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Introduction

The O’Rahilly was born Michael Joseph Rahilly in Ballylongford, Co. Kerry, in 1875. The son of a wealthy shopkeeper, Richard Rahilly, The O’Rahilly attended Clongowes Wood College. In 1899 he married Nannie Brown, an American, and sold the family business. The O’Rahilly subsequently spent some time living in America before finally returning to Ireland in 1909. Upon his return The O’Rahilly became actively involved in the Gaelic League and Sinn Féin contributing to both *An Claidreamh Soluis* and *Sinn Féin*. He played an active part in the foundation of the Irish Volunteers and subsequently served as the treasurer of the organisation. In 1916, despite having no prior knowledge of events, The O’Rahilly joined the Volunteers in the General Post Office once the Rising had begun and was killed in an ill-fated charge up Moore Street on the 28 April.

The collection was deposited by his son Aodogán in February 1991 and contains material relating to all aspects of The O’Rahilly’s life. The O’Rahilly travelled (without his wife) a great deal, especially in America where business trips took him all over the country. Letters written by The O’Rahilly to Nannie while travelling are included in the collection and they provide an insight into both the character and temperament of The O’Rahilly, and the development of the United States at the beginning of the twentieth century. The O’Rahilly family lived at a number of different addresses between 1899 and 1909. After his marriage The O’Rahilly went to America and lived in New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia (Nannie also spent some time in Florida after the birth of her first son Robert). The O’Rahillys returned to Ireland in 1902 but moved back to America in 1905 residing at ‘Slieve Luachra’, Lansdowne, near Philadelphia, until 1909. Despite signing a five year agreement for a house at No.2 Herbert Road, The O’Rahilly subsequently lived at No.40 Herbert Road until his death (the family also owning a cottage in Ventry, Co. Kerry).

It was only after his return from America in 1909 that Michael Joseph began to consistently refer to himself as ‘The O’Rahilly’ (replacing the ‘O’ which had been dropped from the family name generations earlier). However in the interests of clarity (as both his uncle and grandfather were also Michael Joseph Rahilly) I have referred to him as ‘The O’Rahilly’ or ‘Rahilly’ throughout the list.

The O’Rahilly had a great interest in scholarly and antiquarian matters and a great deal of correspondence and notes of this nature are included in the collection, the majority dealing with his genealogical research into his own family. Many letters (mostly of a routine business nature) include notes and scribbles made by The O’Rahilly on the reverse, most relating to his attempts to learn the Irish language.

The collection contains material and correspondence (mostly in Irish) relating to the Gaelic League and other interests and preoccupations of The O’Rahilly such as his design of Irish-language chequebooks and his dispute with the Post Office over their attitude to letters addressed in Irish. There is also a small amount of material relating to the opposition organised to the visit of George V to Dublin in 1911. The collection also includes much valuable information on the Irish Volunteers and in particular the arming of the organisation (The O’Rahilly playing a major part in the Howth gun-running of July 1914). However, very little original material relating to the Rising is present although

transcripts and copies (made by Aodogán) of notes written by The O’Rahilly while in the G.P.O. are included.

The collection also contains the research carried out by Aodogán for the biography he wrote of his father entitled *Winding the Clock—O’Rahilly and the 1916 Rising* (Dublin, 1991). Particular attention should be paid to Section D III which contains copies and transcripts of material, dealing with all aspects of The O’Rahilly’s life, the Irish Volunteers and the Rising, which is not present in the collection in its original form. It should also be noted that some of the original material has been annotated by Aodogán.

The collection does not only contain material relating to The O’Rahilly’s life, his wife, father, uncles and grandfather are also represented in the collection. In particular there are a number of letters written from The O’Rahilly’s uncle Michael Joseph while serving as a doctor on British warships in the Caribbean and further north along the American coast. These letters contain valuable information relating to life on board a British warship in the 1860’s.

The collection has been divided into four sections, arranged by person. Section A deals with material relating to The O’Rahilly’s father, uncles and grandfather, sections B, C, and D dealing with The O’Rahilly, his wife Nannie and his son Aodogán respectively. Within these main divisions the material has been arranged along subject matter and chronological lines. Printed matter had been placed in a separate unit in each section and all later copies and transcripts are placed within section D. The collection provides a valuable insight into the various aspects of the Irish Nationalist movement in the early twentieth century and in particular into the life of one of its most enthusiastic and unheralded participants.

Karl Magee.
June 1993.

A. The Rahilly Family**I. Michael Joseph Rahilly (1833—49)**

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| 1 | 30 January 1833 | Testimonial written by John O'Donaghue (Trinity College Dublin) in favour of Michael Joseph O'Rahilly (annotated by one of his sons)
2pp. |
| 2 | 3 November 1840 | Statement made by James Stack witnessing the purchase of property in Ballylongford, Co. Kerry by Michael Joseph Rahilly (who had previously been tenant) from Henry Breen for £9-10s.
2pp. |
| 3 | 24 July 1842 | Letter from Ellen (a cousin) to Michael Joseph Rahilly asking him to write.
4pp. |
| 4 | October—November 1843 | Notebook recording amounts collected by Michael Joseph Rahilly for the Repeal fund.
1 item. |
| 5 | 9 October 1844 | Letter from Michael Joseph Rahilly to Rev. John Beveridge concerning debts owed to him by Beveridge's brothe, urging Beveridge to use his influence to ensure the debt is paid.
1p. |
| 6 | 17 September 1849 | Document entitled 'Administration of the goods and so forth of Michael Joseph Rahilly deceased' in which Margaret Rahilly (widow) is appointed the administrator of the estate of Michael Joseph Rahilly and is ordered to collect all debts owed to Michael, pay all debts owed by Michael, make a full inventory of the estate and present it to the registry of Her Majesty's Court of Prerogative for inspection. Pendant seal of the Court of the Prerogative attached.
2pp. |

