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Introduction

Family background

Cornelius J. Murphy ('Conn') was born in May 1869 to Cornelius Murphy, a hardware merchant who owned an ironmongery store at 100 Parnell Street (formerly Great Britain Street) in Dublin. Conn worked for the Post Office and worked variously at the Telegraph Office, Sir John Rogerson's Quay and the General Post Office (GPO) on O'Connell Street. While working he also undertook studies in the Royal University and graduated with his BA degree in 1895. Following his degree he took the Civil Service examinations. Later, in 1906, he was the first recipient of the D. PH (later PhD) degree from the Royal University. He was active in the early years of the foundation of University College Dublin and was on the staff in a temporary capacity.

Conn was also a founding member of the Gaelic League (Conradh na Gaeilge), and turned to politics during the War of Independence and the Civil War. He was a staunch Republican and was imprisoned by the Free State in March 1923. In protest, he went on hunger strike and organized other Mountjoy prisoners to do the same. Around this time, he also lost his civil service post under the Free State government because he wrote a letter to the national papers complaining that his eldest son, Feargus, was so badly beaten by the soldiers in the Curragh internment camp, that he was unrecognisable. He was re-instated in 1932/3 under the Fianna Fáil government.

He ran for election in 1923 and in 1927. In the first instance he represented Dublin County as a Republican candidate but was eliminated during the counting. In 1927 he was the Fianna Fáil candidate for Dublin North but was again unsuccessful. In January 1923, he was part of a government delegation to Rome, whose aim was to convince the Vatican to lift the excommunication order on IRA members. Conn was chosen due to his reputation of being a strong Catholic lay person and also that his long friendship with Reverend Joseph O'Hagan, Rector of the Irish College in Rome would open doors in the Vatican. Unfortunately the delegation was not received and Conn returned home disappointed.

In 1895 he married Annie Byrne of 57 Lennox Street and settled in Rathgar. They had four children: Annie Mary Constance Murphy ('Connie'), Kathleen, Feargus and Conn. Like their father, they all became involved in the political struggle for Irish independence. The eldest, Connie, was imprisoned at the same time as her father and was held at Cork City Jail, Kilmainham and North Dublin Union for the best part of a year before being released (c. October 1923). She married Desmond Bracken Murphy, who worked in intelligence in the IRA and son of James Fintan Murphy, an active Irish Republican in London. He was also interred in the Curragh Camp along with Connie's brothers Feargus and Conn. They had two children, Constance and Elsa.

Kathleen, who was head of Cumann na mBan in University College Dublin, became a medical doctor and was famous in her own right for setting up a campaign to save German children who were orphaned during the Second World War. She was arrested briefly along with her son around this time.

Feargus, as mentioned before, was also involved in political activities during the Civil War. A librarian by profession, he later married and moved to Lismore, county Waterford, where he worked in the county library. He also established the first mobile library service in Ireland and based its headquarters in Lismore.

Conn, an adventurer, ran off to sea at a young age and travelled as far as Australia. He joined the Salvation Army and the Communist Party before returning to Ireland to settle. He later became involved in trade unions.

Arrangement

The papers are divided into two distinct sections based mainly on the fact that the collection was received in two separate accessions. Section 1: The Papers of Conn and Annie Murphy, consists mainly of correspondence between Conn and Annie, especially in the period before they were married (P141/1-85; 108-117). Very few letters contain reference to his political involvement but those that do speak of the Border campaign in 1922, and also of his trip to Rome as part of a government delegation in 1923.

This section also contains more occasional correspondence between family members and friends. There is a series of love poems that Conn Murphy composed for Annie when they were courting (P141/144-152) as well as photographs (P141/155-164) and more ephemeral items such as wedding invitations and books on etiquette (P141/165-175).

Section 2: The Papers of Annie Mary Constance ('Connie') Murphy, consists mainly of Connie's correspondence. A very interesting series of letters, P141/175–210 concern the period of time she spent teaching and studying at a convent in St. Pölten, Austria. During this time, World War I erupted on the continent and a very tense exchange of letters between Dublin, St. Pölten and Rome ensued in an attempt to get Connie back to Ireland as safely as possible. Her letters from prison (P141/218–236) are a fascinating account of the conditions faced by female political prisoners during the Civil War. They also throw light on her father's hunger strike in Mountjoy as she corresponded with him at this time. Letters from her husband, Desmond B. Murphy, an Englishman of Irish descent, reveal the conditions he faced while interred in the Curragh, and later the difficulties he had securing a job in London having been released from an Irish prison for republican crimes (P141/307-384)

Other material in this section consists of birth/marriage/death certificates and passports (P141/396–405), as well as photographs (P141/406–425) and a recent audio interview with Constance Murphy reminiscing on her family history (P141/426–428).

Restrictions

Access to the section dealing with Desmond Bracken Murphy, P141/307–395, is restricted to researchers who have obtained permission from the depositor.

Allied materials

IE UCDA P115 is a small collection concerned with the work of the Save the German Children Society founded by Dr. Kathleen Farrell (née Murphy).

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Family tree

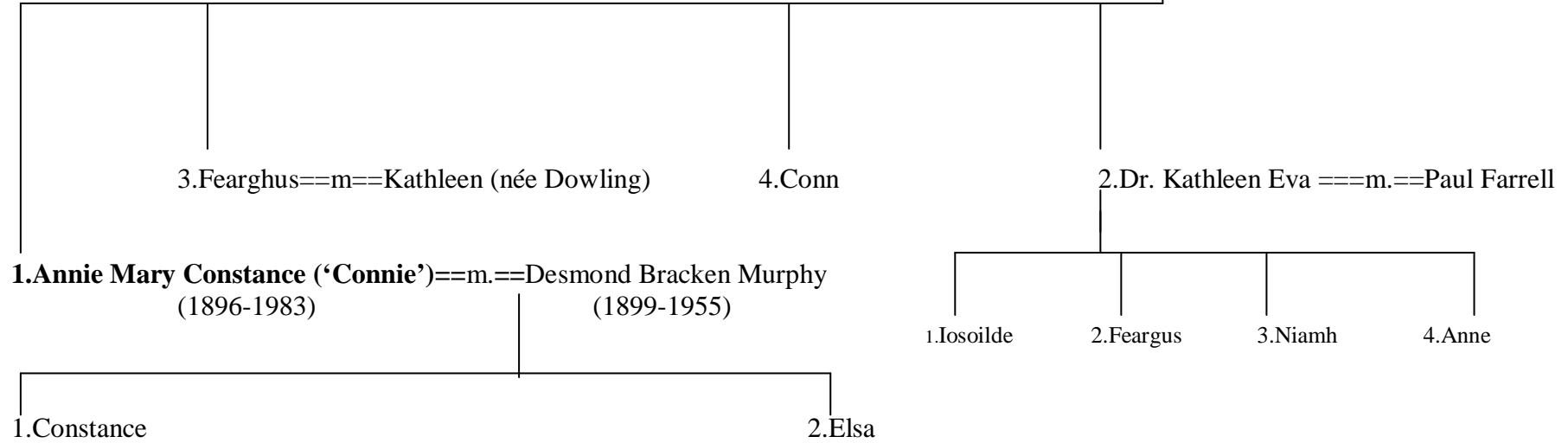
Cornelius Murphy (d.1917)

6 other children

Cornelius J. Murphy, PhD ('Conn')
(1869-1947)

====m.=====

Annie (née Byrne)
(1869-1937)



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A. CORRESPONDENCE OF CORNELIUS J. MURPHY ('CONN') AND HIS WIFE ANNIE, née BYRNE

I. Letters from Conn to Annie (1892-1936)

- 1 5 April 1892 At Telegraph Office, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, in which he states that 'our class vacation' will begin on Wednesday and asks if he could meet her at 8pm in Victoria Street, Dublin. Also states that he has abandoned his studies for three weeks and intends to devote himself entirely 'to the study of Nature-animate and inanimate but chiefly the former'.

3pp

- 2 19 April 1892 At 100 Great Britain Street, Dublin, in which he apologises for not meeting her on Friday evening as he missed the 7pm tram from Lucan. Asks whether she has decided to accompany him to the Marguerite Ball.

4pp

- 3 1 June 1892 At Telegraph Office, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, in which he discusses arrangements for them to see 'Iolanthe', an opera by Gilbert and Sullivan performed by The D'Oyly Carte Opera Company. States that 'it was rec'd with quite a furor on Monday night when the house was packed as full as could be. It is expected that there will be a very large attendance on Thursday night so that we must go early in order to get a good seat.' Asks that she 'get to the soft side of your Aunt and circumvent Mrs. Greer and all other wicked, cruel people who may throw obstacles in your way'.

4pp

- 4 11 June 1892 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he states that his exam is over and that he fared much better than expected. Post script: '*Capta Graeca victorem ferum cepit et in Latium agrestum arbes intulit.*'

3pp

- 5** 1 July 1892 At Sir John Rogerson's Quay, stating that he will have to cancel their appointment to meet as his sister is arriving from Wexford 'and I have to go to Harcourt Street to meet her, and see after her boxes, and cry over her, and all that sort of thing'. Also arranges that he and his friend, Mr. Geoghegan, will meet Annie, and her friend, Miss Graham, on Sunday evening at 7.30pm on the South Circular Road.
- 3pp
- 6** 1 July 1892 Telegram from Westland Row, Dublin, stating not to mind a previous letter he had written and to meet him at 8.30pm that evening.
- 1 item
- 7** 9 July 1892 At Sir John Rogerson's Quay, in which he states that he will be unable to meet her on Sunday evening as he has to be on duty in the GPO, but arranges to see her on the following Monday.
- 2pp
- 8** 22 August 1892 At Telegraph Office, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, in which he arranges to meet her at 7.30pm at Bloomfield Avenue and regrets he will not be able to bring the dog.
- 2pp
- 9** 6 September 1892 In which he states that he is 'back safe in ould Ireland once more' and promises to tell her of his trip the following morning when she meets him at 11am at the top of Harcourt Road (Knight's Clock).
- 2pp
- 10** 17 September 1892 At Sir John Rogerson's Quay, in which he cancels their appointment to meet on Sunday evening as he has to work, and states that he will feel lonely without her as he was looking forward to 'a walk in the Park and a k—s in the dark'. Arranges to meet her instead on Monday at Knight's Clock.'
- 4pp

- 11 27 September 1892 At Telegraph Office, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, in which he discusses 'the alteration which has been made in the calendar in consequence of the discovery that Xmas Eve will occur at least twice a week in the future.' Also states that he discovered when he went to the University the previous night, that evening classes were not due to commence until 17th October. Asks if she has not gone back to Mrs. Greer's, that he would like to see her on Thursday. Also states that Minnie [his sister] had sent him a nice letter and some silver leaves for Annie. Enclosed is a leaf made from [silk] with partial inscription: 'Dear Annie with fond love from Con. [Capetown], 27 September 1892'.
- 4pp
- 12 28 October 1892 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he asks her to meet him on the following evening when he will explain about Miss Eason to her. States that he is writing with one eye bandaged and does not know whether or not he will go to the dance.
- 2pp
- 13 3 November 1892 At Sir John Rogerson's Quay, in which he discusses the arrangements for the dance they will attend which has been announced as 'Cinderella'. States that he believes the music to be supplied by Levenston's Band. Also instructs her to be ready at 8.45pm and to have her 'back-hair' done up well. Reminds her 'to bring a supply of hair-pins and ordinary pins...in case of accident'. States that he will bring over the flowers but reminds her to bring 3 or 4 blankets for the cab journey. Also with reference to [make-up] he instructs 'For goodness sake don't put it on too thick as the room will be likely to be well lighted-up and if you have too much on it will be easily detected.'
- 4pp
- 14 12 November 1892 At Telegraph Office, Sir John Rogerson's Quay in which he arranges to meet her on O'Connell Bridge at 7.15pm in order that they take a tram to the [Phoenix Park]. States that he had a heavy cold which he has treated with gruel and rum.
- 3pp

- 15 16 November 1892 At Telegraph Office, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, in which he apologises for walking away with her keys the night before and hope she had not been inconvenienced. Postscript notes 'If the key of your heart was one of these I would take my time about returning it'.
4pp
- 16 23 November 1892 At 100 Great Britain Street, wishing her a happy birthday: 'Though our acquaintance is but a short one, it has (to me, at least) been productive of much pleasure and, whatever may happen, the summer which has passed shall always be full of sweet recollections for me. I trust that we are but at the beginning of a long, warm, and enduring friendship which shall serve to bring our hearts closer together till they beat in unison.'
4pp
- 17 23 November 1892 At Telegraph Office, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, asking her to accept some books as a birthday present. States that Longfellow is one of his favourite poets and hopes she likes that book of his poetry. Requests to meet her at Harcourt Street at 9.15pm after he has finished his evening class at the University.
4pp
- 18 14 December 1892 At Telegraph Office, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, in which he complains about the 'disgusting' weather of late. Requests that Annie meet him at Knight's Clock if the rain has cleared up and states that it has been a long while since they had an evening together and wants to make sure that it is still 'the two of us'.
4pp
- 19 17 December 1892 At Telegraph Office, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, in which he states that he is on duty the following evening in lieu of working on Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day. Also notes that he has been offered the post of Inspector of Public Buildings and if the salary attached was higher, he would send the Postmaster General his resignation.
4pp

- 20 27 December 1892 At Telegraph Office, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, in which he states that he did not go [to the races] in Leopardstown the previous day as it was very cold. Believes that the River Dodder will freeze and if they ventured out 'there will be a paragraph in the papers "Romantic Episode in Dublin, Found locked in each others arms, frozen to death etc."'
- 4pp
- 21 31 December 1892 At 100 Great Britain Street, wishing her health, happiness and every blessing in the coming year.
- 1p
- 22 17 January 1893 In which he arranges a meeting with Annie on corner of St. Stephen's Green and Harcourt Street at 8.15pm.
- 1p
- 23 7 February 1893 At Telegraph Office, to Mrs. [Brigid] Burke, Annie's aunt, in which he asks permission to bring Annie to the 'Ivy Ball' given by the club of which he is a member. States that he knows 'most of the gentlemen and many of the ladies who will be present' and assures her that it will be 'a very select affair'.
- 3pp
- 24 13 February 1893 At Telegraph Office, Sir John's Quay, arranging a meeting with her that evening. Discusses their previous meeting and apologises for keeping her out so late. States: 'I can never forget last night. I cannot tell you how happy I felt though I suppose you didn't think so because I didn't say much. I never can talk when I feel deeply. I hope, Annie dearest, that you were not sorry this morning for what you said last night.'
- 4pp
- 25 15 February 1893 At Sir John's Quay, in which he discusses the ball they had attended two nights previously. States that 'the corridor part' of the ball was the most enjoyable. Arranges to meet her at Knight's Clock at 7.30pm.
- 4pp

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- 26** 25 March 1893 At 100 Great Britain Street, apologising for not being able to meet her due to committee meetings and evening duty at the Telegraph Office. Arranges to meet her on Good Friday at 7pm instead. 2pp
- 27** 30 March 1893 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he recounts the lengths he went to see her that morning- 'I got up early, went out without my breakfast, nearly broke my neck rushing through town, knocked down several lamps on my way, and narrowly escaped being run over, all in vain endeavour to see you on your way to business'. Arranges to meet her the following Friday when they plan to spend the evening in Milltown. 4pp
- 28** 15 April 1893 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he informs her that he called to his Aunt's house in response to a note from his cousin and could not attend his evening class. States that he will accompany his cousin to a dance in Mrs. Broderick's on Sunday and will not be able to see Annie until Saturday week. Postscript states: 'You can console yourself on Sunday by making the appointment with the gentleman whose letter will reach you simultaneously with mine' Postscript subsequently scored out in purple ink by [Annie]. 3pp
- 29** Easter 1893 Wishing Annie a very happy Easter. 1p
- 30** 4 May 1893 Telegram at Heresford, informing Annie that the journey was fine. 1 item
- 31** 6 May 1893 At The Metropole Temperance Hotel and Restaurant, Queen Street, Cardiff, Wales, discussing the journey to Wales and the previous night's banquet. Arranges to meet her at Knight's Clock on Monday evening at 6pm before they head out for the evening to Milltown. 5pp

