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A. MacNeill, Academic and Scholar

(i) Professorship of Irish History U.C.D.

a Examinations 1914 - 41

- 1** 1914 **Draft Examination papers.**
 Manuscript copies of draft Irish history examination papers for B.A. degree and Second Year Arts. Also included is notification of the appointment of Dr Edmund Curtis as external examiner for 1941, and a letter from Mary Hayden, [staff member, Irish History Department, U.C.D.] concerning theses presented for [travelling?] studentships.

15pp

4 manuscript letters in Irish and English from M. Franklin Office of National Education, Marlborough Street, Dublin, reminding MacNeill to submit examination papers for the training colleges examination in Irish history. Also included a form for receipt of the papers to be completed by MacNeill.

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| 2 | 2 May 1936 | 1p |
| 3 | 19 May 1936 | 2pp |
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b Letters from students 1922 - 39

- 6** 20 October 1922- Letters of application for M.A. places, for the renewal or extension of studentships, and queries on aspects of courses. Includes applications from graduates outlining their qualifications, area of study and occasionally a proposed title of a thesis. Applicants include Patrick J. Walsh, Br William F. O'Sullivan, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. David Barry, Public Library, Pearse Street, Dublin, and Muiris Ó Droighneáin, U.C.C.

11 items

- 7** 28 February 1933 Manuscript letter from Thomas C. Lee, St Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, enquiring as to the time of lectures in Irish genealogy.

1p

- 8** 16 April 1939 Manuscript letter from Michael J. O'Connor concerning the possibility of creating a degree out of his survey of the bed of the lake under the proposed Liffey hydro electric scheme. Asks MacNeill to furnish him with section copies of maps of the district and to arrange with Dr MacAllister suitable headings under which the survey could be conducted.

2pp**c Letters from staff**

- 9** 15 March 1923 Manuscript letter from A.J. O'Connell [clerical staff officer, U.C.D.] setting out the dates from which MacNeill's salary ceased in 1916, the date that it was recommenced in 1918, the date of an increase in salary in 1919 and the date from which his salary ceased during the session 1922-23.

2pp

- 10** 25 September 1941 Typescript letter from A.W. Conway, President, U.C.D. notifying MacNeill that he has been appointed Acting Professor of Early (including Medieval) Irish History in the event of the position not being filled by 31 December 1941.

1p

d Meetings 1938 - 41

- 11** 11 June 1938 Copy of the report of proceedings of a meeting of the Academic Council U.C.G. concerned with the selection of a candidate for the position of Professorship of Old and Middle Celtic Philology.

2pp

- 12** 23 July 1941 Manuscript draft and copy of a typescript report of an informal meeting of members of the Celtic Faculty (15 May 1941) convened to discuss a proposed experimental course of instructions in Irish literature and history. This report was compiled by John J. Nolan, Registrar, U.C.D. The meeting discussed the arrangement and organisation which the proposed course should take. MacNeill was appointed to act as course director.

5pp

e U.C.D. Statutes, 1939

- 13** 1939 Printed draft of Statute XXVI, Irish Universities Act 1908, and University Education (Agriculture and Dairy Science) Act 1926. This copy of the draft Statute is annotated [by MacNeill] with words and letters [with seeming phonetic symbols] on both back and front covers.

4pp

(ii) N.U.I. - Correspondence with staff, 1913 - 43

- 14** 30 May 1913 Manuscript draft letter from MacNeill to Dr Coffey, President U.C.D. outlining his opinions on the proposal to confer honorary degrees. MacNeill's letter is in response to the circulation of counsel's opinion on the matter. The writer wishes to add further conditions for the conferring of honorary degrees to those expressed by counsel.
- 3pp**
- 15** 1 October 1939 Draft typescript letter from MacNeill to Dr Coffey, President U.C.D. in reference to the appointment of a new College Secretary. MacNeill believes that a U.C.D. graduate with 'a good knowledge of Irish' should be appointed. He also discusses the possibility of separating the office of Bursar from that of Secretary, and that the existing Secretary should have increased rank and salary (letter incomplete)
- 1p**
- 16** 2 April 1928- File of letters from staff and colleagues. Topics discussed include arrangements for lecture series; proposals for the conferring of honorary degrees by the N.U.I.; draft regulations for a scheme of visiting professors from the U.S.; the submission of students work for marking; as well as covering letters forwarding papers and articles. Correspondents include Felix Hackett, Science Faculty, U.C.D., J.J. Hogan, School of English Literature U.C.D., Alex A. McCarthy, U.C.C., P.J. Merriman, President, U.C.C., James Hogan, Librarian, U.C.C., L. Lloyd Jones, Clontarf, Dublin. Also included are seven manuscript letters from Dr Coffey, President U.C.D. about employing lecturers in the Irish History Department and arranging meetings.
- 17 items**

- 17** 22 March 1937 Typescript letter from Dr Coffey, President, U.C.D., informing MacNeill that he has spoken of the proposed library project with President de Valera. Coffey spoke of its advantages to the promotion of Irish culture to the President, who 'with the promptness of a statesman' took note of the subject in his notebook. The letter also touches on a proposal to confer an honorary degree on Dr Bishop, and arranging a time for a lecture by Dr Stith Thompson, on a lecture tour from the U.S.

3pp

- 18** 3 August 1937 Typescript covering letter from P.J. Costello, on N.U.I. notepaper but from 29 Sandymount Road, Dublin, enclosing a list of foreign universities whose student population is 'about or under the 1,000 mark'; for some British, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand Universities the numbers are subdivided into the number of male, female, full time, part time or graduate students. For some continental Universities i.e. The University of Ghent in Austria, Giessen in Germany, Dijon in France, Groningen in The Netherlands, Fribourg in Switzerland and Geneva, the writer gives the total number of students without defining sex or status.

2pp

- 19** 29 October 1941 Manuscript letter from A.W. Conway, President, U.C.D., officially inviting MacNeill, his wife, family and friends to the presentation to MacNeill of his portrait in Newman House, St Stephen's Green, Dublin.

1p

- 20** not dated Typescript copy private memorandum from Alfred O'Rahilly, Registrar U.C.C., concerning the appointment of Professor Hardebeck to the Cork Corporation Chair of Irish Music at U.C.C. He opens by saying that although there has been a University Chair of Music at U.C.C. for almost sixteen years it has produced only one graduate, continuing by saying that Hardebeck has been the victim of a political campaign waged against his candidacy, enumerating eight points why he should be elected. Concluding by saying that if Hardebeck is not elected no one else will be; he fears for the college's position if that occurs.

1p

(iii) Letters relating to Irish and Celtic Languages 1897 - 1938

- 21** 28 December 1987 Manuscript letter from J. Strachan, Bowden House, Marple, Cheshire, England. Strachan speaks of the various technicalities of the Irish language and grammatical problems encountered by readers. He also outlines the problems that he has while using the subjunctive case, the possibility of starting a study of different dialects of modern Irish language before officially-trained teachers 'corrupt the purity of the tongue'; for this to be achieved a simple phonetic alphabet should be compiled; the writer suggests the university in Maynooth as a starting point for this study. Concludes by expressing disappointment at the R.I.A. reproduction of *The Yellow Book*

2pp

- 22** 2 November 1899 Manuscript letter from Peter O'Leary [An tAthair Peadar Ua Laoghaire], Castlelyons, Co. Cork. O'Leary writes about the individual's right to their own form of spelling, accusing MacNeill of imposing uniformity on those who believe that Irish should be written as it is spoken. He fears that the rules that MacNeill is imposing will alienate native speakers, and believes that persistent usage is the yardstick for judging how a word ought to be spelled. He refers to MacNeill's view of *Séadna*, O'Leary's novel. 'You say I am exaggerating the effect of *Séadna* upon the present writers of Irish. You say people flatter me to my face. No person has ever told me that *Séadna* did the good I claim for it'. O'Leary praises the work of present Irish poets but calls their prose work 'high falutin'. Concluding on the note that the Irish language movement has gained much momentum and strength, and that this difference of opinion should not weaken it.