II. Dr. Michael Joseph Rahilly**a. Education (1851—60)**

- 7 29 March [1853] Letter, written in French, from Margaret Rahilly (sister) to Michael Joseph Rahilly. 3pp.
- 8 11 August 1855—June 1859 Correspondence between Michael Joseph Rahilly and his mother Margaret. Includes account of life in Killarney College, Co. Kerry, written by Michael (11 August 1855). 3 items.
- 9 15 September 1851—May 1861 Notes and other material relating to topics such as medicine, science and the French language. Includes notebook containing French exercises of Michael Joseph Rahilly while at Springfield House School, Ennis, Co. Clare (15 September 1851—27 January 1852); sketch made by Michael on his birthday (27 January, 1852) 8 items.
- 10 14 October 1859 Medical degree of Michael Joseph Rahilly from the Queens University in Ireland (Pendant seal attached). 1 item.

b. Service in the British Navy (1861—65)

- 11 27 February 1860 Letter from Michael Joseph Rahilly to his mother Margaret describing his voyage across the Atlantic ocean on the RMSP Tamar. 4pp.
- 12 10 April 1860 Letter from Michael Joseph Rahilly to his brother Richard, describing his own ship and the American frigate, the *St. Louis* stationed nearby, and the crew of his and other ships many of whom are Irish. 4pp.

- 13 21 May 1860 Note written by Michael Joseph Rahilly recording his forthcoming visit to the Panama isthmus (on the back of the title page of *The Miscellaneous Works of Oliver Goldsmith*).
1p.
- 14 [June 1860] Part of a letter from Michael Joseph Rahilly to his brother Richard providing an account of his experiences in Nicaragua including a meeting with a man of Irish descent (his father had come from Ireland 60 years earlier). The letter also includes a sketch map of Nicaragua, Panama, Cuba and Jamaica.
2pp.
- 15 15 June 1860 Letter from Michael Joseph Rahilly to his brother Richard, while stationed off the coast of Nicaragua, describing the crew of *HMS Gladiator*.
4pp.
- 16 17 June [1860] Part of a letter written by Michael Joseph Rahilly describing a visit to Panama.
2pp.
- 17 17 July 1860 Letter from Michael Joseph Rahilly to his brother Richard written on board the *HMS Gladiator* while stationed off Nicaragua waiting for a replacement ship ('we are thoroughly sick of this place'), in which he provides a detailed account of the country ('Sharks, Alligators, Solitude and rain is the order of the day').
4pp.
- 18 9 January 1861 Letter from Michael Joseph Rahilly to his brother Richard describing the celebration of Christmas and New Year's Day on board the *HMS Greyhound*. Michael describes Pensacola, Alabama, the U.S. Government dock where his ship is moored. The *Greyhound* came to Pensacola to telegraph news of the capture of Mexico City (which they had heard when at Vera Cruz, Mexico). On arrival in Pensacola Michael heard that North Carolina had seceded from the Union and Louisiana was about to. Michael notes that 'there appears to be a fatality attached to us of being everywhere war is'. The letter also includes a description of meeting with the ship's mate from the *HMS Valorous* named Green who was from Kilkenny; and comments on the character of American elections and weather conditions on voyage from Vera Cruz.
8pp.

- 19 September 1861 Poem entitled 'The beloved one' written by Michael Joseph Rahilly on the back of an illustration of a ship at sea.
1p.
- 20 [October 1861] Letter from Dr. Michael Rahilly to his aunts from *HMS Greyhound*, Vera Cruz, Mexico on events in Vera Cruz, yellow fever, military manoeuvres and severe weather conditions being described in detail. (Michael was stationed on the *Greyhound* which was part of a joint British/French/Spanish force present in Mexico as a result of the Mexican government's refusal to pay its debts). Michael provides information on the effects of yellow fever on the expeditionary force. His ship managed to avoid it but he writes that French and Spanish ships and one British frigate succumbed to the disease, the whole crew of the French ship dying as a result. Michael also describes an offshore island which was used as a cemetery for victims of the disease ('one side of the island is all a mass of crosses') with 1 large cross representing 50 dead. Michael describes the disembarkation of French troops (the men being sent to shore from the battleship in boats 'shaped like a horse trough' which could hold 100 men); the uniform and equipment of these troops; their attitude ('as if they were going to a parade rather than a battlefield') and their Mexican enemy (26,000 men in arms 'determined to fight the French to the last'). Michael notes the change in the weather which occurs in October and which removes yellow fever from the area but brings gale force winds which cause havoc to the ships, Michael describing the destruction of 6 or 7 ships anchored in the vicinity of the *HMS Greyhound* during a storm. 12pp.
- 21 [1861—65] Letter written by Dr. Michael to [Richard] on board the *HMS Greyhound* travelling southwards from Halifax (Canada) past Virginia towards New York. Michael describes an encounter with a 'Yankee' steamer at the mouth of the Chesapeake river ('she had 5 guns already for action') which was returning from an attack on a Confederate fort. (Also encountered a smaller Baltimore clipper). Michael provides details on life on board ship—he had to deal with one case of smallpox in Halifax but it didn't spread; has eaten shark and porpoise ('the liver very like pig's liver'); learned chess and backgammon; and read novels (Jane Austen, *Wuthering Heights*). 4pp.
- 22 1865 Michael Joseph Rahilly's copy of W. H. Maxwell's *History of the Irish Rebellion in 1798* 477pp.

