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Joseph Dolan Papers, 1857 – 1935, 1957 (predominant 1901 – 1933)

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Title: Joseph Dolan Papers

Dates: 1857 – 1935, 1957 (predominant 1901 – 1933)

Level of Description: fonds

Extent: 308 items

Name of Creator(s): Joseph Dolan

Admin/Biographical History: Joseph Dolan (1872 – 1930) was a businessman and a scholar of ancient classics and Celtic studies (namely myths, legends, archaeology and history) with a keen interest in antiquities, the Irish language, his local community, industry and enterprise and both local and national politics. He was born in Ardee, County Louth on 5th January 1872 to Thomas Dolan, a family grocer, wine importer, hardware and seed merchant and to Annie Dolan nee Segrave, of Dunany, County Louth. He had nine siblings, however, only three of them survived to adulthood: himself, his brother James or Séamus (1886-1924) who became a priest and served as curate in Collon (1914-1920) and in Termonfeckin (1921-1924) and his sister Anne or Nannie (b1883) who became a Sister of Mercy nun in Dundalk called Mother Bernadine. He attended Clongowes Wood College and the Royal University where he graduated with distinction in ancient classics. Upon his father's death in 1902, Joseph Dolan took over the running of the family business that was begun by his grandfather originally at Bridge Street, Ardee before it moved to Castle Street. The 1911 census, which Dolan completed in Irish, records that in addition to Dolan there was his aunt Una Ní Shiochrú and six workers residing in the household.

Dolan was an early supporter of the Gaelic League (Conradh na Gaeilge), an organisation set up to promote the Irish language. He was friendly with Douglas Hyde (1860-1949), a co-founder and first President of the League (see PP00118/C/002/) and in a letter to Dolan marked 'private' (PP00118/C/002/005), Hyde outlined his reasons for resigning the presidency of the League in 1915. Dolan was an early secretary of the Ardee Branch (An Claidheamh Soluis 24/06/1905: www.ainm.ie), was a member of the Dáil Uladh (Ulster Gaelic Union) committee (An Claidheamh Soluis 09/05/1908: www.ainm.ie) and was a member of the sub-committee in Louth that drew up the rules and constitution for the new Louth County Committee of the League in 1915 (PP00118/C/004). He was subsequently a secretary of the County Committee (PP00118/C/015) and Tempest's

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Annual lists him as being secretary of the Dundalk Branch in 1919. He was involved with the organisation of feiseanna in the county and with St Brigid's Irish college or Colaiste Bhrighde (PP00118/D/) in the Omeath Gaeltacht, the last surviving Gaeltacht in Leinster. The college first opened in August 1912 with Professor Eoin MacNeill as Árd Ollamh (College Director), while Dolan was a treasurer at the college (www.ainm.ie). Visitors to the college included Irish revolutionary leader Patrick Pearse (1879-1916) and local Gaelic scholar, teacher and author Peadar O'Dubhda (1881-1971). Seán MacEntee (1889-1984), politician, was one of the students. The college ran in Omeath until it moved to Rannafast in Donegal in 1926.

Dolan long supported the teaching of Irish in schools (PP00118/C/014 and PP00118/M/017) and in 1908 he assisted Patrick Pearse (1879-1916) in establishing St Enda's School by donating financial capital (see PP00118/E/ for letters from Pearse to Dolan). St Enda's School or Scoil Éanna was an Irish language secondary school for boys set up in Cullenswood House, Ranelagh, Dublin before moving in 1910 to The Hermitage in Rathfarnham, Dublin. Dolan became a member of its Board of Governors and later a director in September 1912 when trying to prevent the school from going bankrupt.

Joseph Dolan was the first president of the County Louth Archaeological Society in 1904-05 and was president again from 1922-30 while he was editor from 1915-30 (PP00118/H/). He was part of the committee that secured the purchase of Dundevalgan (Cúchulainn's Castle) which proudly became home to the Louth Archaeological Museum and he helped organise the pageant of Cúchulainn and his wife Emer's return for its official opening in 1911 (PP00118/E/001/003). He was seen as an enthusiastic member who had a deep interest in archaeology and antiquities, history and Celtic studies and he contributed many articles to the Society's Journal on subjects such as Ardee Corporation, County Louth Brewers and Retailers, Drogheda Trade and Customs, or the Early Legends of Louth. A list can be found in the author index of the County Louth Archaeological & Historical Journal, Vol XXV, No 1, 2001 or at <http://www.clahs.com/Authors.htm>. He studied widely the history of Ardee and left a collection of manuscript notes, probably for a published history on the subject (accession P/00393), in addition to other research notes and papers (accession P/00296 and P/00341). Dolan was also a member of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland.

Joseph Dolan was a prolific writer who contributed articles on various topics to numerous newspapers and magazines, apparently using several pen-names (PP00118/M/). He often wrote to public figures in national politics conveying his point of view regarding Irish nationalism and independence and condemning the destruction and brutality of the War of Independence; there are a quantity of reply letters in this collection from several high-profile figures such as John Dillon, Horace Plunkett, Edward Carson or Michael Collins (PP00118/F/). Dolan was involved with and supported the Irish Volunteers as the County Regiments report in the 30th May 1914 edition of 'The Irish Volunteer' (www.militaryarchives.ie) records Dolan as being president of the newly formed Ardee Volunteers committee and this collection contains letters from Father Augustine who visited the 1916 leaders in Kilmainham Jail and Ardee Volunteers Philip MacMahon and William Rynne while in Lewes and Belfast Prisons respectively, in the 1917-1918 period (PP00118/F/005, 008, 014). An ardent nationalist, he was originally a supporter of John Redmond and the Irish Parliamentary Party and while he may have supported them in the 1918 General Election, he changed from 1918 onwards to become a supporter of Sinn Fein (PP00118/F/019).

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Dolan briefly served on Ardee Rural District Council and Ardee Town Commissioners and was a member of Louth County Council in succession to his father who died in October 1902 until he was forced to resign in April 1911, along-with several others, from membership of public boards as a result of an election High Court petition against Richard Hazleton of the United Irish Party (leader John Redmond). This was in the aftermath of the December 1910 North Louth general election where Hazleton's win over Tim Healy was invalidated due to several cases of intimidation and bribery. It was claimed that agents of Hazleton including Joseph Dolan had assisted voters to vote in Dundalk and paid their fares. Dolan openly claimed in his statement that he was unaware that it formed an offence (PP00118/G/002).

Dolan maintained a strong affiliation with his native town. A deeply religious man (PP00118/A/005, 011, PP00118/J/), he was known to have been a philanthropist helping many charitable causes (PP00118/N/003, 004) and local enterprises such as the Ardee Brass and Reed Band to whom he donated their first set of instruments around 1904. In a selection of surviving editions of the Tempest's Annuals (1916, 1919 and 1920) he is listed in the Ardee directory section as being the president of the Ardee Amateur Dramatic Society; the treasurer of the United Irish League Ardee Branch; the chief ranger of the Irish National Foresters Ardee Branch; vice-president of the Ardee Commercial Society (also in 1909 edition) and the president of the Ardee Catholic Young Men's Society (also in 1909, but not 1919-1920). This was in addition to his involvement in other societies already mentioned.

He was very involved in local welfare and development (PP00118/G/). Along-with several other businessmen he purchased the demesne in Ardee for use as a psychiatric hospital, St Brigid's, and was successful in lobbying government for public housing schemes. In addition to being a director of Ardee Gas Company and of Ardee Bread Company, one of his distinguished achievements was securing the set-up of the Chair Factory in Ardee which became a large employer for the area. Monsignor Lyons wrote of Dolan in *The Clongownian* in June 1930 that 'his purse was always open and he spent a fortune in financing nascent industries...' (www.ainm.ie).

Joseph Dolan died on 23 January 1930 and is buried in Ballapousta Cemetery, Ardee.

Archival History:

This collection of papers belonging to the late Joseph Dolan was donated to Louth County Archives Service by Colman O'Flynn of Ardee on 2nd December 2004. It had been in the possession of his late father M O'Flynn who obtained it from Peter Roe. Three additional accessions were added to the collection. This includes invoices to Mrs Dolan, reference PP00118/B/001/001, that were deposited by the County Louth Archaeological & Historical Society in 2010; two letters and a memorial card, reference PP00118/O/003, that were donated by Eithne MacCaffrey in 2006; and a copy of Dolan's will, reference PP00118/A/012, that was donated by a private individual in 2016.

Immediate Source of

Acquisition:

Colman O'Flynn

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Scope and Content: The collection consists of 308 items, the vast majority of which date from 1901 – 1933. The scope of the collection is mixed and partial, but consists primarily of the personal records of Joseph Dolan mainly in the form of correspondence received by him throughout his life relating to family (PP00118/A/) and to the various activities that he was involved in. There is much correspondence from various acquaintances on a mix of topics, many of which are contained in the sub-fonds PP00118/N/.

There is an interesting collection referring to the Gaelic League and the preservation of the Irish language and correspondents include John Dillon (PP00118/C/001), Douglas Hyde (PP00118/C/002/) and Michael Andrew Ennis (PP00118/C/003/) in addition to several local members of the League. Subjects referred to include the purchase of Ratra House, a resolution regarding the [Irish Universities Bill], Douglas Hyde resigning the presidency of the League, scholarships, the teaching of Irish in schools, effect of the 1916 Rising on the League, the work of the League in Louth, feiseanna, a teaching position in the Keating branch, funds, and language classes. There is a very small quantity of items relating to Colaiste Bhrighde in Omeath (PP00118/D/). As Dolan donated financial capital to assist in setting up St Enda's School there is a small collection of letters on the topic including two drafts from Dolan and a small series of letters from Patrick Pearse to Dolan (PP00118/E/).

There is another interesting collection of letters to Dolan dating to 1905, 1907, 1914 – 1922 that relate to Irish nationalism and independence and should be useful to those interested in modern Irish history. Many of the letters are replies from significant political or nationalist figures such as John Redmond, John Dillon, Horace Plunkett, Michael J Judge, JJ Clancy, Eamon De Valera, Edward Carson and Michael Collins (PP00118/F/). Other correspondents include Father Augustine, Philip J MacMahon, TF McGahon, Bishop Daniel Cohalan, and Thomas Callan Macardle. Michael McGrath of 9 Linenhall St, Dublin writes to Dolan in May 1916 giving a witness account of the suffering and devastation during the 1916 Rising.

The collection also includes items relating to the running of the Dolan grocery and hardware business such as receipts of orders, sales letters, letters regarding orders and complaints, a small series of letters regarding financial accounts (PP00118/B/007/), income tax receipts (PP00118/B/028), salary receipts (PP00118/B/029/), a note containing instructions regarding a seed store premises to be carried out after Dolan's death (PP00118/B/030) and a small series concerning other business interests that Dolan was involved in (PP00118/B/011/).

Other topics referred to in the collection range from tree planting, the purchase of Omeath Park (PP00118/G/003/) and the Summer Time Act, 1916 (PP00118/G/005), to research and matters relating to the County Louth Archaeological Society (PP00118/H/). The collection also contains items such as notices from St Vincent de Paul (PP00118/I/), letters referring to Catholic publications (PP00118/J/), a roll of Saint Joseph's Young Priests for 1917-18 (PP00118/J/005), a pamphlet of the Ardee and Castlebellingham District Nursing Association for 1917 (PP00118/K/001), and copies of a Judgment on the case of Moore versus The Irish National Foresters (PP00118/L/002).

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The collection provides an intimate view of the life and work of Joseph Dolan. There is a reasonable quantity of draft letters and notes by Dolan on a range of topics such as the Catholic Church, Irish nationalism, conscription, teaching of Irish in schools, names for children at baptism, a voluntary rate for town management or promoting Irish industry (PP00118/M/). It should be noted that there is some illegible handwriting in Dolan's draft letters which makes the text difficult to read.

- Subject Index:** Ardee, County Louth; Catholic Church; Colaiste Bhrighde (Cóláiste Bhríde), Omeath; County Louth Archaeological Society; Dillon, John; 1916 Rising; Easter Rising; Gaelic League; Home Rule; Hyde, Douglas; Irish culture; Irish Independence; Irish language; Irish nationalism; Irish Parliamentary Party; Louth history; Omeath Park; Pearse, Padraic H; Plunkett, Horace; Scoil Éanna; St Enda's School; Thomas Dolan, family grocer, wine importer and seed merchant, 19th century - 1930; War of Independence.
- Appraisal & Destruction:** Retain permanently
- Accruals:** No further accruals are currently expected.
- System of Arrangement:** As the collection's original order was lost, an artificial order was imposed by the archivist during processing. The collection is divided into several sections or sub-fonds as listed in the 'level headings' on p7. Some of the items in several sub-fonds might just as easily have fitted in another sub-fonds. In cases where the intended context of items was tricky to ascertain, they were placed in the sub-fonds considered the most appropriate. Within each sub-fonds, the collection is arranged chronologically as far as possible. Some cross-referencing has been included.
- Conditions of Access:** Open Access, by appointment
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- Language/Script of Material:** English and Irish, some in the old written Irish form
- Physical Characteristics:** Paper. Poor – good condition. The handwriting in some documents is difficult to read, particularly in the 'PP00118/013/ Dolan's drafts and notes' sub-fonds.
- Technical Requirements:** Careful handling required. Some items are fragile.
- Finding Aids:** Descriptive list can be found on the Archive Collections web-page and on the on-line catalogue, both available at <http://www.louthcoco.ie> (list on latter to be updated late 2017)

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Related Material:

Louth County Archives Service: IE LHA PP00026/ Major O'Reilly, Knockabbey Papers (from papers of Joseph T Dolan, Ardee)

Louth County Archives Service: IE LHA P/00296 Papers of Joseph T Dolan, Ardee*

Louth County Archives Service: IE LHA P/00341 Additional papers of Joseph T Dolan, Ardee*

Louth County Archives Service: IE LHA P/00393 Dolan and Murray's History of Ardee*

Louth County Archives Service: IE LHA PP00120/ Dun Dealgan Museum Papers

Louth County Archives Service: IE LHA AC/DIS/004 - 005 Notes by Joseph Dolan on Ardee Dispensary

*Currently basic list available.

National Library of Ireland: IE NL MS 21,090/2/29: equity release note from Joseph Dolan to Margaret Pearse, 22 Jan 1930, contained in the Pearse Papers, 1870 - 1932

UCD Archives: IE UCDA LA1/K/132: Joseph Dóláin to Eoin MacNeill, 15 Jun 1914, contained in the Eoin MacNeill papers. See also: <http://historyhub.ie/joseph-odolain-ardee-irish-volunteers-to-eoin-macneill-15-june-1914>

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Repository Home-Page: <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

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- PP00118/H/ Material Relating to County Louth Archaeological Society, 1907 – 1920, 1925, 34 items
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- PP00118/N/ Other Correspondence and Notes to Dolan, 1911 – 1920, 22 items
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Descriptive List

Joseph Dolan papers, 1857 – 1935, 1957 (predominant 1901 – 1933)

PP00118/A/

Personal papers

09 Nov 1901 – 18 May 1918, 1930, 1933

Level: sub-fonds

26 items

PP00118/A/001

Two hand-written letters from Nannie [G de M], sister of Joseph Dolan who became a nun with the Mercy Order in Dundalk, to Jacques (Nannie's brother, James) relating to him news from home and family. The letters briefly refer to Cissie and May, Catherine, Moonan, Fannie, Father Mackin of Tallanstown, Father Taaffe of Tullyallen and her brother Joseph.

09 Nov 1901 - 23 Nov 1901

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/A/002

Handwritten letter from Joseph Dolan, on headed Thomas Dolan family grocer paper, to Jacques (Joseph's brother, James) telling him about his sister Nannie's operation and recovery. He requests Jacques to 'go to the Chapel a few times for her tomorrow.' He writes 'Mother and Father are bearing it better and are a little hopeful. Please God all will be well, she is doing very well all this evening.' He refers briefly to May staying tonight.

[Pre-Jul 1902]

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/A/003

Grant of administration intestate from the Probate Office of the mother of Joseph Dolan, Annie Dolan, Ardee, who died on 22 July 1902 stating that on 13th February 1903 letters of administration of her personal estate were granted to Joseph Dolan, merchant of Ardee, 'the sole and acting executor of Thomas Dolan' her surviving husband. It also states and certifies the gross value of her personal estate which an affidavit for Inland Revenue has been delivered. The Grant was extracted by JJ McIvor, solicitor, Ardee.

19 Feb 1903

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/A/004/

Series of correspondence from Seamus (James) Dolan to his brother Joseph Dolan

May 1905, Oct 1907, 1910

Level: series

7 items

PP00118/A/004/001

Postcard featuring a photograph of a hostel on the island of Árainn Mhoir, written in the Irish language and old Gaelic script from Seamus telling Joseph about his holiday on the island and complaining about the weather.

02 May 1905

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/A/004/002

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Handwritten letter from Armagh written in English with a few paragraphs in the Irish language. Seamus mentions his attendance in the cathedral at the opening of the mission by the Capuchins (Fr Angelus and Fr Antonio) and also at Confirmation. He refers briefly to Kate Halpenny. He requests items to be sent to him (the "Ilford Manual", photographs and notepaper); asks about a hive of bees that Dr Callan was to have got for him and about the date of the upcoming Feis. He also enquires about the historical 'Courtship of Etain' and 'Midar' who was Ard-Rí of the deDanans, a lecture by Eoin MacNeill entitled 'Ireland before the Invasion', an antiquarian meeting in Belfast and the "Pastimes of the Gael". The reverse of the letter contains a handwritten note crossed out relating to a parade and membership of the Oliver Plunkett Branch of the Irish National Foresters (Ardee).