8pp

- 23** 15 November 1937 Manuscript covering letter and draft memorandum from Nils M. Holmer, Campbeltown, Kintyre, of a 'Table of the Essential Features of a Dialect'. The memorandum outlines the divergence in structure between different dialects, problems that this causes which could be rectified, according to the writer, by the use of a uniform phonetic script and the production of a list of the most interesting words common to all dialects. The memorandum points out the method by which the sounds of a dialect are studied with regard to their occurrence in other dialects. The second part of the memorandum deals with accent.

9pp

- 24** 19 January 1938 Manuscript letter from Professor Carl J.S. Marstrander Norsk Tidsskrift for Sprogvidenskap, Oslo. This letter deals with the relationship between old Norse and Old Irish words and their meaning.

2pp

- 25** 28 April 1938 Manuscript letter from Timothy Lewis, University College Aberystwyth, Wales. Lewis writes on the meaning of the Irish word 'bolg' explaining it's meaning in old Welsh and referring to possible Irish derivations for the word.
- 2pp**

(iv) Letters from historians, writers, librarians and others interested in Irish and Celtic culture and music, 1911 - 43

- 26** 5 March 1911- Manuscript and typescript
4 January 1929 letters from A.[lice] S.[topford]
Green, 36 Grosvenor Road,
Westminster and 90 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. The letters are various in content, principally reflecting Green's interest in Irish history, i.e. the eight century laws, the papers of Professor [Sir Paul] Vinogradoff of Oxford, and the publication of an article by MacNeill in *Eirú*. Also contained in the file are two draft speeches to be made at the presentation of the library of J. R. Green [her late husband] to U.C.D. and an invitation to A.S. Green's D.Litt conferring ceremony. One letter (25 November 1925, 1p) refers to her being in the Dáil on the previous day when MacNeill resigned from the Executive Council on the Boundary question.
'I felt the deep impression of your clear and determined mind, your fidelity to your own country and your well-known selflessness'.
- 1p**

- 27** 17 January 1924- Seven manuscript letters from
20 May 1939 Robin Flower, Department of
Manuscripts, British Museum.
These letters relate to information about the reproduction of holdings in the British Museum, Flower's personal interest in Ireland, it's history and literature, and his desire to visit Ireland. 'I must explore it with my boy one of these days' (5 May 1938, 2pp). Much emphasis is placed on Flower's interest in Irish poetry on which he will lecture while visiting the U.S.A. He also speaks of the possible production of an accessible dictionary.
- 12pp**

- 19 November 1925 2 manuscript covering letters and typescript memo from Herbert Hughes, Chelsea, London.
- 28** **1p**
- 29** **1p**
- 30** Typescript memo on the preservation of Irish Music, and the abolition of outside influences.
7pp
- 31** 3 July 1929 Typescript letter from R. Ceannt, Irish Land Commission Purchase Branch, and a former Keeper of Records in the Land Commission, informing him of a list that he has compiled of some important documents held by the Commission. He also says that Mr Hely is now Keeper of Records, and should any problems arise to consult Commissioner O'Shiel.
1p
- 2 typescript letters from Aubrey Gwynn, University Hall, Dublin.
- 32** 16 May 1928 The use of Greek and Roman characters on Gaulish coins.
2pp
- 33** 15 November 1932 The credentials of Fr Eric Fair to advise on all matters concerning Vatican MSS.
1p

- 2 Handwritten letters from Edward J. Gwynn, Provost, T.C.D.
- 34** 22 June 1928 The justification of crediting Aed of Slebte with the authorship of the Génair Pátraic hymn.
2pp
- 35** 14 September 1935 Gwynn's first draft for the introduction to the L.[eabhar] Ardm.[acha, Book of Armagh] facsimile.
1p
- 6 manuscript and typescript letters from Dr John A. Musgrave, County Medical Officer of Health, Dundalk, Co. Louth. Musgrave expands on his ideas on the theory of racial vulnerability and a current controversy concerning the alleged susceptibility of Celts to tuberculosis.
- 36** 8 August 1933 **1p**
- 37** 12 August 1933 **2pp**
- 38** 16 August 1933 **5 items**
- 39** 25 October 1933 **1p**
- 40** 4 November 1933 **1p**
- 41** 16 November 1933 **2pp**

4 typescript letters from J.G. O'Keefe, 1 Dynevor Road, Richmond, Surrey, England.

O'Keefe is working on the history of Irish settlements in Scotland, c.400 - c.1000, speaks on what form the study should take, the subject itself, and the problems that he has encountered.

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| 42 | 12 September 1933 | 2pp |
| 43 | 27 October 1933 | 4pp |
| 44 | 25 November 1933 | 4pp |
| 45 | 18 April 1934 | 2pp |
| 46 | 23 June 1934 | <p>Manuscript postcard from A.G. Van Hamel, 19 Prins Hendriklaan, Utrecht. The writer explains his views on mythology and genealogy 'It gives me not a little pleasure to see that you, approaching the Partholon problem from a starting-point altogether different from mine, also arrived at the conclusion that Partholon is not a mere learned construction but is rooted in a tradition as to the earliest population'.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2pp</p> |
| 47 | 20 March 1934 | <p>Typescript letter from Philip P. Graves, 5 Hereford Square, London. The writer is studying the Barbarian invasion, c.300 - 400 A.D., and discusses his views on the Pict-Irish invasion of Roman Britain, drawing his evidence from literary sources.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3pp</p> |

- 48** 22 March 1935 Manuscript letter from H.E.Q. Rope, Kidderminster.
Rope congratulates MacNeill on his book *Early Irish Laws and Constitution*. He speaks of the book as dealing a 'mighty blow' to empire worship and state worship and size worship; he cannot understand Belloc and his admiration for the Roman Empire and Hellenic culture. Concludes on the hope that MacNeill can spend more time on scholarship than affairs of State.
- 2pp**
- 4 manuscript letters from T.W. Kendrick, Department of British and Medieval Antiquities, British Museum, London, concerning the history and authenticity, of St. Mauchins Shrine. Letters also discuss cleaning of the Shrine and bringing it to Dublin for exhibition.
- 49** 29 October 1935 **2pp**
- 50** 5 November 1935 **1p**
- 51** 18 November 1935 **1p**
- 52** 25 November 1935 **2pp**
- 53** 21 February 1937 Manuscript letter from Arthur C.L. Brown, 625 Colfax Street, Evanston, Ill., U.S.A., discussing the possibility of the misrepresentation of the name Arthur in the R3 MS of *Leabhar Gabhála*
- 2pp**
- 54** 9 June 1937 Typescript letter from Kathleen Mulchrone, 57 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin. This letter is in reply to MacNeill's query as to the existence of an independent version of the Argonauts legend in Irish which she believes does not exist.
- 1p**

- 55** 22 December 1937 Manuscript covering letter from Professor Carl J.S. Marstrander, Norsk Tidsskrift for Sprogvidenskap, Oslo, enclosing a copy of his journal containing his article on *Treen and Kerill*.
1p
- 56** 11 May 1938 Typescript letter from Ivan Francis Sweeney, Attorney at Law, Clarendon Hills, Illinois, U.S.A. outlining his ideas on G. Hayes-McCoy's book *Scots mercenary forces in Ireland*. Sweeney aims to disprove Hayes McCoy's belief that the MacDonald's and the MacSweeneys are other than of Irish decent.
3pp
- 57** 7 June 1938 Typescript letter from John Davies, Garthgarmon Heath Park Ave., Cardiff, Wales. Davies expands his ideas on imperialism, he does not admire Imperial Rome as his English neighbours do, saying that the English admire conquerors - Romans, Normans and Saxons; that Celts survived attacks from all those conquerors, and yet the Celts are not noted for this survival. The writer describes Welsh Nonconformist meetings where the elders relate their experiences not with the idea of teaching 'but in order to possess that common feeling of comradeship that is engendered by sharing our difficulties.....' Davies also compliments MacNeill on his work for Irish history.
3pp
- 58** 10 June 1938 Manuscript letter from Paul Walsh, Multyfarnham, Co. Westmeath emphasising that his remarks on the *Leabar Gabhála* in his article were not borrowed from Dr McAllister. He speaks of the changes in ownership of the lands of 'Lecan mc fferbisse' quoting from *The Books of Survey and Distribution* relating to Co. Sligo.
2pp