- 32 undated C/o Mrs R. Quale, Belmont House, 4 Tynwald St., Douglas, Isle of Man, in which he states that since he has landed he has been asking 'Oh you girls, you naughty young girls why don't you try to be good'. Remarks, regarding the 'girls'- 'They will be loved and we needn't try to escape; we must submit for they keep doing it all day long. These English girls fairly take the biscuit. I brought two of them out in a yacht yesterday and had the satisfaction of seeing them turned inside out- seasickness'. States that they attended a dance the previous night and comments on 'the magnificent floor of the Palace.' Also notes that sisters 'are the greatest nuisance under the sun'.
3pp
- 33 8 May 1893 At Holyhead, stating that he had visited Bham, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Crewe and Holyhead, and would be back in Ireland shortly. Encloses picture from magazine of couple sitting on a park bench which he has entitled 'Con and Annie'.
5pp
- 34 25 May 1893 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he discusses his forthcoming examination in the University. Remarks that he has a 'faint chance' of passing but that if he doesn't apply himself over the coming weeks, he won't have 'a ghost of chance'. Apologises for not being able to meet her as arranged.
4pp
- 35 13 July 1893 At 100 Great Britain Street, apologising for not meeting with her that evening as his [friend] Frank had 'cajoled me into promising to spend the evening with him'. Arranges instead to meet her the following evening.
1p
- 36 22 July 1893 At 100 Great Britain Street, apologising for cancelling their sailing trip due to ill-health and suggests they 'await for some other occasion when they will be in better form for braving the trials of sea-sickness'.
3pp

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- 37** 4 August 1893 At GPO, apologising for cancelling his appointment to see her as he has to go to Bray with 'Kinnear in fulfilment of a promise some two months old to visit Miss Smith's younger sister on Saturday.'
- 1p
- 38** 7 August 1893 Postcard from GPO, in which he states that he finds that he is down for duty at the Corn Exchange the following day and will not be able to meet her.
- 1 item
- 39** 12 August 1893 At GPO in which he states that he didn't get to see her the previous evening. Notes that his cousins will not be visiting on Sunday and that this would ensure they would have the whole day and evening together.
- 1p
- 40** 14 August 1893 Postcard from GPO in which he apologises that he will not be able to get the tricycle from Kinnear as his sisters will want it all week.
- 1 item
- 41** 6 September 1893 At Telegraph Counter, GPO, in which he informs her that 'some old crabbed rascal has sent an anonymous letter to the Sec[retar]y complaining that the clerks were larking with young girls and riding a 'bicycle' at the counter to the danger of the lives of those writing telegrams.' States that in case anybody is told to watch the counter, it might be best for her not to visit him.
- 1p
- 42** 9 September 1893 At Telegraph Counter, arranging to meet her on Sunday evening. Hopes that she will not mind that he promised to show Miss Smyth about 'and as she told me she felt very lonely, I took her to the park this morning & have promised to go down to Bray tomorrow morning to see her sister and do the amiable.'
- 1p

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- 43** 16 September 1893 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he states that he will not be able to see her for three weeks as he has to work overtime and work hard 'to get out of that prison of an office'.
3pp
- 44** 20 September 1893 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he discusses his present predicament of having to restrict seeing Annie to one day a week as he has to study shorthand in the evenings. States that he means to make as much progress as possible before the University classes begin again.
4pp
- 45** 20 September 1893 Telegram asking Annie to meet him at 9.15pm on the corner of Harcourt St. and St. Stephen's Green.
1 item
- 46** 11 October 1893 In which he requests a meeting with Annie. Remarks that he has an invitation 'for a swell night of Mikado'. Excuses his handwriting but explains that he is writing 'under difficulties' in an office of 20 others and is afraid that one of them will read what he is writing.
1p
- 47** 21 October 1893 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he informs her that he will not be able to meet her at the usual time on Sunday as his sisters and he have been invited to a dance by a family friend.
1p
- 48** 23 November 1893 At 100 Great Britain Street, wishing Annie a happy birthday. Recollects the previous year and their visits to the Park 'the Scalp', Bray, Howth and 'Annie's valley'.
8pp

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- 49** 16 December 1893 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he explains his absence due to influenza which has kept him indoors for days.
8pp
- 50** 18 December 1893 At 100 Great Britain Street, thanking her for the get-well letter she sent him and discusses how his recovery from influenza is progressing. Also mentions £50 which [he/they] won recently and notes that the Christmas edition of 'Tit-Bits' will name the winners. Asks to meet her at 12 o'clock at the Rotunda and hopes that they can have a quiet walk in the Botanical Gardens.
7pp
- 51** 31 December 1893 At 100 Great Britain Street, wishing her 'every happiness which heaven can bestow and hoping that the New Year may bring no sorrow and many joys, all the sunshine of life and none of the shade, higher ideals with a perfect realisation of them.'
2pp
- 52** 31 December 1893 Telegram stating that he has to go to Castleisland for dinner but will call around 6pm.
1 item
- 53** 6 January 1894 At GPO stating that he has to attend a special committee meeting at [Kinnear's] house and will call for her as soon as it is over.
1p
- 54** 27 January 1894 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he states that he is on night duty for the following three weeks which means he will be able to attend his classes in the evenings-'I am sure I must be an awful lot behind the others and I will have to pull out and try to catch up on them'.
4pp

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- 55** 31 January 1894 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he states that he has been very busy during the week, as he is behind the rest of the class and it will take ‘a good deal of time to come on a level with them. Arranges that he, Annie and his sister, Pollie, will go to the pantomime.’
4pp
- 56** 10 February 1894 At 100 Great Britain Street, arranging to visit her for tea at 5.30pm on Sunday. Hopes that she didn’t think he was angry with her and assures her that he was ‘quite as much disgusted as you at having to go away’.
3pp
- 57** 24 February 1894 At GPO in which he regrets having to cancel their appointment to meet on Saturday as arranged as his lecturer, Magennis, has given them special work to do for the next lecture. States that he is anxious to take first class honours at his exam, ‘as it may mean a good deal to me afterwards’.
4pp
- 58** 15 March 1894 At GPO arranging to meet her that evening at 7pm if the weather is fine.
1p
- 59** 24 March 1894 At 100 Great Britain Street, discussing how it is nearly two years to the day that they met, and also arranges to meet her the following day.
4pp
- 60** 3 May 1894 Telegram from Manchester, informing Annie that he arrived safely in Manchester and that the passage was ‘splendid’.
1 item

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- 61** 5 May 1894 Telegram from Sheffield-‘Doing splendidly carried over resolutions after great debate good old Dublin home Monday.’
1 item
- 62** 5 May 1894 In Sheffield, discussing his stay for a conference [concerning pay?]. States that he stopped the previous night in Manchester and ‘the streets were packed with horrible girls; such swarms of them! Went to a music hall-disgusted.’ States that he hears they are to have a new scale of pay in 10 days.
1p
- 63** 11 May 1894 At GPO, discussing Annie’s decision to work. States that he is afraid it will not be good for her health and reminds her that she looked ‘wretched’ the last time she worked in Byrnes. ‘You must not forget that I want you to be a well and strong little Annie when it is the two of us, for you will have awful hard work keeping our little place in order.’
3pp
- 64** 7 July 1894 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he regrets that he has to cancel his appointment but his father has requested that he accompany him on a journey to Wexford and ‘considering that he makes so very few demands on my time, though he could claim it all...I decided to say “Yes”’.
4pp
- 65** 22 August 1894 At GPO, stating that he has been granted leave for work tomorrow. Also notes that he has made good progress in his studies during the week and is thinking of putting off his leave until the exam as Benson has promised to change [the date of the exam].
1p
- 66** 23 August 1894 At 100 Great Britain Street, stating that he will have to postpone the drive they had planned as it is raining and states that he will go to the Library to study instead.
1p

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- 67** 6 September 1894 At 100 Great Britain Street, discussing their future together and their forthcoming marriage.
1p
- 68** 13 September 1894 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he states that there is only a fortnight between them being together [until his exams are over]. Remarks that he is finding it hard to study and is afraid that he has got 'very little information into my head'.
1p
- 69** 28 September 1894 At 100 Great Britain Street, discussing his study plans for the forthcoming week. States that he thinks he will manage a 'pass' in his exams but no more. Informs her that he will call for her on Sunday but will have to finish reading *The History of Philosophy* before then. Reminds her that it is the last week of his study and 'moments mean marks'.
1p
- 70** undated In which he states that he had done well [in his exam] but that he cannot call up to her this evening as he has to brush up for his exam the following day.
2pp
- 71** 4 October 1894 At 100 Great Britain Street, informing her of the time he will call for her the following day. States that he has just visited with his aunt who has invited both he and Annie to her house on Sunday evening.
1p
- 72** 19 October 1894 At 100 Great Britain Street, stating that Mr. and Mrs. Conroy had invited them to a dance on Sunday evening and they would therefore have to postpone their visit to his aunt as originally planned.
1p

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- 73** 22 November 1894 At 100 Great Britain Street, on the eve of her birthday. Discusses their future and his hope that he will be able to create a home 'worthy of your taste and refinement'. States that whatever honour he has gained with his degree, he would 'gladly lay at your feet', and also hopes that they will be married before her next birthday.
6pp
- 74** 24 November 1894 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he postpones their appointment as he has been unexpectedly scheduled to work on evening duty.
1p
- 75** 27 November 1894 At GPO, in which he informs her that he has changed duties with a colleague who needed to swap but arranges to meet her at 7pm instead of their planned meeting the following day.
1p
- 76** 30 November 1894 At 100 Great Britain Street, cancelling their appointment to meet because he has to work, but arranges to see her on Sunday at 12.30 as usual.
1p
- 77** Christmas 1894 Christmas card showing a black and white illustration of 'Romeo and Juliet' Act III Scene V.
1 item
- 78** undated At 1 Spring Mount, Dundrum, county Dublin, stating that Dundrum is a lovely place and that they had just returned from Bray where they drove after dinner. Also notes that they had tea with his cousin and then went to the Carlisle Gardens to see the fireworks and hear the Mysterious Musicians.
2pp

- 79** 23 March 1895 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he explains why he did not call to see her that evening. States that he finds the subject of law ‘a more difficult nut to crack than I thought and it has absorbed so much of my time that I have practically neglected other things.’ Hopes that she is recovering from her illness and that she will be much better by the time they are married in August. Also notes that the ‘Controller’ in work is selling his furniture in Rathgar Road and comments that he wishes he had the cash to ‘speculate in a few suites of ruby and old gold’.
- 4pp
- 80** 25 March 1895 At 100 Great Britain Street, in which he reminds her that it has been three years since their first ‘appointment’. States that it has been difficult to be apart for the previous year while he studied for his exams, but that the present must be sacrificed to the future.
- 4pp
- 81** 11 April 1895 At GPO, enquiring about her ‘new situation in Clontarf’. Arranges to meet her on Stamer Street and also hopes that her [uncle], Mr Burke, is feeling better.
- 2pp
- 82** 13 April 1895 At 100 Great Britain Street wishing Annie a Happy Easter.
- 1p
- 83** 25 April 1895 At 100 Great Britain Street, stating that he has passed the preliminary examination and will present himself for the competitive examination for the Civil Service Commissioners the following Tuesday. Asks whether she has been well and whether she has ‘got rid of the heart trouble’ yet. States that he himself is in splendid health and getting through a good deal of work. ‘I don’t think I’ll disgrace the University by failing altogether.’
- 3pp

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- 84** 28 June 1895 At GPO, in which he states that he still hasn't heard from the Civil Service Commissioners regarding his examinations.
1p
- 85** 3 July 1895 In which he states that the Lord Chancellor wrote to him asking him to call and had his certificate of qualification from the Commissioners. States that he will take up duty in the Four Courts the following day and that his office is the easiest one in the courts as far as work is concerned.
1p
- 86** 23 November 1896 In which he wishes her a happy birthday. Includes a poem beginning 'Our cup of happiness was full/It seemed this twelvemonth day..'
2pp
- 87** 23 November 1899 At 6 Auburn Ville, addressing her as 'my own darling, ma mhúirnín dílis', and containing best wishes for her birthday. Hopes that she may forgive him 'for any words...which have sounded harshly on your ears' and assures her that 'the love and regard and esteem which fills my heart for you now were never so intense since the first day the designs of Providence brought us together.'
4pp
- 88** 12 September 1913 Postcard from [Cornelius Murphy, Sr] at 100 Parnell Street, in which he tells his daughter-in-law that the trunk had arrived and will hold a lot of good things'.
1 item
- 89** 23 November 1913 Note from 'Pap, Fearghus, Conn and Auntie [Brigid Burke]' to 'Dearest Mamma' wishing her a happy birthday.
1p

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- 90** 24 June 1916 Postcard stating that he had a nice country walk in Limerick and that they plan to go on a boating trip on the River Shannon the following day. Also notes his plans to hear Mass in the Bishop's Cathedral. 1 item
- 91** 23 November 1916 Birthday card 1 item
- 92** 7 June 1922 Postcard from Conn in county Wicklow-*'Ta súil agam go bhfuil tú ag dul ar aghaidh go maith. Tá aimsir bhreáth again. Ta sinn ag dul go dtí lugna-coille indiu.* 1 item
- 93** 30 June 1922 At Ballinasloe House, Salthill, Co. Galway, in which he discusses his trip to Galway and the progress of the Civil War. States that he has met Dr. Dillon of Galway College, Séamus Dillon, son of John Dillon and Seán Forde, a solicitor in Athenry. Also states that he met Dr. Fearan, the sister of Dr. Séamus O' Kelly, and notes that she is a house-surgeon in Galway Hospital and is a 'staunch Republican'. Notes that she 'was disgusted over the election' and that it would 'almost convince one that the Irish people are not worth fighting for'. Observes that 'the Free State soldiers are a very lubberly lot, big, soft, clumsy. Lazy fellows who loll about the barracks supporting the walls or lunge about the streets like heavy cattle. They are utterly demoralised drinking, card-playing, and jack acting with girls being their only occupation. They are a poor lot, but Miss Fearan says that the republicans are worse + are bringing great discredit on the cause'. Also discusses the news from Dublin and states that he has heard rumours to the effect that 'a portion of the Four Courts had been taken and that Rory and Liam Mellows were below on the cellars'. States that he doubts this story as he does not believe that the Dublin Brigade would let this happen. Comments that he has also heard that Rory Mellows 'has sent around a "fiery cross" calling on all Republicans to do battle for the Republic.' Also remarks that the IRA in Galway are putting barbed wire around their buildings but that no hostilities have started. Hopes that she is not too worried about Fergus when he is out and about and empathises with her anxiety. 6pp

- 94 18 December 1922 At Hotel Foyot, rue de Fournon, Paris, in which he describes his visit to Paris. Comments on Mass at St. Sulpice and the church itself. Also notes that he accidentally met Kathleen O'Brennan who was on her way home from Lausann where 'she had been working up all the Red Cross and other influences against the execution of Rory O'Connor and the three others'. States that she had difficulty in convincing foreigners of what was the real nature of these murders, as since the Treaty was signed all political propaganda 'has been practically abandoned and the foreigner is at the mercy of the English Press agencies. Also notes that there is no Irish representative in Paris: 'the Free State does nothing and we have abandoned the field to the enemy to our great loss'. Describes the shops in Paris, and states that there was a great street-rue de Rivoli, 'which has a covered arcade about a mile long with shop after shop stretching along its entire length'. States that from every point of view London is only in the 'half-penny place', but notes that everything is very expensive. Analyses the cost of a two course meal and a return ticket from London. Also describes the Opera-'Castor and Pollent', 'which was a classical semi-mythological Roman tale'. Also notes that Notre Dame 'is a fine piece of architecture' and comments on the 'vastness and the grandeur of the building.'
- 8pp
- 95 2 January 1923 Postcard from Conn in Albergo Bel Sito, Rome, to Annie informing her that he will have an audience with the Pope that week and has visited the Coliseum, the Forum and the Earl's Tower.
- 1 item
- 96 14 January 1923 At Albergo Bel Sito, via Ludovisi, Rome, Italy in which he recounts his recent stay in Rome with Professor Clery. Describes visiting the Vatican galleries and the Sistine Chapel and also recounts a Neapolitan 'Punch and Judy' show: 'It was great gas. It wasn't the Punch And Judy story; but was a similar performance and was splendidly done.'
- 4pp
- 97 17 January 1923 On the train between Modana and Paris, in which he recounts the train journeys from Rome to Turin; from Turin to Modana; and from Modana to Paris. Also discusses his preference for Italy over France as he prefers the language and the people of Italy. Enquires as to whether Annie is 'keeping in with the Master and attending the Board meetings regularly.'
- 8pp