22 May 1905

Level: item

3pp

PP00118/A/004/003

Handwritten letter from Armagh written in English with a few paragraphs in the Irish language. Seamus discusses history regarding Benburb and Charlemont and talks about the battle at Battleford Bridge and refers to Bagnal's Bridge. He requests an article on the Faughart Pilgrimage that was in the Dundalk Democrat, a book of directions and refers to a form for the station in the graveyard at Faughart. He enquires about joining the re-formed Cuman na [Rothracha]; the programme for a Feis to be held in Kells on 17th June; and about a Gaelic League leaflet on "Modern Language Movements". He writes "except that I have so many other books here which I shall not read I wd (would) ask for the "Resurrection of Hungary" before questioning about their language. He notes that he was to enquire 'about Pat Roe, Aleck, Paddy, etc, the garden'. He closes by asking about Fannie's finger.

No date

Level: item

3pp

PP00118/A/004/004

Handwritten letter from Seamus at the Irish College, Salamanca, Spain written in the English and Irish languages. Seamus describes in great detail college life in Salamanca and the students' daily routine; the buildings and layout of the college, noting 'of the history of the place I have got a very few scraps but nothing very definite or authentic' (p2); the Salamanca Archive; difficulties with understanding the professor; history of the college; the Spanish language; accommodation and studies. He notes that there are fourteen Spaniards in his class and two Irish including himself and that the professor 'is apparently a very amusing and lively man. The Spaniards are continually laughing at his jokes when we have to look on in ignorance' (p3). He requests papers and news from home. He briefly enquires about Rose Agnew whom he was to get a prayer book for and refers to Mrs McGinley whom he was to send photographs to; May who sent him a letter; and talks about a letter he received from [Fr] Downey. He enquires 'are May and Gerty going to school?'

21 Oct 1907

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/A/004/005

Postcard from Salamanca in Irish language. Includes [details of his planned departure from Salamanca and travel plans for returning to Ireland].

03 Jun 1908

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/A/004/006

Hand-written letter in the Irish language from Seamus regarding [the completion of his studies and his plans for the future].

No date

Level: item

1p

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PP00118/A/004/007

Postcard from Maynooth in the Irish language from Seamus regarding [the completion of his studies and his plans for the future].

Oct 1910

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/A/005

Handwritten prayer to St Brigid entitled 'O Glorious St Brigid'.

[Ca 1900s]

Level: item

1p

PP00118/A/006

Handwritten letter from Sister M Bernardine, Convent of Mercy, Dundalk to her brother Joseph Dolan thanking him for arranging an Irish class for them. She comments on an order they sent to Belleek and the price-list for same; a visiting priest from Lisbon 'looking for postulants for the nuns there'; and she asks after Eileen's health. She remarks 'Thank God Dundalk is keeping quiet.'

06 Oct [1900s - 1910s]

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/A/007

Handwritten note from Cissie, Dunany to Joseph Dolan saying that four of them hope to go tomorrow (does not state where) and that they 'can motor to Dromin'.

[1900s - 1910s]

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/A/008

Two handwritten letters from Cathal S O'Dólaín, 1 Gardiners Place, Dublin and 5123 Westminster Place, St Louis, Missouri, USA to Joseph Dolan referring to his imminent departure to St Louis and requesting Joseph Dolan to cash a cheque on his behalf; telling him of his recent marriage on 19th June; his settling in St Louis (his wife's mother has a home there); and his plans regarding employment. He asks Joseph Dolan to convey his regards to Joseph's aunt and Father Gogarty. (2pp, 2pp)

20 May 1912 - 04 Jul 1912

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/A/009/

Series of typescript letters from Tessie, Paris, France (working in the office of The Times, 2 Rue de la Chaussée d'Antin, Paris, originally from Ardee) to Joseph Dolan.

16 Nov 1916 – 12 Feb 1917

Level: series

2 items

PP00118/A/009/001

Tessie refers to 'dear May' (p1) and relates news from the Front including events at Verdun and the Somme and inflation in Paris. She writes 'Verdun now takes a secondary place almost in the minds of the French, and no one fears any longer for the City, although it is in a very sad state...These last two days there has been very good news from the Somme, where the British have made a good advance. Unfortunately, everyone is now reconciled to a Winter campaign, though if the "Push" continues steadily as it is going at present, we may expect great things by the Spring...' (p1). She relates the lack of coal and gas: 'just now every one (sic) is worried, as we are threatened with lack of coal on account of transport difficulties, and incidentally lack of gas.'

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Altogether these last few days have been rather worrying' (p1). She also relates the blackouts; disruption to the postal service; rationing; difficulty obtaining provisions and lack of workmen. She talks about the new flat that they are moving into and she refers to how Dolan's kindness has helped them to succeed. She speaks of how the rain has spoiled the potato crops in Ireland; mentions that she will look Dolan up a few more interesting French papers; and closes by wishing everyone in Ardee well along-with Mysie.

15 Nov 1916

Level: item

3pp

PP00118/A/009/002

(22 Rue Etex, Paris) Tessie describes the extreme cold in Paris with temperatures as low as -15 degrees Celsius; the lack of coal; and the upcoming restrictions on the opening of theatres, cinemas, metro, trams and shops: 'these are a few of the things which may help to beat the Boches. As a matter of fact, I think they are already beaten, and we all hope here that the end will come by Summertime'. She talks about the Front, supplies that are lacking, mentions that she doesn't think Belloc's works are in French and refers to writing to May.

12 Feb 1917

Level: item

1p

PP00118/A/010

Summons issued to Joseph T Dolan, merchant, Castle Street, Ardee from T Callan Macardle, sheriff requesting Dolan to attend as a juror at the Courthouse, Dundalk on 4th July 1917 and each day thereafter until discharged at a General Assizes Sessions of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery.

19 Jun 1917

Level: item

1p

PP00118/A/011

Two petition envelopes for private intentions to be prayed for in the Novena of Masses at the Central Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Coleshill and to be sent to Reverend George V Hudson, Coleshill, Warwickshire, England. The names of family members and loved ones are written by Joseph Dolan on the reverse of one envelope. The other envelope contains an intention signed by Joseph Dolan on 'Thomas Dolan family grocer' headed paper requesting God to save Ireland from conscription, bloodshed, rebellions, invasions and outrages of war.

18 May 1918

Level: item

3 items

PP00118/A/012

Copy of Joseph Dolan's will, proved 09 May 1930. It states that Thomas Joseph Fullerton of 32 Nassau Street, Dublin and John C Kieran of Ashville Dunleer were to be the executors and trustees of Dolan's will

09 May 1930

Level: item

5pp

PP00118/A/013

Receipt and letter from Fullerton and Company, solicitors, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin to Messrs Tomas O'Dolain, 7 Com, Teo, Ardee [an Coiste Oibríochtaí Margaidh Teo or Market Operations Committee Ltd] confirming that they received from Messrs Tomas O'Dolain, £718-16-11 being the amount due by them to the estate of Joseph Dolan, deceased.

25 Oct 1933

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/B/

The Dolan's Business

See also items PP00118/M/005, 015 and 025.

1857 – 1862, 1905 – 1932

Level: sub-fonds

56 items

PP00118/B/001/

Series of documents to Mrs Mary Dolan, Ardee

1857 – 1862

Level: series

3 items

PP00118/B/001/001

Two invoices from Anne & Francis Nowlan, The Cork Manufactory, 10 Lower Exchange Street, Dublin to Mrs Mary Dolan, Ardee

21 Jul 1857 – 27 Nov 1857

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/B/001/002

Handwritten letter from [Robert Curtis], Kilkenny to Mrs Thomas Dolan, Ardee (Joseph Dolan's grandmother), regarding enclosure of a receipt (not available) for half a year's rent due to Mrs Curtis up to 1st May 1861.

28 Jan 1862

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/002

Receipts of payments from Joseph Dolan for representatives of the late Canon Levin parish priest to Margaret McCabe being 'payment due by my aunt Miss Mary Murphy...' Receipts are signed by Margaret McCabe and Mary McCabe.

The back of one receipt contains part of a memo from The Drogheda Chemical Manure Company Limited to Mr J Dolan regarding a cargo of 30/35% which tested 36% phosphates and 108% solubility on Sir Charles Cameron's analysis (14 Dec 1905). The back of another receipt is a receipt of cheque from the Silverspring Starch Company Limited, Glanmire, Co Cork to Mr Thomas Dolan, Ardee (Joseph Dolan's late father) in settlement of his account.

20 Nov 1905 - 19 Nov 1907

Level: item

4 items

PP00118/B/003

See reverse of item PP00118/N/016.

Acknowledgment of receipt of order from GC Dobell & Co, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool to Thomas Dolan, Ardee (ie Joseph Dolan) for a supply of Kainit and Muriate Potash.

29 Mar 1909

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/004

Handwritten note in the Irish language by Seamus (Joseph Dolan's brother) requesting groceries.

[1900s – 1910s]

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Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/005

See reverse of item PP00118/M/003.

Notice advertising Fruitfield Jams by Lamb Brothers, fruit growers and preservers, Richill.

1910

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/006

Handwritten letter from T Crowley, Larchfield, Coachford, County Cork recommending a cheese-making company called Newmarket Dairy Company that make 'very nice cheese, some of which I've just had at my dinner' (p2) as he refers to Dolan's enquiry several years ago. Crowley comments of the Chairman 'he is an ideal Irishman, holds tweed factories, creameries etc, if we had many like him in Ireland there would not be much emigration' (p2-p3). He says 'if it suits your business I'd like you'd give an order' (p3). Crowley emphasises 'I have no commission to ask and as you know I only dabble in pills, potions and lotions...I'm an Irishman and would like to encourage industry in the country' (p3). He provides the company Chairman's address and makes reference to Seamus (Dolan's brother) becoming a priest asking 'kindly remember me to him' (p4).

27 Nov 1911

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/B/007/

Series of letters from O'Connell, Purtill & Company (later Eugene O'Connell & Company), Dame House, 24 Dame Street, Dublin to Joseph Dolan esquire, Ardee (and representatives) regarding financial accounts.

Aug 1912 – Feb 1932

Level: series

6 items

PP00118/B/007/001

Typescript letter from MJA Purtill, O'Connell, Purtill & Company, Dame House, 24 - 26 Dame Street, Dublin to Joseph Dolan esquire, Ardee referring to Dolan's letter about the Polish Company. Purtill states that he has spoken to Mr EF Sheils who is willing to advance a significant sum and obtain further capital on certain conditions. He also states that Sheils would require an investigation into the affairs of the Company and advises Dolan to contact Sheils.

15 Aug 1912

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/007/002

Handwritten letter from Eugene O'Connell, Chartered Accountant, Eugene O'Connell & Company, Dame House, 24 Dame Street, Dublin to Joseph T Dolan esquire, Ardee referring to the ledger balances notebook and explaining details of the debtors balance of 30th September 1917. O'Connell refers to a deduction for allowances and an alteration made by Dolan after they closed the accounts in 1916; requests a summary of the stock on hand at 30th September 1917; discloses that they will be able to make 'a very strong case' (p2) for Dolan regarding excess profits duty; and refers to returning Dolan's income tax papers.

04 Jul 1918

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/B/007/003

Typescript letter from Eugene O'Connell, Chartered Accountant, Eugene O'Connell & Company, Dame House, 24 Dame Street, Dublin to Joseph T Dolan esquire, Ardee referring to enclosure of balance book and attached

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copy letter sent on 21st July 1924. O'Connell notes that they shall see Dolan next week regarding his income tax query. (1p)

Attached is typescript copy letter of 21st July 1924 where O'Connell discusses salaries and wages paid from 1918/1919 – 1921/1922 and refers to bank interest. O'Connell requests names of assistants and workmen with salaries for year ended 31st September 1923. Contains annotations. (1p)

21 Jul 1924 - 26 Sep 1924

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/B/007/004

Typescript letter from Eugene O'Connell, Chartered Accountant, Eugene O'Connell & Company, Dame House, 24 Dame Street, Dublin in relation to Tomas O'Dolain and Company Limited, general merchants, Ardee. Letter provides statement of fee for professional services rendered for the half year ended 30th September 1930 with detailed breakdown of services provided.

14 Nov 1930

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/007/005

Typescript letter from Eugene O'Connell, Chartered Accountant, Eugene O'Connell & Company, Dame House, 24 Dame Street, Dublin to Andrew McEntee esquire, Ardee acknowledging McEntee's payment of fees due and answering McEntee's queries regarding the valuing of investments.

22 Feb 1932

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/008

See reverse of item PP00118/M/006.

Typescript general letter from [...], Managing Director, Continental Tyre and Rubber Company (Great Britain) Ltd., Thurloe Place, South Kensington, London, England dated May 1913 to all customers highlighting the merit of Continental oversize tyres in which he claims 'it is a well known fact, proved after careful trial, that 10% added to the air capacity of any tyre increases its mileage by at least 25%. The larger tyre is better able to satisfactorily carry the heavy weights of cars fitted with Limousine bodies, or those used for high speeds, and they will give better traction than small ones thus making driving easier and safer in slippery places.'

May 1913

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/B/009

Details of order issued by John C Parkes and Sons, Limited, Dublin for goods purchased by Mr Thomas Dolan, Ardee (ie Joseph Dolan).

The reverse contains some notes in the Irish language.

13 Dec 1913

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/B/010

Handwritten letter from William A D (Doran), Number 1 Camp, Ballyvonare, County Cork to Joseph Dolan in which he states that he does not 'know of anyone (who) would start a new business just now, such as cheese making. If there is any future for me I might think of it then; as I am sure it should pay with good management, once the drawback of being "Irish" was overcome' (p1-p2). Doran briefly refers to the imminent loss of the year's crop of hay and corn and also notes that 'it was great good fortune getting Fr Lyons' (p2).

16 Aug 1915

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/B/011/

Other Business Interests

See also item PP00118/M/004.

17 Aug 1917 – 22 Sep 1919

Level: series

6 items

PP00118/B/011/001

Notice of dividend on shares issued by Guthrie & Company Limited, 5 Whittington Avenue, London on behalf of Port Dickson-Lukut (FMS) Rubber Estates Limited to Joseph Dolan for the year 1916 – 1917. (1p)

Contains some research notes on reverse.

17 Aug 1917

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/B/011/002

Two typescript letters on headed paper from SJ Cocks, Secretary, Dundalk and Newry Steam Packet Company Limited to Joseph Dolan requesting his attendance at two meetings of directors regarding ordinary business and shareholders meeting.

Contains brief notes on back of one letter referring to the fight of Cuchulainn and Ferdiad at the Ford.

24 Sep 1917 - 27 May 1918

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/B/011/003

Notice advertising meeting of Kapp and Peterson Limited, 113 St Stephen's Green, Dublin, signed B O'Sullivan, secretary in relation to the confirmation of a resolution which was passed at a meeting held on 14th June 1918.

21 Jun 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/011/004

See reverse of item PP00118/M/023.

Typescript letter from Wenham Brothers and Company, Chartered Accountants, 37 Waterloo Street, Birmingham to Mr Thomas Dolan, Ardee (Joseph Dolan) regarding enclosure of claim and declaration forms in relation to NLCA as requested by Dolan. It notes that Carron Company's voucher has not been claimed by Dolan.

22 Sep 1919

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/011/005

See reverse of item PP00118/M/024.

Part of an uncompleted application form of John Cooper & Sons (Beehive), Limited in relation to the issue of seven and a half per cent cumulative preference shares of £1 each.

[Ca 1919]

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/B/012

Typescript letter from Nicholas Hardy and Company Limited, auctioneers, valuers and insurance agents, 72 Park Street, Dundalk to Joseph Dolan stating that they 'enclose a cheque for £11-2-9 amount of Composition Note due you by Patrick Duffy, Gilbertstown.'

Contains notes on reverse including local names and references to Pindar's (ancient Greek poet) verses.

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03 Jan 1918

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/B/013

See reverse of item PP00118/M/011.

Typescript notice dated 18th January 1918 from The Drogheda Chemical Manure Company Limited, Drogheda to Mr T Dolan, Ardee (ie Joseph Dolan) confirming details of his order.

18 Jan 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/014

See reverse of item PP00118/M/012.

Typescript circular letter from St J Whitty (Sophia St John Whitty), Secretary, The United Irishwomen, Lincoln Chambers, Lincoln Place, Dublin to Dolan regarding the holding of a cheese show to run in conjunction with the annual meeting on 17th April 1918. The letter requests support and explains how they propose to exhibit the classes of cheese.

26 Feb 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/015

See reverse of item PP00118/M/013.

Handwritten letter on detailed headed paper from AG Lalor, Lalor Limited, manufacturers of altar and all classes of church candles, 14 Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin to Joseph Dolan relating to a complaint of Dolan's customer about candles he had purchased from Lalor.

27 Feb 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/016

Handwritten letter from PJ Steen, Mandistown, Ardee seeking a quote on a mixture (listed in letter) for permanent pasture per acre for 12 Irish acres.

25 Mar 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/017

Typescript letter from John Power & Son Limited, John's Lane Distillery, Dublin to Thomas Dolan, Ardee (ie Joseph Dolan) stating 'the invoice sent (to) you is quite correct and includes present duty.'

11 Apr 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/018

See reverse of item PP00118/M/014.

Typescript letter on headed paper from the Secretary, The Wexford Engineering Company Limited, Agricultural Implement Manufacturers, Star Iron Works, Wexford to Mr T Dolan, merchant, Ardee (ie Joseph Dolan) stating that they are sending him a credit note and entering a claim against the Railway.

