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CONTEXT

Biographical history

Desmond Ryan was born on 27 August 1893 in Dulwich, London, where his father William Patrick Ryan worked as a journalist. He was educated by the Christian Brothers until 1906, when his father moved the family back to Ireland to become editor of the *Irish Peasant*. When Pádraig Pearse opened St Enda's School in Dublin in 1908, Ryan became one of the first pupils. Pearse was to prove a dominating influence in Ryan's youth. After he completed his studies in St Enda's and went to study at University College Dublin, he maintained his association with St Enda's, teaching classes, living in the school and acting as Pearse's secretary.

This led to his involvement with the Irish Republican Brotherhood, as a member of the Mitchell Circle. He took part in the Easter Rising of 1916, serving in the General Post Office under Pearse. After the rebels' surrender, Ryan was interned in Stafford Jail, Wormwood Scrubs and Frongoch internment camp. Following his release, he returned to UCD, where he took his BA.

Ryan then followed in his father's footsteps by becoming a journalist, working initially for the *Freeman's Journal*. As Pearse's literary executor, he wrote *The Story of a Success*, an account of Pearse's educational experiment in St Enda's. Despite writing about Pearse several times, he never wrote the definitive biography many expected him to complete. An admirer of Michael Collins, Ryan supported the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921, but the horrors of the civil war turned him against nationalism and led him to pacifism. The anti-de Valera policy of the *Freeman's Journal* and his general disillusionment caused him to leave Ireland for London in 1922, where he began work as a journalist on the *Daily Herald*.

During his time in UCD Ryan had become interested in the Irish labour movement, supporting the workers in the 1913 Lock-out, an interest which was to remain with him. During his time in London he became more involved in the theories and work of James Connolly, publishing his first book on Connolly in 1924. He continued to publish books on various aspects of Irish nationalism throughout the following years. These included books on Éamon de Valera, Seán Treacy, and John Devoy and Fenianism. Other areas of interest during this period included the Anti-Partition campaign, the experience of the Irish in London, and the Spanish Civil War.

When the Second World War broke out in 1939, Ryan and his wife Sarah (née Hartley, whom he married in 1933) returned to Ireland. He took up a position as editor of the *Torch*, a labour periodical. The publication ceased in 1944 however, due to a lack of support for his views from the Labour Party. He and his wife later moved to Swords, County Dublin, where they ran a poultry farm. Desmond Ryan died on 23 December 1964.

Archival history

The Desmond Ryan papers were deposited by Sarah Ryan, his widow, in 1978.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content

Extensive general correspondence, encompassing historical, literary, political and personal topics. Listed alphabetically by correspondent or, where appropriate, by subject. Includes both holograph and typescript material.

Professional correspondence with publishers, organisations and periodicals.

Desmond Ryan's writings, mainly published but including some unpublished material. Includes books, articles and short pieces, lectures, and scripts, as well as working notes.

Personal material relating to Desmond and Sarah Ryan.

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CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Access

Available by appointment to holders of a UCDA reader's ticket. Produced for consultation in microform.

Language

English, small amount of Irish.

Finding Aid

Descriptive catalogue.

DESCRIPTION CONTROL

Archivist's Note

This descriptive catalogue was prepared by Sarah Poutch in August 2010.

ALLIED MATERIALS

Allied Collections in UCD

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1. CORRESPONDENCE

1.1 General

LA10/1 April 1938–April 1962

44 items

Correspondence relating to the Easter Rising 1916

Letters to and from various correspondents which directly relate to the 1916 Rising. Generally enquiries to Desmond Ryan on aspects of the conflict, or replies sent to Ryan from involved parties during his research. Mainly holograph letters, often with typescript transcriptions by Ryan. Includes:

- letter from Brian MacMullan of the 1916 Veterans' Association, enclosing a list of the unemployed members of the organisation, including their addresses, occupations and number of dependents. MacMullan writes that he 'would welcome any class of job' and asks Ryan to speak with Joseph McGrath on the veterans' behalf (21 October 1940, 1p);
- letter from David Sears, describing the attack on the South Dublin Union on Easter Thursday, including details on the conditions the Volunteers were operating under and the actions of Cathal Brugha (1947, 20pp);
- letter from Eamon Bulfin, who states that he hoisted the green flag over the General Post Office during the Rising. He discusses the identity of the man who hoisted the tricolour and mentions that he has found an unpublished manuscript by Pádraig Pearse amongst his papers (2 April 1948, 3pp);
- letter from Michael Connolly, brother of Captain Seán Connolly, who took part in the attack on Dublin Castle in 1916. He corrects Ryan on several points made in his book *The Rising*. Includes draft and finalised copies of Ryan's reply (10 September 1949, 9pp);
- correspondence with Dr Eamon Dore of Limerick, mainly relating to James Connolly and activities in the GPO during the Rising. Dore writes in indignation to Ryan after reading articles written by him which he believes are inaccurate (April 1955–July 1961, 33pp);
- letter from Seán MacGiollarnáth, who discusses J.J. (Ginger) O'Connell's attitude to the 'blood sacrifice of the Connolly-Plunkett school' (28 April 1961, 1p);
- letter from John Kavanagh to Professor Liam Ó Briain of University College Galway, enquiring if he was the Volunteer who accompanied Kavanagh to Jacob's to convey the news of the impending surrender in the GPO. Describes personally informing MacDonagh and MacBride of the surrender (April 1962, 13pp).

LA10/2 25 June 1963

2pp

From Doris Alcock

Refers to a recent visit with Desmond and Sarah Ryan and updates them on her personal news.

LA10/3 November 1938–5 May 1939

12 items

Correspondence relating to the Anti-Partition of Ireland League

Circular letters to committee members. Includes:

- copy letter from Desmond Ryan to P.J. Little, parliamentary secretary to the Taoiseach, discussing the difficult position facing the movement owing to bombings in England and lack of government support (5 March 1939, 2pp);
- handbill advertising a public meeting (30 November 1938, 2pp);
- typescript notes on partition (not dated, 6pp).

LA10/4 March–April 1964

4pp

Correspondence relating to Michael Barrett

Letters from Patrick J. Quinlivan, a student at the University of London, enquiring as to Ryan's knowledge of the trial of the Fenian Michael Barrett in 1868, and the associated Clerkenwell explosion. Ryan replies with some information.

LA10/5 May–December 1938

17 items

Correspondence relating to Philip Barron

Letters relating to Ryan's research on the nineteenth century Irish scholar. Correspondents include Alan Downey, Matthew Butler and Seamus Ó Casáide.

LA10/6 17 November 1959

1p

Letter relating to Kevin Barry

John Brennan, Chester Road, Dublin, informs Ryan that Kathleen Barry Moloney would like to see him. She is 'emphatic about your calling, as she said "I dread anything being written about Kevin, as there is nearly always something incorrect"'.

LA10/7 November 1932–October 1960

12 items

Correspondence with Piaras Beasláí

Correspondence initiated after Beasláí thanked Ryan's publisher, Arthur Barker, for sending him a copy of *Invisible Army*. The correspondence deals mostly with their recollections of events related to the 1916 Rising, and to personal matters such as arrangements to meet.

LA10/8 April 1951

2 items

Correspondence with the Belfast Connolly Commemoration Committee

An invitation to give a public lecture at a commemoration ceremony, and Ryan's acceptance of the offer.

LA10/9 17 December 1959

1p

Letter to Mrs Seán Beaumont

A note of sympathy on the passing of her husband, from Desmond and Sarah Ryan.

LA10/10 November 1964

2 items

Correspondence relating to Reverend David Bell

T. Bell of Leeds enquires about the editor of the *Liberator*, and sends a follow up letter informing Ryan of the progress made in his research.

LA10/11 October 1957

2 items

Letters from Earnán (Ernest) P. Blythe

Thanking the Ryans for their letter of sympathy on his mother's death. Also includes a similar letter addressed to Olivia Hughes.

LA10/12 Not dated

18pp

Letter from Ernest Blythe

Circular letter from Blythe, discussing the IRA campaign in Northern Ireland. Includes a circular marked 'Confidential' and titled 'Notes on the Pomeroy, Armagh and Omagh Incidents'. It discusses such issues as the use of the Irish flag in the North, bigotry, and the RUC.

LA10/13 August 1933–January 1936

10 items

Correspondence with Jo and Kathleen [Boyd]

Personal letters between Desmond Ryan and his maternal aunts in London. Includes a mention of Ryan's elopement (24 August 1933).

LA10/14 December 1956–March 1957

6 items

Correspondence related to John Boyle O'Reilly

Francis MacManamin of Georgetown University enquires if Ryan knows any way of obtaining microfilm of John Boyle O'Reilly's surviving letters. Includes an invitation to MacManamin's ordination in Pennsylvania.

LA10/15 February 1941

2 items

Letters from Diarmuid Brennan

Apologises for the 'stoppage of the paper' due to his arrest. Writes from Mountjoy Prison, Dublin. Includes a letter from his wife, apologising to Desmond Ryan for her husband's failure to reply,

LA10/15 as he is allowed write only one letter a week since being moved to Arbour Hill Prison.

LA10/16 February 1937

2 items

Correspondence relating to Cathal Brugha

Letter from Eamonn Burgess, Brugha's eldest brother, in South Africa. He found *Unique Dictator* very interesting, and briefly discusses his brother and family. Includes Ryan's reply.

LA10/17 October 1939–May 1949

5pp

Correspondence with Eamon Bulfin

Addressed to 'Dear Jassy', Bulfin, a colleague of Ryan's from St Enda's, discusses personal matters. Ryan addresses Bulfin as 'Dear Yam'.

LA10/18 April 1952–March 1955

10 items

Correspondence with Edmund Burke

Correspondence mainly discusses John Devoy and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Includes an Easter card and 1955 calendar from the *Derry Journal* from Burke.

LA10/19 26 September 1963

7pp

Letter from James Burke

Congratulates Ryan on his coverage of the 1913 Lock-out, and mentions that he was sentenced to death in 1916. Informs Ryan that he has been dismissed from the Department of Defence and asks that Ryan give the issue 'a bit of publicity'.

LA10/20 September 1932–August 1941

24 items

Correspondence with Laurence and Lillie Byrne

Ryan corresponds with the journalist on mainly literary and personal matters, referring to various contemporary writers. Later letters are from Byrne's wife Lillie, thanking the Ryans for their sympathies on her husband's passing (27 April 1939) and referring to some literary matters.

LA10/21 March–April 1946

4 items

Correspondence from Flann Campbell

The editor of the *Irish Democrat* asks Ryan to write an article on James Connolly and discusses the controversial letter received by the publication from Seán O'Casey (28 March). Also includes a circular notifying Ryan of the cessation of the list of free subscribers, and a letter from Seán Nolan, an earlier editor of the publication, thanking Ryan for an article sent.

LA10/22 September 1961

2 items

Correspondence relating to William Carleton

Requests for information on the Irish novelist by André Boué, a French teacher.

LA10/23 October–November 1947

2pp

Letter from Dr Edward Carey

Invites Ryan to speak at the National University Club in London on Pádraig Pearse.

LA10/24 April 1936–December 1963

9 items

Correspondence relating to Sir Roger Casement

Letters relating directly to Casement. Includes:

- letters from the Roger Casement Committee, inviting Ryan to

- LA10/24** speak at a public meeting in Hyde Park (advertisement included) calling for the return of Casement's remains to Ireland (6 April 1936, 2pp);
- invitation from the Roger Casement Sinn Féin Club to their Annual Dinner and Social Evening, as a person who has 'always displayed sympathy with our aims' (27 April 1937, 1p);
 - letter from Mary Frances [MacHugh], London, who gives Ryan an account of an elderly relative's impressions of Casement, whom she knew as a young man, with particular focus on his sexuality and family background (12 June 1957, 5pp);
 - letter from Commandant Kehoe, Rathmines, Dublin, who claims to have been Casement's adjutant. Gives an account of Casement's maternal ancestry, and mentions a book which he has written in Germany about the Aud episode (9 December 1963, 14pp).

LA10/25 January–February 1933

3 items

Letters from May Casey

Discusses *Invisible Army* at length, and comments on Ryan's personality. Also discusses current elections and recommends a remarkable student, Robert Dudley Edwards.

LA10/26 August 1959–July 1964

12 items

Correspondence with Max Caulfield

Discusses several points of information on the 1916 Rising with Ryan, including Pádraig Pearse's family background, as well as arrangements to meet.

LA10/27 January 1932–January 1933

4 items

Correspondence with Molly Childers

Childers sends her thoughts on Ryan's book *Invisible Army* (5 January 1932), and outlines her concerns about Ryan writing about her late husband Erskine Childers (1 November 1932).

LA10/28 15 April 1955

1p

Letter from the East Clare Memorial Committee

The secretary of the committee, P.J. Hayes, suggests that Ryan visit the Garden of Remembrance in Tuamgraney.

LA10/29 April 1935–December 1938

3 items

Correspondence from the Easter Week Commemoration Committee

Circular from St Patrick's School, Great Chapel Street, London, detailing their programme of events of commemoration (28 April 1935); and correspondence with Liam Daly, Garrison Secretary, relating to copies of photographs requested by Ryan.

LA10/30 November 1960–June 1961

3 items

Correspondence with Austin Clarke

Clarke wishes to trace a pamphlet about the Thomas Davis meeting at the Ancient Concert Rooms, possibly in 1915 (23 November 1960) and enquires about a manuscript he has written (14 May 1961).