- 98 11 November 1924 At McIntyres Commercial Hotel, Mount Charles, Donegal, in which he describes his recent visit to Donegal to persuade voting on the Border issue and the Six Counties. States that they stayed in the border town of Pettigo-‘lying half in and half out of the Slave State’. Describes the town in some detail: ‘the border line runs right through the middle of the street and if you stepped on an orange peel you would fall right into the Six Counties area’. Describes his (and his colleagues) attempts to persuade voting. ‘We addressed the assembled multitudes belonging to both parts of His Majesty’s dominions and had four different bodies of military guarding us-the Khakis, the Greens, the Civic Guards and the R[oyal] Ulster Consta[bulary]. We made fun of them all in turn and made each laugh at the others.’ Also states that Pettigo ‘is a hopeless place, as cold as Iceland and as bleak as bleak could be’. Claims the voting promises to be a close contest, but that if Unionists stay away from the polling booths, as predicted by local Republican workers, they may win the vote. Enquires after his son and daughter Conn and Connie and their partnership business and requests Annie to tell them ‘to engage extra assistance to cope with the rush of trade.’
- 4pp
- 99 12 November 1924 In Glenties, county Donegal, in which he describes his visit to the Glenties and the progress of his campaign for the voting on the Border issue. Describes the Glenties as being ‘in the very wild west’ and also describes a fair being held in the village after which he [and his colleagues] will address the people of the town. States that the Partitionists are also holding a meeting at which he is led to believe, the famous Dennis [Mebullough] is to play a set of Irish airs arranged by a famous London composer named ‘Lloyd George’ on a ‘British Empire’ piano, the gift of a limited company of financiers to King George. States that they will probably head back to Letterkenny that evening and that on the following day, he will speak at Ballybophey ‘where Dick Mulcahy held his meeting on Sunday’. States that ‘the Slave State has few supporters and no believers’ in Glenties ‘but apathy and indifference prevails everywhere; and the fear that unless the Slave State wins, there will be another war, tells strongly against us.’ Concludes that they will most likely be beaten by a small amount.
- 4pp
- 100 Christmas 1926 Wishing Annie a Happy Christmas and apologising to her that he cannot afford to busy her a present ‘in a very dark time’ but promises to do so in better days.
- 2pp

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- 101** 28 June 1931 Postcard from County Waterford in which he describes his holiday with his son, Feargus. States that they will have a great week 'driving around to visit the centres'. Also states that Kitty, his daughter-in-law, 'is first-rate' and enquires after Iosoilde.
1 item
- 102** 26 May 1934 Postcard describing his trip in Donegal. States that he is on the way to Ballyshannon which he claims is 'like a town in Isle of Man specially arranged for visitors'.
1 item
- 103** 23 November 1934 Birthday card with 'Celtic' motif.
1 item
- 104** 17 May 1935 Postcard at Lough Swilly Hotel, Buncrana, county Donegal. Describes the weather and plans for the rest of the trip such as going to Carndonough and Letterkenny.
1 item
- 105** 4 June 1935 At the Villa, Lismore, county Waterford, in which he states that the National University have just sent him a letter instructing him to go to Waterford to superintend the Matriculation exam on 25th June, but that he replied by 'telling them what I think of them'. States that he would have been glad enough to have gone 'if I had not drawn such a good horse in the Sweep'. Claims he has been told that he is a very likely runner and has refused an offer of £2000 for his ticket, 'as I made up my mind to stick to my luck and 'chance the ducks''. States that Dervla, his granddaughter, is having a good time in Waterford. States that Kitty, his daughter-in-law is still in bad health 'but is still cheerful and hopeful of good results from the powders. They are very disagreeable to take, as they have a frightful taste.' Enquires after his grandchildren, Feargus, and Niamh, who just made her First Holy Communion.
2pp

- 106** 28 June 1936 At Hotel Metropole, county Waterford, in which he states that he has enclosed a letter from Sean MacEntee [not in collection] with regard to the passing of a Bill before the Summer vacation of the Dáil. Claims that he should get his 'arrears' in August or September. Also discusses [forthcoming exams], namely that he must arrange a date for the examiner's meeting for the Intermediate [exam]. States that he plans to read a few of Shakespeare's plays before he sleeps 'so that I have them fresh in my mind for the Intermediate'. Also states that he went to see Mr and Mrs Lane and that they had a long chat 'about Kitty and the IRA: Mrs Lane is deeply interested in Kitty.'
- 2pp
- 107** 24 May [?] Postcard, Central Hotel, Castlerea [county Mayo], stating that he will be home the following day.'
- 1 item

II. Letters from Annie to

a. Conn (1892-1926)

- 108** 20 April 1892 At 57 Lennox Street, stating 'owing to Friday's proceedings, I thought you had changed your mind about the ball. And expected a letter to that effect. I quite intended up to that time but, now of course I could not dream of going, so of course it can't be helped, I am quite sure you will enjoy yourself thoroughly, with your own young lady.' Also states that she will be in Victoria Street at 8.15 that evening if he wanted to meet her.
- 2pp
- 109** 14 July 1893 At 57 Lennox Street, in which she says 'if not with Bidy to-day you might call up as early as you can after receiving this note. I enjoyed my lemon plait very much. I hope you enjoyed yourself with Frank and did not flirt too much'.
- 1p

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- 110** 10 December 1893 At 57 Lennox Street, stating that she spent a 'disgusting lonely Sunday'. Notes that she walked as far as Grattan Parade and states 'I am delighted with the houses. I think you are a perfect darling to find out such a lovely place for the two of us when you get the fifty [pounds].' Also describes her visits with her friends Miss Collins and Mary, and that she also walked down Great Britain Street hoping for a glimpse of him (Conn) but to no avail. Also notes that 'I did not see a good looking fellow in the Chapel Sunday morning so I did not faint.'
- 3pp
- 111** 15 December 1893 At 57 Lennox Street, stating that she is very disappointed that he did not meet her the previous evening, and that she had met Frank who had told her that he (Conn) was ill. Enquires after his health and asks him to write to her.
- 1p
- 112** 16 December 1893 At 57 Lennox Street, thanking him for his letter and commiserating on the fact that he is very ill. Notes that her aunt is also in bed with illness.
- 3pp
- 113** 1 January 1894 Letter wishing him a very happy new year.
- 1p
- 114** 10 February 1894 At 57 Lennox Street, asking Conn to forgive her for her 'little impertinence' the last time they met and invites him to tea on Sunday evening.
- 1p
- 115** 1 May 1894 Birthday card.
- 1 item

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- 116** 19 August 1894 At 57 Lennox Street, stating that she is very disappointed that he did not meet her that evening and asks whether he will meet her on Sunday morning instead.
1p
- 117** 2 May 1895 Birthday card from Annie to Con.
1 item
- 119** [?] Postcard at Sea View, Co. Wicklow, to Dr. Conn Murphy, 4 Brighton Spa, Rathgar, in which she says that she is lonely and that they went to bed last night when ‘the chicks’, her granddaughters, turned in. Enquires about the house and hopes that he has visited his father.’
1 item
- 120** 27 August 1913 Postcard from Annie in Llandudno, Wales, to Conn in Rathgar, stating that she was delighted to get his letters and informs him that she will be home on Friday night.
1 item
- 121** 30 December 1923 At 18 Garville Avenue, Rathgar, in which she describes the Christmas which she has just spent on her own due to Conn travelling on the continent. States that she was never so lonely in her life as she was Christmas morning. Also states that she doesn’t think that Conn and ‘old fat-head’ [?] are getting on as well as Conn expected. Begg Conn to come home and states that she thinks ‘things are just about as bad as they can be here. I don’t see one bright spot’. Also notes that Fearghus [their son who is in the Curragh Internment Camp?] sent her two letters during Christmas week and believes that he is unwell. States with reference to this, that she had sent him ‘two fat parcels which included ‘a grand fat chicken, roasted and all and a little plum pudding’.
2pp

- 122** c. January 1923 At 18 Garville Avenue, in which she expresses her delight that Conn is going to see the Pope in Rome, and requests him to ask the Pope to play a little game of poker. Also hopes that he gets a good job in Paris and jokes that she will put on her old hat and coat and join him there. States that she is 'pretty well sick of them all' referring to people she knows [?] and says that she can't see anyone else that has come out of the Civil War period like they have, 'with not a penny to bless ourselves with', and 'no-one cares a pin'. Complains about the state of her hat and coat and declares 'I know we are down and out but I'm not going to let the world see it and if I have to rob a bank I'm going to be dressed'. Describes how she went to 'old cats' the previous evening and lost £1.5.0, and also mentions that Mrs. V[?] will only play afternoon bridge now ('what a swank'). States that she had a letter from Conn (grandson) which stated that he had the time of his life at Christmas. Also reminds him 'for the love of Mick, don't leave Miss K[athleen]'s watch to be done in Rome. She says the men might take out the stones'. Also notes that in her last letter, she mentioned 'old fathead' and wondered how he was getting on and when Conn would be coming home.
- 3pp
- 123** 11 January 1923 At 18 Garville Avenue, Rathgar, in which she demands to know when Conn will be returning home. Also states that he would be 'a great fool not to have a good time and see everything worth seeing while in Rome' as he may never have the chance again. Also states that she has just come in from Mrs O'C[arroll, post mistress?] as she was sending a parcel 'to the Scamp'. Notes that Count Plunkett was [in the post office] and expressed his hope that Conn will have success in his venture abroad. She also notes that Count Plunkett was sending a parcel to Newbridge. Notes that she got no word from Fearghus so she did not know whether to send a parcel to him or not. Mentions that Mrs. O'C[arroll] said that she would send on a parcel to Fearghus and Annie comments that 'she is not a bad old skin at times'. Also comments that she is going to the Abbey tomorrow with Mrs. Petterson.
- 2pp
- 124** 28 July 1926 At 18 Garville Avenue, Rathgar, in which she states that she is delighted to hear that he is getting on well in [Dundalk]. Complains that she is very lonely and also that the day is not long enough for all she has to do 'what with meetings day and night.' Hopes that Patsy with whom Conn is staying 'is for Dev'. Also states that she will go to O'Carroll's on Sunday as she promised them that she would help. Expresses her delight at hearing of the birth of Patsy's little girl. Concludes by stating that their daughter,

Connie's boyfriend, Des[mond B.Murphy], has just called and they are going out. Signed 'Humbug Ann'.

2pp

b. Brigid Burke, her aunt (1915-1928)

- 125** 9 July 1915 Postcard from Annie Byrne, at the Cottage, Fermanagah, Co. Donegal, to Mrs. Burke, 18 Garville Avenue, Rathgar, in which she thanks her for sending on coats. Enquires whether she left Conn's soft collars at home as she cannot find them. Also asks that they be given to Maria to send on with the dress.
1 item.
- 126** 24 July 1915 Postcard from Annie, at The Cottage, Falcarragh, Co. Donegal, to Mrs. Burke, her aunt, in which she states that she is delighted to get her letter. States that 'the chicks' are well and having a good time. Also notes that she is glad her aunt went to visit Aunt Pollie.
1 item
- 127** 26 August 1921 Postcard from Annie in Richview [Co. Wicklow] to her Aunt, Brigid Burke, stating that they will be returning to Rathgar the following day.
1 item
- 128** [?] Postcard from Annie Byrne, Sea View House, Glencormac, Co. Wicklow, to Mrs. Burke, 4 Brighton Spa, Rathgar, her aunt, in which she states that she knows Mrs. Burke will be glad to have all 'her chicks' home again. States that it was too bad that 'Conn had to go in'.
1 item
- 129** 25 October 1928 Letter from Annie in France, to Aunt Burke in Rathgar, stating that she is having a wonderful time and that she thinks it would take her years to see the place in full.
1 item

- 130** 16 November 1928 Postcard from Annie in Paris, to Aunt Brigid Burke, enquiring after her children, Connie and Kathleen. States that her son, Fearghus, is posting a cloak to Connie, but notes that it will have to go by rail and remarks that it might be summertime before it arrives.

1 item

c. Annie Mary Constance Murphy ('Connie'), her daughter [c.1930]

- 131** [c.1930] Letter from Annie at 10 Charleston Avenue, to her daughter, Connie, who is now at Lynn's Place, Sligo. Requests that she write by return and let her know how everyone is. States that she had a very strange dream last night and is quite upset about it. Also mentions that Fearghus is up in Dublin for a meeting and went off this morning 'at the unearthly hour of 6.30'. Also reminds Connie about Dervla's birthday.

1p

- 132** [c.1930] Letter from Annie, 10 Charleston Avenue, Rathgar, to her daughter, Connie, in which she states that she was delighted to hear that they are all 'in the pink'. Says that she would love to spend Christmas with Desmond and herself but thinks she would be putting them to a lot of trouble. Also comments that their maid lives with them which would mean that there wouldn't be a spare room. Informs Connie that Aunt Lizzie is very ill and it would only be matter of time before she dies. Requests that Connie let her know what sort of dolls the children, Constance and Elsa, would like as Christmas presents.

1p

III. Other letters to both

a. from Reverend William S. Donegan (1895-1896)

133 Christmas 1895 Christmas card from Reverend William S. Donegan, St. Mary's Lucan to Conn and Annie Murphy.
1 item

134 4 July 1896 From William S. Donegan, Saint Mary's, Lucan, Co. Dublin, in which he thanks Con for his great kindness in permitting him to be the sponsor of their new born child, and also reminisces on when Annie was a young girl who prayed with him: 'her innocent strains of 'Daily, daily, sing to Mary' and 'I am a little Catholic' seem to me the echo of yesterday's refrain'. Wishes that the 'little angel child be to you and her a messenger from above: the herald of future peace, happiness, health and prosperity....and may the event be a golden link writing the memories of the past with those of the future in one golden chain binding our hearts together forever.'
4pp

b. from Annie's friends and acquaintances (1922-1936)

135 9 October 1922 Letter from Henrietta Archer, Rockfield, Keel, Achill Island, stating that she had just heard yesterday 'from a Republican Officer' about the bad time they are having and writes to say how sorry she feels for her. Requests that Annie give Fergus and Conn her kind regards and 'who knows what good may come of what they are suffering.' States that she and the children have converted to Catholicism and notes that she had a lovely letter from Father Charlie Doyle of Belvedere, in Dublin. Also passes on her husband, and [daughter]'s kind regards.
4pp

136 6 February 1932 Cover letter from Mrs. G.A. Moonan (Mary) enclosing a poem dedicated to her on the occasion of her birthday. Poem composed by Uan Uladh (Agnes O'Farrelly).
2 items

137 Christmas 1936 Christmas card from M. McCarthy to [Annie Murphy] 1 item

c. concerning Annie's illness and death (c.1937)

138 24 August 1936 Letter from Madeleine French, Kathleen Lynn, and Nan Dougan to Annie letting her know that they are thinking of her and hoping she will be well again. Addresses her as Mrs Ultan. 1 item

139 28 August 1936 Letter from Paul [Farrell, son-in-law], Savage Club, Carlton House, SW1 to 'Missy Conn' in Richmond Hospital, in which he states that he hopes she is getting on well and apologises for not being able to see her before she left. Notes that 'No. 10 was like a grave ' without her and even the children couldn't give it the 'pep and life' that she seemed to put into it. 2pp

140 19 October 1937 Letter from Mother Imelda [Carrily], Loreto Convent, Bray, to Conn, in which she sympathises with him about an illness of 'My dear lady Anne'. Asks that the Lord lessens her pains and notes that she was a very likeable person. 6pp

141 [1937] Calling card of A.F. Dougan, Teach Ultain (infant Hospital), Charlemont Street, Dublin 'praying for your speedy recovery'. 1 item

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142 8 December 1937 Letter from Feargus Farrell, son of Kathleen and Paul Farrell, to Conn Murphy, his grandfather, on the occasion of his grandmother, Annie's death.
1p

143 28 December 1937 Letter from [Úna Bean] de Staic, 167 Strand Road, Merrion, in which she thanks Conn for sending her a memoriam card from Annie. States that she is sure that Annie is very happy remembering their life together and watching over his new grandchild. Assures him of her kind wishes and sympathy and deep regret.
2pp

B. LOVE POETRY OF CONN MURPHY [c.1892-1895]

- 144** c.1892-1895 Poem entitled 'Careless & Faithful Love' beginning with the line 'to sigh, yet feel no pain'. Two stanzas of 10 lines per stanza. 2pp
- 145** c.1892-1895 Untitled poem beginning with the line 'Always of thee am I dreaming. 2 stanzas of 5 lines per stanza. 1p
- 146** c.1892-1895 Untitled poem beginning with the line 'Arrayed in white, with satin shoe'. 5 lines. 1p
- 147** c.1892-1895 Untitled poem beginning with the line 'Dost thou think I captive lie/To a gracious glancing eye'. 4 stanzas of 4 lines per stanza. 1p
- 148** c. 1892-1895 Untitled poem beginning with the line, 'See how the fates their threads entwine'. 8 lines. 1p
- 149** c.1892-1895 Two poems. First, untitled, beginning with line, 'Love thee dearest, love thee?' (18 lines). Second entitled 'Black Eyes and Blue Eyes', beginning 'The brilliant black eye/may in triumph let fly. (30 lines). Both 'respectfully dedicated to Miss Annie Byrne'. 2pp
- 150** c. 1892-1895 Two poems. First entitled 'My Annie is little' and beginning 'My Annie is little, my Annie is brown/But her cheek is as smooth as the peach's soft down'. (18 lines). Second, untitled, beginning 'if I speak to thee in friendship's name/Thou thinkest I speak too coldly'. 2pp

