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A. MACNEILL THE REVOLUTIONARY

I. Irish Volunteers

i. Structure and function

- 1 August–December 1914 **Convention:** circulars, letters, lists of subscriptions and memoranda relating to the organisation and structure of the Irish Volunteers, including a request for financial help in publishing the *Irish Volunteer*. Includes manuscript letter (August 1914) from the secretary of the South Derry companies to Redmond in which he complains of the lack of assistance with finance, arms and equipment. Also includes typescript copy circular letter signed by the Provisional Committee marking the split with Redmond on the Home Rule issue, and calling for the first convention of the Irish Volunteers. Copy of the agenda and draft constitution enclosed. 21pp

ii. Meetings and work

- 2 January–March 1915 **Home Rule:** letters relating to matters such as meetings, the removal by the authorities of Austin Stack from his position as collector of taxes, due to his association with the Volunteers; and material concerning the work of Redmond. Includes two letters from O'Dwyer to Colonel Hemphill and Colonel Moore in which he states his contempt for Redmond as he feels that the latter does not appear to hold the ideals of the Irish nationalists. He also claims that an injustice was done by the signing of the Home Rule Bill. 23pp
- 3 April–July 1915 **Meetings:** letters and leaflets to MacNeill from people such as Bulmer Hobson and James C. Meredith. Items cover matters such as renting premises, requests from the Volunteer War-Services League for support for the Provisional Committee and references to articles in the *Irish Volunteer*. 18pp

- 4 October-December 1915 **Recruitment:** printed circulars and typescript reports relating to the appeal to Irishmen to join the British army. A report of the secretary of the Volunteers covers matters such as the last convention, election of a General Council, organisers, recruiting and auxiliary organisations. 11pp
- 5 October 1917 Volunteer cheque book with one used cheque stub written in favour of Eamon de Valera. 1p
- 6 November 1917-
March 1918 **Court martial:** manuscript letters to MacNeill in which he is asked mainly to address meetings at Sinn Féin clubs on topics such as reviving the Irish language, and also to discuss convention affairs with E. MacLysaght and James Douglas. MacNeill is asked to submit all documents and property of the Volunteers to the new Executive Committee and informed that he must submit a statement for his court martial. Letter from A. Griffith. 12pp
- 7 December 1917-
March 1918 **Sinn Féin meetings:** manuscript and typescript letters relating mainly to requests for copies of the *Irish Volunteer* to complete files; lectures to be delivered at Dublin Sinn Féin meetings; and events relating to the convention and the war. Includes copy of a confidential letter to de Valera and MacNeill discussing the robbery of band instruments from St. Mary's Presbytery by Bruskey Sinn Féin club. 32pp
- iii. Attacks on members**
- 8 July-October 1915:
1917 **Banishment from Ireland:** letters, newspaper cuttings, printed and typescript statements relating mainly to the court martial and banishment of certain prominent men in the Volunteers under the terms of the Defence of the Realm Act; to questions asked in the House of Commons by L. Ginnell concerning the imprisonment of Volunteers; the prohibition on the erection of monuments, political espionage and the interception of cablegrams from America. 36pp

- 9 June-October 1915 **Jeremiah O'Connell:**
Correspondence between the National Education Commissioners and O'Connell, school teacher, and with MacNeill concerning the dismissal of O'Connell from his post in Caherciveen, County Kerry, due to his membership of the Volunteers. 28pp

iv. Independent Irish women's organisations: Cumann na mBan and Cumann na Saoirse.

- 10 1914-15 **Structure and function:**
Printed leaflet and typescript reports relating mainly to the constitution and rules of Cumann na mBan and motions discussed at a convention. Included in discussions are amendments to the constitution, the uniform, financial accounts, summer camps and the Defence of Ireland fund. 9pp
- 11 c. 1916 Printed leaflet of Cumann na Saoirse outlining the constitution, rules, programme, and membership of the Executive Council. 2pp

v. MacNeill imprisoned

- 12 1916 Manuscript draft letter by Agnes (Thaddie) MacNeill to [a government official] in which she requests investigation into the fact that she has received no letters from her husband in prison, although he has written them. 4pp

vi. Roger Casement

- 13 March 1918 Newspaper article from the *Freeman's Journal* by John Devoy, New York, describing how Casement's 'impracticality ruined everything' during the Easter Rising. 1p
- 14 January 1938 Newspaper cutting from the *Irish Times* with an article by MacNeill relating to Roger Casement's role in the Easter Rising. 1p

B. MACNEILL THE POLITICIAN**I. The Government of Ireland, 1916-26****i. A new Ireland**

- 15** 1914; 1918 Manuscript letter by M.F. Waldron to Professor Conway enclosing a newspaper cutting outlining his views on universal peace, liberty, progress and the 'new Ireland'.
2pp
- 16** c. 1917 Typescript confidential copy memorandum suggesting the formation of a National Administrative Council containing representatives from a Northern and Southern Council; with schedules outlining the constitutions of each of the three bodies.
6pp
- 17** c. 1917-18 Incomplete memorandum, first part missing, of unidentified origin, considering aspects of government and development with specific reference to the existing position in relation to labour policy, local government, rates and other sources of income.
6pp
- 18** October 1917 Newspaper cutting from *The Daily Graphic* containing an article entitled 'A Surrender to Sinn Féin' relating to the hunger strike of insurrectionists after the Easter Rising and stating that 'the enemies of England and of the British Empire ... openly proclaim their friendship for Germany'. 2pp

ii. The Irish Convention

- 19** April-August 1917 **MacNeill's release from prison:** Letters of congratulation and memoranda relating mainly to the release of MacNeill and others from prison in England and MacNeill's subsequent attendance at the Irish Convention. Includes letters from L. Ginnell, S. MacEntee, J.C. Meredith, J. Douglas, Art O'Brien. And a confidential memorandum and draft bill for the self-government of Ireland following colonial procedure, written by William Martin Murphy.
32pp

- 24 contd** Allies'. Also includes: Letters from Robert Barton, George Gavan Duffy, and Cathal Brugha. 21pp
- 25** July-September 1918 **Government of Ireland:** manuscript letters to MacNeill from such persons as Darrell Figgis, Durham prison, and L. Ginnel, Mountjoy prison. The latter claims that Ireland should demand financial restitution as well as independence from England. Other letters refer to MacNeill being asked to stand as candidate for Sinn Féin in Galway and Cavan. Includes letters from Thomas Johnson, Darrell Figgis, and George Gavan Duffy. 21pp
- 26** October-December 1918 **Éamon de Valera re-elected:** manuscript letters, typescript statement and printed document relating mainly to lectures by MacNeill, requests for information such as the origin of the green flag used as the symbol of Irish nationality and tributes paid to President de Valera on his re-election. 13pp
- iv. Dáil Éireann**
- 27** 1919 **Constitution:** printed leaflets and typescript reports relating mainly to the policies and organisation of Dáil Éireann, including the appointment of trustees, local government, and industry in Ireland. Included are a financial statement of income and expenditure in June 1919 and a printed copy of Dáil Éireann standing orders. 23pp
- 28** January-May 1919 **Industries:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill as Minister for Industries discussing matters such as the sale of land in relation to the Congested Districts Board in County Galway, Irish economic independence, co-operative development in industry and agriculture, and other more academic subjects. Included is a request for his opinion on bringing out a new edition of the *Annals of the Four Masters*. Includes letters from Seán Etchingham. 21pp
- 29** June 1919 **Conditions in Ireland:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill relating mainly to the case for self-government or independence for Ireland. A report on the educational, economic, and agricultural conditions of Ireland is also discussed. 21pp