LA10/31 June 1934–November 1964

9 items

Correspondence related to Michael Collins

Includes:

- letters from Johanna Collins, who enjoyed Ryan's *Invisible Army* more than Piaras Beaslai's book, which she disliked 'more than I can say', and arrangements to meet (20–28 June 1934, 6pp);
- letters from Margery Forester, who is writing a book on Collins and asks Ryan's advice on the subject (May–November 1964, 7pp).

LA10/32 April 1955–[July 1959]

7 items

Correspondence with Máire Comerford

Two drafts of a letter by Desmond Ryan outlining his reasons for not supporting her proposal for an All-Ireland Parliament (12–13 July 1955), and three letters relating to Cis Cremin and the proposed sale of her James Stephens' papers to the National Library (July 1959).

LA10/33 February 1932–June 1963

25 items

Correspondence relating to James Connolly

Letters to and from a wide variety of correspondents on the topic of James Connolly and related subjects, such as requests from research students for information from Ryan, and Ryan's responses. Also includes:

- letter from John S. Clarke, Ibrox, Glasgow, who discusses Connolly's activities in America and his contacts with de Leon (5 February 1932, 7pp);
- letters from Nora Connolly O'Brien, James Connolly's daughter, who has written a biography of her father and asks if Ryan's publisher, Arthur Barker, would be interested. Includes a rejection letter from Barker (June–July 1934, 6pp);
- letters from Desmond Greaves, editor of the *Irish Democrat*, mainly discussing Connolly's background, early career and the Irish Republican Socialist Party (February 1951–March 1960, 20pp).

LA10/34 February–May 1937

2 items

Correspondence from the Connolly Battalion Aid Committee

Letters requesting aid for the Battalion, which is fighting in the Spanish Civil War.

LA10/35 December 1938–November 1945

25 items

Correspondence with the Connolly Club, London

Correspondence with organisers in the club such as C.J. Farrell and Michael MacInerney, on topics such as invitations to speak at events and general political issues. Also includes requests for

LA10/35 articles from *Irish Freedom* editors Patrick Hayes and Flann Campbell.

LA10/36 February 1950–October 1960

29 items

Correspondence to Mary Frances Corrigan (née MacHugh)

Copies of Ryan's letters to Corrigan, of a personal nature and discussing family matters as well as literary topics.

LA10/37 29 April 1949

1p

Letter from John A. Costello

The Taoiseach thanks Ryan for his copy of *The Rising*, calling it 'a very valuable contribution to modern Irish history'.

LA10/38 May 1927–June 1930

5 items

Correspondence from Kathleen Coyle

Relating to her novel *Youth in the Saddle* and other personal matters.

LA10/39 May 1942–June 1943

4 items

Correspondence from Father E.J. Coyne

Of Milltown Park, Dublin, Coyne writes concerning the proposed publication of a lecture he recently gave. Two letters are addressed to Frank Robbins.

LA10/40 [1939]

4 items

Correspondence from An Craobh Ruadh

Circulars concerning meetings. Includes a brochure outlining the aims of the society.

LA10/41 15–30 July

2 items

Letters from Cis Cremin

Concerning the sale of her house, and of her James Stephens' papers to the National Library.

LA10/42 1–19 May 1941

2 items

Correspondence from Mary E. Crilly

Requests a copy of Ryan's talk on Francis Fahy, to send to Fahy's wife in Devon.

LA10/43 July 1936–August 1938

6 items

Correspondence from Dr S. Crone

Short personal notes, mostly relating to Ryan's writing. Includes a typescript extract from one of Crone's letters which is not included, containing information on John Rutherford.

LA10/44 19 September 1939

1p

Letter from Maurice Crowe

Informs Ryan that he is waiting for him at the Old IRA Club on Davis Street.

LA10/45 31 July 1934

1p

Letter from Joseph Daecy

Concerning the establishment of the Anglo-Irish Relations Committee.

LA10/46 18 November 1937

2pp

Letter from Leslie Daiken

Refers to literary matters, Robin Flower's lecture to the Gaelic League and to visiting James Joyce in Paris.

LA10/47 [August] 1948–March 1953

14 items

Correspondence with Madge Daly

Ryan advises Daly on a short manuscript she has written relating to her uncle, the Fenian John Daly. The manuscript is included and contains information on other figures such as Tom Clarke, John Redmond, Arthur Griffith and Seán MacDermott.

LA10/48 8 July 1963

1p

Letter from Michael Daly

Enquires if two books he bought second hand could have belonged to Ryan.

LA10/49 8–13 November 1937

3 items

Correspondence related to Eugene Davis

Letters from Michael MacDonagh of Wimbledon, London, concerning what he feels is Ryan's unfair criticism of Eugene Davis in his book *The Phoenix Flame*. Includes a copy of Ryan's reply.

LA10/50 12–29 February 1960

2 items

Postcards from John de Courcy Ireland

Makes enquiries about Irish assistance to Garibaldi.

LA10/51 January–March 1941

11 items

Correspondence from the Department of Defence

Relating to the granting of a military pension to Desmond Ryan. Includes a 1916 military ribbon.

LA10/52 22 January 1940

1p

Letter from P.J. Delaney

Writes from Terenure, Dublin, to invite Ryan to meet up with some old friends.

LA10/53 December 1963–December 1964

2 items

Christmas cards from Éamon de Valera

Featuring a colour print of Áras an Uachtaráin (1963) and a reproduction of Murillo's *The Holy Family* (1964).

LA10/54 November 1937–August 1960

32 items

Correspondence relating to John Devoy

Correspondence mainly relating to the Fenian leader, whose letters Ryan compiled in *Devoy's Post Bag*. Includes:

- copy of a letter from Hannah Sheehy Skeffington, giving her opinion of John Devoy, writing that 'he was all that was fiercely narrowly peasant Irish' (16 November 1937, 3pp);
- correspondence with Frank Robbins, Secretary of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union (ITGWU), dealing mainly with his dissatisfaction at the delay in publishing Devoy's letters (August 1938–April 1951, 28pp);
- letters from Robert Monteith, discussing the arms landing in Kerry, and John Devoy's 'Fenian secrecy' (August 1947–March 1948, 10pp);
- invitation to the unveiling of a memorial to Devoy in Glasnevin cemetery (15 August 1960, 1p).

LA10/55 March–September 1945

7 items

Correspondence from Harry Diamond

The Socialist Republican MP for Belfast Falls corresponds with Ryan regarding the Socialist Republican Party, articles for the *Northern Star*, and current affairs in Northern Ireland.

LA10/56 1–10 December 1936

3 items

Correspondence from Charles Donnelly

Writes on the subject of the Irish Labour Protection Committee (1 December) and sends a telegram asking Ryan to contact him (10 December). Sarah Ryan has written 'On his way to Spain to be killed' on the telegram envelope.

LA10/57 30 July 1940

2pp

Letter from Trealach Doorly

Enquiring if Ryan might appoint him London representative of the *Torch*.

LA10/58 August 1957–October 1960

6 items

Correspondence from the Association of Old Dublin Brigade

Circulars from Seán Mulhall and Liam Ó Dálaigh concerning lectures to the Association.

LA10/59 12 May 1962

2 items

Invitation from the Dublin Council of Trade Unions

To a James Connolly Commemoration dinner.

LA10/60 February 1957–October 1962

7 items

Correspondence from Owen Dudley Edwards

Discusses books about the Spanish Civil War (5 February 1957) and forwards a copy of a letter from John Mitchell introducing James Stephens, which he has found in Horace Greeley's papers (1 November 1961). Mentions internal politics in the UCD History Department (14 October 1962).

LA10/61 November 1936–April 1963

14 items

Correspondence with Robert Dudley Edwards

Concerning arrangements for a lecture by Ryan to the Irish Historical Society (October 1956–March 1957), and other historical queries.

LA10/62 February 1935–December 1938

3 items

Correspondence with John Dulanty

The High Commissioner for the Irish Free State sends invitations to various events.

LA10/63 January 1931–June 1960

11 items

Correspondence related to St Enda's School

Letters relating to Ryan's alma mater. Includes:

- circular letters concerning the raising of funds for St Enda's and for Clann Éanna (January 1931–April 1934, 16pp);
- letter from Michéal Mac Ruaidhrí's daughter Brighid, asking Ryan to write an account of her father's connection to St Enda's as a preface to a book of his writings (October–November 1942, 2pp);
- letter from Frederick O'Doherty, who has a copy of Ryan's broadcast on St Enda's fiftieth anniversary, and expects to see Ryan at a forthcoming reunion at the school (15 June 1960, 2pp).

LA10/64 January 1956–March 1959

4 items

Correspondence from the Department of External Affairs

John Foley (January–May 1956) and Mary Tinney (4 March 1959) both ask Ryan to provide information on Irish historical issues.

LA10/65 March 1948–November 1964

56 items

Correspondence related to the Fenian movement

Correspondence which directly relates to the topic of the Fenian movement and some of its members. Includes:

- correspondence with Michael J. Lennon, Terenure, Dublin, mainly relating to information concerning the Fenians and the Invincibles (March 1948–February 1958, 39pp);
- correspondence with James Hurley, secretary of University College Cork. The bulk of the correspondence relates to Hurley and Ryan's shared interest in the Fenian movement and its members (February 1951–December 1964, 34pp);
- letter to Christy McCarthy, supplying information about J.H. O'Connor, who was betrayed by Jim McDermott (19 March 1952, 2pp);
- correspondence with Senator Michéal Óg MacPháidin, dealing mainly with the trial in 1867 of the Fenians arrested in Dungarvan (August 1953–January 1954, 4pp);
- correspondence with Walter MacGrath of the *Cork Examiner*, who suggests to Ryan that he ought to write a complete anthology on the Fenians (May 1960–November 1961, 11pp).

LA10/66 January–March 1943

3 items

Correspondence from Agnes Finnegan

She discusses the land problem in Donegal and encloses a copy of *Club News*, which is aimed at Protestants who believe in the unity of the country.

LA10/67 7–9 September 1958

2 items

Correspondence relating to Michael Fogarty

Letter from James Fogarty of London, seeking information on his grandfather, a Fenian. Copy of Ryan's reply with the requested

LA10/67 information is included.

LA10/68 November 1936–April 1940

9 items

Correspondence from Joseph H. Fowler

Corresponds on personal matters. Writes from his place of business, the St Giles Bookshop, Bloomsbury, London, and later from Rathgar, Dublin.

LA10/69 16 May 1961

1p

Letter from Séamus Fox

Writes in relation to a recent article of Ryan's, published in the *Irish Press*, which has given him cause to ask if Ryan knows the origins of the title 'Na Macaomh', used in the Boy Scouts.

LA10/70 February–April 1937

18 items

Correspondence with and relating to the Friends of the Spanish Republic

Correspondence with Jack Carney, who asks Ryan to try to organise a statement on Spain by Irish writers. Drafts of the statement and copy letters are included, as well as a list of nine possible signatories.

LA10/71 23–25 February 1939

2 items

Correspondence with Willi Frischauer

Ryan writes to express his disappointment at a recent article of Frischauer's published in the *Daily Herald*, which he was disappointed by. Encloses a list of sources on Irish history. Includes Frischauer's reply.

LA10/72 22 November 1958

1p

Letter from Gael Linn

Relating to the showing of war of independence news reels. Written in Irish.

LA10/73 October 1929–September 1939

15 items

Correspondence with the Gaelic League (Connradh na Gaeilge)

Circulars relating to meetings, lectures and appeals for subscriptions. Also includes letters from Máire Ní Dubhghaill and Cáitlín Nic Ghiolla Íosachta inviting him to events. Ryan declines the vice-presidency of the League (8 December 1938).

LA10/74 September 1935–December 1936

12 items

Correspondence with T. Gervais Nelson

Ryan and Nelson correspond on matters such as Pádraig Pearse and the situation in Northern Ireland.

LA10/75 16 January 1957

2pp

Letter from P.J. Gibbons

Cautions Ryan against defending Strauss, as he may be Jewish and 'no Jew is a Nationalist'.

LA10/76 September–October 1962

3 items

Correspondence with Granada TV

Gerard Dynevor, programme director, asks Ryan for sources which he might use in his forthcoming broadcast on the history of Ireland. Ryan replies with suggestions.

LA10/77 November 1940–July 1946

3 items

Correspondence from Malachy Gray

Gray has heard of Ryan's appointment to the *Torch* editorship (13 November 1940) and arranges a visit (June–July 1946).

LA10/78 April–July 1955

2 items

Correspondence from E.R.R. Green

Green is attempting to trace the development of nationalist theory and requests Ryan's assistance.

LA10/79 21 August 1934

2pp

Letter to Mary Gwynn

Thanks her for her praise of *Remembering Sion*, and mentions her son Dennis (Rolleston Gwynn).

LA10/80 5–7 November 1936

2 items

Correspondence from Stephen Gwynn

Invitations to meet Mr Lucey (5 November) and to a sherry party (7 November) in London.

LA10/81 July 1935–[1937]

2 items

Correspondence from Henry Harrison

Apologises for his failure to keep an appointment (2 July 1935) and discusses Ireland's case at the Imperial Conference (1937).

LA10/82 6 June 1934

1p

Letter to Alice [Harte]

Thanks her for her remarks about *Remembering Sion*.

LA10/83 3 March 1935

2pp

Letter to Mary [Hartley]

Ryan refers to her recent skiing trip.

LA10/84 Not dated

1p

Letter from Richard Hawkins

The Cambridge student asks for assistance with his research on the Royal Irish Constabulary.

LA10/85 7 June 1963

1p

Telegram from Françoise Henry

Making arrangements to meet.

LA10/86 Not dated

2pp

Letter from Ina Heron (née Connolly)

She wishes to discuss some belongings of her father, James Connolly, and asks to meet with Ryan to do so.

