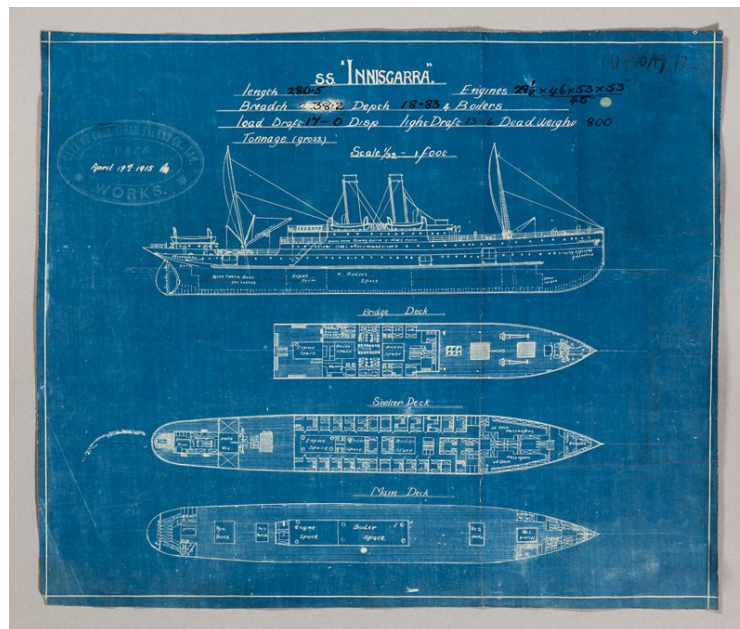




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Foreword

The Cork City and County Archives service preserves one of Cork's most important cultural heritage assets, an asset that grows each year. 2014 was our most successful year to date in terms of the number of accessions of new material to the Archives.

A major reduction in our non-pay budget has meant that it is a challenge to properly manage, care for and conserve, and provide public access to, our archives collections, as required by local government legislation. However, progress was achieved in a number of areas owing to the excellent work of staff, and the securing of external funding.

Our archive collections are now more accessible and searchable than ever with the publication of our adlib database catalogue online in May 2014. This was the culmination of 10 years of work by the archivists and support staff in descriptively listing and organising individual collections. The catalogue contains a name and family name index of particular interest to genealogical researchers.

A number of documents in need of conservation were sent for professional cleaning and repair. We digitised and published online a number of important records of particular relevance to genealogy and family history. Thousands of research orders and queries were received from the public both local, national and international, on a multitude of topics relating to local and national history, and genealogy. We also carried out a number of successful outreach lecture/exhibition projects, group visits, and talks to interested groups.

Owing to the vast volume of new archives received since 2006, the Archives building is approaching storage capacity. Looking forward, it is hoped during 2015 to put in place a plan for the extension of the building, together with a strategic plan, to position the Archives to meet service demands, up to the 50th anniversary year of our foundation, in 2021.

On behalf of our Executive Committee, I would like to pay tribute to those who donated archives or who assisted in the donation of archives, and all who contributed to the public enjoyment of our archive collections, during 2014.

Brian McGee

Cork City and County Archivist



Parent/Funding Organisations

Cork City Council

Cork County Council

University College Cork

Executive Committee 2014

Chairpersons	Liam Ronayne, Cork City Librarian (up to July), and Colette McKenna, Director of Library Services, UCC
Member	Eileen O'Brien, Cork County Librarian
Archivist/Secretary	Brian McGee, City and County Archivist



Executive Summary

- 85 new accessions of material in 2014. Our most successful year to date in terms of the number of new accessions.
- Major new collections received included those of Tom McCarthy (Cork 2005 files), Dripsey Woollen Mills, Cork Bonded Warehouses, and Cork Film Festival
- Non-Pay expenditure budget €61,700. Of this over €20,000 was expended on City Council Rates and another approx. €30,000 expended on utility bills and building servicing, leaving less than €12,000 for archival activities.
- All new accessions were assessed, processed and boxed within 4 weeks of arrival.
- Professional freeze drying, treatment and cleaning of 43 bound volumes of Dripsey Woollen Mills records carried out by Muckross Paper Conservation.
- 7 major collections descriptively listed and accessible
- 104 small collections descriptively listed in 2014, an increase of over 50% since 2013
- Online searchable version of our Adlib Archives Catalogue database was launched in May 2014: the culmination of 10 years of work by archivists and support staff.
- The Online Catalogue has a built in index of personal and family names of major interest to genealogical researchers, and also indexes for institutions, events and subjects.
- Total number of fully listed collections now 272, an increase of over 30% since 2013
- Digitisation and online publication completed of St Josephs Cemetery records 1877-1904 (with Cork City Council E-Government funding), also a list of Butter Market Suppliers from 1884, and 3 Liam De Roiste TD Diaries from the Nov. 1914 – Dec 1915 period.
- Grant award of €5,000 from the Heritage Council to conserve damaged volumes and ships blueprints from the City of Cork Steam Packet Company records and also digitisation of some ships blueprints.
- 2,746 orders for material, covering 8,000 or more documents, in our public research room.
- 2,171 email and telephone research queries answered, mainly by the 2 Archivists.
- 33% of researchers stated they were doing genealogy, 30% a thesis/dissertation and 17% local history.
- 646 of our collections were accessed by researchers
- 11 lectures given to interested groups on our collections and services, and 7 group visits/tours made to the Archives



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- 24,169 individual users of our web site www.corkarchives.ie and 53% of these users were from Ireland.
- 'Chillingworth & Levie: 20th Century Architecture in Cork', Archives/Historical Exhibition and lecture series completed Nov. 2013 to March 2014. Funded with a €4,000 grant from the Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht Policy on Architecture 2009-2015
- Successful 'History and Archives Week' held for the Cork Lifelong Learning Festival in April, and Culture Night in September.
- The Archives held a stand held at the very successful Cork Genealogical Society Conference, 2014.
- Major transfers of Town Council archives with the co-operation of Cork County Council
- Advice and services provided to City Council departments regarding their records and archives.
- The Seamus Murphy Building is approaching storage capacity and will be full by 2018 at the latest. Plans for an extension to be put forward in 2015.

About the Service

The Archives is a shared service and has been equally funded since its inception in 1971 by each of its parent institutions, Cork City Council, Cork County Council and University College Cork. The day to day operation of the Archives is carried out by Cork City Council overseen by an Executive Committee.

Since 1994, it has been a statutory obligation and function of all local authorities to make arrangements for the proper management, custody, care and conservation of local records and archives and for public inspection of local archives, including both local authority records, and records and archives donated or deposited by local organisations and individuals.



Seamus Murphy Building

The involvement of UCC in funding the Archives reflects the fact that we are a key repository for academic research by students and staff of the university, and other colleges and schools in the region.

