

# **Cox Family Papers**

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## **Introduction**

The papers of the Cox Family (1881-1978) were deposited with the Archives Department, University College Dublin by Una O'Higgins-O'Malley in 1998.

Arthur Cox is probably the most well known member of the family, he was a pre-eminent Dublin solicitor and friend of many prominent leaders involved in the foundation of the Irish Free State. He established his own firm of solicitors in Dublin which is still continuing strongly to this day. He was the son of a doctor, Michael, who was also heavily involved in the politics of his day. Many of Michael Cox's friends were the leaders of the Irish Parliamentary Party, he was acquainted with Parnell and others, and counted John Dillon as one of his closest friends. The correspondence in this collection shows, through their regular contact, how friendly the two men were. Michael had many other interests outside of the medical field. He had an interest in Irish literature, as is attested to by correspondence with Douglas Hyde. He held many positions of note, including a seat on the senate of the newly established Royal University and was appointed a member of the Privy Council in 1911 - a seat which he later resigned in protest over the failure to implement of Home Rule in Ireland and disgust at the reaction of the Black and Tans in Ireland to 1916. He was also a member of the Royal Irish Academy and elected President of the Royal College of Physicians in 1922.

Arthur Cox's life was equally impressive, both professionally and personally. As a solicitor, his company acted for Siemens-Schuckert in the Shannon Scheme, the national electrification scheme, and other clients included Bord na Mona and the Irish Life Assurance Company. His friendships number many influential people from Kevin O'Higgins, Minister for Justice and External Affairs and Vice-President of the Executive Council in the newly established Irish Free State, to Richard Browne, chairman of

the Electricity Supply Board. He held positions outside of his solicitor's practice among which include being a member of the Seanad between 1954 – 57 while his friend John A. Costello was Taoiseach. He was also President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland in 1952, its centenary year of charter, and Chairman of his local Fairy Hill Hospital, a photograph of the opening of this hospital is included in this collection.

In his private life, Arthur made distinguished attachments. In 1940, he married Brigid O'Higgins, the widow of Kevin O'Higgins who was assassinated in 1927. After her death in 1961, Arthur retired from his practice and moved to Milltown Park to begin studying for the priesthood. He was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1963 and went to Zambia as a missionary where he died from injuries resulting from a road accident.

A predominant part of the collection contains the correspondence, in particular letters sent to Michael Cox. Michael's friendship with John Dillon is demonstrated through the numerous letters on a variety of topics from Michael's candidature for the Senate of the Royal University to family medical matters. His other correspondents range from Douglas Hyde to the Archbishop of Dublin, William J. Walsh, although these are not as extensively represented. A scrapbook containing the newspaper cuttings of obituaries written about Michael Cox attests to the prominent role that he played in public life. There is very little material relating to Elizabeth and Aedan Cox, just a few pieces of correspondence and a cycling register. The range of material for Arthur Cox is also quite small, a sketch book, some academic work, including a copy of his thesis for Master of Arts, and cards printed for his ordination. Possibly the most interestingly section relates to his time as President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland as during his tenure as president, the Society celebrated its centenary of charter; a scrapbook and photographic album bears witness to the importance of the event with such attendees as Sean T. O'Kelly, the President of Ireland at that time, and Eamon de Valera. Other correspondence includes that from relatives who had settled in America.

Photographs also make up another large portion of this collection and there are many family and holiday photographs. A number of the family photos are taken in a studio and include Hugh Cox (Arthur's grandfather) and Arthur and Aedan as young boys, but again it is dominated by photos of Michael Cox. Also contained is a signed copy of a photo of Timothy Healy, the first Governor-General of the Irish Free State and an album depicting the centenary celebrations of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland.

