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MAPS

The Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSi) 19th Century Historical Maps collection provides a wealth of detail such as ground floor interior plans of public buildings, e.g., churches, banks, hospitals and railway terminus. At street level, features include benchmarks, pillar boxes, public water pumps, troughs, hydrants, and lamp posts. Other useful information includes the parish, townland and municipal boundaries which are all clearly marked. Building types, such as mills, foundries, dye works, barracks, galleries, tea houses, bull rings and Turkish baths, illustrate the industrial and social activities of the population of the time. This visual resource contains large-scale maps for almost 150 cities, towns and villages in the Republic of Ireland.

Maps of Dublin accompanying Thom’s Official Directory

Nine Thom’s maps of the city and environs of Dublin published between 1874 and 1888.

Dublin Town Planning Competition 1914

The three surviving competition entries with plans, drawings, maps and reports are held in this collection, including the winning entry by Patrick Abercrombie, Sydney Kelly and Arthur Kelly.

CULTURE

The Irish Poetry Reading Collection is part of a project to create a central repository for poetry readings by Irish poets and writers. Listen to well-known Irish poets reading their own poems, together with a very brief overview of the context and circumstances that influenced the writing of the poem.

Periodicals from the National Folklore Collection are hosted by the UCD Digital Library, including:

Pat – this highly illustrated, weekly satirical journal was published in Dublin between 1879 and 1883. In it you can read reports on theatre productions in Dublin, descriptions of Dublin streets and areas, and travel notes from around Ireland and London. The illustrations cover many of the major political, social, and cultural issues of the period.

The Shan Van Vocht was a national monthly magazine founded by two Belfast women, Alice Milligan and Anna MacManus (née Johnston). Published between 1896 and 1899, The Shan Van Vocht included literature, poetry, historical articles, political commentary, as well as news and events from cultural and political societies.

COLLECTIONS WITH 3D ARTWORKS / ARTEFACTS

Material Culture of the Mendicant Orders in Ireland

A selection of photographs of and detailed information about religious artefacts, mainly chalices, belonging to the Irish Franciscans.

Roman Republican Coins

This collection from the UCD Classical Museum comprises coins dating to the Republican period in Rome (509 – 27 BC).

UCD Sculpture Trail

This collection comprises public works of art created between 1846 and 2009, now forming an integral part of the urban fabric of the university.

START DISCOVERING THE DIVERSE RANGE OF TOPICS

• View paintings and photographs of antiquities, architecture, buildings and scenic landscapes in Ireland
• Read the My Home District essays to discover local history and lore as written by schoolchildren in Munster & Connacht in the 1930s
• Explore cultural and social history such as children's games, scenes from rural life, street markets, traditional customs & beliefs, sporting events
• Research 19th century pamphlets published on topics such as trade, emigration, poverty, Home Rule, education, health and disease
• Listen to musicians playing Irish ballads, reels and folk music on their tin whistles, fiddles and flutes