

EOIN MACNEILL
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A. MACNEILL THE SCHOLAR, 1882–1945**i. Academic qualifications, testimonials, applications
for academic posts and related correspondence,
1882–1928**

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| 1 | 1882–8 | Printed testimonial of distinctions achieved in public examinations.
3pp |
| 2 | 28 July 1887 | Manuscript letter from Rev. Dr C. Macaulay [his uncle], Carlsbad, Bohemia, congratulating MacNeill on passing his [second arts] examinations. Regrets that illness led to Hugh [MacNeill, his brother] pulling out of his law exams. 4pp |
| 3 | January 1892 | Page proofs of testimonials in support of MacNeill's application for the Secretaryship of the Royal University. 2pp |
| 4 | 14 October 1892 | Manuscript letter from Rev. Edmund Hogan, University College Dublin, expressing his delight at MacNeill's application for an examinership in Celtic studies under the Intermediate Board. 3pp |
| 5 | 1909 | Manuscript draft letter of application for the Professorship of Ancient Irish History and Celtic Archaeology in University College Dublin. 5pp |
| 6 | 24 August 1909 | Manuscript testimonial from Edward Gwynn, Trinity College Dublin, supporting MacNeill's application for the UCD chair of Ancient Irish History and Celtic Archaeology. 2pp |
| 7 | [1909] | Manuscript testimonial from Rev. Edmund Hogan, in support of MacNeill's application for the chair of Ancient Irish History and Celtic Archaeology. Partly in the hand of Charles MacNeill, Eoin's brother. 4pp |

- 8 August 1909 Manuscript letter from Rev. William Delaney, University College Dublin, declining to support MacNeill's candidature for the chair of Ancient Irish History and Celtic Archaeology due to his own lack of competence to recommend him. 3pp
- 9 16 October 1917 Typescript letter from J.W. Bacon, Secretary's Office, University College Dublin, acknowledging MacNeill's application for reappointment to the chair of Ancient Irish History which will be placed before the college's Governing Body. 1p
- 10 22 November 1917 Typescript letter from J.W. Bacon, Secretary's Office, University College Dublin, enclosing a certificate of payment of the last portion of MacNeill's salary. 2pp
- 11 21 February 1918 Formal letter of application by MacNeill, including testimonials, for appointment to the chair of Early Irish History in UCD. 4pp
- 12 1928 Manuscript and typescript copies of MacNeill's 'biographical particulars' from his birth. Includes details of both scholarly and political activities. 5pp

**ii. Writings on Irish history, language and culture
and related correspondence, 1890–1945**

- 13 6 March 1890 Manuscript note from Robert Burke, Mountjoy Square, Dublin, to MacNeill, concerning rates for tuition in Irish; together with a receipt for fees for one month's tuition. 3pp
- 14 Undated Fragment of a letter from an unidentified source urging [MacNeill] not to waste his time studying Irish, 'a pursuit that will never be worth to you 'much more than the cost of a ton of coal'. 2pp

- 15** 28 October 1891 Manuscript note from R. Browne, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, to Rev. Edmund Hogan, referring to an article by MacNeill on the Irish language, due to appear in 'the December issue' [of Irish Ecclesiastical Record]. 1p
- 16** 12 October 1892 Manuscript letter from Rev. Eugene O'Growney [editor of the Gaelic Journal], to MacNeill, complimenting him on his studies in Irish. 2pp
- 17** 14 October 1895 Manuscript copy of a letter from MacNeill, Hazelbrook, Malahide, County Dublin, to T.O. Russell, correcting misrepresentations made by Russell of MacNeill's views on Scotch Gaelic and the evolution of the Gaelic language. Threatens to make their discussion public. 3pp
- 18** 1904 Manuscript notes on the Antrim coast road, made by MacNeill for Con P. Curran, Garville Avenue, Rathgar, Dublin. Includes notes on the topography and archaeology of the area, Place names in Irish, and dialects. Sketch map included. 7pp
- 19** 5 November 1904 Manuscript letter from J.R. Harrington, Irish Newspaper Company, Trinity Street, Dublin, asking MacNeill to contribute an article on an Irish topic of his choice to their new morning paper. 2pp
- 20** [1918] Manuscript draft essay in MacNeill's hand on 'American Independence'. Includes a note by Eibhlín Tierney as to the date. 21pp
- 21** [1918] Manuscript notes in MacNeill's hand for his essay on American independence. 6pp

- 22** January–March 1918 Printed syllabus of a course of twelve lectures to be given by MacNeill in Molesworth Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin. Attendance card. 2 items
- Correspondence between M.E. Antrobus, Colonial Office, Irish Branch, Old Queen Street, London; S. Murphy, Free State High Commission, London; and MacNeill, with reference to Antrobus' request for an Irish translation of an inscription.
- 23** 24 October 1923 2pp
- 24** 26 October 1923 2pp
- 25** 31 October 1923 1p
- 26** 30 January 1930 Letter from James F. Kenney, Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, to MacNeill, notifying him to expect a complimentary copy of Kenney's *Sources for the Early History of Ireland*. 1p
- 27** 1931; September 1957 Letter from Roger Faherty, Attorney at Law, Chicago, to Eibhlín Tierney, (7 September 1957) enclosing as promised a note written by her father Eoin MacNeill on Irish land purchase annuities and the history of land purchase since 1885. A note by Faherty explains the document's provenance, written by MacNeill while staying with Faherty in 1931. 5pp
- Correspondence between Alvin Johnson, editor-in-chief, Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, New York, and MacNeill, concerning an article on Celtic Ireland which MacNeill agrees to contribute. Includes a list of contributors.
- 28** 24 December 1931 4 items
- 29** 6 April 1932 1p
- 30** 27 May 1932 postcard

- 31** 15 March 1940 Letter from J.P. Walshe, Department of External Affairs, Dublin, to MacNeill, asking whether a United States firm of map-makers, Hammonds, were scientifically justified in publishing an ethnographical map of Ireland showing the country as ^{2/3} Anglo-Saxon and ^{1/3} Celtic. 1p
- 32** [March 1940] Handwritten copy of a reply to Walshe stating that the Hammond map ‘... would be ludicrous’. Includes notes on modern ethnology to support his argument. 2pp
- 33** 23 September 1940 Letter from H. O’Neill Hencken, American Defence, Harvard Group, Widener Library, Cambridge, Massachusetts, to MacNeill, asking him to write an article for the papers on the common threat to Ireland and the U.S. posed by a German victory in the war. 1p
- 34** 25 April 1942 Handwritten notice of a broadcast on Radio Éireann by MacNeill entitled ‘Bhí aithne agam ar Kuno Meyer’ [I knew Kuno Meyer]. 1 item
- 35** [c.1945] Envelope with a handwritten note [by Roisin MacNeill?] to the effect that the contents are among the last things written by MacNeill before his death. Contents include a handwritten transcript of a Latin sentence from the Book of Armagh concerning the baptism of St Patrick; handwritten notes on vol. 3 of J. Romilly Allen *Early Christian Monuments of Scotland*; notes on economic development in the old and new worlds; notes on the introductory chapter by Professor C.H. Williams of *The Autobiography of Giraldus Cambrensis* [ed. H.E. Butler]; draft handwritten letters to other scholars mainly relating to theories on language and migration; letter of recommendation for Patrick Holohan as a gardener. 13 items

iii. Material concerning the Gaelic League, 1845–1933

- 36** 1845 *First annual report of the Gaelic League* including a report of the foundation meeting, reports on the organisation throughout Ireland, and a list of members. 34pp
- Letters and notes from Canon Henry Boyle, St Malachy's College, Belfast, mainly concerned with the study of the Irish language. He encloses a cheque for the Gaelic League, an Irish exercise for correction; and requests Irish texts. In his first letter he mentions plans to begin Irish classes in the College.
- 37 (1)** 25 October 1891 4pp
- 37 (2)** 5 April 1895 1p
- 38** 26 May 1896 2pp
- 39** 13 June 1897 1p
- 40** Undated 1p
- 41** [1890s] Typescript copy of a portion of a letter from Margaret MacNeill [his sister], Herbert Park, Dublin. A visiting political group from London, the 'Eighty Clubbers' wish to speak to members of the Gaelic League. 1p
- 42** 29 April 1899 Photocopy of a handwritten letter, marked confidential, to Fr MacEnerney, with reference to the proposed amalgamation of the Gaelic League and the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language. Says that the Celtic Literary Society is 'practically a recruiting ground for the secret movement in politics' and opposes the introduction of its members into the League. Explanatory note by Prof T.P. O'Neill. 5pp

- 43** 1899–1933 Typescript copy with editorial comment of seven letters from MacNeill to Lady Augusta Gregory and three extracts from *An Claidheamh Soluis* commenting unfavourably on the work of the Irish Literary Theatre. MacNeill condones the articles but regrets any misunderstanding. He outlines the story of the Fianna and the Fenian cycle and encloses a copy of a letter to Douglas Hyde advocating that *An Claidheamh Soluis* should remain in business despite its adverse financial position. Typescript also includes abstracts from Lady Gregory's journals (1922, 1923, 1933) mainly relating to MacNeill when Minister for Education and subsidies for the Abbey Theatre. Sent by Máire Sweeney, Corofin, County Clare, to her sister Eibhlín Tierney. Originals of the letters are in the Berg Collection, New York Public Library. 22pp
- 44** 25 August 1900 Handwritten letter from Kean's Hotel, Galway, to his wife Taddie mentioning the success of the Feis and meetings with old friends, Douglas Hyde, Dr O'Hickey, Lady Gregory and W.B. Yeats. 4pp
- 45** September 1913 Typescript copies of draft letters from MacNeill, Irish College, Omeath, to Patrick Daly, Secretary of the Gaelic League, objecting to attempts to commit the League to a policy '... that every teacher in Ireland should teach Irish or should be dismissed ...'. 16pp
- 46** Undated 2 labels in Taddie MacNeill's hand, previously attached to bundles of Gaelic League correspondence. Identified in a covering note by Eibhlín Tierney. 3 items

iv. Membership of Scholarly Bodies, 1914–32

a. Société Archéologique de France

- 47** 17 January 1917 Handwritten covering note from the
Compte de Champvans, rue de
Mornay, Paris, enclosing a copy of a notice of MacNeill's
nomination as a corresponding member of the Société.
3pp

b. Royal Irish Academy

- 48** 16 March 1923 Notice from J.J. Nolan, Secretary,
R.I.A., informing MacNeill of his
election to membership of the Council, together with a notice of
a Council meeting. 2pp

c. Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres

- 49** 23 December 1931 Handwritten letter from J. Vendryes,
Université de Paris, Faculté des
Lettres, congratulating MacNeill on his election as a
'correspondant étranger'. In French. 2pp
- 50** 24 December 1931 Official letter of confirmation of
MacNeill's election as an overseas
corresponding member of the Académie, to replace Sir Arthur
Cowley. 1p
- 51** 5 January 1932 Typescript copy letter from MacNeill
to Monsieur R. Cagnat, Secrétaire
Perpétuel de l'Académie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres,
conveying 'aux members de l'Académie l'expression de ma
profonde reconnaissance de l'honneur qu'ils viennent de me
faire'. 1p