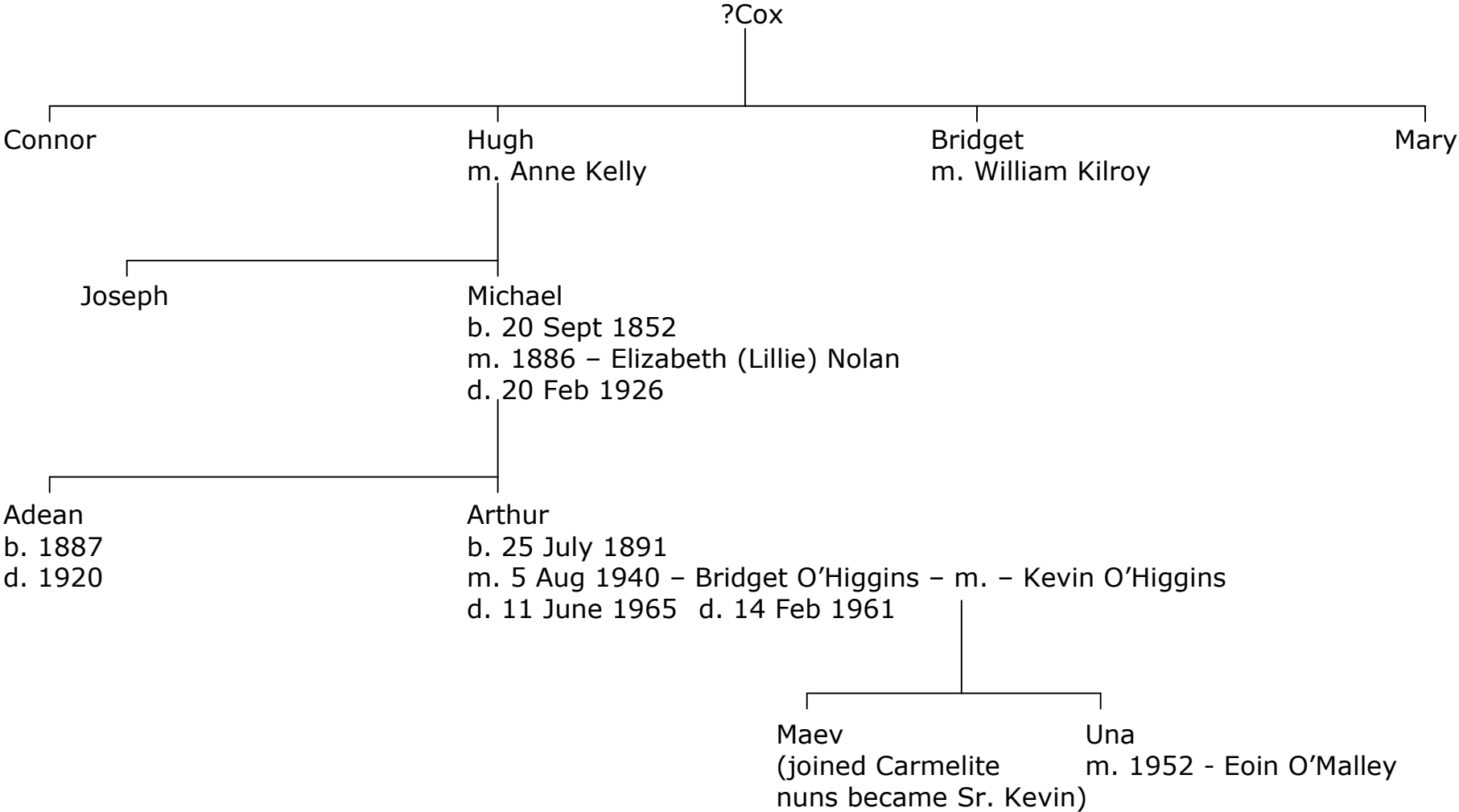
For further information on the life of Arthur Cox, see *Arthur Cox, 1891-1965* by Eugene McCague (Gill & Macmillan, 1994).

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# Cox/O'Higgins Family Tree





A. Michael Cox

## I Correspondence

## i John &amp; Elizabeth Dillon

## a Appointment to Senate of the Royal University

- 1            15 March 1894            Letter from John Dillon, 49 Upper Bedford Place, Dublin to Michael Cox. He sees no reason why Cox should not accept the position as mentioned in 'Birmingham's letter and says he will put in a good word with Mr. Morley for him. He apologises for not getting back to him about the vacancy in Cecilia Street but says he cannot intervene in the matter and will explain his reasons when they next meet
- See also P162/62
- 4pp
- 2            27 April 1894            Letter from John Dillon, 49 Upper Bedford Place to Michael Cox in which he informs Cox that he spoke to Morley about the vacancy in the Senate of the Royal University and put forward Michael's name as a nominee. Dillon promises to remind Morley about Michael at some point in the future. He also mentions some mutual acquaintances including John McDonnell who had to leave the Freeman Board due to an accident
- 4pp
- 3            24 May 1894            Letter from John Dillon, 49 Upper Bedford Place to Michael Cox requesting him to send over an analysis of the composition of the Senate as there is an objection to the appointment of another doctor
- 2pp
- 4            2 July 1894            Letter from John Dillon, House of Commons, London to Michael Cox thanking for his subscription and regarding Senate business, referring in particular to the appointment of 'Gilbert' and how he did his best for Cox but that 'Dixon' has strong influence on the Chief Secretary. He finishes by stating that he will be glad to meet 'Shaw' but feels there is not much he can do for him
- 3pp

## b Political Matters

- 5 [Sunday Morning] Letter from John Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street, Dublin to Michael Cox calling on him to put pressure on his brother to use his proxy as Father O'Brien of Ballybeg has already sent his in 4pp
- 6 1 Dec Letter from John Dillon, Ballagherreen, Co. Roscommon to Michael Cox enquiring after his health and a recent marriage of a friend and that 'Sligo ought to raise three statues to the prisoners and one to John [Brae] for the amusement which was afforded' (p1-2) 2pp
- 7 24 June [1881] Letter from John Dillon in Kilmainham Gaol, Dublin to Michael Cox requesting him to visit 1p
- 8 4 April 1891 Letter from John Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street to Michael Cox regarding the Christian Brothers and Dillon's belief that no correspondence, as far as he was aware, has passed between them and the Government, that all he knows off is correspondence between the Chief Secretary and the Board of Education 3pp
- 9 25 Dec 1892 Letter from John Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street to Michael Cox. He apologises for not being able to fulfill Cox's request of sending a letter to Mr. Morley on behalf of a friend as he feels it would not be ethical. He also passes on season's greetings and informs him that Mrs. Deane is going to visit 3pp
- 10 16 Feb 1894 Letter from John Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street asking Michael Cox to arrange a meeting with Gerald Mooney to discuss the affairs of the Freeman's Journal 2pp
- 11 2 April 1895 Letter from John Dillon, House of Commons, London to Michael Cox enclosing a fee and stating 'I know all about Butler - he called on me' (p2) 2pp
- 12 6 Nov 1895 Letter from John Dillon, House of Commons to Michael Cox, he writes