- 59** 23 December 1941 Manuscript letter from Harold J. Leask, National Monuments Section, Office of Public Works, Hume Street, Dublin answering a query by MacNeill on the river Shannon navigation scheme, directing him to a reference in the N.L.I. **1p**
- 3 letters from Dr Richard Hayes, Director, National Library of Ireland.
- 60** 20 June 1942 Hayes writes about the problem of raising money for financing the purchase of the Ormond Deeds and the danger of Lord Ossory selling the collection piecemeal. **2pp**
- 61** 3 March 1943 Typescript copy of a letter from Hayes to the Secretary, Department of Education, sent to MacNeill for his Information.
In accordance with instructions given by the Department of the Taoiseach, the N.L.I. has assumed responsibility for the functions and records of the Office of Arms. The Director examines transitional and long-term arrangements for the integration of the Office into the Library structure. **2pp**
- 62** 3 April 1943 He encloses a copy of *Studies* with a contribution by him on the siege of Rouen. He speculates on the naming of the MacMorris character in Shakespeare's *Henry V*. **2pp**
- 63** not dated Manuscript letter from C.E. Stevans, 42 Seafield Tce., Camden Hill, London on the dating of a Calpurnius inscription and the progress of his paper *Ireland and North West Britain*. **1p**

- 66** contd. Ireland attributed to Ptolemy; and A.H. Walker, Historian, Guillermo Herries League for the extension of Celtic, Gaelic and Irish Culture, Chicago.

11 items

- 67** 4 April 1929- Manuscript and typescript
24 February 1938 queries in English, Irish and French, all of an historical nature, from Denmark, Australia, Scotland, Norway, England, Canada, France, Belgium and Ireland. The queries encompass such questions as was there a Pope before St Patrick? Who was St Brendan? Did St Patrick's auxiliaries exist in Kildare? Did St Patrick pass through certain counties? What was the position of the Irish language in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries? The origin of round towers in Ireland. Are there many pictish forts in Ireland? What are the most recent advances made in the studies of Irish Law?.

20 items

- 68** 20 November 1929 Typescript and manuscript
15 April 1938 queries mainly from academics on historical questions. Writers request MacNeill's views on villeinage tenure in Ireland, correct Irish names and spellings, the equation of the Fir Bolg with the Welch Burlch. Writers include Timothy Lewis University College, Aberystwyth, Wales. Fr M. O'Maolain, Fahan, Co. Donegal. William J. Maguire, Raul Vachias, Consulado Dos Estados Unidos Do Brasil.

5 items

- 69** 29 July 1930 Manuscript letter from Isaac Hertzog M.A. D.Litt. Chief Rabbi of Ireland, 33 Bloomfield Avenue, Dublin, to Prof. John M. O'Sullivan, Minister for Education, and forwarded to MacNeill by the Minister's Private Secretary. The writer is studying comparisons between jurisprudence in different cultures, chiefly Jewish, Roman and English, and wishes to learn what remains of ancient Irish law.

2pp

2 typescript letters from Karl Treimer, Brünn, Czechoslovakia, to Professor John M. O'Sullivan, Minister for Education, and forwarded to MacNeill by the Minister's Private Secretary. The letter of 9 September is in German, the later letter of 14 October is a literal translation, and the letter of 27 October forwards the two to MacNeill.

Treimer requests the answers to the queries on which day was the Battle of Clontarf in 1014? What Irish Chronicle is written about this battle and where is it published? The final query asks the Irish equivalent for the Icelandic name of the son of Gormflaith and Oalf Kuaran.

70	9 September 1930	2pp
71	14 October 1930	2pp
72	27 October 1930	1p

2 manuscript letters from C.B. Moffat, 21 Lower Baggot St., Dublin enquiring if there is any reference to wild cats in ancient and old Irish literary sources.

73	23 October 1936	3pp
74	27 November 1936	2pp

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6 November 1900 Manuscript letters from
 22 June 1901 Michael D. O'Hickey, Professor
 of Irish, St Patrick's

College, Maynooth, relating to the promotion of the Irish language and bilingualism generally; but specifically to informing the views of Most Rev. William Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin and a member of both the National Board of Education in Ireland and the Intermediate Education Board for Ireland, in promoting the cause of the language and its place in the education programme; and the formulation of the Gaelic League's own language policy.

'The Archbishop has been fighting like a trooper. Working upon data which I supplied to him (he writes me almost every day upon some point), he has succeeded in getting Starkie [Commissioner of National Education] and the Chief Baron [Right Hon. Christopher Palles] completely over to his views ... at all events things have taken a more favourable turn in spite of what (strictly *entre nous*) his Grace calls "the Jesuit-Trinity combination" ' (27 April 1901).

'The progress of the movement, the extension of Irish teaching in the schools & its almost daily growth, the publication of the Intermediate pamphlets [by the Gaelic League?], in fact the trend of things generally, have driven these people to simple desperation & rage; & they are determined, even though they should perish in the attempt, to make a last frantic effort to snuff out the movement & the teaching of Irish in all Irish schools, if at all possible ... There is no possible chance of an elected or popular Board from the present or from any English government; so there is no use fighting on those lines' (12 May 1901).

'Dr Hyde's letter in this morning's papers is splendid. It will make the Trinity coterie and their backers squirm. If this can be kept up for a short time longer, public opinion, hard as it is to effect it, will be roused. But did you ever see or hear of anything like the papers? Even yet they have been unable to screw up their courage to come out boldly on the national side. They are really afraid of Trinity College' (15 June 1901).

'The great debate is over & neither of the "truly nationals" had a single word of editorial comment upon it this morning. No wonder Trinity College dances upon us. No wonder the Mahaffyites defy us. No wonder that the Chief Secretary & the House of Commons do not take us very seriously. What on earth is to be done with our metropolitan dailies' (22 June 1901).

Includes a confidential letter from Walsh to O'Hickey (9 May 1901, 4pp) concerning proceedings at a National Education Board meeting, sent to MacNeill for information

78 contd. and a handwritten memo by O'Hickey (4pp) on the Intermediate Scheme of Education.

14 items

79 12 December 1901 Manuscript letter from S.J. Barrett, Gaelic League, Dublin. The writer forwards a letter from Fr. Farragher with regard to the 'Aran incident'; he believes MacNeill should write a note on this incident for the *Claideamh Soluis*. Fr Farragher's assertion that the policy of the Gaelic League would seem to be to keep those who know only Irish in ignorance of English should not go unchallenged.

2pp

80 1 April 1912 Typescript letter from "An Madra Maol", Rand MacNally and Co., Publishers and Printers, Ossining, New York, U.S.A. The writer speaks of the necessity of raising funds for the League in America, saying that it is unlikely that Leslie [Price] will raise any money during his tour. He also recommends that Fr. Flanagan be elected vice president at the next Ard Fheis, as a tribute to his work for the League.

1p

Typescript letters notifying MacNeill of the dates and places of annual conventions.

Includes typescript letter from Chief Organiser Liam Curc, encouraging government ministers to express interest in the organisation and to help overcome the 'apathy prevailing in many constituencies'. Enclosed is a list of secretaries of Cumainn in MacNeill's Clare constituency.