- 30** 1919 **Economics and labour:**
 typescript copy statements
 made to the American delegation by ministers. Topics include
 'Ireland's international position', 'education of the workers',
 'effect of British occupation on industries', 'local government in
 Ireland' and 'land purchase finance'. 34pp
- 31** July 1919 **Politics and industry:**
 manuscript and typescript
 letters to MacNeill relating mainly to academic, political, and
 industrial matters. Topics include a new Housing Bill, a
 commission to be established to enquire into Irish natural
 resources and manufacturing and productive industries, and a
 request by a Cypriot delegation that Cyprus be controlled by
 Greece not by Great Britain. 29pp
- 32** August-September 1919 **Dáil Programme:** manuscript
 and typescript letters to
 MacNeill relating mainly to matters of political and industrial
 concern. Included are items regarding protests against the
 importation of Canadian cattle to Ireland and the proposal by
 Dáil Éireann for members to hold meetings in their
 constituencies to inform inhabitants of the need for a national
 loan. Included are letters from M. Collins, Minister for Finance.
 Includes a handwritten letter from Éamon de Valera, Waldorf
 Astoria, New York, beginning '...wonderful demonstration of
 sympathy here but hard to harness the enthusiasm to
 purpose...'. He asks MacNeill for his suggestions as to political
 moves. 22pp

v. Anglo-Irish Treaty negotiations

- 33** 1920-22 **Agreement:** manuscript and
 typescript letters and reports
 relating mainly to the proposed Treaty. Letters to MacNeill
 consist mainly of appeals to him to oppose the Treaty, while
 others relate to his standing as candidate in the parliamentary
 election. MacNeill requests his release from Mountjoy prison in
 order to stand as candidate in Londonderry. Includes printed
 and typescript copies of the *Articles of Agreement for a Treaty
 between Great Britain and Ireland*; and chapter four of *The Irish
 Free State (Agreement) Act 1922*, belonging to Hugh Kennedy.
 Also includes Order of Mandamus and Judgement compelling
 MacNeill to reconvene the Dáil, served on him by Mrs. Kathleen
 Clarke. Letter from Arthur Griffith. 83pp

vi. Functions and work of the government

- 34** 1922 Draft of an Order in Council outlining the functions assigned to the Provisional Government of Ireland and the regulations governing the exchequer. 14pp
- 35** January 1922 **MacNeill appointed Minister:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill congratulating him on the work he has done towards setting up the Provisional Government and on his being a member of it. Includes a manuscript memorandum from Liam de Róiste, submitted before 'the closure on the Peace Treaty', proposing, *inter alia*, that a vote not be taken on the Treaty in the Dáil before a referendum in the country. 34pp
- 36** 1921-26 **Requests for assistance:** manuscript letters to MacNeill relating to matters of general and political interest. Items include claims by tenants of being ignored by the Land Commission in the sale of land, and a newspaper article relating to the nationality of Duns Scotus. 2 letters refer to the case of the widow of Thomas Healy, an ex R.I.C. man, who died of exhaustion in an engagement with Auxiliaries, requesting compensation for his widow. 6pp
- 37** January-October 1922 **Policies:** memoranda, statements and letters relating mainly to the work of the government. Matters include salaries, pensions for teachers, a scheme to reconstruct parts of Cork which were destroyed, the price of alcohol and permits for firearms and ammunition. Includes a typescript copy statement by the directors of the Abbey Theatre to the government showing the need for financial support. 42pp
- 38** February 1922 **General Policies:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill of a general nature. Matters include requests for help in obtaining jobs, forthcoming meetings of Dáil Éireann, publication of articles, comments on books he has written and enquiries on aspects of Irish history. 24pp
- 39** March 1922 **Political decisions:** manuscript and typescript letters and reports of academic, political and personal interest, referring to such matters as the establishment of a new police force in Ireland, stating an opinion that clergymen should abstain from

- 39 contd** politics, referring to meetings in support of the Treaty, discussing the Ulster question and enquiring about Celtic Studies. Includes a manuscript letter to the Marquess MacSwiney, Rome, discussing the death of Pope Benedict XV and the inauguration of an Irish section in the Vatican library donated by Charles McNeill. 29pp
- 40** April 1922 **Reasons for the War:** manuscript and typescript letters relating to such matters as disputes over tenancy, seizure of butter from a farmer which was to be exported to England and letters from the Republican Party to MacNeill stating that they wish the date of the Dáil Éireann session to be changed. The I.R.A. also summarise the developments which led to the Civil War. 17pp
- 41** October-November 1922 **Requests:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill, some written in Irish, relating to general matters such as requests for appointments to jobs (foreign service and stipendiary magistrate) and to the learning of the Irish language and research. 36pp
- vii. Civil War**
- 42** January-May 1922 **A new government:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill relating to general matters. A statement by the I.R.A. purports to cease all conflict and accept the Treaty. Other items relate to the appointment of ministers to the government, the salaries of staff, and lists of terms in Irish concerning government and administration, for the National Academy. 37pp
- 43** August 1922 **Economic problems:** manuscript and typescript letters and speeches relating mainly to the economic and labour problems of Ireland during the Civil War. There are letters referring to the arrests of 'Irregulars' and typescript copy notes in which is outlined that those who continue fighting are not supporting Wolf Tone's, Pearse's, or Terry MacSwiney's aims. Includes part of a typescript copy memorandum relating to trouble in places such as Turkey, India, and Egypt and to the low morale of British troops. 39pp

- 44 September 1922 **Committee:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill relating generally to the Provisional Government and conditions in the country. Included are notes suggesting the establishment of committees to deal with finance and economics, labour, civil service, the judicial system and the Ulster Question. A letter from the I.R.A. to Dáil Éireann claims that it is their decision as to end the present war. 26pp
- 45 September-October 1922 **Anti-Treatyites:** typescript reports, memoranda and letters relating mainly to the Provisional Government in connection with the control of the Irish Post Office and the working of the Stationary Office. Other documents refer to the treatment of anti-Treaty troops. Contains anti-Treaty documents captured by government troops. Includes anti-Treaty propaganda bulletins. 53pp
- 46 December 1922 **Conditions of Government:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill relating to the Provisional Government including letters from anti-Treatyites stating the conditions they will accept under a new Government. The objects and constitution of Cumann na nGaedheal are also enclosed. Reports relate to grain and flour trade, relations with Canada and the position of the U.S.A. as it concerns Ireland. 56pp
- 47 August-September 1923 **I.R.A. strategies:** Letters and telegrams forwarded to MacNeill relating mainly to the I.R.A. and their military strategies, and to MacNeill's attendance at the Geneva Assembly. Copy of a very confidential letter from J. Shanahan, Intelligence Officer Command, Dublin Command HQ, Collins Barracks, to the Director of Intelligence reports on an anti-Treaty Army Council meeting, the status of anti-Treaty forces, their intention to retain and dump arms, the move to constitutional means, and the likelihood of a split in their ranks. Contains captured anti-Treaty documents. 15pp
- 48 1922-23 **Army and Larkin's activities:** letters and reports including a proclamation by Éamon de Valera calling for peace and a cessation of all hostilities; and reports to General Mulcahy from a senior army officer in N.I., outlining the arrests of several persons connected with the Southern forces. A typescript report from the *Chicago Daily Tribune* relates to the activities of James Larkin as he arranged for food and clothes to be sent to Ireland. 18pp