In 2006, the Archives moved to a new purpose built centre, the Seamus Murphy Building in Blackpool, that offers the most modern facilities for the preservation and use of archives.

One of Cork's Most Important Cultural Heritage Assets

Archives are composed of the naturally accumulated records of an organisation generated in the course of its activities, that have been selected for permanent preservation. These unique documents contain a wealth of information and historical evidence about Cork's institutions, places, people, families, and events, that is not found elsewhere.

Our archive collection, comprising 11,000 boxes of material and 17,000 bound volumes, 20,000 maps plans and drawings and 50,000 photographs, is one of the largest and most important cultural heritage assets held in Cork. Collections include local authority archives from Cork City Council and Cork County Council, and various defunct local authorities. Also held are major collections of personal papers, business records, landed estate papers, solicitors' papers, the records of various organisations, labour unions, charitable bodies and school records. Most



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aspects of the social, political, commercial, and cultural history of Cork are represented within the collection.

Genealogy and Family History

Many of our records contain genealogical information that is not readily available elsewhere, for example;

- Solicitors' records including deeds
- Landed estate records
- Cemetery registers
- Workhouse registers
- Hospital registers
- Business records

The Archives has an active programme of listing and digitising records. Investment in this area has benefits for cultural heritage tourism and developing links to the Diaspora.

New Accessions

The Archives is responsible for ensuring the preservation of Cork's local archives by accepting their deposit and donation from local government and from other local organisations and individuals.

2014 was our most successful year to date with 85 new accessions of material.

Major local government archives were transferred from: Cork City Council, Youghal Town Council, Bantry Town Council, Macroom Town Council, and Fermoy Town Council.

Major privately donated/deposited collections included: writer Donal Giltenan, Dripsey Woollen Mills, the Ó Sé family, R&H Hall Ltd and the Hall family, papers of Fenian Brian Dillon, Kinsale local historian Michael Mulcahy, the Plasterers Trade Union, Aughadown National School, Cork Bonded Warehouses, Tom McCarthy's Cork City of Culture files, well-known actor Dan Donovan, and Cork Film Festival. Also received were a set of microfilms from Irish Distillers of some of their records recently transferred from CCCA to their corporate archives service in Midleton.

List of New Accessions

Reference: 2014/001
Title: Ford Assembly Plant Layout for Cork Ireland, 28 November 1933
Date: 28 November 1933
Extent: 1 item
Content: Blueprint architectural plan, scale 1/16 inch to 1 foot.

Reference: 2014/002
Title: Donal Giltinan Papers
Date: ?1950s - 1960s
Extent: c4 boxes
Content: Personal archive of Donal Giltinan, playwright and journalist

Reference: 2014/003
Title: Cork City Council documentation from City Library

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Date: ?1990s-2000s
Extent: 58 half-boxes
Content: Cork City Council minutes, managers orders, copy documentation transferred from City Library

Reference: 2014/004
Title: John Collins donation of Lee Baths Swimming Championship Programme
Date: 6 Sep 1952
Extent: 4pp
Content: Programme of Championship Gala held by Irish Amateur Swimming Association Munster Branch, at Lee Baths, Victoria Cross, Cork.

Reference: 2014/005
Title: Mike Loring SS Sirius Material
Date: 1837-2013
Extent: c20pp
Content: Facts relating to the SS Sirius and Cork Harbour, compiled by Mike Loring.

Reference: 2014/006
Title: War Damaged Bridges, North Cork, 1925-30
Date: 1925 - 1930
Extent: 1 file (c100 items)
Content: County Surveyor's Office file on bridges damaged during the Civil War, mainly relating to recoupment under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923. Forms, letters, and lists.

Reference: 2014/007
Title: John O'Leary, Hardware Merchant, Fermoy
Date: 1930 - 1964
Extent: 4 volumes
Content: Business records of John O'Leary, Hardware Merchant, 42 Patrick Street, Fermoy, Co Cork. Closed 1960s.

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Reference: 2014/008
Title: Macroom Town Council Minutes and other records
Date: 1902 - 1990
Extent: 22 vols (19 vols of minutes)
Content: Macroom Town Council Minute Books, etc.

Reference: 2014/009
Title: Cork Distillers Microfilms
Date: 1822 - 1866
Extent: 9 reels of 35mm microfilm
Content: Microfilm research copies of Cork Distillers.

Reference: 2014/010
Title: Bantry Town Council
Date: 1896 - 1988
Extent:
Content: Minute books of Bantry Town Council

Reference: 2014/011
Title: Poster, 'Loans of Two Pounds and upwards... by D Cleary, 67, Great Britain St.' [1820s]
Date: Undated [1820s]
Extent: 1 scan
Content: Digital scan and photocopies of poster by D Cleary, 67 Great Britain St, advertising loan services, with amounts of 'Two Pounds and upwards Advanced on EASY TERMS'. The last line adds 'Large borrowers liberally dealt with'.

Reference: 2014/012
Title: 1798 Centenary Associations Membership Certificates of Patrick O'Mahony
Date: 1898
Extent: 2 items

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Content: Two original membership certificates of Patrick O'Mahony, 10 Cooley's Lane, off Old Market Place, Cork.

Reference: 2014/013

Title: Fermoy Town Council Minute Book, 8 Jun 1971 - 16 May 1989

Date: 8 Jun 1971 - 16 May 1989

Extent: 1 vol (454pp)

Content: Volume of minutes of Fermoy Urban District Council (later Town Council). Sets of minutes pasted or stapled into a large volume. The volume contains 454 pages, but sets of minutes run to several pages, and are not inserted on all pages of the volume.

Reference: 2014/014

Title: North Infirmary Final Trustee Accounts, 1988

Date: 1988

Extent: 1 envelope

Content: Full set of final accounts of the Trustees of the North Charitable Infirmary, 1988. The hospital closed in this year.

Reference: 2014/015

Title: Rate Valuation Books, Youghal Urban District

Date: 1974 - 1979

Extent: 5 vols

Content: Five valuation books

Reference: 2014/016

Title: Records of Charles Beale & Co, Architects

Date: 1950s-70s

Extent: 1 box

Content: One box of records of Charles Beale & Co, Architects, South Mall, Cork, consisting mainly of drawings, but including a cheque payments book with list of staff, and other items.

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Reference: 2014/017
Title: Dripsey Woollen Mills additional
Date: 1920s-1960s
Extent: 25 vols; 1 box of photos; 1 bundle of large photos; plus 43 volumes.
Content: Records of Dripsey Woollen Mills. Recovered from an attic at Dripsey Castle. 43 volumes records were damp and mouldy and were temporarily sent to Muckross House for freezing and cleaning.

Reference: 2014/018
Title: Donal Counihan Donation
Date: ?1980s
Extent: c50 bound vols.
Content: Minutes of Cork City Council Meetings, Committee Meetings, etc. Kept by former Lord Mayor Donal Counihan.