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- 151 c.1892-1895 Newspaper cuttings containing verses such as 'Could I love you?', 'The Husband Dethroned', and 'Counting Applesseeds'.
4 items
- 152 c.1895 Unfinished/fragmented ballads in colloquial language. First, untitled, and beginning 'Who does this represent d'ye think now, Alanna/Faith no wan at all, but yerself and Johanna' (50 lines). Second, untitled, and beginning 'Such a sweet little lecture/that you'll melt into tears'. (42 lines)
4pp

C. **DEATH OF CORNELIUS MURPHY (Sr) (1917)**

- 153 12 September 1917 True copy (probate engrossment) of the last will and testament of Cornelius Murphy (d. 27 July 1917) late of 100 Parnell Street, Dublin, hardware merchant. Appoints his son, Cornelius J. Murphy (Conn) the executor and trustee of the will. Bequeaths unto his daughter, Katie Murphy, his dwelling house at No 1 St. James Villas, Drumcondra. Also leaves the proceeds of the sale and conversion to money of his business to his daughters, Mary Anne, Elizabeth and Jane. Also bequeaths the sum of £300 to his son, James Murphy, payable out of the proceeds of the business, with the right to reside and be maintained by the business until his marriage. Also appoints the sum of £50 each to his sons, Cornelius J. Murphy and John Murphy. Appoints his aforementioned daughters as residual legatees.
4pp
- 154 c. September 1917 Breakdown of the estate of Cornelius Murphy, late of 100 Parnell Street, Dublin. Includes executors account, plus detailed valuation of content of hardware shop shelf by shelf, and also of the dwelling house at No. 1 St. James Villas, as well as a valuation of leasehold property. Also contains lists of debtors and a list of insurance policies held.
7pp

D. PHOTOGRAPHS [c.1880-c.1935]

- 155** c.1880 Black and white studio portrait of Cornelius Murphy (Sr.), hardware merchant and [his wife]. Cornelius standing to the left of [his wife] who is seated.
21cm x 15cm
- 156** c.1890 Black and white studio portrait of Annie Byrne. Pictured wearing a lace frilled blouse with long black skirt and posing beside a draped curtain onto which she is holding.
10.5cm x 16.5cm
- 157** c.1895 Black and white mounted studio portrait of Cornelius Murphy ('Conn') and Annie Byrne. Conn, standing on left of portrait is wearing University conferring gown and cap [on receipt of his BA degree?]. Annie is seated to right of picture wearing dark coloured dress with satin bodice and collar. Also holding a feathered fan. Drapes visible in background.
25cm x 20cm
- 158** c.1895 Copy of P141/157. Unmounted
14cm x 10cm
- 159** c.1895 Studio portrait by Stanley of 22 Westmoreland St., Dublin, of Annie Byrne wearing long white [wedding] dress. Mounted on card.
30cm x 25cm
- 160** c.1900 Two black and white studio head and shoulder portraits of Cornelius Murphy (Sr.). Mounted on grey cardboard.
1. 21.5cm x 16 cm
2. 25cm x 20cm

- 161** c.1900 Black and white photograph of Cornelius J. Murphy standing in doorway of his father's hardware shop at 100 Parnell Street Dublin. Window display clearly visible containing irons, jugs, brushes, baskets, saws, bird cages, lamps, tools and trunks. Shop sign reads 'C. Murphy's Ironmongery Stores. Dwelling quarters above shop visible with lace curtains and blinds. 4 sash windows with a woman visible on third from left and a young girl visible in the window fourth from left.
12.5cm x17.5cm
- 162** c.1910 Postcard portrait of Conn's nieces and nephews by his sister, Teresa ('Teasie') and her husband, Joe Murphy. Listed on verso as Kevin, Eva, Gertie and Máire Murphy.
13cm x 8cm
- 163** c.1930 Black and white photograph of Conn Murphy standing in a garden. Large trees and a washing line visible in background. Conn wearing dark suit and tie and is holding a stick/branch in right hand.
9cm x 6cm

E. EPHEMERA

**I. Concerning courtship and marriage of Conn and Annie Murphy
[c.1892-1895]**

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| 164 | [1890's] | Blank Easter card. | 1 item |
| 165 | [1890's] | Card entitled 'Cure for love, recommended for C.J. Murphy'. | 1 item |
| 166 | 1893 | Dance programme for the Telegraph Dance with a list of 24 dances and the names of girls faintly written in pencil alongside. | 1 item |
| 167 | c.1890 | Disbound publication on the subject of etiquette, containing chapters on accomplishments, table manners, traits of character, shopping and travelling abroad. Also contains notes and markings in Annie's handwriting. | c.95pp |
| 168 | 24 September 1895 | Envelope containing wedding invitation cards with Mr and Mrs C.J. Murphy's compliments'. | 3 items |

II. Calling cards [c.1925-c.1935]

- 169** [c. 1925] Calling card of Conn Murphy in Irish and English, and listing his address as 18 Garville Avenue, Rathgar.
1 item
- 170** [1890's] Calling card of Mrs. G.A. Moonan, of Áille Meara, Westminster Road, Foxrock, to Annie at 10 Charleston Avenue, Rathmines.
1 item

III. Passports (1923:1928)

- 171** 26 October 1923 Passport of Conn Murphy. British passport No 521406. Valid for France, Belgium, Italy, and Switzerland.
1 item
- 172** 26 September 1928 Passport of Annie Murphy. Saorstát Éireann passport no.136595. Valid for France, Belgium, Switzerland and British Commonwealth.
1 item

IV. Invitation to 31st Eucharistic Congress (1931)

- 173** 21 June 1932 Invitation from President of Ireland to Conn and Annie to a reception at St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle, on the occasion of the 31st International Eucharistic Congress.
1 item

V. Condolence cards on occasion of Conn Murphy's death (1947)

- 174** December 1947 Sympathy cards on the death of Conn Murphy from Mr & Mrs. Fintan Murphy; Elsa and Constance Murphy; Kathleen Murphy; Úna Bean de Staic; Connie Murphy; Iosoilde, Fearghus, Niamh and Anne Murphy; H. C. Pearse Hutchinson; Áine Ní Dubhagáin; The Baggott Family; The O'Connell Family; Margaret Dunne; Nell, Marea and Bessie [Moloney]; Alice Barry; The Community of St. Joseph's Dún Laoghaire; Maeve Phelan, Mary Johnson, Fred and Rose Doherty, Áine Ceannt, and Brian MacGiollaPhádraig.
- c. 30 items

SECTION 2: THE PAPERS OF ANNIE MARY CONSTANCE ('CONNIE') MURPHY

A CORRESPONDENCE

I while teaching/studying at St. Pölten, Austria (1913-1914)

- 175** 30 August 1913 From Mother Olivia Kaisertreu, St. Pölten, Austria, to Annie Murphy, concerning her daughter Connie's forthcoming arrival at the convent. Assures Annie that they will look after Connie as one of their own and that they will provide her with every opportunity to complete her studies and to accomplish herself. Warns that Connie may feel homesick at first but that they have found a 'charming companion' for her; a French girl called Georgette who is looking forward to her arrival. Notes that Connie's school [enrolment] number is 73 and that they would like for her to arrive at St. Pölten by 20th September. 7pp
- 176** 25 September 1913 From Connie at Institut der englischen fraulein (Institute for English Girls), St. Pölten, Austria, to her parents, in which she informs them that she has arrived safely and that the nuns and the French girl, Georgette, are very kind to her. Describes her 'very troublesome' journey from Dublin to St. Pölten with her travelling companion, Gertie Cullen, to whom she now owes 5 pounds. Explains how her money was used up due to registering her trunks from Dublin to Parsau and again from Parsau to St. Pölten, as well as the cost of a B&B in London and the price of trains from London to Queensboro and from Flushing to Frankfurt. Notes, however, that the crossing from England to the continent was very calm and that a German gentleman ensured that they were quite comfortable on the train to Frankfurt. Adds that Mother Kaisertreu sees that she has everything she needs and also that her room mate, Mmlle Georgette is nice and sends her love to Máire Touhy, a former St. Pölten's student. 3pp
- 177** 26 September 1913 Telegram to the Murphy family, 18 Bushton Square, Rathgar, Co. Dublin, from Connie informing them that she had arrived safely in St. Pölten. 1 item

- 178 c. September 1913 From Connie to her parents in which she complains of being terribly lonely and homesick. States that her travelling companion, Gertie Cullen, left for Budapest on Friday and hasn't been in contact since. Describes the difference in food and explains that they eat five times a day, 7.30am for breakfast, 10.00 am for tea, 1.00pm for dinner, 4.00pm for tea and then supper in the evening. Describes dinner as consisting of 3 courses, soup, meat and sweets, and states that she is beginning to become accustomed to the mixtures. Notes that she speaks French with Georgette but does not know any German yet. Also notes that her classes are not yet arranged but that she will have private lessons in German. States that she has already had a music lesson and that the same nun who taught Máire Touhy is now teaching her. Asks whether the strike in Dublin has been settled yet and remarks that she dreamt that all the trams in Dublin were running late into the night to the surprise of everyone. Describes a typical day as beginning in school at 8am and finishing at 1pm, after which they go for a walk until 3pm. Also remarks on the fashions in St. Pölten and how they are 'more backward than those in Dublin'.
- 4pp
- 179 c. September /October 1913 From Connie to her friend Máire Touhy, in which she states that she is slowly beginning to like St. Pölten and the girls here such as L. Pluovich, E. Grassl and Georgette. Describes the difficulty she is having learning German and while she needs private German lesson, she feels she cannot ask the nuns for them. Also notes that she has to teach English to the 2nd division of the Fortbildungsklasse and two private English lessons to M. Morizburg. Relays message from the nuns who taught Maria piano while she was there and also asks about people she knows in Dublin. Adds that she is glad to hear that her family are moving to Garville Avenue and not leaving Rathgar.
- 2pp
- 180 c. October 1913 From Connie to Kitty (Kathleen, sister), in which she discusses general activities in the convent such as a play which was held in the theatre recently. Also remarks that the feast of Hallows Eve is not celebrated in Austria and 'In any case they have no barm-bracks, and I never see such a thing as a loaf of bread. We always get little rolls which are crispy and have a lovely taste. I only get butter at breakfast, but I take tea and more than one cup. It is not really tea because they don't know how to make it'. In French, German and English.
- 2pp

- 181 c. October 1913 From Connie in which she tells her parents that she is getting 'awfully fat' and has gained 1kg in 6 weeks. Discusses her German lessons and the difficulty she is having with them. States that she finds holidays very long as the other children leave for home for a few days. Also notes that she would like to be at home helping her mother 'to settle the house' and requests that a description of all the rooms be sent to her. Also asks her father to write part of his next letter to her in Irish so that she doesn't forget it. Also asks for the name of the famous whist-club of which her father is a chairman as she could not make it out in his last letter and notes that they will enjoy going to it every fortnight. 4pp
- 182 c. October 1913 From Connie to her father to inform him that she has finally secured private German lessons but not because of the letter he had written which had not yet arrived, but through another channel entirely. Jokes 'I suppose when your letter arrives there will be a strong reaction and all the nuns will be running to give me lessons.' Notes that the children to whom she gives English lessons find her very strict and are very much afraid of her. Also remarks on the forthcoming feast of St. Leopold, the patron saint of Austria and to mark the occasion they are all going on an excursion to Lilianfeld. Also notes that she had a letter from Gertie Cullen in Budapest, who had travelled with her to St. Pölten, but doubts that she will be able to see her over Christmas. Comments that she does not have much free time as she gives 13 English lessons a week, attends class and has private German lessons, so Sunday is the only free day she has. 4pp
- 183 c. October 1913 From Connie to her parents referring to their move to Garville Avenue, Rathgar, and debates whether it would be better to have a tennis plot or a croquet plot in the garden and adds-'Everyone is tired of croquet, but have it anyway you like till I come home and then I will be boss of the show and have whichever I like'. Describes a recent school visit to Lilianfeld and comments on the type of architecture present. Complains, however, that the dinner in the monastery they were visiting consisted only of biscuits and chocolate. States that the nuns think her clothes 'awfully short' as Austrian girls have their skirts and dresses almost to their ankles at seventeen'. 2pp

- 184** 20 October 1913 From Connie to her father relating a recent visit to a small village outside St. Pölten called Viehofen. Also describes her room-mate, Georgette-‘She is very nice and kind, you know, but I’m not that cracked about her’. Discusses her parents forthcoming move to Garville Avenue and other general matters concerned with the convent. Complains about the food that is served to them, describing the tea as water and supper as ‘two courses, soup and then something else which ought to be meat but is stewed into ballyrags’. Refers to the lockout in Dublin and states –‘Am sorry to hear that the strike is not yet settled and it pained me very much to read the speech of that awful man Larkin. He is so powerful and has so much influence with the lower class.’
- 4pp
- 185** 2 December 1913 From Connie to Máire Touhy thanking her for sending a German dictionary and discusses the activities of the convent. Informs her of the names of some of the girls she takes private German lessons with, some of whom Máire would have known from her time at the convent. Discusses a play which is to be held for the feast of the Reverend Mother and describes all the nuns as running around the house in a fuss preparing for it. ‘There never seems to be anything but plays in this convent. When one is finished the next one commences.’ Adds that she is looking forward to seeing the house on Garville Avenue and hopes that she won’t be too lonely during her first Christmas away from home.
- 2pp
- 186** c. December 1913 From Connie to her father in which she states that she cannot speak German during the holidays as she is expected to speak English in return for being kept in the convent during the holidays. Describes the feast of St. Nicholas which is being held on the following Saturday and remarks that there is no ‘Santie Claus’ at Christmas but that every house has a Christmas tree whether there are children or not.
- 2pp
- 187** c. December 1913 From Connie to her mother in which she describes the dancing lessons that have recently commenced. Requests that when she goes home, they will hold a great dance and asks that she look for a select few nice young fellows to invite to it as she does not know any. States that she got a very pretty muffler from her grandfather and now she has five of them, although she rarely needs to wear them as it is never as cold as one might expect it to be in

Austria. Also describes her progress learning German and complains that the nuns in Balbriggan where she went to school have not yet written to her.

2pp

188

12 January 1914

From Connie to her father, in which she describes the winter weather conditions in St. Pölten, and asks Conn's permission to allow her to learn how to ice skate as there is a place in the garden where other children skate and she would like for them to teach her as it is a very healthy exercise. Describes how Christmas and New Year passed very quietly and that theatre and parties were unheard of. Notes how she envied one of her friends who went to see some German opera and hopes that when he comes to visit the following September, they will go to see a show. Also adds that she feels that the worst time has passed for her and that she is now beginning to feel quite cheerful and would not be surprised if she became like the Austrians 'who are nearly always laughing'. Referring to her studies, she notes that Mother Kaisertreu has asked that a book of German literature translated into English be sent to Connie and would also like to know what knowledge is required for the matriculation examination and whether Connie would be required to do the exam in German or English. Also adds that she is getting on well with French and German as she always reads French books and speaks German whenever she can.

2pp

189

c. January 1914

From Connie to her father in which she discusses his recent leg operation. Also discusses culinary matters and says 'I don't think that I'll be able to find the German for "Irish Stew"'. Also refers to her progress learning German and to general daily life in the convent.

4pp

190

28 February 1914

From Connie to her mother, Annie, in which she looks forward to her father's visit in September and enquires as to whether her mother could come as well. Describes a local 'Carnival' which had just finished and at which all the children at the school wore fancy dress. States that she and the two French girls were not dressed for it, as they were not instructed to do so nor did anyone provide them with costumes. Believes that she has improved greatly at dancing and that the children have remarked upon this. Referring to news from home, she remarks that her friend Nellie should be ashamed of herself for getting married while she was away. Requests for some white blouses to be sent over to her as

coloured ones fade in the strong Austrian sun. Also discusses how busy she is as she has to give 15 lessons during the week, correct copy-books and learn German, therefore finding little time to spare. Adds that she went to confession in German for the first time and got on quite well but finds generally the opportunities to speak German are limited as she must speak English with the children at table, recreation and during walks.

4pp

191

c. April 1914 From Connie to her father in which she describes a recent visit to the opera where she saw *Sohengrin*. Notes that it was very good for St. Pölten and that the principal characters sung very well. States that over the Easter holidays, herself and Georgette are going to visit Vienna for a few days and asks for some money for this reason. Describes her progress in German as slow but sure and asks him to brush up on his French before he comes to visit as she is going to introduce him to Georgette who is ashamed of her English.