- 23** 28 February 1866 Receipt recording the payment by Dr. Michael Rahilly of 1 months rent on apartment in Queenstown (Cobh) Co. Cork to T. Tierney. 1p.
- 24** 7—20 February [1866] Letters written by Michael Joseph Rahilly to his brother Richard while at the Harlan Hospital Portsmouth. 3 items.
- 25** Letter from Michael Joseph Rahilly to an unnamed individual discussing a rumour that he owes money and asking for this rumour to be scotched. 1p.

III. Richard Rahilly (1858—96)

- 26** 7 April 1858 Letter from Richard Rahilly to his brother Michael Joseph (who was studying in Dublin) in which Richard asks Michael to keep all his old clothes so that he can wear them, while Michael can wear the new clothes being made. 4pp.
- 27** 7 June 1865 Letter from Marianna Rahilly (Ballybunion, Co. Kerry) to her brother Richard. 4pp.
- 28** 1866 Lyrics of song entitled 'Marguerita ... the lady in the boat' written by Richard Rahilly. 2pp.
- 29** 18 June 1866 Notes made by Richard Rahilly about his family. 1p.
- 30** 8 August 1866—[1895] Letters and postcards written to Richard Rahilly by his brother Thomas Francis (Tom). Includes letters sent from a variety of locations including Pennsylvania, U.S.A. and Liverpool, England describing Tom's experiences in and impressions of the places he visited ('in all my wildest imaginings, I never had the smallest idea of what vice existed in a large city', Liverpool, September 1886); postcards containing poetry written by Tom (1—8 October 1870). 8 items.
- 31** [1867] Letter from Charles [Ransom] to Richard Rahilly concerning [a business/legal matter]. (The letter is torn and in very poor condition). 1p.
- 32** 7 April—2 June 1868 Letters from O'Leary (Caherciveen, Co. Kerry) and O'Mahony (Clonakility, Co. Cork) to Richard Rahilly on the subject of marriage, giving their opinions of Richard's future bride Ellen Mangan and recommending other women. 2 items.

- 33** 29 December 1881—
21 March 1889 Letters from Marianna Rahilly to her brother Richard describing her experiences on board the *S.S. Liguria* bound for Australia, especially the difficulties she faced practising her Catholic faith on a ship where the vast majority were Protestant or Presbyterian; and her life in Melbourne, Australia. 2 items.
- 34** 22 June 1886 Letter from Richard to Michael O'Rahilly following Michael's First Communion, in which Richard apologises for his behaviour on a trip to Queenstown and promises that it shall not be repeated. Richard urges Michael to join the League of the Cross and be a 'total abstainer' for his whole life. 4pp.
- 35** 19 December 1890 Document recording Richard Rahilly's appointment as a Justice of the Peace (Pendant seal of the Lord Chancellor of Ireland intact). 1p.
- 36** [December 1890] Copy of Testimonial given by a number of priests, Justices of the Peace and other individuals from Ballylongford and the surrounding area on the occasion of Richard Rahilly's appointment as a Justice of the Peace. 2pp.
- 37** 24 September 1892 Letter from T. Sexton to Richard Rahilly acknowledging the receipt of a picture of a 'memorial' drawn and signed by Richard. 1p.
- 38** 24 March 1896 Memorial cards for Richard Rahilly 2 items.

IV. Miscellaneous Papers

- 39** 24 May 1844—5 March 1902 Letters and other material sent to various members of the Rahilly family about a variety of subjects. Includes telegram sent by Humphries family congratulating the Rahilly's [on the victory of their horse in a race] ('am proud of mare and trainer').
8 items.
- 40** 29 April 1865 Note made by Thomas Francis Rahilly while at St. Munchin's Seminary, Limerick. 1p.
- 41** 1877 Certified copy from the Public Record Office of Ireland of the will of Margaret Rahilly of Ballylongford, Co. Kerry (made 5 April 1875) listing money left to various relations and their families including her nephew Richard Rahilly, Ballylongford, Co. Kerry, who received £100 and £50 for each of his daughters, Nell and Anna.
2pp.
- 42** 25 February 1899—
4 December 1903 Memorial cards for Thomas Francis and Ellen Rahilly. 3 items.
- 43** Colour reproduction of the text of an inscription recording the deaths of the O'Rahilly's parents, Richard and Ellen Rahilly. 1p.