- 52** 5 January 1932 Typescript copy letter from MacNeill to Monsieur J. Vendryes, rue d'Assas, Paris, thanking him for his letter of congratulations and for the part he played in MacNeill's election. 1p
- 53** 5 January 1932 Typescript copy letter from MacNeill to Monsieur Joseph Loth, rue Lecourbe, Paris, conveying sincere thanks for Loth's part in his election. 1p
- 54** 6 January 1932 Handwritten letter from Roger Gaucheron, Legation de France en Irlande, congratulating him on his election to the Academy and hoping to see translations of his work into French. 1p
- 55** 9 January 1932 Handwritten letter from J. Loth, rue Lecourbe, Paris, praising MacNeill's ability in languages and history and his contribution to Irish studies. He regrets he cannot write in Irish, having had little practice since his visit to Ireland in 1913. 4pp

v. American Lecture Tour, 1930

a. Correspondence and Diaries

- 56** 23 March 1930 Handwritten letter from MacNeill on board the S.S. 'Baltic' lying off Greenock, to his wife, Taddie, mainly relating to enjoying life on board ship. 4pp
- 57** 24 March 1930 Letter from A.J. O'Connell, Registrar's Office, University College Dublin, Earlsfort Terrace, to MacNeill, c/o Pond's Lecture Bureau, 25 West 43rd Street, New York, notifying him of a grant towards his tour expenses, granted by the College's Governing Body. 1p

- 58** 25 March 1930 Handwritten letter from Máire MacNeill [his daughter] referring to an enclosed letter from Professor Brown and promising to send portions of Department of Education annual reports.
2pp
- 59** 29 March 1930 Handwritten letter from MacNeill, on board S.S. 'Baltic', to Taddie, commenting on the social life on board ship. 2pp
- 60** 21 March–3 April 1930 Manuscript diary (5pp) in MacNeill's hand of his journey to the United States. The verso of two pages contains a handwritten copy of a letter to Taddie (3 April 1930) concerning his reception in New York, social engagements and the success of his first lecture.
'I am only beginning to get my breath, metaphorically and literally. The central heating I find most oppressive'.
7pp
- 61** 5 April 1930 Handwritten letter from MacNeill, Grosvenor Hotel, 5th Avenue, New York, to Taddie, concerning the even greater success of his second lecture. 'I find that many here follow things in Dublin with close intelligent interest'. 1p
- 62** 10 April 1930 Handwritten letter from MacNeill, Grosvenor Hotel, to Taddie, mainly concerning social events and outlining his lecture schedule. 4pp
- 63** 15 April 1930 Handwritten letter from MacNeill, Grosvenor Hotel, to Taddie, describing a banquet night held at the end of his New York engagements. 1p
- 64** 17 April 1930 Handwritten letter from MacNeill, Pond's Lecture Theatre, New York, to Taddie, mainly concerning social engagements. 2pp

- 65** Holy Saturday [19 April] 1930 Handwritten letter from Máire MacNeill, Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, County Donegal, containing personal and family news. 'The Yanks didn't seem to take long to break you in. Your first letter was fine but I must say it was rather tough having to lecture the day you landed ... There is very little news here. You have heard by now of the defeat and re-election of the Government. It did not cause much excitement at the time and it is all over now and forgotten'. 5pp
- 66** 20–21 April 1930 Diary entry by MacNeill describing his journey to Ottawa, Canada, his lecture there and his high opinion of the amenities of the city. 2pp
- 67** Easter Monday [21 April] 1930 Handwritten letter from Taddie, Blackrock, Dublin, containing domestic and family news. 'I am giving Eilis a long promised party on Thursday & you might say she is excited about it. She is having about 40 guests all of the flapper type ... The children were up dining at the [Vice-Regal] Lodge one day lately. James came over to see us the night he came home from the reunion'. 4pp
- 68** 23 April 1930 Handwritten letter from Michael [Tierney, son-in-law] referring to an article in Easter Week to the effect that MacNeill had 'let down' Pearse and the rest of the 1916 leaders. He suggests that MacNeill give a true account of 1916 while he is in the U.S. 2pp
- 69** 24 April 1930 Benedict Fitzpatrick, 138 East 37th Street, New York, to MacNeill, Grosvenor Hotel, New York, giving MacNeill detailed directions to a social function in Brooklyn. 'This is as bad as a footnote to one of my histories'. 1p
- 70** 25 April 1930 Handwritten letter from MacNeill, Chicago, to Taddie. 'Yesterday evening I had to speak at an Easter week celebration. The speakers who were before me tried to identify me with the Rising, but when my turn to speak came I cleared all that up very plainly'. 3pp

- 71** 27 April 1930 Cablegram from Taddie to MacNeill, c/o Pond's Lecture Bureau, New York, informing him of the birth of their fourth grandchild to Eibhlín. 1 item
- 72** 28 April 1930 Handwritten letter from Máire, Blackrock, Dublin, mainly concerning family matters including the birth and baptism of Eibhlín's son. Mentions the forthcoming Longford-Westmeath bye-election.
 'I didn't like the description of my first letter at all. I was not quite sure of the meaning of "sententious" but it sounds rather disagreeable, pompous and pretentious. So feeling rather hurt I made for a dictionary and what I saw there unruffled me a little. Apparently it means "concise, pithy, given to maxims, aphoristic: affecting a concise, impressive style". There's nothing derogatory in that unless there's a kick in that word "affecting" '. 5pp
- 73** 30 April 1930 Stencilled notice of a lecture by MacNeill, the 'Scholar-Patriot', on 'St Patrick and his work in Ireland'. 1p
- 74** 2 May 1930 Handwritten letter from Taddie mainly concerning family matters including the baptism of Eibhlín's son, Michael Charles. Mentions commissions he had asked her to perform. 2pp
- 75** 2 May 1930 Handwritten letter from MacNeill to Taddie referring to lecture successes in Chicago; forthcoming Convocation address at the Catholic University in Washington; and a visit to Mrs Rumsey, the widow of a noted American sculptor. 2pp
- 76** 2 May 1930 Handwritten note from James MacNeill [his brother and Governor-General] wondering if an enclosed note [not present] from M.W.M. is genuine. 1p

- 77** 5 May 1930 Typescript copy with manuscript addenda of a Convocation address by MacNeill at the Catholic University, Washington, mainly concerning the difference between the nation and the state, the Irish nation being given as embodying the distinction to an outstanding degree. 18pp
- 78** 5 May 1930 Handwritten letter from Eilis, his daughter, mentioning the success of a recent party and her forthcoming examinations. In Irish. 2pp
- 79** 7, 8 May 1930 Handwritten letter from MacNeill, Holyoke, Mass., to Taddie, concerning the success of his address in Washington; his presentation to President Hoover by Michael MacWhite, the Irish Ambassador. They had discussed university education. 'Irish politics are practically dead here'. 4pp
- 80** 9 May 1930 Handwritten letter from Eibhlín, Ailesbury Road, Dublin, discussing the birth of her son. Mentions a book she is reading about Abraham Lincoln. 'In some ways I think he was like you'. 4pp
- 81** 10 May 1930 Handwritten letter from the Grosvenor Hotel, New York, to Taddie, referring to heckling during his lecture in Holyoke, Mass. 4pp
- 82** 12 May 1930 Handwritten letter from Taddie expressing delight at his successes in the United States and enclosing family news. 2pp
- 83** 14 May 1930 Handwritten letter from Niall MacNeill [a son], The Cottage, Hibernian School, Phoenix Park, Dublin, referring to a trip to Galway with his uncle Charlie, and visits to historical and archaeological sites. He encloses two photographs of a 17th century silver chalice and carved tombstone, found in Kilcorban, County Galway. 4pp

- 84** 16 May 1930 Handwritten letter from Joseph Dunne, New Haven, Connecticut, arranging to meet MacNeill in New York. 2pp
- 85** 20 May 1930 Letter from Colm J. O'Connor, Registrar, Fordham University, New York, concerning MacNeill's request for information on the School of Irish Studies at Fordham. 1p
- 86** 27 May [1930] Letter from Lennox Robinson, New York, concerning some wealthy people in Boston who are interested in excavating the Hill of Tara. 1p
- 87** 7 June 1930 Radiogram from Turlough [MacNeill], on board the steamship 'Franconia' out of Cork. 'O.K.'. Visiting card from Robert A. Irwin, Cunard Steam Ship Company, Broadway, New York, wishing him a pleasant trip. 2 items

b. Correspondence following his return from America, 1930–39

- 88** [c.June 1930] Draft handwritten letter from MacNeill to Cornelius Sullivan thanking him for all his kindnesses during the lecture tour and mentioning houses in Ireland which might interest Sullivan. 1p
- 89** 20 July 1930 Handwritten letter from Anne Throop Craig, Westchester County, New York, enclosing a copy of a typescript letter with handwritten addenda from herself to Dr John Gerig, Columbia University, New York, concerning a plan of campaign for Irish studies in American cities and universities with Gerig and MacNeill acting as a preliminary committee. 7pp
- 90** 17 September 1930 Handwritten letter from C.J. Donovan, New York, wondering why MacNeill had not visited him while in the U.S. 1p

- 91** 15 November 1930 Letter from Anne T. Craig, American Historical Society, New York, enclosing a copy of a circular sent to American colleges with Celtic professorships, inviting them to join the Friends of the Universities of Ireland. 2pp
- 92** 30 December 1930 Draft handwritten and copy typescript letter from MacNeill to Anne T. Craig, concerning her prospectus and the report of the inaugural meeting of the Friends of the Irish Universities. He hopes to have a similar association in Ireland but will not be able to return to the U.S. in the near future. 2pp
- 93** [early 1930s] Handwritten notes by Myles Dillon concerning a proposal for the establishment of a School of Higher Studies in the National University of Ireland, to be a source of information and encouragement to the Friends of the Irish Universities. Includes typescript copy. 8pp
- 94** 11 July 1933 Letter from James F. Kenney, Acting Dominion Archivist, Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, referring to MacNeill's request while in Canada in 1930, for information on the history and organisation of the Archives and the Provincial Archives in Halifax, Nova Scotia. 1p
- 95** 10 July 1937 Copy typescript letter from MacNeill to Joseph Walshe, Department of External Affairs, concerning the proposal that the Department grant £200 to Róisín Walsh, Dublin City Librarian, towards the expenses of her American tour to study the U.S. library system and introduce Irish cultural publications. 2pp
- 96** 3 November 1938 Letter from Joseph C. Devlin, Department of History and Government, Sweet Briar College, Virginia, thanking MacNeill for the genealogical notes he had supplied for the history of the Devlin family. Asks for clarification of some points. 4pp

9 letters from J.C. Walsh, 39 Broadway, New York, mainly concerning his research on the Irish Walshs. Mentions MacNeill's visit to Rome (1938) and the arrival of Róisín Walsh for her library tour.