viii. Drafting the Constitution

- 49** 1922 Printed copy of *The Three Dominion Constitutions* outlining the articles of the Constitutions of Canada, Australia and South Africa. 92pp
- 50** c. 1922 Typescript copy memorandum by P. Thomsen, Edinburgh, showing outline proposals for the government of Ireland, dealing mainly with the Constitution, powers of the Council of Ireland, joint sittings of the provincial parliaments and control by each province over action by the other. 4pp
- 51** March 1922 Typescript copy of Draft 'A' of the Constitution of the Irish Free State signed by Darrell Figgis, James MacNeill and John O'Byrne. 45pp
- 52** March 1922 Typescript copy of Draft 'B' of the Constitution signed by James G. Douglas, C.J. France and Hugh Kennedy. 48pp
- 53** March 1922 Typescript copy of Draft 'C' of the Constitution signed by James Murnaghan and Alfred O'Rahilly. A memorandum by the above on this draft relates to discussions on the Congress, Executive, Legislation and administration, judiciary and rights and duties. 56pp
- 54** March 1922 2 typescript copy letters, in Irish and English, from Darrell Figgis of the Constitution Committee, to Michael Ó Coileáin T.D., explaining constitution drafts A, B and C. 11pp
- 55** March 1922 Confidential typescript report of criticism by George O'Brien of the Draft Constitution. He criticises verbal errors and inconsistencies in each article, omitting articles which he feels are unnecessary. 13pp
- 56** 1922 typescript amended copy of the Draft Constitution in Irish from articles 11-83. 56pp

ix. Ireland's Foreign Affairs and the League of Nations

- 58** November 1921 **Montenegro:** typescript copy letters from Dr. Pierre Chotch, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Montenegro, Rome, to the President of the Council of the League of Nations; and MacNeill's copy of a letter from General Vouschinischy, President of the Council of Ministers of the Kingdom of Montenegro, relating to the case for the delimitation of the frontiers of Montenegro. [In French] 5pp
- 59** June 1922 Confidential memorandum by the outgoing Minister for Foreign Affairs, Gavan Duffy, on the position of Ireland's 'foreign affairs' at the time of the 1922 general election. Included are discussions on the development of Irish influence abroad. League of Nations, personnel, premises, Irish passports and other subjects. 22pp
- 60** January-February 1923 **International affairs:** manuscript letters and notes to MacNeill relating mainly to industrial and international affairs. Items include reports on the electrical industry and the post office, communication between the Irish Free State and the British Government and to the proposed Civil Service Commission. 24pp
- 61** 1919-23 Typescript report by B.C. Waller on the application of the Irish Free State for admission to the League of Nations. He supplies copies of the requests for admission to the League by other countries such as Iceland, Latvia, Finland, Lithuania and Hungary. 14pp
- 62** August 1923 Typescript copy letter from K. O'Shiel to the President, detailing the information he has received during his stay in Geneva relating to the League of Nations. 2pp
- 63** October 1926 Manuscript letter from Phelan to MacNeill mainly relating to the Irish Free State delegation at the Assembly of the League of Nations. 4pp

II. The Irish Free State, 1923-27

i. Elections, 1923

Expenses: correspondence and outstanding bills of account relating to expenses incurred by MacNeill during the 1923 election. Items include hotel bills, advertising costs, and car hire.

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| 64 | March-April 1924 | 20pp |
| 65 | May-August 1924 | 20pp |
| 66 | August 1924-
November 1925 | 29pp |

ii. General political affairs

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| 67 | January 1923 | <p>Ireland and politics:
manuscript and typescript letters relating mainly to political affairs. Items include references to self-governing dominions, the fascist movement in Italy and its relevance to Ireland, the formation of a citizens defence force. and the imprisonment of Sinn Féin members by Free State troops.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27pp</p> |
| 68 | June 1923 | <p>Farmer's political party:
Letters to MacNeill relating mainly to personal and political matters such as statements that farmers in the South hope to become a recognised political party.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6pp</p> |
| 69 | July 1923 | <p>Temporary exile: manuscript letters to MacNeill concerning matters such as applications for jobs, the visit of President Cosgrave to Galway, and requests to the ministry for a donation of medals to the Army Athletic Association. A confidential letter from W. Crawford relates to the case of W.R. Burgess who has been in temporary exile in Switzerland for using 'language offensive to the Free State Government' during time spent in America.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7pp</p> |

- 70 September-October 1923 **Political needs:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill congratulating him on his continued term of office in the Irish Government. There are also applications for jobs and a request for a Minister plenipotentiary in Washington. 6pp
- 71 October-December 1923: **Employment problems:**
February-March 1924 manuscript and typescript letters and memoranda such as letters of recommendation for jobs, memoranda on labour trouble and strikes in Cork, and the problem of rates in the Irish Free State. There is also a claim for compensation by Thomas Keating against Dáil Éireann. 38pp
- 72 November-December 1923 **National interests:** Letters, memoranda and reports relating mainly to matters of political and academic interest. Included are thanks for an article by MacNeill from the manager of *Iris an Gharda*, a memorandum by MacNeill during his visit to Paris to secure premises for the Irish delegation and letters and reports from Rev. S. J. Brown outlining the history and asking support for the Central Catholic Library. 16pp
- 73 February-November 1924 **General political problems:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill and statements by MacNeill relating to political and academic matters. Includes recommendations for jobs, the intention of the Anti-Treatyites to publish a daily paper, atrocities carried out in Ulster during curfew hours, and the appointment of civil service commissioners. Other items refer to articles sent to MacNeill for review, 'cures' given by St. Patrick to 3 families and proposals by the Royal Irish Academy for a draft Act concerning the preservation of ancient monuments.
Includes: Letters from P.S. O'Hegarty, W.T. Cosgrave and G. Russell. 64pp
- 74 August 1925-March 1926 **Irish Industry:** typescript copy letters from James Box to MacNeill in which Box complains about the provision of foreign artificial limbs to the Army and not Irish-made ones, especially since the government encourages purchase of Irish manufactured goods. 8pp

iii. Elections, 1927

- 75 May-September 1927 **Manifestos:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill relating to protests against partition, elections, and the fact that former members of the Irish Volunteers are not eligible for military pensions. Includes manifestos of P. McGilligan and Eoin MacNeill for their election as representative of the N.U.I. in Dáil Éireann.
- Includes:** typescript copy letter from the International Federation of Students to MacNeill suggesting the setting up of a National Union of Students in Ireland affiliated to the I.F.S.
19pp