B. The O'Rahilly

I. Childhood (1875—99)

a. Clongowes Wood College (1890—92)

- 44** 17 September 1890—
15 October 1892 Letters written to The O'Rahilly while at Clongowes by his parents Richard and Ellen. Constant concern is expressed for his health (the O'Rahilly suffering from colds, sore ears, headaches and toothaches) and Richard gives repeated encouragement to his son to work hard at his studies, praising his academic successes. Includes a letter sent by Richard enclosing a copy of the *Sacred Heart Messenger* containing an article on temperance which so affected Tom Rahilly that both he and Richard joined the League of the Cross (8 November 1890); comments made by Richard about his brother-in-law Pat Fitzgerald, 'Pat of course with his accustomed aberration of intellect is a rabid Parnellite' (17 May 1891).
24 items.
- 45** 28 April 1890 Letter from Maura I. Fitzgerald to The O'Rahilly in which she looks forward to a cycling holiday in France.
4pp.
- 46** 26 October 1890 Letter from J. Stanislaus (aunt of The O'Rahilly) who is pleased to hear that he is enjoying life in Clongowes.
4pp.
- 47** 18 June 1891 Letter from D. C Mangan to his cousin The O'Rahilly discussing tennis and the difficulty of maintaining a good tennis court in Ballylongford, Co. Kerry.
4pp.
- 48** 31 December 1891 Letter from Maurice Fitzgerald, Army and Navy Co-operative Society, Victoria St., Westminster, London, to The O'Rahilly giving his opinions of the city.
6pp.

b. General Correspondence and Papers

- 49** [1880's] Poem written by The O'Rahilly entitled 'To My First Love' ('I remember meeting you in September 62 ... ')
2pp.
- 50** [1888-89] Letters written to The O'Rahilly by his sister Anna while at Mount Anville, Dundrum, Co. Dublin. (One of the letters is damaged, a number of strips being cut out). 3 items.
- 51** 22 November 1898 Poem written by The O'Rahilly in memory of Katie Casey who died at Castelmaine ('So Young, so fair so good'). 1p.
- 52** 4 February 1895 Note (on back of envelope) from Anna Rahilly to her brother asking The O'Rahilly to send a name for the dog. 1p.
- 53** 23 April 1895 Note (on back of envelope) from Richard Rahilly to his son, asking The O'Rahilly where the ordinance survey maps he had covering the area from Ballylongford, Co. Kerry to Limerick are to be found. 1p.
- 54** 11 December 1897 Letter from John [Finch] (Listowel, Co. Kerry) to [The O'Rahilly] promising to send him the gun licence requested. 1p.
- 55** 28 December 1897 Letter from D. Foley to The O'Rahilly wishing him a happy new year. 1p.

c. Memorabilia

- 56 [1896?] Greeting card sent to The O'Rahilly by his parents Richard and Ellen.
1 item.
- 57 [1899?] Christmas card sent by Nannie Brown to The O'Rahilly. 1 item.
- 58 21 March 1891 Card recording The O'Rahilly's first place in English class in Clongowes.
1p.
- 59 8 May 1891 Programme for 'Grand vocal and instrumental concert' held at the Courthouse, Listowel, Co. Kerry. Annotated by The O'Rahilly, with comments made on each of the performers.
1p.
- 60 1 May 1892 Pressed flower (*Primula officinalis*).
1 item.
- 61 May 1895 Printed booklet recording 'Master Michael Raleigh's' membership of the Confraternity of the Holy and Immaculate Heart of Mary for the Conversion of Sinners. 4pp.
- 62 31 August 1898 Programme for concert on the *RMS Britannic* in aid of seamen's charities, annotated by The O'Rahilly as being 'too slow by half' 1 item.
- 63 22 February 1966 Copy of the birth certificate of The O'Rahilly. 1p.

II. Marriage and America (1899—1909)**a. Documents relating to his marriage**

- 64** 14 January 1899 Trust deed containing provisions made for the marriage of The O'Rahilly to Nancy Brown, the parties being Ellen Rahilly, Anna Rahilly and Dr. David Humphries (trustees). The document records that the £1,000 of shares in the Bristol Brewery Company held in trust by Anna and David are to be transferred to The O'Rahilly; Ellen is to pay £4,000 to Anna and David to hold in trust for The O'Rahilly and to invest with his consent; Ellen is to pay £2,000 to The O'Rahilly within three months of the marriage and a further £2,000 to Anna and David (to be paid to The O'Rahilly after two years of the marriage). Further conditions made on 3 February 1899 deal with what will happen if the marriage does not occur. Two copies of the document are included.
- 3 items.
- 65** 15 April 1899 Marriage Certificate of The O'Rahilly and Nannie Brown (from the church of St. Ignatius Loyola, New York).
- 1p.

b. America (1899-1902)

- 66** August 1899 Letters, postcards and telegrams (mostly undated) sent to Nannie by The O'Rahilly while on a trip to Sweden to find out about the Stierngranat family, one of whom, Gustav, had proposed to Sadie, Nannie's sister. O'Rahilly describes his journey through Germany ('the land of good cigars and bad cooking'), Denmark and Sweden (the Swedes being 'the most agreeable and perhaps the politest people in the world') and writes approvingly of the Swedish telephone system, railways and army. With the aid of a banker, lawyer and private detective O'Rahilly discovered that the Steingranat family 'are exactly what we concluded they were—reduced swells' and he considers Sweden an unsuitable place for Sadie ('I think Sadie would die of loneliness here'). Includes illustrated postcards from Paris, Hamburg and Kiel, Germany. A number of items are damaged (the stamps being removed from all the postcards).
- 16 items.