16 Apr 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/019

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See reverse of item PP00118/M/014.

Receipt issued to Thomas Dolan Ardee from the Irish Curled Hair Manufacturing Company, South Brown Street and Weaver's Square, Dublin.

22 Apr 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/020

Typescript letter on headed paper from Peter Lawson and Son Limited, Seed Growers and Merchants, 1a George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, Scotland to Thomas Dolan, Ardee (ie Joseph Dolan) informing him on details of the growth of the English Red Clover.

24 Apr 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/021

Receipts of payments for PJ Steen esquire, JP, Mandistown and Thomas F Crinion, Rushwee to the value of £25-4-0 and £2-8-2 respectively in Thomas Dolan, family grocer, wine importer and seed merchant. Items purchased are detailed.

06 May 1918 - 24 May 1918

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/B/022

Handwritten note (end is missing) from 107 Strand Road, Sandymount to Joseph Dolan requesting 'potatoes...any kind...'

25 May 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/023

Handwritten note on headed paper from JT Clinton, Veterinary Inspector to Louth County Council, Dundalk Rural Council and Dundalk Urban Council to Joseph Dolan stating 'when your man delivered the seeds he said they were not all in the lot sent. For this reason I have not sown them yet. Will you please say what amount if any, has been left out.'

30 May 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/024

See reverse of item PP00118/M/017.

Acknowledgement of order of native spruce slating laths from Brooks, Thomas and Company Limited, builders' providers, 4 Sackville Place, Dublin to Mr Thomas Dolan, merchant, Ardee (Joseph Dolan).

20 Jun 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/025

See reverse of item PP00118/M/018.

Advertisement notice of Charles Tennant and Company Limited, 74 Royal Avenue, Belfast for spraying materials.

Jun 1918

Level: item

1p

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PP00118/B/026

See reverse of item PP00118/M/022.

Typescript letter from J Moran, Fallon Brothers Ltd, publishers and booksellers, The Schools House, 13 & 14 Dame Court, Dublin to Thomas Dolan, merchant, Ardee (Joseph Dolan) confirming the despatch of goods to Dolan.

21 Jun 1919

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/027

See reverse of item PP00118/M/024.

Circular typescript letter from Browne and Nolan Limited, educational publishers, Dublin to retailers stating that owing to the stoppage of goods traffic they can post direct to the customers of retailers.

01 Oct 1919

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/028

Three income tax receipts for Joseph Dolan esquire in the district of Dundalk for the years 1919-1920, 1921-1922 and 1923-1924. It details tax paid in respect of the assessment and is signed by the collectors.

30 Apr 1920 – 31 Dec 1924

Level: item

3 items

PP00118/B/029/

Series of handwritten receipts on Thomas Dolan family grocer headed paper stating amounts received from Joseph Dolan less deduction for insurance stamps being one quarter's salary up to the end of 31st December 1925.

09 Feb 1926 – 10 Mar 1926

Level: series

5 items

PP00118/B/029/001

Receipt signed by Patrick Matthews

09 Feb 1926

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/029/002

Receipt signed by Andrew MacEntee

09 Feb 1926

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/029/003

Receipt signed by Stephen Lynch

10 Feb 1926

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/029/004

Receipt with no signature

10 Feb 1926

Level: item

1p

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PP00118/B/029/005

Receipt signed by John Boyle

10 Mar 1926

Level: item

1p

PP00118/B/030

Envelope with address to Mr Thomas Dolan, grocer, Ardee, marked out from Dowdall, O'Mahony and Company Limited, Cork on which is written '[Affidavit of Mr Balfour? to sell me] Seed Store Premises. After my death please reopen my [...] & (and) buy these premises & (and) [bring] attached thereto & (and) lease or sell as directed in instructions to Andrew [McEntee]'. Signed Joseph Dolan.

30 Jun 1928

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/B/031

Fire policy of Thomas Dolan and Company Limited with North British and Mercantile Insurance Company Limited, 1 Dawson Street, Dublin (agent is Fullerton & Company, solicitors, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin) stating fire policy number; sum insured; premium and expiry date. Also includes details on the Company's householder's policy on back.

1931 – 1932

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/B/032

Handwritten notes relating to wages, rates and accounts.

No date

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/B/033

Notice from the Waste Salvage Society Limited, 72 Meath Street, Dublin seeking waste for recycling and subscribers to a system of recycling. Attached are two detachable postcards, one for signing onto the system and one for purchasing shares. (1p)

Reverse of document contains small amount of handwritten rough notes (difficult to read).

No date

Level: item

2pp

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**PP00118/C/
Gaelic League
Mar 1908 - Oct 1920
Level: sub-fonds
32 items**

Cross-reference item PP00118/M/012.

PP00118/C/001

Handwritten reply letter marked confidential from John Dillon, House of Commons, London to Joseph Dolan blaming the fact that the reason why the proposed Douglas Hyde presentation is not succeeding is because of 'the bitter publicity that has been afforded to it.' Dillon shares that he sympathizes with the project to which he sent a large subscription. He advises Dolan to avoid interfering with the project. (2pp)
A typescript copy is attached.

Note: The project which Dillon is referring to is probably the purchase of Ratra House in Frenchpark, County Roscommon by Douglas Hyde's close friends in the Gaelic League. They received contributions from religious members, scholars, members of Parliament and others to meet the cost. The freehold was presented to Hyde in August 1908.

21 Mar 1908

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/C/002/

A series of correspondence from An Craoibhin (Douglas Hyde), Ratra, Frenchpark, Co. Roscommon to Joseph Dolan relating to the Gaelic League.

1908 – 1909, 1915

Level: series

5 items

PP00118/C/002/001

Handwritten postcard from An Craoibhin (Douglas Hyde), Frenchpark, County Roscommon, to Joseph Dolan, Ardee [encouraging Dolan to bring delegates to the Ard Feis?].

[03 May 1908]

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/C/002/002

Handwritten letter marked 'private' from An Craoibhin (Douglas Hyde), Ratra, Frenchpark, Co. Roscommon to Joseph Dolan expressing delight at hearing Dolan's views, that Dolan was going ahead with the meeting and that Sir H(enry) Bellingham would move the resolution (doesn't say what; [possibly in relation to the Irish Universities Bill which the British House of Commons voted in favour of on 11th May 1908]). 'This is all to the good' (p2) he writes underlined and comments on it impressing the senators. He comments on Dolan's approval of his letter and John MacNeill's letter and shares his feelings towards the edition of Sinn Féin (newspaper) saying (of his feelings) they 'have undergone the same vicissitudes as yours have! I didn't think he was straightforward' (p4). Includes note in Irish language: 'Tá súil agam go bhfuil do dhearbhráthair agus do churam (chúram) uile go maith' ('I hope that your brother and all your family are well', p4).

02 Jun 1908

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/C/002/003

Handwritten letter from An Craoibhin (Douglas Hyde), Ratra, Frenchpark, Co. Roscommon to Joseph Dolan discussing that twelve members of the Senate can call on the Chancellor to convene a meeting when the statutes become law (doesn't say what the meeting is for, possibly regarding making Irish compulsory for

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matriculation?). He explains why he doesn't mind the delay and discusses the possibility of a refusal from the Senate noting that in this case the [Irish-Ireland?] Senators might be asked to withdraw 'and that would not be good policy, but the people who raised disturbance a year ago are only lying low and would [jump] at [this] excuse, I fear. This is private' (p3-p4).

17 [Jun?] 1909

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/C/002/004

Handwritten postcard from An Craoibhin (Douglas Hyde), Frenchpark, County Roscommon, to Joseph Dolan, Ardee.

24 Sep 1909

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/C/002/005

Handwritten letter marked 'private' from An Craoibhin (Douglas Hyde), Ratra House, Frenchpark, Co Roscommon to Joseph Dolan outlining his reasons for resigning the presidency of the Gaelic League in 1915. He explains that he thought it better to do so now 'than be forced out after two or three months by resolutions which I could not stand over without being hopelessly compromised in the eyes of the country.' He explains how it was 'one constant struggle' with him last year 'to save the League in the eyes of the public' and notes that 'the League no longer stands for language & industries but for an Éire saor Gaedhealach!!' (Ireland free from Gaelic).

[05] Aug 1915

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/C/003/

Series of letters from MA (Michael Andrew) Ennis, 10 Longford Terrace, Monkstown, Dublin to Joseph Dolan.

15 Jul 1912 – 01 Sep 1912

Level: series

2 items

PP00118/C/003/001

Ennis refers to Douglas Hyde, Miss (Agnes) O' Farrelly and their criticism of Birrell and the primary scholarships. He refers to the General Council taking action; an edition of the 'Freeman' newspaper where 'Birrell promised details of his proposal during the recess' (p3); a general statement made on 29th July by Birrell; and meeting Dowdall in Mullingar. He outlines two courses of action and asks Dolan which he would prefer.

Note: Agnes O' Farrelly was a Professor at the National University. See Agnes O'Farrelly Online Archive in DCU at <http://ofarrelly.dcu.ie/items/show/5>

15 Jul 1912

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/C/003/002

Ennis refers to particulars of Dolan's statement regarding the English precedents for their action. He asks Dolan about Manchester Corporation in relation to scholarships.

01 Sep 1912

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/C/004

Handwritten letter from W Bradley, Drogheda to Joseph Dolan informing Dolan that a meeting of the [Oireachtas] Committee took place in Dundalk and that accounts are showing a profit. Bradley advises that a

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sub-committee consisting of himself, Dolan and Mr Duffy was appointed to draw up rules and a constitution for the proposed County Committee 'so you might be putting your ideas into shape' he writes. Bradley explains about the teachers' class in the Technical school and writes that Dolan might go round the schools with Bradley to get the teachers to attend.

27 Aug 1915

Level: item

1p

PP00118/C/005

Handwritten letter from [Fr] Carolan, Parochial House, Tullyallen, Drogheda to Joseph Dolan referring to the last annual report of the National Board (of Education) and to the teaching of Irish in schools. He states that Irish is taught in 22 schools out of about 90 in Co Louth. He writes that he told Dr Bradley and refers to having the Cardinal and clergy of the Drogheda Conference at a meeting but that nothing came of it. Carolan refers to Darver being alright and to the situation in his own parish of Tullyallen and questions 'why don't the managers do their duty?' (p3). Carolan shares with Dolan a proposal to get Douglas Hyde to head a deputation from the Gaelic League for the Bishops at their upcoming meeting in Maynooth 'to urge them to make Irish compulsory in the training colleges' (p4). He also suggests a census taken of the teachers in Louth on the subject of teaching Irish.

08 Oct 1915

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/C/006

Handwritten letter from [Mgr (Monsignor) Murphy], Carlingford to Joseph Dolan explaining his delay in replying being that he presumed Fr Quin(n) (Fr Seamus Quinn of Bessbrook, Newry, secretary of Colaiste Bhrighde in Omeath) was giving Dolan the information Dolan had asked of him. He refers to a meeting and to the notice given about meetings. He talks about the effect of 'this unfortunate rising' (p3) on the Gaelic League and writes 'I fear the difficulties in the way of the League will be very much increased...I fear we must, as they say in the country, "rake the fire" of the Irish [language] propaganda in its own ashes, & (and) leave the rekindling to another generation' (p3-p4). He goes on to observe that 'the policy of Redmond was a sour one, but our Celtic temperament cannot long tolerate any policy or any leader. We have the defects of our [qualities], & (and) now we have what we deserve, something akin to political anarchy' (p4).

12 May 1916

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/C/007

Handwritten letter from Mr A O'Lochlainn, Castlebellingham stating that the Board 'rescind removal and allow me to remain in my present station.' States that he will call if not 'overwhelmed with work resulting from pension increases.'

09 Oct 1916

Level: item

1p

PP00118/C/008

Handwritten letter from Sister M Petrinella, Presentation Convent, Drogheda to Joseph Dolan thanking him for the prizes the children won at the Feis (in Dunleer) and discussing the presentation of them. She writes 'I really did not think we secured so many prizes' (p1). She discusses medals and names pupils who won various prizes; thanks Dolan for remembering Cloughaneely (Irish College in Donegal Gaeltacht) and speaks about the archdeacon whom she hopes 'may soon be home of course in his present state he is in the proper place but God grant that it is not the beginning of a break-up' (p4).

17 Jul 1917

Level: item

4pp

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Handwritten letter from P Fagan (Fr Fagan?), Kilsaran, Castlebellingham to Joseph Dolan telling Dolan that as they may never have a Feis again in the Grove Field (Castlebellingham) they shouldn't have money lying there so he will see the members of the Conraithe and get Mr Carragher (Eoin Caraher), their treasurer, to send Dolan a cheque for £10.

18 Jul 1917

Level: item

1p

PP00118/C/010/

A series of letters referring to an Irish teaching position in Craobh an Céitinnigh: the Keating Branch of the Gaelic League, 46 Parnell Square, Dublin.

13 Sep 1917

Level: series

3 items

PP00118/C/010/001

Handwritten letter in Irish language from Pádraig MacGiolla, [Cillealúnta], Tuam, Co Galway referring to a notice in the 'Independent' about Irish teachers wanted for the Keating Branch. He explains that he is pursuing an Irish teaching post. (1p)

On the back is a draft note written by Joseph Dolan questioning if Dail Eireann or the public opinion of the Irish people is strong enough to put down the criminals.

13 Sep 1917

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/C/010/002

Handwritten letter in Irish language from Eoin MacParthaláin (Owen McParland), An Clachán, Conamara to the secretary of the Keating Branch regarding an Irish teaching position and referring to the Christian Brothers school in Tullamore. (1p)

Reverse of letter contains notes referring to a writer's comments made in concern for the improvement of Irish education. (1p)

13 Sep [1917]

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/C/010/003

Handwritten letter in Irish language from Roisín Ní Dhochartaigh, Sráid Suffoc, Baile Meadhonach, Co Aontroma (Ballymanagh, Co Antrim) to An Rúnaire (secretary) of the Keating Branch enquiring about an Irish teaching position. (2pp)

Reverse of letter contains handwritten draft letter or article by Joseph Dolan referring to the Irish Times writing about a letter in the English "Times" and referring to the recent report of the Irish Intermediate Education Board.

13 Sep 1917

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/C/011

Handwritten letter from Sister M Angela, Convent of Mercy, St Mary's, Drogheda to Joseph Dolan thanking him for his reminder of the Feis and discussing their entries and preparations for the Feis. She writes 'I have

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different children this year for the dancing & (and) to my mind they are much better than last year's performers' (p3).

21 Apr 1918

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/C/012

Handwritten letter from W Bradley (Dr William Bradley), 32 Lawrence Street, Drogheda acknowledging Dolan's kindness in giving a subscription last year to fund an excursion to Cloughaneely (Irish College in Donegal Gaeltacht) for the JAMS and children and he is now seeking a donation from Dolan for same.

27 Jun 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/C/013

Handwritten letter from Seámus Ó Searcaigh in Irish language and old Gaelic script. On back is a notice and agenda regarding an AGM of Dáil Uladh (Ulster assembly) on 14th June 1918 signed by Seámus Ó Searcaigh, secretary, 25 Colenso Parade, Stranmillis, Belfast.

[Ca Jun] 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/C/014

Handwritten letter marked 'confidential' from Bishop Patrick Foley, Braganza House, Carlow to Joseph Dolan regretting to inform him that a scheme was passed in connection with a grant and that having Irish made an ordinary subject and fees paid for it was not included. He writes that 'attention should be called to the matter in the discussion on the Education Estimates...' He notes that they have not withdrawn the scheme presented several years ago.

Note: Patrick Foley (1857-1926) was Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin 1896-1926. He was very involved in education and was appointed Commissioner for National Education in 1905 and to the Board of the National University in Dublin in 1908.

13 Jun 1919

Level: item

1p

PP00118/C/015

Notice of special meeting of the Louth County Committee of the Gaelic League to be held in Clogherhead after the Aeridheacht (open air gaelic fete) to consider the subjoined letter from Mr AG O'Lochlainn, Castlebellingham 'in which he states that he is co-trustee with Mr E(oin) Caraher of the funds of Castlebellingham Feis, amounting to £75; that Rev Fr Fagan PP, has applied for transfer of the monies to the local Church Fund, and that he (Mr O'Lochlainn) seeks authority from the County Committee as to the disposal of the funds.' Signed by Joseph Dolan and Patrick O'Duffy; secretaries of the County Committee.

The subjoined copy letter is in the Irish language and old Gaelic script. Contains handwritten notes in Irish language.

26 Jul 1919 - 05 Aug 1919

Level: item

3pp

PP00118/C/016

Handwritten letter from Seán Tóibín, An Lóchrann (monthly bi-lingual paper for Gaels), 6 Sráid Riobaird, Corcaigh (Cork) to Joseph Dolan in Irish language and old Gaelic script. (2pp)

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Attached is an enclosed self-addressed envelope to S Tóibín, Baile an Teampaill (Churchtown), Corcaigh (Cork).

05 Nov 1919

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/C/017

Handwritten letter from S O'Neill SP, Drogheda to Joseph Dolan. He mentions [Alderman] Joseph Stanley. In Irish language and old Gaelic script.

13 Sep 1920

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/C/018

First page of a handwritten letter from 19 Páirc Choille-an-Chaisleáin, Ráthmaoineas, Baileácliath (19 Castlewood Park, Rathmines, Dublin), in Irish language. This is possibly from Tomás Ó Rahile (1883-1953) who lived there, an Irish language scholar and member of the Royal Irish Academy. He refers to Eóin MacNéill (Archivium Hibernicum, Vol II).