Reference: 2014/019
Title: Little Island Photographs
Date: ?late 1800s - ?early 1900s
Extent: 14 items
Content: Photographs of Little Island area. Original photos loaned for scanning. Scan copies in Digital Archive folder.

Reference: 2014/020
Title: Ó Sé Family Additional Material
Date: 1800s-1900s
Extent: 20 boxes
Content: Additional material relating to Íde Bean Ní Shé, Sean O'Coidealbhain (JP Conlon), and Cian O'Se. (Additional to collection PR29). Further deposit 3 Apr 2014, with more to follow. See also Beale Architects deposit 2014/016

Reference: 2014/021
Title: Musgrave Photographs, Geoff Kell Deposit
Date: c1907-1950

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Extent: 4 albums, c100 loose photos

Content: Photographs, mainly by William Musgrave, of family members, Musgrave businesses including Metropole Hotel, motor cars, ships, street scenes including flooding, Cork/Kerry area rural scenes, and photos from other trips. Includes three dated photographs, including one of Free State armored car in Cork 10 August 1922, and two from 11 August 1922. Lent for scanning. [Some previously scanned by Turtle Bunbury and by RIAC (automobile club)]

Reference: 2014/022

Title: Dillon Family Letters and Related Items

Date: c1869-1907, 1950s

Extent: 80-100 items

Content: Letters and other documents relating to the Dillon family, including a letter by Brian Dillon, Fenian, and letters to Brian from his mother. A legal assignment, a photograph, and other family correspondence also present. Temporary loan for possible scanning and possible future deposit.

Reference: 2014/023

Title: R&H Hall/Hall Family

Date:

Extent: 3 large boxes, 4 deed boxes, 2 framed photos

Content: Three large boxes, four metal deed boxes and two framed photos, of Hall business and family deeds and letters, also including Cork Charitable Coal Fund minutes. Deed boxes and photos deposited on 24 march 2014. More to follow

Reference: 2014/024

Title: Phillips, Richard Hayes, Without Indentures: Index to White Slave Children in Colonial Court Records, New York, 2013

Date: 2013

Extent: 283pp

Content: Author-signed first edition of this publication..

Reference: 2014/025

Title: Paddy O'Keeffe of Bantry, additional material

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Date: 1860s-1950s
Extent: 14 items
Content: Including photo. of Bantry pre-1891 etc.

Reference: 2014/026
Title: Chris Murphy Royal Munster Fusiliers Material
Date: 1914-1918
Extent: 3 dvds and c10pp
Content: 3 DVDs of Royal Munster Fusilier Regimental Annual, 1911, 1912 and 1913, plus material on Easter 1916 placards used by Germans in the trenches captured by Col. Williamson's (b1865, Charleville) troops of 8th Battalion.

Reference: 2014/027
Title: Michael Mulcahy Collection
Date: 1500s-1900s
Extent: 7 bankers boxes
Content: MS. from Kinsale Museum

Reference: 2014/028
Title: St Finbarr's Cemetery Glasheen
Date: 25 Feb 1868 - 14 Jun 1896
Extent: 1 vol.
Content: Burial Register

Reference: 2014/029
Title: Keller Family Histories, published books
Date: 2012-2013
Extent: 2 vols (113pp, 125pp)
Content: Two publications

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- Reference:** 2014/030
Title: Fermoy Town Council May 2014 Accession
Date: 1896 - 1988
Extent: 30 items
Content: Volumes transferred from Straw Hall Water Works, under care of John Sisk, Water Curator (summary list):
- Reference:** 2014/031
Title: Durrus District Index of Wills (Pat Crowley)
Date: 1630 - 2003
Extent: 73pp
Content: Draft index of Church of Ireland and Methodist wills (and burials) for the Durrus district, west Cork, 1630 to 2003, by Pat Crowley. Fields include date, name, age, townland, parents, other and reference (source)
- Reference:** 2014/032
Title: Cork City Council Arts and Cultural Strategy File
Date: 2010
Extent: 1 file
Content: Cork City Council Planning Department Arts and Cultural Strategy file documenting the process of creating the strategy.
- Reference:** 2014/033
Title: Macroom Town Council Minutes, Manager's Orders, and other records
Date: 1901 - 1998
Extent: 49 vols

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Content: Macroom Town Council (abolished 31 May 2014), further accession (see also 2014/008):

Reference: 2014/034

Title: Keller Family History

Date: 2012-13

Extent: 2 vols

Content: Two books by Anne Keller Geraci, Keller Families: Descendants of George Keller and Mary Barbara Monteith Smith (Westwood, Mass., 20120; and Keller-Smith Ancestors: Genealogical Records for George Keller & Mary Barbara Monteith Smith (Westwood, Mass, 2013)

Reference: 2014/035

Title: Early Wills, Durrus District, West Cork

Date: 1630 - 2003

Extent: 1 folder

Content: Printed draft database entries compiled by Pat Crowley, of information from early wills of members of the Church of Ireland and Methodist communities in Durrus District, West Cork

Reference: 2014/036

Title: Horgan, Sean, Famine and Politics in Midleton Poor Law Union 1845 - 1851 (Midleton, 2012)

Date: 2012 (1845-1851)

Extent: 117pp

Content: Publication by a local historian on Midleton Union and Workhouse at the time of the Great Famine.

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Reference: 2014/037
Title: Youghal Town Council June 2014 Accession
Date: 1943 - 1982
Extent: 33 vols
Content: Records transferred from Convent and Mall House, Youghal, on 26 Jun 2014:

Youghal Harbour Commissioners' Minutes etc.

Reference: 2014/038
Title: Cork Operative Plasterers Union additional material
Date: 1900s
Extent: 12 boxes, 1 vol.
Content: Cork Operative Plasterers Union additional material transferred from Carpenters Hall by Jim Fahy formerly of Masons Union

Reference: 2014/039
Title: Inch National School
Date: 1869 - 1927
Extent: 12 vols
Content: Records of Inch 'No 2' NS, near Aghada, Co Cork, including a register, roll books, daily report books (attendance), observations books, and religious instruction certificates.

Reference: 2014/040
Title: 'The Last 3 Days' of Michael Collins' [Dalton]
Date: [1922]
Extent: 1 item (6pp)
Content: Typescript first person account, 'The Last 3 Days of Michael Collins' [by Emmet Dalton]. Unsigned. With several ms notes.

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Reference: 2014/041
Title: Paddy O'Keeffe and Gerard Lyne Correspondence
Date: 1960-80
Extent: c100 letters and envelopes
Content: Correspondence between Gerard Lyne and Paddy O'Keeffe of Bantry regarding local history.