- 67** 25—28 October 1899 Letters from O'Rahilly to Nannie while on a business trip examining lead mines, describing his journey through Niagara Falls, New York State, Chicago, Galena, Illinois. 3 items.
- 68** 23 January—7 October 1900 Letters from The O'Rahilly to his sister Anna in which he provides advice on financial and business matters; describes working for James Brown; and informs Anna of his plan to buy a grocery store (23 January 1900) 7 items.
- 69** 12 February 1900 Letters from The O'Rahilly to his mother Ellen providing advice on her creamery shares. 2pp.
- 70** 17 March 1900 Telegram from The Rahilly family in Quinsborough, Co. Clare congratulating O'Rahilly and Nannie on the birth of a boy. The message simply reads 'joy'. 1p.
- 71** 30 June—6 July 1900 Letters written by The O'Rahilly to Nannie while on board the *RMS Lucania*, bound for Queenstown (Cobh), Co. Cork, describing the ship and journey (which was complicated by fog) 2 items.
- 72** 6 December 1900 Letter from James O'Mara (member of the Irish Parliamentary Party) to The O'Rahilly assuring him he has no 'axe to grind' and that his views remain unchanged. 1p.
- 73** 21 December 1900 Letter from The O'Rahilly (in Philadelphia) to Nannie (convalescing in Florida after the birth of her first child, Robert) in which he thanks her for her Christmas present (a pocket book); mentions that he is glad to hear that her touch of malaria has disappeared and the baby's cold has cleared; and discusses investment possibilities. 2pp.

- 74** 23 January 1901 Part of a letter written by The O'Rahilly to Nannie describing his work in the mills in Philadelphia where he was learning the business. 2pp.
- 75** 3 February 1901 Letter from The O'Rahilly to his sister Nell in which he describes his work in the mills and his own financial situation; provides his opinions of Philadelphia ('about the dullest city in the States or the world for that matter') and the United States ('the Anglo-Saxonism of this continent makes me ill'); criticises Irishmen in America who are desperate to prove their English or Scottish ancestry in a country where 'the people have an idea that England is Europe or Europe is an English province'. 6pp.
- 76** 19 February—17 May 1901 Letters from The O'Rahilly to his sister Anna in which he thanks her for the regular supply of Irish papers; points out the differences between the northern and southern states (10 February 1901); describes St. Augustine, Florida, where he is on vacation with his family (5 March 1901) and Atlantic City, New Jersey ('you could not find [it] on a map because it is so new', 7 May 1901); and mentions the possibility of the family returning to Europe for good and settling down (7 May 1901) 3 items.
- 77** 19 September—7 October 1901 Letters from The O'Rahilly to David Humphries discussing financial matters and the difficulty of securing permanent accommodation. O'Rahilly also mentions briefly the assassination of McKinley, the President of the United States (19 September 1901) 2 items.
- 78** 30 September 1901 Letter from George C Blake, Fifth Avenue, New York City, to The O'Rahilly, concerning stocks purchased by The O'Rahilly and the conditions attached. 2pp.

c. Return to Ireland (1902—05)

- 79** 19 June 1902 Letter from The O'Rahilly to his mother noting the terrible weather they are experiencing ('I am to get the automobile tomorrow but with this weather it will be only ornamental').
2pp.
- 80** [1903] Note from Peter O'Leary to The O'Rahilly [showing text of inscription, in Irish, to be put on the gravestone of Robert, The O'Rahilly's first child].
1p.
- 81** 29 January 1904—
30 March 1905 Letters written to The O'Rahilly by a number of individuals dealing with various subjects including the efforts being made to erect a memorial to Clarence Mangan [a relative of Ellen Rahilly]; the purchase of a car and motorcycle offered for sale by The O'Rahilly; and arrangements for a visit to the House of Commons, London. Includes a letter from Joseph Devlin (Home Rule MP for West Belfast) who hopes to meet O'Rahilly before his departure from Brighton (23 June 1904).
4 items.
- 82** 24 August 1904 Bill for rent of 9 Washington Terrace, Hove, Brighton sent to The O'Rahilly by Jenner and Dell, auctioneers, and the key to the room in 9 Washington Terrace where Charles Stuart Parnell died, taken by The O'Rahilly and stitched onto a card and sealed.
2 items.
- 83** 4—6 May 1905 Letters from The O'Rahilly (Jury's hotel, Dublin) to Nannie describing his search in counties Dublin, Kildare and Meath for a house and a mill. 2 items.
- 84** 17 May 1905 Letter from A.E. O'Keeffe describing a house in Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin, which he viewed for The O'Rahilly ('it would be entirely too large for your requirements') and informing The O'Rahilly of more suitable houses in Swords and Rollestown, Co. Dublin which he recommends O'Rahilly should view himself.
3pp.

- 85** [3 June 1905] Letter from The O'Rahilly to Nannie (who is on board a ship [for America]) noting how Mac and Egan (Aodogán) are coping without their mother.
4pp.
- 86** 14 September 1905 Letter from The O'Rahilly to Nannie describing his experiences on a cycling holiday in Co. Kerry.
4pp.
- 87** 23 September 1905 Letter written by Anna Rahilly to her brother hoping O'Rahilly and his family will have a good voyage [to America].
4pp.
- 88** c1905 Printed statement by The O'Rahilly on the subject of aviation urging the development of an aviation industry in Ireland (made more necessary by the 'loss of the motor industry') and promoting An Cumann Eitill (The Flying Club) 2pp.

d. America (1905—09)

- 89** 6 October 1905—
28 March 1906 Letters written to The O'Rahilly by his sister Anna in which she describes work being done on the house in Quinsborough, Co. Clare; informs The O'Rahilly of news in the family and locality; discusses financial matters and asks O'Rahilly to inform her of any good investments he comes across. Anna encloses, and discusses various Irish newspapers and publications. Includes a letter (9 November 1905) in which Anna notes that she received wine from James O'Mara (member of the Irish Parliamentary Party) who thought that O'Rahilly was still in Ireland ('I suppose he wanted you to stand for some constituency ... or to sell bacon for him').
7 items
- 90** 2 February 1906—
2 November 1907 Letters written to The O'Rahilly of a personal nature from a number of individuals including John Mullane, a former employee of the Rahilly family (Ballylongford, Co. Kerry) who notes that business in the town has 'gone to the dogs' (20 February 1907) and R.H. Rahilly (Listowel, Co. Kerry) who writes about his attempts to get his sketches published (2 November 1907).
4 items.

