FL3015: Resources in Special Collections for Indigenous Knowledge: Herbs & Healing in Irish Folklore

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The Folklore Collections
The Folklore Collections are manuscript collections. It is primary source material and therefore it is not necessarily neat and tidy like a book.

There are two collections: National & Schools. This guide focuses on the Schools’ Collection.

In 1935 the Irish Folklore Commission was established. This was responsible for the collection, preservation, classification and study of all aspects of Irish folk traditions until 1971 when it was replaced by the Department of Irish Folklore and incorporated into University College Dublin.
Schools’ Folklore Collection Online

Using the Schools’ Folklore Collection on Microfilm

If accessing the Schools’ Folklore Collection no form needs be completed as it is available online under a Creative Commons License.

This collection was formed from material from 1937 – 1938 (26 counties). Collecting was carried out by children in 5th - 6th class in primary school under the direction of their teachers.

Guidelines for teachers were set out in: *Irish Folklore Tradition: This Booklet, Prepared by the Irish Folklore Commission* ... for the information of managers and teachers of National Schools. Baile Atha Cliath Roinn Oideachais 1937. TR 398 IRIS Location: Special Collections Desk

The Schools’ Collection is searchable by county and school only. There is no subject index.

Search by using the Index to the Schools Folklore: *Baileuchan bealoidis ‘sceim na scol’- inneacs an abhair- imleabhar*. An Colaiste Ollscoile, Baile Atha Cliath. Dublin University College. TRF 398 UCD INDEX (blue landscape book) Location: Range 28 Shelf 1

Search by county and then school. The list of counties is at the start (just inside the page for ‘Roinn Bhealoideas Eireann) and it tells you where to go.

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The number is the imleabhar (volume) number e.g. 274. It is not the page number. E.g. Cork / Corcaí first and then the list of schools. This list also gives information for the parish / barony / teacher. It is easier to find the barony first and then the school. There is an imleabhar no. (Volume number) for each school.

For each imleabhar number there is a corresponding UCC BOX Number (on microfilm). Take the imleabhar number for each school and match it with the microfilm box number. The microfilm box numbers are in the black binders on Location: Range 28 Shelf 7. Search under Dublin, University College, Dublin and match your school’s imleabhar no. to the UCC Box Number.

TR398 UCD Index Imleabhar 274

The Schools Collection is in Location: Microfilm Room Cabinet 6. Black Binders: Dublin – UCD – Schools’ Folklore Collections – Imleabhar 274 matches UCC Box Number 88. It’s in the middle of the reel for Imleabhar 272 – 275. The boxes are separated on the reels by black divides.
At the end of each entry there are the details of the recorder and from where the information comes.

There is a subject index to each imleabhar 11 volumes TRF 398 UCD (A4 blue book) Location: Range 28 Shelf 1. The material collected by the individual schools is listed here. Consult this to get an idea of the subjects covered for the schools you have selected. Page numbers for given for each subject written about in the school. However searching by subject is not possible.

Imleabhar 274: Galair, Leighis, Luibheann: 346, 388 432 – 434 (these are the page numbers)

If A.T. is present at the bottom of a page in the Subject Index then this refers to Aarne-Thompson and The Types of International Folktales 398 UTHE pts.1 – 4 Location: Q+2. The collections were formed using Scandinavian templates. This is why some subjects, such as the famine, were not covered. Information relating to this can be found in the questionnaire instead.

To match the microfilm box go to the black binders Location: Range 28 Shelf 7. Search for Dublin, University College Dublin, Main Folklore Collection and match the imleabhar number to the UCC Box number.

**Useful Items**

**Useful Terminology**
Some supporting documentation uses Irish language terminology. The following words are useful:

| Bosca – Box | Leathanch (Lth.) - Page |
| Imleabhar (Im.) – Volume | Ábhar – Subject |
| Paróiste – Parish | Bailitheoir – Collector |
| Contae – County | Innéacs – Index |
| Barúntacht – Barony | Leabhar Cinnlæ – Diary |
|                     | Toradh Ceistiúcháin – Results of a questionnaire |