97	12 September 1938	8pp
98	[September 1938]	1p
99	19 September 1938	7pp
100	26 September 1938	3pp
101	1 October 1938	3pp
102	29 October 1938	2pp
103	24 February 1939	3pp
104	9 May 1939	1p
105	16 May 1939	3pp
106	May 1939	Printed letter of introduction written by MacNeill as Chairman of the Irish Manuscripts Commission , for Róisín Walsh, Dublin Municipal Libraries, on her tour of American libraries, May–June 1939. 1p

vi. International Congress of Christian Archaeology, 1938

- 107** 26 September 1938 Letter of credence from J.P. Walshe, Secretary General, Department of External Affairs, for MacNeill and his wife on their trip to the Congress in Rome. 1p
- 108** 29 September 1938 Telegram from G. Belvederi [Secretary of the Institute of Christian Archaeology], Rome, to MacNeill, notifying him of the postponement of the Congress. 1p
- 109** 2 October 1938 Letter from Guilio Belvederi, Via Napoleone, Rome, to MacNeill, informing him of arrangements for a visit to the excavations in the Basilica of St John Lateran. 1p
- 110** October 1938 Programme for the 4th International Congress of Christian Archaeology in Rome. 8pp
- 111** October 1938 Revised timetable of visits to sites of archaeological or historical interest around Rome. 1p
- 112** October 1938 Membership cards for the Congress, one with autographs of other delegates. 3 items
- 2 handwritten letters from [M.] Macauley, [Irish Legation to the Holy See], Via San Martine dela Battaglia, inviting the MacNeills to dine.
- 113** 5 October 1938 2pp
- 114** 9 October 1938 2pp

- 115** 6 October 1938 Handwritten letter from Michael MacWhite [Irish Legation], Hotel Excelsior, Rome, inviting the MacNeills to lunch.
2pp
- 116** October 1938 Report by MacNeill on the Congress, describing their visits to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel and an audience with Pope Pius XI. The 'critical condition of international relations' had restricted the number of delegates from other countries.
6pp

B. MACNEILL THE REVOLUTIONARY, 1916–29 [1948–62]

i. Material relating to the Irish Volunteers, 1948–54

- 117** 14 June 1948 Typescript copy of the statement of Seamus O Conchubhair to the Bureau of Military History. Outlines the development of the Volunteers from the foundation of the organisation in 1913 to Easter 1916. Comments on the nationalist and labour movements during those years. Describes MacNeill's dilemma before the Rising and his late realisation of what was being planned by the Supreme Council of the I.R.B.
38PP
- 118** 22 April 1949 Letter from Monsignor Michael Curran, Aughrim Street, Dublin, to his brother Con, containing a verbatim record from his diary of a visit from James McNeill on Good Friday 1916 concerning the grave situation in the Council of the Irish Volunteers, and his desire to ascertain if unofficial assurance could be given that no disarmament was intended. A handwritten note on the envelope by Eibhlin Tierney explains her possession of the letter.
3pp

- 119** 4 October 1954 Incomplete typescript memorandum
 of an interview with Bulmer Hobson,
 See also conducted by Michael and Eibhlín Tierney and Seamus
 LA1/G/345 MacNeill, concerning the founding of the Volunteers.
 2pp

ii. The Easter Rising, 1916–62

- 120** 23 April 1916 Photocopy of a statement by Thomas
 MacDonagh, 29 Oakley Road,
 Dublin, made on his return from a visit to Eoin MacNeill and
 Seán Fitzgibbon before the Rising. He admires both men as
 ‘honest and sincere patriots’ who are mistaken in their
 handling of the present situation and in their attitude to
 military action. He states his intention of acting with the I.R.B.
 Handwritten note by MacNeill at the end of the document
 indicates he received it on 4 January 1922. Handwritten copy
 by MacNeill and a typescript copy by Eibhlín Tierney. 5pp
- 121** 28 April–10 June 1916 Copies of papers of Dr Patrick
 McCartan with a note from Professor
 F.X. Martin, Department of Medieval History, University
 College Dublin, to Eibhlín Tierney. The papers relate to the
 aftermath of the Rising and his experiences since he went ‘on
 my keep’ [into hiding]. Comments on the British Government
 view that the Rising was a conspiracy with Germany. Supports
 MacNeill although his actions may have weakened the uprising
 – ‘I think he is to be pitied most of all because he is so
 misunderstood’. Describes the failure to mobilise in his native
 Tyrone due to delayed orders from Dublin. Refers to Roger
 Casement and the German expedition to Ireland. Includes a
 typescript memorandum concerning his proposed visit to
 Russia as a representative of the I.R.B. and his mission to the
 U.S. with a statement signed by all Volunteer officers released
 in 1917. Comments on the prestige with which MacNeill was
 regarded by his fellow prisoners and the mass of the people.
 62pp
- 122** 25 July 1920 Photocopy of a handwritten letter
 from M. Sidney Parry, Cushendun,
 County Antrim, to MacNeill concerning a letter written by
 Roger Casement to Count Wedel in April 1916 which MacNeill
 was to be given in the event of Casement’s death. The letter is
 at present in the hands of Princess Blucker who refuses to
 hand it over until ‘things are cleared up a bit’. 4pp

- 123** 26 July 1920 Photocopy of a letter from M. Sidney Parry to Princess Blucker informing her that he has let MacNeill know about Casement's letter to Count Wedel. 1p
- 124** 1961 Typescript draft portions of 'Select Documents XX. Eoin MacNeill on the 1916 Rising' by Rev. F.X. Martin in Irish Historical Studies 12, 1960. First page missing. 11pp
- 125** 3 August 1962 Copy typescript memoir with handwritten addenda by J.J. McElligott, of his membership of the Volunteers, his experiences in the G.P.O. in 1916, and his deportation to Stafford Jail. 6pp

iii. Court martial proceedings, May 1916–February 1917

- 126** May–July 1916, 1942 Typescript copies of papers and correspondence, mainly relating to MacNeill's court martial. Letter from George Gavan Duffy [April 1942] enclosing a transcript of proceedings of MacNeill's court martial with handwritten marginalia by MacNeill. Includes a copy of 'Royal Arms', a memoir by MacNeill of events leading up to the Rising and an account of his arrest. Correspondence with his solicitors, Gerald Byrne & Co. concerning his trial and counsel. Contemporary notes by MacNeill concerning his court martial and a summary of his evidence. Copy of the evidence of Col Maurice Moore for the defence. Letter from Monsignor M.J. Curran to MacNeill offering to give evidence on his behalf, and copy of the evidence. Notes relating to witnesses for the defence. Copy of a letter from Arthur Boulwood to H.H. Asquith, Prime Minister, and Lloyd George, pleading on MacNeill's behalf, forwarded to MacNeill with a note from Douglas Hyde. Also includes various lists of documents and publications referred to or produced at trial. Manuscript charge sheet. Manuscript notes by MacNeill on a transcript of proceedings of the court martial. Draft letter by James MacNeill relating to the conduct of his brother's defence. List of part of the contents of this file endorsed by Eibhlín Tierney. 78 items

- 127** 12 February 1917 Copy of a letter from Nelly O'Brien to Charles MacNeill, asking permission to show his statement concerning his brother's trial, to Lennox Robinson who is writing a play about the Rising; and to Miss Mahaffey who is compiling from all sources an account for the Library of Trinity College Dublin. O'Brien maintained an annual record of the Gaelic League for its President, Douglas Hyde.
1p
- 128** 12 February 1917 Copy reply from Charles MacNeill to Nelly O'Brien, giving her permission to show to 'well-meaning' persons the statement he had given to Douglas Hyde contradicting claims that Eoin MacNeill had previous knowledge of or consented to plans for the Rising.
1p

iv. Material relating to MacNeill's imprisonment, May 1916–July 1917

a. Dublin, May 1916

- 129** 5 May 1916 Handwritten letter from Taddie to MacNeill referring to the refusal of the authorities to allow her to visit. 3pp
- 130** 12 May 1916 Handwritten pass to Richmond Barracks and Richmond Hill by order of General O'Byrne, Irish Command, Parkgate, Dublin.
1p
- 131** 29 May 1916 Handwritten letter from MacNeill to Taddie, informing her of his sentence by court martial. He urges her to visit him. 1p

b. Dartmoor, May–December 1916

- 132** 31 May 1916 Handwritten letter from MacNeill, Weston-Super-Mare, en route to Dartmoor. He describes his journey along with ten others and an escort of the 'Dublins' [Royal Dublin Fusiliers]. He hopes to continue work on his history of Ireland for schools. Denies Eamonn Kent [Ceannt] fainted on his way to execution. 'Jas. Connolly died in the true faith'. 4pp
- 133** 3 June 1916 Handwritten minute from the Governor of Dartmoor Prison, to Taddie MacNeill, concerning restrictions on prisoners' parcels and letters. Assures her MacNeill is in good health. 1p
- 134** 8 June 1916 Handwritten letter from Private John O'Brien, B Company, 10th Royal Dublin Fusiliers, to Taddie MacNeill, assuring her that MacNeill is well. 2pp
- 135** 3 July 1916 Handwritten latter from B.L. Finnegan, Chaplain, Dartmoor, to Taddie MacNeill, with reference to her husband. Mentions he will be visiting Dublin shortly if she wishes to see him. 2pp
- 136** 11 July 1916 Handwritten letter from H.A. Gogarty, Catholic Presbytery, Nairobi, to MacNeill, sympathising with him. 'You have done nobly for Ireland' 1p
- 137** 12 July 1916 Handwritten letter from J.W. Bacon, Secretary, University College Dublin, to Taddie, concerning the payment of MacNeill's salary to the date of his conviction on 29 May. 2pp
- 138** 27 July 1916 Handwritten letter from J.W. Bacon, Secretary, University College Dublin, to Taddie, asking if an administrator has been appointed to MacNeill's estate. Also includes a handwritten note by A.G.