- about the proposed Castlerea and Ballaghaderrin railway which he regrets he cannot give his support to as his constituents are opposed to it and he asserts that the residents of Sligo town are also opposed 2pp
- 13 22 Oct 1898 Letter from John Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street to Michael Cox thanking him for receipt of his subscription 2pp
- 14 10 July 1900 Letter from John Dillon, House of Commons to Michael Cox regarding publication of the most frequently occurring names from the census returns and that he will put down a question about the Tambury Telegraph Station in the name of James O'Kelly, he also discusses the [Chiven] business 5pp
- 15 25 Sept 1901 Letter from John Dillon, Ballaghaderrin, Co. Mayo to Michael Cox. Dillon has been called before the University Commission by the Standing Committee of the Bishops to give evidence 'I confess it is with extreme reluctance' (p2). He enquires of Cox of his experience with the Commission and asks his advice in this matter 5pp
- 16 28 Sept 1901 Letter from John Dillon, Ballaghaderrin to Michael Cox. He thanks Cox for his information on the Commission. He thanks him for his invitation to stay although he cannot accept, and invites Cox to visit him on Monday evening 4pp

## c Thomas Fitzgerald

- 17 30 Nov 1894 Letter from John Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street, Dublin to Michael Cox enclosing a letter from Thomas FitzGerald and seeking Cox's advice as to what the best institution is and what the next steps should be 2pp
- 18 9 Jan 1895 Letter from Thomas FitzGerald, 43 Cecil Street, Limerick to John Dillon requesting his help in placing his son in a home for the blind in Drumcondra. He apologises for calling on a man whose 'time is very much engaged in fighting the

- battle of Homerule and the restoration of the evicted to their homes' (p. 1) 3pp
- 19 14 Jan 1895 Letter from John Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street to Michael Cox accompanying a letter from Thomas FitzGerald 1p
- 20 5 Feb 1895 Letter from John Dillon, House of Commons, London to Michael Cox arranging the details of the terms of admission of Fitzgerald to the institution 4pp
- 21 18 Feb 1895 Letter from John Dillon, House of Commons to Michael Cox. He encloses a fee of £5 for the half year board of Thomas Fitzgerald's son at Drumcondra and says he has written to Thomas to tell him to send up his son to Dublin and he is of the opinion that 'political matters here have gone much better than we expected' (p1) 2pp
- 22 28 March 1895 Letter from John Dillon, House of Commons to Michael Cox expressing his regret that Cox 'had so much trouble about Fitzgerald' (p1) but they all did their best by him and thanks Cox for the medicine to treat his hand 2pp

#### d Academic Topics

- 23 [n. d.] Letter from John Dillon, [Merton] Lodge, Killiney to Michael Cox requesting him to translate an enclosed phrase of Irish for him as he has no Irish books with him 1p
- 24 2 Oct Partial letter from [Elizabeth Dillon], Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon giving her opinions and ideas on the Poor Law and the Nursing System which are topics Cox is going to speak on at the opening of St. Vincent's Hospital 8pp

#### e Personal Dealings

- 25 [Monday] Letter from John Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street, Dublin to Michael Cox

- arranging a time for Cox to call 2pp
- 26 Monday Letter from John Dillon, Ballaghadereen, Co. Roscommon to Michael Cox describing a boat trip he is planning in Sligo and inviting Cox to join him 3pp
- 27 19 Jan Letter from John Dillon to Michael Cox inviting him to visit on the following Saturday and to telephone to let him know 2pp
- 28 17 Oct Letter from John Dillon, Ballaghadereen to Michael Cox inviting him to a bazaar and telling him to bring 'O'Neill' if he is around 2pp
- 29 14 Nov Letter from John Dillon to Michael Cox requesting him to borrow some books on nervous diseases on his behalf 2pp
- 30 16 June 1895 Letter from John Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street to Michael Cox requesting him to call on him at home 2pp
- 31 17 Oct 1895 Letter from John Dillon, Chesterfield, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin to Michael Cox, he tells Michael that he intends to marry Miss Mathew (Elizabeth, daughter of Sir James Mathew, a high Court Judge) next month 2pp
- 32 21 Dec 1900 Letter from Elizabeth Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street to Mrs. Cox thanking her for the present of a silver goblet stating that 'the friendship which inspired it are alike most deeply valued by us all' (p.2). 4pp

## f Family Doctor

- 33 Monday Letter from Elizabeth Dillon, 49 Elm Park Gardens, London to Michael Cox. She expresses concern for the health of Mrs. Deane and her intention to travel to Dublin and insist upon Mrs. Deane returning with her 'as I cannot possibly leave the