LA10/87 July 1929–April 1934

10 items

Correspondence from Harold Heslop

Discusses literary matters. Includes two postcards from Moscow (November 1930–April 1934) and circular letters from Heslop and

LA10/87 Robert J. Ellis, who are attempting to inaugurate a British section of the International Bureau of Revolutionary Writers.

LA10/88 July 1958–April 1959

3 items

Correspondence from Bulmer Hobson

Hobson has been told by Seán Lester that Ryan is working on a life of James Stephens, and is glad to hear it (10 July 1958). Answers some queries on the I.R.B. (16 July 1958) and thanks Ryan for a copy of his account of St Enda's (29 April 1959).

LA10/89 3 December 1949

1p

Letter from Reverend Matthew Hoehn

Writes from Newark, New Jersey, to request some biographical information and a photograph from Ryan so as to include him in a book of biographies of Catholic authors.

LA10/90 28 November 1937

4pp

Letter from Eleanor Howard

Asks if there are any references to her uncles, the brothers Stowell, in *The Phoenix Flame*.

LA10/91 3 March 1937

3pp

Letter relating to the Howth gun-running

Letter to a Miss Conway whose cousin, P. Conway of the High Commissioner's Office, has asked Ryan to send her some sources on the Howth gun-running.

LA10/92 August 1954–December 1956

4 items

Correspondence from Olivia Hughes

Letters on personal matters. Includes a letter written by Sarah Ryan to Hughes on the subject of Irish immigration to the United States, in answer to a query.

LA10/93 May–September 1939

2 items

Correspondence from Douglas Hyde

The President congratulates Ryan on his valuable book and the research put into it, in *Irish* (7 May 1939). Also includes an invitation for the Ryans to attend a garden party at Áras an Uachtaráin in September 1939.

LA10/94 March–December 1941

2 items

Correspondence from Eily Hutton

Refers to the death of 'lovable saintly Harry [Hough]' (4 March) and mentions wartime conditions (21 December).

LA10/95 August–September 1964

4pp

Correspondence with the Independent Labour Party

An invitation to speak at the party's summer school, which Ryan accepts.

LA10/96 1940

4 items

Correspondence from the International Brigade Association

Circular letters on the disappearance of Frank Ryan in Spain after his release from prison.

LA10/97 August–October 1939

3 items

Correspondence from the International Friendship League

Making arrangements for Ryan to come and speak on 'Ireland Today'.

LA10/98 22 February 1954

2pp

Note from the National Library of Ireland

In relation to some O'Donovan Rossa papers requested by Ryan.

LA10/99 October 1952–May 1955

6 items

Correspondence from the Irish Anti-Partition Association

Mainly circulars and other appeals to join the association. Includes copy of an open letter sent to An Taoiseach, John A. Costello, on the issue of partition.

LA10/100 February 1948–May 1955

2 items

Letter from the Irish Association of Civil Liberty

Circular advocating the formation of the association.

LA10/101 12 February 1959

3pp

Letter from the Irish Congress of Trade Unions

Circular letter announcing the inauguration of the Congress of Trade Unions and the ending of fourteen years of division amongst the unions.

LA10/102 22 September 1945

2pp

Letter from the Irish Film Society

Peter G. Sherry, secretary, informs Ryan that he has been co-opted to the council.

LA10/103 Not dated

2 items

Christmas cards from the Irish Folklore Commission

One depicts College Green in Dublin, while the other contains a commemorative picture of George Petrie.

LA10/104 November 1939–December 1951

16 items

Correspondence relating to the IRA

Correspondence which relates directly to the IRA or associated organisations. Includes:

- two circulars and one personal letter from Simon Donnelly, president of the Old IRA Association (November 1939–April 1940, 3pp);
- invitation to speak at and attend the inaugural meeting of the Old IRA Literary and Debating Society (September–October 1946, 3pp);
- correspondence with the Old IRA Men's Welfare Society relating mainly to various memorials (August 1948–May 1959, 2pp);
- correspondence with J. Foster of London regarding the use of Irish Republican Army stamps in 1916 (November–December 1951, 3pp).

LA10/105 [1934]–September 1953

8 items

Correspondence from Thomas Jackson

Discusses Marx, Engels and Connolly. Includes a letter from Stella Jackson supplying Ryan with Thomas Jackson's address in Sussex.

LA10/106 August 1953–December 1954

3 items

Correspondence from Rosamund Jacob

Discusses Ryan's article 'Reluctant Traitors' (29 August 1953) and Pádraig Pearse's personality (5 December 1954).

LA10/107 21 November 1933

2 items

Correspondence with Dorothea Kast

Ryan discusses personal matters and briefly touches on the political scene in Germany (21 November). Kast replies (not dated) from France, describing the political situation in Germany and her dissatisfaction with it.

LA10/108 17–19 January 1938

2 items

Correspondence with E.T. Keane

The editor of the *Kilkenny People* disagrees with Ryan's evaluation of Éamon de Valera in a recent *Daily Herald* article. Ryan replies to rebut some of the criticisms.

LA10/109 8 January 1955

1p

Letter to Mrs Keating

Ryan refers to the 'Dr Browne letter' and the sanatorium in Blanchardstown, Dublin.

LA10/110 1–8 December 1958

4 items

Correspondence with Ivor Kenny

Kenny, a PhD candidate in UCD arranges to meet Ryan to discuss his topic of research, James Connolly's political thought.

LA10/111 2 January 1930–April 1941

21 items

Correspondence with T.J. Kiernan

Kiernan corresponds from the Office of the High Commissioner for Ireland, London, and later from the Department of External Affairs in Dublin. Mostly relating to lectures, broadcasts, and invitations to functions.

LA10/112 November 1932–February 1936

6 items

Correspondence with Nancy Kirwan

Discussing personal matters mostly. Ryan mentions working on his 'de Valera book' (2 February 1936).

LA10/113 March 1930–January 1932

18 items

Correspondence from Ilse Kulscar

The Austrian journalist wishes to publish Ryan's book on James Connolly in German. Deals extensively with publishing problems in Austria, her own writing, the political situation in Austria and personal matters.

LA10/114 18 January 1957

2 items

Correspondence from the Labour Party

Request that Ryan speak at a Larkin anniversary concert (18 January) and ask permission to add him to their panel of lecturers (not dated).

LA10/115 March–April 1950

4 items

Correspondence with Helen Landreth

Writes from Boston College Library to request Ryan's help with her research on the author of *The Secret History of the Fenian Conspiracy*.

LA10/116 February 1953–April 1969

28 items

Correspondence with Emmet Larkin

Deals extensively with James Larkin and the Irish Labour movement. Larkin discusses his study of revolutionary syndicalism.

LA10/117 Not dated

10pp

Letter to Henry Lee

Unsigned letter on Irish Land Commission paper concerning issues such as the Privy Council, the British Empire and the Commonwealth.

LA10/118 August 1933–September 1937

5 items

Correspondence with Amy and John Leonard

Relating to personal and family matters.

LA10/119 4 February 1943

2pp

Letter from Jean Leonard

Requests a signed photograph for the school gallery of Irish writers in the Dominican Convent, Sion Hill.

LA10/120 December 1930–December 1953

36 items

Correspondence with Louis le Roux

Relating to personal and professional matters, arrangements to meet, and matters connected with le Roux's biography of Pádraig Pearse. Includes two picture postcards of le Roux himself.

LA10/121 July 1934–September 1958

10 items

Correspondence with Seán Lester

Lester and Ryan discuss personal matters, as well as discussing Pádraig Pearse, Desmond FitzGerald and Austin Stack very briefly (15 September 1958). Includes a Christmas card sent by the Lesters from Geneva (1938) and a note of thanks from Elsie Lester for the Ryans' condolences on the death of her husband (June 1959).

LA10/122 September 1949–April 1961

3 items

Correspondence from the Association of Former London Gaels

Circulars concerning various social activities, including a lecture on James Stephens by Desmond Ryan.

LA10/123 1–December 1938

2 items

Correspondence with the London Scots Self Government Committee

An invitation from Norrie Fraser to a dinner, which Ryan cannot attend.

LA10/124 February 1950–July 1953

3pp

Correspondence with Patrick Lynch

Lynch has been unsuccessful in his attempts to locate Mrs Nolan-Whelan (23 February 1950) and returns an enclosed letter to the editor of the *Sunday Press* to Ryan, with suggestions for amendment (23 July 1953).

LA10/125 March 1940–August 1964

11 items

Correspondence with Eugene MacCarthy

Mainly personal correspondence, with reference to GAA affairs and Ryan's sister Maeve. Includes a letter from MacCarthy's son

LA10/125 Patrick, a brochure from his box factory, and Mrs MacCarthy's calling card. Also included is a note by Sarah Ryan stating that MacCarthy was a school friend of Ryan's from St Enda's.

LA10/126 June 1950–August 1963

22 items

Correspondence with Eileen MacCarvill

Correspondence mainly relates to publications by the Cultural Relations Committee of the Department of External Affairs, but also includes personal letters.

LA10/127 May 1934–February 1943

8 items

Correspondence with Reverend Malcolm McColl

McColl writes from Argyll, Scotland, mainly discussing personal recollections and Labour matters.

LA10/128 23 August 1938

2pp

Letter from Mary McDermott

Asks Ryan to contact Frank Robbins who is anxious to discuss the disposal of John Devoy's letters.

LA10/129 2–3 December 1959

2 items

Correspondence related to Seán McDermott

Henry Cassidy, County Cavan, asks Ryan to recommend a biography of McDermott. Ryan replies with suggestions for sources on McDermott.

LA10/130 17–18 February 1961

2 items

Correspondence with Joseph MacDonagh

Ryan requests the return of six named books lent to Fintan

LA10/130 Murphy, MacDonagh's deceased stepfather.

LA10/131 November 1955–July 1958

3 items

Correspondence from Seán McGarry

Asks Ryan to autograph a copy of *The Rising* (18 November 1955) and discusses a talk on Fenianism to the 1916-21 Club (July 1958).

LA10/132 January 1951–March 1962

3 items

Correspondence from Seán MacGiollarnath

Enquires about W.P. Ryan's papers and memoirs (29 January 1951).

LA10/133 23 October 1936

1p

Letter from Patrick McGilligan

Thanks Ryan for a copy of *Unique Dictator*.

LA10/134 28 September 1928

2pp

Letter from Ignatius MacHugh

He met George Russell and Mrs Greene, who are opposed to the Censorship Bill, in Dublin.

LA10/135 26 November 1963

2pp

Letter from Pearse McGloughlin

The secretary of the Kilmainham Jail Restoration Project enquires if Ryan could provide extra copies of letters pertaining to Pearse and Connolly, as they have been lost.

LA10/136 30 October 1958

2pp

Letter from Mrs MacSwiney

Refers to a book about to be written on the life of Terence MacSwiney and asks Ryan to write part of it.

LA10/137 March–April 1954

4 items

Correspondence from Michael MacWhite

Makes arrangements to meet to discuss some material for a possible autobiography.

LA10/138 6–11 February 1957

2 items

Correspondence with James Maher

Maher requests some information on 'famous '48 or '67 men who were educated at Trinity College'.

LA10/139 30 September 1953

3pp

Letter from Henry Mangan

Asks who wrote under the name of 'Curoi' in *The Peasant*. Ryan jots on the attached envelope that the author was Bulmer Hobson.

LA10/140 24 July 1961

2pp

Letter from S. Dunin-Markievicz

Countess Markievicz's stepson asks Ryan to collaborate with him on a biography of her.

LA10/141 26 March 1958

2 items

Letter from Eamonn Martin

Encloses a circular concerning the endowment of hospital beds in memory of Fianna veterans. Asks Ryan for addresses for some St Enda's alumni.

LA10/142 June 1960–June 1964

34 items

Correspondence with Professor F.X. Martin

Correspondence related to Irish historical matters, primarily related to the 1916 Rising and subsequent events.

LA10/143 July 1948–July 1955

13 items

Correspondence with the Bureau of Military History

Concerning the Bureau's request that Ryan submit a statement on his service in the GPO during the 1916 Rising. Includes circular detailing the aims of the Bureau, a questionnaire booklet, and a copy of Ryan's statement. Also includes a letter from Seamus Robinson from the Bureau, asking Ryan to talk to Patrick Moylett of Galway about his political life.

LA10/144 c1941

3pp

Letter from Ewart Milne

Relating to the deportation of Stella Jackson over 'the pamphlet' matter and asking Ryan to intercede in the case in any way possible.

LA10/145 27 September 1950

2pp

Letter relating to John Mitchel

M. Ní Fhogartaigh of Drumcondra is trying to publish a pamphlet on Mitchel and asks Ryan for assistance.

LA10/146 January 1933–July 1946

73 items

Correspondence with Mairín Mitchell

Mitchell and Ryan correspond at length on literary and political matters, with particular reference to Mitchell's writing.

LA10/147 18 October 1940

1p

Letter from P.J. Moloney

Writes from the Medical Hall, Main Street, County Tipperary enclosing a cheque for £100. Refers to publications on Seán Treacy.

LA10/148 January 1952–January 1959

9 items

Correspondence with Professor Theo Moody

Congratulates Ryan on his letter to the *Irish Press* about a review of 'Strauss's book' (21 January 1952) and makes arrangements for Ryan's broadcasts on Radio Éireann concerning the Fenians (May 1956–January 1959).

LA10/149 May 1940–March 1941

3 items

Correspondence from Nicholas Moroney

Offers Ryan a photograph of a group including Seán Treacy, taken after their release from Mountjoy Jail (20 May 1940) and encloses a letter from John O'Connell of Mockershill National School which gives information concerning local traditions.