4pp

192

c. April 1914 From Connie to her father describing a dramatic incident which occurred the previous evening in the convent, when a very distressed lady arrived to stay for the night, claiming that someone was going to murder her, and was later taken to hospital. Refers to her clothing situation and states that it would be better if a new outfit was made for her in Dublin and sent over to her, as clothes are very expensive to buy in St. Pölten. Asks for an Irish newspaper to be sent over to her, as she would like to know more about the Home Rule bill. Remarks 'The other day I heard that there was war in Ireland and that Ulster would be put in prison. The person who told me seemed to think that Ulster was a man so I explained to her that it is no man, but I don't know if I have succeeded in convincing her of the fact!' Also notes that she has started to learn cooking and when she returns to Ireland she will be able to cook some of 'the terrible Austrian dishes'. Complains that every day since she went to Austria, they have eaten beef for dinner which is 'as hard as leather and has been used for soup beforehand. The French girl who has been here three years has never had anything for dinner but the everlasting beef!'

7pp

193

c. April 1914 From Connie to her parents in which she thanks them for sending letters as well as the auto and paper. States that she will be getting her photograph taken the following day and send

them on as soon as they are done. States that she and Georgette have just returned from Vienna which she thinks is a beautiful city and is looking forward to the time when Papa and she will explore it together. Also remarks that she only had time to explore the principal monuments and buildings. Describes the town hall as a most beautiful building in the Gothic style of architecture and gives a potted history on some of the important building of the city such as the Votive church, the cathedral, the Emperor's Palace and the summer residence Schonbrunn, and the Gloriette. Also describes the Austrian custom of having a 'Heiliges Grab' or 'holy grave', whereby on Friday after devotions, the Blessed Sacrament is carried by a priest into a room which is decorated with black, and an altar full of lights and flowers. It stays till Saturday evening when the Resurrection takes place and the Blessed Sacrament is then carried in procession through the church and the garden. The children are all dressed in white and straw flowers and then followed by nuns with lighted candles and at every corner there is a benediction. States that on the Saturday that they went to Dusstein, where they saw a beautiful Heiliges Grab which is similar to the one in the Holy Land. Referring to the clothes that have to be sent to her, she states that she cannot send them her measurements, as there are different measures in Austria [metric?] and needs a measure from home to be sent to her.

4pp

- 194** c. April 1914 From Connie to her mother in which she tells her that she has made her a little handkerchief and wishes everyone a happy Easter.
- 2pp
- 195** 1 May 1914 From Connie to her parents discussing her forthcoming holidays which will be spent on the nun's farm with Georgette her roommate and a few of the younger children from the school. Thanks her father for his offer to send over readers so that Connie could use them to teach the children English. Looks forward to the day her long skirts arrive and also asks that some German books with English translations be sent to her.
- 4pp
- 196** 17 May 1914 From Connie to her parents in which she says that she has finally had her photograph taken and will send a copy on to them. States that she is very disappointed with how they turned out and says 'For goodness sake don't show it to anybody, it is only for your private amusement, and not for the entertainment of the

whole of Rathgar.' Discusses her summer and winter dresses which she expects to arrive that week.

3pp

197 c. May 1914 From Connie to her brother, Feargus, in which she thanks him for sending her money and book for her birthday, refers to his recent excursion with the Daly family and wonders how he ever arrived home safely after such terrible adventures. States that she is sending a photograph to her grandfather and aunts in 100 Parnell Street. Signed as 'The Boss'.

4pp

198 20 May 1914 From Connie to her parents informing them of Mother Oberin's idea to send Connie to a 'good high family' in Austria for three weeks during the summer, in order that she see a little of Austria and Austrian family life. Asks her mother to write to Mother Oberin telling her that she will not allow Connie stay longer than three weeks. Connie explains this instruction by stating that if she stayed longer with a family she would not be able to study and she has an exam in German the following May. Also explained that she would like to be present in the convent when her parents come to visit her in September. Remarks that the long dresses have not yet arrived and that she is very excited at the prospect of wearing a long skirt for the first time. Assures her parents that they are not to think that she has grown up or gotten more sense since she arrived in St. Pölten, rather she has merely become more independent.

6pp

199 4 June 1914 Postcard from Connie thanking her mother for the parcel of blouses, costume and a blue skirt which she notes is a 'wee bit too tight' but thinks she can alter successfully. Notes, however, that she has no petticoat or underskirt and asks for some money in order that she can purchase one in Austria as it is quicker than sending one from Ireland.

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200 16 June 1914 From Connie to her father in French stating that she is very curious to know which language he will choose to speak when he visits Austria, French or German.

3pp

- 201** 8 August 1914 Postcard from Connie to her parents instructing them to only write cards at this time (outbreak of World War I) as letters are not allowed to cross the frontiers. Also asks them to write in English not Irish. Notes that the following week wounded soldiers will come to the convent and she will help in taking care of them. Wonders what will be 'the end of all those proceedings?'
- 1 item
- 202** 12 August 1914 Undelivered and returned letter from Conn Murphy to the Reverend Mother Superior at St. Pölten in which he expresses his anxiety concerning the outbreak of hostilities in Europe and the welfare of Connie as a result of this. Wonders whether the fact Connie is a British subject would cause inconvenience or would result in her having to leave if Austria were to declare war on England. Requests that the Mother Superior do anything in her power to take any steps necessary for the better protection of their daughter. Adds that if Connie remains at the convent he will be fully satisfied but if she is forced to leave, he would be indebted to the Mother Superior if she could ensure Connie's safe conduct. Assures her that he will defray any expense this might incur and also asks that small sums of money be advanced to Connie as she needs it as sending pocket money is not an option during this time.
- 3pp
- 203** 3 September 1914 From [Mr. Riordan] 6 via san Stefano, Rotundo, Rome, to Conn Murphy in which he states that he has posted his letters to the convent (in St. Pölten). Adds that he has also written to Connie to advise her to come to Rome and that he will let her have what money she needs to achieve this, as she can more easily pass from Rome to Ireland.
- 1p
- 204** 26 September 1914 From J [Tiernan], Archbishop's House, Dublin to Conn Murphy in which he states that it must have been a great relief to get the letter [from Connie] and adds 'Plainly without a passport it would be impossible to get to Italy'. Notes that arrangements have been effected for the return of a number of women and children from Germany and that surely it would be possible for the Government to do the same from Austria. In the meantime he advises that Rome is probably the best means of communication.
- 2pp

- 205 28 September 1914 From Reverend Joseph Hagan, Irish College, Rome, to Conn Murphy conveying a message from Connie who had written him to say that she would like to return home if it is possible to do so without danger but declares that she is quite safe where she is for the time being. Hagan writes that he will do all in his power to facilitate her journey but assures Conn that the tales of cruelty and atrocity with which the Irish public are being fed should be taken with a grain of salt. States that he is in communication with the Austrian Ambassador to the Holy See to see whether he can arrange for Connie to travel to Italy, the only difficulty remaining then would be finding somebody with whom she may travel. Asks that Conn send him Connie's baptismal certificate as she has requested it and reiterates that Rome would be the best place for Connie as it is safe, she can easily pass to Ireland or she may find 'something to do' while in Rome as the nuns of St. Pölten have a house there.
- 2pp
- 206 2 October 1914 Postcard from Connie to the Reverend Joseph Hagan, Irish College, Rome, to be forwarded to her parents. States that she is in perfect safety and as happy as she can be under the circumstances. States that school has commenced and she is now in the fourth class. Also adds that she is learning as much as she can as she may have to go home the minute she gets an opportunity.
- 1 item
- 207 8 October 1914 From Reverend Joseph Hagan to Conn Murphy in which he reports that he had written to Connie advising her as to the first steps to be taken towards getting home, such as communicating with the United States consulate in Vienna. States that he has had a communication from the United States Embassy informing him that the Mother Superior has written to say that she will not let Connie start on what she considers to be a dangerous journey without her father's express and written directions. Hopes that the Austrian Embassy in Rome may be able to help but notes that the chief difficulty is finding a suitable travelling companion. Hopes that the ambassador will come to know some lady or family intending to travel to Rome or Milan where Conn could meet her or where she could remain for some time without danger or difficulty.
- 1p

- 208** 26 October 1914 From Reverend Joseph Hagan to Conn Murphy in which he informs him that Connie leaves on 28th October for London. Notes that she will proceed to McVeagh's in Russell Square who will take good care of her and see her safe off to Dublin. States that this is a much better arrangement than a long sea voyage from the continent as it is far quicker and less expensive. Adds that he made enquiries as to the possibility of securing something for Connie in Rome in the line of what she had been doing in St. Pölten but the result was not encouraging. 'the Loreto nuns here did not appear to be willing to knock themselves about unduly'.
1p
- 209** 26 December 1914 From Reverend Joseph Hagan to Conn Murphy concerning the settlement of the cost of sending Connie home from Austria the previous October. Also notes in response to Conn's letter that he is glad that there are hopes for Ireland and states 'When I was a boy I often heard an acquaintance of mine sing "We're Paddies evermore". I need not say there have been times not necessary to be specified when I should be inclined to change evermore into nevermore. But in somethings, and perhaps in preservation of the spirit of the nation, Providence has been remarkably good to us in the face of so much odds to the contrary.'
1p
- 210** c. 1914 Fragment of a letter from Connie to her father in German.
2pp

II concerning political activities and imprisonment (c. 1921–1923)

- 211** c. 1921 From Connie to her father, enclosing addresses for the Secretary of the Clerical Officer's Association and the Secretary of the Civil Service Confederation. Also asks whether he can bring her back a pair of grey leather gloves from London. Informs him of the death of Maureen [Rossiter's] father and also states that she has had no word yet from her brother Feargus.
2pp

- 212 c. 1921 From Connie, Castleblaney, [Co. Monaghan], in which she outlines her movements for the following week, namely that she will travel to Clones that afternoon and then onto Enniskillen for the weekend. States that she had a great time in Dundalk and stayed with people called O'Hagan for two nights who took her to the races. States that she has got all her [Cumman na mBan?] business done successfully so far but worries that she cannot manage on £4 a week. States that she will write to Mrs Kent about the matter when she sends in her report at the end of the week. Also states that she will be in Derry at the end of the week and provides the address of the O'Doherty family with whom she will be staying. 2pp
- 213 c.1921 From Connie, 31 Seatown Place, Dundalk, to her parents, describing her stay in Louth and her visit to Owen, Patsie and their new baby in Newry. Remarks that she now has plenty of experience in looking after a new baby and will be able to mind her newly born niece, Iseult, 'in fine style'. 2pp
- 214 c. 1921 From Connie, Enniskillen, to her parents stating that she has no news as 'this place is as dull as possible' and complains that something has happened her salary. 1p
- 215 c.1921 From Connie, c/o Miss McGowan, Belmore Street, Enniskillen, to her parents saying that she has to attend a meeting on Sunday and cannot return home for the weekend and is very disappointed. States that she will be making Enniskillen her headquarters for the time being but hopes to get back to Dublin during the week. Also describes a chance meeting with a boy from Rathmines who is organising the IRA in Enniskillen and he 'nearly had a fit when he saw me here'. Referring to the political situation, she writes 'Things don't seem very bright at present, especially in Ulster, the men here are not well enough armed to deal with the 'B' Specials. If they were they'd give them a run for their money'. 2pp

- 216** c. 1921 From Connie, Farnham Hotel, Cavan, in which she describes her political activities. Relates the success of the Navan excursion where she had the pleasure of shaking hands with Michael Collins at Castleblaney where he stopped for a few minutes on his way to Armagh. States that her hotel is full of 'auxers' and she intends to move that day and provides addresses to which she can be written, Miss Brady at Cavan House, Cavan and Fr O'Connell of Cootehill. Also recounts meeting a man called John Kincart who was at Cloughneely for the past two summers with Feargus and helped in all their 'escapades'. Referring to Enniskillen, she declares that it is 'absolutely rotten, no national spirit whatsoever and for a town of its size it's a disgrace.'
- 2pp
- 217** c. 1923 From Connie, Cork, to her mother asking her to send her green evening dress and black stockings to her in Bandon, Co. Cork. Declares that Bandon is a 'frightfully dull place'. Also states that she met Mrs. Carpenter who was in good form. Asks whether her father had come home [from Europe] and also whether there was any word from her brothers Conn or Feargus.
- 1p
- 218** 17 January 1923 From Connie, in Cork Gaol to [her mother] thanking her for the sandwiches and Bovril. States that she understands now why her father hadn't contacted her due to him misreading the word 'arrested' for 'arrived'. Apologises for being such a bother and notes that any book would be gratefully received. States that she was speaking to the chaplain earlier that morning remarks that he does not approve of the system of arresting girls at 5 o'clock in the morning without a warden to accompany them to jail. Concludes by commenting that she is still in ignorance as to the reason of her arrest.
- 1p
- 219** 26 January 1923 From Connie, in Cork Gaol, to her mother, thanking her for all the letters, papers and parcels which were sent to her, and hopes that she will be able to get a permit to see her. States that the food has improved since she complained about it. Also comments that she has not yet been told why she had been arrested and that there had been no word of her release yet. Also requests that

a clean towel be sent to her and that if she sent home the one she has as well as some handkerchiefs and stockings, would Winnie the maid wash them for her.

2pp

220 26 January 1923 From Connie, in Cork Gaol, to [her mother] in which she thanks her for sending fresh underclothing and arranges for further clothing to be laundered. Requests that no further food or cigarettes be sent until then, and she trusts she will be released before that time.

2pp

221 30 January 1923 From Connie, in Cork City Jail, to her parents, in which she states that she is anxiously awaiting word from them. Reveals that the underclothing that they sent to her via Miss Mac S [Máire MacSwiney?] was received after ‘a lot of fuss’. States that she heard that her father had a letter printed in the Irish Independent but that she hasn’t seen it. Asks whether any letters have come from her, especially from Desmond B. Murphy. Remarks that there seems to be no sign of her release and asks whether Marea [the maid?] would send her some wool as she would like to knit a jumper to help pass the time. In relation to her imprisonment she writes ‘I’m afraid it’ll be worse bother than Conn...I still find it hard to realize I’m here...I little thought I’d be a heroine but generally one seems to be the one thing that one [tends] to avoid.’ Concludes by asking whether her father brought her anything from Rome and asking after various friends and family members. States that her bed in prison ‘is the hardest thing I have ever known, as hard as the hob of h—I. I’m sure Papa won’t approve of that expression but it’s the most fitting one’.

2pp

222 1 February 1923 From Connie, in Cork City Jail, to her father in which she informs him, that one page of his previous letter to her had been destroyed by the censor. Recounts the food situation in the prison by saying that when she first arrived, they gave the political prisoners the same food as convicts but that she had a few words with the authorities and they now get a fairly decent breakfast. Also states that Miss [Mary] MacSwiney and Mrs. Carpenter bring food into them otherwise she couldn’t exist at all. States that she gets no parcels except the underclothing. Also reports that she has written to Cosgrave, the Home Secretary, and the general O/C of Cork City, and is also thinking of writing to the Bishop of Cork as she was arrested in his area. Notes that Mary MacSwiney will be visiting her

that afternoon. States that she finds it very hard to sleep owing to the hardness of the bed, and the incessant noise that goes on all night in the prison. Requests that he tell her mother that she is quite alright and has every intention of keeping her head up.

2pp

- 223 2 February 1923 From Connie in Cork City Jail, to [her parents] in which she states that she has just received a parcel and asks them to thank Marea and Maureen for the magazines, cigarettes and pineapple and comments 'they will indeed lengthen my young life'.

1p

- 224 2 February 1923 From Connie, in Cork City Jail, to her parents thanking them for the parcel, stating that the ham will be much appreciated. Comments on her visit from Mary MacSwiney who will write to her mother to say how she looks. Notes that she is quite well despite the fact she can't sleep. Describes her cell companion as 'quite hysterical' and 'to be pitied as she seems to have neither friends nor relations' but adds that she shares her things with her to compensate.

2pp

- 225 15 February 1923 Telegram from Carpenter in Cork, to Conn Murphy saying 'Connie transferred Mountjoy or Kilmainham this morning'.

1 item

- 226 17 February 1923 From Connie in Kilmainham Jail, to her parents saying that she arrived in Kilmainham the previous evening following a terrible sea voyage from Cork, and asking to send underclothing at once as she left her change of linen in Cork. Also asks for an old navy dress, a pillow, tea, cocoa, butter, sugar, cigarettes, soap, towel and a pair of warm brown stockings. Apologises for asking for all these items and also requests them to only discuss the weather in their letters to her due to censorship.