Reference: 2014/042
Title: U702 Additional, Eamon Lankford Deposit, Conradh na Gaeilge and Cape Clear
Date: 1873-1973
Extent: 12 boxes and 3 vols [c20 standard archives boxes]
Content: 9 boxes, Bailiuchan Sheamuis Lankford, relating to Conradh na Gaeilge at Aras na Dige, Mardyke Road, Cork; 3 large boxes of 'Cape Clear Business Documentation' and 3 volumes of (copy) Cape Clear National School records. Collection lists provided.

Reference: 2014/043
Title: Spillane Family of Bandon Road, Cork (War of Independence Records)
Date: c1913-1970
Extent: 1 folder [c50 items]
Content: Folder of letters, notices, and photographs, mainly relating to the Spillane family of Bandon Road, Cork. Includes photo of William Spillane, shot in 1922, photos of Old IRA gatherings, prison letters (originals and copies), IRA pension application papers, plans and related items on Republican Memorial, St Finbarr's Cemetery, and other business and family papers.

Reference: 2014/044
Title: Buckley of Macroom

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Date: 1899-1922
Extent: 3 items
Content: 3 items: Account book, K Buckley Shop (Drapery, Grocery, Wine and Spirits), Middle Square, Macroom, 1899-1922; Record book [customer credits], 1915-22; Commission of the Peace issued to Denis Buckley, Macloneigh House, Macroom, 16 March 1914.

Reference: 2014/045
Title: Chris Callaghan additional material
Date: 1800s-1900s
Extent: 2 file folders, 1 envelope, 5 printed books
Content: Additional material for collection PR43. Books belonging to William Callaghan, research notes and photocopies, maps etc. re Ballyhooly, Cork.

Reference: 2014/046
Title: Dunlaoi Deposit
Date:
Extent: 31 boxes
Content: Files from Dunlaoi, 10 North Mall and the 'Between' organisation.

Reference: 2014/047
Title: Jerry Foley donation
Date: ?1923-1960s
Extent: 1p
Content: Photocopy of IRA 'Roll of Honour, West Cork's Heroic Dead'

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Reference: 2014/048
Title: County Cork VEC
Date: 1929-1973
Extent: 18 volumes
Content: Minute books of the County Cork Vocational Education Committee (now Cork Education and Training Board)

Reference: 2014/049
Title: Cork Airport - The First 40 Years (Photo Album)
Date: 1961 - 2001
Extent: 1 album (c300 photos)
Content: Album of photographs by Geoffrey Farrar, all taken at Cork airport, and some showing the airport (including one from its opening on 16 Oct 1961), but mainly consisting of pictures of planes and other aircraft at the airport. Photos are pasted in and are captioned by Farrar, with aircraft type, carrier, route, and date usually recorded. The album may be of particular interest to those interested in airplanes and their history. It provides an important record of routes serviced, changing carriers and liveries, interesting charter and visiting aircraft, as well as airplane types.

Reference: 2014/050
Title: Corporate Affairs Cork City Council
Date: 2002-2006
Extent: 23 boxes
Content: Managers Orders, 2002-2006

Reference: 2014/051
Title: An Oige Additional Material
Date: 1939 - 1981
Extent: 2 vols, 1 file

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Content: Further accession of material relating to the youth-hostelling organisation An Oige, relating to the national organisation and its Cork-Kerry Region.

Reference: 2014/052

Title: Walsh Probate and Walsh Public House Account Book

Date: 1885-1886, 1902

Extent: 2 items

Reference: 2014/053

Title: Parnell Bridge, 1970, film by W Rattrey

Date: 1970

Extent: 1 reel

Content: Super-8 film recording construction of new Parnell Bridge, Cork, in 1970, by William Rattrey. The film later won a prize at the Cork Amateur Film Festival. Includes use of floating crane in construction.

Reference: 2014/054

Title: Cork and Munster Trade Directory 1972-1973

Date: 1972-1973

Extent: c200pp

Content: Cork and Munster Trade Directory 1972-1973, published by Trades Directories Limited, 7 Abbey Street Edinburgh, 120-126 Portland Street. Contains lists of businesses, professions, shops, industry and traders in Munster.

Reference: 2014/055

Title: Operative Plasterers items from City Library

Date: 1947, 1953, 1957

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Extent: 3 items
Content: 2 Working rules booklets and 1947 building agreement.

Reference: 2014/056
Title: Pat Holohan/CHAS 2014 deposit
Date: 1947-2012
Extent: 1 box
Content: Donated as a gift by Pat Holohan:

Reference: 2014/057
Title: 'Heritage' The A-Z DNA of Cork Jewry, Jewish Ireland Series Vol.XVII (23 Feb 2013 Edition)
Date: 1880s-2013
Extent: 507pp
Content: Bound volume containing a history of the Jewish community in Ireland and Cork. Transcripts from Jewish community records. Biographical directory of 1,696 Irish Jewish people.

Reference: 2014/058
Title: Fr Mathew Hall article by Nigel Hay (James N Healy), Cork Evening Echo, 27 Jun 1959
Date: 27 Jun 1957
Extent: 4pp (article c1/4 page)
Content: Newspaper pages containing article, 'Early days and shows at Fr Mathew Hall in Cork', by Nigel Hay, the stage name of James H Healy.

Reference: 2014/059
Title: Durrus District Records Compiled by Pat Crowley
Date: 1600s - 1980s



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Extent: 3 vol.
Content: Durrus district birth, marriage and burial records compiled by Pat Crowley.

Reference: 2014/060
Title: Cork City Council Community and Enterprise Social Inclusion Material
Date: 2003-2004
Extent: 3 items (multiple copies)
Content: Social Inclusion Audit, Dec. 2003

Reference: 2014/061
Title: Cork City Council Higher Education Grants Files
Date: 2009-2012
Extent: 5 files
Content: Case files for applications for Higher Education Grants (sample).

Reference: 2014/062
Title: Cork Bonded Warehouses
Date: 1800s-1900s
Extent: c100 volumes
Content: Records of Cork Bonded Warehouses, Customs House, Cork.

Reference: 2014/063
Title: CJF MacCarthy Photographs
Date: late 1800s- early 1900s
Extent: c200 lantern slides
Content: Lantern slides of streetscapes and buildings, Cork City late 1800s - early 1900s

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Reference: 2014/064
Title: Aughadow National School near Skibbereen
Date: 1897 - 1976
Extent: 15 items
Content: School records; Registers, Roll Books, Daily Report Books

Reference: 2014/065
Title: Charles and Shiela Daly Deposit
Date: 1895- 1900s
Extent: 1 folder
Content: Cork County Council records relating to John George MacCarthy, Secretary Cork County Council; formerly Deputy Treasurer, County Grand Jury. Some Grand Jury Material.