III. The Boundary Commission, 1920-25

i. Negotiations

- 76 April 1920 Copy report by W. Forbes Patterson with covering letter sent by D. O'Hegarty, Dáil Secretariat to MacNeill, relating to the political situation in North-East. Ireland. The report suggests a scheme by which a propaganda paper would be circulated among the Irish Labour element in English industrial centres, to educate and organise them . 4pp
- 77 1921 Copy articles from the *Irish Bulletin* relating to 'The Ulster Difficulty'. Items cover a period in Ulster from 1724-1921 and concern the plantations and their failure, the Rising of 1798, Home Rule, and partition and minority rights in other countries. 5pp
- 78 April 1921 Correspondence between J.H. Collins, Newry, and MacNeill in which they arrange to meet to discuss 'procedure here'. 2pp
- 79 December 1921-22 **Ulster Question:** typescript extracts from speeches in the House of Commons and House of Lords relating to the Ulster question and the setting up of a Boundary Commission. 26pp

- 80** 1922 Copy letter from the Secretary to the Provisional Government to MacNeill informing him of a meeting to be held which will discuss policy regarding the North-East. 1p
- 81** April 1922 Letter from D. O'Hegarty, Dáil Secretariat to MacNeill relating to a meeting of the Ulster Advisory Committee which will deal with the agreement signed in London in March 1922 and review the Ulster situation. 1p
- 82** 1922 Confidential typescript memorandum by K. O'Shiel regarding the establishment of the Boundary Commission. 19pp

ii. The North-East Question

- 83** c. 1922 Confidential memorandum by K. O'Shiel entitled 'procedure at the Boundary Commission' in which he outlines such matters as attitudes of some people in the North-East and international precedents on Boundary Commission procedure. 7pp
- 84** c. 1922 Memorandum relating mainly to financial policy and Irish union. The writer claims that industries in N.I. would be in a better monetary position if they were united with the rest of Ireland. 5pp
- 85** 1922 Confidential report with covering letter from E.S. MacNaghten on the Northern situation in which he outlines some of the reasons why it is not possible to have an immediate vision of the Northern and Southern parliaments, having interviewed Protestant gentlemen in Ulster. 19pp
- 86** September-October 1922 **Ulster Question:** manuscript and typescript letters and memoranda relating to the question of Ulster becoming part of a 'United Ireland' or remaining in Britain. Included is a memorandum by S. Woods, Northern Division of the I.R.A., relating to their military strategies against the R.U.C. 17pp

- 87 1920-23 Typescript letter from 'Pacificus' to the Lord Lieutenant, the Prime Minister and British Cabinet in which he outlines the present position between Northern and Southern Ireland and suggests how a permanent settlement may be reached. Included are newspaper cuttings from the *Saturday Herald* in which this letter is printed. 19pp
- 88 March-April 1923 **Irish Unity:** 4 newspaper cuttings from the *Irish Independent* and *Irish Times* showing articles written by Tomas MacNeill relating to the issue of the ultimate unity of Ireland and Protestant opinion. 4pp
- 89 1922-23 Typescript memorandum by B.C. Waller on 'European precedents for the North-Eastern Boundary Bureau' in which he claims that portions of the peace treaties signed at Paris determining the new boundaries between European countries could be adopted in relation to the Irish boundary. 12pp
- 90 1923 Typescript copy of chapter one of *Handbook of the Ulster Question*. This covers the early history of Ulster BC350-AD1603 including the Gaelic conquest of the Picts, conversion to Christianity, Anglo-Norman invasion, and conquest and plantation. 18pp
- 91 April 1923 Confidential memorandum by K. O'Shiel in which he discusses the preparations for the establishment of the Boundary Commission. 6pp
- 92 April 1923 Confidential memorandum by K. O'Shiel in which he discusses the preparations for the establishment of the Boundary Commission. 6pp
- 93 c. 1923 Confidential memorandum by K. O'Shiel relating to the alleged delay in holding the Boundary Commission and the question as to whether it should be held at that time. 11pp

- 94 c. 1923 Confidential memorandum by K. O'Shiel relating to 'The Glenavy Affair' in which Lord Glenavy wrote a letter to Sir James Craig making certain offers in the event of Ulster entering an all-Ireland Parliament which was exposed before it was given official treatment. O'Shiel outlines the effects this has had on the setting up of the Boundary Commission.
7pp

iii. Geographic and economic position of the North-East

- 95 June 1923 Memorandum by [Kevin O'Shiel] with covering letter relating to political relations between the Irish Free State and the Irish North-Eastern minority. This matter is discussed with reference to the political status of minorities within the geographic limits of states in Europe.
5pp
- 96 July 1923 Typescript circular to members of the Executive Council from K. O'Shiel relating to activities along parts of the North-Eastern border. This refers to such matters as Northern Ireland police circulars, provocative actions by 'B' Special Constabulary, and treatment of a chief customs officer at Clones. Shiel suggests they place troops along the border to counteract 'B' Specials activities.
5pp
- 97 July 1923 Confidential memorandum by K. O'Shiel relating to political prisoners held by the Northern Government and interned on board the S.S. Argenta and in Larne workhouse. Included is a draft letter to the Duke of Devonshire from the Irish Free State requesting the release of those prisoners who support the Treaty.
5pp
- 98 September-November 1923 **Sinn Féin:** Correspondence between R. O'Bryne and MacNeill in which O'Byrne states that although she is not now a member of South Armagh Sinn Féin. She is concerned about a case in Bessbrook which would interest the Boundary Commission. MacNeill asks that she forward any necessary information to the Commission.
5pp

- 99** December 1923 Memorandum relating to the North-Eastern Boundary Bureau discussing the notion of postponement of the establishment of the Boundary Commission due to a British general election; and the objection of a delegation of Northern nationalists who wish the Commission set up without delay.
5pp
- 100** [1923-24] 'Draft Scheme' relating to the boundary between the Free State and Northern Ireland with Northern Ireland being given the status of Dominion. It also refers to the security and administration of the two countries and to the setting up of a joint council which may lead to political unity.
1p
- 101** [1923-24] Draft Free State report relating to the proposals made at a conference in London by the Secretary of State for the Colonies concerning joint action between the governments of the Free State and of N.I. The report also outlines the effects of the division of Ireland.
9pp
- 102** 1923-24 **National unity:** typescript memoranda, letters and newspaper cuttings relating mainly to the effects of the boundary on market towns, especially in relation to the economic position. MacNeill states that he is anxious to bring about national unity under a national government.
19pp
- 103** 1923-25 **Lough Foyle:** Letters and memoranda submitted to the Boundary Commission from the Irish Free State and from the N.I. Government concerning the redrawing of the boundary. Included are observations on the effects this would have on various areas and activities, particularly in relation to the boundaries of Counties Donegal and Londonderry, regarding the waters of L. Foyle and fishing rights. Includes copy of memorandum by the N.I. government relating to the county and borough of Londonderry in which the government and scope of Londonderry is outlined with reference to historical charters.
36pp
- 104** c. 1924 Manuscript notes and typescript copy memorandum relating mainly to the establishment of the Boundary Commission.
7pp