LA10/150 30 September

1p

Letter from Larry Morrow

Thanks Ryan for his assistance on the subject of Edmond O'Donovan.

LA10/151 22 December 1952

2pp

Letter from Seán Mulready

The chairman of the Culture for the People Society asks Ryan to speak on Irish language traditions.

LA10/152 April 1934–July 1960

99 items

Correspondence with Fintan Murphy

Ryan and his St Enda's school friend correspond at great length on both personal and national affairs, particularly their experiences during the nationalist struggle and related topics. Includes:

- Ryan's discussion of St Enda's under Margaret Pearse (5 June 1934, 3pp);
- a list of surviving St Enda's boys sent by Murphy (28 November 1952, 2pp);
- Murphy identifies some of the 'Faces at St Enda's' by Patrick Tuohy, tracings included (3 June 1955, 3pp);
- Murphy deals at length with the Presidency of the Republic and the position of the IRB as regards the Treaty (28 November 1956, 5pp).

LA10/153 April–May 1960

3 items

Correspondence from the National Progressive Democrats

Circular from Noel Browne forwarding the first issue of the party's publication, *Forward*, and two short notes referring to articles for the paper.

LA10/154 October 1929–October 1947

11 items

Correspondence from the National University of Ireland Club

The London-based club sends Ryan invitations to speak and to attend functions.

LA10/155 April 1955–November 1963

5 items

Correspondence from the Irish Congress of Trade Unions

Requesting Ryan to speak at the Dublin Trades Union Council (15 April 1955), and seeking information on Ryan's father William, for a pamphlet they are preparing in commemoration of the 1913 Lock-out (July–November 1963).

LA10/156 March–May 1952

2 items

Correspondence from Máire Nic Eoin

Writes from University College Galway to ask for assistance with her research on Theophilus O'Flannagáin, and thanks Ryan for same. Written in Irish.

LA10/157]May 1937]–March 1950

3 items

Correspondence with Máire Nic Shuibhlaigh

Nic Shuibhlaigh played the part of the mother of the Pearse brothers in a radio broadcast about them (May 1937) and later asks Ryan for some details on Mary Pearse (8 March 1950).

LA10/158 September–December 1953

2 items

Correspondence relating to Art O'Brien

A letter from O'Brien's sister Geraldine (8 September) and one from Seán Ó hUadhaigh (2 December) relating to O'Brien's papers, which have been deposited in the National Library.

LA10/159 14 May 1945

2pp

Letter from Conor Cruise O'Brien

Makes enquiries about references in the John Devoy letters for the purposes of his thesis on the Irish Parliamentary Party.

LA10/160 September 1951–October 1963

2 items

Correspondence from Professor Liam O'Brien

Discusses his book *Cuimhni Cinn* which Ryan has reviewed (11 September 1951, in Irish) and sends notes on a broadcast of Ryan's on Sinn Féin, and Arthur Griffith's actions during the 1916 Rising.

LA10/161 March 1924–July 1963

113 items

Correspondence with William O'Brien

The general secretary of the ITGWU and Ryan correspond at length on the publication of John Devoy's letters and related political and historical matters.

LA10/162 April 1959–July 1961

2 items

Correspondence from Leon O'Broin

Asks if Ryan has a manuscript about Anne Devlin (29 April 1959) and returns Ryan's James Stephens typescript, with comments (21 July 1961).

LA10/163 January 1937–December 1964

3 items

Correspondence from Donal O'Cahill

Concerning the trade showing of the film *The Dawn* in London (11 January 1937). Gives an account of meeting Seán McDermott in 1915 or 1916 (2 April 1963).

LA10/164 1931

1p

Letter from Peadar O'Casáide

The secretary of Coláiste Uladh announces a twenty-fourth anniversary reunion. Circular, written in Irish.

LA10/165 12 April 1939

2pp

Letter from Seamus O'Casáide

Sends numerous corrections for *The Sword of Light*.

LA10/166 November 1945–February 1962

6 items

Correspondence relating to Seán O'Casey

Queries and letters relating to the Irish playwright. Includes:

- queries from Seán Nolan of *Review*, including one on the statement by Casey on the British use of artillery in 1916 (November 1945–January 1964, 4pp);
- correspondence with Evelyn Jannson, who seeks information on various aspects of O'Casey's writings and political connections (28–30 January 1962, 6pp).

LA10/167 16 December 1939

1p

Letter from Garda [O'Ciarógh]

Requests the words of a song used in one of Ryan's broadcasts.

LA10/168 10 December 1934

3pp

Letter to Tomás Ó Cleirigh

Ryan discusses a recent trip to Wales and refers to episodes and characters in *Remembering Sion* and *Invisible Army*.

LA10/169 April 1949–June 1953

5 items

Correspondence from Padraig O'Conaire

Asks Ryan to sign some copies of his books, and arranges to meet him for lunch, with General Seán McEoin.

LA10/170 3–12 January 1964

2 items

Correspondence from John O'Connor

Is a fan of Ryan's books and is delighted to hear that *The Invisible Army* is being reprinted.

LA10/171 April 1930–October 1964

10 items

Correspondence from Proinsias O'Dúinn

Writes in relation to various committees, including the Easter Week National Commemoration Committee, and on the topic of Sir Roger Casement.

LA10/172 March 1932–March 1943

18 items

Correspondence with Seán O'Faoláin

Discusses personal and literary matters, as well as touching on historical topics such as James Larkin, Countess Markievicz and the political situation in Spain.

LA10/173 26 November 1937–October 1949

11 items

Correspondence from and related to Seán O'Floinn

Ryan and O'Floinn correspond on Irish publications such as the *Phoenix Flame* and the *Clonmel Nationalist* as well as other literary topics. Also includes two letters from Robert J. Glascott of Carrick-on-Suir, concerning O'Floinn's death and the division of his six thousand volume library.

LA10/174 3 June 1963

2pp

Letter relating to Father Eoghan O'Growney

Seán O'Ceallaigh of Inis Mór seeks information on the life of the Irish language activist. In Irish.

LA10/175 May 1931–April 1947

6 items

Correspondence with P.S. O'Hegarty

O'Hegarty is writing a series for *Dublin Magazine* on bibliographies of 1916 and asks for Ryan's assistance on issues relating to the Pearse family.

LA10/176 January 1938–May 1960

6 items

Correspondence with Brian O'Higgins

Ryan criticises republican propaganda which is keeping Civil War bitterness alive (28 February 1938). O'Higgins discusses Joseph Denieffe and other Fenian figures (January 1958–May 1960).

LA10/177 October 1953–January 1964

7 items

Correspondence with Paul O'Higgins

O'Higgins is researching Marx and Engels, which Ryan assists him with, and later asks Ryan to act as referee for him to the International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam. Sarah Ryan has incorrectly noted that Paul O'Higgins is the son of Brian O'Higgins.

LA10/178 October–November 1939

2 items

Correspondence from Mrs K. O'Kelly

Enquires about the Anti-Partition League and other London Irish affairs.

LA10/179 19 December 1963

1p

Letter from Seán T. O'Kelly

Writes from Roundstone, County Wicklow to thank Ryan for the friendly review of his book. Written in Irish.

LA10/180 January 1952–June 1964

7 items

Correspondence relating to John O’Leary

Includes:

- letter from Joseph McCabe of Ballyroan, County Laois, looking for information on the availability of O’Leary’s books (15 January 1952, 2pp);
- correspondence with Marcus Bourke, who seeks information on O’Leary for a book he is writing. Includes Ryan’s replies (March 1963–June 1964, 11pp).

LA10/181 November–December 1952

18 items

Correspondence with Seán O’Luíng

O’Luíng is trying to locate an article written by Arthur Griffith and seeks Ryan’s assistance, along with assistance on other historical figures such as O’Donovan Rossa and James Stephens.

LA10/182 24 February 1959

1p

Letter relating to John O’Mahony

T. O’Brien of Thurles, County Tipperary writes with information on the founder of the Fenian Brotherhood.

LA10/183 September 1941–February 1947

2 items

Correspondence from Matthew O’Mahoney

Sends a list of pamphlets of a historical nature which he would happily lend to Ryan (9 September 1941) and compliments Ryan’s broadcast on Leonard McNally (1 February 1947).

LA10/184 December 1936–November 1939

2 items

Correspondence from Ernie O’Malley

Discusses *Remembering Sion*, makes reference to Frank O’Connor (22 December 1936), and invites Ryan to a meeting in the

LA10/184 Mansion House in Dublin to form the Irish Culture League (1 November 1939).

LA10/185 30 November 1951

1p

Letter from Seán O'Moráin

Thanks Ryan for a copy of the *Irish Press* he sent to him.

LA10/186 April 1948–August 1963

11 items

Correspondence from Liam O'Reagain

Mostly personal, but mentioning arrangements for broadcasts.

LA10/187 March 1960–January 1961

16 items

Correspondence with William D. O'Ryan

O'Ryan writes from the US Embassy in The Hague to ask Ryan's assistance in compiling a history of the Ryan and O'Ryan family name.

LA10/188 May 1930–July 1959

16 items

Correspondence with Cathal O'Shannon

Ryan and O'Shannon discuss mainly labour matters and their respective writing careers.

LA10/189 November 1942–July 1960

3 items

Correspondence relating to Robert Owen

Letters from R. Garnett of Harrow Technical College relating to Owen's experiences in the Ralahine commune. Also includes a letter from Mary Boylan of Lanarkshire, Scotland, who heard Ryan's radio play on Ralahine and wishes to buy a copy of it.

LA10/190 June 1934–January 1936

10 items

Correspondence with Frank Pakenham (Lord Longford)

Correspondence on political writing, with Pakenham advising Ryan on the chances of writing an authorised biography of Éamon de Valera (26 September 1935). He writes that 'Dev is my only political hero and I am a jealous hero-worshipper' (5 January 1936).

LA10/191 28 January 1963

2pp

Letter from Cerise M. Parker

Congratulates Ryan on a recent lecture.

LA10/192 January 1931–October 1954

13 items

Correspondence from Margaret Mary Pearse

Asks Ryan to come to a St Enda's reunion dinner to give lectures on her brothers (18 January 1931) and mentions that she reads his article in the *Irish Press* as she 'would not even handle the others – National Heresy' (22 October 1954).

LA10/193 August 1912–1913

3 items

Correspondence from Pádraig Pearse

Discusses the financial difficulties at St Enda's, hoping that the creditors will allow them more time, or else the school is finished (11 August 1912). Sends greetings to Ryan and his family (1913) and also sends a Cuala Press card with greetings and signature on the reverse (not dated). All in Irish.

LA10/194 July 1930–March 1962

36 items

Correspondence relating to Pádraig Pearse

Correspondence relating to Pearse, mainly consisting of enquiries from students or interested parties requesting information from

LA10/194 Ryan about Pearse and related matters such as St Enda's and the 1916 Rising. Also includes correspondence from the Pearse Commemoration Committee.

LA10/195 1 January 1913

2pp

Postcard from William Pearse

Coloured postcard depicting Ciseri's *Ecce Homo*, with good wishes for the new year.

LA10/196 July 1949–February 1950

6 items

Correspondence relating to Joseph Plunkett

Correspondence between Ryan and Geraldine Dillon, concerning topics related to her brother Joseph and her father Count Plunkett.

LA10/197 November–December 1942

2 items

Correspondence with Ernest Pusey

Ryan's former neighbour corresponds with him concerning the repair of bomb damage to his house.

LA10/198 [July 1948]

1p

Letter from Mai Quillinan

Thanks Ryan for autographing her book.

LA10/199 April 1934–March 1956

7 items

Correspondence with Kenneth Reddin

Discussing the publication of Reddin's book *Somewhere to the Sea*, as well as personal and family matters.

LA10/200 April 1949–March 1954

4 items

Correspondence with Michael Rooney

The assistant editor of the *Irish Independent* congratulates Ryan on *The Rising*, and discusses a proposed autobiographical article by Michael MacWhite.

LA10/201 April 1934–November 1936

6 items

Correspondence with and relating to George Russell

Russell thanks Ryan for sending *Remembering Sion*, and discusses his reactions and current feelings about Ireland (17 April 1934). Also included is correspondence from the George Russell Memorial Council (November 1935–November 1936).

LA10/202 April 1907–August 1933

3 items

Correspondence with Elizabeth Ryan

Ryan's correspondence with his mother, discussing personal matters.

LA10/203 October 1932–May 1939

5 items

Correspondence from and relating to Frank Ryan

Two letters from Ryan (30 October 1932, 11 June 1937) discussing general matters and three letters from the Frank Ryan Release Committee asking for support in their attempts to have him freed from jail in Spain (April–May 1939).

LA10/204 July 1924–May 1940

8 items

Correspondence from Monsignor John A. Ryan

Monsignor Ryan, of the Catholic University in Washington D.C., thanks Desmond Ryan for copies of his books and discusses some political matters.

LA10/205 August 1956–August 1957

2 items

Correspondence with Maeve Ryan

Ryan sends his sister updates on his personal affairs.

LA10/206 January [1931]–February 1932

3 items

Correspondence from Phyllis Ryan

Concerning Ryan's right to have his name on the Parliamentary Register as a graduate of the National University of Ireland. Includes a circular concerning Governing Body elections in UCD, listing candidates and sponsors.

LA10/207 December 1914–January 1942

7 items

Correspondence from William Patrick Ryan

Ryan's father writes regarding personal and family business, mostly in Irish. Includes a telegram informing Ryan of his mother's death (January 1942).

LA10/208 January 1942–June 1960

55 items

Correspondence relating to William Patrick Ryan

Letters of sympathy on the death of W.P. Ryan, from such figures as Margaret Pearse, Hannah Sheehy Skeffington and Colm O'Lochlainn. Correspondence relating to W.P. Ryan's will. Includes letters of sympathy sent on the death of Ryan's mother Elizabeth. Also includes correspondence with Brian Inglis, who is to lecture on the subject of W.P. Ryan.

