaldi, covering years 1534-65 (K.2.4-5). Also epitome of Baronio in 2 vols (J.2.1-2) by Henry de Sponde, who compiled a continuation of Baronio down to 1646.


Vols. of this work numbered consecutively with: Baronio's *Annales ecclesiastici* of which it forms a continuation. See library's set, L.1.5 (1-12)


Binius is the second great conciliar collection.


Originally published at Florence in 1759 and often simply called "Mansi," this is the final and greatest of the early-modern conciliar collections and the starting point for most conciliar research. The edition in the TT collection is a reprint of the 1901-1927 edition.