- 91** 31 October 1907 Letter from The O'Rahilly to Nannie while staying overnight in Sandusky [Ohio], en route for Philadelphia.
1p.
- 92** 29 November 1907—
14 March 1908 Letters and notes relating to O'Rahilly's finances while in Philadelphia. Includes copy of a record of the amount of \$5,638.31 received by O'Rahilly from the executors of Charles A. Furbush (14 March 1908).
4 items.
- 93** 23 June 1908 Copy of legal agreement made in Philadelphia between William Bracken of New York and James Brown of Philadelphia compensating James Brown for the losses he incurred in loaning money to, and buying stocks in, the electrical Lead Reduction Co. of Delaware, his interest in the company being the result of the encouragement of William Bracken a stockholder in the company (with whom James Brown had made an agreement). The document orders that 25,000 shares of the capital stock of the Arizpe Mining Co., Arizona, held by William Bracken be deposited with P.G. Salom and M.J. O'Rahilly of Philadelphia who shall then sell the stock to compensate James Brown for his losses. (The stock not to be sold for less than \$5 a share without the consent of both Brown and Bracken for a period of 3 years after which the remainder can be sold at public auction).
6pp.
- 94** 18—29 January 1909 Letters and postcards from The O'Rahilly to Nannie while on a trip which took him through Chicago, Kansas, Arizona and New Mexico describing his journey and experiences which included seeing some cowboys who were 'nothing like as dangerous as the Chicago gent' (20 January) and encountering difficulties with an official at the Mexican border (25 January).
10 items.
- 95** 16 January 1909 Typed copy letter from O'Rahilly to an unnamed estate agent concerning the sale of the family home (Slieve Luachra, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania) in which he provides details of the house, its grounds and location and makes a number of conditions concerning the sale including the proviso that he reserves the right to reject any offer for the property under \$18,000.
1p.

- 96** 5 April 1909 Letter from O'Rahilly to Nannie while she is away from the house [on vacation].
2pp.

e. Memorabilia

- 97** 1899-1909 Postcards sent to, and by, various members of the O'Rahilly family including several from Egypt sent by Nell Humphries. 18 items.
- 98** 15 April 1899 Cabin passenger list of the 'Imperial German and U.S. Mail Steamship *Saale*', sailing from New York to Genoa, Italy, which includes 'Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Rahilly'. 4pp.
- 99** [1899] Leaflet, in Italian, advertising an opera. 1p.
- 100** March 1901 Printed map and tourist guide to St. Augustine, Florida. 2pp.
- 101** 21 November 1906—
3 March 1907 O'Rahilly's bank account book 32pp.
- 102** Cheque book for the Bank of Manhattan Co. 1 item.
- 103** 29 December 1908—
16 January 1909 Programmes for the Philadelphia Opera House. 2 items.
- 104** Printed pictures of the Southwark Mills Company, Philadelphia. 1p.

III. Ireland (1909-16)**a. No. 2 Herbert Park, Dublin**

- 105** 4 August 1910 Agreement made between O'Rahilly and William Beckett, O'Rahilly becoming tenant of No.2 Herbert Park, Dublin for a term of 5 years for a yearly rent of £75, under the conditions that the premises is used as a private dwelling house, it is not sub-let without the permission of Beckett, the interior of the house is kept in good condition by O'Rahilly (Beckett being responsible for the roof and the exterior).
1p.
- 106** 23 August 1910 Letter from William Beckett (Builders and Contractors, Ballsbridge, Dublin) to O'Rahilly informing him when the house at No.2 Herbert Park will be ready.
1p.

b. Cottage in Ventry, Co. Kerry

- 107** Architectural sketches of the cottage in Ventry.
1p.
- 108** 13 May-26 July 1912 Correspondence between O'Rahilly and John Flahive (Builder and Contractor, Dingle, Co. Kerry) concerning work being done on the cottage in Ventry, Flahive complaining about the difficulty of obtaining building materials in Dingle.
6 items.
- 109** 13 June 1912 Unfinished letter from The O'Rahilly to an unnamed individual discussing the problems accompanying his attempt to purchase land in Ventry, Co. Kerry.
1p.
- 110** 17 July-16 August 1912 Letters from O'Rahilly to Nannie concerning the cottage in Ventry, Co. Kerry in which he describes the work being done on the cottage, requests certain items which Nannie is to bring with her when the cottage is ready, reassures Nannie about her fears of an unfriendly welcome.
7 items.