19 Oct 1920

Level: item

1p

PP00118/C/019

Handwritten letter from T Gogarty (Reverend Thomas Gogarty), Termonfeckin, Drogheda to Joseph Dolan discussing details of the Termonfeckin and Sandpit classes (presumably the Gaelic League's Irish language classes). He says he shall write to Seamus about the Monasterboice Scheme; explains why they cannot use Miss [Lynam] and asks if they could convince [F Carter] to hold concerts. He discusses tree planting concluding 'we will study the tactics of "The Complete Angler" (p4). He discusses the meaning of Dun Dubhaigh [...] saying that the 'only important dun about Drogheda town that would give its name to the place is that of Millmount which the [...] call the Grave of Gobans wife...' (p4).

No date

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/C/020

Handwritten letter from Sister M Clare, Convent of our Lady of Mercy of the Immaculate Conception, Ardee, to Joseph Dolan regarding sending entries to Castlebellingham (probably for a Feis). She writes 'I trust you will excuse my troubling you about sending on the names' (p1).

Reverse of letter contains handwritten notes (difficult to read) - refers to Father Griffin PP, [Ballyf....].

No date

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/C/021/

Correspondence from Patrick O'Duffy, Dundalk to Joseph Dolan.

No date

Level: series

3 items

PP00118/C/021/001

Postcard from Patrick O'Duffy to Joseph Dolan saying that he is going to 'Lann [Leire]' (Dunleer) on Monday next and will defend '[Athair Dursam?]' ([Father ...?]). In Irish language.

No date

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Level: item

1 item

PP00118/C/021/002

Handwritten letter from Patrick O'Duffy, Dundalk to Joseph Dolan referring to a Feis, a meeting and [Athair Dursam?] ([Father ...?]). In Irish language.

No date

Level: item

1p

PP00118/C/021/003

Handwritten letter from Patrick O'Duffy, Dundalk to Joseph Dolan asking about the money of the Feis. In Irish language.

No date

Level: item

1p

PP00118/D/

Material relating to Colaiste Bhrighde in Omeath

1912, 1917 – 1918

Level: sub-fonds

4 items

PP00118/D/001

Part of a letter from [...], Castlebellingham, to Joseph Dolan regarding [a meeting] and payment of teachers who attend the Omeath Training College. It includes the names and addresses of teachers with payment. In Irish language.

12 Aug 1912

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/D/002

Note from É Ua Tuathgail (Éamonn Ó Tuathail or Eamon O'Toole, a teacher at the Omeath College), St Patrick's Dundalk to Joseph Dolan in Irish language referring to a cheque and to [Omeath College].

14 Jul 1917

Level: item

1p

PP00118/D/003

Leaflet containing a list of training colleges of Irish affiliated to the Conference of Gaelic Colleges, compiled for the purpose of assisting students to select a college. Provides name of college, full address, nearest railway station and route, principal in 1918, dates of sessions for 1918 and name and address of secretary to whom enquiries can be made. In Co Louth it includes Colaiste Bhrighde in Omeath and Colaiste Laighean in Drogheda.

1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/D/004

Note regarding details [on sessions in the college from S. O'Tairn]. In Irish language.

No date

Level: item

1p

PP00118/E/

Involvement in Setting Up St Enda's School

28 May 1908 – 16 Jul 1912

Level: sub-fonds

12 items

PP00118/E/001/

Series of letters from Pádraic MacPiarais (Patrick Pearse) to Joseph Dolan.

May 1908 – Apr 1910

Level: series

8 items

PP00118/E/001/001

Handwritten letter and facsimile copy marked 'private' from Pádraic MacPiarais (PH Pearse), Connradh na Gaedhilge, An Coisde Gnótha, Baile Átha Cliath (Gaelic League, Executive Committee, Dublin) to Joseph Dolan requesting him (as a Gaelic Leaguer) to donate capital for the establishment of St. Enda's school. Pearse reveals names of Gaelic Leaguers who are involved with it financially and other individuals who are actively cooperating. He describes the particulars of the premises that they are considering purchasing (Cullenswood House) 'standing in spacious grounds and commanding a fine prospect of the Dublin mountains' (p2) and outlines the amount of capital that they need: 'we feel it necessary to have a little capital at our back when starting...' (p3). Pearse explains that he will be head master and that he intends 'to devote my life to it' (p3). He expresses reasons for the urgent need to close the sale. Pearse concludes 'we all feel that in carrying out this scheme we are doing perhaps the most useful piece of work that could possibly be done for Ireland at this moment, - making a beginning of a secondary & (and) higher education which shall be truly Irish & (and) shall answer the genuine needs of Ireland. I hope you are with us' (p4). (4pp)

28 May 1908

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/E/001/002

Handwritten letter from Pádraic MacPiarais, St Enda's School, Cullenswood House (Oakley Road), Rathmines, Dublin to Joseph Dolan expressing his gratitude for Dolan's generous reply and apologising that Dolan had to overdraw, stating 'I will be responsible for the interest'. Pearse notes his enclosure of two bills (attached) and explains the dates for his repayment intentions. Pearse then outlines the financial status of the school: 'the new buildings were necessary. The margin of profit on pupils is so small that we require a large number to make things pay. Next year we shall get rid of some boys whom we took in the beginning at reduced fees, and they will, I hope, be replaced by boys paying full fees. I hope towards the close of the year to pay you interest on your advances'. (1p)

Attached are two promissory notes, one of which is a photostat copy of the original (not available) from PH Pearse, Cullenswood House, Rathmines promising to pay Joseph T Dolan £100 sterling in twelve months and another £100 sterling in three months. Also attached is a photostat copy of the original note.

25 Nov 1909 – 26 Nov 1909

Level: item

4 items

PP00118/E/001/003

Handwritten letter from Pádraic MacPiarais, St Enda's School, Cullenswood House (Oakley Road), Rathmines, Dublin to Joseph Dolan discussing costs and the makeup of costumes for Dolan performing the Cuchulainn Pageant. Pearse states that he never thought of retaining acting rights in the Pageant 'and am only too glad that you should think of performing it' (p1). Pearse offers to lend Dolan their costumes writing 'I should think it only a privilege...' (p1). Pearse raises the subject of the £100 which he was to re-pay Dolan in February and outlines his reasons for still not paying Dolan. He reveals that it will be after April 15th when he receives a grant

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from the Intermediate Board that he will re-pay Dolan. Pearse concludes that it was 'a year of very heavy expense...I feel more than ever grateful to you and Mr MacManus who stood by me in the stress' (p2).

12 Mar 1910

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/E/001/004

Handwritten letter from Pádraic MacPiarais, St Enda's School, Cullenswood House (Oakley Road), Rathmines, Dublin to Joseph Dolan asking Dolan if he can re-pay him £50 now instead of £100. Pearse relates how there are so many demands on the 'small advance' he got from the Intermediate Board that it is nearly used up. He discloses that even though the number of pupils is good he will have to raise his fees for next year due to high expenses. He refers to profit made on the plays at the Abbey.

16 Apr 1910

Level: item

1p

PP00118/E/002

Handwritten draft letter from Joseph Dolan on Thomas Dolan headed paper to an un-named party stating that he is one of the directors and an investor in Scoil Eanna (St Enda's School). He discloses that he regards his investment as lost but that he believes in 'the utility of the school' and urges his acquaintance who is 'in strong sympathy with the Gaelic League' to invest in the school. Dolan divulges that he blames Pearse 'for his rashness in expanding the school so quickly...and I do not trust his wisdom yet. But I believe in his spirit and effort for the school...' In an effort to keep the company solvent he discusses the effects of securing an additional £300 and notes that his liabilities are £3000. Rest of letter is missing.

[Pre-Aug 1912]

Level: item

1p

PP00118/E/003

Handwritten draft letter by Joseph Dolan on Thomas Dolan headed paper narrating how St Enda's school will be sold at auction after 2nd September [1912] by the creditors unless Pearse can get £600 by 31st August. He notes that Mr Wilson of Belfast has guaranteed £300 and explains about providing an assurance to anyone investing.

[Pre-Aug 1912]

Level: item

1p

PP00118/E/004

Handwritten reply letter from Éibhlín Ní [Cincearaim], Clones to Joseph Dolan on behalf of Tomás, a proposed investor. She provides the postal address for Seamus MacManus in the USA and a Patrick in Co Donegal who is currently in Paris and explains why she doesn't believe that they will help Pearse. She relates how Tomás has already invested in the school but has seen no return on his investment and that they do not trust Pearse in business.

16 Jul 1912

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/E/005

Handwritten letter from Shane Leslie, Glaslough, Co Monaghan explaining that 'though I cannot be with you tomorrow I shall be present in spirit.'

Note: Shane Leslie was on the Board of Governors of Patrick Pearse's Scoil Eanna.

No date

Level: item

1p

PP00118/F/

Involvement in national politics

1905, 1907, 1914 – 1922

Level: sub-fonds

39 items

Cross-reference: PP00118/M/006, 008, 011, 016, 019 – 020, 023; PP00118/N/019

PP00118/F/001

Handwritten letter from JE Redmond (John Redmond, leader of Irish Parliamentary Party), Aughavanagh, Aughrim, Co Wicklow to Joseph Dolan esquire apologising that he cannot set a date for a meeting in Ardee as he has already made engagements up to the end of November.

24 Sep 1905

Level: item

1p

PP00118/F/002/

Correspondence from Horace Plunkett to Joseph Dolan

1907, 1920

Level: series

2 items

PP00118/F/002/001

Typescript letter from Horace Plunkett, Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Dublin to Joseph Dolan esquire thanking Dolan for his letter and for writing 'in a way which shows that you interpret my motives as clearly as you express your own views upon the real as distinct from the false issues involved in my connection with the work of this Department.' Plunkett also comments on Dolan's opinion of Plunkett's outlook on Irish public life.

12 Mar 1907

Level: item

1p

PP00118/F/002/002

Typescript reply letter from Horace Plunkett, The Plunkett House, Dublin to Joseph Dolan esquire, Ardee informing Dolan 'I am doing my best to bring before the people of England the aspects of the present situation which you suggest. It is extremely difficult to get a hearing. I have never known the dice so badly loaded against Ireland...The campaign of misrepresentation is on such an enormous scale...' Plunkett writes that he hopes the action of Labour in recent days will be helpful and refers to enclosed pamphlets that may be of interest to Dolan.

22 Apr 1920

Level: item

1p

PP00118/F/003

Receipt of payment by [William] A Doran to H Harbison and Sons Limited, Hardware merchants, 33 and 34 West Street, Drogheda for 20 Lee Enfield military rifles and 1000 cartridges for a price of £97-11-6.

Note: This item refers to rifles purchased for the National Volunteers as it is post-split (Sep 1914). William Doran (d1941) was Chairman of Louth County Council from 1913-1918. He was both a Protestant and a Redmonite Nationalist. In the wake of the Home Rule Act 1914, World War I had broken out and he decided to enlist in the army in common with other nationalists.

23 Oct 1914

Level: item

1 item

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PP00118/F/004

Handwritten letter from M(ichael) McGrath, 9 Linenhall St, Dublin to Joseph Dolan in which he recounts the terror of Dublin during the 1916 Rising and condemns the sacrifice of so many lives. He states 'wee (sic) were wining (sic) slowly but surely by constitutional means and the National Volunteers were a power in the land but I greatly fear poor Ireland has got a great set back by resorting to arms' (p1). He continues 'it was glorious to see the courage (and) devotion to which the(y) stood to what the(y) thought was their duty...' (p1). He describes the terror of the bombing and shelling; the desperation and hunger of the civilian population; the looting and the burning: '...on Friday morning a ball passed through the stable door within 6 inches of my head at the same time I saw a country man that was held up and starving come out to look for bread & (and) got shot dead at one of the lines I had to cross another friend of our(s) went out on the same errand as he could not stand the children, crying for bread he was not 3 yards from the door when he was shot dead. The people lost their heads with hunger...' (p2-p3).

McGrath details the Louth Dairy occurrence where 'some young men were shot dead by the soldiers...one James Finegan born in Stickillen (and) Paddy Hoey from above Dunleer...were shot...the military buried (sic) them in the yard but thank God wee (sic) removed them and gave them a Christian buryal (sic).' He adds 'I think all other Ardee people came safe' (p6-p7). He outlines the devastation of Dublin: 'what was once Sackville St, Earle St, Abbey St, Hotel Metropol(e), the General Post Office and half Henry St, is nothing but a heap of Brick (and) Mortar' (p8). (8pp)

Includes a notice from Dublin Metropolitan Police, Superintendent's Office, D Division stating 'Please pass the bearer Michael McGrath, 9 Linenhall St to Georges Hill and back...' On the back is written 'a reminder of the War'.

Note: This letter refers to the North King Street Massacre where a total of fifteen civilians were killed in their homes by soldiers from the South Staffordshire regiment during the Easter Rising. The army went house to house killing a number of men in each including four men at 27 North King Street who had all worked in the Louth Dairy. The bodies were buried at the houses until the rebellion was over. The letter confirms that two civilians killed in the Easter Rising were from County Louth: James Finnegan from Stickillen and Paddy Hoey from Clogherhead.

30 Apr 1916

Level: item

3 items

PP00118/F/005

Handwritten letter from Father Augustine [OFM - Order of Friars Minor], Franciscan Capuchin Friary, Church Street, Dublin to Joseph Dolan saying that he called yesterday and 'found the person for whom you had inquired to be quite well'. He explains that he had met this (unnamed) person's wife who 'had written you'. He comments '[Boys] are sad here. Poor Ireland! Yet some day I shall feel for glorious things of how they died'.

Note: This appears to be Father Augustine Hayden of Church Street who, along-with Father Aloysius, were called to Kilmainham Jail to minister to leaders of the 1916 Rising: Pearse, Clarke and McDonagh, on the morning of their execution. The person whom he refers to in this letter that he visited is probably the 1916 leader James Connolly (1868-1916) who was executed on 12th May 1916 for his part in the Rising.

[12 May 1916]

1p

PP00118/F/006

Notice of the Irish National Aid Association, Grand Central Halls, 10 Exchequer Street, Dublin seeking subscriptions 'to provide for those in Dublin, and in certain other parts of Ireland, who have suffered as a result of the recent insurrection... the destitute families of some three hundred men slain during the insurrection, of fifteen executed by Courts Martial, of one hundred and thirty-four condemned to penal servitude, of two thousand six hundred and fifty deported without trial, and of about four hundred awaiting sentence of Courts-Martial...'

26 May 1916

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/F/007

Typescript letter with handwritten additions and amendments from [...] Wall, assistant secretary, Prison Commission, Home Office, Whitehall, London to Joseph Dolan esquire, Ardee advising Dolan that prisoner Phillip J MacMahon is situated in HM Convict Prison Dartmoor, South Devon and outlining rules as regards correspondence and visitation.

03 Jun 1916

Level: item

1p

PP00118/F/008

Handwritten letter from Philip J MacMahon, Lewes Prison, England on prison issued paper on which is printed the rules of correspondence with and for visiting prisoners. MacMahon conveys his thoughts on the Irish milling trade during the course of World War I. He writes 'the submarine warfare has given the "knock out blow" to all foreign, and American milled food stuffs in particular. It was really lamentable to see such huge quantities of foreign flours, meals, etc pouring into Ireland...in the long run it will prove a blessing in disguise. I hope our people will learn to depend more on our home-grown foods...' (p2). He speaks of the possible revival of tillage in Ireland and of the changing land situation 'who would have thought that the untenanted land of (the) Ruxtons would be broken up to grow food for 180 families in Ardee? Who would have believed that golf greens would give way to potato gardens and oat patches?...I sincerely hope that this extensive cultivation will be permanent and go on increasing with the succeeding years' (p3). He comments on the prices of grain fixed by the Government.

MacMahon thanks Dolan for writing to him, requests specific books, mentions that Eoin MacNeill and Beasley (Piaras Béaslaí) send greetings, writes that he is 'being gradually educated in conversations with Eoin etc' and he briefly outlines conditions within the prison. He writes 'the most discouraging feature of life here is the awful waste of time, but perhaps our detention may yet be of use to Banba - a hope which makes all things tolerable' (in Irish mythology Banba is a patron goddess of Ireland; also a short-lived Irish language journal of the Gaelic League's Keating Branch that Beasley contributed to). He gives his regards to Mr McKeever and Mr Joe Sheils.

18 Jan 1917

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/F/009

Handwritten letter from John Dillon, The Bath Club, 34 Dover Street, West London to Joseph Dolan referring to the question of Irish time; Dolan's consternation at a certain advertisement in the Freeman's Journal; and the [Price] and John [Mitchell] affair which he remarks is 'an extremely difficult matter to handle' (p3).

17 Feb 1917

Level: item

3pp

PP00118/F/010

Typescript letter from Michael J Judge, The Irish Nation, The Organ of Repeal League and Independence Association, 17 Fownes' Street, Dublin to Joseph T Dolan esquire referring to the purpose of the (Irish) Convention "to draft a constitution for Ireland" (p1) and to its authority as an Irish legislature. Judge writes that it should be free from restrictions to draft a resolution to be adopted by the Convention. Judge refers to his endeavours to set up a committee 'to direct the operations of the Repeal League' (p1) and requests Dolan to sit on the committee. He discloses that when established, the committee 'can obtain representation at the convention' (p1) where it can put forward a resolution. Judge also refers to the committee running the paper and to a rule book which the committee may amend. He states 'I think Repeal is the only solution that bears any promise of satisfying the aspirations of all sections...' (p2) and explains how it should do so. Judge refers to being a cousin of Patrick Egan's and that this might help gain support for the movement in the States. He asks Dolan to keep the letter confidential.