81 1 January 1926 **2pp**

82 5 May 1925 **1p**

83 6 May 1925 **1p**

- 84** 10 July 1943 Manuscript letter from M. Charleton, Secretary, Gaelic League, Belfast requesting MacNeill to send some notes on the history of the League in the context of proposals to hold a jubilee concert to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the League. **2pp**
- 85** 1943 Circular statement issued by Conradh na Gaedhilge, Parnell Square, Dublin, concerning the recent appointment in the National University of a Professor of Education unable to give instruction to Irish-speaking students. Conradh calls for university education through Irish for Irish-speaking students in all N.U.I. colleges. **1p**

(vii) Correspondence relating to the Irish Manuscripts Commission 1928 - 33

- 86** 26 December 1928- Typescript and manuscript
14 July 1943 letters dealing with the functional operations of the I.M.C. The correspondence, in both English and Irish, concerns the commissioning, requirements and progress of editorial projects; the appointment of new members to the Commission; the employment of a palaeographer, the suitability of certain manuscripts for reproduction and related technical problems. Includes correspondence with the Departments of the Taoiseach and Finance. Also included is a letter from Edward Gwynn, T.C.D., relating to the correct spelling of the motto of the Commission and including a drawing of the crest (16 January 1931, 2pp). Copy of a letter from Herbert Wood, Putney, London, regretfully turning down the Commission's offer to contract him to examine and report on the mass of manuscripts of Irish interest in the Public Record Office, on the grounds of his age (23 March 1931, 2pp). Includes typescript letter (in Irish) from Sean O Cuill B.A. stating his credentials for the position of Secretary of the I.M.C. (23 March 1931, 3pp).

23 items

- 87** 1928 – 36 4 manuscript and typescript letters from Edmund Curtis, T.C.D., regarding the publication of manuscripts by the I.M.C. and associated problems. He includes a letter from A. Martin Freeman addressed to Curtis acknowledging the problems involved in the proposal to transfer publication of the *Annals of Connaught* from Paris to the Commission. Also includes some arrangements for MacNeill's setting papers for Trinity exams in Curtis's absence.
- 5 items**
- 88** 23 October 1928 Manuscript letter from Edmund Curtis expressing grave disappointment at not being elected a member of the I.M.C. Curtis outlines his preparedness to devote his time and service to the Commission and lays blame for his rejection on the Government. 'As far as the government decree goes it seems to me a rejection of my claim to be one of those sons of learning whom the New Ireland will delight to honour and desire to employ'. He concludes by calling the Commission 'the most important piece of collaboration since the Four Masters'.
- 2pp**
- 89** 6 November 1928 Typescript letter from Curtis referring to his previous letter on the subject of his failure to be appointed a member of the Commission. Curtis asks MacNeill 'to forget the wording and tone in which it was couched'. Although he is still disappointed at his rejection he has been supplied with a satisfactory explanation and offers his services to the Commission in some other capacity.
- 1p**
- 90** April 1930–
October 1945 Manuscript letters and typescript memoranda from Robert M. Simington, Quit Rent Office, Ormond Quay, the I.M.C. Ely Place, Dublin and from his home at 16 Finglas Road and later 94 Ballymun Road, Glasnevin, Dublin, concerning Simington's transfer to the I.M.C. from the staff of the Quit Rent Office and the maintenance of his conditions of employment and career prospects upon and after transfer; arrangements for continuing access to Q.R.O.

- 90** contd. records after his transfer; the most desirable destination of Q.R.O. records, in Simington's opinion the Public Record Office and not the Board of Works; his editorial work on Commission publications, particularly the Civil Survey, vols. III – VI; and the general administration of the Commission's office.
- Includes handwritten returns by Simington of various record publications, 1890 – 1910 including costs, print run and stocks (1938, 6pp); copies of typescript memoranda on *The Tithe Composition Applotment Books* (June 1939, 5pp) which he has written to be sent to Mr Commissioner O'Shiel under I.M.C. auspices, and on *The Office of the General Registrar to the Court of Claims* (1944, 6pp) and *The Estates of James II in Ireland* (1945, 3pp); copy extracts from two letters from Herbert Wood, Putney, London, concerning possible locations for missing Civil Survey volumes (1938, 1940, 1p); and a letter from Simington to MacNeill (30 June 1938, 2pp) concerning 'a demonstration of the advantages of the Micro-Film' arranged by Dr Richard Hayes, Director of the National Library which he had attended. He recommends its application to the contents of the Registry of Deeds.

64 items

- 91** [c.1930] Manuscript draft incomplete letter from MacNeill [to W.T. Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council] concerning the conduct of H.P. Boland [Civil Service Commissioner and Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance] who has insulted MacNeill in his position as Chairman of I.M.C. MacNeill gives a resumé of his disagreement with Boland. Some features of this disagreement include Boland's revision of the terms of MacNeill's employment, reducing and neglecting to pay his salary, and changing the official definition of his position.
- MacNeill points out that Boland failed to understand the duties or function of the Commission. He outlines the work carried out by the Commission since its foundation,, asking the Executive Council to refer to the opinions of members of the Commission as to their faith in the Chairman and his work. MacNeill also stresses the point that he does not understand how Boland was appointed to his position as head of the Civil Service in the first place. Heavily revised.

10pp

- 92** 2 handwritten letters from
T.W. Moody, University of
London Institute of Historical Research concerning the
possibility of publication by the I.M.C. of an unidentified
manuscript in which he is interested.
- 22 May 1932 **1p**
- 3 July 1934 **1p**
- 93** 12 May 1932- Manuscript and typescript
3 August 1933 letters from Robert Dudley
Edwards, University of London
Institute of Historical Research, 53 Grosvenor Road,
Rathgar, and 25 Seafield Avenue, Clontarf, Dublin,
concerning the progress of his research work and
proposals for work to be carried out for the Commission,
specifically the Tipperary volume of the 1641
7 items
- 94** 12 October 1933 Manuscript letter from N.B.
White, 6 Hatch Street, Dublin.
The writer wishes to meet
MacNeill to discuss the incorporation in the index to
Analecta Hibernica of additional place-names, corrections
and extensions suggested by MacNeill.
2pp

**(viii) Correspondence concerning a visit by Roisin Walsh
to the U.S.A., 1937 - 39**

- 95** 18 May – 10 July 1937- Correspondence concerning the proposed visit by Roisin Walsh Chief Librarian, Dublin Municipal Libraries, to the U.S.A. Includes draft and copy letters from MacNeill to Joseph P. Walshe, Secretary, Department of External Affairs (18 May, 10 July 1937, 5pp) appealing for financial aid for Miss Walsh's visit. He outlines the cost of his own visit to the U.S.A., the purpose of Walsh's visit-to study library organisation in America, to introduce Irish publications to American libraries, and the promotion of cultural relations between Ireland and America. Reply from J.P. Walsh (2 June 1937, 1p) requesting a full memorandum of the intentions of Miss Walsh's visit and an estimate of the cost.

4 items

- 96** 29 May 1939 Manuscript letter from Roisin Walsh, c/o 620 Park Avenue, New York, to MacNeill. She apologises for the delay in reporting on the progress of their project and gives a detailed account of her hectic itinerary and the professional associations and library science training institutions she had addressed and established contact with.
- 'It seems to be the consensus of opinion that this is the moment, the hour and the year to establish cultural relations with this country. ... At Washington I had lunch at the Library of Congress with Dr Putnam and his consultants. This round table lunch is famous I understand, and apparently the Library of Congress has been waiting for this moment to help us on with our scheme. My best helper will be Dr Hyde, Director of Archives (probably a kinsman of An Craoibhín)'. Miss Walsh writes of the popularity of the Irish in America, and the interest shown in Irish publications, and asks MacNeill to inform the Taoiseach and Department of Finance of her progress. Finally she states that she will have to prolong her visit, apologising again for the delay in writing and the hurried form of her letter.