Reference: 2014/066
Title: O'Meara Solicitors Additional Material
Date: 1840-1900
Extent: 4 items
Content: 4 deeds relating to Perrier, Seymour families etc.

Reference: 2014/067
Title: TEEU Records
Date: c1952-1989
Extent: 7 boxes
Content: 7 banker's boxes of trade union records, mainly contribution books, with some minute books and cash books. Refers to TEEU and its predecessors, ETU and NEETU, which merged in 1982.

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Reference: 2014/068
Title: Thomas McCarthy Cork European Capital of Culture 2005 deposit
Date: 2000 - 2006
Extent: 3 record boxes
Content: 3 boxes of archive material from the Cork ECC 2005 office including preparatory bid documents, project descriptions for internal projects; box of press cuttings 2001-6; desk diary 2003-5; personal diary 2000-2006.

Reference: 2014/069
Title: Dripsey Woolen Mills/Castle additional material
Date: 1800s
Extent: 1 file
Content: Dripsey Castle, land commission, rent charges, sale, etc. Also conveyance dated 29 Aug 1921 relating to Dripsey Castle by Mrs. Georgina de Bellais Bowen Colthurst to John Colthurst and Messrs Andrew and John O'Shaughnessy; also Conveyance dated 5 Jun 1865 of Carrignamuck/Dripsey Castle involving Colthursts/Greer.

Reference: 2014/070
Title: Cork Corporation Reports
Date: 1878 - 1919
Extent: 12 vols.
Content: Printed reports of Cork Corporation

Reference: 2014/071
Title: Mallow Industrial Development Association Committee Minute Book
Date: 1958 - 1960
Extent: 1 vol

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Content: Minutes of meetings of Mallow Industrial Development Association Committee, beginning with a public meeting of 13 Mar 1958, attended by representative of town organisations, including Mallow UDC. The last minutes recorded are those for 12 April 1960. The association was created 'having regard to the acute unemployment position in Mallow'.

Reference: 2014/072
Title: Cork Film Festival
Date: ?1960s - 1990s
Extent: 20 boxes
Content: Records of festival administration, programmes, photos etc

Reference: 2014/073
Title: Family Pedigrees (Layng)
Date:
Extent: 7 rolls
Content: Pedigrees relating to several Irish families, prepared, compiled, or acquired by Cecil Layng [father of donor]

Reference: 2014/074
Title: Cork City Council Housing Maintenance North West Depot
Date: 1960s - ?1980s
Extent: 10 record boxes
Content: Housing repair record cards for North West area public housing

Reference: 2014/075
Title: Cork 800 Account Book

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Date: 1984 - 1986
Extent: 1 vol.
Content: Account book relating to the Cork 800 office of Cork Corporation

Reference: 2014/076
Title: Cork Corporation Managers Orders, Housing
Date: 3 Jan 1953 - 24 Jan 1962
Extent: 121pp plus index
Content: Register of managers orders relating to housing with date, text of order etc.
With Index.

Reference: 2014/077
Title: Cork Opera House and Other Programmes, Hurley Deposit
Date: 1970s
Extent: c25 items
Content: c25 programmes, mainly opera at Cork Opera House, also programmes of Dublin Grand Opera Society, and one Cork City Hall Programme. Collected by Sean Hurley, father of donor.

Reference: 2014/078
Title: Ordnance Survey Maps 1841 c/o Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitor
Date: 1841
Extent: 2 vols.
Content: Part 1 and Part 2 volumes of 1841 Ordnance Survey Maps of County Cork.

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Reference: 2014/079
Title: Brian Lalor Donation
Date: 1920s-1940s
Extent: 1 box
Content: Contents from Ross Ard, Ballydehob previously occupied by Michael John Driscoll d1974: Photo c1922-23, IRA men, Ahadillane Creamery, Donoghmore; Weekly review-German news agency, 1942; Kilcoe National School- teachers notes/manual and 2 copybooks; Dept. Defence pamphlet from 1940s; Scientific paper, J. Reilly UCC 1928; Labour Party Constitution and Standing Orders 1936. Cork Co. Co. blank road contract tender forms 1930s. Also, box of family photos from 4 Clarence Terrace, St. Lukes, Cork City c1940s.

Reference: 2014/080
Title: Cork City Council Housing Maintenance South Depot
Date: 1960s - ?1980s
Extent: 14 record boxes
Content: Housing repair record cards for South area public housing, removed from old centre depot, Anglesea Terrace and also Vicars Rd. depot.

Reference: 2014/081
Title: Dan Donovan collection
Date: 1930s-1990s
Extent: c10 boxes
Content: Personal archive of Dan Donovan, theatre actor and director

Reference: 2014/082
Title: Law Agent Cork City Council 2014 Accession
Date: 1950s-2000s
Extent: 93 archive boxes
Content: Law Agent office files from Law Agent's strongroom City Hall.

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Reference: 2014/083
Title: Building Control, Cork City Council, Drawings
Date: 1960s - 1980s
Extent: 83 drawings
Content: Maps, plans and drawings from Building Control Section, Cork City Council.

Reference: 2014/084
Title: Stereoscopic Photographs of Cork (Pat Holohan Deposit)
Date: [1862]
Extent: 9 cards
Content: Nine stereoscopic photographs of Cork, mounted on yellow card, two identical images on each card. Electronic copies to be provided to donor

Reference: 2014/085
Title: Bennett and West Family
Date: 1800s- 1900s
Extent: c3 boxes
Content: Family documents and material relating to Bennett and West family and their relations and ancestors.

Work on Accessions

The Archivists and support staff spent much time in acquiring, accessioning and processing the large number of new archives that were acquired.

Accessioning Work/Steps:

- Site Visit and Initial Assessment
- Full appraisal to determine archival value and condition
- Agreement with Donor- conditions of donation/deposit

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- Movement of the records to the Archives- often from inaccessible locations.
- Dry Cleaning using Air Bench, smoke sponges, etc.
- Initial damage/conservation assessment
- Entry in adlib accession database
- Summary of contents, background, etc.
- Boxing, box listing, initial numbering
- Selection for full repair/conservation
- Shelving

Making the Collection Accessible: Descriptive Listing Programme

Descriptive listing is the major professional tool used by Archivists for preserving and making collections accessible, and facilitating their use in research, exhibition, digitisation, and online. All collections must be listed before being used in research or being put online.

Listed Collections

At the end of 2014 the total number of fully listed collections was 272 which is a 30% increase since 2013.