23 Jun 1917

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Level: item

2pp

PP00118/F/011

Handwritten reply letter marked 'private' from JJ Clancy, Breffni Terrace, Kingstown [Dun Laoghaire], county Dublin to Joseph Dolan referring to a 'campaign against the party' (p1, Irish Parliamentary Party); to recommendations of the bill for the Representation of the People Act 1918 (passed in the House of Commons on 19 June 1917) regarding the extension of the franchise to Ireland including women; to why redistribution was not applied to Ireland and the reduction of the Irish representation in relation to Home Rule and redistribution; to voting on these recommendations in the House of Commons and to subsequent opinions in relation to the Irish Party: 'then came the "rumour" that we were against the extension to Ireland...and finally Mr TM Healy's discovery of a "plot" ...the whole thing makes me sick. I sometimes think that it would be far better to be out of Irish politics altogether' (p4).

Note: JJ Clancy (1847 – 1928) was an Irish nationalist politician and MP for North County Dublin from 1885 to 1918. He was a leader of the later Irish Home Rule movement. He was one of the Irish Parliamentary Party's representatives in the Irish Convention, an assembly which sat in Dublin from July 1917 until March 1918 to address the Irish question and various constitutional issues. He was also part of the committee who drafted the IPP's manifesto for the 1918 general election.

18 Jul 1917

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/F/012

Handwritten letter from TF McGahon (editor of the Dundalk Democrat) to Joseph Dolan on The Dundalk Democrat and People's Journal headed paper. He questions 'Are you right in assuming that there is no danger of another rebellion' (p1). He refers to the speeches of Éamon DeValera and Constance Markievicz. He says 'You don't see the things the Press is not allowed to print. For example an enclosed fragment (not available) of deValera's speech at Carrick forbidden publication by the Press Censor' (p1). Of Markievicz he says 'Did you see (her) speech at Waterford describing amidst cheers how her young heroes died in Dublin shouting "If we die for Ireland we go straight to Heaven." That smacks very strongly of Mahomed (sic) - doesn't it? Yet the lady is declared to be a convert to the Catholic faith!' (p1). He refers to concealing what the Church teaches on rebellion. McGahon refers to the experience of the 1916 rebellion in Dundalk where an unarmed policeman (ie Constable Charles McGee) was shot dead, a military passenger was left for dead and two civilians were shot and wounded by those who '...boasted that before leaving on that Easter morning they received Holy Communion as a preparation for what followed' (p2). He asks for a clear expression of Catholic doctrine. He condemns admirers of 'McMahon, who, after stealing the Ardee Volunteers' guns, loafed about Ardee while the dupes were putting their necks in the leather & (and) then had the effrontery to talk at Drogheda about "shedding their blood as they did in Easter Week" (p2). He continues on Catholic doctrine, the need to define the Church's teaching and writes 'It is for the benefit of ...notorious factionists, in Clogher diocese especially, that I rub in the question of constitutionalism...Do you know that in many districts of Monaghan, Sinn Fein has been preached from the altar of God?' (p2). He finishes by asking 'to quote Mr Wm O'Brien, can Sinn Fein be fought with [sugarsticks]?' (p2).

10 Nov 1917

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/F/013

Handwritten reply letter marked 'confidential' from John Dillon (leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party), 2 North Great Georges Street, Dublin to Joseph Dolan concerning a policy of the Freeman's Journal; the Irish Party; opinion of the Irish people to the attitude of members of the Irish party; Dillon's views on TP O'Connor in America and the Constitutional Movement; Cohalan; and Sinn Fein and the Peace Conference.

Note: Daniel F Cohalan (1842 – 1928), American lawyer and politician who was an Irish Nationalist involved with several Irish American societies, revolutionary leader John Devoy and in the financing of the Easter Rising.

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15 Nov 1917

Level: item

9pp

PP00118/F/014

Handwritten reply letter from Michael Kennedy, 405, HM Prison, Belfast to Joseph Dolan writing on behalf of Willie Ryan (probably meant to be Willie Rynne) expressing his gratitude for Dolan's previous letter. Kennedy is writing the letter because 'prisoners are limited to one letter daily. (1p)

Also a handwritten reply letter from William Rynne, HM Prison, Belfast to Joseph Dolan thanking him for books and other supplies bought by Miss Corr who received money from Dolan to do so. He writes 'none of those arrested lately have been sent here, but Finian Lynch came here about a week ago, he is teaching a senior Irish class. We have three classes here and four teachers' (p1-p3). (2pp)

19 Apr 1918 - 25 May 1918

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/F/015

'Anti-Conscription Fund' detailing local names of those who gave cheques with amount on back of a blank receipt from P Campbell, Ardee, general merchant.

[Ca Apr 1918]

Level: item

1p

PP00118/F/016

Handwritten letter from [MJ ...], Galybridge House, Newtownsandnes (Moyvane), county Kerry to Joseph Dolan relating his failure to be re-elected to Kerry County Council and being replaced by R O'Callaghan saying it is due to the action of the General Council over the Franchise Act. He asks Dolan to find out how many others who were present at the meeting at which the resolution was passed have been re-appointed. He refers to a shooting incident of two people in Tralee and writes 'the times are frightfully disturbed' (p2). He continues 'it was a more daring act than the Phoenix Park Murders' (p3). He refers to the effect of the War on England and shares 'England's certainly getting a lot of what she deserves but I would be sorry to see her badly beaten...' (p3). He closes by telling Dolan that he is sending a letter to the Freeman newspaper.

18 Jun 1918

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/F/017

Typescript letter marked 'private' from John Dillon, Ballaghderreen, County Mayo to Joseph Dolan esquire, expressing his indignation at Dolan's criticisms of Dillon 'pointing out the folly of Sinn Fein policy' (p1). He states that he can never allow the absorption of the Irish Party by Sinn Fein because 'I regard the policy put forward by Sinn Fein as nothing but madness, and certain to lead to failure and disaster' (p1). He writes 'if I could see any thought or any desire to lay the foundation even of a reunion of Nationalists in Ireland I am prepared to go more than halfway to meet them, and that they know well' (p2). He continues 'but on certain fundamental principles I cannot compromise, and would infinitely prefer to be beaten in every constituency in Ireland than to be a party to deceiving the people and leading them on a road which would bring them to defeat and disaster' (p2).

27 Nov 1918

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/F/018

Handwritten letter from Bishop Daniel Cohalan, Farranferris, Cork to Joseph Dolan esquire outlining the state of play in relation to the up and coming parliamentary elections in Cork including the terms of a compromise the more prominent Parliamentarians were in favour of and advising how he thinks they should proceed.

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28 Nov 1918

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/F/019

Sinn Fein election campaign handbill entitled 'A U.I. (United Irish) Leaguer's Advice' containing quoted extract of Joseph Dolan from the Freeman's Journal dated 15th Nov 1918. Dolan who was a supporter of Redmond and the Irish Party, begins to show his uncertainty of the Irish Party's policy in 1918 and it quotes Dolan's view that '...it would be the highest patriotism for the Irish Party to adopt the line of procedure which Sinn Fein was the first to propose.' Dolan changed to become a supporter of Sinn Fein from 1918 onwards.

[Ca Nov 1918]

Level: item

1p

PP00118/F/020

Handwritten letter in the Irish language from the [Lamb] of Ulster (pseudonym), 26 Bóthar an Ghúirt Áird, Ráth Garbh (26 Highfield Road, Rathgar), Dublin referring to the cheque for the hotel bill; to the UIL (United Irish League); to his not taking part in the upcoming election: 'I think it's ridiculous to say that we'll never go to the Parliament. At the same time, I like the fresh spirit of freedom that is growing in the country' (p2-p3). He gives warnings of socialism and criticises Sinn Fein's abstention policy.

03 Dec 1918

Level: item

4 pp

PP00118/F/021

Three notices and a letter canvassing for Richard Hazleton, the nationalist candidate of the Irish Parliamentary Party for county Louth. The first notice entitled 'Save the Land for the People, The Threatened New Plantation' warns that the 'Government has brought forward a new Land Bill, which gives it power to sweep away at a stroke the whole work of the Land Acts, and carry out a new plantation of Ireland'. It outlines the danger of English soldiers being granted land. It states 'You can help to beat the Bill by electing a strong Irish Party that will go to Parliament and fight it...' The second notice entitled 'The "Runaway" Policy, what Sinn Fein means' warns of the dangers associated with the Sinn Fein policy of abstention. In the third notice entitled 'Irish Bishops on the Sinn Fein Policy of Abstention' they denounce the policy and ask Sinn Fein MPs to return Westminster.

The typescript circular letter from Richard Hazleton to the electors of Louth asks for their vote in the upcoming election. He criticises Sinn Fein's policy of revolution and resistance and he argues that Ireland should seek the status of 'a free nation like Canada or South Africa. They are no English provinces.'

05 Dec 1918

Level: item

4 items

PP00118/F/022

Part of a newspaper clipping or transcript of a speech advocating the importation into Ireland of arms for the nationalist cause. It refers to the Paris Peace Conference and states 'Redmond's great mistake was when he had the Volunteers - who would have loyally backed him, and I know it - instead of having the statesmanship to see the strength of them he destroyed them. He wished to do, as Mr Devlin said recently, to get the guns out of Ireland and not into it...'

[1918 - 1919]

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/F/023

Handwritten letter in the Irish language from Eamon De Valera, 6 Sráid Fhearchair, Ath Cliath (Harcourt Street, Dublin: home of the Gaelic League) to Joseph Dolan confirming receipt of £20 cheque from Dolan as a contribution to the Ireland fund and saying he will get Dolan an official receipt on Monday. (1p)

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Attached is the cheque dated 31st March 1919 from the Hibernian Bank Limited, Ardee and a facsimile copy, paying Eamon DeValera twenty pounds, signed by Joseph Dolan. The back is signed by Eamon deValera and Micheál O'Coileain.

31 Mar 1919 – 07 Apr 1919

Level: item

3 items

PP00118/F/024

Typescript reply letter from Thomas Callan Macardle, The Dundalk Brewery, Dundalk to Joseph Dolan esquire, Ardee, referring briefly to Ravensdale Park and to the sale of eighty acres of land at Stackallen bought by Dan Dickie. Macardle then outlines the efforts he has made in pursuing a truce through meetings with various influentials such as the Lord Mayor of Dublin or the Cardinal and now through correspondence with Sir Hamar Greenwood (Chief Secretary for Ireland) with a view to having 'an important deputation waiting upon them (Greenwood and General Macready) and seeing if we cannot get anything in the nature of Colonial Home Rule.' He refers to the special edition of the 'Independent' of this date where Dolan can see that 'something has been done'. Macardle requests Dolan to write to the Lord Mayor.

22 Apr 1920

Level: item

1 pp

PP00118/F/025

Newspaper clipping from [...er] Daily Telegraph reporting on a mass meeting in Poli's theatre (Waterbury, Connecticut, USA) at which Reverend Fr Thomas J O'Donnell ('Australian war chaplain and champion of the Sinn Fein cause') called for the immediate release of Terence MacSwiney, Lord Mayor of Cork who was on hunger strike following his arrest. Fr O'Donnell denounced the Irish Coercion Act as 'the most villainous law since the days of Nero.' He also refers to Mayor MacCurtain's death, the League of Nations, the Irish Volunteers and Sinn Fein Courts. He states 'every true American should today stand aghast at the atrocities of British Rule in Ireland...Washington was the first American Sinn Feiner. He was the greatest Sinn Feiner that ever lived, and the Declaration of Independence was the greatest Sinn Fein document ever written.' The clipping also includes a statement regarding Mayor Peter F Sullivan asking Lloyd George to release MacSwiney.

[Aug 1920 - Oct 1920]

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/F/026

Handwritten reply letter from Seamus (James), Belfast Jail to Seán written in the Irish language (South East Ulster). He speaks about how they didn't expect to get arrested and then recounts the details of his arrest explaining that he was taken to Victoria Barracks three weeks ago with his father and Domhnall 'accused of shooting at foreign soldiers that night, and of having firearms without 'permission' (p1). He discusses their trial and writes '...we'll be charged with killing Sterritt and injuring two others. We'll be hanged after that, I suppose, and then we won't have to do the three years' (p2). He names other inmates in prison with them such as Patrick Hegarty from County Mayo who escaped through lines of policeman in County Sligo and Martin Shortt. He goes on to state 'I have a small bit of business to ask of you...to put Coburn and Morton (seed merchants) out of the markets in Co Louth, Co Monaghan and Armagh. You can put the matter before the Volunteers. The Dáil has decided to do this work, it has been ordered, I think, only to get information on the people that should be driven out' (p2). He explains how they saw one of the Mortons 'in the crowd that attacked our house that night' (p2) and discusses others that should be boycotted in Banbridge such as the McAleaveys. He refers to Stephen Collins visiting him and gives his regards to Seán's mother, Eibhlin and Seán. He enquires if Seán saw Seosaimhín Ní Mhuireagáin (Josephine Morgan) in Omeath saying that she was in the same senior music class as him.

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Note: The letter is from James Patrick Monaghan of Scarva Street, Banbridge who was in jail on charges under the Defence of the Realm Act along-with his father Daniel Monaghan and his brother Daniel O'Connell Monaghan in relation to the murder of William Sterritt in Banbridge in late July 1920.

01 Sep 1920

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/F/027

Handwritten reply letter from Edward Carson, Orion Bungalow, Birchington, Thanet to Joseph Dolan regarding the War of Independence in Ireland. He states that he and the government want a 'cessation of this sad state of affairs' (p1). But he says, 'you must remember that the forces of the Crown were sent to Ireland in consequence of a series of most cowardly murders of innocent men...' (p2). He finishes the letter with 'I cannot in a letter enter into a decision in the question of Dominion Home Rule but as it w(oul)d in my opinion necessarily lead to separation you cannot expect me to approve of it' (p2).

27 Sep 1920

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/F/028

Typescript reply letter from Mícheál O'Coileain, Aire Airgid (Michael Collins, Finance Minister), Department of Finance, Mansion House, Dublin on Dáil Éireann headed paper to Joseph Dolan, grocer, Ardee, writing that he has passed Dolan's letter on to the Adjutant of the Irish Volunteers who will send a reply. O'Coileain states 'I say myself that no responsible Volunteers have been driven out of the Organisation so far as I know for any reason except that of neglect of duty'. He comments on the enemy's atrocities.

28 Sep 1920

Level: item

1p

PP00118/F/029

Copy of the magazine publication An t-Óglách known as 'the official organ of the Irish Volunteers' which aimed to provide guidance and to develop the Volunteer movement, dated 18th May 1922. It details the present situation as regards the Irish Volunteers including achievements of the Volunteers; creation of the IRA; ceasing of hostilities; Irregulars (anti-Treaty) breaching the cessation; incident at Newtowncunningham, County Donegal of Irregular ambush of IRA forces (regular troops) following their being sent to a bank robbery in Buncrana; and the Irregulars campaign against Protestants. Also contains details of defence; a list of IRA casualties in the Civil War; aircraft in war; General Head Quarters directive on the use of firearms and a list of appointments and promotions.

18 May 1922

Level: item

8pp

PP00118/G/

Involvement in Louth County Council and Local Development Matters

1910 – 1918 [- 1923]

Level: sub-fonds

10 items

PP00118/G/001

Handwritten letter from John R Garstin, Braganstown, Castlebellingham to Joseph Dolan in relation to planting the bog. Garstin agrees that parts of the bog could be planted for later profit but states that he has no money for that investment. Garstin refers to his predecessor who used the money from the Railway in deepening a drain through the bog. He suggests that if the County Council wish to experiment there he would give facilities. He refers to the new development grant.

03 Sep 1910

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/G/002

Typescript letter from Patrick J Kerley, solicitor, Market Square, Dundalk to Joseph Dolan, Ardee referring to receipt of letter regarding Maguire. Kerley also states that he encloses a cheque for the balance of witness expenses in relation to the North Louth petition.

Cross-reference item PP00118/N/016 regarding Maguire.

06 May 1911

Level: item

1p

PP00118/G/003/

Correspondence regarding the purchase of Omeath Park.

Level: series

1914, 1918 – 1919

3 items

PP00118/G/003/001

Handwritten letter marked 'private' from Augustine Henry, Royal College of Science for Ireland, Dublin to Joseph Dolan referring to the purchase of Omeath Park by the Department; the current high price of land; the valuation of trees in Omeath Park by Mr Crozier of the Dept; the Department being prepared to sanction the purchase of the Omeath Park Estate in 1914 by the County Council for £1,000 – he writes “this represented the maximum value for forestry purposes that can be placed on the 84 acres of land offered to the Council” (p2); and considerations if purchased by the Council under the Land Purchase Act. He sums up 'it is not now a suitable place to buy: it is the wrong time to buy [...] land and timber are so dear. Under the circumstances there is no use in you selling it valued: but if you want the timber valued, I am told, Mr Sheils, manager of Jones' sawmill would be a possible valuer. Then the place has a value for its house, arable land, etc. This would have to be valued by a local lawyer or auctioneer' (p3). Henry expresses his opinion that it was a pity that the place was not acquired in 1914 under the Land Judges 'but then who could have predicted the future course of events since 1914?' (p4). He advises Dolan that it wouldn't be wise for the Council to purchase it now and that it is better to wait.

03 Jul 1914

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/G/003/002

Handwritten letter from the registrar's assistant, High Court of Justice (Ireland), Chancery Division – Land Court to Mr Thomas Dolan, grocer, Ardee (Joseph Dolan) in relation to the Woodhouse's Estate and Dolan's request for a rental of the Omeath estate. The letter states that rentals will soon be published and Dolan's request for a copy has been forwarded to the solicitor having carriage of the sale.