12pp

- 97** 26 April 1935 Manuscript draft and 2
typescript proofs of a statement
by MacNeill, issued by the I.M.C. in relation to the
proposed visit of Roisin Walsh to the U.S.A. The
statement outlines the reason for Walsh's visit.
'To make acquaintances of persons interested in library
functions with a view to the equipment of a special
section in each library for Irish Cultural Publications'.
The statement says that Walsh has the support of the
Government, and any help from other interested
associations would be appreciated.
- 4pp**

(ix) Membership of Royal Irish Academy 1943 - 44

- 99** 23 October 1928 Card from Richard Hayes,
Sandymount, Dublin, requesting
MacNeill's signature in support of his application 'to look
up some things in the Academy'.
- 1p**
- 100** 6 February 1938 Letter from M.J. O'Mullan M.A.,
Zion Road, Rathgar, Dublin,
requesting MacNeill's signature in support of his
application to consult Ordnance Survey manuscripts in the
Royal Irish Academy library.
- 1p**
- 101** 16 March 1943 Official notification of MacNeill's
election to membership of the
Council of the R.I.A. in the Polite Literature and
Antiquities section, for the year 1943-44.
- 1p**
- 102** 16 March 1943 Official notification of MacNeill's
appointment as Vice President of
the R.I.A. for the year 1943-44.
- 1p**

- 103** [February 1943] Handwritten note from A. Farrington, Royal Irish Academy, to MacNeill, enclosing a draft of a letter (1p) approved by Dr Nolan. The enclosed typescript draft of a letter to Professor [Alfred] O'Rahilly asks him to reconsider his letter of resignation from the Academy. 'The Council was distressed that you should think it necessary to take such action'.
2pp
- 104** 22 February 1943 Typescript letter from Alfred O'Rahilly, Registrar, U.C.C., to MacNeill. O'Rahilly outlines his reasons for resigning his membership of R.I.A., stating that he never wished to join initially as he is prejudiced against 'Royal' institutions. He sees no place for himself in the Academy and although he chose an Irish journal in which to publish his article he has been 'thrown out' when he happens to be the 'Senior Professor of Mathematical Physics in the country'. He feels insulted that he has been subjected to such criticism, and does not wish to remain in the company of people who are 'so learned, superior and cocksure'.
1p
- 105** 19 March 1943 Typescript letter from O'Rahilly stating that he had considered withdrawing his resignation, but feels that there is no place for him in the Academy and that his presence there would be of no advantage to either party.
1p

(x) Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, 1943

- Typescript notices in Irish of the first and second meetings of the Council of the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, with an agenda attached for the second meeting.
- 106** 2 March 1943 **1p**
- 107** 11 March 1943 **2pp**

(xi) Irish Historical Society, 1936 - 41

4 manuscript letters from
Robin Dudley Edwards,
Grosvenor Road, Rathgar and Seafield Avenue, Clontarf,
notifying MacNeill of meetings of the Irish Historical
Society, including the inaugural meeting and outlining the
objects and proposed lines of development of the Society
including co-operation with the Ulster Society for Irish
Historical Studies in the context of the International
Historical Congress.

He also invites MacNeill to take the chair at these
meetings, and requests him to referee an article
submitted for publication in *Irish Historical Studies*.

108	20	October	1936	2pp
109	4	November	1937	4pp
110	10	December	1939	2pp
111	16	July	1941	2pp

(xii) Celtic Societies 1937

113	30	December	1937	Typescript letter from Benjamin Greenard, Chairman of the Board of the Celtic Society, Columbia University, New York, 'founded in 1932 at Columbia University for the encouragement of research in Celtic fields and the stimulation of interest in Celtic culture in the United States', informing MacNeill that he has been elected an Honorary Member of the Society.
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1p

B MacNeill The Revolutionary 1915 - 22

(i) The National Volunteers 1915

- 114** 24 July 1915 Typescript letter from T. Donovan and L.V. Kettle, Honorary Secretaries of the National Volunteers, 44 Parnell Square, Dublin. They inform MacNeill that they have some Italian rifles in stock and the price; however they have no ammunition for the rifles due to the war but this problem can be solved by adapting the rifles to suit other forms of ammunition. The writers refer to the scandal spread about this rifle, stating that it is used by French, Italian and Austrian forces in the present war. Closing the letter they assure MacNeill of their goodwill at his prospective custom.

1p

(ii) Criticism of MacNeill's Political Record, 1922

- 115** 22 July 1922 Manuscript letter from James Cary, Dublin referring to an article MacNeill submitted to the *Free State* in which he commended Cathal Brugha. Carey accuses MacNeill of 'hypocrisy' in praising Cathal Brugha, speaking of MacNeill's public life as 'a record of treachery, cowardice, dishonesty, cynicism'. The writer condemns the *Free State*, accuses MacNeill of 'running away' in 1916, and for inciting 'blood lust' and 'a disregard for morality and principle that years will not efface'. Although many were seen to forgive MacNeill for his actions in 1916, the writer says that no speech from 'pigsty Griffith' will exonerate him. The people are aware that he ran away again in 1921, and when the opposing forces were Irish MacNeill began to fight. The writer takes issue with MacNeill over his stance on Ulster, commenting on the trust Pearse, Kent (*sic*), and Brugha placed in MacNeill. Ending by saying that MacNeill's 'power for evil' has come to an end.

1p

(iii) Draft Statement of Evidence on the Assassination of Kevin O'Higgins,

116 not dated Manuscript rough draft of a statement concerning the death of Kevin O'Higgins. MacNeill states that he read a statement in the *Evening Mail* of a statement by Frank Aiken in the *Dail*, concerning Mr [Patrick] McGilligan's presence at the assassination. MacNeill describes his part and says having seen the shots fired, he sent for a priest. He also states that Mr Horgan arrived at the scene shortly after the priest; Mr McGilligan arrived sometime later. The priest, Canon O'Brien, has concurred with MacNeill's account.

1p

C MacNeill, the Politician 1922 - 43**(i) Minister for Education, letters of complaint and appeal
1925 - 33**

117 4 June 1925 Manuscript letter from Margaret MacNeill [sister], 34 Upper Baggot Street, Dublin. The writer expresses her anxiety about the neglect of the teaching of needlework, domestic science and cookery in primary schools, and feels that this point should be stressed at the conference on primary instruction. She describes the necessity for classes in this area as a 'national need' as girls are growing up in ignorance of how to repair and make clothes, buying food wisely, and managing their homes in a thrifty manner. The encouragement of such attributes will help the 'national good' in preventing the importation of foreign manufactured clothing, create comfortable homes and thus make the country more efficient and help the well being of it's inhabitants; and also will absorb girls interests, preventing them from 'going wrong'. She stresses the need for such instruction in Ireland, where living conditions demand such a practical programme of instruction. **6pp**

118 7 August 1925 Manuscript letter from Brendan J. Roger, Eblana Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. The writer is enquiring about his application for a gratuity after forced retirement as a teacher of music at the training colleges and model schools, because of the action of the Dill Commission. The writer has had no acknowledgement of his application and expresses the hope that the Irish Free State Government will be more sympathetic to his case than 'the mixture of Belfast Orangism, Free Masons, and West Britons which formerly ruled in the education office'. **2pp**