- 138 contd.** McDowell from a later date, concerning an account in the Irish Law Times of MacNeill's loss of rights as a result of his imprisonment and subsequent problems affecting his salary and professorship in U.C.D. 2pp
- 139** 4 August 1916 Handwritten letter from the Governor of Dartmoor Prison to Taddie concerning MacNeill's clothing. Encloses a receipt for the payment of carriage. 2 items
- 140** 21 September 1916 Communication from the Office of the Prison Commission, Home Office, London, to Taddie MacNeill, concerning arrangements for her forthcoming visit to MacNeill. 1p
- 141** 25 September 1916 Handwritten note from B.L. Finnegan, Chaplain, Dartmoor, to Taddie, concerning her visiting order. 1p
- 142** 8 November 1916 Handwritten letter from the Governor of Dartmoor Prison, to Taddie MacNeill, concerning a letter from MacNeill to her, delayed in the Censor's Office. 1p
- 143** 14 November 1916 Handwritten letter from the Governor of Dartmoor Prison, to Taddie MacNeill, refusing permission for books to be sent to her husband. 1p
- 144** 14 December 1916 Handwritten note from Rev.. J.B. Coyle, Clonard Monastery, Belfast, to Taddie; mainly personal regards. Mentions sending a booklet to her husband. 1p
- 145** December 1916 Christmas card from Sibéal to MacNeill including transcripts in MacNeill's hand of Patrick Pearse's 'The Wayfarer' and Lionel Johnson's 'The Answer'. 1 item

- 146** December 1916 Christmas card from Sister M. Berchmaus McGalliard, [Mercy Convent, Downpatrick, County Down] to her cousin MacNeill. Includes a transcript of 'Aithrighe shéain de h-Óra', an Irish lament. 1 item

c. Lewes, January–July 1917

- 147** 1 January 1917 Notification from the Prison Commission, Home Office, Whitehall, London, to Taddie MacNeill, informing her of the retention in the Censor's Department of a letter from her husband. 1p
- 148** 12 March 1917 Handwritten letter from Rev. J.B. Coyle, Clonard Monastery, Belfast, to MacNeill. Refers to devotional publications he is sending and mentions priests taking courses in Irish. 4pp
- 149** 17 March 1917 Composite letter to MacNeill from his family, including a portion from his brother Charles relating to Spanish stories, papers read at the Royal Irish Academy, and the progress of building work in Earlsfort Terrace. Mainly consists of family news. 4pp
- 150** 26 March 1916 Handwritten letter from MacNeill to his sister Margaret, Woodtown Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin, describing St Patrick's Day in prison. Mentions the interests of his fellow prisoners. 'De Valera enjoys scientific matter'. Says that the university should '... break away from the old intellectual snobbery of the Renaissance ...' and offer degree courses in post-classical Latin. 3pp
- 151** 12 April 1917 Handwritten letter from MacNeill to his brother Charles, mentioning a visit from Charles Gavan Duffy and discussion of his court martial. Wonders if he has ceased to be a member of the Royal Irish Academy. He and his fellow-prisoners feel that no money should be spent on litigation that could be spent on others. 3pp

- 152** 26 April 1917 Handwritten letter from MacNeill to Taddie urging her to be patient during their separation. Discusses his notion of bringing oatmeal into common use again in Ireland. 3pp
- 153** 12 May 1917 Handwritten letter from MacNeill to his daughter Eibhlín, Dominican Convent, Muckross Park, Dublin, mainly concerning family affairs and offering comment on a drawing she had done. He mentions a visit from Douglas Hyde to their family home. 'I have often had pleasure in standing up for him against the criticism of people who do not know him as intimately as I do'. He comments on proceedings in the Royal Irish Academy concerning his membership, the pro-German attitude of certain members led by Provost Mahaffey and their 'fawning servility' to obtain Government grants for cheap publications. 3pp
- 154** 1 June 1917 Handwritten minute from the Governor of Lewes Prison, stating that all letters and visits have been suspended for the present. 1p
- 155** 4 June 1917 Handwritten letter from J. Brian Moore, Clifton Street, Belfast, to his brother-in-law, MacNeill, mainly concerning family affairs and his forthcoming visit to Woodtown Park. 2pp
- 156** 14 June 1917 Notice from the Governor of Lewes Prison concerning a prohibition on letters to prisoners. 1p
- 157** June 1917 Printed 'Usnuighe ar son na h-Éireann' [Prayer for Ireland] with a handwritten enclosure asking prisoners to join in a novena. 2 items
- 158** 20 June 1917 Questionnaire completed by MacNeill, relating to his experiences in Dartmoor and Lewes Jails, with remarks on segregation, sanitation, medical attendance, wardens, prison work, study

- 158 contd.** facilities, governors, and visiting regulations Questionnaire compiled by the Penal Reform League. Incomplete.
8pp
- 159** 23 December 1916– Notebook compiled by MacNeill while
5 July 1917 in Lewes Jail and after his return
home, including extracts from
religious work, and translations from Irish. Notes on the theory
of education; phonetic changes in the development of Spanish
from Latin; glacial periodicity; and aspects of Irish history.
Includes a draft statement (20 March 1917) relating to delays
and interruptions to correspondence while in prison; his
objections to prison work; and refutation of an official
statement that Irish prisoners were conspiring to resist prison
authority. Also includes 2pp of aphorisms on notepaper of the
D.B.C. Tea Rooms. Notebook contains an index to its content.
70pp

v. Police raid on MacNeill's home, 26 November 1920

a. Police File P.F. 91 – extracts relating to MacNeill

- 160** November 1920– Series of extracts mainly relating to
December 1921 the activities of John McNeill [Eoin
March 1942 MacNeill, taken from Police File P.F.
91 forwarded to MacNeill by Frank
Thornton, New Ireland Assurance Company (March 1942).
Extracts include reference number, name of compiler, author
of the original document and a summary of content.
Extracts include:
- Handwritten list of contents of File P.F. 91;
 - a letter from MacNeill to Forbes Patterson concerning Red Hand magazine;
 - letter from John Cleary, Glenarm, County Antrim, asking MacNeill to speak at meetings there;
 - copies of letters from the papers of Arthur Griffith concerning MacNeill and meetings between the two men which might be considered suspicious;
 - letter from P.J. Connolly, editor of Studies, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, asking MacNeill to write a preface for *Poets of the Insurrection*;
 - letter from MacNeill to M. de Barra referring to the struggle for national independence;
 - letter from Daniel Corkery to MacNeill, asking him to speak at a feis;
 - list of pamphlets by MacNeill;
 - attendance ticket signed by MacNeill for Dáil Éireann

160 contd.

- (21 January 1919);
- o reference to a cashbook taken in a raid on 6 Harcourt Street with entries relating to MacNeill, Griffith and Michael Collins;
 - o list of candidates elected to Dáil Éireann, including Michael Collins;
 - o programme for an Irish Volunteers camp;
 - o copy of a statement attributed to MacNeill concerning sectarian animosities in Ulster arising from Britain's 'imperial policy';
 - o MacNeill's notes towards a document promoting self-determination, to be circulated in the United States;
 - o Copy of a report on the Department of Foreign Affairs by Count Plunkett;
 - o Copy of a statement by James Creed Meredith concerning MacNeill's involvement in landing arms at Kilcoole, County Wicklow, his opposition to pro-Germanism and his support for John Redmond;
 - o Typescript copy of a message to six prisoners in Mountjoy Jail from Arthur Griffith, Michael Staines, MacNeill and Eamonn Duggan;
 - o List of raids on MacNeill's house;
 - o Note on correspondence between Michael Collins and MacNeill;
 - o Extracts from a notebook of Niall McNeill relating to the training of I.R.A. companies.

45 items

b. Police File P.F. 91 – extracts relating to individuals connected with MacNeill

- 161** [c.1917] Typed extract relating to George Irvine, Mountpleasant Square, Dublin, in a letter from S.O. Doyle, referring to attempts to 'rig' a Sinn Féin convention to 'down Griffith and MacNeill'.
1p
- 4 extracts relating to a raid on 21 Dawson Street, Dublin, 1 January 1921, and the arrest of Eileen McGrane.
- 162** 14 March 1918 1p
- 163** 21 March 1918 1p
- 164** 1 January 1921 1p
- 165** January 1921 1p

3 extracts relating to Jeremiah Hegarty, St Peter's Road, Dublin, arrested, consisting of Dáil minutes and motions and departmental reports.

166	10 April 1919	1p
167	10 April 1919	1p
168	[1919]	3pp

c. Police File P.F. 91 – material relating to Eoin and Turlough MacNeill

169	September 1920	Copy of a letter from Lieutenant H. Hammond, General Headquarters, Dublin, to the Police Adviser, marked 'secret', enclosing a copy of a letter from The O'Rahilly to an unidentified correspondent, stating that he is supplying rifles for the Volunteers and that money can be sent either to himself or MacNeill. Note from General Headquarters requesting the original.	3pp
170	27 November 1920	Report by Major A.N. Fitzjohn, General Staff, Dublin Castle, on the release of MacNeill from custody.	2pp
171	30 November 1920	Copy of a police report concerning the circumstances of the arrest of Eoin and Turlough MacNeill.	5pp
172	15 December 1920	Papers relating to the raid on the MacNeill residence and the arrest of Eoin and Turlough MacNeill.	16pp
173	25 December 1920	Order referring to papers found in G. Hegarty's house.	1p

- 174** January 1921 Note relating to an application for improved lighting in MacNeill's cell in Mountjoy Jail. 1p
- 175** 26 April 1921 Copy of an application from Turlough MacNeill, Military Detention Barracks, Arbour Hill, for his release as he has been held in custody for twenty one weeks without being charged. 1p
- 176** 29 April 1921 Report on 'Industrial Ulster' by W. Forbes Patterson, responding to proposals from MacNeill. 2pp
- 177** 3 May 1921 Typescript notes by MacNeill concerning an interview with Richard de Barry on the subject of partition, and his opinion that de Barry is an emissary of Lloyd George. 3pp
- 178** 5 May 1921 Typescript memorandum from the Chief of Police, Dublin Castle concerning the return of the MacNeill file. 1p
- 179** 21 May 1921 Copy of comments by MacNeill on the Sinn Féin position in Ulster with reference to proposals put forward by W. Forbes Patterson. 4pp
- 180** 23 May 1921 Typescript copy of a report from the Office of the Chief of Police, Dublin Castle, concerning the arrest of Turlough MacNeill and his father on 1 December 1920. No evidence against him. Two brothers reportedly active in the I.R.A. 1p
- 181** 4 June 1921 Recommendation for the release of Turlough MacNeill, signed by Major G.L. Fitzjohn. Noted released on 4 June 1921. 2pp