- children with her under present circumstances' (p2-3). She asks him not to tell Mrs. Deane of their correspondence and relates that Shane is well again although John has tried twice to go away and has been unable, though she hopes the situation will change at the end of the session 7pp
- 34 [Wednesday] Letter from John Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street, Dublin to Michael Cox requesting him to examine 'O'Brien' as he has a problem with his lungs and Dillon is concerned about him having to speak at meetings in Cork. He urges Cox to insist O'Brien has some rest after the meetings 4pp
- 35 Thursday Letter from John Dillon, Ballaghadereen, Co. Roscommon to Michael Cox requesting a copy of the cough mixture he prescribed for Miss Gibbons 2pp
- 36 Saturday Letters from Elizabeth and John Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street to Michael Cox with envelope. They both ask Cox to call and examine John who is unwell and Elizabeth herself is expecting in a week or ten days 3 items
- 37 Saturday Part letter from [Elizabeth Dillon], Ballaghaderrin, to Michael Cox. She informs him of two patients she is sending to him for examination and John sends his thanks for his information on the Commission and the Cox's kind invitation for John to stay with them 4pp
- 38 Saturday Letter from Elizabeth Dillon, Ballaghadereen to Michael Cox thanking him for the ointment for her hand and arranging to call on him on her return to Dublin. She also informs him that John, her husband, is off meeting with J. P. O'Connor and states 'I am counting the days (selfishly) till his return' (p4) 4pp
- 39 18 April Letter from Elizabeth Dillon, 12 South Street, Thurloe Square, London to Michael Cox expressing thanks to them looking after their children while herself and John went on holiday for a rest and reflects that the 'Chief Secretary defended himself in very half hearted way last night' (p.4) 4pp



- 40      12 Nov                      Letter from John Dillon, Ballaghadereen to Michael Cox he sends a letter with the bearer, Mr. Walsh and asks Cox to examine him, detailing his confusion over the case. He also enquires after Miss Mortyn and asks if she is to be married to Cox's friend                      3pp
- 41      18 Nov                      Letter from Elizabeth Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street to Michael Cox, requesting him to place pressure on John to take a rest from political activity for the good of his health believing 'I cannot see that the shortening of his life would be other than a misfortune to the very cause he lives to serve' (p.7)                      8pp
- 42      2 Feb 1898                      Letter from Elizabeth Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street to Michael Cox, she thanks him for agreeing that her Nurse 'may appeal' (p.1) to him while Elizabeth is away and insists that they must become full patients of Cox's so as to repay him for his services                      3pp
- 43      9 Dec 1890 –  
19 Oct 1898                      Medical Matters. File of correspondence from John and Elizabeth Dillon, 2 North Great George's Street, Dublin, 12 South St., Thurloe Square, London and 49 Elm Park Gardens, London to Michael Cox. Regarding routine medical concerns, includes letters requesting Cox to call and examine members of their family and household who have fallen ill and letters accompanying payment of medical fees                      10 items

#### g      Milk Contamination Affair

- 44      23 Feb                      Letter from Elizabeth Dillon, Westminster Palace Hotel, London to Michael Cox she asks about the quality of the milk, expresses her horror that the Government's model Dairy should supply bad milk and informs him of the health of John and Mrs. Deane                      4pp
- 45      26 Feb                      Letter from Elizabeth Dillon, Westminster Palace Hotel to Michael Cox regarding 'the unhappy milk business' (p.1) and requests Cox to call around to the family home in Dublin to give their family nurse advice regarding the

- supply of milk. She also expresses her worries about the health of John 4pp
- 46 9 March Letter sent by Elizabeth Dillon, Westminster Palace Hotel to Michael Cox thanking for his advice about the milk and informing him of her intention to return to Ireland in a few weeks and she says that John's health has improved after a trip to Hastings 4pp
- 47 12 March Letter from Elizabeth Dillon, Westminster Palace Hotel to Michael Cox stating that she has received a telegram from the National Education Board stating that an enquiry has been set up into her complaint about the milk and asks Cox to go as her representative to the enquiry where the Nurse will give evidence 4pp
- 48 17 March Letter from Elizabeth Dillon, Westminster Palace Hotel to Michael Cox giving her thanks for him attending the milk enquiry and hoping that all has been resolved. She also relates to him that she is pregnant for the third time 'rather startling, isn't it? But I am proud to do any part in the country's service!' (p.4) 4pp
- h Bessie Mathew (later Elizabeth Dillon)
- 49 26 April Letter from Bessie Mathew, Mount Mapas, Killiney, Co. Dublin. She thanks him for the loan of the books on The Monks of Kilcrea which she will return via Mrs. Deane and hopes to hold onto his copy of 'O'Donovan's Grammar' which will then be returned at a later date 4pp
- 50 1 May Letter from Bessie Mathew, 46 Queen's Gate Gardens, London to Michael Cox, a letter of apology for the loss of a book on the Monks of Kilcrea which she borrowed from Cox 8pp
- 51 7 May Letter from Bessie Mathew, 46 Queen's Gate Gardens to Michael Cox regarding the safe return of book on the Monks and looking forward to an imminent visit to London by Mrs. Deane 4pp

## ii Douglas Hyde

## a Regarding the case of Norma Borthwick

- 52            20 April 1901            Letters sent by Douglas Hyde from Ratra, Frenchpark, Roscommon and 71 Harcourt Street, Dublin to Michael Cox, 45 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin. He writes concerning the case of Miss Borthwick and is of the opinion that unless she can prove slander, she has no hope of winning her court case, but she seems intent on continuing as a point of honour and Hyde is concerned about the expense involved for her. He asks Cox as to whether she could prove slander. He finishes with a note on the Gaelic League in Wexford. The second letter is in Irish written from Douglas Hyde to Michael Cox arranging a time to call on him and informing him of the publication of 'Samhain'. Also includes an envelope addressed to Michael Cox.            3 items
- See also P162/57
- 53            14 Dec 1901            Letter from Douglas Hyde, Ratra, Frenchpark to Michael Cox, 45 St. Stephen's Green regarding the case of Miss Borthwick and evidence against Mrs. Cane which may help to prove slander. Also includes the envelope            2 items