1p

- 227 21 February 1923 From Connie, Kilmainham Jail, to her parents in which she asks for various items to be forwarded to her such as clean linen and fresh underclothing. States that she knows some of the girls in Kilmainham 'so it's not so lonely as Cork altho' Cork was better in some respects. I have a long story to tell about it, but it will have to wait till better days.' Requests them to keep the content of their letters to her as neutral as possible as she doesn't want them cut to bits. Reveals that Miss Burke-Dowling is with her as well as Jenny Nagle and reports that she is sharing her cell with a Cork girl. Notes that the food is adequate but scarce but that she is quite well and keeping her spirits up. 2pp
- 228 5 April 1923 From Connie in Kilmainham Jail to her father in Mountjoy Prison, in which she questions him about his hunger-strike which he has held since 22 March. Expresses her concern and hopes that he will be released soon. States that Bessie and Maureen Rossiter 'signed the paper and were released'. Also reports that she had received a letter from Desmond B. Murphy, her boyfriend, whose brother Fintan, is also imprisoned in Mountjoy as well and asks whether his cell was near to him. 1p
- 229 16 April 1923 From Connie in Kilmainham Jail to her sister, Kathleen, in which she states that she got the message from her mother that her father was on hunger strike and that she had been to see him and he was well as could be expected. States that she hears that the charge against him is the possession of binoculars 'which is rather absurd as they were found in my room and he couldn't possible have known what was in my room and he wasn't even in the house the night they were found and they had to withdraw that charge at the Civil Service Inquiry'. Discusses some of her fellow prisoners and notes that Kitty Costello is very weak as is Nell Ryan and Miss O'Neill. States that she was also talking to Mrs. Seán T. O'Kelly and Mrs Costello earlier in the evening. Notes that she will ask the prison authorities whether they will take her over to Mountjoy to see her father. 2pp
- 230 17 April 1923 From Connie in Kilmainham Jail to her father in Mountjoy Jail, stating that she has been expecting to hear of his release every day but has been disappointed. Hopes that he is not suffering too much and that her mother isn't too upset about him.

Informs him that she has applied for parole to visit him in Mountjoy but has been informed by the governor that no parole is granted. States that the girls on hunger strike in Kilmainham got Holy Communion and asks whether he gets the Sacraments. Also notes that he was talking to Seán T. O'Kelly's wife who said she had seen Kathleen, Connie's sister, and her husband, Paul Farrell at Mass. Reports that she hasn't heard from either of her imprisoned brothers but knows that her mother has gotten a letter from Feargus while Conn has passed on a message asking his mother not to write until he contacts her as he is only allowed to receive one letter a week.

1p

231 18 April 1923 From Connie in Kilmainham Jail to her mother in which she informs her that she applied for parole to see her father but was refused. Reveals that they keep all-night vigils for the hunger-strikers in Kilmainham who are very weak, and worries about her father who is on hunger-strike in Mountjoy. Discusses her recent meeting with Mrs. Seán T. O'Kelly on Sunday and how she (O'Kelly) said she had seen Connie's sister, Kathleen, and her husband, Paul at Mass that morning.

1p

232 23 April 1923 From Connie in Kilmainham Jail to her father expressing her delight on hearing of his release. Describes how they [the prison authorities] came to her cell-mate, Kitty, also on hunger-strike and very weak, and asked her to accept release on certain conditions similar to the original conditions asked of her father Conn Murphy, but she refused. Reports that the hunger-strikers in Kilmainham are very weak and that Kitty is not expected to last until Wednesday. Also reports that she was refused absolution at confession as she would not change her principles. Reveals that there is a rumour that they, the prisoners, will be moved to the Curragh but can't be certain about this. Requests that some health salts and fruit be sent to her.

2pp

233 30 April 1923 From Connie in Kilmainham Jail to her father in Mountjoy Jail hoping he will be alright and that the hunger strike will have no ill effect on his health. Wishes him a happy birthday and hopes that they will all be together the following year to celebrate his birthday. States that she suspects they are moving to North Dublin Union that night. States that the Union can't be much worse than Kilmainham 'and at least the logical conclusion to a life spent in drudgery a la Mrs. W. P.' Notes that the hunger-strikers in

Kilmainham are now gone except the two TD's. Asks that her father ask her sister Kathleen to re-sole and re-heel her brown boots and send them to her as she has taken to playing handball and finds her shoes wear very quickly. Discusses a book she is reading called 'Old Kilmainham' by Tadgh Hopkins and states that it is interesting as he can trace the cells that held the 'Invincibles', the execution yard 'but of course the description of the tables laden with food for political prisoners and the governor going blind censoring their letters is laughable to anybody knowing the British as we do. It rather reminds me of our little friends Kevin and Dick'. Discusses the arrangements at the union and reports that there are 25 to a dormitory and adds that she cannot grumble about anybody making noise at night now as she hears she has taken to speaking French in her sleep.

2pp

234 1 May 1923 From Connie in North Dublin Union to her mother stating that they had been moved the previous night from Kilmainham. 'It is a far cry from Kilmainham. There are 30 in a dormitory and no privacy. Nora and Kid Bulfin are with me.' States that none of their luggage had been transferred and she doesn't even have anything to wash her face with. Requests her mother to send her toiletries as she 'is in an awful state of dirt'. Gives directions to the Union as being the second turn left after the Church St. Chapel just beside the Richardson Hospital. Asks that no food be sent to her that needs cooking, as there is no means of cooking it in the Union. Also asks people to write to her as she feels 'perfectly lost' and hasn't heard from anyone in a long time. Enquires after her father who has finished his hunger-strike.

1p

235 c. May 1923 From Connie, North Dublin Union, to her mother in which she asks for her brown shoes to be forwarded to her as well as her black chunky dress and green linen dress which are all to be found at the end of her trunk. Also asks that when parcels are allowed in again, to send food and invisible, strong hairpins.

1p

236 30 September 1923 From Connie, North Dublin Union to her parents complaining that she has not received letters from anybody during the week. Discusses the fact that she has not been released yet and mentions some of the other girls that were. States that all the girls previously held in Kilmainham are now in the union, 155 in total. Her number in the internment camp is 3138.

1p

- 237 29 November 1923 From Connie, at the Manchester office of Éire: the Irish Nation, weekly journal of Republican opinion, to her mother informing her that she is still in Manchester and that it is a dull and gloomy place. Describes the price of goods as 'frightfully dear' and comments on the lovely evening dresses which are too expensive to buy. 1p
- 238 2 December 1923 From Connie [in Manchester], to her mother sympathising on hearing that she had broken her arm. Sends her love to Kathleen O'Brien and a message to say she is sorry she missed her. Reports that she got a letter from [an interred] Desmond B. Murphy who seems to be in good form. Asks her to relay a message to her father to say that everything is okay in [Manchester] now. 1p

III with her parents (1928–1945)

- 239 11 December 1928 From Connie and Desmond, her husband, 120 Upper Tulse Hill, wishing her parents in Nice, France, a happy Christmas and states that she is looking forward to seeing them in February. 2pp
- 240 15 December 1928 From Connie, 120 Upper Tulse Hill. London, to her father in France, in which she discusses his forthcoming visit to London. States that she has discovered a local bridge club which she plans to take him to. Referring to her new home, she remarks that they have settled in well although she is still awaiting the arrival of her china which her sister, Kathleen, sent a week ago. Discusses her husband's new job and his family who have come to visit the flat. Comments on the 'Burlesque' which his sister, Elsa, brought them to. Remarks that the cost of living in London is as dear as it is in Dublin except for clothing which is cheaper. 4pp

- 241** c. February 1928 From Connie at 120 Upper Tulse Hill, London, to her parents stating that she was delighted to hear that they had a safe crossing from England to Ireland, and discusses the freezing conditions in London. Reports that her neighbour, Mrs. Forster, gave her a present of a rocking chair, for taking care of her plants while she was away. Also thanks them for their present of a pouffe which her husband is very pleased with. Discusses their (her parents') plans to find a new house in Dublin and notes that she saw one advertised on Kennelworth Square but supposes the rent to be very high.
2pp
- 242** 1 May 1931 Postcard from Connie, Desmond and their daughter, Constance, to Conn Murphy wishing him a happy birthday.
1 item
- 243** 10 June 1932 From Connie, Serpentine Avenue, Ballsbridge, to her father in Lismore, Waterford in which he says that she has sent him 10 [exam scripts] by registered post.
2pp
- 244** 23 June [1932] From Connie, 11 Leinster Street, Dublin, to her father at Hotel Metropole, Waterford, in which she informs him that Kathleen had sent a wire to tell him of her success in passing her exam. Also remarks that her mother doesn't seem to be able to decide to stay with Connie in Leinster St, or remain in Charleston Avenue while Conn is away.
2pp
- 245** c. 1932 Postcard from Connie, Desmond, and their daughters, Constance and Elsa to her parents at 243 Ronan Road, Bow, London, wishing them a happy Easter.
1 item
- 246** 26 August 1935 Postcard from Connie at Wave Crest Hotel, [Bray, Co. Wicklow], asking her to come down for the afternoon and have tea and some gaming [bridge?].
1 item

- 247 c. 1935 From Connie, Strand Palace Hotel,
Strand, WC 2, London, to her father,
giving him her contact address in Paris
where they are heading. Hopes that her mother has found the new
maid satisfactory. States that they saw Paul Farrell the previous day
and discovered that his wife (Connie's sister) Kathleen, is still in
Essex and may be required to stay another week, and hopes that they
might be able to meet her on their way back through London. Asks
whether the strike has been settled yet and thanks him for looking
after Constance and Elsa.
3pp
- 248 c. 1935 From Connie, Strand Palace Hotel,
Strand WC2, London, to her father in
which she reports that they had seen
her younger brother, Conn, home safely the previous evening. States
that they themselves will be crossing to Ireland that night and will
travel to Kerry by the 7 o'clock train on Saturday morning.
1p
- 249 21 March 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to
her mother in which she states that
they arrived quite safely and she and
the children were met at the station by Desmond. Notes that they
went straight to the house, which she describes as 'not too bad' and
the landlady had a nice tea ready for them. Remarks that she will be
getting a maid on Monday who seems 'quite respectable'. Describes
the town as not bad and the picture house where Desmond works as
'very nice and modern'. States that she hasn't had time to explore
the place properly and also notes that they will have to get an extra
bed for the maid as their daughter Elsa refuses to share a double bed
with her sister, Constance.
2pp
- 250 30 March 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to
her parents in which she describes
how they are settling into their new
home. States that Constance and Elsa have commenced school in the
Ursuline Convent. Also describes a recent drive to Dromohair and
Lough Gill where she admired the scenery. Remarks that her
husband is happy in his new job and that she has a very good maid
whom the children love.
2pp

- 251** c. 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her parents wishing them a good visit to London. States that they have settled in well and have made new friends. Discusses the weather in London and warns them to bring plenty of warm clothes. Also discusses recent bridge parties that she has attended and states that the people of the town are really hospitable and nice, and the shops in the town are quite good.
- 2pp
- 252** c. April 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her parents enquiring as to how their trip to London went and when she should expect her mother for a visit.
- 1p
- 253** 1 May 1936 Postcard from Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her father wishing him a happy birthday.
- 1 item
- 254** 4 May 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her mother finalising arrangements for her forthcoming stay in Sligo. Discusses the news that her brother, Feargus, is getting a house and remarks that she is glad because his wife, Kitty, didn't like being away from him.
- 2pp
- 255** c. 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her parents, telling them that they will be in the station on Monday night to welcome them to Sligo. States that she has made enquiries at McArthur's shop about hams as they are the only reliable shop for things like that and reports that the price is 1/8 per lb for the shaped hams and 1/4 per lb for the others, but doesn't know how this compares to Dublin prices.
- 2pp

- 256 18 July 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her mother, in which she says that she is glad her ankle is improving and that she is able to get around a bit. Informs her of a visit from Dick [Johnson] and a letter from Nuala [Johnson]. Thanks her mother for the material that she has sent and says that she has made up two dresses from it. 2pp
- 257 27 July 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her parents in which she remarks that her father must be very busy with his papers as he hasn't written in a while. Discusses the Galway Races which are on the following week and says that they may try to go for the day. States that she goes 'to the dogs' every Monday evening and remarks that she got the first three winners last Monday. 2pp
- 258 c. 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her father saying that she had got Kathleen's card and was delighted to hear that her mother was recovering well. States that she didn't tell the children about the operation as she feared it would upset them too much. 2pp
- 259 20 August 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo to her mother, hoping that she did not feel too much pain [after her operation]. States that she had a card from her sister, Kathleen, who said that everything is progressing satisfactorily. Hopes that she will be able to visit her in Dublin the following week. 2pp
- 260 [c. 1936] From Connie at Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her father in which she asks whether her mother is feeling better. States that she is glad that they have managed to get a good maid and that the children aren't putting her mother under too much trouble. States that she means to go to Dublin for a week in September. Also notes that Desmond has been asked to stay on in Sligo for another six months and has decided to do so as he would hate to leave a job half-finished. Remarks that business in the picture house has improved greatly since he took it over. 2pp

- 261 [1936] From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her father saying she was delighted to hear that her mother has been recovering well. 2pp
- 262 [1936] From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her parents, in which she discusses the weather, her children and the maid. Also notes that she attended a coursing meeting outside Sligo the previous Wednesday and enjoyed it. 2pp
- 263 c. Oct 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her parents saying that she hopes that she is feeling well again 'and able for a little flutter'. Discusses the dog track and how the races are now on Wednesday afternoons as there are no lights on the track. 2pp
- 264 [c.1936] From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her father thanking him for the card and present he sent Elsa for her birthday. Discusses her problems in finding a good maid; Elsa's birthday celebrations; and recent shows she has seen in town. 4pp
- 265 [1936] From Connie, Lynn's Place Sligo, to her parents informing them that she has arrived safely back in Sligo from her visit to them in Dublin. Includes a note from Constance, her daughter, thanking her grandmother for a sending Elsa a cardigan for her birthday. 4pp
- 266 12 November 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her father, thanking him for all he had done to help her husband, Desmond. States that she had prayed for years that her father would get the arrears due to him but little thought that it would have to be used to help her and Desmond. 2pp

- 267** 19 November 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her parents in which she says that she would love for them to spend Christmas in Sligo and that it would 'lighten things up considerably'. States that the children are splendid and that they have a long list of the most expensive things for Santa Claus. Discusses a recent movie which they went to see called 'Curly Locks' starring Shirley Temple, and notes the children were delighted with her. 2pp
- 268** 24 November 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her mother, concerning her impending visit. Informs her that the maid has relatives in town so will stay with them when Annie is visiting in order that she will have her own room. Sympathises on the news that her aunt Lizzie is ill. 2pp
- 269** 30 November 1936 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her mother stating that she was delighted to get a letter from her that morning confirming their trip to visit them at Christmas. Discusses the children's Christmas presents and notes that although they would like baby dolls, she wonders whether Annie would look around the shops in Dublin for a cheap toy gramophone. 2pp
- 270** [1936] From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her sister Kathleen, stating that she can't help worrying about her mother but that she is glad that the operation is over. Discusses Kathleen's impending visit to Sligo. States that Desmond is in Dublin and she is wiring him to call out to Charleston Avenue to get the latest news. 2pp
- 271** 19 January 1937 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her mother concerning their forthcoming move to Dublin. Discusses the set-up of the room where she will be staying and tells her that she has a rug and eiderdown and also a few sheets and pillowslips, and remarks that there are so many things to pack she hardly knows where to start. Asks her not to worry about getting a maid, as she will help out in the running of the house until she finds one that they like. 3pp

- 272** c. January 1937 From Connie, Lynn's Place, Sligo, to her parents, in which she hopes that her mother is keeping well and that minding Constance is not too much for her. States that she and Elsa will join them on Thursday, having given their notice on Lynn's Place, but wonders where Desmond will stay. 2pp
- 273** [c. 1938] From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, Rathgar, to her father in London, informing him that his son, Feargus, had written to ask whether he and his daughter, Dervla, could stay with them for a few nights while his wife, Kitty, is [in hospital]. 4pp
- 274** [c. 1938] From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, Rathgar, to her father in London. Describes the visit from Feargus and Dervla and states that Dervla has quite settled down and is staying in Paul Farrell's room while he stays at The O'Neill. States that she hasn't seen Kitty yet but that Feargus says she wasn't too well and that she would go and visit her in the afternoon. Also discusses the cross for her mother's grave which is at Ringsend and is waiting to be brought to the graveyard in Rathgar. 4pp
- 275** [c. 1938] From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father hoping that he had arrived safely in [London] and that he had found Kathleen and her family well. States that she is sending on a letter which came from the University; that Paul [Farrell] is working; and that Conn her younger brother, is thinking about the upcoming elections. 3pp
- 276** [c. 1938] From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in London, informing him of her father-in-law's address in Wembley, adding that he would be delighted to see him. 2pp
- 277** 25 June 1938 From Conn Murphy, Farnham Hotel, Cavan, to his daughter, Connie, stating that he had arrived safely in Cavan where he went directly to the diocesan college, St. Patrick's where

examinations [?] are being held. Asks her to follow up a lady at whose house they stopped at in Greystones with a view to taking it on [for the summer].