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28 May 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/G/003/003

Typescript letter from [A Delgan], private secretary, Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Dublin to Joseph T Dolan esquire advising Dolan on behalf of Mr Gill, that Omeath Park was inspected on behalf of the Department several years previously and that due to its small size it would not be suitable for purchase by the Department. He comments on purchase by the County Council for forestry purposes noting that the value of the land would be very high being situated opposite Warrenpoint.

08 Jul 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/G/003/004

Handwritten letter from P McDonnell, private secretary, Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Dublin to Joseph Dolan acknowledging receipt of his letter by Mr Gill and advising that it is receiving attention.

On reverse of letter are handwritten notes entitled 'Intermediate 1920' (educational curriculum).

18 Aug 1919

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/G/004

Postcard invitation from Thomas Connick, secretary, [Dundalk] Harbour Commissioners to Joseph Dolan esquire and Reverend James Dolan CE inviting them to attend at the inspection of the harbour and river on 11th July.

[1914 - 1923]

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/G/005

Handwritten reply letters to Joseph Dolan esquire, Ardee in relation to the Summer Time Act, 1916.

(1) Letter from JH O'Sullivan for county secretary, Waterford County Council, Dungarvan, Co Waterford stating that the County Council 'did not discuss or publish any expression of opinion in regard to the working of the Summer Time Act, 1916'. 1p

(2) Handwritten reply letter from [WH ...st], county secretary, Fermanagh County Council, Courthouse, Enniskillen stating that the Council thought 'that the Summer Time Act should not apply to Ireland'. 1p

See also item reference PP118/F/9.

13 Feb 1917 - 14 Feb 1917

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/G/006

Typescript letter from FJ [Deery/Deeney] for secretary of the Food Control Committee for Ireland, Kilworth House, Kildare Street, Dublin to Joseph Dolan, Ardee acknowledging receipt of his letter and advising that the establishment of a pig and pork market in Ardee is receiving attention.

Reverse of letter contains handwritten notes requesting a respectful suggestion to parents and priests that when choosing names for children at baptism and confirmation to use the names of 'our own Irish saints'.

18 Apr 1918

Level: item

2pp

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PP00118/H/

Material relating to County Louth Archaeological Society

See also reverse of item PP00118/M/035.

1907 – 1920, 1925

Level: sub-fonds

34 items

PP00118/H/001

Handwritten letter from T Gogarty (Reverend Thomas Gogarty), Termonfeckin, Drogheda to [Joseph Dolan] referring to Gogarty's query regarding Emlagh and the barony that it is located in and requesting [Dolan] to let him know the position of it.

03 Mar 1907

Level: item

1p

PP00118/H/002

Handwritten letter from N(icholas) Lawless, Kilcurry, Co Louth to Joseph Dolan, in which Lawless declines to take part in a Louth history proposal by Dolan. Lawless responds 'while glad to take a part in it I have sadly to admit that my knowledge of Louth History is quite too scrappy to enable me to do the historical part of the work you outline. The data of Louth History is very extensive & (and) would require years to put together...' (p1-p2). Lawless suggests taking 'a smaller thing in hands on the same principle of division of labour?' (p2). He discusses details of compiling a reader for fourth class of forty lessons on County Louth. Lawless shares 'I think such a book would surprise people & (and) would give a lead to the whole country...' (p3). He refers to Dolan liking part of his speech and remarks 'no novel would surpass the legends of Louth if they were put in fair English' (p4). Lawless comments on Mr. Leslie publishing a history of Kilsaran.

27 Apr 1907

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/H/003

Handwritten letter from St J Seymour (Reverend St John D Seymour), Donohill Rectory, Cappawhite, Tipperary to Joseph Dolan stating that he has no objection to Dolan's friend reading the [JS] and marking anything he objects to. Seymour discloses that he could not state 'that the origin of the [Purgatory] is directly traceable to St Patrick...' (p2) and declares that there is no argument to prove his founding it.

Note: this is probably St Patrick's Purgatory in Lough Derg as there is an article in the 1910 Journal of the County Louth Archaeological Society by Thomas Gogarty on '*The Form of Penance to be performed at St Patrick's Purgatory in Lough Derg*'.

06 Apr [ca 1909-10]

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/H/004/

Series of letters from Donal Lynch, Dundrum, Dublin to Joseph Dolan.

Note: Donal Lynch was formerly of Philipstown, Dunleer.

Apr 1910 – Sep 1914

Level: series

3 items

PP00118/H/004/001

Handwritten letter from Dónall O'Loingsigh (Donal Lynch), Dundrum, Dublin acknowledging Joseph Dolan's letter and outlining his research progress on the Pale Boundary in the National Library. He refers to King's MSS and Richey's History. O'Loingsigh refers to the Society's (County Louth Archaeological Society) newly acquired Cuchullain's Fort and discusses the idea of writing an Irish prose in relation to the fort and asks for a

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synopsis of how Dolan would like the Irish story in Banba. He also refers to the copy of his transcript of the O'Malley Pedigree (Grainne Maol) that he sent Dolan, and he discloses that he has 'got a little concession in the Academy (Royal Irish Academy) through my friend Count Plunkett which may serve you. It is this – that I can get the loan of any book (not a MS) for a fortnight' (p2).

27 Apr 1910

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/H/004/002

Handwritten letter from Donal Lynch, Dundrum, Dublin to Joseph Dolan regarding his index copy of 'the Claims' in the National Library which he has enclosed for numbers 1438, 1452, 1720, 1740, 1799, 1800, 1879, 2252, 2253, 2255, 2256, 2645, 2691, 2692, 2835, 2836, 2837, 2842, 2854, 3017, 3018, and a further eleven unnumbered claims, all dating between 1638 and 1699. Details include claimants, estate or [interest] claimed, by what deed or writing, on what lands, county and barony, and late proprietor. Lynch refers to sending Dolan the remaining numbers for Ardee.

21 Oct 1911

Level: item

16pp

PP00118/H/004/003

Handwritten letter from 'Dan' (Donal Lynch), Dundrum, Dublin to Joseph Dolan stating that the Haliday Pamphlets in the Royal Irish Academy are the sources Dolan requires. He mentions that Absentees and their expenditure outside Ireland are not given by counties and enquires of Dolan where he could get Lord Bellew's Regiment of 1689 which he requires for Matt Clinton. Lynch explains how he can qualify the extracts he gives as he now knows where the documents are. He writes 'all along the whole difficulty [was] in locating the documents. The transcription is nothing.'

19 Sep 1914

Level: item

1p

PP00118/H/005

Handwritten letter from Matt Clinton, Annagassan to Joseph Dolan esquire referring to the rough copies of the wills of two Father Clinton's and requesting him to give them to Father Gogarty. Clinton refers to the will of Richard Clinton, made by a farmer in Cappock in 1780 and explains how there was two marriages of Carneys and Clintons. He refers to Bernard Garland; asks if Dolan is acquainted with Father Mark Clinton of Carrickmacross; refers to the Clintons of Tallanstown, the Clintons of Little Ash and his great grandfather Peter Clinton. (3pp)

Enclosed are notes on Clinton family history referring to Peter Clinton in 1637; Clintons in 1642 indicted for treason in Kings Bench Dublin; notes on arms of the Clintons of Dowdstown; notes regarding the Book of Survey and Distribution; the marriage of James Clinton's son Stephen in 1628; and the religious census of 1766. (1p)

03 Dec 1910

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/H/006/

Series of letters from John R Garstin, Braganstown, Castlebellingham to Joseph Dolan.

Dec 1911

Level: series

2 items

PP00118/H/006/001

Handwritten letter from John R Garstin, Braganstown, Castlebellingham, to Joseph Dolan disclosing that he has manuscript notes and a pedigree of the Tisdalls and of the Brabazons with whom his family 'was at an

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early date connected...they owned much of Ardee Barony'. He offers Dolan to come over so that he can show them to him and discuss Dolan's publication project.

08 Dec 1911

Level: item

1p

PP00118/H/006/002

Handwritten letter from JR Garstin, Braganstown, Castlebellingham regarding writing articles for the Louth Archaeological Journal. Garstin writes '...my time is much occupied. I am reading proofs and helping with two important books...', (p1) which he details. He refers to notes that he has on the local magistrates' appointments from 1690 to the present; the Ordnance Survey Letters; and a publication on Co Down by the Irish Librarians Society.

No date

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/H/007

Postcard of Cormac's Chapel, Rock of Cashel from [TW Geraghty], 10 Main Street, Cashel (formerly of Co Louth) to Joseph Dolan informing Dolan of his appointment. He writes 'I am getting on very well indeed and am a strict [TT]'. He mentions that the County (Louth) Archaeological Society is visiting Cashel in June.

[Pre-Jun 1912]

Level: item

1p

PP00118/H/008

Handwritten letter from [Eoghan Mac...] to Joseph Dolan regarding the enclosure of a poem by [McCann] 'as it may be of use at the excursion'.

24 Jun 1912

Level: item

1p

PP00118/H/009

Handwritten letter from W [...], Greatham, Pulborough, Sussex to [Joseph Dolan] giving explanations in relation to 'Hearted' and the poetry of Father Tabb.

01 Jul 1912

Level: item

3pp

PP00118/H/010

Typescript letter from G Fred Croker, George D Croker, bookseller, stationer and photographer, 11 The Mall & 81 The Quay, Waterford to Joseph Dolan esquire, Ardee, reminding Dolan of two finished proofs of the Archaeological Society taken at Cashel and hoping that Dolan will order copies of same.

19 Aug 1912

Level: item

1p

PP00118/H/011

First page only of a handwritten letter to Joseph Dolan in the Irish language and old Gaelic script.

21 May 1913

Level: item

1p

PP00118/H/012/

Correspondence from Francis Joseph Bigger, Ardrigh, Belfast to Joseph Dolan, Ardee.

1913, 1918, 1920

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Level: series

3 items

PP00118/H/012/001

Postcard with image of 'Caistleain Séan' (Jordan's Castle), Ardglass, Co Down from FJB (Francis Joseph Bigger, Ardrigh, Belfast) to Joseph Dolan, Ardee stating 'better put it off until after Christmas'.

08 Dec 1913

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/H/012/002

Refer to item PP00118/H/018 (4)

28 May 1918

Level: item

PP00118/H/012/003

Typescript article illustrated with photographs entitled 'Relic of Penal Days on the plains of Roscommon. The Bishops Cross restored' by Francis Joseph Bigger, Ardrigh, Belfast. It describes the restoration of the Bishop's Cross at Rocklands, Taghmaconnell, Co Roscommon, in the Diocese of Clonfert, nine miles west of Athlone, and gives a description of the cross and information on its history. The article also provides information and a description on St Ronan's Well, located two miles south of the Bishop's Cross, the Crucifixion Slab beside it, and the story of the pot surmounted by a cock and this legend as told by the Evangelia Apocrypha (Apocryphal Gospels).

Sep 1920

Level: item

1p

PP00118/H/012/004

Handwritten letter from Francis Joseph Bigger, Ardrigh, Belfast discussing articles for the Louth Archaeological Journal and 'the Drogheda pictures'. Bigger explains that he is waiting for an opportunity to carry the pictures as they are quite heavy. Bigger asks if Dolan read the criticism in 'I.D.' on the new 'edition' of Madden and comments 'how we do want such healthy criticism. I am writing a letter to rub it in...' (p2-p3). Bigger comments on the Taghmaconnell Cross restoration and remarks 'I will tackle any others I hear of' (p2). He refers to the Wayside Cross; talks about efforts locally to get the Corporation to buy the Knowles Collection 'with initial success so far' (p2); and relates a story of calling to an old friend in Trim who gave him an Irish Union Act picture and who 'within 3 days the B & T's (Black & Tans) had burned him out' (p3).

19 Oct 1920

Level: item

3pp

PP00118/H/013

Handwritten letter from Philip Callan, Togher, Dunleer to Joseph Dolan discussing the Black Pig's resting place. Callan comments on the tumulus of Mayne outside Mayne Cemetery as being the local oral tradition of 'the last resting place of the ill-fated Black Pig' (p2) and says that he always thought Ardee could lay claim to it. Callan refers to it as being 'a fine subject for tragic opera' (p3).

06 Oct 1914

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/H/014

Extract from the House of Commons 1st September 1798, MS Document 18, bundle 71, pp2 & 3 (folio 4) Committee of Whole House, Members' Evidence which states that James Kelly, Haggardstown, was one of the Louth Committee and that John Connellon was delegate to the Provincial meeting at Armagh and issued a warrant for apprehending Kelly, however he fled. Marmion and Hoey of the same Committee were

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apprehended and hanged, while Joseph or Joshua Mouritz of Dundalk was an active member of the Rebels and fled. Copied by 'TC', in the Public Record Office.

20 Oct 1915

Level: item

1p

PP00118/H/015

Handwritten letter from William Tempest, Dundalk to Dolan talking about a proof from Letts and asking about copies for the Journal. Tempest then relates a letter from his brother Harry Tempest dated 29th September writing 'He has at last got into a billet, where he slept in a bed & (and) has had his clothes off for the first time these last three weeks. He is at the Headquarters of the Second Army, No. 2 Field Survey Co, R.E., B.E.F. France. He gives us no clue as to his whereabouts. He is not now on outdoor work, but what he is at is "very interesting" (p1-p2). Tempest then notes he has just received a new letter from Harry dated '30th' and he quotes Harry "I have got a bath and clean clothes - felt grand after it - I am drawing maps" (p2).

04 Oct 1916

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/H/016

Handwritten letter from HJ Lawlor, 32 Palmerston Road, Dublin, to Joseph Dolan, where he conveys that he spoke with Mr Herbert Wood and that a tracing would be made under his direction from the key maps of the Ordnance Survey showing county, barony and parish boundaries throughout for the Diocese of Louth. He mentions that the key purpose of the map is 'to show the sphere of influence of St Mary's Louth in proportion to the whole area of the Diocese; and its influence can only be reckoned by parishes' (p3). Lawlor then details another option for showing same. (4pp)

Attached is a handwritten letter dated 17th July 1917 from Herbert Wood, Public record Office, Four Courts, Dublin to Dr Lawlor referring to the cost of the trace and as he will have to consult 'Dolan' about it he explains that the sooner they can get to work on it, the better. (1p)

17 Jul 1917 - 18 Jul 1917

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/H/017

Typescript letter from CW Stute, Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, National Museum, Kildare Street, Dublin to the editor (Joseph Dolan), Louth Archaeological Journal, Ardee requesting him to return the block of the Speaker's Robe which was sent for reproduction in the Journal.

Reverse of letter contains handwritten notes requesting a respectful suggestion to parents and priests that when choosing names for children at baptism and confirmation to use the names of 'our own Irish saints'.

02 May 1918

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/H/018

Letters to Joseph Dolan pertaining to obtaining a photograph of the portrait of John (Speaker) Foster, 1st Lord Oriel:

(1) Typescript letter from J O'Neill, Lord Mayor, Mansion House, Dublin, stating that he has no objection to allowing a photographer to photograph the portrait of Foster in the Mansion House. Reverse contains four names with calculations, 07 May 1918, 1p

(2) Handwritten letter from Massereene, Queen Hotel, Chester, stating that the best portrait of Foster is 'the one by Sir Thomas Lawrence now at Antrim Castle', 09 May 1918, 1p

(3) Handwritten letter from Massereene, Queen Hotel, Chester, referring to the portrait at Antrim Castle, 14 May 1918, 1p

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(4) Handwritten letter from Francis Joseph Bigger, Ardagh, Belfast, advising that Wilson Hartnell, Commercial Buildings, Dublin who published an account of Foster would have blocks. 28 May 1918, 1p.
07 May 1918 – 28 May 1918
Level: item
4 items

PP00118/H/019/
Series of letters from James B Leslie, Kilsaran Rectory, Castlebellingham to Joseph Dolan.
29 May 1918 – 17 Jun 1918
Level: series
2 items

PP00118/H/019/001
Handwritten letter from James B Leslie, Kilsaran Rectory, Castlebellingham to Joseph Dolan, regarding the resignation of Miss S Comerford as secretary of the Louth Archaeological Society as a result of remarks made at the Committee meeting. Leslie admits 'I am extremely sorry more especially as my point of order – I am a stickler for legal points – ...was the originating cause. Miss C did not deserve the rebuke...' He divulges 'many of the members think it a calamity if she severs connection and something should be done to endeavour to retain her services.' Leslie requests Dolan to 'try and do something on the matter, otherwise many members will feel the Society is going the way in which many associations are going at this moment – which will be disastrous for all good men.' He also comments on his remarks regarding Reverend Gogarty.
29 May 1918
Level: item
1p

PP00118/H/019/002
Handwritten letter from James B Leslie, Kilsaran Rectory, Castlebellingham to Joseph Dolan regarding the 'Irish MSS' in the [Garstin] Collection. He explains that Miss [Garstin] is anxious to sell them and that Hodges & Figgis are anxious to get them whom he believes is an agent for Reverend Father L Marron of USA, a collector. Leslie expresses 'it is nearly a pity to let them go out of Ireland'. He requests Dolan to look over them and give him an idea of what they are about.
17 Jun 1918
Level: item
1p

PP00118/H/020
Handwritten letter from George O'Reilly, 26 Trinity Street, Drogheda discussing a list of saints that he sent. He remarks that it is 'only a rough sketch which I hope to improve, but your judgement is very encouraging' and discloses that he intends to take out some 'of the more important lives in separate books'. O'Reilly refers to Harry Tempest suggesting that the Linen Hall should be photographed before it is altered and provides a list of prices for photographic plates that he got from Payne. He also mentions that the O'Connell Hall should be photographed and asks Dolan to say it to members of the Society (Louth Archaeological Society).
17 Jun 1918
Level: item
2pp

PP00118/H/021
Draft handwritten report on the excursion of the County Louth Archaeological Society to Ardee. Provides details on Mapastown, Dowdstown, Red House, Riverstown House, Dawsons Demesne, Castle Guard, Moore Hall, St Mary's Protestant Church Ardee, and a number of artefacts found in Ardee. Includes a handwritten list of [names].
Note: one page appears to be taken from the Book of transcripts of County Louth ordnance survey letters (PP00037).
20 Sep 1918
Level: item

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7pp

PP00118/H/022/

Series of letters in Irish language from An Craoibhin (Douglas Hyde), 1 Earlsfort Place, Dublin to Joseph Dolan.
Oct 1925

Level: series

2 items

PP00118/H/022/001

Handwritten letter from An Craoibhin (Douglas Hyde), 1 Earlsfort Place, Dublin to Joseph Dolan regarding going to Drogheda [to give a lecture for the Louth Archaeological Society?].