- 119** 1925 Manuscript letter from Mrs L.D. Gausen, Bagnalstown, County Co. Carlow. concerning the dismissal of Lizzie Whelan [from Newtown national school]. The writer states that there was a difference of opinion between the teacher Mrs Marrow and the child's guardian Mrs Kennedy and that the child has been removed from Mrs Kennedy's care to that of another family. She encloses 2 newspaper cuttings from *The Nationalist* and *The Leinster Times*. The reports deal with the incident of the dismissal of Lizzie Whelan, stating that she had been returned to the country home as a result of a decision of Local Government meeting that a proposed sworn enquiry was to take place, and that T. Nolan and Mrs Gausen were to be refused admission to appear before the meeting. The clipping from *The Leinster Times* take the form of a letter from Mrs Glassen correcting the report, saying that the wrong impression was given, and that Tom Nolan was admitted to the meeting.
Letter from Violet Eustace, Dalkey, County Dublin (8 July c.1925, 3pp) to Mrs Gausen, concerning engaging young girls in domestic employment.
- 5 items**
- 120** 12 September 1928 Manuscript letter (1p) from D. Campbell, Secretary, Cavan Retired Teachers Association, with reference to providing pensions for teachers especially those who retired before the Irish Free State came into being, or who were forced out of positions during Easter 1916. Includes newspaper cutting from the *Irish Independent* of a letter from an unidentified correspondent [Mr Campbell?] stating that teachers who were forced out in 1916 should not be forgotten, 'every person affected by the rising had been compensated except them'. All teachers retired before 1916 should be pensioned, as the pension fund can afford it.
- 2 items**
- 121** 28 October 1925 Manuscript letter from John MacLaverty, Parochial House, Glenarm, Co. Antrim. The writer is writing on behalf of a teacher called Mabel Wallace, Moville, Co. Donegal, age 26, enquiring if she is eligible to sit for an examination to gain entrance to a training college, and would her teaching experience be taken into consideration.
- 2pp**

- 122** 19 November 1924 Manuscript letter from A. McBride, Infirmary House, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. The writer expresses his views on the training of teachers which he believes is too short. He believes that it should be about 5-6 years duration encompassing the study of the arts, science and literature. McBride also points out that religious orders should have the same training as the laity and that they should not be allowed to establish schools without an enquiry 'into the mental and educational equipment of the ladies'. The writer's final point is that he hopes that a committee be established to propagate the use of Irish in schools. **6pp**
- 123** 25 January 1926 Manuscript letter from William P. Kennedy, 33 Russell Street, Liverpool, England. The writer is writing on behalf of his wife a retired school teacher, formerly of Woodbrook National School, Co Roscommon, about salary payments due to her, which she has not yet received. **2pp**
- 124** 9 February 1929 Manuscript letter from Mrs O'Brien, Orchardstown, Straffan, Co. Kildare. The writer complains about the alleged mistreatment of her children by their teacher Miss Kinnane, who has expelled one of the O'Brien children from the national school in Straffan; the writer claims that the expulsion is due to a report made by another pupil Kate O'Rourke. She claims that both the O'Rourke family and the teacher hold a political bias against the O'Briens as her husband was a member of the Irish Free State Army. Mrs O'Brien quotes other instances of 'cruelty' to her children, appealing to MacNeill to look into the case, and have her child reinstated in school. **4pp**
- 125** 12 March 1926 Manuscript letter from [Thomas] Fitzpatrick, Milltown Malbay, Co. Clare. The writer, a constituent of MacNeill's, requests information about the proposed scheme for the establishment of preparatory colleges for Gaeltacht children. **2pp**

- 126** 10 June 1927 Manuscript letter from Patrick T. Walsh, Rush National Boys School, Co. Dublin (1p), explaining why he deems himself suitable for the position of departmental inspector, although three years ago too old for the position as advertised. He includes a *curriculum vitae* (3pp).
2 items
- 127** 24 September 1927 Manuscript letter from Sr. M. Ignatius, Convent of Mercy, Carlow, concerning the application of three pupils of the convent for pupil teacherships. Sr. Ignatius outlines the girls qualifications and in her view, their suitability for the position.
2pp
- 128** 7 July 1927 Manuscript letter from Sr. M. Dominic, Convent of Mercy, Gort, Co. Galway. Sr. Dominic appeals to MacNeill to secure a teaching position as a pupil teacher in Seamount Convent, Kinvara, Co. Galway for one of her pupils, outlining her qualifications and suitability for the post. She also mentions that the school is without a teacher pupil for some months and that the extra help is necessary. Concluding she expresses the wish that MacNeill and the President will visit again soon.
1p
- 129** 23 November 1927 Typescript letter from Seosamh O'Neill, Secretary, Department of Education, referring to progress in filling the pupil teacher vacancies mentioned in the letters from Carlow and Gort
1p

- 130** 28 September 1928 Manuscript letter in Irish from Séamus Ó Lorcaín [James L Larkin], Carnamore, Elphin, Co. Mayo, to MacNeill (1p), enclosing a handwritten copy of a letter he has written to the Secretary, Department of National Education (4pp). The writer is anxious to become recognised again as a national teacher. He outlines the dates of his training, listing where he had worked, stating that he resigned from teaching service because of what he calls 'victimisation' by teaching authorities. Larkin claims that he was victimised because of his propagation of the Irish language in schools, and the fact that he taught it in school himself. He speaks of his learning of Irish in Gaelteacht areas with Padraig Pearse, and how he encouraged the teaching of Irish by writing to the national newspapers which generated 'a wave of enthusiasm'. It was because of this and his teaching of Irish in schools that he was advised by chief and district inspectors to cease his activities, receiving bad reports from inspectors. Although he complained he was not heeded and when he changed jobs bad reports followed him until he resigned from the service altogether. He now wished to be reinstated.

3pp

- 131** 8 April 1929 Manuscript letter from Nicholas Griffy, retired clerk of Union and Rural District Council, Ennistymon, Co. Clare, who writes on behalf of John Davies N.T., Furglass National School, Co. Clare. Davies has been called before the Board to explain why he allowed two children to attend Firnale School, Co. Clare where their aunt was teaching. Griffy asks MacNeill to use his influence and see that Davies word is accepted.

2pp

- 132** 6 December 1933 Copy typescript letter from the Manager of Bunrana N.S., Co. Donegal, expressing disappointment at the decision of the Department of Education to amalgamate Bunrana School with another. A request is made to delay this arrangement as the writer concluded 'we cannot agree to the use of the Bunrana School building under circumstances of such manifest unfairness to Presbyterian interests'.

1p

(ii) Elections 1937 - 43

- 133** 29 June 1937 Typescript letter from W.T. Cosgrave, Beechpark, Templeogue, Co. Dublin, asking MacNeill to contribute to the election fund. 'A 6 per cent. turnover in the votes cast in the last election would effect a change of Government. Such a turnover is now quite possible'.
1p
- 134** 28 June 1943 Typescript letter from Donal O'Sullivan, Cairn Hill, Foxrock, Dublin, to 'A Eoin a chara liom' asking MacNeill to support his candidature for one of the two nominations by the Royal Society of Antiquaries to the Cultural Panel in the forthcoming Senate Election. He analyses his chances of success in some detail.
1p
- 2 manuscript letters from Eoin O'Mahony, Dun Meadhon, Cork, and the Munster Bar Room, the Court House, Cork. He suggests that the Royal Society of Antiquaries in Ireland should seek power to nominate a candidate in Seanad elections (LA1/L/135); and requests MacNeill's support for his own candidature for such a nomination (LA1/L/136)..
- 135** 13 January 1938 **1p**
- 136** 3 July 1943 **2pp**

(iii) Memorandum on Propaganda, 1922

- 137** 22 July 1922 Typescript memo on propaganda issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Dáil Éireann, consisting mainly of the text of a confidential letter from the Irish envoy in Paris, Muiris O'Mordha [Maurice Moore]. Moore condemns the practice of the Free State party of publishing propaganda against the 'Independents' claiming that it does damage to the instigator. he predicts the fall of *The National Volunteer* because of its propaganda content, praising MacNeill for his statement on Cathal Brugha, describing MacNeill as 'having a very proper and high minded attitude'. O'Moore also predicts that people will turn against the Free State and a new party will be founded 'if things continue as they are '. Condemning statements by 'generals' whom he says are seen to 'rise from ranks in the middle of the night'. Concluding by wishing that our people who have not yet proven themselves as either great statesmen or great generals would be a little more modest.
- 2pp**

(iv) Political correspondence, 1932 - 38

- 138** 19 February 1932 Manuscript letter from W.T. Cosgrave, Department of the President, Merrion Street, requesting MacNeill to recommend a book on Irish history for Juan Carlos Godoy, Consul General of the Argentine in Ireland who is leaving due to the continuing ill-health of his wife.
- 1p**
- 139** 8 July 1932 Copy of typescript letter from de Valera to James MacNeill, Governor General informing him that the Executive Council is 'surprised' that the Governor General should propose to publicise letters between both offices, stating that such letters are confidential. He concludes by issuing His Excellency 'the formal advice and directions' not to publish the letters.
- 1p**

- 140** 9 July 1932 Copy typescript letter from James MacNeill (brother) [Governor General] to Eamon de Valera, President of the Executive Council, saying that although communications between the Executive Council and the Governor General are confidential, the course of refusing to publicise communications between both parties is not honourable. The writer expects an apology 'as alternative' to his 'removal from office'. He concludes by noting that the council was silent about Frank Aiken's 'misconduct' in his interview on the Lord Mayor of Dublin and states that all correspondence other than those marked 'personal' shall be published.

