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

State Papers: What They Are
State Papers are records assembled by the State Paper Office, including papers of the Secretaries of State up to 1782. The records of the secretaries of state are as organised by the State Paper Office. The State Papers are arranged into geographical categories (domestic (i.e. England and Wales), Scotland, Ireland and foreign) within which there are usually series by reign or place. They are the equivalent of today's documents from the Home and Foreign Offices and the Royal Archives.

Note some material has been separated from the State Papers in Kew. These are:
- Secretaries of Lord Burghley, which are now preserved in the library of Hatfield House and in the Lansdowne collection at the British Library.
- Carte / Ormonde in the Bodleian Library
- Carew Papers in Lambeth Palace Library.

The correspondence of the chief governor and his officials with members of the London central administration form the category of records known as the Irish state papers (SP). These records are by far the largest and most important body of documentation which exists for the history of early modern Ireland. They include treaties and treatises, memoranda and reports, drafts of proposals or of acts of parliament, lists of matters to be done, evidence collected in police work, depositions, documents concerning the crown's revenue and possessions. It consists mostly of the out-correspondence of the Irish administration, but little of the in-correspondence had survived even before the Public Records Office fire in 1922.

The main body of Irish state papers is deposited in the National Archives, Kew (formerly the Public Records Office, England (PROE). Calendars (see above) which vary in quality, are available down to 1704. (From 1670, State Papers relating to Ireland are included in the Calendar of State Papers, Domestic).

Use State Papers if searching for information on: Early Modern British and European history: diplomatic, political, social, cultural, local, legal, religious, kingship and queenship, exploration, travel and trade and early empire; Early Modern literature; Renaissance and Reformation Studies; Tudor & Stuart history.

What Does SP/63 Mean?
This is a typical citation to a UK government document and it is held in the National Archives, Kew.
Go to http://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ and type "SP/63/44" in the box in the middle. Don’t include the individual document number. The first result should be SP/63/44. If it’s not refinements can be made by choosing a date on the menu on the left.

**Types of State Papers**

Calendars are summaries of the contents of archival documents of the administration. There are various styles of calendaring, one being a summary in the form of an abstract of contents of a document; another, less helpful, may be an indication by one word. The calendars are printed and the archival material is handwritten and exists on microform.

**Calendar of State Papers: Domestic Series**

The state papers domestic are the accumulated papers of the secretaries of state from c.1509 to c.1782, at which date the business of the two secretaries was divided between the home and foreign departments.

**Calendar of State Papers: Foreign Archives** referring to England, e.g. Spain


**Calendar of State Papers: Ireland** (see separate sections below):

- Calendar of the State Papers relating to Ireland. 1509-1669.
- Calendar of Patent and Close Rolls of Chancery in Ireland (1514-1633)
- Calendar of the Manuscripts of the Marquis of Ormonde (1572 - 1685)

**Calendar of Patent Rolls 1216-1575**

These documents have recorded the issue of royal letters open or 'patent', whereby the sovereign has conferred a privilege or communicated his or her will. Their contents provide key information about government action, intention and patronage, and they embrace a wide and varying range of business.

James Morrin (ed.), *Calendar of the Patent and Close Rolls of Chancery in Ireland* (3 vols, Dublin, 1861–3). *State Papers 5.1 (i) – (ii)* Location: Range 14 v. 1. 1514-1575 -- v. 2. 1576-1602
**Camden Society** **Location:** Range 15 – 16
The Camden Society publishes early historical and literary materials, both unpublished manuscripts and new editions of rare printed books. See The Royal Historical Society for more.

**Hakluyt Society** **Location:** Range 15
Hakluyt Society publishes scholarly editions of primary records of historic voyages, travels and other geographical material.
D.B. Quinn (ed.), *Voyages and Colonising Enterprises of Sir Humphrey Gilbert*. London: Hakluyt Society, 1940. **Cooke 910.9 HAKL 2nd ser. no. 83 & no. 84**

**Example:** Using Calendars of State Papers (Ireland)
Index p.895 onwards. Index for persons & ships and index for places. Numbers refer to items.
e.g. Munster p.957
Ref: SP/63/47 no.40, 3 pages, Date: 2 Aug 1574 Lord Deputy Fitzwilliam to the Privy Council
Use Black binders to find the relevant microform.

Cunningham, Bernadette, ed. *Calendar of State Papers, Ireland, Tudor Period 1566-1567*. Dublin: Irish Manuscripts Commission, 2009. **State Papers 3.61 (i) b Location:** Range 13
Index p.318 onwards
e.g. Kerrycurihy
Item 404 p.162
Ref: Sp/63/28 no.35 Date: 17 June 1569
Use Black binders to find the relevant microform.