2pp

278 28 June 1938 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father, in which she states that she has asked her husband, Desmond, to get the lady's address in Greystones. Also reports that the maid, June, never turned up on Sunday and has been fired.

3pp

279 29 June 1938 From Conn, Farnham Hotel, Cavan, to Connie, in which he discusses the recent dismissal of their maid, June. Describes his time in Cavan and a meeting with a friend called Johnny Morgan or 'Topper' as he is known.

2pp

280 3 May 1939 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father reporting that Mr Lysaght called the previous afternoon and she gave him the £50 cheque but that he complained as he wanted it in cash. Also discusses the renewal of the fire policy and reports that her husband, Desmond, had gone to Liverpool.

1p

281 11 May 1939 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Cork, in which she tells of another visit from Mr Lysaght who was looking for a £15 instalment which she couldn't pay as she had no money. States that she hasn't heard from him since and notes 'the more they get the more they want'.

3pp

282 12 June 1939 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Lismore, Co. Waterford, discussing an accident involving a car crashing into the railings outside their house and states that a man called and said he would be willing to pay for the damage.

2pp

- 283** 11 May 1940 From Connie, Kensington Hotel, Belfast, to her father, in which she describes Belfast as a nice city but very anglicised and 'one might as well be in London'. States that she does not yet know when she will return as the company (which Desmond is working for) is rehearsing in Belfast and then they are going to Cork and Waterford for two weeks each. 2pp
- 284** 24 June 1940 From Connie, Glencoe, Greystones, Co. Wicklow, to her father in Limerick, letting him know how their holiday at the coast is. Describes visits from their neighbours, Lizzie and Francis Morgan and also reports that Kathleen seems to have improved since she got to Greystones and hasn't had any headaches. 2pp
- 285** 16 August 1940 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Salthill, Galway, in which she states she is glad that her sister-in-law, Kitty, is feeling better. Discusses her children Constance and Elsa and their progress in school. Also reports that her sister, Kathleen, who works as a doctor in England, has been told by the Passport office that she can get a permit to leave at any time but cannot return and cannot bring her maid with her. 3pp
- 286** 26 August 1940 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Galway, in which she describes a birthday party for Constance and also discusses other family members. 2pp
- 287** 26 June 1941 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Limerick, informing him that Conn, her brother, called in to say that [his wife] Sheila's X-rays showed that nothing was wrong with her. Also notes that her sister Kathleen is looking at a house on Ranelagh Road. 2pp

- 288** 21 June 1942 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Cork, remarking that it was nice of the priests to invite him to stay. Also relays general family news. 2pp
- 289** 26 June 1942 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Cork, expressing her delight that he is being so well looked after in the College. Informs him of some local and family news and sends her regards to Feargus' family in Lismore, county Waterford. 2pp
- 290** 26 June 1942 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, in which she discusses the recent election and comments 'Dev will have to get some of the others to help him form a Dáil, but maybe they'll all combine against him'. 2pp
- 291** 1 July 1942 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Lismore, imparting general family news. 2pp
- 292** 8 July 1942 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Lismore, informing him of a tragic bus accident which resulted in the death of a local girl, Anne Maguire. 2pp
- 293** 6 July 1942 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Garryvoe with Feargus and family. Discusses general matters such as the weather and the activities of her children. Also comments on the poker house at No 50 ('which is a bit lax'). 4pp
- 294** 13 July 1942 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in which she informs him that Conn, her brother, is planning to sail to Lisbon at the weekend and that he feels that it will be safe enough despite the war. Comments that she has had no word from her husband, Desmond. Describes a 'great influx' of Northern Irish

people for a week's holidays and expects that 'they will buy up everything they can get'. Referring to World War II, she remarks that the Russians seems to 'be getting it in the back'.

3pp

295 16 July 1942 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in which she discusses general family news. Notes that her brother, Conn, who is sailing to Portugal on Saturday has not yet received his identity card.

2pp

296 6 July 1943 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father on his annual holidays, informing him that she went to [Dublin] Castle on his instructions but was told that the paymaster's office was now in Oriel House.

2pp

297 24 July 1943 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in which she relays general family news.

2pp

298 2 July 1943 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Lismore on annual holidays with Feergus and family, imparting general news.

2pp

299 3 July 1943 Postcard from Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in South Mall, Lismore wishing him a good holiday.

1 item

300 10 July 1943 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Lismore, in which she tells him that everyone is looking forward to his arrival back in Dublin and that she has arranged a card game for Thursday evening. Comments on political events 'There was a great agitation as you see by the papers about the hungerstrikers but Dev was too clever for them. I'm afraid they're

going to die. They're trying to organise a public meeting at the Mansion House at which the Lord Mayor will preside and invite some of the new TD's to speak'.

4pp

301 21 June 1944 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Lismore on holidays. Informs him that Kathleen [and her son Feargus] are still in the Bridewell and that Seán O'Nolan had visited them the previous day. Asks him not to do anything at present as it might not help their cause at all.

2pp

302 23 June 1944 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Lismore with an update on Kathleen's welfare in the Bridewell Garda Station.

4pp

303 26 June 1944 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Limerick in which she informs him that Kathleen stood before a military tribunal that morning and was remanded on trial on an unconfirmed charge. States that she is now being held in Mountjoy Jail and can have a visitor for 15 minutes every day.

4pp

304 26 June 1945 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father giving him general family news.

2pp

305 30 June 1945 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in which she discusses the butcher's strike in Dublin and how it has prevented her from getting meat or chicken. Reports that Kathleen is going to a retreat for female doctors at the weekend.

2pp

306 4 July 1945 From Connie, 10 Charleston Avenue, to her father in Lismore updating him on general news such as expected examination results for his grandson, Feargus the poker club at No 50; and the Dublin butcher's strike.

2pp

B DESMOND BRACKEN MURPHY, her husband[†]

I Letters to Connie (c. 1922–1936)

- 307** c.1922 At No 499, Hut 29, Line B, Hare Internment Camp, The Curragh, in which he pleads with her to send him good reading material.: ‘The great needs are cigarettes and reading matter; and the latter the more acute-you see, I can smoke others’ cigarettes but I’m dashed if I can stand their ‘holy-willy’ literature. We live in a perpetual atmosphere of prayer and righteousness.’ Also notes that he has made friends in the camp, namely prisoners and officers of [guard capt. class].
2pp
- 308** 31 October [1922] At ‘Wrong Side of the Wire, Wellington Barracks’, thanking Connie for her letters and the parcel which she had sent. Describes some acquaintances he has made in the prison and states that he was lucky that he got decent cellmates.
4pp
- 309** [c. 1924] In London, SW 2, concerning his future plans and prospects at getting a job in the British Empire Exhibition. Notes that he hasn’t been successful in getting a job in Ireland and may have to settle in London.
4pp
- 310** 4 January 1924 At 16 Effra Road, Brixton Hill, London, discussing the merits and demerits of living in such a ‘beastly city’ as London.
3pp
- 311** 15 [January]1924 At 16 Effra Road, Brixton Hill, discussing job prospects and states that he has a number of appointments with people ‘who seem frantic to secure my services as their Irish representative’.
4pp

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- 312** 22 January 1924 In London, SW 2, in which he discusses his recent negotiations with firms for their Irish agencies. 3pp
- 313** 29 January 1924 In London, SW 2, discussing a night out Connie is planning in Dublin. 4pp
- 314** 17 February 1924 In London, love letter. 2pp
- 315** 18 [February] 1924 At 16 Effra Road, Brixton Hill, discussing his job prospects as a salesman of silk and hopes that the silk merchant will employ him. 6pp
- 316** 27 February 1924 In London, apologetic letter. 2pp
- 317** 4 March 1924 In London, apologetic letter. 2pp
- 318** 17 March 1924 In London, in which he debates whether to come to Dublin to work. 2pp
- 319** 20 March 1924 In London, enquiring about Connie's holiday in Dundalk. 2pp
- 320** 28 March 1924 In Brixton, London, discussing the difficulties he faces getting a job because of his recent imprisonment for Republican crimes: 'As unfortunately I had to give the blighter a fairly accurate account of the manner in which I have spent the last two years, the firm of Pirelli Ltd. will not be represented in Ireland by the world's smartest salesman.' 4pp

- 321** 4 April 1924 In Brixton, SW 2, discussing a job prospect in Wembley and noting that it would be a good address from which to write to Dublin cinemas for work.
2pp
- 322** 14 April 1924 In Brixton, London, discussing the job interviews he has been attending all week: 'The blighters I pick on from Ireland are too windy to do business over there and the fellows that I try to strike for jobs over here are still thinking about their damned war and ex-servicemen.'
4pp
- 323** 18 April 1924 In Brixton, SW 2, in which he describes his latest interview for a job as a commercial detective: 'rather a decent job, so far as the money went, but not perhaps the type of job one could boast about in the drawing room'.
4pp
- 324** 19 April 1924 In Brixton, in which he states that the firm who had turned him down for the position of a 'commercial sleuth' had written to him to say that the typist had made a mistake and sent the wrong letter and that he is to start immediately. Remarks that there is little social prestige attached to such a job but that he can't be choosy. With regards to working in the cinema, he states that he hopes to get into one of the big cinemas as a manager because 'if I could impose on the Dublin ginks that my long absence was mostly spent in one of the Dublin cinemas, they should look kindly on me.'
4pp
- 325** 21 April 1924 In London, discussing his work as a commercial sleuth and the possibility of working in Dublin.
4pp
- 326** 30 April 1924 In Brixton, discussing job prospects in Dublin.
3pp

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- 327** 1 May 1924 In Brixton, in which he discusses his negotiations with various employers and hopes to secure a job in either the House of Izbiki Ladies Suit Manufacturers or at Wembley Exhibition. 2pp
- 328** 12 May 1924 In Brixton, in relation to job-hunting and states that his latest activity is studying motor-mechanics. 5pp
- 329** 16 May 1924 In Brixton, in which he states that has sent off three applications for jobs, one for a cinema managership; one an assistant box office manager and one 'an indeterminate one for a young man with pep'. 3pp
- 330** 17 May 1924 In Brixton, discussing job prospects. 4pp
- 331** 27 May 1924 In Brixton, relating the visit of his South African uncle. 4pp
- 332** 1 June 1924 In Brixton, discussing his friend from Ireland 'Spud' who has promised him a job. 2pp
- 333** 12 June 1924 In Brixton, in which he discusses his plans to become a taxi-driver. 2pp
- 334** 17 June 1924 In Brixton, informing her of his new job at the Orpheum Cinema in Croydon, and notes that now that the 'film war' has finished in Ireland, he will be in a much better position to get into a Dublin cinema. 3pp

- 335** 23 June 1924 In Brixton, describing his new job in the Orpheum Cinema: 'The manageress of this cinema leaves on Sunday and I take over-until then I'm merely snooping around thinking up the various ways I can give the staff blue hell...It's quite a decent show, structurally the best in Croydon, about the size of the Corinthian-but it's frightfully mismanaged-rotten pictures, rotten music and lazy staff-one redeeming feature; it's clean.' Adds that he is sad to hear that the Pillar Cinema in O'Connell Street, Dublin has been closed. 3pp
- 336** 29 June 1924 In Brixton, in which he discusses the prospect of Connie coming to London to visit. 3pp
- 337** 8 July 1924 In Brixton, commenting on problems he is having with his current employer. Refers to Connie undertaking a millinery course in Paris. Mentions their first meeting in the Four Courts, Dublin in 1922. 6pp
- 338** 13 July 1924 In Brixton, discussing recent visitors to his family home, namely, Margaret Pearse, sister of Pádraig Pearse and Mr. FitzGerald. States that the 'chaste Margaret's mission is to guide the footsteps of Mrs Rudamore-Brown back to the paths of purity and virtue...Not that I have any interest in Mrs. R-B, but whenever I'm within a five mile radius of Maggie Pearse and her missionary endeavours, I bristle.' 3pp
- 339** 27 July 1924 In Brixton, referring to starting his job in the Orpheum Cinema which is being delayed. 2pp
- 340** 28 July 1924 In Brixton, stating that in the event that he doesn't get the job in the Orpheum Cinema, he will go to Ireland for work. 3pp

- 341 1 August 1924 In Brixton, thanking Connie for sending photographs. 1p
- 342 7 August 1924 In Brixton, discussing his relations who had been visiting. Describes his step-aunt, Mrs Charlie Wilson, as ‘a real peppy Canadian’. 4pp
- 343 8 August 1924 In Brixton, in which he discusses the possibility of his going to Ireland to visit her, or if he has a job in London, Connie visiting him there. 2pp
- 344 10 August 1924 In Brixton, in which he discusses coming to Ireland if the job in the cinema doesn’t transpire and states that he will asks his friend ‘Spud’ ‘to poke up digs’ in Dublin. Asks Connie ‘to think up a bright stunt’ for him to put into operation when he arrives in Dublin, and states that ‘his Jewish blood’ has only given him one big idea-‘and typically Jewish at that; to turn peddler –silks, laces and fancy garters to the servant maids.’ 3pp
- 345 12 August 1924 In Brixton, debating his move to Dublin. 3pp
- 346 15 August 1924 In Brixton, discussing possible ‘digs’ in Dublin when he arrives and the prospect of ‘peddling’ as a stepping stone to a better career. ‘You see any Russian Jew who arrives in, say Ireland, with a five pound note and about fifty words of English seems to be able to make that sort of thing a stepping-stone to something else. And I believe that the only reason that the avenue is closed to Gentiles is that they are much too taken up with their own dignity and respectability. Fortunately I have neither’. Refers to contemporary literary and cultural events such as the publication of [a poem] by W. B. Yeats (‘he deserves a medal if what he says is true’), the publication of a short story by Lennox Robinson (‘blasphemous but so possible’); the song of the moment in the dance halls (‘I want them wild, warm, weak and willing’); and hairstyles such as ‘the bob’, and ‘the shingle’. 3pp

- 347** 19 August 1924 In Brixton, in which he discusses his impending move to Dublin, and the prospect of his step-uncle ('The Boer') giving him some money to help set him up in business. 2pp
- 348** 24 August 1924 In Brixton, in which he discusses his planned scheme in Dublin entitled 'The Bag' but refuses to elaborate on it –'I don't want to say too much about it yet because when I get started talking on a thing like that I'm so convincingly optimistic (so I'm told) that after fifteen minutes everyone wonders why I wasn't a millionaire long ago.' 3pp
- 349** 2 September 1924 In Brixton, asking Connie to send a note or call to the lady in Buckwood to arrange digs there from Friday, and states that this lady can ring Maggie Pearse in St. Enda's School, Rathfarnham for a reference. 1p
- 350** 24 [January] 1925 At Victoria Hotel, Cork, informing her of his itinerary for the following week as he has to visit Limerick, Clonmel, and Waterford in his [sales job]. 2pp
- 351** 2 February 1925 At the offices of New Ireland Assurance Society, 25 South Mall, Cork, stating that that he will write to his brother and ask him to send tickets for 'Show of Jacks'. Comments on successful sales in the south of the country. 1p
- 352** 14 February 1925 Telegram from Waterford informing Connie on the time of his arrival at Kingsbridge. 1 item
- 353** 23 February 1925 At Albert Hotel, Belfast, describing his travels between Dublin and Belfast. 4pp

- 354** 2 March 1925 At Albert Hotel, Belfast, discussing Connie's niece, Isolde, and the fact he will miss her birthday party due to being in Derry during the week. 3pp
- 355** c. 1925 At Railway, Hotel, Enniskillen, county Fermanagh, en route to Sligo in which he reminisces on their first meetings in Dublin before he had to go 'Curraghwards'. 14pp
- 356** 6 March 1925 At Imperial Hotel, Sligo, to Connie at 31 Seatown Place, Dundalk, informing her that he has bought her two books, 'Piracy' by Michael Arden and 'Sanine' by Michael Artzbashif. 5pp
- 357** 9 March 1925 At Imperial Hotel, Athlone, in which he tells her he has bought her another book 'Once around the Luggar' by A.S.M. Hutchinson. Also discusses a conversation he overheard in the hotel: 'Some of the local garrison were in here today having a drink after golf and were discussing various local prominent persons and amongst other items, I overheard was a query by one of them as to the whereabouts of a man whom he said was very active and prominent up to the Truce. The man's name was French-Mullins. The reply given by one of the others was that Douglas is the brains at the back of the Republicans and was the Chief of Intelligence and Director of Economic Council'. Remarks that he was on a train with 'a load of electioneers' and noticed that her father, Conn, wasn't among them- 'Has he decided it is time he gave it a miss?' 4pp
- 358** 25 March 1925 In Dublin to Connie, in Dundalk, discussing their trip to London in the summer. Also mentions a job prospect in Clondalkin. 5pp
- 359** 19 May 1925 At Railway Hotel, Galway, discussing his job selling carbon paper and remarks that it is 'a bit harder to sell than one would imagine at first sight'. 1p