16 Oct 1925

Level: item

3pp

PP00118/H/022/002

Handwritten letter from An Craoibhin (Douglas Hyde), 1 Earlsfort Place, Dublin to Joseph Dolan regarding going to Drogheda [to give a lecture for the Louth Archaeological Society?].

22 Oct 1925

Level: item

2pp

PP00118//
St Vincent de Paul
1918 – 1919
Level: sub-fonds
6 items

PP00118//001

Printed circular letter from William J Ellis, President of the Society of St Vincent de Paul Conference of St Mary (Cathedral), Ozanam House, 53 Mountjoy Square, Dublin requesting members of the recipient's Conference to pray for 'the repose of the soul of Brother Henry Kerrigan, late honorary and previously an active member of the above Conference, and formerly a member of the Society in Bombay, who died on 25th March, 1918'.

Mar 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118//002

Notice advertising the 63rd annual meeting of presidents of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, Ireland with the Society's Council of Ireland to be held at the Orphanage of the Society at Glasnevin, Dublin. Contains memorandum of subjects to be discussed at the meeting and order of proceedings. Also included is an invitation from the Society's Council of Ireland to presidents of branches to attend same.

01 Jun 1918

Level: item

2 items

PP00118//003

Torn piece of paper that seems to be giving notice of meeting of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Includes subjects to be discussed at meeting. Contains some handwritten notes.

23 Jun 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118//004

Handwritten letter in Irish language from Thomas Morris, Honorary Secretary, Society of St Vincent de Paul, Council of Ireland, 23 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin to Joseph Dolan regarding charitable donations that they give.

The reverse of this document contains part of a condemnation of IRA tactics of young men shooting RIC policemen. Dolan refers to the alienation of 'the support of so many ex-Unionists who but for these murders would now be in full sympathy with it' (cause for Irish independence). He states that the worst is 'the brutalising of humanity and conscience in these young men'.

15 Jul 1919

Level: item

2pp

PP00118//005

Printed circular letter from JP O'Connor, Assistant Secretary to President, Society of St Vincent de Paul Conference of St Mary, Belturbet, County Mayo requesting members of St Vincent de Paul to pray for the soul of Brother John Fitzpatrick, President member of the Society, recently deceased.

No date

Level: item

1p

PP00118/J/

Material of a Religious Interest

1905, 1911 – 1918

Level: sub-fonds

15 items

PP00118/J/001

Typescript circular letter from W O'Reilly, Knockabbey, Louth, Dundalk relating details of a meeting of 'gentlemen interested in the question of University Education' where it was decided to 'promote the scheme of University Scholarship for Catholic Students initiated by the Bishops of Ireland' and to organise the foundation of a County Louth Scholarship 'in conjunction with those founded by the Bishops.' To progress this objective, a meeting is scheduled for the Town Hall in Dundalk inviting members of all the representative bodies in the County and interested others to attend.

18 Sep 1905

Level: item

1p

PP00118/J/002

Handwritten letter from Mathew [Mussely], St Francis Xavier's, Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin to Joseph Dolan referring to a subscription Dolan sent him for the 'Irish Monthly'.

13 Sep 1911

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/J/003/

Material relating to the Catholic Social Guild

1912 – 1913, 1918

Level: series

5 items

PP00118/J/003/001

Handwritten letter from Cecilia Hogarth, St Joseph's Library, 48 South Street, London (on Catholic Social Guild headed paper) to Joseph Dolan referring to Dolan's subscription; the Library's membership; and the Library's moving (and the Catholic Social Guild) to new premises. Hogarth asks Dolan what book he would like.

23 Aug 1912

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/J/003/002

Two copies of a printed leaflet of the Catholic Social Guild Study Scheme, issued by the Catholic Social Guild Office, 4 Tavistock Square, London stating 'with a view to encourage the study of Social Science among Catholics, the Guild has organised a scheme whereby definite courses of study are mapped out, examiners appointed, and Passes, Certificates and Diplomas granted to those who gain a given percentage of marks.' It provides information on study subjects, preliminary courses, elementary courses, advanced courses, passes, certificates, diplomas, examiners, syllabuses, examinations, applications, book boxes, library, question box and debates.

Also printed booklet on the Catholic Social Guild Study Scheme by Reverend Thomas Wright, reprinted from The Catholic Times with an introduction by Henry Parkinson, President of the Catholic Social Guild. It details courses of study, personal advantages and public advantages. 12pp

1912 – 1913

Level: item

3 items

PP00118/J/003/003

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Postcard from Joseph Dolan, Ardee to [St Joseph's Lending Library, London] asking if he paid his subscription and enquiring about library opening, terms of membership and if it stocks the Catholic Charities Review, Catholic [...] America, the Catholic World, or [...] Catalogue.

26 Jun 1918

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/J/004

Handwritten letter from [Sister] M Imelda, Loreto Convent, Bray to Mr O'Dolan thanking him for his kindness and commenting 'your essay was magnificent. It was quite the best we got. My sister is delighted with it and so are the "Cumann na mBan" folk' (p1). She mentions that Sister O'Leary has asked if Dolan could do three other papers on Trim, Navan and Kells. She remarks that '[Maureen] is A1, very proud of her prize and of her dignity as head of the school' (p2).

20 Sep [1917 - 1920]

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/J/005

Complete roll of Saint Joseph's Young Priests for 1917-18 (Council only). Details year of adoption, name of student, college, age last birthday and branch. It includes thirty-four names and three names that are assisted.

1917 – 1918

Level: item

1 p

PP00118/J/006

Handwritten letter from FE O'Loughran, CC and PS Walsh, honorary secretaries, PP UU, Catholic Truth Society of Ireland, 24 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, to Joseph Dolan regarding the postage of two copies of 'Tara' to Dolan. They also inform Dolan that other books he ordered are out of print and refer to the 'existing paper shortage and high cost of labour'.

On reverse of letter is a note regarding Confirmation in Dundalk and Drogheda and a recommendation that the use of names of 'our own Irish saints as patron' be chosen and also for baptism.

15 May 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/J/007

Article entitled 'A Rally for Christian Democracy' by Joseph Husslein SJ (Society of Jesuits), reprinted by permission from "America" of 1st December 1917 in a Catholic Review of the week published by the America Press, 173 East 83rd Street, New York.

c.1918

Level: item

3pp

PP00118/J/008

Postcard depicting the High Altar, Church of St Alphonsus, St Alphonsus Road, Dublin sent to J Dolan, JP, Ardee from 'SA' regarding Easter Sunday Dundalk. The writer expresses thanks for Paschal remembrance and writes 'though this day does not contribute much to one's happiness yet the cheerful heart can make the dreariest day a paradise.'

No date

Level: item

1 item

**PP00118/K/
Nursing Associations
1917 – 1918
Level: sub-fonds
4 items**

PP00118/K/001

Three copies of a pamphlet of the Ardee and Castlebellingham District Nursing Association providing a statement of accounts for the year ending 1917; a list of subscriptions (including names, addresses and amounts subscribed); and names of the president, vice-president, secretaries and general committee. It also states the number of persons attended in year and number of visits paid by nurses to patients.

One copy is marked 'Mrs Callan, Dowdstown, Ardee' and another one is marked 'Mrs TW Filgate, Lisrenny, Ardee'; both of whom are subscribers. The Nursing Association was founded in January 1904.

1917

Level: item

3 items, 3pp

PP00118/K/002

Typescript letter on headed paper from [W] G Kelly, Secretary for Ireland, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, Irish Office, 63 Dawson Street, Dublin to Miss G Taaffe, Glenkieran, Ardee requesting 'if the cheque 10/- for Maternity Register, for which I sent receipt on May 11th has been cashed, as it is lost, and I am anxious to stop payment...'

02 Jul 1918

Level: item

1p

**PP00118/L/
Irish National Foresters
May 1918
Level: sub-fonds
3 items**

PP00118/L/001

Memorandum of Irish National Foresters' Benefit Society, 28 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin to Branch 556 seeking stamped cards for the period ended 31 December 1917 of the members of Branch 556 and any late cards for previous periods. Written on the memorandum is the comment 'the secretary takes no notice of letters sent from this Office'.

28 May 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/L/002

Two copies of a Judgment of the High Court of Justice issued by The Irish National Foresters, 28 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin to Branch Secretaries on the case of Moore versus The Irish National Foresters dealing with the question of the Courts jurisdiction in the settlement of disputes between members and Friendly Societies. The circular states 'whenever a solicitor writes to a Branch threatening proceedings, etc., he should be sent a copy of the report without any comment except a reference to arbitration'.

No date

Level: item

2 items, 1p

PP00118/M/

Dolan's drafts, notes and research

See also reverse of items PP00118/B/009, PP00118/B/011/001 - 011/002, PP00118/B/012, PP00118/B/033, PP00118/C/020, PP00118/G/003/004, PP00118/G/006, PP00118/H/017, PP00118/I/004 and PP00118/J/006
1901, 1910 – 1920

Level: sub-fonds

38 items

PP00118/M/001

Newspaper cutting of part of letter to the editor of the Freeman's Journal newspaper entitled 'A Poor Widow's Son' referring to her request to institutions such as the St Vincent de Paul to look after her son after school hours while she works. Back of cutting contains article referring to the Republic of San Marino and to King Edward VII's accession to the throne.

15 May 1901

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/M/002

Newspaper clipping referring to a parliamentary paper of the farms burnt in the Transvaal and Orange Free State (Boer War of 1899-1902) containing extracts of a letter preserved in Dublin Castle written on 5th June 1797 by Jack Giffard, 'the grandfather of the Earl of Halsbury, the present Lord Chancellor of England' about the "Ancient Britons" who 'burned a great number of houses' as did the Orange yeoman. Giffard describes an expedition to the Mourne mountains by the Ancient Britons in search of arms in the eighteenth century. He recounts a massacre of old men, women and children slain by the Britons who were 'at present quiet and incapable of resistance.'

[1901]

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/M/003

Handwritten notes concerning Joseph Dolan's thoughts on the Catholic Church. (1p)

On the reverse of document is a notice advertising Fruitfield Jams by Lamb Brothers, fruit growers and preservers, Richill.

1910

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/M/004

Hand-written draft note from Joseph T Dolan on 'Thomas Dolan family grocer' headed paper to Mr [Malone] enquiring about interest payment on shares. He states that it 'is now six months since interest on my shares in the Co(mpany) fell due and I have not been paid yet. It was not in expectation of such a way of payment that I took shares in the Co(mpany).'

30 Jun 1911

Level: item

1p

PP00118/M/005

Unfinished handwritten draft letter from Dolan on 'Thomas Dolan family grocer' headed paper to Mr Coleman stating 'I have an entry on 3rd April of a payment of £15.15.0 made me by you for [16lbs] Barley'. Dolan enquires if this is correct.

04 Jul 1912

Level: item

1p

PP00118/M/006

Handwritten draft letter in which Joseph Dolan states the position of the Irish Nationalists with regard to World War One and particularly not allying themselves with Britain after reading a writer's comment on the Bishop of Limerick's letter 'in which you say Irishmen are not fighting for an alien government but for their own government' (p1). He writes 'even in the Home Rule Act - which your Parliament passed to get our recruits but would not put in force - you deprive us of the economic liberty to foster our own industries by any adjustment of taxation...' (p2). He states ' Your reiteration of the brutal German atrocities in Belgium keep us reminded of the similar sufferings of our own people at your hands for centuries. We hear "desecrated temples of God" in every valley as eloquent as the pictures of Rheims Cathedral in flames' (p2). (2pp)

The reverse contains a typescript general letter from [...], Managing Director, Continental Tyre and Rubber Company (Great Britain) Ltd., Thurloe Place, South Kensington, London, England dated May 1913 to all customers highlighting the merit of Continental oversize tyres in which he claims 'it is a well known fact, proved after careful trial, that 10% added to the air capacity of any tyre increases its mileage by at least 25%. The larger tyre is better able to satisfactorily carry the heavy weights of cars fitted with Limousine bodies, or those used for high speeds, and they will give better traction than small ones thus making driving easier and safer in slippery places.'

May 1913, Ca 1915 - 1918

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/M/007

Newspaper cutting containing death notice of Mr Michael J Gill BA, head of the well-known publishing firm Messrs MH Gill and Son Ltd, Dublin who 'took an active, if unpretentious, part in the national, literary, and industrial life of Dublin for a number of years.'

Note: Michael J Gill may have been an acquaintance of Joseph Dolan as they attended Clongowes and University College Dublin around the same time.

[May 1913]

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/M/008

Draft speech or letter of a condemnation of the English government by Joseph Dolan in which he castigates them after 'hundreds of thousands of our countrymen...have offered their lives in your defence' for still exalting 'all you can get from us in taxation and blood while half of you still refudiate our claim to internal freedom'. It is written on the back of an advertisement of H & M Woods, Manufacturing Stationers and Printers, 40 High Street and Back Lane, Dublin.

[1915]

Level: item

1p

PP00118/M/009

Handwritten notes (difficult to read) regarding the Bulletin of the National Museum for 1915 (Volume IV Part II) and other subjects.

[1915 – 1916]

Level: item

5pp

PP00118/M/010

Handwritten notes containing calculations regarding food such as bread and wheat, oatmeal, potatoes and beef required daily and per year written on back of a blank donation form of the Irish Police and Constabulary Recognition Fund, Chamber of Commerce, Commercial Buildings, Dublin.

[1917]

Level: item

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2pp

PP00118/M/011

Draft notes entitled 'The Star' written by Dolan in relation to democracy in Ireland.

The reverse contains a typescript notice dated 18th January 1918 from The Drogheda Chemical Manure Company Limited, Drogheda to Mr T Dolan, Ardee (ie Joseph Dolan) confirming details of his order.

18 Jan 1918

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/M/012

Handwritten draft notes by Joseph Dolan referring to the history of events having more curiosity to people than present-day events; to the work of the Gaelic League, its branches and members in restoring the Irish language and preserving the native music, song and dance tradition and to the Irish Ireland Movement.

The reverse of this document contains a typescript circular letter from St J Whitty (Sophia St John Whitty), Secretary, The United Irishwomen, Lincoln Chambers, Lincoln Place, Dublin to Dolan regarding the holding of a cheese show to run in conjunction with the annual meeting on 17th April 1918. The letter requests support and explains how they propose to exhibit the classes of cheese.

26 Feb 1918

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/M/013

Handwritten notes on the ancestry of the Fitzgeralds written by Joseph Dolan. (1p)

On the reverse is a handwritten letter on detailed headed paper from AG Lalor, Lalor Limited, manufacturers of altar and all classes of church candles, 14 Lower Ormond Quay, Dublin to Joseph Dolan relating to a complaint of Dolan's customer about candles he had purchased from Lalor.

27 Feb 1918

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/M/014

Handwritten transcript of part of the translation (seems to be Dawson W Turner's translation) of Pindar's 'Olympian III' ode celebrating victory of Theron of Agrigento (Agrigento or Acragas) in chariot races BC476. Pindar (ca522-443) was an ancient Greek lyric poet from Thebes. (2pp)

Back of one document contains a typescript letter on headed paper from the Secretary, The Wexford Engineering Company Limited, Agricultural Implement Manufacturers, Star Iron Works, Wexford to Mr T Dolan, merchant, Ardee (Joseph Dolan) stating that they are sending him a credit note and entering a claim against the Railway. The back of the other document is a receipt issued to Thomas Dolan Ardee from the Irish Curled Hair Manufacturing Company, South Brown Street and Weaver's Square, Dublin dated 22nd April 1918.

16 Apr 1918 – 22 Apr 1918

Level: item

2 items

4pp

PP00118/M/015

Handwritten draft note from Joseph Dolan on Thomas Dolan family grocer headed paper to Pat requesting 'have you a boy that you would think of putting to the grocery business? If so I would like to see you and him if you would care.'

06 Jun 1918

Level: item

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1 item

PP00118/M/016

Two draft handwritten letters by Joseph Dolan on Thomas Dolan family grocer headed paper to an unspecified correspondent in which he criticises the English government's failure to provide Home Rule and their policy in Ireland.

In the second letter, he questions 'how long will the Christian & (and) horrible people in England allow their government to carry on murder, house burning & (and) burglary in Ireland in their country's name?' (p1). He describes atrocities committed by the Black and Tans in Ardee and asks 'How can you expect us to ever be reconciled to even Dominion status union with England after her present odious tyranny and brutality.' (1p, 2pp)
15 Jun 1918, [1920]

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/M/017

Handwritten notes regarding the teaching of Irish in schools and school-teachers fitting it into their time-table.