1p

(v) Irish Consulate in St Louis, U.S.A. 1938

- 141** 5 March 1938 Typescript letter from Geo. A. McGrail, Attorney at Law, St. Louis, U.S.A. to MacNeill (3pp) explaining the commercial advantages of establishing a position of Irish and recommending himself for the position, inviting a 'searching investigation' of his 'character' integrity, and ability. He encloses a copy of a letter (1p) sent by him to Eamon de Valera, President of the Executive Council, along the same lines.

2 items

D Publications 1927 - 43**(i) Letters from Editors, 1928 - 35**

142 1928 - 35 Manuscript and typescript letters from the editors of journals and other publications, and from conference organisers, reminding MacNeill that articles and papers are due for submission. Journals and publishers include *The Catholic Truth Society*, London. *Ériu*, *The Journal of the R.S.A.I.*, *Galway Historical and Archaeological Society Journal*; Irish Texts Society; the Comptes Rendus for International Congress of Pre Historic and Proto historic Sciences, are among the publishers as are Sheed and Ward Publishers, London.

12 items

6 manuscript letters from Harry G. Tempest, Dudalgan Press, Dundalk, Co. Louth, publisher of *Louth Archaeological Society Journal*. Letters are in connection with forwarding of proofs and temporary loss of MacNeill's article on 'The Colonial Frontier'.

143 3 December 1933 **2pp**

144 24 February 1933 **4pp**

145 13 November 1933 **2pp**

146 26 November 1933 **3pp**

147 15 February 1934 **2pp**

148 15 April 1935 Manuscript letter mentioning the place names of hill sites, and their modern equivalents.
3pp

(ii) Letters from writers and editors, 1928 - 40**(a) Augusta Lady Gregory**

- 153** 20 April [1906] Manuscript letter from Augusta Lady Gregory, Coole Park, Gort, Co. Galway, thanking MacNeill for his permission to read the proofs of *Duanaire Finn*. She expresses extreme interest in them, as lore concerning Fionn has been coming up in the memory of the people. She finds it more interesting than that of the lore of Chuchulainn since it seems more alive.

2pp**(b) Sean O'Faolain**

- 154** 26 September 1928 Typescript letter from Sean O'Faolain, The Cottage, 10 Appian Way, Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A. He indicates that he is planning a collection of old Irish lyrics, both in Irish and in English translation, encloses an index of first lines (3pp) and of the sources upon which he has drawn (1p). O'Faolain says that there are lyrics of which he is ignorant, which would find a place in his collection, asking MacNeill to appraise him of any that come to mind. Finally the writer requests permission to publish a poem from *Duanaire Finn*.

6pp**(c) Valentine O'Hara**

- 155** 3-8 July 1933-7 Manuscript letters from Valentine O'Hara, Annaghmore, Collooney, Co. Sligo and 81 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin, concerning the possibility of the publication by the Manuscripts Commission of his 'Knights of Malta', with a preface by MacNeill; and a copy letter from MacNeill recommending O'Hara to meet Charles McNeill and Dr Best of the National Library.

7 items

(d) O.G.S. Crawford

- 156** 31 July 1933- Typescript letters from O.G.S.
 17 July 1934 Crawford, Archaeology Officer,
 Ordnance Survey, Southampton,
 England. The Survey is drawing up a map of early
 Scotland including Northern Ireland. Crawford asks
 MacNeill's opinion on the inclusion of some historic sites
 and their names.

8pp**(e) G.A. Hayes McCoy**

- 157** 19 April 1934- Manuscript letters from G.A.
 15 October 1936 Hayes McCoy, Eyre Square,
 Galway, and the University of
 London Institute of Historical Research, discussing the
 preparations for the publication of his book *Redshank
 Scots in Ireland* for which MacNeill is writing the foreword.
 His correspondence also relates to the funding by the
 N.U.I. of his book *Scots Mercenaries in Ireland*,
 requesting MacNeill to advise him on the condensation of
 the work, and to submit the completed foreword. Includes
 a manuscript letter from Hayes McCoy (25 April 1935, 1p)
 indicating the existence of letters recently discovered in
 Edinburgh of Irish historical interest. These letters form
 part of a series of James V which have been bound
 together under the title of *Caprington Letter Book* and
 deposited in H.M. General Register House. Six short
 manuscript extracts from the letters are enclosed (3pp).

11pp

(f) Benedict Ossary Fitzpatrick

July 1934- 3 typescript letters from
 September 1937 Benedict Ossary Fitzpatrick,
 138 East 37th St., New York,
 U.S.A. Fitzpatrick, a writer and former foreign editor of
 the *Daily Mail* in London, discusses his interest in Irish
 scholarship in general. He questions the omission of any
 mention of his own two books in the bibliography to
 MacNeill's article on Irish medieval history in the
 Encyclopaedia Britannica and strongly advocates a
 concentration of effort and resources on Irish genealogies,
 enclosing a cutting from *The Commonweal* (7 October
 1937) containing a letter from himself to the editor on the
 subject.

158	12 June	1937	2pp
159	2 August	1937	2pp
160	17 September	1937	4pp

(g) J.C. Walsh

161	8 October 1 July	1935- 1940	Typescript letters from J.C. Walsh, 39 Broadway, New York, mainly concerning Walsh's ideas of increasing American interest in Irish publications and Irish culture. He outlines his ideas on how the Hill of Tara and the countryside could be made more attractive as a tourist amenity. He promotes the idea of a lecture tour of America by MacNeill whose knowledge and zeal should arouse the enthusiasm of others to buy Irish publications, proposing an exhibition of Irish works and enclosing a memo (3pp) on this topic. Mentions reading Mr McAlister [<i>Ancient Ireland: a study in the lesions of archaeology and history</i> 1935] and expresses an opinion on the I.M.C. publication of <i>The Ormond Deeds</i> edited by Edmund Curtis. 'I sent you the other day a copy of the Recorder, by way of continuing in conversation, since I write all of it' (18 June 1936).
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8 items

4 manuscript letters from David Quinn, University College Southampton, asking MacNeill to read parts of his thesis on 'Tudor Rule in Ireland, 1485 - 1547'.