*Calendar of the State Papers, Relating to Ireland: Of the Reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth, Preserved in the State Paper Dept. of Her Majesty’s Public Record Office.* London: Longman, Green, Longman, & Roberts, 1860-1912. **State Papers 3.61 (i) – (xi) Location:** Range 13
e.g. Index p.511 Irish rebels [aid for/from Spain]. See: Spain, 357
Ref: SP/63 but no volume. Volumes are given in months during the book. Vol CCVIII Part 3 1601 June – July.
Ref: SP/63/208 Date: 14 June 1601

**Cecil Papers**
*Calendar of the Manuscripts of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Salisbury. Preserved at Hatfield House, Hertfordshire*. London: Printed by Eyre and Spottiswoode for H.M.S.O., [1883]. **State Papers 7.25 (i) - (xxiv) Location:** Range 14

A Collection of State Papers, Relating to Affairs in the Reigns of King Henry VIII. King Edward VI. Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeth, from the year 1542 to 1570 / Transcribed from original letters and other authentick memorials, never before publish'd, left by William Cecill Lord Burghley, and now remaining at Hatfield House, in the library of the Right Honourable the present Earl of Salisbury By Samuel Haynes. London: Printed by William Bowyer, 1740-1759. OPB f 942.05 BURG v.1-2 Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

The Calendar of Cecil Papers are available online.

Carew Papers
Sir George Carew held several official positions in Ireland and England from 1574 to 1611. During his various terms in office, he carefully preserved and annotated many letters and documents, both ancient and modern. The Carew papers cover the administration of Ireland and the settlement of Ulster during the 16th and early 17th centuries.


Carte Papers (BOD MS Carte)
The Carte papers in the Bodleian Library comprise vast collections of original papers from various sources which Thomas Carte amassed in preparation for the publication of his biography of James Butler, 1st Duke of Ormond, in 1735-6. There are 276 large volumes, comprising Ormond, Fitzwilliam, Chichester, Sandwich, Wharton, Huntingdon and Nairn papers largely relating to the history of Britain and Ireland in the period 1560-1715.


Carte, Thomas. The Life of James, Duke of Ormond: Containing an account of the most remarkable affairs of his time, and particularly of Ireland under his government; with appendix and a collection of letters, serving to verify the most material facts in the said history. Oxford: The University Press, 1851. TR 941.506 ORMO.C v.1 – 6. Location: Range 9

Reel no. SFW.236 contains original letters and papers, most connected with Lord Deputy Fitzwilliam’s government in Ireland from 1461 to 1575, many holographs amongst them, several from the Earl of Ormonde, Cecil, the Countess of Desmond, O’Neill, O’Carroll, Lord Barrymore, the Earl of Bedford, the Earl of Desmond. Another series of papers from 1655 to 1690 contains original letters of the Marquis of Ormonde, from Sir Edward Hyde, Peter Talbot, Sir J. de Vic and others, with papers
relating to various subjects, among them a declaration of Oliver Cromwell for a Council of State, dated 30th April, 1653.

**Chichester Papers** [The National Archives: P.R.O. 31 / 8 / 199-200]
**State Papers 941.506 CHIC** [7 CDs] Location: Special Collections Desk.

**Historical Manuscripts Commission** Location: Range 14

**Fiants**
Fiants is an abbreviation of *Fiant litterae patentes*, which means Let letters patent be made. Fiants were warrants to the Court of Chancery in Ireland, which was the authority for the issue of letters patents under the Great Seal. They dealt with matters ranging from appointments to high office and important government activities, to grants of pardons to the humblest of the native Irish. Therefore fiants are one of the most important administrative sources for knowledge of both Gaelic and English communities in Ireland during the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. Fiants date from the reign of Henry VIII through that of William and Mary.

v. 1. 1521-1558 -- v. 2. 1558-1586 -- v. 3. 1586-1603 -- v. 4. Index, Elizabeth

**Parliament**
*Statute Rolls of the Parliament of Ireland*. Dublin: H.M.S.O., 1907-. **State Papers 5.4 (i) - (iv)** Location: Range 14[v.1]. King John to Henry V -- v. 2. Reign of King Henry the Sixth -- v. 3. First to twelfth years of the reign of King Edward the Fourth -- v. 4. Twelfth and thirteenth to the twenty-first and twenty-second years of the reign of King Edward the Fourth -- [v. 5]. Richard III-Henry VIII.