- 111** 1912 Letter from Nannie to O'Rahilly making arrangements for the family's visit to the cottage (written on the back of an unfinished letter written by O'Rahilly to John Flahive)
2pp.

c. Material relating to The O'Rahilly's motorcar

- 112** 8 January 1910 Letter from The O'Rahilly to his sister Anna detailing the conditions of the joint ownership of the motorcar between The O'Rahilly and Humphries families which include O'Rahilly agreeing to service, maintain and repair the car if the Humphries pay £10 more than half the cost of the car; the car being at the disposal of the Humphries family every odd day of the month and of the O'Rahillys every even day; disputes and problems to be solved by spinning a coin. O'Rahilly also includes a list of additional expenses on top of the cost of the car itself.
2pp.
- 113** 24 February 1910—
28 April 1914 Driving licences issued to O'Rahilly by Kerry County Council and the County Borough of Dublin.
2 items.
- 114** 22 October 1910 Letter from George Shoreham (Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Works) to O'Rahilly informing him that no action is to be taken over the damage done by his motorcar to the Chapelizod gate of the Phoenix Park, Dublin.
1p.
- 115** Itinerary drawn up by O'Rahilly for a trip to Cork and Kerry providing detailed descriptions of the route to be taken from Dublin.
9pp.
- 116** 5 August 1911—25 July 1914 Letters from J. Pullar Phibbs (car sales, Molesworth Street Garage, Dublin) and John Begley and Sons (coach builders, 5—12 Harmony Row, Dublin) to O'Rahilly relating to work done on his motorcar.
9 items.

- 117** Part of typescript copy list of items for motorcars detailing the accessories available and their prices
1p.
- 118** 6 February 1913 Copy of registration of O'Rahilly's car produced by Kerry County Council recording the registration type of car; weight and its intended use.
1 item.

d. General Correspondence and Papers

- 119a** 19 June 1909 Letter from Elizabeth J. MacNaughton to O'Rahilly discussing the debate between O'Rahilly and Rev. Dr. Lomey (in the pages of the *Irish Independent*) congratulating O'Rahilly on his most recent letter.
2pp.
- 119b** 7 November 1910—31 May 1915 Invitations sent to The O'Rahilly (and Nannie) to attend functions, meetings and other events, both public and private, from a number of individuals including Bulmer Hobson and Pdraig Pearse.
18 items.
- 120** 10 July 1911—15 April 1916 Letters sent to The O'Rahilly relating to private financial and business and other matters (most in Irish) from a number of individuals including 'An Craoibhín'.
30 items.
- 121** 24 September 1911—15 April 1916 Envelope containing names and addresses collected by O'Rahilly of various individuals.
1 item.
- 122** 16 March 1912 Letter from F.S. Hall (Quantity Surveyor, 8 Westmoreland St., Dublin) to O'Rahilly on the subject of the use of peat as a household fuel (in response to a letter on the subject by O'Rahilly in the *Irish Times*). Hall notes that since the recent [coal] strike he has found peat a far better fuel than gas but it is very difficult to obtain. He suggests that a large industry could be created around the production of 'peat coal' (providing examples of work of this type which is being carried out in Dumfries,

- 122 contd Scotland). 2pp.
- 123 21 January 1913—
15 September 1914 Carbon copy letter book containing copy outgoing letters relating to O'Rahilly's personal and business matters including orders made for various items, and letters to J. Pullar Phibbs (Molesworth Street Garage, Dublin) concerning the upkeep of his automobile. Also letters relating to the Gaelic League and Irish Volunteers, of an administrative and financial nature, including requests made to the Financial Committee of the Irish Volunteers for repayment of costs met by O'Rahilly at his own expense. 45pp.
- 124 28 March 1913 Typed copy rules of the Banba miniature rifle club with typed amendments.. 3pp.
- 125 10 June 1913 Letter from Edward Nolan (academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia) to O'Rahilly in which he discusses the opinion of Irish-Americans of the situation in Ireland; T.B. in Ireland; and the failure of the recent visit of the Irish Players to the United States. 3pp.
- 126 28 August 1913 Letter from Jack B. Yeats to O'Rahilly apologising for being unable to visit him in Ventry, Co. Kerry. 1p.
- 127 1914 Notes made by O'Rahilly on shares held in a number of American Companies for his wife and sons. 26pp.
- 128 19 February 1914 Letter from Lawrence Ginnell (MP for Westmeath and member of the Irish Parliamentary Party) to O'Rahilly in which he agrees with the remarks made by O'Rahilly in a letter sent to him and asks for further information to use in a parliamentary question ('a general question would only give an opportunity for general evasion'). 1p.

- 129** 8 December 1914—2 July 1915 Material relating to O'Brien Butler, an Irish composer who died on the *Lusitania* (7 May 1915), which consists of a letter from O'Brien Butler to O'Rahilly (8 December 1914) asking for assistance in his attempts to perform his work in the United States and letters from Edward Nolan to O'Rahilly providing information on O'Brien Butler's visit to the United States which he notes was not a success. Nolan also discusses other matters including the opinions expressed by O'Rahilly in his pamphlet *The Secret History of The Irish Volunteers*, Nolan noting that 'very general feeling here [in the United States] is that there is not much occasion for a militaristic furtherance of the National cause.' (19 June 1915).
5 items.
- 130** 6 August 1915 Notes from Millie Figgis (wife of Darrell) to O'Rahilly asking him to inform her husband that she is in Dublin and apologising for being unable to meet with him and Nannie.
2 items.
- 131** 6 December 1915 Letter from 'A.N.' (University Road, Belfast) to O'Rahilly discussing the arrest of Desmond FitzGerald.
1p.
- 132** 29 February 1916 Letter from Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington (Irish Women's Franchise League) to O'Rahilly expressing interest in comments he made on the position of women in ancient Ireland and inviting him to speak on the subject at one of the organisations weekly meetings.
2pp.
- 133** Letter from Maud Gonne to O'Rahilly written while travelling through Italy.
4pp.
- 134** Letters, in Irish, from Stephen McKenna to O'Rahilly including one written from Kent, England, where he was being treated for T.B. 3 items.