- 105** January 1924 MacNeill's copies of typescript copy notes by the President, circulated to each member of the Executive Council, in connection with the proposed Boundary Conference. 4pp
- 106** February-May 1924 **Visits to London:** Series of letters from H.A. MacCartan to E.M. Stephens in the form of reports of his visits to London during which he met many journalists, literary figures and politicians in connection with the Boundary Question. Includes a letter (17 May 1924) in which MacCartan speaks of meeting with Crook, Secretary of the Home Counties Liberal Federation who claimed that no political party in England had time to devote to any Irish issues. They see the Irish problem as definitely settled by the 1920 Act and the Treaty and cannot understand its re-emergence now'. 25pp
- 107** May 1924 Manuscript pencil notes by MacNeill in which he discusses the Boundary question and his aim to have it settled 'so far as is geographically and economically practicable, in accordance with the wishes of the inhabitants'. 5pp
- 108** c. 1924 Typescript duplicate incomplete notes by MacNeill relating mainly to the Constitution Act 1920 and the wording of Article 12. He claims that he was aware of the defects of this Article and feels that the attacks directed against him as part of the Commission are 'absurd'. 4pp
- 109** May 1924 One manuscript and one typescript copy of a memorandum and covering note by MacNeill relating to the military practices of 'B Class Specials' in the border areas of Mourne and Newry districts. 8pp
- 110** May 1924 **The Boundary question:** Draft statement and articles relating to the case for the Boundary Commission sent from President Cosgrave to MacNeill claiming that territory which should be under jurisdiction of the Free State is actually being governed by N.I. The statement covers such topics as Irish unity, the proposed boundary line, the wishes of inhabitants in N.I., and printed chapters from the *Handbook on the Ulster Question* covering the history of Ulster as far the Treaty. 68pp

- 111** October 1924 Minister for Education's copy of a letter from M. Mac Donnadha, Secretary to the Executive Council, to each member of the Council, enclosing a copy of the report of the committee appointed to consider an offer to the North-East, The offer is to include a federal legislature, subordinate parliament in N.I., joint sittings of Free State and Northern legislatures, a central council, and an all Ireland Assembly.
31pp
- 112** November 1924 Typescript notes by Sergeant Hanna with covering letter to MacNeill relating to the subject of 'International law bearing on Boundary Commission'. He quotes many sources as he discusses the definitions of the State and Treaty, natural boundaries of state territory, how they are considered in international law and areas affected by occupation.
26pp
- iv. Reports on visits to the North-East-**
- 113** December 1924-July 1925 **Inhabitants' views:**
confidential typescript reports by E.M. Stephens describing his visits to such places in N.I. as Armagh, Enniskillen, Newry and District, Omagh, Cookstown, Dungannon, Magheraflet and Derry in connection with the Commission. He was attempting to discover the viewpoint of inhabitants and make arrangements for the sittings of the Commission in these areas.
51pp
- 114** December 1924-
January 1925 Report of the Irish Boundary Commission tour compiled on the basis of rough notes taken at the time. It covers their time spent in County Armagh, County Down, County Fermanagh, County Tyrone and County Londonderry, and those they consulted while they were there.
50pp
- 115** c. 1925 Jotter of pencilled notes by MacNeill in which he puts forward the idea of unity between Catholics and Protestants. He states that 'M.H.C'. declares that 'G.P'. is intended to divide and detach Unionists. He ends by stating that God will help them in their trials and that 'we would not exchange our Irish nationality for the proudest empire that ever lived or perished'.
4pp

- 116** July 1925 Confidential memorandum by E.M. Stephens relating to the Imperial contribution to the Exchequer from N.I. The memorandum covers Imperial grants, formula for calculating transferred revenues and local expenditure of N.I.
11pp

v. Administration of transferred areas - power of the Commission

- 117** c. 1924 Typescript memorandum on 'the alleged power of the Boundary Commission to transfer Free State territory to N.I. 'through the redrawing of the boundary'.
6pp
- 118** July-October 1925 **Transferred areas:** Memoranda with covering letters circulated to members of the Executive Council from various government departments such as Fisheries, Posts and Telegraphs, External Affairs, Industry and Commerce, Lands and Agriculture, Defence, Finance, Education and Local Government. These relate to how the administration of land transferred to the Free State will be affected by the redrawing of the boundary. Includes pencil notes entitled 'Boundary transfer conference' showing MacNeill's opinion in relation to the case of schools and teachers in areas which may be transferred to Free State jurisdiction.
171pp
- 119** September-October 1925 Copy of a report by 'K' with covering letter from MacNeill to Cosgrave relating mainly to the question as to whether the Boundary Commission has the authority to transfer territory which is under the jurisdiction of the Free State, to N.I. According to MacNeill he shall not be able to use this report in its entirety.
25pp
- 120** July-December 1925 **Effects on inhabitants:** letters and tables relating mainly to the effects of the redrawing of the boundary in such areas as County Donegal and County Tyrone. Letters from Bourdillon to MacNeill requesting permission to publish statistics of inhabitants in townlands affected by a change of boundary. The government of Londonderry and Lough Foyle are also discussed. Includes a confidential typescript letter from Walsh to Cosgrave relating to the question of Inishowen being incorporated into N.I. He states that this 'would probably lead to open war'.
23pp

vi. Correspondence**a. Arrangements for sittings**

- 121** October 1924-
November 1925 **Meetings:** Correspondence, telegrams and confidential internal minutes between MacNeill, Bourdillon, secretary to the Boundary Commission, and Judge R. Feetham relating to meetings to be held by the Commission. 57pp
- 122** August 1921-April 1925 **Considerations for sittings:** Correspondence between Judge Feetham, Bourdillon, E.M. Stephens and Mac Neill relating to such matters as the appointment of Boundary Commissioners, estimate of costs, safe conduct for commission members crossing the border, and appointment of new staff such as C.G. MacPherson as secretary to Bourdillon. Includes correspondence relating to a letter from J.H. Dick, resident in County Fermanagh, to MacNeill telling him of the potential ill-effects of a plebiscite in the Free State concerning the boundary. 33pp

b. MacNeill to his wife, Agnes

- 123** March-September 1925 **Tours:** manuscript letter from MacNeill to his wife, Taddie, during his time spent with the Boundary Commission on circuit in Ulster and London. Included in his visits are Armagh, Rostrevor, Enniskillen and Derry. Letters contain mainly personal news about the surrounding area with mention of sittings of the Commission and visits to Londonderry and two shirt factories. 19pp

vii. Expenses

- 124** February-November 1925 **MacNeill:** Letters, forms and receipts relating to travelling and incidental expenses incurred by MacNeill in his duties as member of the Commission. Included is a letter from the Minister for Finance to MacNeill with a printed leaflet relating to the rate of subsistence for ministers while on official business. 33pp