## b Other Matters

- 54            5 July 1897            Letter from Douglas Hyde, Ratra, Frenchpark, Co. Roscommon to Michael Cox, consulting with him on the changes in Celtic on the Royal University course and seeks his help in passing them 'as you are probably the only person on the Senate who understands the meaning of the changes' (p2) and continues by outlining the present faults of the course including books that are out of print            4pp
- 55            [n. d.]            Envelope entitled 'letters of Dr. Hyde and Miss Borthwick to Father'            1p
- 56            June 1901            Letter from Douglas Hyde, Orme Lodge, Enniscrone, Co. Sligo to Michael Cox requesting his opinion on the health of 'Concannon' who he is afraid to let travel to do some work in Donegal for fear for the effect on his health            4pp

## iii Norma Borthwick

- 57            6 Aug 1898            Letter from Norma Borthwick, The Gaelic League to Michael Cox inviting him to give a talk on the 'language question' (p2) at a series of lectures organised by the Gaelic League            4pp
- See also  
P162/52  
& 55

## iv Justin McCarthy

## a Request of Dorothy Nevill

- 58            [n. d.]            Letter from Dorothy Nevill, Norfolk to Justin McCarthy she asks him to grant her a favour and obtain for her a number of funeral cards from Parnell's funeral            4pp
- 59            12 Oct 1891            Letter from Justin McCarthy, 20 Cheyne Gardens, Chelsea Embankment, London to Michael Cox enclosing a letter from 'my dear old Tory friend, Lady Dorothy Nevill' (p1) and requests Cox to find a few of the souvenirs she is requesting            1p
- 60            30 Oct 1891            Letter from Justin McCarthy, 20 Cheyne Gardens, Chelsea Embankment to Michael Cox thanking him for the photographs which he has sent on to Lady Dorothy            1p

## b Other letters

- 61            17 June 1892            Letter from Justin McCarthy to Michael Cox regarding recommendations for Cox to Archbishops Walsh and Croke            1p
- See also  
P162/71
- 62            7 Jan 1895            Letter from Justin McCarthy, 73 Eaton Terrace, London to Michael Cox, 45 St. Stephen's Green. He congratulates Cox on his appointment to the Senate of the Royal University which he heard about from John Morley. Also contains envelope            2 items
- See also  
P162/1-  
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- 63      6 Feb 1898      Letter from Justin McCarthy,  
Shelbourne Hotel to Michael Cox asking  
him to call and examine 'Cecilia' and  
requesting information on where in Dublin he could loan some  
Persian books and a Persian dictionary      1p
- 64      4 April 1898      Letter from Justin McCarthy, 73 Eaton  
Terrace, London to Michael Cox, he  
apologies for not seeing Cox again  
before moving to London but explains that the move took up all  
of his time      2pp

## v      Cathal O'Brien

- 65      [1898]      Letter from [Cathal] O'Brien, Mallow  
Cottage, Westport, Co. Mayo to Michael  
Cox thanking him for his subscription      1p
- 66      17 Sept 1907      Letter from Francis Joseph Biggin,  
Ardrie, Belfast to Michael Cox asking  
him to send O'Brien's 'Hope' manuscript  
and promising to send to O'Brien a photo of James Hope and a  
portrait of O'Neill to Cox himself      2pp
- 67      Thursday      Letter from [Cathal] O'Brien, Mallow  
Cottage, Westport to Michael Cox  
regarding the sending of his  
manuscripts to Francis Biggin and he congratulates Cox on the  
success of his son and relates the success of the Westport  
meeting      3pp

## vi      Sophie O'Brien

- 68      [Saturday]      Letter from Sophie O'Brien, Mallow  
Cottage, Westport, Co. Mayo to Dr.  
Michael Cox informing him that 'the  
poor boy (his name is Jordan) is going to Dublin on Monday. I  
have given him a letter for the Rev. Mother at St. Vincent's and  
I am ever so grateful to you' (p.1-2)      2pp
- 69      19 Oct      Letter from Sophie O'Brien, Mallow  
Cottage, Westport to Michael Cox. She  
asks him to send word as to how  
Jordan is doing as his father is anxious to hear. 'You will be

glad to hear that neither Willie nor Mr. Davitt were any the worse for their Sunday adventure, and the suppression of the meeting meant three meetings instead of one' (p2-3) 3pp

## vii Horace Plunkett

- 70 18 April 1896 Letter from Sir Horace Plunkett, Kildare Street Club to Michael Cox seeking his opinion on the house [building] experiment being implemented by the Congested Districts Board as he sees Cox as an 'undoubted authority' (p2) in this matter 3pp

## viii William J. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin

- 71 30 Oct 1897 Letter from William J. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin to Michael Cox regarding the perceived lack of inaction by the Government about the 'University question', he encourages consideration of a meeting in the Mansion house by Catholic laity to help the issue and arranges a time to discuss the issue 3pp
- See also P162/61