- 182** 17 July 1921 Typescript copy of Police Adviser report concerning the credibility of the 'Peace proposals' [the Truce]. 1p
- 183** 27 July 1921 Typescript copy of an Irish intelligence summary concerning activity among the I.R.A. and surveillance of Erskine Childers and MacNeill. 1p
- 184** 21 September 1921 Typescript copy of an Irish intelligence summary suggesting Eamon de Valera would welcome the failure of the forthcoming peace talks. 1p
- 185** Undated Typescript note referring to a photograph of MacNeill taken in a raid on 34 Oxford Street, Rathmines. 1p
- 186** Undated Handwritten note from an unidentified source, to Major Fitzjohn, concerning the transfer of original documents to Mr Cope. 1p
- 187** Undated 2 newspaper cuttings reporting MacNeill's involvement in the Rising, his sentencing to life imprisonment and his subsequent release. 2 items

vi. Mountjoy Jail, 1919, December 1920–April 1921

- 188** 17 July 1919 Handwritten letter from Aodh MacNeill, Mountjoy, to his cousin Niall MacNeill suggesting that an Irish College be established in the prison. 2pp

- 189** 3 December 1920 Handwritten note from MacNeill to Taddie, mentioning visits from the Archbishop of Perth, Western Australia, Michael Hayes, and Arthur Griffith. 2pp
- 190** Easter 1921 Postcard with an image of the Resurrection of Christ, from F.A. to MacNeill, conveying good wishes. 1 item

vii. Arbor Hill Camp, correspondence of Turlough MacNeill

- 191** [late 1920] Handwritten letter from Turlough to his mother indicating he is to go for trial and requesting provisions. 3pp
- 192** [late 1920] Handwritten letter to his mother asking for family news. 4pp
- 193** [late 1920] Handwritten letter to his mother itemising provisions he needs. Cannot concentrate on his Spanish studies. 2pp
- 194** [late 1920] Handwritten letter to his sister Eibhlín, asking for family news. Arbor Hill 'not a bad place at all'. 2pp
- 195** 10 December 1920 Handwritten letter from Eibhlín to Turlough, containing social and family news. 2pp
- 196** [1921] Handwritten letter to his mother concerning the Prison Commandant's advice that he would have a good case if he appealed. Fed-up with prison as he is the longest there. Thanks her for the daily copy of the Freeman. 4pp

2 letters from the A.P.M.'s Office, Dublin Castle, to Taddie MacNeill, stating that only solicitors are permitted to interview prisoners but that clean linen may be sent in.

- 197** 24 January 1921 2pp
- 198** 25 January 1921 2pp
- 199** 27 April 1921 Handwritten letter to his mother concerning her writing to the Prison Commandant requesting his release. 'I hear the old man [his father] is having the time of his life up in the Joy [Mountjoy Jail]. 2pp

C. MACNEILL, POLITICIAN AND DIPLOMAT, 1918–24 [–40]

i. League of Nations, December 1921–November 1923

- 200** 13 December 1921– File containing 9 diplomatic and legislative documents relating to Ireland. Includes a list of the documents. Letter from David Lloyd George P.M. to Arthur Griffith, Mansion House, Dublin, concerning the elaboration of points in the Treaty (6 December 1921). Copy of the motion passed by Dáil Éireann approving of the Treaty. Copy of the Constitution of the Irish Free State [No. 1] Act. Copy of the Irish Free State Constitution Act, 1922 [No. 2], Chapter 1. Proclamation by King George on the passing of the Irish Free State Constitution. Letter from Desmond FitzGerald, Minister for External Affairs, to Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General of the League of Nations, Geneva, requesting the admittance of the Irish Free State to the League. League of Nations (Guarantee) Act, 1923. 97pp
- 201** [1922] Typescript questionnaire relating to the admission of new members to the first three Assemblies of the League. In French. 1P

- 202** 2 October 1922 Letter from Michael MacWhite, Bureau Irlandais, Place Claparède, Geneva, marked 'private', to MacNeill, Dublin, enclosing a copy of a memorandum dealing with the International Labour Office created under the Treaty of Versailles. Suggests that Horace Plunkett or AE might feel 'highly flattered' if selected as delegates to the International labour Conference in Geneva on 18 October 1922. 4pp
- 203** 27 October 1922 Postcard from Michael MacWhite to MacNeill, Dublin, notifying him of a change of address. 1 item
- 204** [1922/23] Handwritten note by MacNeill concerning the future revision of the rate of contribution from the Irish Free State to the Imperial Exchequer. 2pp
- 205** [1922/23] Handwritten note by MacNeill relating to the questionable validity of a provision of Article 7 of the draft Covenant of the League pertaining to the admission of States which are not signatories to the Covenant. 1p
- 206** 25 August 1923 Copy of instructions and a timetable for Irish delegates on a visit to Bobbio. Includes a biographical sketch of St Columban, buried at the monastery. 5pp
- 207** [1923] Typescript copy of a draft speech in French to be delivered on the admission of the Free State to the League. Instructions to delegates with reference to their general diplomatic conduct and adapting themselves to 'cosmopolitan usages'. 2pp
- 208** [1923] Draft speech in MacNeill's hand, expressing a desire on Ireland's part to co-operate in putting the ideals of the League into effect. 2pp

- 209** 1 September 1923 Handwritten notes signed by Kevin O'Shiel, Free State Delegation to the League, marked 'confidential', referring to a secret memorandum on the question of Abyssinia's application for admission. 6pp
- 210** [September 1923] Handwritten note from Lord Robert Cecil, 10 Downing Street, London, to MacNeill, thanking him for his personal congratulations on his work in resolving the Italo-Greek crisis in Corfu. 1p
- 211** 14 September [1923] Letter from Denys P. Myers, Geneva, to MacNeill, Irish Free State Delegation, enclosing a printed catalogue of League publications. 19pp
- 2 handwritten letters from MacNeill, Grand Hotel de la Paix, Geneva, to Taddie, mainly concerning social engagements involving the Irish delegation.
- 212** 13 September 1926 3pp
- 213** 16 September 1926 3pp
- 214** 17 September 1923 Autographed menu card from the Hotel Bellevue, Geneva. 1 item
- 7 letters from MacNeill, 35 Quai du Mont Blanc, Geneva, to Taddie, describing a journey to Bobbio and receptions for the Irish delegation there; and diplomatic and social engagements at Geneva. He questions the effectiveness of the League in regulating international problems; praises the work of Michael MacWhite on the Irish delegation; and refers to 'diehards' in the London press who inferred there was disagreement between the Irish and British governments concerning the Boundary clause in the Treaty,
- 215** 6 September 1923 7pp

- 216** 7–8 September 1923 Includes mention of a visit by Mrs Sheehy-Skeffington to Geneva to hand in a letter of protest against the admission of Ireland to the League. 2pp
- 217** 14 September 1923 2pp
- 218** 15 September 1923 2pp
- 219** 17 September 1923 2pp
- 220** 21 September 1923 2pp
- 221** 23 September 1923 2pp
- 222** 25 September 1923 Handwritten letter from MacNeill to President Cosgrave, concerning proposals from Sir William Goode for the future of Irish financial administration. 2pp
- 223** September 1923 Copies of summaries of information received by the British delegation concerning the Italo-Greek crisis in Corfu. Also includes a copy of a League resolution, in French, concerning the pacific settlement of international disputes. 18pp
- 224** 26 September 1923 Memorandum in MacNeill's hand concerning visits he received in Geneva from Doctors Stefani and Williams. 1p
- 225** 28 September 1923 Letter from Sir Willoughby H. Dickinson, league of Nations, to MacNeill, expressing regret that Macneill would not sign a note of appreciation on the action of the Council in the Italo-Greek crisis. 1p
- 226** 4 October 1923 Copy of a draft report with handwritten addenda by MacNeill on the League Assembly (September 1923) relating mainly to the Italo-Greek crisis; acceptance by other nations of the full status of Ireland in the League; the question of the admission of Abyssinia; Canada's proposed amendment to Article 10 of the Covenant. Comments on a significant interview with

- 226 contd.** Monsieur Hanotaux of the French delegation, indicating cooperative relations in the future. 8pp

Copies of 2 unsigned typescript letters from the Office of the High Commissioner for the Irish Free State, York House, Lower Regent Street, London, to Kevin O'Shiel and Michael MacWhite on behalf of MacNeill, requesting the text of remarks made by President Cosgrave on the occasion of Ireland's admission to the League.

- 227** 25 October 1923 1p
- 228** 25 October 1923 1p
- 229** 26 October 1923 Letter from Kevin O'Shiel, Assistant Legal Adviser, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, to Patrick McGilligan, High Commissioner's Office, London, enclosing a verbatim report [not present] of President Cosgrave's remarks on Ireland's admission to the League. 1p
- 230** [1923] Typescript copy of the Covenant of the League of Nations; rules of procedure of the Assembly; notes on the agenda for a meeting of the Assembly concerning the reduction of armaments; amendments to Article 10 of the Covenant; election to a vacancy in the Permanent Court of Justice; elections to the Council. 31pp
- 231** 31 October 1923 Letter from G. McCann, Secretary to the President, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, to MacNeill, York House, London, concerning the agreement of the Executive Council that MacNeill should return to Dublin. Handwrittendraft reply. 1p
- 232** 1 November 1923 Letter from MacNeill, York House, London, stating he hopes to return to Dublin after 6 November. 1p

- 240** 28 January 1922 Handwritten letter from MacNeill, Grand Hotel, Paris, to Taddie, referring to 'our side' gaining a victory over the 'enemies of the treaty'. 2pp

iv. Imperial Conference, London, 1923

- 241** 29 October 1923 Letter from R.E. Muirhead, Honorary General Secretary, Scottish Home Rule Association, Glasgow, to MacNeill, Irish Free State delegate to the Imperial Conference, enclosing a circular letter highlighting Scottish demands for self-government and seeking support for a resolution in that regard. Also encloses Association literature. 11pp
- 242** [October/
November 1923] Handwritten letter from MacNeill to Taddie, saying that the status of Ireland as a sovereign state has been established at the conference. 'The main thing now to be secured is financial solvency ...'. 1p
- 243** [October/
November 1923] Handwritten letter from MacNeill to Taddie, stressing the importance of the forthcoming bye-election in which Patrick McGilligan was a candidate. Refers to a reception at Buckingham Palace in the company of Desmond FitzGerald, '... a bit of an ordeal for me'. 4pp

v. Army Enquiry Committee

- 244** [c.October 1923] Handwritten *aide mémoire* by MacNeill concerning an interview with Joe McGrath, [Donal] McCarthy and Seán Milroy concerning resigned and demobilised officers and how they might be recompensed. 2pp