The reverse contains an acknowledgement of order of native spruce slating laths from Brooks, Thomas and Company Limited, builders' providers, 4 Sackville Place, Dublin to Mr Thomas Dolan, merchant, Ardee (Joseph Dolan).

20 Jun 1918

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/M/018

Handwritten calculations: possibly a list of items for order.

On back is an advertisement notice of Charles Tennant and Company Limited, 74 Royal Avenue, Belfast for spraying materials.

Jun 1918

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/M/019

Handwritten note by Joseph Dolan stating his objections to conscription in Ireland. It begins 'we protest against the application of the "National Service" Scheme to Ireland as we admit no obligation to the part as a nation in this war while our national rights are withheld...' Dolan is probably referring to the conscription crisis of 1918 when the UK tried to impose conscription on Ireland.

[1918]

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/M/020

Handwritten draft note concerning the 'injustice of the English government in the deportation of so many Irishmen without reason given or trial' and the 'anti-Irish malice and petty tyranny' policy they have adopted.

[1918]

Level: item

1p

PP00118/M/021

Refer to reverse of letters of item references PP00118/G/006, PP00118/H/017 and PP00118/J/006.

Reverse of letters contains handwritten notes requesting a respectful suggestion to parents and priests that when choosing names for children at baptism and confirmation to use the names of 'our own Irish saints'.

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[1918]

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/M/022

Handwritten draft signed by Flann (pseudonym of Joseph Dolan?) referring to the 'heavenly summer weather' and questioning where the young spend 'the glorious hours of the morning when the country is flooded with light and happiness...' The writer answers that they are in bed and questions 'where is the manliness and enjoyment of life that their predecessors had in simpler times...' (1p)

Reverse of document is a typescript letter from J Moran, Fallon Brothers Ltd, publishers and booksellers, The Schools House, 13 & 14 Dame Court, Dublin to Thomas Dolan, merchant, Ardee (Joseph Dolan) confirming the despatch of goods to Dolan.

21 Jun 1919

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/M/023

Handwritten draft letter containing thoughts on the War of Independence. Dolan questions if the wave of crime and destruction is allowed to go on. He states that the English government is 'the root and the direct cause of all this' and questions are the Irish people 'to look on helplessly in horror at such death and ruin being brought on their own countrymen and their own towns and homes, instead of taking measures to stop the little groups of conscienceless' (possibly a second page missing).

The reverse of the document is a typescript letter from Wenham Brothers and Company, Chartered Accountants, 37 Waterloo Street, Birmingham to Mr Thomas Dolan, Ardee (Joseph Dolan) regarding enclosure of claim and declaration forms in relation to NLCA as requested by Dolan. It notes that Carron Company's voucher has not been claimed by Dolan.

22 Sep 1919

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/M/024

Handwritten draft notes referring to Reverend Dr Flood's advocacy at the Catholic Truth Congress of the principle put forward by Pope Leo 'that the law should favour the diffusion of ownership among the many...' Dolan conveys the opinion that grass ranches should be divided into small farms and stresses the urgent need of public policy to promote Irish industry.

The reverse of document is a circular typescript letter from Browne and Nolan Limited, educational publishers, Dublin to retailers stating that owing to the stoppage of goods traffic they can post direct to the customers of retailers.

01 Oct 1919

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/M/025

Document containing draft notes on 'dates in old style computation'.

On back is part of an uncompleted application form of John Cooper & Sons (Beehive), Limited in relation to the issue of seven and a half per cent cumulative preference shares of £1 each.

[Ca 1919]

Level: item

2pp

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PP00118/M/026

Handwritten draft letter from Joseph Dolan, Ardee on Thomas Dolan family grocer headed paper, to an unnamed individual seeking payment of debts for the past three years. Dolan states that he has been receiving goods from him on credit since January 1917 and he has 'paid no attention to my frequent applications for payment'. He writes that he will not continue to supply him with goods at a loss and requests payment by cheque.

07 Sep 1920

Level: item

1p

PP00118/M/027

Draft handwritten letter from Joseph Dolan, treasurer, Ardee [Mercantile Company] on Thomas Dolan family grocer headed paper referring to a proposal whereby they have made a collection from Ardee householders of a voluntary rate at the same amount as that of the official rate and requesting a contribution to their fund. He explains that they 'cannot otherwise carry on our public town management – lighting or cleaning...'

08 Oct 1920

Level: item

1p

PP00118/M/028

Unfinished handwritten letter on headed paper of Thomas Dolan, family grocer, Ardee asking 'could a number of capitalist workmen in Dublin or elsewhere start the insurance of house property against civil commotion by the underwriting system.'

1920

Level: item

1p

PP00118/M/029

Part of torn postcard from [Joseph Dolan], Ardee stating that he has heard 'Cahill's are printing at their Drogheda Works some very objectionable works and pictures which may be harmful or shocking to the girls engaged at it'. [Dolan] suggests a protest may have some effect.

No date

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/M/030

Unfinished handwritten letter from Joseph Dolan stating that he asked Inspector Mr [Walker] about the status of those who work at intervals such as women and girls who work occasionally for neighbouring farmers.

No date

Level: item

1p

PP00118/M/031

Handwritten notes (difficult to read) referring to the starving, the with-holding of food, unemployment and [Catholic party].

Reverse of document contains a sketch map of Brazil North Eastern Railways illustrating the railway lines in operation, extension lines under construction and projected extensions. Also illustrates Great Western of Brazil Railways' lines in operation and projected extensions. It gives approximate population of some of the towns on the railway. In colour: contains red, black and blue ink. Drawn by Roberts and Leete Limited, lithographer, London.

No date

Level: item

1 pp

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PP00118/M/032

Document entitled 'deeds in possession of James Clarke, Riverstown'. Refers to the following:

- Lease, 08 Apr 1795 of Christian Hill (in Riverstown, Ardee townland) from Richard Hudson to Henry Rogers
- Probate of will of Henry Rogers, 19 May 1820
- Original conveyance, 21 Jan 1842, Samuel Eakins and others to Alexander Ritchie
- Mortgage, 23 May 1879, James Ritchie to Ulster Bank
- Conveyance, 07 Sep 1881, Ulster Bank
- Conveyance James Ritchie to John Halpenny of [...] Christian Hill
- Mortgage, 09 Dec 1884, John Halpenny to Hannah Byrne
- Conveyance, 19 Feb 1907 of Christian Hill, Hannah Byrne to James Clarke

No date

Level: item

1p

PP00118/M/033

Basic hand-drawn plan on tracing paper of part of Market Street, Ardee showing Church Yard and buildings numbered from 92 – 96 and 98 (possibly valuation number). Contains some handwritten notes.

No date

Level: item

1 item

PP00118/M/034

Handwritten notes regarding letters patent (difficult to read). Also a reference to Roden and dates in Dec 1819.

No date

Level: item

1p

PP00118/M/035

Handwritten notes regarding sites such as Mount Oriel and feet above sea level (difficult to read).

On back is the end of a letter from Maire Ní Aodaín writing about doing research and about doing something for the Society (Louth Archaeological Society).

No date

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/M/036

Handwritten notes (difficult to read) on back of 'Dundalk & Newry Steam Packet Company Limited' headed paper, referring to property, the clan system and the feudal system.

No date

Level: item

1p

PP00118/N/

Other correspondence and notes to Dolan

1911 – 1920

Level: sub-fonds

22 items

PP00118/N/001

Handwritten reply letter from [William De Salis] Filgate, Lissrenny, Ardee to Joseph Dolan expressing disappointment at the election result and explaining why he was not re-elected. He refers to the workhouse.

20 Jun 1911

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/N/002

Part of handwritten letter from unknown author, Gresham Hotel, Dublin to Joseph Dolan explaining that they just received Dolan's postcard as they were 'at Clongowes all day yesterday'. The writer refers to visiting Ardee and arranges a date for doing so.

16 Jul 1912

Level: item

1p

PP00118/N/003

Handwritten letter from Mrs M Dirrane, Courough, Kilronan, Aran Island, County Galway to Joseph Dolan in which she thanks him for his kind present at Christmas and details the sickness and death of her husband, Martin, on 27th September 1913: 'I knew you would be anxious to hear how it happened' (p6). She includes a description of her journey from Aran to Cork in an attempt to see her husband before he died and the return journey with his body and her feelings since then. She mentions Dolan's brother Seamus and asks that he prays for her husband and 'pray for me to bear my cross with patience' (p5).

13 Jan 1914

Level: item

6pp

PP00118/N/004

Indemnity given to Joseph Dolan signed by the sons and daughter of Mary Sands, Mapastown where they consent to her receiving all the cash and interest in Ulster Bank lodged by their late father and indemnify Joseph Dolan who signed in Ulster Bank for it against any claim that they could make against him.

07 Apr 1914

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/N/005

Handwritten letter from W(illiam) Tempest, Douglas Place, Dundalk to Joseph Dolan stating 'At last I got out Harry's (and your) Guide to Dundalk.' He describes Harry's training with the Army in England noting that he is based in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire and is in the Engineers. Tempest expresses his concerns over Home Rule and partition in Ireland writing '...the present proposed settlement will be the old remedy - "hung, drawn and quartered" politically. Give us Home Rule all or none. I know the North is the "headsman" but why cut our head off?' (p3).

04 Jul 1916

Level: item

3pp

PP00118/N/006

Receipt issued by Edward GL Ward to Joseph T Dolan, Ardee confirming receipt of £103-7-6 being 'apportionment account and costs' in the matter of Bellingham to Harmon and Harmon to Dolan.

25 Sep 1916

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Level: item

1 item

PP00118/N/007

Handwritten letter marked 'private & confidential' from Harry G Tempest, W Tempest, Dundalgan Press, Dundalk to Joseph Dolan, explaining that Reverend St John Seymour has sent him an enclosed MS which Seymour wants Tempest to take over and publish. Tempest shares that 'it seems to me a valuable collection of interesting & in some cases unpublished (in English) matter'...and 'that if it is to pay it will be by sales to Catholic readers mainly & that I should have to make sure that there was nothing in it which would offend them.' Tempest asks Dolan to have a read of it and to give him his opinion on it.

08 Apr 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/N/008

Handwritten letter from C McCarthy, 13 Castle Road, Dundalk regarding some items that require further explanation in books he received for analysis to assist him in making a correct transfer (names of books are not included but appears to relate to wages on a farm).

15 May 1918

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/N/009

Typescript reply letter from [AC Thompson], General Manager, Prudential Assurance Company Limited, Holburn Bars, London to WJT Dolan, Ardee regarding the policy of WJ Mooney and seeking the assignment which was executed on 11th January 1912 in favour of the Hibernian Bank Limited, its release and the assignment of 26th April 1916 to Dolan. (1p)

PP00118/002/030 (3) Attached is a draft postcard (headed with Thomas Dolan family grocer) from Joseph Dolan to F O'Reilly, esquire, St Mary's Road, Dundalk regarding the insurance of WJ Mooney Dundalk. Dolan writes that he seeking to find mortgage and [assignments] in the policy which he has mislaid and that he has enclosed the premium due. He explains that he 'delayed to pay in expectation of having the [insurance] completed in May.'

24 May 1918 - 19 Jun 1918

Level: item

2 items

PP00118/N/010

Receipt of payment from the Ruxton Arms Hotel, Ardee and general posting establishment, James Campbell, proprietor to Joseph Dolan for car to Drogheda.

26 May 1918 – 09 Jun 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/N/011

Circular letter from Joseph McGrath, honorary secretary of The Clongowes Union, 11 Clyde Road, Dublin giving notice of location and date of their Annual General Meeting. Also includes agenda.

27 May 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/N/012

Receipt of payment from Thompson's Motor Car Company Limited, 19-20 Great Brunswick Street, Dublin to Mr Thomas Dolan, Ardee (Joseph Dolan) in respect of a cheque for £10.

13 Jun 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/N/013

Postcard from P Semple, University College, Dublin to Joseph Dolan providing an explanation for images in the Eclogues passage (8.80), the second Idyll of Theocritus (2.28), the Satire of Horace (l.8), Ovid Heroides, IV 91.92, and Fasti V. Semple concludes 'I believe this sort of "sympathetic magic" was very widely spread, and that the folklore of most European countries will be found to give instances of it.'

17 Jun 1918

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/N/014

Typescript circular letter from JW Bacon, secretary, University College Dublin, 86 St Stephen's Green, Dublin giving notice of a special meeting of the Governing Body to discuss draft statute VI which provides for changes in salaries and for the establishment of a Professorship of Agriculture; and to discuss seeking powers for a postponement of the next election of the Governing Body due to arise in January 1919.

22 Jun 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/N/015

Receipt of payment from Susan Lynch, Louth in respect of a sum received for catering from Joseph Dolan.

03 Jul 1918

Level: item

1p

PP00118/N/016

Handwritten calculations and notes on the 'Deeds of Farm of Con Maguire [and] Bernard Maguire [now of Mrs Walsh's Dundalk]'. It refers to the deeds being given to Dolan on account for signing a [bill] with him at Ulster Bank Ardee which he is to pay off at £20 a year. It notes 'deeds received from him (Bernard Maguire) April 1st 1909'. Con Maguire has signed 'received these deeds from Joseph Dolan this day 12 July 1919'.

Reverse of document is an acknowledgment of receipt of order dated 29th March 1909 from GC Dobell & Co, 20 Chapel Street, Liverpool to Thomas Dolan, Ardee (ie Joseph Dolan) for a supply of Kainit and Muriate Potash.

Cross-reference item PP00118/G/002 regarding Maguire.

(29 Mar 1909), 12 Jul 1919

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/N/017

Handwritten letter from TJ Gallagher, The Courthouse, Dundalk to Joseph Dolan referring to the enclosed results of the oats variety test performed at Mr O'Hanlon's, Paughanstown. Gallagher explains the effect of electrification in the test; notes that the results should not be made public; and discusses the result of the test. Results are included in letter.

23 Oct 1919

Level: item

3pp

PP00118/N/018

Handwritten letter from Thomas J Reilly, Channonrock, Ardee to Joseph Dolan referring to enclosure of £80: £30 of which is for interest and £50 is paid off the bill reducing it to £1000.

[Ca 1919]

Level: item

1p

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PP00118/N/019

Handwritten letter from E McDonnell, Ballydavid, Dingle, County Kerry to Joseph Dolan. McDonnell talks about Champion potatoes and enquires about their price; enquires about Dolan's brother Fr James and if he is still at Collon; and describes the presence of British soldiers in the locality: 'So far the soldiers are not in the least troublesome, they like the place very well but are never left longer than ten days or a fortnight. Probably their authorities fear they may become Sinn Feiners if they stayed for any time; they have some Military Police in Dingle. They are called the "Black and Tans" and are a terror. They ransack the houses...' (p1). He details the shooting of a local man named Kennedy of 'Anniscaul' (Annascaul, Dingle); refers to the Black and Tans visiting Ballyferriter; to Dr Mannix (Irish-born Australian Catholic bishop); to transport in the locality; and to the O'Rahilly family purchasing a local site.

27 Aug 1920

Level: item

2pp

PP00118/N/020

Handwritten letter from Thomas J Fullerton, solicitor, O'Hare & O'Hagan & Fullerton, 3 Francis Street, Dundalk advising that he never got to Port-na-Blagh and is likely to remain where he is as he is busy. He writes that he will advise by letter if he can call out to visit.

No date

Level: item

1p

PP00118/N/021

Notes [by Harry G Tempest?] regarding the translation and source of an un-named publication. Mentions that chapter VIII is an account of a famine pilgrim's visit 'which is now translated from Italian for the first time.' Suggestions are given on shortening the publication.

No date

Level: item

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Material of Local Interest

1861, 1879, 1915, 1928, 1930, 1935, 1957

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7 items

PP00118/O/001

Handwritten letter from Thomas James [Forster] to the Committee of Management of the Ardee Dispensary giving his experience of the vaccination stations that they set up at Blakestown and [Streamstown]. He states that they have 'turned out a failure' and refers to the enclosed (not available) list of vaccinations. [Forster] provides some possibilities for their failure and concludes that the people 'are sufficiently sensible of the benefits to be derived from the vaccination' (p2) and that being in a tillage district the people will attend a station at Reaghstown or Ardee at the time that suits them.

26 Nov 1861

Level: item

4pp

PP00118/O/002

Handwritten letter from AM [Tull...], House of Commons to JT [Eakins?] asking him to inform his Board that he 'had much pleasure in complying with their requests'. Contains embossed stamp of House of Commons.

28 Apr 1879

Level: item

1p

PP00118/O/003

A group of three items that were donated in accession P/00233:

(1) Handwritten letter from Joseph Dolan on 'Thomas Dolan family grocer' headed paper, [regarding queries on an article]. In Irish language. 14 [August] 1928, 2pp

(2) Handwritten reference from Joseph Dolan on 'Thomas Dolan family grocer' headed paper regarding Thomas MacCaffrey who worked with Dolan as a book-keeper. 08 Jul 1915, 1p

(3) Memorial card of Joseph T Dolan, who died 23 January 1930. 1930, 1 item

1915, 1928, 1930

Level: item

3 items

PP00118/O/004

Report of the Directors and balance sheet to 31st August 1935 of PJ Carroll & Company Limited, Tobacco Factory, 38 Church Street, Dundalk

21 Oct 1935

Level: item

3pp

PP00118/O/005

Handwritten letter from Edward [Conn...en], Smarmore to unknown recipient referring to P[adraig] Faulkner, Louth County Council, a person called Sé[.y] and a 'matter which has been a great worry & (and) distress to me'.

Note: This item does not appear to be part of this collection.

23 Sep 1957

Level: item

1p