## ix Other Letters

- 72 [n. d.] Letter from [T. N.] O'Connor, Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin to Michael Cox asking him to come and examine his wife who is unwell 1p
- 73 19 Aug 1891 Letter from Patrick O'Donnell, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in reply to one from Michael Cox regarding St. Vincent and the attitudes of the bishops toward it 3pp
- 74 13 April 1894 Letter from Standish H. O'Grady, 4 Hanover Square, London to Michael Cox sending him a part manuscript on poetry which he welcomes Cox to use but requests he does not let it out of his hands and to return the manuscript to Dr. Norman Moore who is using the whole manuscript for an entry in the 'Dictionary of National Biography' 3pp
- 75 9 Jan 1899 Postcard from Alfred Perceval Graves,

- Red Branch House, Lauriston Road,  
Wimbledon to Michael Cox informing  
him of the publishing details of a song arranged by Dr. Stanford  
which Cox was enquiring about 1 item
- 76 13 Oct 1901 Letter from [Michael] Burke Savage,  
Rutland Square East, Dublin to Michael  
Cox accepting an invitation to dinner  
and arranging a time to call on 'Mr. Montgomery' 2pp
- 77 29 Jan 1902 Letter from Alfred [Hand] to Michael  
Cox regarding the receipt of book and  
lamenting the fact that so few younger  
Irish students now study literature and mythology 2pp
- 78 2 Jan 1920 Note from Séamus Ó Casaide to Michael  
Cox explaining and accompanying a  
volume of three tracts by Tadhg O  
Cionniallain (not extant) 1p

## II Personal Documents

- 79 26 May 1887 Testimonials of Michael Cox containing  
details of his qualifications and  
reproductions of references from  
physicians and surgeons under whom he worked and studied. 6 items
- 80 20 – 28 Feb 1926 Scrapbook of obituaries from  
newspapers written on the death of  
Michael Cox, it also contains a letter to  
Mrs. Cox and a poem about Michael Cox written by S. M.  
Dismas 14pp

B. Elizabeth Cox

## I Travels

- 81 31 July 1900 – Cycling Register with entries written by  
1 June 1903 Elizabeth (Lillie) Cox regarding cycling  
holidays taken by the whole family in  
Rathmullen and Bundoran, Co. Donegal and Sligo. The  
notebook contains sections to record those who partook in the  
cycle and any observations. It also contains cartoon sketches of  
two men boxing. 64pp

C. Aedan Cox

## I Correspondence

- 82 Wednesday Letter from Aedan Cox, Union Hotel,  
Belfast to his mother informing her that  
all is well and that 'there was a big  
storm yesterday. Gaven wrote that there was one in Dublin too'  
(p1) 1p
- 83 11 Sept 1904 Postcard from Aedan Cox to his mother  
from the R.M.S. 'Munster' mail boat 'We  
have had a very fine crossing and are  
just in sight of land. Hoping you are A1' 1 item

D. Arthur Cox

## I Personal Documents

- 84 22 Feb – Sketch book belonging to Arthur Cox  
22 Oct 1903 containing representations of a number  
of animals including giraffe and lion and  
images of nature, such as flowers, designed into geometrical  
shapes. Also contained in the rear is a cardboard cover cut  
from an arithmetic book on the reverse of which is pasted a  
photograph of Arthur Cox, and underneath is written 'this is  
me, photograph' and beside the photograph is drawn the head



of a donkey and marked 'and this is meself reality'. The sketch and photo are entitled 'Photographic Illusion' 18pp

## II Academic Work

- 85 1913 Copy of publication of an address given by Arthur Cox as the Auditor of the Solicitors' Apprentices' Debating Society of Ireland to its inaugural meeting of the thirtieth session. The address is entitled 'The Lawyer in Literature' 1 item
- 86 1913 Copy of publication of the thesis presented by Arthur Cox for Master of Arts entitled 'Philip Massinger' 1 item

## III President of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland

- 87 31 May 1952 Copy of the Irish Law Time & Solicitors' Journal detailing a history of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland to celebrate its centenary year. It also contains articles on the Incorporated Law Society of Northern Ireland and portraits of distinguished members, one of whom is of Arthur Cox 5 items
- 88 28 Feb 1952 Circular letter from Eric Plunkett, Secretary of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland (ILSI) to its members detailing the events organised to celebrate the centenary of the charter of the ILSI and inviting those interested in participating to get in contact so that arrangements can be made 3pp
- 89 1961 Letter to Arthur Cox from [Wilhelm Gunduden] in a Germanic Language 4pp
- 90 1952 Scrapbook containing memorabilia from the centenary celebrations of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland. It contains menus and place settings from the meals, copy of speeches made, letters of thanks after the event including one from John C. McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin. Also contains newspaper cutting of photograph of Arthur Cox presenting his

step-daughter, Una O'Higgins with her certificate as a newly-admitted solicitor and letter from Sean T. O'Ceallaig, President of Ireland forwarding on another newspaper cutting of a photo of Una O'Higgins at the ILSI celebrations 1 item

#### IV Ordination

91 15 Dec 1963 Two copies of a card to commemorate the ordination of Arthur Cox 2 items