- 245** 21 December 1923 Notice to MacNeill of a meeting of the 'Committee of Three' [Cabinet Committee], from T.C. Ó Muireadhaigh [Harry Murray], Secretary to the Minister for Industry and Commerce.
1p
- 246** 23 February 1924 Letter from [Harry Murray] to MacNeill concerning a meeting of the Cabinet Committee appointed to investigate cases of ex-I.R.A. officers demobilised from the National Army. 1p
- 247** 20 March 1924 Letter from M. Mac Donnchadh, Secretary to the Executive Council, to MacNeill, informing him that J. Creed Meredith and Patrick McGilligan have agreed to serve on the committee appointed to enquire into the recent army mutiny. Copy of the terms of reference of the committee attached. 2pp
- 248** 21 March 1924 Letter from Patrick O'Driscoll, North Circular Road, Dublin, to MacNeill, recommending ex-Colonel Daniel Coghlan to give unbiased evidence to the committee. 1p
- 249** 21 March 1924 Draft handwritten letter with typescript copy, from MacNeill to Michael McDunphy, outlining the secretarial requirements of the Committee, requesting advice as to the taking of evidence and copies of the Committee's terms of reference. 4pp
- 250** 22 March 1924 Letter from Michael McDunphy to MacNeill concerning his queries as to secretarial assistance and the taking of evidence and enclosing copies of the Committee's terms of reference. 2pp
- 251** 22 March 1924 Copy typescript letter of acknowledgement to Patrick O'Driscoll, thanking him for his letter [see LA1/G/248]. 1p

- 252** 10 April 1924 MacNeill's copy of a letter initialled 'G.M.' [G. Mac Cannain], President's Office, to each member of the Executive Council, enclosing a copy of a letter of the same date from James Creed Meredith, requesting authority from the Executive Council to offer immunity to witnesses to the Committee. 2pp
- 253** 11 April 1924 Letter from James Creed Meredith, Chairman, Army Enquiry Committee, Government Buildings, to the Minister for Education, on foot of remarks MacNeill had made during Dáil debates, requesting that he furnish a statement 'of the facts within your knowledge' and appear before the Committee at a later date to answer any questions that might arise as a result of the statement. 1p
- 254** 15 April 1924 Letter from G. Mac Cannain, Secretary, Army Enquiry Committee, Government Buildings, to MacNeill, enclosing a copy of a letter received from Joe McGrath (14 April 1924), mainly concerning the necessity of offering an indemnity to Army Officers appearing before the Committee. 2pp
- 255** 15 April 1924 Copy typescript letter from MacNeill to Eoin O'Duffy, General Officer Commanding, National Forces, Royal Hospital Kilmainham, enclosing a copy of the letter he had received from Patrick O'Driscoll [LA1/G/248]. 1p.
- 256** 16 April 1924 Letter from Harry Murray, Government Buildings, Merrion Street, to MacNeill, concerning his [Murray's] appearance before the Army Enquiry Committee. He asks for MacNeill's instructions as to what information he may give concerning the work of the former Cabinet Committee to which he was Secretary. He encloses a copy of a relevant letter from the Army Enquiry Committee (15 April 1924, 1p). 1p
- 257** 21 April 1924 Letter from Eoin O'Duffy, General Officer Commanding, to MacNeill, commenting on the letter from Patrick O'Driscoll [LA1/G/248] and casting doubt on the competence of the officer recommended by O'Driscoll. 1p

- 258** 7 June 1924 MacNeill's copy of the report of the Army Enquiry Committee submitted to the President of the Executive Council by James Creed Meredith, Chairman. Includes a schedule of witnesses.
21pp
- 259** 10 June 1924 Typescript copy with handwritten addenda of the reservations of the Chairman, James Creed Meredith, to the report of the Army Enquiry Committee.
44pp

**vi. Minister for Education &
Resignation from the Boundary Commission**

- 260** [1923] Photocopy of a secret and confidential memorandum [by MacNeill] on national finance, arguing against foreign borrowing.
5pp
- 261** 5 November 1923 Undated handwritten note by MacNeill that he had phoned Lord Onslow at the Ministry of Education to see if he would be free to meet; together with a typescript note from E.R. Eddison, Whitehall Gardens, concerning arrangements for the photograph of delegates to the Imperial Economic Conference.
2pp
- 262** 29 July 1925 Letter from MacNeill, Glentworth Hotel, Limerick, to Taddie describing his journey down from Galway and his visits to various teachers' classes en route.
2pp
- 263** 22 December 1925 Photocopy of a handwritten letter from Liam T. Cosgrave, President's Office, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, to MacNeill, thanking him for his services on the Boundary Commission under difficult circumstances.
I wish to repeat what I said in the Dail that the task set the Boundary Commission was to secure Divine Solution by human agency'.
2pp

- 264** 31 January 1939 Copy typescript letter from MacNeill, 13 Hatch Street, Dublin, to [Seán MacEntee], Minister for Finance, applying for a pension under the provisions of the Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices Act, 1938. 1p
- 265** 17 February 1940 Letter from John Dulanty, High Commission for Ireland, London, to MacNeill, concerning a statement he had furnished. 'I was so impressed that I had it in Mr Chamberlain's hands within an hour of its reaching me and at the same time I gave a copy to Mr Eden'. 1p

vii. Election Material, 1918-23

- 266** [1918] Handwritten election address by MacNeill, University College Dublin. In Irish. 1p
- 267** Christmas 1918 Postcard from Éamon de Valera, Lincoln Prison, congratulating MacNeill on his election. 'The university has proved worthy of its title - long live its member. ... Were I to write in Irish this might reach you a year hence'. Image is of the ruins of Glendalough Cathedral. 1 item
- 268** 18 August 1909 Copies of a notice of objection to MacNeill's name being placed on the lists of parliamentary electors for the constituency of South Dublin. 2pp
- 269** 14 August 1923 Handwritten letter from MacNeill, Queen's Hotel, Ennis, to Taddie, mainly concerning the election campaign in the constituency and the meetings he had addressed. 'The election has been tame enough so far, but is getting more lively every day ... The polling is on Monday week & it is likely that the counting will take about three days ...' Makes suggestions for a holiday in Kilkee. 4pp

D. PERSONAL AND FAMILY PAPERS, 1888–1979**i. Correspondence of Eoin MacNeill****a. Accountant General's Office, 1907–08**

Handwritten and typescript draft and handwritten copy of a private and confidential letter from MacNeill, Hazelbrook, Malahide, to Jerry [McVeagh M.P.] suggesting amendments to the Judicature Bill to ensure preferment on the basis of ability rather than patronage. Gives a detailed account of his own experience in the Accountant General's Office

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| 270 | March 1907 | 4pp |
| 271 | 21 March 1907 | 6pp |
| 272 | 29 May 1901 | Letter from James Henry, Solicitor, Lower Sackville Street, Dublin, to Laurence A. Waldron, Stockbroker, Anglesea Street, Dublin, concerning the sale of Belfast Harbour stock, failure to pay a bank order relating to that stock, and subsequent court action.
1p |
| 273 | 30 May 1901 | Handwritten letter from Laurence Waldron, to MacNeill, claiming he is being threatened with legal proceedings for what is actually a delay in the Accountant General's Office.
2pp |
| 274 | [1901] | Handwritten letter from 'F.S.' to 'Mac' [Neill] concerning Waldron's claim that MacNeill is the cause of the delay in processing payment for the sale of stock.
3pp |
| 275 | 15 March 1905 | Handwritten letter from the office of Laurence Waldron, referring to an enclosed certificate [not present] for £32 Midland Great Western Railway Ireland 4% preferential stock.
1p |

- 276** 10 November 1906 Letter from W. Moffat Wilson,
Stockbroker, College Green, Dublin,
referring to MacNeill's order to sell New Centaur shares.
1p
- 277** 21 May 1908 Notice of the transfer of Great
Northern Railway stock to George P.
[Beaters]. 1p
- 278** 30 June 1908 Handwritten letter from Daniel
O'Rourke, Solicitor, Donegall Street,
Belfast, to Mrs Duddy, a creditor of McEldowney, a bankrupt.
2pp
- 279** 15 October 1908 Handwritten letter from Thomas
McAllister, Solicitor, Ballymena,
County Antrim, requesting MacNeill to seek further
information concerning the Greer estate in County Antrim.
Encloses copies of correspondence between parties attempting
to trace the history of the estate. 6pp
- 280** 16 November 1908 Handwritten memorandum from
L.A. Deeling, Accountant General,
requesting MacNeill to total the registers of securities for the
month. 1p
- 281** [1908] Draft memorandum from MacNeill to
the Accountant General concerning
arrangements for leave of absence due to MacNeill's
appointment to the Senate of the National University of Ireland
and the Governing Body of University College Dublin.
1p

b. Aran Islands, Galway, 1891–1944

- 282** 13 July 1891 Handwritten letter from MacNeill, Inishmaan to his brother, Charlie. He is surprised that 90% of the islanders can speak English. Mentions their disgust at Parnell's remarriage. Criticises the administration of relief on the island, calculating that it costs £10 to administer £1 of relief per week. Includes some botanical notes. 4pp
- 283** 17–18 July 1891 Handwritten letter from MacNeill, Inishmaan to his brother, Charlie, mainly with reference to island life. 'Irish people look down on their own language, because its literature does not circulate among them'. Comments on the islanders tendencies towards inquisitiveness and alcohol. 12pp
- 284** 14 May 1892 Handwritten letter from MacNeill, Inishmaan to his brother, Charlie, mentioning that his Irish and his expertise at fowling are improving. Asks for a packet of peas as the islanders 'haven't a ghost of a notion of them'. 3pp
- 285** 23 September 1908 Handwritten letter from Brigid MacDonagh, Inishmaan, to MacNeill, mainly concerning family and island news. In Irish. 3pp
- 286** 7 August 1944 Handwritten letter from MacNeill, Inismór, to Taddie, mainly concerning island life and meetings with old friends. 3pp

c. General correspondence, 1907–39

- 287** 30 September 1907 Handwritten letter from Padraig Ó Cadhla, Ring College, County Kerry, concerning the placing of two of MacNeill sons at the College. In Irish. 2pp
- 288** 22 September 1922 Handwritten letter from MacNeill to Fr Carter concerning arrangements for the burial of MacNeill's son, Brian, at Kilbarrack, County Dublin. [Brian MacNeill was killed by Free State forces in County Sligo]. 1p
- 289** 23 September 1922 Receipt for charges for burying Brian MacNeill at Kilbarrack Burial Ground, County Dublin. 1p
- 290** 29 September 1927 Letter from J. Fitzgerald, Department of Defence, requesting information on the origin and design of the Army cap badge. Includes prints of the design. 2pp
see also
LA1/G/350,
351
- 291** 10 October 1931 Letter from A. Rivollan, 8 rue La Fontaine, Paris, in grateful remembrance of an afternoon he had spent with MacNeill and the discussion they had. 1p
- 292** 2 September 1939 Handwritten letter from Una, his granddaughter, mainly concerning her enjoyable holiday in Donegal. In Irish. 1p
- 293** Undated Handwritten letter from MacNeill, Montague Hotel, Montague Street, London, to his daughter Eibhlín, referring to a 'radio talk' he had posted to her husband, Michael Tierney. Mentions his travel schedule. 1p

ii. Correspondence of MacNeill's brothers, 1888–1929**a. Archie MacNeill**

- 294** 26 July 1897 Handwritten letter from Archie MacNeill, London, Ontario, Canada, to his brother Charlie, mainly concerning personal affairs. 2pp

b. Hugh MacNeill

- 295** [8 June 1903] Handwritten letter from Hugh to Eoin MacNeill, concerning his journey to Galway. 4pp
- 296** [9 June 1903] Handwritten letter from Hugh to Eoin MacNeill, again concerning his journey to Galway. 4pp
- 297** 5 May 1906 Handwritten letter from Hugh to Eoin MacNeill, mainly concerning personal finances. 1p
- 298** 14 May 1906 Handwritten card from Hugh, Hibernian Hotel, Cork to Eoin MacNeill, mainly concerning personal finances. 1p
- 299** 14 May 1906 Handwritten card from Hugh, Hibernian Hotel, Cork to Eoin MacNeill, mainly concerning personal finances. 1p
- 300** 15 December 1906 Handwritten letter from Hugh, D.B.C. Tea Rooms, Dublin, to Eoin MacNeill, referring to a domestic matter. He is glad to have Eoin's assurance in the matter. 1p