viii. MacNeill's resignation: E.S. MacNaghten's dismissal

- 125** June 1923 Typescript copy letter from Kevin O'Higgins to E.S. MacNaghten in which he states that MacNaghten carried out a fine job in Pettigo as part of the Commission's work. However other factors being considered he dismisses MacNaghten from this work and from his office in Dublin. 8pp
- 126** November-December 1925 **Resignation:** manuscript and typescript letters relating mainly to MacNeill's resignation from the Boundary Commission. Include praise of MacNeill for the work carried out such as from President Cosgrave who acknowledges MacNeill's service to the state and to the Commission and claims 'I shall always treasure the memory of our long association ... and the heroic fortitude you displayed when called upon to make a big sacrifice for the decision you took in supporting the treaty'. 6pp

ix. Printed material

- 127** 1919 Printed booklet by MacNeill entitled *The Ulster Difficulty* in which he discusses the plantation of Ulster, political conditions of Ireland in the 18th century, sectarian bitterness, and the proposed partition of Ulster. MacNeill's annotations relate how the Ulster pogrom plot existed in 1913-14 and mentions speeches by English politicians and the threat of Civil War during negotiations on the Treaty. 24pp
- 128** 1923 **Handbook of the Ulster Question:** Issued by the North-Eastern Boundary Bureau in which Ulster is discussed in a historical and political context, the wishes of the inhabitants, economic and geographic conditions, railways, market areas, distribution of population, the results of the 1918 election, with a diagram showing the proportion of inhabitants in favour of the Free State and of an all-Ireland parliament. 164pp
- 129** 1924 Printed pamphlet *Irish Boundary* presented by the secretary of State for the colonies to Parliament. Included are extracts from parliamentary debates, speeches, and command papers relevant to questions arising out of Article 12 of the Articles of

- 129 contd** Agreement for a treaty between Great Britain and Ireland 1921. Also includes extracts from the Government of Ireland Act 1920.
53pp
- 130** 1923 Printed leaflet with covering letter from E.M. Stephens in which Father I.B. Mooney claimed in a letter to the *Irish Independent* that Ulster is betrayed by MacNeill, as he states that the Free State Government moved to set up the Boundary Commission only when they announced a general election.
4pp

C. MACNEILL THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

I. Education Policies, 1921-25

i. Grants and pensions for teachers

- 131** 1921-22 **Grants and salaries:** memorandum and letters relating mainly to the economic conditions of teachers. A report shows the new permanent salary scales for national teachers. There is also included a complaint from Mary MacSwiney that her sister has not received an interim grant.
11pp
- 132** 1922-23:
1925-27 **Salaries and pensions:** letters, memoranda and notes relating to the subject of pension schemes for retiring teachers especially in relation to teachers who transfer from one part of Ireland to the other receiving pensions for the whole of their service. MacNeill also discusses salaries and his high regard for the teaching profession.
21pp
- 133** 1922-23 **Queries:** typescript and printed questions asked in Dáil Éireann, including those to MacNeill as Minister for Education relating mainly to grants, pensions, and salaries, closure of training colleges, substitute teachers and grants for schools. Includes a question to MacNeill with reply relating to the action to be taken concerning national teachers being arrested and detained without trial.
21pp

ii. Primary and Secondary teaching

- 134** January 1923 **Coalition:** letter and memorandum relating mainly to the suggestion by MacNeill for a coalition between primary and secondary education. He also discusses teacher training in relation to costs and the numbers of teachers training in various colleges. 11pp
- 135** July-November 1923: **Education system:** manuscript and typescript letters to October 1924 MacNeill as Minister for Education. Matters include the position of technical education within the whole system, salary scheme for secondary teachers and the question of the College of Science as part of the Department of Education. 10pp

iii. Industrial and Preparatory schools

- 136** c. October 1922 Typescript copy memorandum with covering letter from MacNeill to the Secretary of the Local Government relating to the organisation of Industrial schools. MacNeill outlines the problems involved in the present system and claims that such schools should be made part of the educational system rather than be associated with the police court. 4pp
- 137** December 1923 Manuscript amended letter from MacNeill relating to preparatory schools in which he outlines the facts stated to him by Bentley, headmaster of Monkstown Park preparatory school. He makes clear the situation in these schools in terms of numbers and grants in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland and suggested grant aid to the Free State. 2pp
- 138** April 1925 Typescript copy letter from MacNeill to Dr. Gregg, Archbishop of Dublin, relating to the need for Protestant industrial schools or reformatories in the Irish Free State. 2pp

iv. Appointments and teaching

- 139** 1922-23: Letters, notes, and extracts
June 1925 relating mainly to the teaching
of extra subjects and courses in
Irish for teachers. Items also relate to the founding of a
Professorship of Modern Irish in UCC, the curatorship of the
National Museum and a request for promotion to professorship
in the College of Science. 11pp
- 140** July-August 1925 **Teaching Irish:** manuscript
letters to MacNeill relating
mainly to the subject of teaching the Irish language and
requests for help in research. The 'Montessori Method' is
suggested by E.M. Standing as this would stimulate a 'living
use' of the language amongst children. Includes a typescript
copy letter and memorandum from P.S.O.H.[egarty] to Father
McKenna in which it concludes that there is too much
emphasis on higher education and not enough on
craftsmanship, agriculture and trades. 6pp

v. Inspecting Staff

- 141** 1922-23 **Inspection scheme:**
memorandum and
correspondence relating to changes and new appointments in
inspecting staff; past and present systems of school inspection;
new schemes which include improvement in salaries, and a
reduction in staff complaints concerning failure to obtain posts.
Included is a statistical list of the ratio of Catholics and
Protestants in the Inspectorial staff. 27pp

vi. Closure of the College of Science

- 142** October 1922 Printed appeal by the
students of the College of
Science, Dublin, protesting against the closure of the College by
a government order. 2pp

D. MACNEILL THE SCHOLAR AND ACADEMIC**I. Professor of Irish History, 1918-22**

- 143** May 1918 Letter from the Registrar of the N.U.I. to MacNeill informing him of his re-appointment as Professor of Early (including Medieval) Irish History in U.C.D. 1p
- 144** December 1922 Manuscript letter with typescript copy from D.J. Coffey to MacNeill relating mainly to MacNeill's leave of absence and to salary matters. 2pp

II. Irish History, 1912-41**i. Archaeological finds**

- 145** October 1916; 1919 **Historical evidence:** manuscript letters to MacNeill relating to academic matters such as historical enquiries, remarks on his books, examinations and land laws. Including a letter informing MacNeill of an Ogham stone found, a Gaelic manuscript and images buried in a field near Carrickmacross, County Monaghan. 16pp
- 146** December 1924-
March 1925 **Historical finds:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill relating mainly to historical and academic affairs. Items include reference to archaeological finds and St. Patrick. Other items refer to the submission of names in the New Year Honours list. Letter from Hillaire Belloc. Includes manuscript letters to MacNeill from M. MacBranain and T. O'Shea relating to the finding of the burial place of the princesses baptised by St. Patrick at Tobarogulla. Enclosed is a statement by J. Rogers who discovered the stone grave and a sketch map of its location. Transfer of Sinn Féin funds to Cumann na nGaedheal. 15pp