164	31 January 1934	2pp
165	11 February 1934	2pp
166	9 May 1934	2pp
167	6 January 1934	1p

(iv) Requests to use MacNeill's work, 1935 - 36

168	7 July 1935	Typescript letter from R.E.M. Wheeler, Keeper and Secretary of the London Museum, requesting to quote from one of his published works on the origin of the name 'Verulamium'.	1p
169	4 December 1935	Typescript letter from Patrick O'Connor, <i>The Far East</i> , St Columbans Nebraska asking permission to quote in full a letter he had received from MacNeill on an unspecified subject. 'There is considerable interest in the older Ireland in various circles in the United States at present. It is something a little more studious and a little less personal than the interest taken in Ireland a generation or two ago'.	1p

E. PERSONAL LETTERS FROM FRIENDS, RELATIVES AND ACQUAINTANCES, 1921 - 43

(i) General correspondence, 1927 – 43

- 170** 5 February 1927 Manuscript letter from Tomás Mac Néil, Moulakieve, Bantry, Co. Cork. Mainly concerns money due to him for unspecified work in the national interest. Comments on MacNeill's own national record.
'Men blame you today – many of them – but though I regret the Boundary decision I lay the blame for the decision jointly on all parties prior to your appointment on the Commission'.
5pp
- 2 manuscript letters from L. J. Stafford P.P., Ballitore, Co Kildare.
- 171** 29 May 1929 Marked 'confidential'. Fr Stafford writes about the recently deceased Mrs J.R. Green [Alice Stopford Green, widow of J.R. Green]. He says that he had been a constant reader of *The Short History* but '... the erstwhile poor scholar of Jesus College and its Common Room imbibed the anti-Catholic bias of his day, and brilliantly transferred it in the guise of history'.
2pp
- 172** 7 November 1941 As a result of illness he had been unable to attend the presentation of MacNeill's portrait but would like to be associated with the many tributes paid to him. He asks him to accept a very rare book, *A schoolmaster's life of St Patrick* by P. Lynch, a former Secretary of the Gaelic League.
1p
- 173** 4 January 1937 Manuscript letter from Lawrence F. Kelly, St Joseph's, Rathfarnham, Dublin, thanking MacNeill for the tribute to [his brother] Brian in the *Irish independent*. Kelly expresses gratitude for the praise given to Brian even if what MacNeill said 'captured a reality that was in poor Brian in intention, if not altogether in accomplishment'.
1p

- 174** 20 July 1937 Manuscript letter from P.J. O' Donoghue, South Yarra, Melbourne, Australia. The writer is President of the Melbourne Gaelic League and a former organiser in Co. Clare, and is also a member of the Gaelic League. He writes to congratulate MacNeill on reaching his seventieth year.
2pp
- 175** 1 November 1941 Manuscript card from T.F. O'Rahilly, Highfield Road, Rathgar, Dublin apologising for being unable to attend 'yesterday's pleasant function' [presentation of MacNeill's portrait?].
1p
- 176** 1 April 1942 Manuscript letter from Augustine J. O'Connell, U.C.D. wishing MacNeill every good wish on his retirement.
1p
- 177** 17 April 1942 Manuscript letter from Anthony MacBride, Rathfarnham, Dublin, wishing happiness to MacNeill's daughter Ilís [Eilis McDowell] on the occasion of her marriage and sends best wishes to all the family.
1p
- 178** 5 March 1943 Manuscript covering letter from Frank Gibney, Architect, 29 Merrion Square, Dublin. He says that he has succeeded in beginning an experimental [colliery] near Castlecomer.
1p

- 179** 29 December 1943 Manuscript letter from Brian Moore, [nephew], Ministry of War Transport, 22 Piazza, Borsa, Naples. The writer wishes the MacNeill family a happy New Year. Moore describes his villa in Naples, the surrounding scenery overlooks Vesuvius, the Bay of Naples and Capri. He is not surprised that the Italians did not win the war as 'they seemed too civilised to do anything so vulgar'. He mentions the difference between what are considered luxuries at home and taken for granted in Naples, and vice versa.

1p

- 180** [1925] Manuscript letter from Maire Ni Bhrolcain [wife of MacNeill's secretary as Minister for Education] condoling with Taddie on [MacNeill's resignation as a member of the Executive Council].

2pp

- 181** nd Manuscript letter from Sr. M. [Besham?], Mount St. Patrick, to Mrs MacNeill, saying that she is sorry to hear that her husband is sick, and fills in Taddie on the details of the hospital in which she now works.

1p

- 182** nd Manuscript copy letter from MacNeill to An tAthair Liam L. Ua Fearghail, on the pronunciation of the name Killashee 'by the oldest and least sophisticated inhabitants' of the place; and trying to elucidate the pedigree of St Patrick by drawing on sources as the *Book of Armagh* and the *Book of Ulster*.

5pp

(ii) Invitations 1926 - 37

5 typescript and manuscript invitations issued by societies and bodies such as the Maritime Institute of Ireland, the Department of Education, the Old Dublin Society, and a group interested in the connection between Irish and Continental painters. The invitations are to deliver papers and attend lectures and meetings.

183	17 October	1926		2pp
184	1 March	1926		1p
185	31 December	1937		1p
186	28 February	1942		1p
187	14 April	1942		1p
188	8 February	1937	Invitation from Seamus Ó Haodha, Director, Broadcasting Station, G.P.O., Dublin, asking MacNeill to give a fifteen minute recitation on St Patrick on St Patrick's Day (in Irish).	1p
189	25 March [post 1937]		Invitation from An Taoiseach, Department of External Affairs, to attend luncheon in Iveagh House) (in Irish).	1p
190	7 March		Invitation from Neans de Paor to attend a seminar to mark the seventy second birthday of Professor Thurneysen, and to attend a reception in the R.I.A. later that night.	1p

(iv) Letters of thanks 1928 - 43

- 198** 1928 - 43 Manuscript and typescript letters thanking MacNeill for answering queries on Irish history, genealogy, on the spelling of Irish placenames, on Irish literature, and for his kindness in assisting visiting students during their stay in Dublin. Letters also show appreciation for writing articles, forewords and introductions for books, for giving references, and for gifts. Correspondents include Paul Grosjean S.J., Brussels; R. McAllister, U.C.D.; Benjamin Greenwald, Columbia University; John Wigmore, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois; Warner Moss, New York University; C.H. Clark, All Souls College Oxford; Paul Barbier, Otley, York, England; T.D. Fenning, Four Courts Book Store, Wood Quay, Dublin.

25 items

- 199** 10 May 1937 Manuscript letter from James F. Kenney, Public Archives of Canada, thanking MacNeill for nominating him for receipt of an honorary degree by N.U.I. He congratulates MacNeill for his work in Irish studies, apologising for being unable to attend the conferring ceremony.

5pp**(v) Letters of appeal, 1921 - 34**

- 200** 1921 - 47 Typescript and manuscript letters in Irish and English asking MacNeill to use his influence to get positions for people in the Civil Service including the Department of Education, the banks and U.C.D. File also includes curricula vitae for Dr Kate Müller-Lisowski, Cabinteely, Dublin, Françoise Henry and John Ainsworth, and a request for MacNeill to supply a testimonial for D.B. Quinn who has been nominated for a Rockefeller fellowship. Includes typescript letter (10 February 1937, 3pp) from Herman Geiger requesting MacNeill's support in the campaign to have a personal chair of folklore created at Uppsala University for Dr Wilhelm Von Sydow, at present lecturing at the University of Lund. There is no chair of folklore in any Swedish university.

35 items

(vi) Material relating to the War, 1938

201 10 February 1938 Manuscript letter from Kate Müller-Lisowski, Cabinteely, Co. Dublin. The writer tells MacNeill that she and her family have arrived from Germany 'entirely exhausted & run down by the many difficulties we had to overcome before we could leave Germany & for many weeks we were in a rather unsettled state, always hunting for some suitable place where to settle & never long at one place.' She hopes to settle down and establish a home in Ireland. At the moment she feels gratitude for their freedom and is 'relieved to have a free open sky around about our eyes and our spirit'. She expresses her gratitude to MacNeill and to Ireland and expresses a wish to see him.

1p

202 11 January 1943 Certificate of delivery of unspecified post to prisoner-of-war Jean Crémel, No. 52086IVB in Stalag IV, Hartmannsdorf, from John MacNeill, 63 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin.

1 item

F. PERSONAL MEMORABILIA 1929 - 43

- 203** 26 April 1929 Programme for the Irish Federation of University Women's Conference, Dublin.
2pp
- 204** 1942 - 43 Annual Programme for the Yorkshire Society for Celtic Studies, listing members and officers.
2pp
- 205** 1943 Draft entry for MacNeill in the *International Who's Who 1943-4*, the entry to be corrected by him and returned to the publisher suitably amended.
1p