- 301** 2, 4 November 1917 Handwritten letter from Hugh to Eoin MacNeill, asking him to settle affairs in 7 Sandford Avenue [Hugh's home]. Encloses a further letter arranging a meeting with Eoin and James MacNeill and his parish priest, Canon O'Keeffe. 5pp
- 302** [late 1917] Handwritten note from Hugh, Woodtown Park, Rathfarnham, Dublin, to Eoin MacNeill. 1p

c. James MacNeill

- 303** 25 September [1888] Handwritten letter from R.K. Wilson, Brookfield, Newham, Cambridge, England, to Rev. Dr Macauley, referring to an enclosed lecture list for James MacNeill who wishes to enter Trinity College Dublin as an attached law student. 4pp
- 304** 21 June 1890 Handwritten letter from James, Orchard Street, Cambridge, to Charles MacNeill, Fleet Street, Dublin, concerning a murder case he is dealing with and a proposed visit to Aldershot. Refers to his horse-riding progress. 8pp
- 305** 21 June 1890 Postcard from James, Farnham, to Charles MacNeill, requesting nightshirts. 1p
- 2 Letters from James, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, to Charles MacNeill, mainly with reference to his bills for riding, rent and books. Requests items of clothing.
- 306** [June 1890] 4pp
- 307** [June 1890] Mentions that the accused in the murder trial has been hung. 8pp

- 308** 14 June 1890 Printed list of Emmanuel College, Cambridge examination prizewinners, including an Indian Civil Service student exhibition of £20 awarded to James MacNeill. 1p
- 309** 30 June 1890 Accounts of sums owed by James MacNeill at Cambridge, including his college account and his account with his tailor. 5pp
- 310** 27 July 1890 Letter from [?] Lawson, Aldershop concerning a bill for riding lessons. 3pp
- 311** August 1890 Handwritten letter from James, Vincent Square, Westminster, London, to Eoin MacNeill, mentioning his examinations and straitened circumstances. He hopes their brother Hugh will not drop his 'inspectorship work'. 4pp
- 2 handwritten letters from James, Vincent Square, Westminster, London, to Charles MacNeill, relating to examination progress and arrangements for the vacation.
- 312** 7 August 1890 4pp
- 313** 7 August 1890 4pp
- 314** [1892] Portion of a letter from James MacNeill, India, to his mother, mainly relating to life in India. Includes diagrams of his office and sleeping tents. [James joined the Indian Civil Service in 1890, later served in the West Indies and Fiji as an immigrant investigator]. 20pp, 1-4 missing
- 315** 27 February 1892 Handwritten letter from James, Inqualgi, India, to Eoin MacNeill. Describes his work visiting villages, inspecting schools and census returns. Explains Indian words and pronunciations. Mentions his dislike of the Portugese clergy and his worry about forthcoming examinations. 32pp

- 316** 26 April 1892 Handwritten letter from James, Dharwar, India, to Charlie MacNeill, concerning an outbreak of cholera which has affected himself and almost all his servants. Inquires about the market price for tiger skins. 12pp
- 317** [1893] Handwritten list of orders for dictionaries [from the Gaelic league]; and a subscription of £2 from James MacNeill. 1p
- 318** 9 January 1895 Handwritten letter from James, Katgal, India, to his brother Charles MacNeill, mainly relating to the Irish political scene with particular reference to the importance of Home Rule as an issue which should be given precedence by the Irish Party. 5pp
- 319** 9 March 1896 Handwritten letter from A[rchie] Delargy, Liverpool, to Eoin MacNeill concerning a dog which he is taking to India for James. 2pp
- 320** 4 December 1903 Handwritten letter from James, Santa Cruz, Argentina, to Eoin MacNeill, referring to an enclosed cheque for £60 for the general fund and family education budget. 3pp
- 321** 17 January 1904 Handwritten letter from James, Byculla Club, Bombay, India, to Eoin MacNeill, concerning financing the education of the children of his sister, Annie. Mentions his brother Hugh's financial problems. 8pp
- 322** 13 April 1904 Handwritten letter from James, Byculla Club, Bombay, India, to Eoin MacNeill, concerning money he is sending home for Hugh and the education fund and as a contribution to a pony and trap for their mother. 4pp

- 323** 13 May 1908 Handwritten letter from James, Ahmednager, India, to Charles MacNeill, mainly with reference to family affairs and his life in India. Mentions Eoin's holidays on the Aran Islands. 'If he went somewhere where the thinking part of the population never heard of Irish he might do himself some good'.
4pp
- 324** [1908/9] Handwritten letter from James, Ahmednager, India, to Eoin MacNeill, commiserating with him on the death of his child.
4pp
- 325** Undated Christmas card from Muhammad Sala, Huddin of Poona, to [James].
1 item
- 326** 30 November 1910 Letter from Spencer & Co., Cigar Factory, Dindigul, India, to James MacNeill, Herbert park, Dublin, notifying him of the dispatch of a box of 'Planters Specials' and enclosing an invoice.
2pp
- 327** 14 December 1915 Letter from the Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society, Thomas Street, Dublin, to James MacNeill, Stephen's Green Club, Dublin, concerning the transfer of shares to his brother Eoin.
1p
- 328** Undated Handwritten letter from James, Euston Hotel, London, to Charles MacNeill, concerning personal finances and insurances. He plans to buy Woodtown outright from the building society.
2pp
- 329** 19 May 1920 Handwritten letter from James, Woodtown, Rathfarnham, Dublin, to Charles MacNeill, Rome, concerning James candidature for election as a county councillor.
2pp

- 330** [December 1920] Handwritten letter from J[ames] to C[harles MacNeill] concerning small commissions he wishes Charlie to carry out for him. 2pp
- 331** [December 1920] Handwritten letter from James to his sister M[aggie MacNeill] mentioning that all is well with reference to ‘..Bulmer’s business..’. He refers to an enclosed cheque for £30. 2pp
- 332** 7 December 1920 Handwritten letter from James to Charlie MacNeill, requesting that he get a full power of attorney. Tells him to sell everything at Hazelbrook not needed for personal use. 2pp
- 333** 13 December 1920 Handwritten note from C[harlie] concerning the sale of a pony and the opening of the cellar, with a handwritten reply from James on the same note. [LA1/G/330-333 were written while he was imprisoned for three weeks in December 1920]. 2pp
- 334** 6 December 1921 MacNeill’s autographed copy of the Anglo-Irish Treaty. 7pp
- 335** 29 January 1929 Handwritten letter from James, [Governor General, Irish Free State], Vice-Regal Lodge, Dublin, to Charlie, urging him to work for the Irish Manuscripts Commission. Encloses a cheque to allow him to go to London or Oxford for six months to inspect manuscripts ‘in the interest of Ireland’. 4pp
- 336** 29 January 1929 Handwritten letter from E.M. Coulson, Vice-Regal Lodge, to Charlie, extending an invitation to dine on the Governor-General’s behalf. 2pp

iii. Correspondence of Mrs Agnes [Taddie] MacNeill, 1911–45

- 337** 19 August 1911 Handwritten letter from her husband, Eoin MacNeill, Greencastle, County Tyrone, describing the countryside where he is holidaying with the children. 4pp
- 338** 10 August 1922 Handwritten letter from Brian MacNeill [son], Longford House, Ballisodare, County Sligo. He mentions staying overnight at Sir Moiley Crofton's house, '... a stiff old pill but his wife would freeze a furnace'. He spent time in Enniscrone while his dreadnought was being repaired. Surprised at the disappearance of the National Army when he and his crew go into Sligo. [Brian took the anti-Treaty position and was killed in contested circumstances in Sligo]. 6pp
- 339** 18 August 1922 Handwritten letter from Niall MacNeill [son], Williams Hotel, Dundalk, referring to manoeuvres by the column of which he is in charge. Refers to engagements with anti-Treaty forces near Drogheda and Forkhill, and to losing their post in Dundalk. 3pp
- 2 letters from Niall MacNeill, Portsmouth Arms Hotel, Enniscorthy, informing his mother of where he and his brother Turlough are stationed. Mentions his itinerary. The second letter describes how Turlough captured three enemy soldiers near Enniscorthy.
- 340** 1 September 1922 2pp
- 341** 5 September 1922 2pp
- 342** 6 December 1945 Letter from L.M. Fitzgerald, Department of Finance, notifying her of an award of a pension of £250 per annum. Returns her marriage certificate and her husband's death certificate. 3 items

iv. Correspondence concerning Eoin MacNeill's Papers, 1905–79

a. Letters to Mrs Eibhlín Tierney, his daughter

- 343** [26 August 1905] Copy of an excerpt from 'The second return of Oisín' in Duilleacan an Oireachtas, with a note by Eibhlín Tierney referring to the excerpt relating to her father. 1p
- 344** [22 November 1915] Undated note from Máire Sweeney [sister], Corofin, County Clare, referring to an enclosed programme for 'Na Fianna Éireann headquarters Staff Manchester Martyrs Commemoration Concert' to be held in the Mansion House Dublin. Chairman of the commemoration address was Eoin MacNeill. 3pp
- 345** [1954] Handwritten letter from Bulmer Hobson, Roundstone, County Galway, arranging an interview to inform her of the founding of the Irish Volunteers. 2pp
- 346** 28 October 1957 Handwritten letter from Seán Ó Loan, Dundrum, Dublin, referring to a request for transcripts of MacNeill's letters concerning St Malachy's College, Belfast, for publication in their journal. Handwritten notes by Mrs Tierney. 2pp
- 2 handwritten letters from I.G. Catanach, London, requesting access, for his doctoral research, to letters of James MacNeill written while acting as first Registrar of Co-Operative Societies, 1904–06, while with the Indian Civil Service. James based the rules for the regulation of the societies on those of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society.
- 347** 29 April 1958 2pp
- 348** 19 May 1958 1p