LA10/209 9 December 1964

1p

Letter from Reverend Hugh Sands

Asks Ryan to autograph one of his books.

LA10/210 November 1947–March 1948

3 items

Correspondence from Dr Liam Shortis

Asks that Sarah Ryan look up his two daughters, who are studying in Dublin.

LA10/211 May–June 1964

3 items

Correspondence with Oliver Snoddy

Snoddy enquires about a firm called Irish Art Companions, which used to be located in Clare Street, Dublin.

LA10/212 June 1957–February 1962

26 items

Correspondence relating to James Stephens

Mainly consists of enquiries made by Ryan and their replies, pertaining to his research on the Fenian James Stephens. Particular attention is given to Stephens' genealogy. Also includes an enquiry from Hilary Pyle, who is writing a biography of the poet James Stephens and writes to Ryan in error; Ryan replies without realising the mistake.

LA10/213 29 February 1956

1p

Letter from Patrick Stephenson

Suggests some stories about events during the 1916 Rising which Ryan might include in a broadcast.

LA10/214 May 1931

1p

Letter to L.A.G. Strong

Ryan thanks Strong for recommending his book to Arthur Barker.

LA10/215 1934

6pp

Letter from Raymond Suetens

Enquires about the possibility of moving his lace making business to Ireland. Encloses a memorial card of King Albert of Belgium.

LA10/216 5–8 December 1935

2 items

Correspondence from Walter Summers

Summers, of British International Pictures, discusses the possibility of Ryan assisting him in a picture he is making about Ireland.

LA10/217 25 September 1947

1p

Letter relating to J.M. Synge

K.W. Mortished informs Ryan that Synge's nephew E.M. Stephens is writing a biography of his uncle and wishes to speak with Ryan.

LA10/218 5–29 August 1950

2 items

Correspondence relating to William Thompson

Richard K. Pankhurst of Essex writes to Ryan seeking assistance in his research on the political writer and social reformer.

LA10/219 20 February 1964

1p

Letter from David Thornley

Asks Ryan to assist an American student, A.H. Mitchell, whose thesis is in the area of Ryan's expertise. Writes from Trinity College Dublin.

LA10/220 January 1939–July 1961

44 items

Correspondence relating to Seán Treacy

Correspondence with various individuals, sent during Ryan's research on Treacy and after the publication of the book. Correspondents include Seán Fitzpatrick, John O'Brien and P.J. Moloney. Also includes a request from Major Éamonn Rooney for an article on Treacy for *An Cosantóir* (February 1945), and information from Michéal MacCarthaigh on the author of a song about Treacy (29 October 1957, in Irish).

LA10/221 29 June 1947

1p

Letter from Moss Twomey

Asks Ryan to call to see Joe [Gralusch] as he is unable to leave his room.

LA10/222 January 1957–May 1958

2 items

Correspondence from Professor Desmond Williams

Refers to Casement material (29 January 1957) and asks to talk to Ryan about a paper he is writing on the origins of the civil war (27 May 1958).

LA10/223 November–December 1959

12 items

Correspondence relating to Sir Henry Wilson

Correspondence with Rex Taylor, County Cork, who has taken umbrage at an article of Ryan's in the *Sunday Press*, in which Ryan holds Wilson responsible for blocking Kevin Barry's reprieve. They correspond at length on the topic.

LA10/224 8 March 1952

2pp

Letter from Alex Woodend

Thanks Ryan for his assistance on his research into the

LA10/224 development of political thought in Ireland in the nineteenth century.

LA10/225 30 April 1947

6pp

Letter from Thomas Woods

From the Irish Legation in Madrid, giving personal news as well as his view on the political and social situation in Madrid.

LA10/226 June–September 1935

6 items

Correspondence with I.K. Yajnik

Yajnik has been in Dublin organising the Indian-Irish Independence League and is now adapting Pearse's educational writings for Indian readers, asking Ryan's assistance.

1.2 Professional

LA10/227 21 April 1959

4 items

1913 Club

Concerning meetings of the Club, held on Kildare Street, Dublin.

LA10/228 May 1914–April 1949

8 items

1916–21 Club

Concerning lectures by various persons, including Desmond Ryan.

LA10/229 May 1924–April 1935

2 items

Almey St John Adcock

The writer advises Ryan to send out his manuscript again, writing that 'an MS in the drawer gathers no cheques'. Includes copy letter from Ryan to Mrs Adcock.

LA10/230 October 1952–February 1961

4 items

Brother W.P. Allen

Relating to copies of *An Scolaire* and pamphlets donated to O'Connell School on North Richmond Street, Dublin, by Desmond Ryan.

LA10/231 2 January 1964

1p

Antrim and Down Association

Casilda McCorley is pleased that Ryan will give a lecture to the Association, and will ask Denis McCullough and Cathal O'Shannon as well.

LA10/232 October 1936–August 1939

4 items

W.S. Armour

Thanks Ryan for copies of his books and various articles and discusses literary matters.

LA10/233 January 1961–December 1962

13 items

The Arts Council

Relating to the publication by the Council of *1916 Poets*, which Ryan is to edit.

LA10/234 24 May 1938

2 items

Athlone Development Association

Thanking Ryan for his article in the *Daily Herald* and inviting him to the unveiling of a plaque to John McCormack. Includes a circular on the Oliver Goldsmith memorial.

LA10/235 September–December 1963

3 items

Ronald Ayling

Writes from Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa, to discuss his and Ryan's reviews of O'Casey's *Feathers from the Green Crow*.

LA10/236 May 1932–February 1939

72 items

Arthur Barker Publishers

Concerning the publication of *Invisible Army* (1932), *St Eustace and the Albatross* (1935), *Unique Dictator* (1936), *The Phoenix Flame* (1937) and *The Sword of Light* (1939).

LA10/237 12–30 August 1935

3 items

Robert Barton

Discussing the possibility of writing a biography of Erskine Childers.

LA10/238 14 April 1962

1p

Dr Karl Beckson

Writes from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford, New Jersey enquiring about new material on the 1916 Rising, for a book he is writing.

LA10/239 December 1958–January 1959

2 items

Brian Behan

Writes on behalf of the New Park Publishing Company, which is interested in publishing Connolly material.

LA10/240 21 March 1957

1p

Dr F.S. Bourke

Offers two photographs of James Stephens and a Fenian bond for use in Ryan's book.

LA10/241 January–March 1953

4 items

British Broadcasting Corporation

Payment of copyright fees for broadcast of the poem *The Phantom Rider* by Ryan's uncle Thomas Boyd.

LA10/242 February 1942–March 1952

8 items

Browne and Nolan Publishers

Discussing various projects, including *Marx and Engels on Ireland* and Ryan's book about the Howth gun-running.

LA10/243 4–14 July 1941

2 items

Cahill and Company Printing Works

Concerning the publication of *Irish Prison Escapes*.

LA10/244 January–February 1952

3 items

J.F. Cairns

Cairns is conducting research on connections between the Australian, English and Irish labour movements.

LA10/245 October–November 1947

3 items

Dr Edward Carey

Invites Ryan to give a paper on Pearse at the National University Club.

LA10/246 6 May 1946

1p

Coras Iompar Éireann

R.J. Dowling of the transportation company asks Ryan to contribute to the company magazine.

LA10/247 10 July 1964

1p

Coiste Foillseachan Náisiúnta

D. Barry asks permission to include one of Ryan's articles in a forthcoming booklet.

LA10/248 January 1948–March 1958

3 items

An Comchaidreamh

UCD's graduate association invite Ryan to speak on various occasions and topics.

LA10/249 July 1950–November 1960

8 items

Comhdháil Náisiúnta na Gaeilge

Mainly relating to Ryan's reporting on books for An Club Leabhar. Written mostly in Irish.

LA10/250 July–August 1934

6 items

Isaac Conroy

Conroy, the brother of Pádraic O'Conaire, objects strongly to a passage about his brother in *Remembering Sion*. Several of Ryan's replies, including an initial draft reply, are included.

LA10/251 9 December [1964]

1p

Tim Pat Coogan

Asks to meet with Ryan to discuss a book he has been commissioned to write on Irish history.

LA10/252 14 October 1963

1p

J.P. Coppinger

Enquires if it would be possible to publish Ryan's series of articles in the *Sunday Press* on the 1913 Lock-out.

LA10/253 28 July 1949

2pp

Commandant Arthur G. Cullen

Cullen is writing a handbook of the Curragh camp and asks for Ryan's assistance.

LA10/254 November–December 1954

4 items

Patrick Cullen

Discusses Sheridan Le Fanu's poem *Seamus O'Brien*.

LA10/255 March 1943–November 1956

2 items

An Cumann Gaelach

The organisations' branches in Trinity College Dublin and Queen's University, Belfast, ask Ryan to come and speak at meetings. In Irish.

LA10/256 18 September

1p

P. Daltun

Writes in relation to Ryan's article on Dr Rutherford. In Irish.

LA10/257 23 January 1945

1p

Liam Daly

Asks Ryan to return a manuscript on the GPO Garrison history for Diarmuid Lynch.

LA10/258 17 August 1932

1p

Sydney Daproom

Suggests that Ryan may get his Michael Collins article published at the *Daily Herald*.

LA10/259 4 March 1934

2pp

E.R. Darnley

Requests that Ryan write an article on 'Cunliffe Lister's handling of the "Discovery" allegations'.

LA10/260 February–March 1938

2 items

Peter Davies Publishers

Referring to Ryan's review of *Lifer* by Jim Phelan.

LA10/261 11 September 1932

1p

Dan Dawson

Congratulates Ryan on *Invisible Army*.

LA10/262 May 1952–January 1953

8 items

J.M. Dent Publishers

Discusses with Ryan the possibility of publishing a book on the

LA10/262 first thirty years of Irish freedom.

LA10/263 5–27 July 1938

3 items

John Dowling

Concerning the debts of *Ireland Today* editor James O'Donovan and a proposed scheme to assist him in paying them.

LA10/264 June 1946–July 1948

3 items

Dublin Libraries Committee

Acknowledging Ryan's acceptance of membership of the Committee (12 June 1946) and arranging for Ryan to give a series of lectures at local libraries.

LA10/265 21 August 1962

1p

J.T. Dunn

Writes from Ohio to praise Ryan's book on Seán Treacy, but goes on to write that he cannot understand how 'one of "Pearse's Boys" could abandon the Republic for the "Free State" in 1921-22'. Asks if Ryan has anything to say in his own defence.

LA10/266 July–August 1963

2 items

Hilton Edwards

Asks Ryan's assistance in verifying the historical accuracy of a play Edwards has been given about the events of the 1916 Rising.

LA10/267 2–5 September 1964

3 items

Robert Emmet Society

Terry Connealy of the Society invites Ryan to a luncheon and discusses a lecture Ryan is due to deliver to the Society.

LA10/268 October–December 1947

6 items

C.J. Fallon Publishers

Correspondence relating to the publication of Ryan's *Devoy's Post Bag*.

LA10/269 [October 1962]

3pp

Albert Fenton

Discusses Ryan's books and asks him to autograph one for him.

LA10/270 3 April 1947

1p

Fianna Fáil

The National Executive request Ryan to speak at a public lecture on 'Literary Aspects of the Rising'.

LA10/271 10 November 1945

2pp

Kitty Fleming

Thanks him for her autographed copy of the Seán Treacy book.

LA10/272 [1939]–February 1940

5 items

Fore Publications

Randall and Humphrey Swingler write in relation to their publication of Ryan's book *Ireland, Whose Ireland?*

LA10/273 14 July 1943

2pp

R.M. Fox

Thanks Ryan for his appreciative review of Fox's book on the Citizen Army.

LA10/274 February 1940–May 1958

3 items

Gaelic League (Connradh na Gaeilge)

The League requests a lecture on 'Pearse and the Gaelic Ideal' (23 February 1940) and discusses articles in English on Eoin MacNeill (April–May 1958). Two letters are written in Irish.

LA10/275 17–27 April 1958

2 items

Gaelic Athletic Association

The GAA's Central Council request an article from Ryan on Gaelic games at St Enda's for their annual.

LA10/276 October 1932–May 1934

2 items

Vernon Gibberd

Congratulates Ryan on *Invisible Army* and *Remembering Sion*.

LA10/277 January 1947–January 1964

50 items

Golden Eagle Books

Correspondence relating to the publication of *The Rising* (1949), a proposed biography of General Seán MacEoin (1949), and royalty statements for *The Rising* in the years after its publication.

LA10/278 9 November 1964

1p

Victor Gollancz Publishers

Copy letter from Ryan to Gollancz, thanking him for his comments on *Invisible Army* and offering him the James Stephens biography.

LA10/279 1 November 1937

1p

Gerald Griffin

Congratulates Ryan on his latest book.

LA10/280 December 1962–October 1963

3 items

Vincent Grogan

Asks Ryan's advice on a manuscript he is working on about the involvement of Mrs Keyes McDonald of Bandon in the independence movement.

LA10/281 7 September 1953

1p

Janet E. Handley

Suggests sources for Ryan on the history of the Irish in Scotland.

LA10/282 May 1932–February 1940

78 items

A.M. Heath and Company

Ryan's literary agents correspond on the domestic and international publication of his books and send associated royalty statements.

LA10/283 27 February 1942

3 items

F.R. Higgins Memorial Fund

Receipt and raffle tickets for the fund established in memory of the poet.