### E. American Relatives

#### I To Hugh Cox

##### i From Bridget Kilroy

92 20 March 1881 Letter from Bridget Kilroy, Nevada City, California to her brother [Hugh Cox], to re-establish family connections after a number of years; she informs him of her marriage in 1857 and of the seven children which she has borne as a part of the marriage. She also offers much sisterly advice including on the establishment of a practice in Sligo by the doctor [Michael Cox?] and invites her brother to visit her on the west coast of America 8pp

##### ii From Connor Cox

93 5 June 1881 Part of a letter from [Connor Cox], Columbia Hill, Nevada City, California to his brother Hugh Cox, he expresses his pleasure that 'Joe' is still free and will remain able to fulfill his role 'as a man in his country's cause; especially at the present time, in the reign of terror that poor Ireland is groaning under' (p2), he relates news on the lives of mutual relatives and friends and expresses his delight that the 'Doctor' [Michael Cox] has moved to Dublin 4pp

94 8 Feb 1882 Part letter from [Connor Cox], Columbia Hill, Nevada City to his brother about

various family members and the sending of cement from Knock to relatives in the States; he refers to 'miraculous cures' (p.2) that have been brought about through the use of the holy relic 4pp

- 95 10 May 1897 Letter from Connor Cox, Cherokee, Kansas to his brother [Hugh Cox], he talks of his failing sight, the birth of his granddaughter, the worry about the crops and the health of various people in America 4pp

### iii From Mary Cox

- 96 [n. d.] Second half of letter from Mary Cox, Patterson, Nevada City, California [to Hugh Cox], she tells of the health of Father Dalton and discusses other friends and relatives 'we get great news from Knock, the wonderful cures which has been granted there....I obtained a small piece of the sement of which I think more of than 100 times it size in goald' (p3) 4pp

- 97 18 Sept 1881 Letter from Mary Cox, Cherokee to her brother [Hugh Cox] sending news of relatives in America 5pp

## II To Michael Cox

### i From Mary Jane Cox

- 98 28 Feb 1903 Letter from Mary Jane Cox, Convent of the Charity of the Incarnate Word, Brackenridge Villa, San Antonia, Texas to Michael Cox, 26 Merrion Square North, Dublin. She informs him that she is about to become a nun in the following month and updates him on the news of mutual friends and relatives in Ireland 3pp

### ii From Elisia M. de Silva

- 99 10 Dec 1895 Letter from Elisia M. de Silva, 654 Eagle Avenue, New York to Michael Cox (her

second cousin), she explains to him the family connection and the subsequent fate of her branch of the family who are seeking to re-establish family ties 4pp

## F. Family Related Material

- 100 [n. d.] Synopsis of an article the Rev. G. J. Shannon (marginal note suggests he is possibly a cousin of Arthur Cox) entitled 'Woman's Place in the World of Today' where he discusses the role of women. His belief is that 'the Western world is crowded with women ready and willing to surrender the rich significance of their motherhood for a barren parity with men' (p1) where he continues to attack the Renaissance, Protestantism and Liberal Industrialism as some of the causes behind this change 6pp
- 101 22 Oct 1879 Programme of a concert held in Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon to fund the debts of the convent schools 3pp
- 102 1880's Scrapbook of newspaper cuttings. The topics covered by the cuttings are numerous, they range from naturalist articles including 'Domestication of the Buffalo' (p2) to political, 'Mr. Gladstone on Welsh Disestablishment and the Irish Question' (p39), cultural 'Madame Bernhardt on the Drama' (p9), historical 'Old Dublin' (p68) and of general interest 'How to Discover a Lady's Age' (p4) 103pp

## G. Photographs

### I Family Photographs

#### i Informal

- 103 [n. d.] Photograph of three boys, two of whom are Aedan and Arthur Cox. The three boys are in a garden, Aedan and Arthur are leaning across a table while the third boy is seated at the table and dressed in a false white moustache and wig and

wearing a hat while flicking through the leaves of a large book  
1 item

104 [n. d.] Photograph of Aedan and Arthur Cox playing while seated at a table [at home] 1 item

105 [1890's-1900's] Family album of photographs of the Cox family, contains photographs of Arthur and Aedan as boys and teenagers with their parents. The photographs are taken with friends, classmates and relations and on family holidays, also includes studio posed photographs 1 item

106 c.1900 Photograph of the drawing room at 26 Merrion Square, Dublin 1 item

## ii Formal

107 [n. d.] Studio photograph of Hugh Cox (grandfather of Arthur Cox) in formal attire, seated and holding a hat and walking stick 1 item

108 [n. d.] Studio photograph of [Michael Cox] in his late thirties dressed in a suit and seated in a chair 1 item

109 [n. d.] Photograph of wedding guests taken in a garden among whom Michael Cox is a guest 1 item

110 [n. d.] Studio photograph of Michael Cox dressed in a suit complete with pocket-watch and seated in a chair 1 item

111 [n. d.] Studio photograph of Michael Cox dressed in a suit and seated at a bureau 1 item

112 [n. d.] Studio photograph of Michael Cox standing and dressed in a suit 1 item