- 349** 29 June 1958 Typed extract from a letter to Máire Sweeney, Boston, Mass. Concerning 'Jo's' account [Mrs James MacNeill] of Eoin MacNeill's resignation from the Boundary Commission, James MacNeill's role as intermediary, and Kevin O'Higgins' rashness in conceding to the London government. 2pp
- See also**
LA1/G/289 2 letters from Captain F.R. O'Connor, Dublin, referring to the Army 'sunburst' cap badge, designed by MacNeill, and his efforts to trace the original designs.
- 350** 17 July 1959 1p
- 351** 23 July 1959 1p
- 352** 2 December 1965 Handwritten letter from Aodhógan O'Rahilly, Dublin, enquiring if there are any of his father's [The O'Rahilly] papers among MacNeill's as he is writing a biography of him. He refers in particular to a note he himself carried to MacNeill's house on Easter Sunday night, 1916. 1p
- 353** 11 January 1966 Letter from Marcus Bourke, Dublin, requesting permission to consult the MacNeill papers in the National Library of Ireland as he is writing an account of the career of The O'Rahilly. Adds that Bulmer Hobson has granted him access to his papers. 1p
- 354** 24 February 1966 Letter from Marcus Bourke, Dublin, concerning the 'MacNeill memoir' which cannot be located in N.L.I. Requests a spare copy. 1p
see also
LA1/G/371-2
- 355** 24 September 1970 Letter from Frank O'Brien, Hollins College, Virginia, U.S.A., requesting permission to use references to her parents in a booklet he is writing. Refers to commissions he has carried out for her husband concerning MacNeill. Encloses an offprint of portion of a work on the Gaelic League. 14pp

**b. Letters to Dr Michael Tierney [MacNeill's son-in-law]
and his son Dr Niall Tierney, 1958–79**

- 356** 9 January 1958 Handwritten letter from Ciaran Bairead, Galway, to Michael Tierney, concerning letters MacNeill had written, deposited in the Royal Irish Academy and the N.L.I. Cites other sources for MacNeill material and hopes Tierney will write MacNeill's biography.
5pp
- 357** 21 June 1968 Letter from Brid Mahon, Irish Folklore Commission, to Michael Tierney, enclosing a typescript copy of Douglas Hyde's memoir relating to the Gaelic League.
27pp
- 358** 25 January 1979 Letter from Jacques Dupuy, French Ambassador to Ireland, to Niall Tierney, concerning his request for information relating to Whitley Stokes, a member of L'Academie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres, of which MacNeill was also a member.
1p

E. PRINTED MATTER, 1899–1978**i. Newspapers, 1899–1978**

- 359** 1899–1978 File of news cuttings from the Irish Press, Irish Times, Evening Press, Sunday Press, Irish Independent, Clare Champion, and other journals and newspapers, mainly concerning MacNeill and his involvement with the Volunteers, the Rising, and the Treaty negotiations. Includes copies of MacNeill's articles from An Claidheamh Soluis; press photographs of Mr and Mrs James MacNeill; and obituaries of family members.
c.50 items
- 360** 26 March 1916 The Spark, edited by Edward Dalton.
4pp
- 361** 14 June 1919 New Ireland, including an article by MacNeill, 'Recollections of Pearse'.
16pp
- 362** 1926–34 File of news cuttings from American newspapers such as Illustrated Daily News, New York Times, Gaelic American, New York Sun, Chicago Tribune, Boston Post and Boston Traveller, mainly relating to MacNeill's American lecture tour (1930) and the movement in the U.S. to promote Celtic studies.
40 items

ii. Journals and pamphlets, 1899–1930s

- 363** March 1899 Offprint from The Gael of an article by Douglas Hyde, 'The teaching of the Irish language', praising MacNeill as the best Irish speaker in the Gaelic League.
2pp

- 364** April 1903 Page from The Gael entitled 'Notes from Ireland. By our Special Correspondents'. Includes comment on the funeral of Sir Charles Gavan Duffy and the appointment of Pádraig Pearse as editor of An Claidheamh Soluis. 1p
- 365** [1930s] Pamphlet, 'Why not go to Ireland?' by Rufine Morris McCarthy. 16pp
- 366** 19 January [1939] Pamphlet, 'The weekly organ of the Gaelic League' by Eoin MacNeill, concerning the breach between the executive committee of the League and its former manager, Bernard Doyle. 8pp

Other works, 1874–1917

- 367** 16 February 1874 A selection from the works of Sir Walter Scott edited by Mortimer Collins. Includes a handwritten inscription on the fly-leaf 'To Master John MacNeill with kind wishes'. 256pp
- 368** 7 June 1916 Prayer book, Tóraidheacht Air Lorg Chríosta [Journey in search of Christ]. Inscribed to MacNeill from his son Niall. With pages at beginning and end used for translations of words from Irish to Latin to English. 335pp
- 369** March 1917 Spanish prayer book, Al Lector, inscribed to MacNeill. Includes autographs of fellow prisoners including Piaras Beaslaí, Seán Etchingham and Seoirse Plunkett. 750pp
- 370** [1917] Devotional book, The garden of the soul sent by Mór Ní Mórdha, Rathfarnham, Dublin, with inscription by MacNeill. 440pp

E. PERSONAL MEMORABILIA, 1880s–1950s**i. Memoirs and notes, 1880s–1945**

2 typescript copies of a memoir by MacNeill from his early life in Glenarm to the Conference of Westminster, written c.1932/3. The first copy contains a letter from Ita Mallon, Lower Fitzwilliam Street, Dublin, concerning corrections and addenda to the text. The text itself is heavily corrected.

The second copy contains a letter from John V. Joyce, Bureau of Military History 1913–21 Westland Row, Dublin, referring to the memoir which is being returned; and a postcard from Michael Lennon, Dublin, referring to an intrigue in New York involving John Devoy and the Germans.

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| 371 | | 200pp |
| 372 | | 200pp |
| 373 | [early 1880s] | School notebook of Eoin MacNeill containing translations of Irish fables, and notes on Shakespeare's plays, the works of Chaucer, Greek grammar and diction, Latin grammar and translations, French vocal notes, and pencil and ink drawings and caricatures. 180pp |

ii. Cartoons and drawings, 1880s–1908

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| 374 | [1880s] | Cartoon on a card from the Accountant General's Office, Four Courts, Dublin. Blue crayon and pen drawing of a man seated at a table with a violin on it. Another man is standing over him, the two possibly arguing. Two women wearing shawls are standing in a doorway in the background. 1 item |
| 375 | January 1902 | Caricature of Cardinal Logue and T.M. Healy with a caption 'Taking the pledge. He does it reglar'. Handwritten note, 'On Card. Logue's interferences in Healy election'. Autographed by John MacNeill. 1 item |

- 376** [c.1908] Pencil sketch of Mairtín MacDonagh [postmaster, Inis Meadhon, Aran Islands] by Eoin MacNeill.
1 item
- 377** Undated Pencil sketch of a row of inscribed block stone memorials with a cross atop, evenly spaced on a rural road, coast to the left, stone walls to the right.
1 item
- 378** Undated Drawing of a Cromlech entitled 'Ticloy "Stone House" County Antrim' by Eoin MacNeill.
1 item
- 379-380** Ghost numbers

iii. Religious memorabilia, 1921-23

- 381** Undated Leaf from Dr McCauley's Bible including the dates of birth of members of his family and notes in another hand.
1p
- 382** Undated 2 devotional prayers in Irish in Eoin MacNeill's hand. 1p
- 383** 13 March 1921 Religious card with an image of the Crucifixion, dedicated 'To Mr & Mrs McNeill & Family from Patrick Moran Mountjoy Mar[ch] 13, [19]'21'. [Moran was hanged soon after]. 1 item
- 384** [c.1923] Studio portrait of Cardinal Francis Ehrle, dedicated to MacNeill, 'In remembrance of the splendid feast of Saint Columbanus [1-3 September 1923] at Bobbio ...' 1 item

iv. Bills, subscriptions and receipts, 1917–41

- 385** 31 October 1917 Receipt for £100 for Government of Ireland registered certificates. Signed by Michael Collins. 1p
- 386** 25 January 1920 Receipt for subscription of £1 to Government of the Irish Republic registered certificates, from the Office of the Minister for Finance, paid by Mrs Agnes MacNeill. 1p
- 387** 4 October 1923 Income tax bill for £12/0/4 owed by MacNeill. 1p
- 388** May 1941 Subscription form to the fund towards commissioning a portrait of Eoin MacNeill. In Irish and English. 3pp

v. Obituaries and letters of sympathy, 1938–45

- 389** 17 December 1938 Letter from Hugh O'Neill, Hencken, Boston, Mass., to MacNeill, sympathising on the death of his brother, James. Encloses an obituary from the New York Herald. 2 items
- 390** 1945 Obituary of MacNeill by Rev. John Ryan, Professor of Early Irish History, U.C.D., from Studies December 1945. 16pp
- 391** 1945 Offprint of an article by 'J.R.' [Rev. Professor John Ryan] commemorating MacNeill's contribution to the Irish Manuscripts Commission. 3pp

- 392** 18 October 1945 Handwritten letter of sympathy from Rev. Canon Power, Waterford, to Charles MacNeill, on the death of his brother, Eoin.
2pp
- 393** 30 November 1945 Photocopy of an obituary of MacNeill by J. Vendryes from Proceedings of L'Academie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres. In French.
3pp
- 394** November 1945 Photocopy of a handwritten obituary of MacNeill by J. Vendryes. In French.
4pp

vi. Dissociated material, 1893–1923

- 395** 11 February 1893 Anthropometric chart for MacNeill including his date of birth, eye and hair colour, head and limb measurements, stature, breathing capacity, keenness of eyesight and hearing. 1 item
- 396** 1910 Biographical entry for MacNeill from the Catholic Who's Who and year Book 1910. 1p
- 397** 16 August 1921 MacNeill's member's ticket for Dáil Éireann. 1 item
- 398** 28 June 1923 Handwritten wedding poem to Michael Tierney from Chradh Chroidhe Éigeas [Osborne Bergin] on his marriage to Eibhlín MacNeill. 1p