Major Collections Listed in 2014:

City of Cork Steampacket Company (c500 items, mainly volumes) (Timmy O'Connor)

Chamber of Commerce (44 boxes) (Brian McGee)

B623 Bantry Bay Steamship Co Ltd, minutes and other records, 1884-1935 (Timmy O'Connor)

U619 Munster Dairy and Agricultural Institute 1882-1980 (Brian McGee)

CP/RP(P) Cork Corporation – Printed Reports 1879-1919 (Brian McGee)

CPSA Cork Port Sanitary Authority Minute Books 1900-1930 (Brian McGee)

Outline Descriptive Lists Prepared:

R&H Hall Corn Merchants (Outline Descriptive List) (Brian McGee, Peter McDonnell)

U15B Hewitt Papers (Outline Descriptive List) (Brian McGee, Dr. Maeve O'Riordan)

Small Collections

Major progress has been made in descriptively listing small collections, with 168 such collections fully listed during 2014 comprising 74 'SM'- prefix collections by Timmy O'Connor and 94 'U' prefix collections by Brian McGee. This is an increase of over 50% in terms of the number of listed small collections. It is aimed to have all small collections fully listed and accessible by 2018.

Hewitt Papers

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Irish Distillers Pernod Ricard employed Dr. Maeve O’Riordan through Arcline Ltd. to do a box list of the U15B Hewitt papers (39 boxes) which consist mainly of the business correspondence of Hewitt & Co. Distillers, Blackpool, Cork.

The Archivist completed an outline descriptive list of the personal Hewitt material and also arranged the collection and edited some old box lists.

Irish Distillers Pernod Ricard have kindly agreed that the Hewitt collection, of major Cork City interest, should remain at the Archives and continue to be accessible for public research here.

Cork Butter Market Archives

An itemised box list has been completed of this collection by Peter Foynes, archivist, Cork Butter Museum. The collection is now accessible, but to complete a full descriptive list, it must be fully arranged and re-numbered, which Peter is working on at present.

Solicitors Collections – Box Listing



Listing of solicitors collection

The Archives is the official repository for all solicitors archives in Cork, as designated by the National Archives Advisory Council. We have several very large collections of solicitors papers, containing thousands of very old property deeds, wills, and legal agreements. These collections are a mine of information about the places and people of Cork going back, in some cases, to the 1600’s and beyond. Claire Murphy, Archives Assistant, has been working for several years on

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making these collections accessible by doing a list of the contents of each box, under the supervision of the Archivist.

Since January 2014, Claire has been box listing the Bass and Co. Solicitors collection which comprises 95 boxes. To date (15 Dec) Claire has listed 88 boxes containing 4304 documents using an Access database specially designed by the Archivist, the contents of which will be imported into our Adlib Catalogue once the box listing project is complete.

Online Catalogue Launch

On 29 May 2014 the online public version of our Adlib catalogue database was officially launched at City Hall by the Lord Mayor Catherine Clancy. Councillor Kieran McCarthy, a distinguished local historian, also officiated.



Launch of the Online Catalogue, City Council Chamber, City Hall, 29 May 2014

The online catalogue contains information and metadata on the content, structure, background, and context of each collection or document. Containing advanced searching technology and with extensive indexes to persons, places, institutions, events, time periods, and subjects, the catalogue is a powerful finding aid for those undertaking historical or genealogical research,

enabling researchers to identify collections and individual documents containing relevant information.



Launch of the Online Catalogue, City Council Chamber, City Hall, May 2014 with (back) Lord Mayor Catherine Clancy, Cllr. Kieran McCarthy, Liam Ronayne City Librarian, Eileen O'Brien County Librarian, and (front) Staff of the Archives Peter McDonnell, Timmy O'Connor, Claire Murphy, Brian McGee and Michael Higgins.

The online catalogue is the culmination of 10 years of work by archivists and support staff who descriptively listed, arranged and numbered hundreds of collections and thousands of documents using the International 'ISADG' Archival Description Standard. Older printed catalogues and lists were also converted over to the new catalogue.

The documents listed in the catalogue are mainly accessed in the Reading Room of the Seamus Murphy Building, Great William O'Brien Street. Linking in with the catalogue is an online archive of digitised documents that may be viewed over the internet. The online archive contains for

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example, St. Joseph's Cemetery records from 1877 to 1917, and lists of the members of the Irish Volunteers from 1913-1914.

The online catalogue was funded by Cork City Council under its Information Systems E-Government Programme, which allowed the purchase and installation of the Adlib online internet server module. The project was managed by the chief Archivist, but on the systems and programming side many thanks are due to Ger Desmond and colleagues in the IS Department and to Kyran Ravenhill of Adlib Information Systems for the success of the Project.

While the catalogue contains a very substantial amount of information and metadata, it remains a work in progress, and at least another 10-20 years of work remain to make everything in the Archives fully accessible.

A major step forward in making records and archives from Cork more accessible and visible, the Catalogue will particularly benefit those undertaking local history and family history research, and the Diaspora seeking their Irish heritage.

The new online catalogue is at <http://catalogue.corkarchives.ie> and there are also links from the Cork City and County Archives web site.

Digitisation

St. Joseph's Cemetery Registers

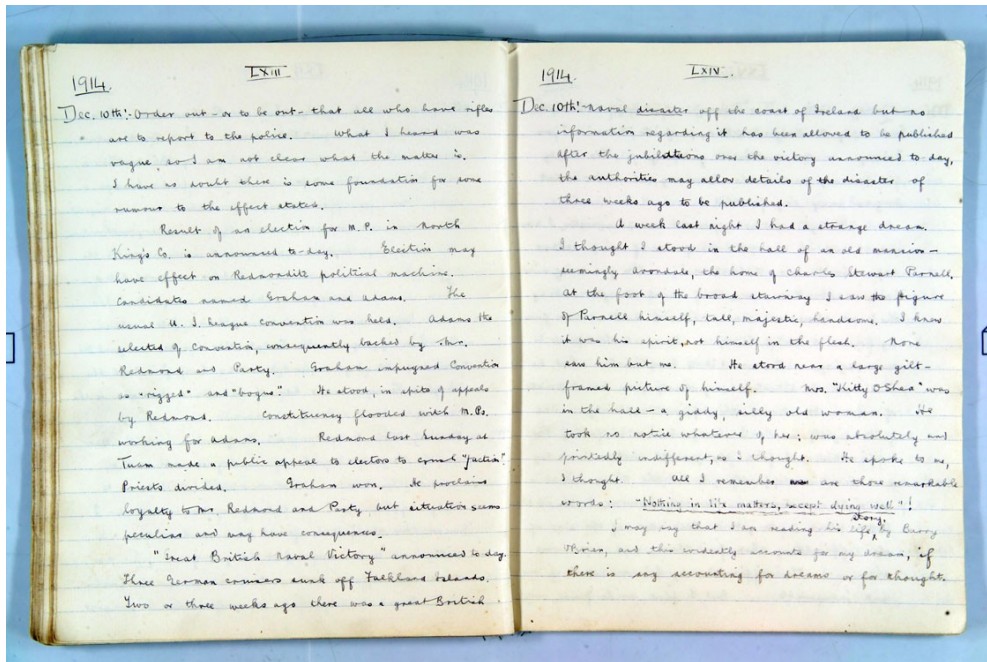
Cork City Council allocated €2,000 funding under the E-Government programme, to carry out the digitisation of 4 cemetery volumes dating from 1877 – 1904. The scanning is completed and the volumes are now online on our web site.