LA10/284 12 April 1951

1p

Frederick Holden

Enquires if Ryan knows if the copies of *An Scolaire* presented by Holden to the Municipal Library represent the entire issue.

LA10/285 12–21 May 1934

3 items

Norah Hoult

Ryan rebuts Hoult's criticisms of Pádraig Pearse in her review of *Remembering Sion* in *The Bookman*.

LA10/286 7–20 March 1942

2 items

Irish Book Fair

Sheila Moorehead asks if Ryan will speak alongside Frank Pakenham at the opening day of the Book Fair (7 March) and asks him via telegram to deputise as main speaker after Pakenham's cancellation (20 March).

LA10/287 4 September 1935

2 items

Irish Literary Society

Request for Ryan to deliver a lecture to the Society at one of its meetings in London.

LA10/288 14 November 1933

2 items

Irish News and Information Bureau

Nancy Kirwan updates Ryan on the progress of the organisation and encloses their prospectus.

LA10/289 December 1928–May 1957

96 items

Irish Press and Sunday Press

Correspondence with various editors of both the *Irish* and *Sunday Press*, discussing the submission of articles commissioned by the newspapers. Also includes eighteen letters to the editor written by Ryan (April 1938–May 1957).

LA10/290 September 1935–January 1963

50 items

Irish Times

Correspondence with various editors of the *Irish Times*, relating to the submission of book reviews for the newspaper and specific requests for same. Also includes twenty six letters to the editor written by Ryan (November 1936–September 1963).

LA10/291 August 1928–January 1943

9 items

Irish Tourist Association

Correspondence with D.L. Kelliher of the organisation, who makes suggestions for Ryan's radio talk for association.

LA10/292 February–April 1962

7 items

Irish Transport and General Workers' Union

Ryan is requested to deliver a lecture on the life and times of James Connolly. Includes a programme for Connolly Commemoration Week.

LA10/293 April 1943–October 1945

4 items

Thomas Johnson

Ryan writes to enquire if Johnson can provide a portrait block of himself to illustrate a pamphlet on International Trade Unions.

LA10/294 December 1944–October 1964

138 items

The Kerryman

The publishers of Ryan's book on Seán Treacy correspond at length on the project, discussing royalties, corrections and additions to the text, the paperback edition, and other related matters. Also includes a synopsis of *Invisible Army*, which Ryan offers to the company (August 1946).

LA10/295 20 October 1958

1p

David Krause

Krause is researching a book on Seán O'Casey and is using both Desmond and W.P. Ryan's works.

LA10/296 November–December 1949

9 items

James Fintan Lalor Centenary Commemoration Committee

Correspondence relating to the centenary celebrations, at which Ryan has been asked to deliver a short talk about Lalor on Radio Éireann.

LA10/297 October–November 1962

2 items

Arthur Lavery

Lavery, of Banbridge, County Down, asks Ryan's opinion as a historian, of the value of some historical books he is in possession of.

LA10/298 27–30 April 1959

2 items

Patrick Madden

The Cork County Librarian is writing a biography of Tom Clarke and wishes to read Ryan's radio script on him.

LA10/299 [January 1938]–June 1961

2 items

David Magarshack

Asks Ryan to mention his forthcoming book to the editor of the *Daily Herald*. Sarah Ryan has marked the date on this letter as 'Jan: 1938?'. Also includes a letter enquiring about paperback royalty rates.

LA10/300 March 1949–March 1950

4 items

Vivian H. Mercier

Mercier, of the City College of New York, asks Ryan's advice on the publication of an anthology to illustrate the Irish literary revival.

LA10/301 2 October 1935

1p

Michael Moynihan Publishing

Thanks Ryan for a review of Monteith's *Casement's Last Adventure*.

LA10/302 October–November 1935

5 items

Seán Moynihan

The Secretary to the Executive Council of the Irish Free State corresponds with Ryan on his proposal to write an authorised biography of Éamon de Valera. Moynihan communicates de Valera's refusal.

LA10/303 February 1937–November 1954

7 items

Newspapers

Ryan's letters to editors of various newspapers, including the *Observer*, the *Sunday Independent*, *The Leader*, and the *Irish Catholic*.

LA10/304 September 1939–August 1942

8 items

Northern Ireland Publicity Services

Mainly relating to broadcasts and publications Ryan collaborates on with the organisation.

LA10/305 29 July 1940

1p

Peadar O'Céarnaigh

Is pleased that Ryan still considers it worthwhile to use verse in his writing. Wishes the best for Ryan's new book.

LA10/306 22 December 1953

1p

Proinsias O'Conluain

Sends the manuscript of Leon O'Broin's *Emmet*, and would like Ryan's opinion of it. Written in Irish.

LA10/307 October 1936–May 1939

2 items

Kathleen O'Connell

Éamon de Valera's personal secretary acknowledges receipt of copies of *Unique Dictator* on behalf of the President.

LA10/308 27 June 1924

2pp

P. O'Dea

O'Dea writes from his law practice in New Zealand to express appreciation of Ryan's writing and to suggest that Ryan write a biography of Francis Sheehy Skeffington.

LA10/309 February 1939–August 1963

12 items

Colm O'Lochlainn

O'Lochlainn discusses literary matters and Ryan's writing. Includes 'An Irish Typographical Link with Germany', the text of a talk by O'Lochlainn on historical Irish links with Germany.

LA10/310 18 August 1956

2pp

Ailbhe O'Monacháin

Requests the return of a manuscript concerning 1916 that he lent to Ryan, and suggests corrections to *The Rising*.

LA10/311 April 1941–January 1942

3 items

Donnchadh O'Súilleabháin

Suggests that he write a humorous column like Myles Na gCopaleen's for the *Torch*, as well as discussing other literary matters. Written in Irish.

LA10/312 September–October 1935

15 items

PEN (World Association of Writers)

Mainly relating to the seventieth birthday dinner for H.G. Wells, including a copy of the guest list and menu for the event.

LA10/313 October 1922–May 1964

c104 items

Periodicals

Correspondence with a wide range of periodicals, concerning the submission and publication of articles written by Ryan, and related issues. Titles include *Aiseirí*, *The Bell*, *Comhar*, *Cork Examiner*, *Dublin Weekly News*, *Inniú*, *Irish Digest*, *National Observer*, *Daily Herald*, and the *Tribune*.

LA10/314 November 1937–March 1938

5 items

James Phelan

Ryan refers to Phelan's review of *The Phoenix Flame*, and they discuss Phelan's book *Lifer*.

LA10/315 Not dated

1p

Promethean Society of Ireland

Invitation to a meeting of the Society at Harcourt Street, Dublin.

LA10/316 September 1935–August 1964

131 items

Raidió Teilifís Éireann

Correspondence with the broadcaster, concerning scripts, broadcasts, and related matters. Correspondents include Dr T.J. Kiernan, Francis Gallagher, John McDonagh, Noel Hartnett, Conor Cruise O'Brien, Mervyn Wall, Maurice Gorham, and Desmond Williams, amongst others. Includes Ryan's script of *Testament of Freedom* (30 March 1955).

LA10/317 1 May 1952

1p

Philip Rooney

Enquires if Ryan would be interested in writing an account of the first thirty years of the Irish state for Dents Publishing Company.

LA10/318 [August]–September 1934

11 items

Rotary Club

Discussing arrangements for Ryan to address the club, as suggested by Henry Harrison.

LA10/319 1–2 November 1949

2 items

Liam Ruiséal

Ryan asks for assistance in locating D.M. Lenihan's *Red Spy*, for use in his research on the Fenians.

LA10/320 May–June 1931

2 items

L.A.G. Strong

Strong replies to Ryan's letter of thanks for recommending his writing to Arthur Barker, and writes in relation to the letter Ryan is organising on the Spanish political situation, to be signed by prominent Irish writers.

LA10/321 December 1935–April 1940

4 items

Talbot Press

Pearse's copyright administrators contact Ryan in relation to *Fianna* publishing an English version of his story 'Wandering Hawk' (December 1935) and express interest in publishing Ryan's *Irish Prison Escapes* (1 April 1940).

LA10/322 November 1940–February 1944

21 items

Torch correspondence

Correspondence relating to Ryan's time as editor of the publication, including letters to the editor. Also includes:

- communications from Michael Knightly, Chief Press Censor, concerning matters not permitted for publication (November 1940–December 1943, 25pp);

- LA10/322**
- extensive correspondence with the Labour Party on various matters (March 1941–December 1943, 40pp);
 - letter from Louie Bennett, secretary of the Irish Women Workers' Union, enclosing a copy letter to President Hyde on the Trade Union Bill (26 June 1941, 3pp).

LA10/323 September 1935–March 1940

45 items

Correspondence relating to Seán Treacy

Letters to Desmond Ryan and others, concerning Ryan's biography of Treacy; as well as reminiscences from various individuals and opinions on Ryan's manuscript.

LA10/324 February 1947–November 1954

5 items

Trinity College Dublin

The university's Fabian Society and Historical Society invite Ryan to speak at various gatherings.

LA10/325 11–18 January 1962

3 items

Father Bartholomew Troy

Troy asks advice on his thesis, which is on the decay of the Irish language.

LA10/326 December 1951–July 1963

6 items

UCD

The university's History Students Society (later History Society) and Literary and Historical Society invite Ryan to address meetings, chair lectures and attend events.

LA10/327 18 October 1938

1p

James A. Whelan

Asks Ryan to write a news story on the Easter Week men who are meeting in Croke Park for a special group photograph, for *Whelanews*.

LA10/328 1 April 1935

2pp

Author's and Writer's Who's Who

Editor Edward Martell asks Ryan to check his entry for the forthcoming edition.

LA10/329 May 1942–April 1947

23 items

Writers, Actors, Artists and Musicians Association

Mainly circular letters and updates on Association business. Includes an invitation from general secretary Bernard McGinn to become the editor of the WAAMA bulletin (5 July 1946). Also includes thirteen letters, mainly circulars, from the Writer's Guild of WAAMA (August 1942–May 1945).

LA10/330 7 November 1956

1p

Mr Watkins

Ryan replies to Watkins' query about using the title 'The Rising' for his own book. Ryan sees no issue with this.

2. WRITINGS

2.1 Autobiographical material

LA10/331 July–September 1915

63pp

‘Glimpses of the Gaeltacht’

Ryan’s handwritten account of his stay in Rosmuck, County Galway with the Pearses, and in Clochaneely College, County Donegal. Includes three essays written in Irish, and some later comments added in 1917 and 1933.

LA10/332 June 1916–April 1917

c60pp

Account of life in Strafford Jail and Frongoch Internment Camp

Small 1913 diary, in which Ryan handwrites brief accounts of life in Stafford Jail (June–July 1916) and at Frongoch (11–27 July 1916). Speaks of a melancholy tour of St Enda’s and relates his dreamlike sensations. Reviews what he has done in the recent past and writes a self-analysis.

LA10/333 August 1916

c34pp

‘Three Months Spent as a Prisoner of War’

Handwritten copybook, sent home to his family, in which Ryan writes of his experiences during this revolutionary period. He discusses the treatment given to the rebels by the British forces after their arrest as well as discussions on Pádraig Pearse and other aspects of the Rising.

LA10/334 Not dated

4pp

Account of the surrender of the 1916 Rising

Pages 23 to 26 of a longer account, describing a ‘despicable bully’ British officer and his treatment of the rebels in the Rotunda Gardens. Handwritten.

LA10/335 May 1917–1960

64pp

Account of events related to the 1916 Rising

Ryan's account of the time before the Rising and its aftermath, including his memories of Pearse and Connolly. Includes some notes added later (1958-60). Handwritten in a copybook.

LA10/336 1932–1963

7 items

Biographical pieces for publications

Seven short typescript biographies of Ryan, written on the occasions of the publication of his books. Includes a list of fourteen questions and answers on Ryan and his work.

LA10/337 [1939]

3pp

Statement of activities 1913–16

Brief typescript account of Ryan's activities in the Irish Volunteers and during the 1916 Rising. Written in support of Ryan's application for a military pension.

LA10/338 [1948]

14pp

Statement for the Military History Bureau

Copy of Ryan's statement to the Bureau. Deals with events leading up to the Rising and after his release from internment. It is noted that his Easter Week activities have been described in a separate statement.

2.2 Books

2.2.1 Published

LA10/339 August 1916–c1928

4 items

The Man Called Pearse

Material relating to Ryan's recollections of and writings on Pádraig Pearse, culminating in the publication of his book on this topic. Includes:

- 'Concerning P.H.P.', an exercise book containing a short handwritten account of Pearse's character and personal views (August 1916, 10pp);
- synopsis of *The Man Called Pearse*, handwritten on loose copybook pages. Also contains drafts of chapters 1, 4, and 7 (1919, c130pp);
- 'Memories of P.H. Pearse', an incomplete article covering various aspects of Pearse's life and character (1926, 48pp);
- 'The Pearse I Knew', five untitled chapters discussing Pearse's ideals, literary work and political development (c1928, 78pp).

LA10/340 1924

5 items

James Connolly: His Life, Work and Writings

Various handwritten notes, draft chapters and other research for Ryan's book on Connolly. Includes:

- manuscript of the book with bibliography and index. A list of articles written by Connolly between 1911 and 1914 is appended (1924, c200pp);
- three hardback notebooks containing draft chapters, notes and related material (not dated, c400pp);
- reporter's notebook, which Ryan has used to jot very rough notes on Connolly's writings (not dated, c120pp).

LA10/341 1934

c328pp

Remembering Sion

Typescript of the completed text of Ryan's book on the Irish independence movement.

LA10/342 1935

c155pp

Saint Eustace and the Albatross

Incomplete typescript copy of the book.