**Microform**
Special Collections holds on microfilm the State Papers (Ireland), Carew Papers and the Carte Papers.
Microfilm reel contents: *Carew Papers: Elizabeth Ireland and the Settlement of Munster*
An online guide to the Carew papers is here.
A complete calendar of the contents is contained in Calendar of the Carew Manuscripts, preserved ... at Lambeth, edited by J.S. Brewer and W. Bullen. London: Longman, Green, Reader, & Dyer [etc., etc.], 1867-73. **State Papers 3.66** (i) – (vi) Location: Range 13 v. 1. 1515-1574 -- v. 2. 1575-1588 -- v. 3. 1589-1600 -- v. 4. 1601-1603 -- v.5 The Book of Howth; **The conquest of Ireland**, by Thomas Bray -- v. 6. 1603-1624.

To Find the UCC Microfilm Box
Go to the black binders for holding location e.g. National Archives, Kew. London – National Archives, Kew. Match SP Number and volume number with date to UCC Box Number.

**Material in the Reference Reading Room**
Use with State Papers.


Use for date calculation, the regnal years, exchequer years and saints days.

"Transcribed from a volume of original state papers preserved in the Library of Trinity College Dublin (T.C.D. MS N.I.I.; Abbott’s Catalogue no. 745)."

**Irish History Pamphlet Collection** Location: Range 11

**Journals**

Local history journals: Munster Printing Serials e.g. *Mizen Journal*
Also use Journals' Portal and Serials on Q+3. e.g. *Sixteenth Century Journal, Irish Historical Studies, English Historical Review*

**Maps**
*Pacata Hibernia: or, A History of the Wars in Ireland during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, especially within the Province of Munster under the government of Sir George Carew, and compiled by his direction and appointment / edited and with an introduction and notes by*
Attributed variously to Thomas Stafford (p.xxiii) and to Sir George Carew, as this work was among the collection of manuscripts which he bequeathed to Stafford.

[ Pacata Hibernia, Ireland Appeased and Reduced: or, An historie of the late warres of Ireland, especially within the province of Monster, under the government of Sir George Carew, wherein the siedge of Kinsale, the defeat of the Earle of Tyrone, and his armie; the expulsion and sending home of Don Juan de Aguila, the Spanish generall, with his forces; and many other remarkeable passages of that time are related.]. [London: Printed by A.M., 1633.] OPB f 941.505 STAF Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

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) V. Map of Ireland, A.D. 1567.

For an example of a map of Ireland that was available to English administrators such as Sir William Cecil see National Archives’ website: ‘Hibernia, insula non procul ab Anglia vulgare Hirlandia vocata’, by John Goghe, dated 1567 (MPF 1/68).

Hayes’ Sources. Location: Range 28.
Also online at Sources for the History of Irish Civilization: http://sources.nli.ie/
It is an index and catalogue for sourcing manuscripts and articles published in English. The periodicals are listed in Vol. 1 and range in date of publication from about 1800 to the end of 1969.
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: Spain or Spanish (Irish Relations With) p.423
Material on Display for Class
Holinshed, Raphael. The Chronicles Comprising the Description and Historie of England, the Description and Historie of Irelande, the Description and Historie of Scotland, First Collected and Published by Raphaell Holinshed, William Harrison and Others. Now Newlie Augmented and Continued with Manifold Matters of Singular Note and Worthie Memorie to the Yeare 1586 by John Hooker, Alias Vowell Gent, and Others. London: 1586/87. OPB f 941 HOLI vols 1 – 3 Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
Titles within woodcut borders; initials, head and tail pieces; black letter; double columns; gathered in sixes, signed in alphabets of 20 characters, A-U.
Includes (v. 2) The Irish historie, by Giraldus Cambrensis, translated into English by John Hooker;
The Privy Council ordered (1587) vol. 2, pp. 421-424, 433-436, and 443-450, and vol. 3, pp. 1328-1331 and 1419-1538 to be excised
Henri Denham’s printer’s device at end of v. 2 and 3
Older Printed Books volumes are bound in leather with gold tooling on spine and marbled end papers. With the exception of pages 433-436 mentioned above, the excised pages are included
Vol 1 – 2:
Index at the start containing authors from which the history is derived.
List of Chapters
Contains: Britain, England, Ireland, Scotland
Strangeness of text: s/f or u/v
Irish history: Geraldus Cambrensis
Index: Alphabetical listing of names, of people, Ireland
Vol 3: Covers people