Butter Market Suppliers 1884

The Butter Market/Exchange records contain a set of forms from 1884 with the names and addresses of about 400 farmers/suppliers of butter to the Market. The details from these forms have been typed up and are now available on our web site as a PDF.

Liam De Roiste Diaries from the 1914 – 1915 period

Liam De Roiste TD was a key republican and cultural figure in Cork. There are 35 diaries in total for the 1914-1923 period in De Roiste's papers. Diaries nos. 16, 17 and 18 dating from Nov. 1914 to Dec. 1915 have been digitised and have been placed on our web site.



Liam De Roiste Diary, Dec. 1914

AH Jones Photographic Collection

The Jones collection is being scanned at high resolution in batches as it is being deposited by Ms. O'Callaghan and will be ready for online use within the next few years.

Conservation and Preservation

Conservation of Dripsey Woollen Mills Records

On site conservation assessment on 21 February of the Dripsey Woollen Mills records at Dripsey Castle was undertaken by the Archivist and by conservator Paul Curtis. Approx. 15 volumes on site had been destroyed by water and mould, but 43 volumes were salvageable including 10 extremely large volumes. All mouldy or damp volumes were transferred to Muckross House conservation facility for freeze drying and cleaning and minor repairs. This process has been completed at a cost of €2,400.

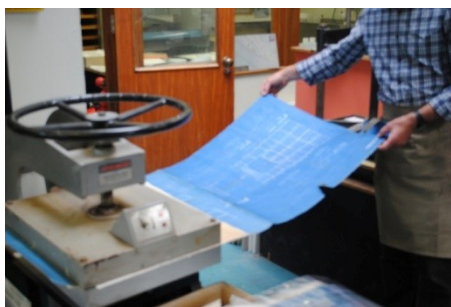
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City of Cork Steam Packet Company- Heritage Council

The Archives received an award of €5,000 in grant aid from the Heritage Council to carry out conservation and cleaning of damaged volumes and ship blueprints from the above collection. The material has been conserved by Paul Curtis of Muckross House. The grant also covered the cost of digitising some of the ship blueprints.



Cork Steampacket Co. bound volume prior to conservation and cleaning



Cork Steampacket Co. ship blueprint undergoing conservation



Researcher Services

Public Research Room:

Opening Hours

The research room was open to researchers for 200 days during the year, from Tuesday to Friday, 10am – 1pm and 2.15pm to 5pm. From December 2014, the Archives was also open at lunchtime.

Orders

During 2014, the Archives received 2,746 orders from researchers to view items in our research room. This figure covers up to 8,000 or more individual documents and an estimated 300,000 or more pages of information. The average researcher requested 8.2 items, however 1 researcher requested over 200 items, 2 over 100 items, and 7 over 50 items.

Researchers – Stated Research Purpose

Research Purpose Stated	Orders	%
Genealogy/Family History	930	33.63
Postgraduate Thesis	665	24.1
Local History	486	17.6
Writing a Book	286	10.3
Undergraduate Thesis	154	5.6
Other	137	4.95
Lecture	55	1.98
School Project	20	0.72
Official search	15	0.54
Legal Search	7	0.25
Editing Records for Publication	5	0.18
Radio/TV	4	0.15
Total	2764	100

Research Collections Usage

Number of Collections Accessed:

Items from 646 separate collections were requested in the research room in 2014.

Top 10 accessed collections:

Collection	Number of Requests
Liam De Roiste	154
St Josephs Cemetery (Cork City Council)	152
Thomas Hewitt Papers	138
Cork Poor Law Union	128
Cork Butter Market	108
O'Flynn Exham Solicitors	100
Cork County Council	84
George Berkeley	83
Beamish & Crawford brewery	58
Cork City Council (Other)	48

Research Query Service

In 2014 we received 971 email queries and over 1,200 telephone queries from users and researchers about collections. Many of the research-related queries each involved a number of hours work by the archivists and support staff to answer fully.

Group Visits

INCLUDED:

UCC MA in Modern History

Aghada/Whitegate Historical Society

Crawford Art College 3rd Year Group

St.Luke's National School

Scoil Oileabhair National School

UCC Archives- demo. Of Adlib Catalogue

Blackpool Community Centre, Introduction to Local History Course

Lectures and Talks Given by Staff

During the year the Archivists gave 11 talks to various groups.

March : Lifelong Learning Festival – Introduction to services x 4 days (Brian McGee and 1 by Timmy O'Connor)

May: UCC Library Staff – CCCA Online Catalogue (Brian McGee)

Sep: Cork County Council, Council Chamber, Intro. to Archives, (Brian McGee)

Oct: Diploma in Genealogy UCC – Introduction to Collections and Services (Brian McGee)

Oct: UCC MA in Local History (Brian McGee)

Nov: Diploma in Genealogy – Online Catalogue and Collections (Brian McGee)

Nov: Centre for Architectural Education- 4th Year Class (Timmy O'Connor)

Archives Web Site

In 2014, the Archives web site was visited 34,633 times. 67% of these were new visits and 33% returning visits. A total of 24,169 individual users visited the site and they viewed a total of 138,104 pages.

Location of Users of our Website

53% Ireland

21% USA/Canada

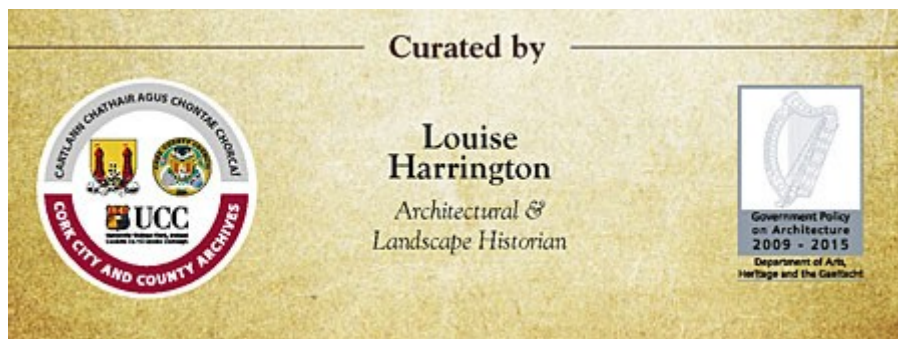
15% UK

5.8 % Australia/New Zealand

5.2% Other

Outreach: Projects Completed

Chillingworth & Levie : 20th Century Architecture in Cork Exhibition and Lecture Series



The Chillingworth and Levie archive of nearly 4000 architectural drawings, which was acquired by the City Archives in 1988 with the assistance of Crawford Art Gallery, is a unique and important asset in understanding the built heritage of the city.