- 147** January-October 1930 **Irish Studies:** manuscript letters to MacNeill relating mainly to academic matters such as discussion on Irish poets, Ogham inscriptions on the Kilbronane stone and the publication of *Dunaire Finn* by Robin Flower. Letter from O. Bergin and R.C. Simington. Typescript report by J.F. Kenny on the Public Archives of Canada. 27pp
- 148** March-November 1938 **Skeletons:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill relating to academic and historical matters. Items include enquiries relating to topics such as St. Brendan's journeys, Oghams and Scottish and Gaelic interpretations of place names. Other correspondence relates to the discovery of skeletons at an ancient plague cemetery ('Tamhlach') at Castleknock and to folk tales concerning a graveyard in Kilbaylet, a battle at Mullycagh and ancient ruins in Leitrim. Letters from R.I. Best, R. Flower, R.A. Macalister. 42pp

ii. The Gaelic League and other matters

- 149** January-October 1920 **Gaelic ideal:** manuscript letters, articles and reports to MacNeill relating mainly to enquiries on Celtic, genealogical and Irish history matters. Also includes comments on his book *Phases of Irish History* and invitations to address meetings. An offprint from *Old Ireland* includes articles written by Tomas MacNeill relating to the 'conversion of non-Gaelic Ulster to Gaelic Ideal' and 'politics and conscience'. 50pp
- 150** March-November 1921 **Gaelic history:** manuscript and typescript letters and reports to MacNeill relating mainly to general matters such as the Gaelic League, invitations to address meetings, publication of his articles, Sinn Féin meetings and genealogical and Gaelic history enquiries. 57pp
- 151** November 1922 **Grant aid:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill relating mainly to requests for grant aid for institutions such as Avoca School, Blackrock, County Dublin, the Royal Irish Academy and other 'learned bodies'. A pencilled note relates to the arrests of four persons for their involvement in the Gaelic League. 6pp

- 156 contd** relating to Celtic studies and the Irish language and articles to be written by him. One enquiry by Rev. William Moran, Maynooth, relates to discrepancies in Muirchu's and Tirechan's respective histories of St. Patrick. Correspondence between the Governor General of Ireland and President de Valera in which the former outlines the insult paid to him and his guests during the Eucharistic Congress, April-July 1932.
48pp
- 157** September 1933- **British history:** manuscript
December 1934 and typescript letters to
MacNeill including enquiries on
the 'Dark period' of British history especially in relation to the
Deisi invasion, and a request to discover information concerning
the activities of Joseph MacAree in the Howth Gun running.
Typescript copy letter from MacNeill to President Cosgrave in
relation to the establishment of an Irish folklore department at
the N.U.I. (July 1934). 10pp
- 158** 1939-41 **Origins of names:** manuscript
and typescript letters to
MacNeill including enquiries in the field of the origin of names
such as Timothy Lewis' discussion on 'Gwyddel'; comments on
MacNeill's book *Phases of Irish History*; identification of
documents and further correspondence in relation to the
skeletons found in Castleknock. Correspondence between
MacNeill and T.S.C. Dagg relating to the Irish Manuscript
Commission's aim to collect all documents of national
importance which may be scattered through the country.
33pp
- 159** January 1940-July 1941 **Irish History:** manuscript and
typescript letters to MacNeill
including requests for translations and the origin of place and
personal names, ancient monuments discovered, Christian
inscriptions interpreted and an offer to MacNeill to edit the new
edition of *The Annals of the Four Masters*. Manuscript letter
from Vaughan Cornish, Surrey, in which he discusses the
geographical distribution of historic thorn trees in England in
relation to MacNeill's notes on the cult of the hawthorn in
Ireland. Cornish encloses a pencil tracing map of the
distribution of thorn trees in Offaly and Laois.
44pp

v. Irish literature including *St. Patrick Apostle of Ireland*

- 160** 1912 Typescript copy account taken from *The New Irish Constitution, 1912*, edited by J.H. Morgan in which is outlined the political history of Ireland as it relates to Poyning's Law. 6pp
- 161** Typescript account of the history of 'English interference in the affairs of Ireland' in the context of politics, religion and economics, 1492-1603. 15pp
- 162** November-December 1919 **MacNeill's books:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill relating to such matters as addressing meetings, and requests for books on Irish matters; letters from D. Gogarty in praise of MacNeill's books and sending notes on the topic of Tallanstown, County Louth. Typescript copy memorandum by Lord Justice O'Connor, deceased, relating to suggested settlements for Ireland such as 'The Cabinet Scheme' and 'The 26 County Scheme'. 41pp
- 163** March-December 1929 **Historical literature:** manuscript letters to MacNeill relating to literary and historical matters such as thanks for literature received and requests for him to write an article on Ireland. Letter from Hillarie Belloc. Correspondence between Col. Maurice Moore and MacNeill in which Moore states his belief that Cuchulainn's 'transformations' were due to epilepsy as in the case of the soldier Antonio Paez. 10pp
- 164** September 1930 Newspaper cutting from *The Times* relating to a report by the Library Association regarding tests of durability of paper for the preservation of books and records. 1p
- 165** January-December 1931 **Irish heritage:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill relating to academic and literary matters, including enquiries on Irish history, the Patrician documents, invitations to address meetings and requests for articles. President Cosgrave informs him of the success of a broadcast in the U.S.A. on St. Patrick's Day for which MacNeill had provided much material. Manuscript letter from William Ferris, County Kerry, to MacNeill in which he requests that it be brought to the attention of the

- 165 contd** Minister for Education, that Gospels in the Irish language be used in school. This would lead to Irish being used in churches and then in the home. 26pp
- 166** January-February 1935 **Celtic Studies:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill relating mainly to academic and historical matters such as Gaelic Studies and comments on his book *St. Patrick Apostle of Ireland*. 5pp
- 167** 1936-37 **St. Patrick:** manuscript and typescript letters to MacNeill relating to articles for publication and comments on his book *St. Patrick Apostle of Ireland*. A letter from C.W. Von Sydow, Lund, to MacNeill discusses the Irish folklore tradition and the N.U.I. [In German]. Typescript letter from Louis N. le Roux, Dublin, to MacNeill in which he claims his friend is publishing certain information relating to MacNeill's activities in 1916. MacNeill claims that what has been written is a 'misrepresentation of the truth'. 10pp

E. MINISTERIAL AND PERSONAL FILES

I. Julius Pokorny, 1922-39

- 168** 1922-23:
1939 **Financial hardship:** correspondence with MacNeill relating mainly to Pokorny's work in Irish literature, his working conditions and shortage of money. Pokorny is assigned the task of editing for publication the ancient text of the Laws of Ireland for which he will receive a certain income. Handwritten letter from Pokorny to MacNeill (January 1939) in which he outlines his precarious position in Berlin and asking MacNeill to make enquiries as to what could be arranged in 'a case of emergency'. 18pp