LA10/343 1936–37

6 items

Unique Dictator

Notes, research and drafts for Ryan's biography of Éamon de Valera. Includes:

- typescript of the book, with annotations and corrections, and including appendices (1936, c320pp);
- abridged draft of the book, in seven chapters (c1936, c180pp);
- hardback notebook containing notes on de Valera and some draft chapters of the text. Includes personal notes by Ryan made on visits to Paris (1936) and Sark in 1937 (1936–37, c110pp);
- loose notes on de Valera, including Ryan's personal recollections of him (c1936, 21pp);
- small notebook containing rough notes (c1936, 42pp).

LA10/344 1937

4 items

The Phoenix Flame

Ryan's study of John Devoy and Fenianism and related material. Includes:

- corrected typescript of the text including bibliography (1937, c310pp);
- typescript draft chapters, mainly dealing with John Devoy (1937, c60pp);
- two notebooks containing Ryan's notes on the subject material (1937, c220pp).

LA10/345 1939

8 items

The Sword of Light

Material relating to Ryan's study of the Irish language movement. Includes:

- typescript of the text (1939, c235pp);
- publisher's circular, advertising the book, and list of names of

- LA10/345** those who are to receive a copy (1939, 3pp);
- six small notebooks containing rough notes for the book (1939, c280pp).

LA10/346 1940

76pp

Ireland, Whose Ireland?

Corrected typescript of Ryan's book on Irish independence and identity.

LA10/347 1941

1p

Prison Escapes

Introduction to Ryan's book on prison escapes during the Anglo-Irish struggle and the Irish civil war.

LA10/348 1944

19 items

Seán Treacy and the Third Tipperary Brigade

Substantial amount of material relating to Ryan's book on Seán Treacy, encompassing plans, drafts, corrections, statements and notes. Includes:

- summary of a plan for a biography in ten chapters, including a list of critical dates in Treacy's life (c1944, 27pp);
- drafts of several chapters, appendices, index and acknowledgments. Also includes printed dust cover of the book and a brief introduction to its contents (1944, c186pp);
- notes taken by Ryan on a trip to County Tipperary and meetings with persons associated with Treacy (not dated, 16pp);
- notes taken by Ryan from statements concerning Treacy's activities in Tipperary by Daniel Allis, Seán O'Ryan, Mrs Malachy Ryan, Michael O'Callahan and May Moloney, amongst others (not dated, c86pp);
- statements on Treacy's activities between 1913 and 1917, including detailed descriptions of Easter Week in 1916. Statements from Maurice Crowe, Liam Manahan, Nicholas Moroney and Seán Horan (not dated, c45pp);
- corrections to factual aspects of the book by Seamus Robinson, Éamonn O'Dwyer, W. Myles and Maurice Crowe (c1944, 16pp);
- copies of letters sent by Treacy to Maurice Crowe, and to his uncle Michael Allis (not dated, 14pp);
- copies of the official depositions relating to the Knocklong

- LA10/348** rescue (not dated, 17pp);
- eleven notebooks containing Ryan's material for the book (c1943-44, c420pp).

LA10/349 1948

5 items

Socialism and Nationalism: A Selection From the Writings of James Connolly

Introduction, appendices, acknowledgements, and glossary for Ryan's book on Connolly's writings. Also includes a list of Connolly's contributions to the *Irish Worker*, *The Worker*, and the *Worker's Republic*.

LA10/350 1948

10 items

Devoy's Post Bag, Volume I (1871-80)

Material relating to a book of John Devoy's letters, edited by Ryan and William O'Brien. Includes:

- copy of the dust cover and title page (1948, 6pp);
- short biographical pieces on some of the correspondents (1948, 19pp);
- copy of the index to the volume (1948, 38pp);
- list of people who are to receive copies of the book when published (1948, 1p);
- five notebooks in which Ryan has made notes relating to the editing of the letters (c1947-48, c510pp).

LA10/351 1917-48

14 items

The Rising

Ryan's book on the 1916 Rising and similar related projects. Material includes:

- typescript of the completed book (1948, c354pp);
- first draft of the book, omitting chapters on Éamon de Valera and Boland's Mills (1948, c350pp);
- statements by various participants and witnesses of the Rising, including Patrick Cahill, Piaras Beaslaí, Frank Robbins, Dr Seamus O'Kelly, Peadar Slattery, Desmond Ryan himself, Garry Holohan, Tom Walsh, Paddy Holohan, Ailbhe Ó Monacháin, Con O'Leary, and Michael P. Colivet (c1947-48, c155pp);
- notes for an unfinished book to be titled *Nineteen Sixteen*, (not dated, 29pp);

- LA10/351**
- notes for a potential book on prominent individuals involved in the Rising, such as Michael Collins and Joseph Plunkett (1917, 39pp);
 - nine notebooks relating to Ryan's research for the book (not dated, c520pp).

LA10/352 1886–1953

19 items

Devoy's Post Bag, Volume II (1880–1928)

Second volume of Devoy's letters, again edited by Ryan with William O'Brien. Includes:

- completed text, including list of letters used, index of letters for each year, and draft index (1953, c560pp);
- specimen pages and dust cover from printer, including William O'Brien's instructions for same (1953, 15pp);
- correspondence between William O'Brien, Desmond Ryan, and Cahill and Company printers concerning the book (July–October 1952, 9pp);
- correspondence from T.J. Kiernan, Irish Ambassador to Australia, relating to publicising the book in Australia (October 1950–February 1951, 3 pp);
- list of John Devoy's correspondence, giving names of correspondents, number of pages, and brief description of contents (not dated, 117pp);
- original letter from Bridget Curran to John Devoy, thanking him for money he sent to her in New York (9 December 1886, 4pp);
- twelve notebooks and one copybook which Ryan has used to take notes relating to the book (not dated, c650pp).

LA10/353 1898–1967

14 items

The Fenian Chief: A Life of James Stephens

Material relating to Ryan's book on the prominent Fenian. Includes:

- corrected typescript of text (1967, c370pp);
- draft chapters, many of which are incomplete (1967, c220pp);
- original letter from J.H. O'Connor of New Jersey to James Stephens, discussing a possible public demonstration, and the Wolfe Tone Memorial (21 November 1898, 2pp);
- eleven notebooks containing detailed information on James Stephens, including relevant transcribed extracts from books and newspapers (not dated, c960pp).

2.2.2 Unpublished

LA10/354 Not dated

3 items

This Unending Battle

Draft chapters for a book on Ireland's historical struggle for independence. Also includes two notebooks containing material relating to this book.

LA10/355 [1932]

11pp

The Iron String

Two short typescript drafts for a projected novel about Erskine Childers.

LA10/356 Not dated

67pp

The Magic Odyssey of the Old Public Schoolman

Text of the prologues and chapters one to five only. Ryan has noted it as being a 'draft of a squib like "St Eustace and the Albatross"'.

LA10/357 1952

9pp

The Riven Chain: A Short Account of Thirty Years of Irish Freedom

Plan for the book, including a list of contents and introduction.

LA10/358 Not dated

2pp

A Fenian Scrapbook

Typescript list of eighteen items to be included in the planned volume.

LA10/359 Not dated

c130pp

Plots for planned books

Contains plots for *Strong Waters in Babylon*, *The Flight of the Albatross*, *The Saga of the Old Public Schoolman*, and various short stories.

2.3 Short Stories

LA10/360 Not dated

32pp

'The Dictator, and other stories'

Newspaper cuttings from the *Daily Herald* of some of Ryan's published stories, which he has pasted up in book form.

LA10/361 13–20 September 1929

11pp

'The Secrets of Rainbow House'

A short story in seven parts, cut from the *Daily Herald* and published under the pseudonym 'Sylvester Browning'.

LA10/362 October 1933–November 1934

18pp

Tiger Doyle stories

Three brief stories for the *Daily Herald*. Includes draft and final copies.

LA10/363 Not dated

9 items

Assorted short stories

Nine stories, including 'Connemara Marble', 'Once I Had A Sweetheart' and 'The Cross of Cong', amongst others.

2.4 Articles and Short Pieces

2.4.1 Historical

LA10/364 December 1938–August 1954

19 items

Eighteenth and nineteenth century Irish history

Articles in which Ryan discusses figures from the 1798 rebellion and some later general historical topics. Includes 'Wolfe Tone and the Irish Resistance', 'The Mother of Robert Emmet', and 'John Mitchell and the Famine'.

LA10/365 [1937]–November 1958

52 items

James Stephens and the Fenians

Extensive articles on James Stephens' life and career, as well as some pieces on other Fenians. Includes 'The Riddle of James Stephens', 'James Stephens Before the 1848 Rising', 'O'Donovan Rossa', and 'The Fenians and the 1916 Rising'.

LA10/366 April 1933–May 1961

46 items

Irish revolutionary period, 1914–21

Articles discussing many events of the period, such as the Howth gun-running, the 1916 Rising, and the war of independence. As well as this many articles focus on individuals during this time, including Sir Roger Casement, Thomas MacDonagh, Eoin MacNeill, Liam Mellows and Kevin Barry.

LA10/367 1944–1953

26 items

The Labour Movement

Includes articles such as 'Friedrich Engels Looks at Ireland', 'Bloody Sunday 1913', 'History Behind Irish Trade Unionism', and 'The Decline and Fall of the Irish Labour Movement'.

2.4.2 Biographical

LA10/368 1937–55

29 items

James Connolly

Articles on James Connolly's life and work, encompassing his relations with the Irish Republican Brotherhood, the 1916 Rising, and his death. Also includes articles exploring his early life and beliefs.

LA10/369 [1913]–58

24 items

Pádraig Pearse

Articles ranging from a piece in Irish written while Ryan was a student at St Enda's, to later reflections on Pearse's character and actions.

LA10/370 [1927–38]

11 items

Collected biographical articles

Includes:

- Kevin O'Higgins (1927, 5pp);
- three articles on Jim Larkin, including one for *Comhar* (not dated, 10pp);
- three pieces on Éamon de Valera (1938, 18pp);
- Brian O'Higgins, editor of *Wolfe Tone Weekly* (not dated, 4pp);
- Michael MacWhite (not dated, 5pp);
- William O'Brien (not dated, 6pp);
- profile of Frank Gallagher, which Ryan has marked 'Suppressed!' (not dated, 6pp).

2.4.3 General

LA10/371 June 1935–July 1939

42 items

Articles for the *Daily Herald*

Ryan's contemporary comment for the newspaper, on a wide variety of topics.

LA10/372 1939–58

4 items

France

Four short articles relating to French history, including an article about Brittany and the Bretons, and to Ryan's own experiences while travelling there.

LA10/373 1938–63

20 items

Ireland and Irish affairs

Articles generally relating to Ireland, on such issues as censorship, the Gaelic Athletic Association, and the Anglicisation of Ireland.

LA10/374 1964

4 items

Irish language

Four pieces dealing with the Irish language revival, the Gaelic League, and Irish in schools.

LA10/375 [1915]–64

4 items

Literary articles

Includes:

- 'La Poesie de Victor Hugo', a short piece in French, possibly a college essay (1915, 6pp);
- 'De Maupassant's Formula', Ryan's instructions on how to write

Desmond Ryan Papers

- LA10/375** a novel (not dated, 5pp);
- 'Some Thoughts on Seán O'Casey', written after Ryan saw *Juno and the Paycock* in London (1925, 5pp);
 - 'Cradle of a Genius', also on Seán O'Casey (1964, 2pp).

LA10/376 1939–64

7 items

Obituaries

Obituaries written on Margaret Butler, Laurence P. Byrne, Éamon de Valera, Fintan Murphy, Mary O'Brien, Peadar O'Donnell, Hannah Sheehy Skeffington, and Canon William Murnane.

LA10/377 1937–39

5 items

Spanish Civil War

Articles relating to the war, and to Irish involvement in the conflict.

LA10/378 August 1917–December 1920

c38pp

Scrapbook

Large black scrapbook, noted as having been started in 1919, in which various published articles by Ryan are pasted in.

2.5 Lectures

LA10/379 [1920]

14pp

‘San Ghaehealthacht Dhom’

A handwritten lecture, in Irish, discussing Ryan’s first visit to the Gaeltacht in Connaught and Donegal with Pádraig Pearse.

LA10/380 [1925]

18pp

‘The Pearse I Knew’

Handwritten draft of a lecture on Ryan’s personal recollections of Pádraig Pearse.

LA10/381 [1928]

14pp

‘Seachtain na Caisge’

Draft of a lecture Ryan delivered to the Gaelic League on Easter Week, 1916. The preamble is in Irish.

LA10/382 [1930]

4pp

Lecture to the Roger Casement Club

Two short reports on Ryan’s lecture, by unknown authors.

LA10/383 [1934]

9pp

‘A Short View of the New Ireland’

Includes a note by Sarah Ryan in which she says that her husband ‘mystified the Bingley (Yorks.) Rotary Club’.