In conjunction with Louise Harrington, freelance Architectural Historian, the Archives successfully applied for €4,000 grant funding from the Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht under the Government Policy on Architecture 2009 – 2015 to carry out an exhibition and lecture series based on the archive.

The Exhibition was curated by Louise Harrington, with support from the Archivist.

The exhibition was open at Cork Archives from 14 November 2013 until the end of March 2014 inclusive and was very popular with the public. An online version is also available on our web site.



Launch of the Chillingworth & Levie Exhibition at the Archives, (L-R) Kevin McCartney, Head of the School of Architecture, Louise Harrington, Curator, Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr. Michael O'Connell, Brian McGee, Archivist.

The series of 5 free lunchtime lectures relating to 20th Century Cork Architecture, held at Crawford Art Gallery, were all very well attended by the public.

November 21st Tom Spalding **20TH CENTURY ARCHITECTURE IN CORK CITY** A review of modern architecture in the city

November 28th Michael Lenihan **THE BURNING OF PATRICK STREET, COMPENSATION & REBUILDING**

January 16th John McLaughlin **ARCHITECTURE AND THE NEW STATE, PUBLIC ARCHITECTURE IN IRELAND, 1914-2014**

January 23rd Jack Coughlan Associates **CONSERVATION & A NEW FUTURE FOR THE BEAMISH & CRAWFORD BREWERY SITE**

January 30th Dr Kevin Hourihan **THE ORIGINS OF SOCIAL & PHILANTHROPIC HOUSING IN THE 19TH CENTURY**

‘History & Archives Week’ for Cork Lifelong Learning Festival

Our involvement in Cork Lifelong Learning Festival is now well established, and this year we presented a ‘History & Archives Week’ of afternoon lectures each day from Tuesday 8 April to Friday 11 April.

Diarmuid Ó Drisceoil ‘Brewing in Cork – Using the Beamish & Crawford Archive’

Paul MacCotter ‘Archives and Source Materials for Irish Genealogy’

John Borgonovo ‘The Irish Revolution (1913-23) and Cork Archives’

Alicia St Leger ‘Thomas Hewitt and Cork’s Distilling Story’

Each lecture was preceded with a 20 minute introduction by chief Archivist Brian McGee about our collections and services.

The week was very successful and we had a ‘full house’ for all lectures.




Diarmuid Ó Drisceoil, talk on the Beamish & Crawford Archive

Irish Volunteers Exhibition at Museum Dec 2013 – April 2014

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The Archives loaned 25 documents to Cork Public Museum for an exhibition to mark the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Irish Volunteers, including a set of original sign-up forms from the De Roiste collection.



Leanfaim go dtéid do éid ar fionnra.

Company..... No. 766

Óglais na hÉireann **Irish Volunteers.**

I, the undersigned, desire to be enrolled in the Irish Volunteers, formed to secure and maintain the rights and liberties common to all the people of Ireland without distinction of creed, class, or politics.

Name..... James J. McCarthy

Address..... 22 Lanning Lane

Date..... 28 April 1914

Corcoran, Printer, El, Sullivan's Quay, Cork.

Cork Genealogical Society Conference

The Archives provided a stand at the CGS Conference which was held on Saturday 15 March 2014 at Silversprings Hotel. The stand was occupied by Claire Murphy and there was great interest in our literature, and a large number of enquiries concerning our services on the day and following the event.

National Heritage Week

For Heritage Week the Archives had on display its Chillingworth & Levie Architectural Exhibition.



Culture Night

The Archives building was open to the public for this national event from 6.00pm to 9.00pm.

Despite wet weather conditions, over 50 people visited the building where they discovered specially prepared 'Story Boxes' each containing copy documents on various topics such as the War of Independence and First World War, the Great Famine and Local Government. Several guided tours were provided of the strongrooms and archive processing areas, and also on display was our very popular 'Chillingworth and Levie: 20th Century Architecture in Cork Exhibition.'

Local Government Records / Archives Management

Cork County Council / Town Councils

All town councils in Cork were contacted prior to their dissolution to arrange transfer of their archives. The Councils were advised of the statutory requirement to properly preserve their records and archives and to make their archives accessible to the public. Visits were made to each office. The Archives provided advice to the Town Councils regarding the scanning of their minute books.

All town councils in Cork transferred some or all of their records to the Archives, except for Middleton Town Council.

The Councils have now been dissolved and the Archives is in contact with Cork County Council and Municipal District offices to ensure that any Town Council records remaining in town offices are kept safe until fully appraised by an Archivist, or transferred to the Archives.

Cork City Council

Following on from the City Council Records Management Policy which was approved by the management team in 2012, the Archivist has been working with the City Council Planning section to create records retention schedules and to set up a functional file classification system.

The Archivist also worked with the Law Agents Office for a number of months in carrying out the appraisal and listing of a large set of files. Almost 100 boxes of files were selected for archiving with a similar amount of material selected for destruction. This work has enabled the Law Agents Office to free up space in its file storage area for new files.



Budget

Expenditure Budget

The Archives expenditure budget for 2014 was €328,000 including €61,700 non pay. Of the non-pay budget, over €20,000 was expended on City Council Rates and another approx. €30,000 was expended on utility bills and vital systems/equipment maintenance leaving less than €12,000 for archival activities including purchase of archival packing materials, conservation, digitisation, outreach, exhibitions, etc. This low level of funding meant that outreach, conservation and digitisation activities were curtailed during the second half of 2014.

External Funding

Since last summer, the Archives has received some €23,000 in such funding, enabling us to:

- Digitise the St Joseph Cemetery Records 1877-1917
- Place our Archives Database Catalogue online
- Carry out the Chillingworth & Levie 20th Century Cork Exhibition and Lecture Series
- Conserve and digitise parts of the City of Cork Steampacket Company archive.

Building

The Seamus Murphy building will be at capacity for archives storage by 2018 at current rates of accessions and a case will be made in 2015 for an extension to the premises.

The building's heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems are now 10 years old and many of these systems are in need of major overhaul and re-fit. An application for €20,000 City Council capital funding to complete this work has been made.

Staff

During 2014 the following Staff were employed at the Archives:

Archivists

Brian McGee, City & County Archivist, and Secretary of the CCCA Exec. Committee
Timmy O'Connor, Local Government Archivist

Support Staff

Claire Murphy, Senior Archives Assistant (Cataloguing)



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Peter McDonnell, Archives Attendant/Porter
Michael Higgins, Clerical assistant (Job Initiative)

Brian McGee,
Archivist, and Secretary of the CCCA Executive Committee.
23 Jan. 2015.