- 360** 13 July 1925 At Klenso Ltd., soap powder manufacturers, 64 Great Strand Street, Dublin, asking Connie to retrieve items which he left at her house. 1p
- 361** 14 July 1925 At 64 Great Strand Street, wishing Connie a happy birthday. 4pp
- 362** c. July 1925 At 64 Great Strand Street, outlining his plan to found an 'amusement journal' with his friend [Pól] in which they would review shows at the Olympia and other venues. 6pp
- 363** 20 April 1926 At 16 Effra Road, Brixton, describing his new job in a factory in Lyton: 'It's a wonderful factory. And wonderful people, but tough work. But it'll do the trick alright. By programme up at six (ugh). At Lyton at nine. Work till twelve. Then lunch provided by the firm in the staff dining hall-a very good feed. Smoking permitted from 12.30 to one. One, more work. Three-thirty to three thirty-five, tea. And more work till five. Then home; an hour and a quarter's journey. Two hours homework and then bed. Saturday quit at twelve.' 3pp
- 364** 25 April 1926 In Brixton, in which he states that working in the factory is exhausting but that as one week has now passed, he hopes to manage the next two alright. Asks her to go to Palmerstown Road at 10pm on Monday to listen to the first performance of Grimsbury's 'Jazz King' and also remarks that White Cargo are going on tour again. 3pp
- 365** 29 April 1926 In Brixton, enclosing a postal order for 5 shillings and also tells her that he has bought her a pair of green suede or kid gloves. Also discusses upcoming interviews for jobs involving the sale of carbon paper. States that he didn't realise there were so many types of carbon paper, but has discovered that there are 183 types and he now knows them all by pet names. 3pp

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- 366** 17 June 1926 In Galway, informing her of the new business he has drummed up in the west of Ireland for carbon paper. 2pp
- 367** 28 August 1926 In Dublin, to Connie at St. Andrews, Eglinton Road, Bray, informing her that he will travel to Bray the following day. 1p
- 368** 6 October 1927 At Victoria Hotel, Cork, in which he states that he has met Mrs. Carpenter and remarks that she doesn't seem to believe that he and Connie are married. Promises to bring her Turkish Delight from the famous shop of Hadgee Bay. 2pp
- 369** 24 November 1927 At William's Hotel, Macroom, Co. Cork. Describing Macroom as a 'putrid part of the country.' 2pp
- 370** 7 December 1927 At Victoria Hotel, Cork, informing her of the train by which he will be returning to Dublin on Friday. 2pp
- 371** 15 December 1927 At Ormonde Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary with general news. 1p
- 372** 25 June 1928 Postcard from Glengarrif, Co. Cork, stating that he will be home the following Monday. 1 item
- 373** 1 November 1928 At Euston Station, London, in which he states that after many attempts he has made contact with J M S McHowe and will now have a job at £10 per week but must wait for a letter confirming this. 1p

- 374** c. November 1928 At 16 Effra road, Brixton, in which he discusses his new job in Lashy's.
States that he is not quite sure what his functions will be but knows that it is in the Publicity Department and adds that Silby Howe, his employer, is a decent fellow. Asks Connie which part of London she would like to live in, and says that he will look for a flat when she has decided.
2pp
- 375** c. November 1926 [At 16 Effra Road], stating that he was fired from his job but that he is not to worry as he is writing to his brother to get him another.
3pp
- 376** 11 November 1928 At 16 Effra Road, discussing Connie relocating permanently to London.
Adds that his work 'is a trifle nebulous at the moment consisting so far of tie-ups with chocolate makers on the 'Our Gang' candies and interviewing big [noises] connected with the Empire and writing up their biographies.'
2pp
- 377** [?] November 1928 [At 16 Effra Road] remarking on the 100% reference that he received from Lashy's and adding that he is applying for the managership of the Lee Cinema in Cork.
2pp
- 378** 28 April 1929 At 16 Effra Road, to Connie who has just returned to Dublin, promising to come over as soon as all their affairs in London are wound up.
5pp
- 379** [2 May] 1929 [At 16 Effra Road] discussing his new ventures in the cinema business.
2pp
- 380** 2 May 1929 At 16 Effra Road, on hearing the news of the death of Austin Stack and adding that he saw in the Independent that it was a big funeral.
2pp

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- 381** 6 June 1929 In London, saying that he has just joined Wardour Films as Dublin manager. 1p
- 382** 14 September 1929 At Lynn's Place, Sligo, discussing his work as a cinema manager and mentions that he is having a 'dirty row' with United Artists over the distribution rights to the film 'Scarlet Pimpernel'. 4pp
- 383** 4 September 1936 At the Gaiety (Sligo) Ltd, Wine Street, Sligo discussing the takings for the film 'Ourselves Alone' which brought in £31 the previous evening, bringing the total so far to £63.10s 1p
- 384** 8 September 1936 At the Gaiety (Sligo) Ltd., stating that he showed 'a marvellous picture' the previous night, 'Moscow Nights'. 'The star Baur is the finest thing since Jannings and on the same heavy continental style'. States that overall 'Ourselves Alone' brought in £90, making a total of £186 for the week. 1p

II Articles [c. 1923–c. 1930]

- 385** 1923/24 Memorandum/article by Murphy, 12 Dawson Street, Dublin, entitled 'Before the screen and behind it' in which he critically reviews the film 'Woman in Paris' by Charlie Chaplin. 3pp
- 386** c. 1930 Newspaper article by Murphy entitled 'Ah! Jimmy O'Dea' in which he compares O'Dea to Charlie Chaplin. 1p

III Relating to his death (1955)

- 387** 17 January 1955 Letter from Elsa Murphy, his sister, 21 Upper Berkley St., London, to Connie, on the subject of his death in London. 2pp
- 388** 20 January 1955 From Fintan [Murphy, his brother] 45 South Hill, Milltown Road, Dalkey, to Connie discussing her eligibility to claim for a widows' pension. 2pp
- 389** 25 February 1955 Copy of letter in Fintan [Murphy's] handwriting from Connie Murphy to Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance, England, listing documents enclosed in original to apply for a pension. 1p
- 390** c. February 1955 Copy of page 2 of a statement by Connie Murphy in relation to her application for a pension. Contains a list of approximate dates and employments of Desmond Murphy in the theatrical business. 1p
- 391** 13 June 1955 Letter from Elsa Murphy, his sister, to Connie, expressing her delight that the pension application was a success and notes that she is looking forward to the visit of her niece and namesake, Elsa, but warns that there is a strike on that might make travelling difficult. 1p
- 392** 14 January 1955 Letter from Dr Kathleen Eva Farrell (née Murphy) to her sister, Connie, on hearing of the death of Desmond in London. 1p

II Connie Murphy (1896–1983)

- 397** 14 February 1955 Certified copy of birth certificate of
b. 15 July 1896 Connie Murphy (Annie Mary
Constance), born 15 July 1896 and
registered in the district of Finglas and Glasnevin. 1 item
- 398** 24 May 1913 Certificate from the Congregation of
the Children of Mary at Loreto
Convent, Balbriggan, to say that
Connie Murphy was received into the Association of the Children of
Mary. Signed by William Murphy and Mother Ignatius. 1 item
- 399** 1935 Saorstát Éireann passport of A.M.C.
Murphy with photograph. 1 item
- 400** 1958 Passport of Annie M C Murphy with
photograph. 1 item
- 401** 9 September 1983 Certified death certificate of Annie
d. 16 August 1983 Mary Constance Murphy who died 16
August 1983 at 61 Garville Avenue,
Dublin 6 at 87 years. Occupation listed as retired clerk and
housewife. 1 item

III Desmond B. Murphy (1899–1927)

- 402** 13 January 1947 Certified copy of birth certificate of
b. 10 August 1899 Desmond B. Murphy born 10 August
1899 at 21 Trelawn Road, Brixton,
London to James Joseph Fintan Murphy (tutor) and Mary Kate
Murphy (née O'Farrell). 1 item

- 403** 14 February 1955 Certified copy of the marriage
m. 10 September 1927 certificate of Desmond Murphy
(salesman), 16 Rathmines Road to
Constance ('Connie') Murphy, 18 Garville Avenue. His father listed
as a tutor, hers as a clerk. Witnesses to the marriage listed as John
Dowling and Gertrude Murphy. Ceremony took place at the Roman
Catholic Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar by Canon Thomas J.
Hill.
1 item
- 404** 18 October 1995 Certificate from the Church of the
m. 10 September 1927 Three Patrons, Rathgar, to certify that
Desmond B Murphy and Constance
('Connie') Murphy were married on 10 September 1927 in the
presence of John Dowling and Gertrude Murphy. Signed by Patrick
D. Dowling.
1 item
- 405** 10 November 1970 Certified copy of birth certificate of
b.10 May 1888 Brigid Mary Monica, sister of
Desmond Bracken Murphy, born 10
May 1888 at 16 Polygon, Somerstown, Middlesex. States occupation
of father, James Joseph Fintan Murphy, as tutor.
1 item

D PHOTOGRAPHS

I Connie Murphy (c. 1905–c. 1925)

- 406** c. 1905 B/w carte de visite of Annie Mary
Constance ('Connie') Murphy at age
c. 6 years, Kathleen Murphy at age c.
4 years, and Feargus Murphy at age c. 2 years. Connie, standing on
left, is holding open a children's picture book; Feargus, seated
centre; Elsa standing on right. Background is a children's nursery
with a doll's pram on far right. Fireplace visible on far left.
16.5cm x 10.5cm
- 407** c. 1905 Copy of P141/406. Unmounted.
14.5cm x 9cm

- 408** c. 1925 B/w photograph postcard of Connie Murphy in a formal half-portrait. Dressed in coat with [sheepskin] collar and a patterned cloche hat. On verso: 'Wishing my own darling Feargus a very happy birthday and many happy returns of the day. With fondest love and kisses from Connie. I hope you'll like the photo.'
- 13.5cm x 8cm

II James Fintan Murphy and family (c. 1913–c. 1930)

- 409** c. 1913 B/w studio portrait of James Fintan Murphy and his first wife, Mary Kate (née O'Farrell). Taken in Manders studio, Llandudno, Wales. James seated with Mary Kate standing to his right.
- 16.5cm x 10.5cm
- 410** c.1920 B/w photograph of James Fintan Murphy. Half portrait, showing him in a dark hat and suit. Stamped 'Brixton'.
- 4cm x 6.5cm
- 411** c. 1920 B/w passport photo of Marie Wilson Murphy, second wife of James Fintan Murphy. Half portrait showing her wearing a lace collar and a blouse with wide sailor-type lapels tied with a button. Stamped 'Brixton'.
- 7.5cm x 5cm
- 412** c. 1933 B/w studio portrait of James Fintan Murphy with his second wife, Marie Wilson Murphy, his son, Desmond Bracken Murphy and his granddaughter, Constance Murphy. James in centre of portrait wearing a dark suit and a checked V-neck sweater, shirt and tie. Desmond on far left is seated, wearing a dark suit, shirt and striped tie. Constance, an infant, sits on Desmond's knee. Marie seated on right wears a long patterned dress with satin draped around neck and fastened with a deco style brooch.
- 28cm x 20cm
- 413** c. 1933 Copy of P141/412.
- 28cm x 20cm

III Feargus Murphy (c. 1920–c. 1930)

- 414** c. 1920 B/w group photograph of [graduating class?]. Twenty-eight figures in three rows; 14 men and 14 women. Feargus, 4th from right, back row. *Fragile-in two parts.*
8.5cm x 12cm
- 415** c. 1930 Formal b/w half-portrait of Feargus Murphy, librarian. Seated sideways in arm-chair reading a magazine and wearing a dark three-piece suit. Photograph mounted on board and taken by C and L Walsh, 55 Lower Mount Street, Dublin.
14.5cm x 10cm
- 416** c.1930 B/w photograph of the first mobile library in Ireland which was set up by Feargus Murphy, librarian in Lismore, Co. Waterford, where the headquarters of the mobile library was based. The van is in the centre foreground with its back doors open to show the shelves of books lining its interior. Van is adorned with posters promoting the service with the general catchphrase: 'Books for all'. Side of van features lettering: 'Leabharlann Públí Co. Pórtláirge, Co. Waterford Public Library'. Foreground right shows three figures, Feargus Murphy, centre; Kathleen his sister on left; and an unknown man on right.
16.5cm x 21.5cm

IV Kathleen Farrell (née Murphy) (c. 1925)

- 417** c. 1925 B/w informal group portrait of four taken outdoors. Left to right: Dr. Kathleen Farrell, [Paul Farrell, her husband], Nuala Burke Johnson, and an unknown lady.
7cm x 11.5cm

- 418** c. 1925 B/w informal group portrait of four taken outdoors. Left to right: Dr. Kathleen Farrell, Dr. Dick Johnson, doctor working in India, Nuala Burke-Johnson, his wife, and an unknown lady.
6.5cm x 10.5cm

V Constance and Elsa Murphy (c. 1930–c. 1937)

- 419** c. 1930 B/w portrait of Constance Murphy at 16 months by J. E. Beehan, Rathmines Studio, Rathmines Road, Dublin.
12.5cm x 8.5cm
- 420** c. 1932 B/w portrait of Elsa Murphy at 15 months by J. E. Beehan, Rathmines Studio, Rathmines Road, Dublin.
12.5cm x 8.5cm
- 421** c. 1935 B/w Irish press photograph of Constance Murphy aged c. 6 years, sitting on a see-saw in a park. Wearing double-breasted coat, matching cloche type hat, black gloves, white ankle socks and black shoes. Background shows people walking in the park and foliage.
21cm x 16cm
- 422** c. 1936 B/w formal portrait of Constance and Elsa Murphy. Seated on a dark plinth, both girls wear patterned summer dresses and black T-bar shoes. Taken in Brown Thomas, Dublin.
27.5cm x 21.5cm
- 423** c. 1937 4 b/w photographs of Constance Murphy on the occasion of her First Holy Communion. Taken at [10 Charleston Avenue] in the garden.
all 8cm x 5.5cm

- 424 c. 1937 B/w photograph of Constance Murphy sitting on a window ledge in 10 Charleston Avenue, Rathgar.
8.5cm x 5.5cm
- 425 c. 1937 B/w informal group photograph of six figures in two rows. Left to right first row, seated: Anne Kendrick, Niamh Farrell, Elsa Murphy, Constance Murphy. Back row, partially obscured: Conn Murphy, Iosoilde Murphy.
9cm x 6cm

E: SOUND RECORDINGS (c. 2002)

- 426 c. 2002 Part 1 of an interview with Constance Murphy discussing the effects of emigration on her family and friends. Topics covered include family life at 10 Charleston Avenue, Rathgar; great grandfather (Cornelius Murphy) and his hardware shop at 100 Parnell Street; grandfather (Cornelius J. 'Conn' Murphy) founder member of Gaelic League; grandmother (Annie Byrne) dressmaker and orphan brought up by her aunt Brigid Burke; Conn's political career-sympathetic to the Republican side and councillor for Fianna Fáil in Dublin Corporation; mother (Connie Murphy) imprisonment in Kilmainham Jail during Civil War; uncle (Conn Murphy) ran away to sea, joined the Salvation Army and the Communist Party before returning to Dublin; aunt (Kathleen Murphy, later Farrell) and her political activities; Conn sent as part of a delegation to Rome at end of Civil War to explain the situation to the papacy. Constance Murphy: her education; her first job as a temporary clerk in the Hospitals Trust Sweepstake in Ballsbridge; assistant bookkeeper for wholesale grocery and chemist; mature university student, and teacher in later life. *¼ of Side 2 blank.*
c. 160 mins
- 427 c. 2002 Part 2 of an interview with Constance Murphy discussing the effects of emigration on her family and friends. Topics covered include Constance's job with Cappagh Road Boys School, Finglas; teaching at the Milltown Institute; guidance counselling; retirement in 1980; membership of Retired Active Rathgar Association; learning German; living in Garville Avenue,

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Rathgar; being a Minister of the Eucharist and Minister of the Word; membership of Legion of Mary; sister, Elsa's emigration to Chicago; parental grandfather James Fintan Murphy's emigration to London, cousins emigrating to work as au pairs in France, Spain and London; and the death of mother Connie Murphy. *¼ of Side 2 blank.*

c. 160 mins

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c. 2002

Part 3 of an interview with Constance Murphy discussing the effects of emigration on her family and friends.

Topics covered include emigration of her friend, Angela Paine, to Los Angeles; general emigration in 1950's; perception of non-married women in Irish society; marriage and emigration; travelling abroad; effect of email and other technological advances; physical living conditions in 1940's Ireland; unemployment and poverty in 1940's Ireland; children's games; and her great grandfather's shop at 100 Parnell Street. *Last c. 10 mins of Side 1 blank. Side 2 blank.*

c. 80 mins