VI. Kenny-Kelly Estate, 1924-25

- 173** August 1924- February 1925 **Tenants case:** correspondence between Michael Meade and James Scanlon and MacNeill. Meade and Scanlon represent the sub-tenants who wish to purchase land occupied by them in the estate of the Misses O'Dwyer at Mallagh, County Clare. 14pp

VII. Ennis town tenant's case 1924

- 174** July-September 1924 **Eviction:** correspondence relating to the case of Miss. E. Salmon, a draper who was to be evicted from her shop premises in O'Connell St., Ennis. A printed statement by J.J. Meade, president of the Ennis branch of the Town Tenant's Association outlines the facts of the case. 20pp

VIII. Lahinch: Storm damage, 1925

- 175** February-October 1925 **Grant aid:** correspondence between representatives of the town, MacNeill and President Cosgrave requesting a government grant for repairs at Lahinch, County Clare. Much damage was caused by the sea and storms and inhabitants fear that the town is 'in danger of being washed away'. P.J. Raftery, engineering inspector, outlines the damage which has occurred. 22pp

IX. Tomas MacNeill, 1921-23

- 176** 1921-23 **Propaganda techniques:** correspondence with MacNeill relating to the suggestion by Tomas to establish an all-Ireland organisation, mainly controlled by non-Catholics having for its objective national unity on the lines of the 'Gaelic ideal'. He outlines his visits for propaganda purposes to N.I., and his talks with various protestants in most counties, the expenses involved and his talks with many in Southern Ireland. 55pp

X. W.H. Joyce, 1886-1925**i. Negotiations relating to manuscripts**

- 177** April-October 1923 **Hardship:** Draft letters by MacNeill to the Governor General outlining the background to the case and work done by Joyce, a former resident magistrate, in America. Joyce writes to MacNeill relating his physical and financial hardships as he suffers from illness and requests that MacNeill arrange financial aid for him. Items refer mainly to Joyce's collection of confidential material from Dublin Castle which may be published. 26pp
- 178** October 1923-May 1925 **Confidential papers:** Correspondence between Joyce and MacNeill and T.M. Healy, Governor General, in which the collection of confidential material is discussed and a sum of money granted to Joyce. 38pp
- 179** May-November 1925 **Publication:** Correspondence relating to the preparation of the manuscripts compiled by Joyce for publication. Included are requests for a regular income during the compilation of these and other demands such as copyright ownership and 'proprietary rights'. 25pp

ii. Manuscripts: Statements of evidence

- Agrarian Crime:**
Correspondence with Joyce and statements, numbered A-N, mainly regarding the collection of evidence in relation to the Land League's involvement in agrarian crime.
- 180** September-November 1886 'A. 1886 Preliminary Skirmishing. Buller's Spy System': typescript letters from Redvern Buller to Joyce. 6pp
- 181** August 1888: 'B. 1888 Beginning of the Collusion'. typescript letters to Joyce relating to such matters as informers and raids. Memoranda sent by T. Andrews to Joyce relate to those charged for such crimes as 'making violent

- 181 contd** speeches', 'intimidation', 'connection with secret societies'.
12pp
- 182** 1889-95 'C. 1889 Continuation. *Times* pay official and non-official witnesses'.
5pp
- 183** 1887-91 'D. Supplemental letters, various dates'. Letters to Joyce covering such matters as interviews, the case of M. Scallan who attempted a murder, the case of Nee and Kelly, supposed organisers of a crime.
61pp
- 184** 1890-91 'E. Letters 1890-91. The aftermath continued'. Letters to Joyce referring to various crimes, including letter from A.J. Balfour thanking Joyce for his work carried out.
9pp
- 185** c. 1891 'F. Irish Police etc. compelled to prepare evidence. Government disavowals'. Details of cases relating to outrages carried out such as injury to persons, blowing up a dwelling house, boycotting, League meetings and including notes of statements by land agents.
7pp
- 186** February-November 1891 'G. Joyce correspondence re. promotion etc'. Correspondence between Balfour and Joyce regarding Joyce's work and his aim to obtain the post of Assistant Inspector General in the R.I.C. He is subsequently promoted to the second class of Resident Magistrates.
14pp
- 187** c. 1891 'H. Memoranda by J. containing some useful matter'. Includes information relating to the code of honour of H. James, A.J. Balfour and G. Wyndham.
8pp
- 188** 1883:1888-89 'J. samples of printed evidence: minutes supplied from Government sources to the *Times*'. Contains lists of files received from Joyce as resident magistrate at Dublin Castle and those returned. Also includes evidence in the cases of Thomas Gallagher and P.I. Sheridan.
10pp

- 189** 1889-90 'K. Home Office Evidence'.
Includes details in the case of
H.M. Reynolds being held due to her connection with the Land
League. 14pp
- 190** 1888 'M'. Included is the statement of
J. Soames, solicitor of the *Times*
in the case of O'Donnell *v.* Walker. There follows accounts of
persons who were connected with the Land League such as J.J.
Walsh, Rev. J. Corbett P.P., Rev. P. Coyne P.P. and Rev. T.
Lawler P.P. 28pp
- 191** 1889 'N': typescript lists of names of
those persons who are acting as
defence witnesses, and for whom histories have been furnished.
Also included are instructions for the gathering of information
from witnesses involved in the Land League and crimes carried
out. 17pp

F. PERSONAL MEMORABILIA

I. Expenses, 1922-23

- 192** November 1922-
January 1923 Used cheque book showing
stubs for cheques written in
favour of Mrs Blythe, Residences
Ltd, New York Life Insurance County, Tomas MacNeill and
Agnes MacNeill. 1p

II. Seasonal cards and similar material, 1903-23

- 193** 1903-23 Bundle of cards such as
postcards to Masters and Miss
MacNeill, *cartes de visite* of Eoin MacNeill, an invitation card
and a remembrance card for Rev. Charles Macauley P.P. 13pp
- 194** 1916-17 Bundle of Christmas, Easter
and St. Patrick's day cards sent
to MacNeill while he was in Lewes Prison, England. 116pp

- 201** c. 1945 Address book in which is recorded those people who sent telegrams, mass cards and letters possibly on the death of Eoin MacNeill. 33pp
- 202** March 1946-April 1950 **Remembrance:** manuscript letters and printed articles relating mainly to the death of Eoin MacNeill and to memorials written for him. A printed proof of an extract from *Analecta Hibernica* produced by the Irish Manuscripts Commission records the death of MacNeill and an account of his work as Chairman of the Commission. Includes manuscript letters and typescript list from Hodges Figgis bookshop concerning the sale of MacNeill's books. 28pp

III. Agnes MacNeill, 1953

- 203** March-April 1953 **Condolence:** manuscript letters sent to Eibhlin Tierney and Máire Sweeney on the death of their mother Agnes (Thaddie) MacNeill. 5pp
- 204** c. 1953 Address book in which is recorded those people who sent condolences possibly on the death of Agnes MacNeill. Enclosed is a remembrance card from Nellie O'Donoghue and Marjorie Latham on the death of Agnes. 36pp