

Monksland female national school, Cooley, 1865 – 1936

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Title: Monksland female national school, Cooley

Dates: 1865 – 1936

Level of Description: Fonds

Extent: 9 bound volumes, 3 loose items

Name of Creator: Monksland female national school, Cooley

Admin/Biographical History: Monksland female national school, Cooley was originally located at Grange Cross and attended by female pupils and to a much lesser extent, younger male and infant male pupils. The pupils were largely Roman Catholic. Townlands where pupils resided included Monksland, Bush, Willville, Rath, Rath Lower, Top Rath, Ballynamoney, Ardtullymore, Crossalaney, Grange, Whitestown, Templetown, Muckla, Irish Grange, Millgrange, Commons, South Commons, Lemoneigh, Rooskey, Ardtullybeg, Gaultrimland, Secrin, Piedmont, Killeen, Earls Quarter, Riverstown, Ballaverty, Mullahatina (from the Irish Mullach Aitinne, today Mullaghatten), and Marnathraga (father of these pupils were seamen). The school was built from local subscription funds in 1841 and closed in 1960.

According to the report books, the site that it occupied was 22 perches in size, and the internal dimensions of the schoolroom was 34 feet in length and 18 feet in breadth and 8 feet 3 inches high; while the external dimensions of the house was 38 feet in length, 22 feet in breadth and 8 feet 7 inches to the eave course. There were 8 desks and forms. It was vested in local trustees and there was no recognised school committee and no free residence for the teacher. The roll number for the school was 2792. The school closed in 1960, and the building was demolished in 1968. It was replaced by a new school in late 1960 located approximately half a mile away.

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Archival History:	This collection was donated to Louth County Archives Service in late 2020.
Scope and Content:	This collection comprises six roll books, one observation book, one register, and one daily report book with two loose pages from other report books.
Subject index:	Education; Family History; Local History; Monksland national school, Cooley; National Schools; School Records
Appraisal & Destruction:	Retain permanently
Accruals:	Further accruals may be expected.
System of Arrangement:	The collection is arranged chronologically and by record type.
Conditions of Access:	Access is by appointment and books under 100 years old are subject to restricted access
Conditions Governing	
Reproduction:	Copying is subject to copyright and physical condition.
Language/Script of Material:	English, Irish
Physical Characteristics:	Bound volumes. Fair – good condition. Conservation was carried out on the collection in 2025.
Technical Requirements:	Careful handling required
Finding Aids:	Descriptive list can be found on on-line catalogue available at http://www.louthcoco.ie
Existence & Location of Originals:	Louth County Archives Service

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Summary of Arrangement

Fonds: SCH013/ - Monksland national school, Cooley, 1865 – 1936, 11 items

Item: SCH013/OBS1 – Observation book, 1865 – 1927, 1 item

Item: SCH013/REG1 – Register, 1873 – 1920, 1 item

Series: SCH013/RB/ - Roll books, 1907 – 1936, 6 items

Series: SCH013/REP/ – Daily report books, 1926 – 1934, 3 items

Descriptive List

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SCH013/OBS1

District Inspector's observation book for Monksland National School. Details on the school staff are included at the front of the book: names, position, religious denomination, if married, date of appointment to school and under Board, age when appointed to school, when and where trained, class or grade, date of receiving diploma, agreement number and when executed, date of leaving, names of monitors and pupil teachers, religious denomination, age on appointment, and date of appointment and leaving. Examination reports in the book give details on the names of teachers, class, date of appointment, quantity of monitors, and comments on proficiency of classes as to reading, spelling, and explanation with suggestions are provided.

1865 – 1927

94pp

SCH013/REG1

Register of Monksland national school, Cooley. The register provides details on date of entrance, register number, pupils' names, date of birth, religious denomination, name and address of parents, occupation of parents, name and county of last national school at which pupil attended and standard in which examined, month and year of annual examination, number of attendances made in previous school year, standard in which examined, date of admission to that standard, dates of striking off, date of re-admission, results of examination, and teacher's opinion. The register contains an index.

1873 – 1921

Note: Volume rebound; incorrect year placed on cover (1875 instead of 1873)

192pp + 10pp index

SCH013/REP/1

1 loose page containing school details from the front of a daily report book. No date is provided.

[1900 - 1916]

1p

SCH013/REP/2

1 loose page containing school details from the front of a daily report book. No date is provided.

[1916 - 1926]

1p

SCH013/REP/3

Daily Report Book. It provides details of dates, class, number of pupils on class roll, number present and a summary for the month. Summary of attendance is also included.

Jul 1926 – Sep 1934

112pp

SCH013/RB/

Series of roll books of Monksland national school, Cooley. Roll books detail date pupils commenced school, date of birth, pupil's number, pupil's name, pupil's address, religion, and quarterly attendance figures. Includes female pupils and to a much lesser extent, younger male and infant male pupils. Books are in English and Irish languages. Books under 100 years old are subject to restricted access.

01) Apr 1907 – Jan 1912

02) Apr 1912 – Apr 1917 (Jul 1917)

03) Jan 1917 – Apr 1922 (Oct 1922)

04) Jul 1922 – Jan 1927 (ten loose pages of 1922 are stored with SCH013/REP1/, 2)

05) Apr 1927 – Apr 1930

06) Jul 1930 – Apr 1936

SCH013/RB/A

One page of a roll for cookery and laundry, giving names of girls in attendance for the subject.

[1920s]

1p

Note: Stored in same folder as SCH013/REP1/1, 2