Stanyhurst, Richard. Richardi Stanihursti Dubliniensis De rebus in Hibernia gestis, libri quattuor: ad carissimum suum fratrem, clarissimumque virum, P. Plunketum, Dominum Baronem Dunsaniae; accessit his libris Hibernicarum rerum appendix, ex Silvestro Giraldo Cambrensi pervertusto scriptore collecta; cum eiusdem Stanihursti adnotationibus; omnia
Conry, Florence. Emanuel: Leabhar ina bhfuil modh iarrata agus fhagala fhoirbheachda na beathadh riaghaltha. ar attugadh drong airighthe Sgáth an Chrábhaidh drong oile Desiderius / ar na chur anosa a ngaoithilg lé brathair airidhe dòrd S. Fpronsias F.C. Lohbain [Louvain]: [St Anthony's College], 1616. L I 5 EMAN Location: Closed Access. Must be Requested.


Reprint of the original edition (Louvain, 1616) entitled "Emanuel / leabhar ina bhfuil modh / iarrat... na / beathadh riaghaltha ... Sgáthan an chrábhaidh drong / oile Desiderius. "An incomplete translation of parts I to III of the Spanish work, Tratado llamado el Desseoso, y por otro nombre, Espejo de religiosos. The first edition known, written in Catalan by a priest of the order of St. Jerome, was an anonymous publication (Barcelona, 1515). Passages were inserted to encourage Irish Catholics, and considerable omissions made, in Conry's version. cf. Introd., p. [VII] and XVI.


La Batalla del Mar Océano: corpus documental de las hostilidades entre España e Inglaterra (1568-1604) / José Ignacio González-Aller Hierro; Marcelino de Dueñas Fontái; Jorge Calvar Gross; Ma. del Campo Mérida Valverde. Madrid: Ministerio de Defensa, Armada Española, Instituto de Historia y Cultura Naval: Turner Libros, 1988-<2014>. TRF 942.05 GONZ v.4 t.1 - v.4 t.4 Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.


The Battle of the Ocean Sea provides extensive documentation, in part unpublished, which undoubtedly will serve not only for the study and analysis of the naval and military confrontation between Spain and England at the time of the Great Navy of Felipe II.

Useful Collections

Cork University Press Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

Older Printed Books  Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
Nares, Edward. *Memoirs of the Life and Administration of the Right Honourable William Cecil, Lord Burghley* : Containing an historical view of the times in which he lived, and of the many eminent and illustrious persons with whom he was connected; with extracts from his private and official correspondence, and other papers, now first published from the originals. London: Saunders and Otley, 1828-3. HE 240 CECI.N

*Letters and Memorials of State* : in the reigns of Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, King James, King Charles the First, part of the reign of King Charles the Second, and Oliver's usurpation / written and collected by Sir Henry Sydney ... [et al.]. Together with letters of the other ministers of state, with whom they held a correspondence ... Collected from records, their last wills and testaments, original papers, authentick manuscripts, and our most approved historians; [edited] by Arthur Collins. London: Printed for T. Osborne, 1746. OPB f 941 COLL v.1 – 2.

St Fin Barre's Cathedral Library  Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.
*Calendar of the Journals of the House of Lords, from the beginning of ... Henry VIII ... to 1808; & 1808-1826*. London, c1808-27. H.L.90 v.1 and H.L.91 v.2

Transmissions and Transformations of the Ancient World  Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.

X Collection  Location: Closed Access. Must be requested.


Online Courses for Paleography or Reading Older Documents
Example from Conway Papers:

*Reading Old Documents* (National Archives, UK)
Covers introductory & advanced Latin, paleography & Latin paleography, Roman numerals and coins.

*English Handwriting 1500-1700: An Online Course*
Maintained by Dr. Andrew Zurcher at Queens' College, University of Cambridge. The website offers lessons with texts to transcribe and exams that test you on common abbreviations and word forms.
http://www.english.cam.ac.uk/ceres/ehoc/index.html

*English Handwriting Tutorial: Renaissance* (University of Leeds)

*Research Guidance for Manuscripts & Special Collections* (University of Nottingham).
Covers dating documents, weights & measures, accounting records, deeds, manorial records, maps & plans, medieval books and medieval documents. [http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/manuscriptsandspecialcollections/researchguidance/introduction.aspx](http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/manuscriptsandspecialcollections/researchguidance/introduction.aspx)

**Useful Databases**
- British History Online
- Irish History Online
- EEBO
- Bibliography of British and Irish History (BBIH)
- Historical Abstracts
- Dictionary of Irish Biography
- Oxford Dictionary of National Biography

**Useful Websites**
See ‘Useful Websites’ on Special Collections, UCC Library.