- 113 [n. d.] Studio photograph of Arthur Cox as a teenager. He is dressed in a suit with his head turned slightly to one side  
1 item
- 114 [n. d.] Studio photograph of Mrs. Nolan (relation of Lily Cox) seated in formal attire and holding an umbrella  
1 item
- 115 [n. d.] Studio photograph of Mrs. Nolan (relation of Lily Cox), a head and shoulders portrait where she is turned slightly to one side  
1 item
- 116 [n. d.] Studio photograph of Mrs. Nolan (relation of Lily Cox), in a head and shoulders portrait in three quarters profile  
1 item
- 117 c. 1897 Framed studio photograph of the brothers, Aedan and Arthur Cox in children's suits which included large bows tied around their necks and a boater hat to one side  
1 item
- 118 1911 Mounted photograph of Dr. Michael Cox in formal attire at his inauguration as a member of the Irish Privy Council  
1 item
- 119 1911 Mounted photograph of Michael Cox in formal attire wearing an embroidered coat and holding a hat in the style of an admiral, the photo is autographed by Michael Cox  
1 item
- 120 1911 Mounted photograph of Mrs. Lily Cox in formal attire, holding a bouquet of flowers, at the inauguration of her husband as a member of the Irish Privy Council  
1 item
- 121 1911 Mounted photograph of Mrs. Lily Cox in the formal attire, holding the bouquet of flowers in one hand, at the inauguration of her husband to the Privy Council  
1 item
- See also 118
- See also 120

- 122      29 April 1923      Signed copy of a studio photograph of the first Governor-General of the Irish Free State, Timothy Healy (cousin of Kevin O'Higgins) with his daughter Maev Sullivan      1 item
- 123      20 May 1978      Photograph of two graves and accompanying letter from 'Denis', New Inn, Cashel to 'Anna' stating his belief that the grave on the right is that of Arthur Cox      2 items

## II      Official Photographs

### i      Incorporated Law Society

- 124      1952      Framed photograph of Arthur Cox as President of the Incorporated Law Society. Arthur is wearing his chains of office in the photograph      1 item
- 125      1952      Photo album of the centenary celebrations of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland which contains photographs of Arthur and Bridget Cox posing with various dignitaries including the President of Ireland, Sean T. O'Kelly, Eamon de Valera and Archbishop MacQuaid. It also contains a photograph of a painting entitled 'G. H. Q. I. R. A.' (General Headquarters of the Irish Republican Army), the group includes Michael Collins among others      1 item

### ii      Fairy Hill Children's Hospital

- 126      22 Sept 1945      Photograph from Independent Newspapers of the opening of Fairy Hill Children's Hospital at the Baily, it includes Arthur Cox, Dr. Ward T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Dr. Bob Collis and Miss Sasha Kenny and it is signed and dated by the Lord Mayor, Peadar S. Doyle      1 item

## III Other Photographs

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| 127             | [n. d.] | Photograph of waves on the beach at Bundoran, in a photo album entitled Brownie<br>1 item  |
| 128             | [n. d.] | Photograph entitled 'Still Waters' of a pond or stream and a tree trunk that has half fallen into it, in a photo album entitled Brownie<br>1 item              |
| See also<br>138 |         |  |
| 129             | [n. d.] | Photograph entitled 'Roscommon Fair' of a town square filled with animals and farmers trading, in a photo album entitled Brownie<br>1 item                     |
| See also<br>139 |         |  |
| 130             | [n. d.] | Photograph entitled 'Killary Bay' of the bay and mountains overlooking it, in a photo album entitled Brownie<br>1 item   |
| 131             | [n. d.] | Photograph entitled 'Ernest Kirwan' of a horse and carriage with a man seated in the driving seat, this is in a photo album entitled Brownie<br>1 item         |
| 132             | [n. d.] | Photograph entitled 'Stephen's Green' of a group of women huddled over baskets against the backdrop of a harbour from a photo album entitled Brownie<br>1 item |
| 133             | [n. d.] | Photograph entitled 'Seascape' depicting a rugged coastline, in a photo album entitled Brownie<br>1 item   |
| 134             | [n. d.] | Untitled photograph of a park area with a church in the background, in a photo album entitled Brownie<br>1 item  |
| 135             | [n. d.] | Untitled photograph of a building and carpark from a photo album entitled Brownie<br>1 item  |
| 136             | [n. d.] | Untitled photograph of a seated  |



- person, the photograph is of poor quality, contained in a photo album entitled Brownie 1 item
- 137 [n. d.] Untitled photograph of a rocky cliff descending into the sea, in a photo album entitled Brownie 1 item
- 138 [n. d.] Photograph of a pond or stream and a tree trunk that has half fallen into it (copy of 'Stillwater'), in a photo album entitled Brownie 1 item
- See also 128
- 139 [n. d.] Photograph of a town square filled with animals and farmers trading (copy of 'Roscommon Fair'), in a photo album entitled Brownie 1 item
- See also 129
- 140 [n. d.] Untitled photograph of two women by a shoreline from a photo album entitled Brownie 1 item
- 141 [n. d.] Untitled photograph of a side of a stone country cottage showing the chimney stack, in a photo album entitled Brownie 1 item
- 142 [n. d.] Untitled photograph taken across a river of the opposite bank with dwellings set further back, in a photo album entitled Brownie 1 item
- 143 [n. d.] Untitled photograph of a lake with a road running along side it with mountains in the background, in a photo album entitled Brownie 1 item
- 144 [n. d.] Untitled photograph two men and one woman with bicycles outside a stately home, in a photo album entitled Brownie 1 item
- 145 [n. d.] Untitled photograph on two people posing on a bridge with mountains in the background, in a photo album entitled Brownie 1 item