- LA10/384** [1936]
7pp
'Still Remembering Sion'
A lecture on his book and on Dublin.
- LA10/385** 6 February 1938
1p
Lecture to the National University Club
Summary of Ryan's talk to the Club on the subject of Roger Casement.
- LA10/386** [1939]
1p
'Memories of Dublin'
One page of typescript preparatory notes for a lecture with this title.
- LA10/387** 1940
5pp
'James Connolly, 1916-1940'
Lecture to the Dublin Labour Party. Preamble only.
- LA10/388** 24 March 1942
7pp
'In Place of Mr. Pakenham'
A talk on Irish ideas and censorship, delivered at the Irish Book Fair.
- LA10/389** 7 December 1943
30pp
'Liam P. O'Riain and the Making of a New Ireland'
Delivered to the Dublin District Council of the Irish Transport and

- LA10/389** General Workers Union.
- LA10/390** 16 April 1947
8pp
‘The Literature of Easter Week’
A lecture given as part of a Fianna Fáil organised memorial lectures series on 1916. Includes an invitation to the event and a newspaper cutting from the *Irish Press* which reports on Ryan’s lecture.
- LA10/391** 10 November 1954
7pp
‘Patrick Pearse’
Commemorative speech, written on the occasion of Pearse’s seventy-fifth birthday.
- LA10/392** 23 May 1964
6pp
‘The Labour Movement in Modern Ireland’
A lecture to Scéim na gCéardchumann.
- LA10/393** Not dated
5pp
‘Is the 1925 Agreement the Immovable Object?’
Lecture on the topic of Stormont’s control of Northern Ireland.
- LA10/394** Not dated
4pp
‘Some Irish Writers’
A lecture on the richness of Irish literature.

LA10/395 Not dated

3pp

'Can the Universities Help Labour?'

Notes of ideas for a talk on this topic.

LA10/396 Not dated

16pp

'The Social Ideal and National Movements'

Lecture on foreign influences on Irish nationalism and social thought.

LA10/397 Not dated

1p

Lecture on James Stephens

Summary of a lecture delivered as part of commemorations for James Larkin.

LA10/398 Not dated

3pp

Lecture on the Labour Movement

Notes for a lecture on this subject.

LA10/399 Not dated

5pp

'Oidhche Samhna'

Printed and pasted text of a lecture given by Ryan on the festival of Samhain.

- LA10/400** Not dated
3pp
'Recollections'
Preamble to a lecture (not included) on the merits of laying aside reminiscences.
- LA10/401** Not dated
26pp
'Celebrities – Great and Small'
Lecture on famous people Ryan has met, including Terence MacSwiney, Con O'Leary, Michael Collins and Thomas MacDonagh.
- LA10/402** Not dated
4pp
'The Historic Background'
Incomplete lecture on the cultural background of the Anglo-Irish conflict.
- LA10/403** Not dated
19pp
'Young Ireland: Lalor and Mitchel'
Lecture on the prominent Fenians.
- LA10/404** Not dated
10pp
'John Mitchel 1815–75'
Lecture on Mitchel's life.

LA10/405 Not dated

20pp

'Young Ireland in Literature'

Two lectures looking at the achievements of the Young Irelanders in literature.

LA10/406 Not dated

3pp

'The Historians and Fenianism'

A report of a paper read by Ryan at a recent lecture, and a list of his sources.

LA10/407 Not dated

10pp

'Terence MacSwiney'

Corrected typescript of a lecture. Includes notes on the subject.

2.6 Scripts for television and radio

LA10/408 1956–58

5 items

The Fenians

Radio broadcasts on aspects of Fenianism and Fenian individuals, including James Stephens and John Devoy.

LA10/409 1937–64

21 items

1916 Rising and related topics

Scripts on the rebellion and related subjects. Includes:

- 'A Programme in Honour of the 28th Anniversary of The Rising', by officers and men of the 26th Battalion (1944, 10pp);
- Recollections of the Rising by participants in a series called 'These Remember', including Colm O'Lochlainn, Tom Walsh, and Tadhg Gahan (1956, 46pp);

Desmond Ryan Papers

- LA10/409**
- transcript of a talk recorded by Desmond Ryan for the BBC on the Rising (1964, 10pp);
 - 'Invisible Army', a play about Michael Collins (not dated, 13pp).

LA10/410 [1940]-51

3 items

Book reviews

Reviews of recent books, and an appeal to listeners to join An Club Leabhar (The Book Club).

LA10/411 1939-41

3 items

Yearly reviews

Three broadcasts reviewing the years 1939, 1940 and 1941.

LA10/412 [1940-45}

8 items

Irish tourism

Broadcasts on behalf of the Irish Tourist Association on holidays within Ireland.

LA10/413 [1941]-51

8 items

Other scripts

Other broadcasts on general interest topics, such as the nature of Irish people, and Irish songs and ballads.

2.7 Reviews

LA10/414 1948–64

36 items

Irish history and related topics

Ryan's copies of his book reviews on publications by authors including Robert Monteith, Max Caulfield, Batt O'Connor, James Joyce, Stephen Gwynn, and Seán O'Casey.

LA10/415 1943–64

17 items

Biographical

Ryan reviews biographies of individuals including Cathal Brugha, Wolfe Tone, Robert Emmet, John Devoy, James Connolly, and Éamon de Valera. The authors include Frank McDermott, Seán Ó Luing, and R.M. Fox. Also includes a review of Seán T. O'Kelly's autobiography.

LA10/416 1960–64

15 items

Labour movement and Soviet Russia

Ryan's reviews of books such as *The Making of the English Working Class* by Edward Thompson, *Memoirs of a Revolutionary* by Victor Serge, *The Soviet Revolution* by Raphael R. Abramovitch, and *The Life and Death of Lenin* by Robert Payne.

LA10/417 1934–64

15 items

Reader's reports

Ryan's reports for publishers on various books, including *John Devoy agus Aistí Eile* by Seán O'Luing, *The Howth Gun-Running* by F.X. Martin, and *The Black and Tans* by Richard Bennett.

2.8 Working notes

- LA10/418** [1931]
c220pp
Notebook
Contains extracts and notes for *Dictator*, a play about Michael Collins.
- LA10/419** 1934–42
c190pp
Notebook
Contains miscellaneous notes, including notes on Ralahine, James Connolly and Erskine Childers. Also includes an account of a visit by Johanna Collins, sister of Michael.
- LA10/420** 1943
c130pp
Notebook
Hardback notebook, containing a discussion of the Roger Casement Black Diaries, and notes on J. Fintan Lalor's correspondence with Sir Robert Peel.
- LA10/421** 1947
c88pp
Copybook
Notes on a variety of subjects, including Dr Mark Ryan's autobiography *Fenian Memories* and R.M. Fox's *James Connolly – The Forerunner*.
- LA10/422** [1952]
c90pp
Notebook
Includes material on Irish theosophy, W.P. Ryan, and Sir Roger Casement.

LA10/423 1956

c100pp

Notebook

Notes on Sir Roger Casement, Denis McCullough, and Colm O'Lochlainn.

LA10/424 1957

c125pp

Notebook

Notes on Labour and James Larkin, Charles Stewart Parnell and James Stephens. Also contains some personal notes concerning Ernie O'Malley and Seán Moylan.

LA10/425 1957

c120pp

Copybook

Notes on the IRB and the 1916 Rising, and Diarmuid Lynch's opinions on these.

LA10/426 1958–61

c70pp

Notebook

Ryan's impressions of France during trips there.

LA10/427 1959–60

c135pp

Notebook

Extensive notes on Kevin Barry, as well as on Sir Roger Casement and James Connolly. Also includes some personal notes made by Ryan in relation to his will.

LA10/428 July 1962

c100pp

Notebook

Detailed comments on an RTE programme on the events of Easter Week. Also includes personal material, including notes on Ryan's will and diary entries.

LA10/429 1963

c100pp

Notebook

Miscellaneous notes, including book reviews, the IRB, 1916 Rising and some personal material.

LA10/430 1963

c85pp

Notebook

Notes on Easter Week poets, the 1913 Lock-out, some personal material, and book reviews.

LA10/431 May–August 1963

c86pp

Notebook

Mainly notes concerning James Larkin and the 1913 Lock-out. Also includes personal diary entries for August.

LA10/432 June 1963

c90pp

Notebook

Notes on a discussion with Liam Ó Briain on the 1916 Rising and James Connolly. Also includes a review of Seán O'Casey's *Feathers from a Green Crow* as well as other miscellaneous notes.

LA10/433 August–September 1963

c90pp

Notebook

Contains material on the 1913 Lock-out and on book reviews. Includes references to W.P. Ryan, W.B. Yeats and Pádraig Pearse.

LA10/434 1963–64

c90pp

Notebook

Notes for book reviews, and on Reverend David Bell and Patrick Flood. Includes some personal notes.

LA10/435 October 1963–64

c90pp

Notebook

Notes for book reviews. Also includes notes made after Ryan attended a lecture on Easter Week by Ruth Dudley Edwards.

LA10/436 February 1964

11pp

Notebook

Some brief notes on Seán O'Casey.

LA10/437 February 1964

c52pp

Notebook

Notes on the Irish language movement 1893–1964, on James Stephens, and on the Hugh Gaitskell Biographical Symposium.

LA10/438 June 1964

c159pp

Notebook

Notes of Ryan's conversations with Pádraig Pearse, Seán McGarry, Seán O'Casey and others. Includes comments on the Nathan Papers, Sir Roger Casement and the Howth gun-running, amongst other topics.

LA10/439 June–September 1964

4pp

Notebook

Notes for *The Fenian Chief*, about James Stephens.

LA10/440 Not dated

8 items

Notebooks

Eight small notebooks containing very rough notes on a wide variety of subjects.

LA10/441 Not dated

c140pp

Notebook

Rough notes on the 1916 Rising, the Fenians, and related topics. The cover of this notebook has been removed.

LA10/442 Not dated

100pp

Loose notes

Extensive notes on Pádraig Pearse, St Enda's, and St Ita's financial situation. Also includes more notes on James Stephens and the Fenian Brotherhood.

3. PERSONAL MATERIAL

LA10/443 1958

32pp

Passport

Desmond Ryan's passport, containing a black and white photograph.

LA10/444 25 July 1962

2pp

Will

Handwritten copy of Desmond Ryan's will.

LA10/445 1909–16

5 items

St Enda's prospectuses

Prospectuses for the school from 1909 to 1916. Also includes some printed photographs of the school grounds.

LA10/446 1909

c95pp

An Macaomh

A printed book of songs, poems and photographs, written by St Enda's students and masters, and edited by Pádraig Pearse.

LA10/447 May–June 1913

5 items

An Scolaire

Five handwritten issues of the St Enda's school newspaper.

LA10/448 1959

4pp

Anniversary souvenir from Fianna Éireann

Signed by Éamonn Martin.

LA10/449 Not dated

1p

Testimony of Service

A certificate of service from Fianna Éireann for Ryan's services during the war of independence. Signed by Éamonn Martin.

LA10/450 Not dated

1 item

Military medal

Ryan's Service Medal for his activities in the war of independence (Cogadh na Saoirse). Bronze medal on black and tan ribbon. The medal is contained within its original box, and includes a mounted cutting of the ribbon to be worn when the medal is not being used. Two small printed notes from the Department of Defence and from the President are also included.

LA10/451 1921–24

2 items

Press tickets

Admitting Ryan to Dáil Éireann and the House of Commons in Westminster.

LA10/452 1927–1947

7 items

Membership cards

For the National Union of Journalists, 1916–21 Club, the Labour Party, and the Irish Film Society.

LA10/453 1932–61

30 items

Financial material

Lodgement information from banks, and bills for various items and trips including Ryan's wedding and honeymoon expenses.

LA10/454 1937–55

7 items

Material relating to Ryan's lectures

Circulars and cards advertising various talks by Ryan.

LA10/455 1931–49

6 items

Invitations

To various national events, and to a sports day at St Enda's.

LA10/456 1938–44

8 items

Air raid precautions

Items relating to wartime precautions in Richmond, Surrey, where Desmond and Sarah Ryan lived during World War II. Includes the Ryans' claim forms for damage incurred during bombing raids.

LA10/457 1939–56

5 items

Irish Government circulars

Relating to the evacuation of Dublin City 'in the event of a situation arising which would render such a course advisable'. Also includes Department of Agriculture circular on the export of food parcels, a wireless licence and an electricity ration card.

LA10/458 Not dated

5 items

Letter plates

Five letter plates from the letterpress with which Pádraig Pearse's *Collected Works* was printed.

LA10/459 1933–76

21 items

Sarah Ryan's correspondence

Collection of letters to and from Sarah Ryan. These include:

- letter from Hannah Sheehy Skeffington on behalf of the Women's Social and Political League in Dublin, referring to their reception for 'Spanish returned soldiers' (15 December 1938, 3pp);
- official acknowledgment and letter of thanks from Oliver Snoddy of the National Museum of Ireland, relating to Desmond Ryan's donation of both his father's and Pádraig Pearse's watches. Snoddy also returns the letter plates of the above item (13 May 1965, 2pp);
- extensive correspondence with Martin J. Waters, associate professor of History at Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, New York, concerning his research on W.P. Ryan (August 1966–August 1968, 22pp);
- correspondence with various individuals on behalf of Martin J. Waters, including Ella Walsh, James Plunkett, and Cathal O'Shannon (July–September 1968, 14pp);
- circulars and financial appeals from Girton College, Cambridge, Sarah Ryan's alma mater (1971, 8pp);
- correspondence with Professors Robert Dudley Edwards and Patrick Lynch of UCD concerning the depositing of Desmond Ryan's papers in the university (December 1975–February 1976, 3pp).

LA10/460 [1893]

4pp

Memorial card

For Sarah Ryan's father, John Hartley.

LA10/461 March 1962–1965

c56pp

Notebook

Sarah Ryan's notebook, concerning her activities with the Irish Countrywomen's Association.

LA10/462 [1914]–1962

12 items

Personal photographs

Eight photographs of Desmond Ryan (1928–62), Sarah Ryan's passport photograph [1937], and three photographs of Sarah in her youth (c1914–22).

LA10/463 August 1915–March 1939

3 items

Other photographs

Photograph taken at the graveside of O'Donovan Rossa (1 August 1915), postcard showing Henry Street after the shelling of the rebels (May 1916), and a later photograph of the surviving members of the 1916 Garrison at Croke Park in Dublin (March 1939).