e. Memorabilia

- 135** 1909-17 Postcards sent to, and by, various members of the O'Rahilly family including a number sent by Padraig Pearse from St. Enda's College, Rathfarnham, Dublin. 30 items.
- 136** April 1910 Printed, signed sketch of Arthur Griffith.
1p.
- 137** 6 December 1910 O'Rahilly's reader's card for the Library, Trinity College Dublin.
1 item.
- 138** 29 August 1911 Printed letter from the 'Hugh Holohan Memorial Fund' asking for financial assistance to enable Holohan's widow to continue to run the business (Holohan a leading figure in the Irish Industrial Movement).
2pp.
- 139** [1913?] Home-made magazine by one of the O'Rahilly children entitled 'The Cracer' containing stories, jokes and puzzles.
2 items.
- 140** 1 July 1913 Typed letter from Emmet Humphries to Mac Rahilly on his forthcoming holiday to Brittany, France.
2pp.
- 141** 27 November 1913 Cheque cashed by Eamon de Valera for £3 (signed on reverse)
1 item.
- 142** 19 May 1914 Envelope sent to The O'Rahilly from Tokyo, Japan, containing lock of hair of Richard Pigott's son.
1 item.

- 143** 4 March 1915 Programme of the Emmet Anniversary Celebration held in the Round Room, Rotunda (organised by the Wolfe Tone Memorial Committee). 8pp.
- 144** Printed document in Irish and English recording the gift of a house (122 St. Lawrence Road, Clontarf, Dublin) to Arthur Griffith, from his friends in the Sinn Fein movement and sympathisers outside the movement, on the occasion of his marriage. 2pp.
- 145** Christmas cards sent to the O'Rahillys by a number of people, including a card designed by Jack B. Yeats sent by Arthur and Maud Griffith. 6 items.
- 146** O'Rahilly's score cards for whist. 2 items.
- 147** O'Rahilly's honorary membership card of Na Fianna Éireann. 1 item.
- 148** Tag from Peter Murphy (Provision Merchant, 60 South Gt. Georges Street, Dublin) for material to be collected by O'Rahilly at Blessington Street parcel office. 1 item.
- 149** Decorated copy of St. Malachy's prophesy sent by Lawrence Ginnell. 1 item.
- 150** Printed programmes and advertisements for plays by George Bernard Shaw, W.B. Yeats, George Fitzmaurice and Arnold Bennett. 3 items.

IV. Scholarly and Cultural**a. Correspondence between The O'Rahilly and Thomas Frank Rahilly (1901—34)**

Letters from The O'Rahilly to his cousin Thomas Francis (Frank) Rahilly on historical, scholarly and genealogical matters including the origins and ancestry of the O'Rahilly family; their surname and its many variations; the poet Egan Rahilly and Father Dineen's work on the subject; the availability and location of research material; O'Rahilly's contributions to the publication *Irishleabhar* and his efforts to learn the Irish language.

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| 151 | 6 May 1901 | 2pp. |
| 152 | 7 August 1905 | 2pp. |
| 153 | 10 August 1905 | 4pp. |
| 154 | 19 August 1905 | <p><i>Includes</i> comments made about Dick [Humphries] 'as for Dick's attitude I am sorry to say that he seems to be unaware that he has a country (unless [it is] the "United Kingdom"). I am priming him with propaganda...'</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4pp.</p> |
| 155 | 25 August 1905 | 4pp. |
| 156 | 31 August 1905 | 2pp. |
| 157 | 3 September 1905 | <p><i>Includes</i> description of the attitude of most Irish people towards the Irish language; 'since the Gaelic League is only ten years old and not thirty or forty so it follows that any time devoted to matters merely Irish is no better than a waste of time' (an opinion which O'Rahilly does not share).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4pp.</p> |
| 158 | 5 September 1905 | <p><i>Includes</i> description of O'Rahilly's research methods which entail copying information onto thin sheets of paper and placing them in envelopes which are organised by subject matter (notes and a</p> |

- 158 contd** typed transcript of the letter by Aodogán O'Rahilly are included.
5pp.
- 159** 8 September 1905 4pp.
- 160** 31 December 1905 3pp.
- 161** [1906] 1p.
- 162** 18 February 1906 5pp.
- 163** 5 March 1906 2pp.
- 164** [1906] 1p.
- 165** 27 July—8 September 1906 *Includes* a discussion of the origin and meaning of the practice of prefixing surnames with the word 'the'.
11pp.
- 166** 1 January 1907 2pp.
- 167** 30 November 1907 *Includes* request for Frank to send some 'easy Irish readers for use on the train'.
1p.
- 168** 29 January 1910 *Includes* postcard of Muckross Abbey, Killarney, Co. Kerry on which O'Rahilly has marked the grave of the poet Egan Rahilly.
3pp.
- 169** 8 February 1910 2pp.

Letters and postcards from Thomas Francis (Frank) O'Rahilly to The O'Rahilly (several in Irish) discussing historical, scholarly and genealogical matters, with particular reference to the history of the O'Rahilly family and the poet Egan O'Rahilly. He also helps The O'Rahilly in learning the Irish language. The character and content of the letters changes with the later letters being less preoccupied with scholarly topics, Thomas Francis voicing his opinions on other matters such as Sinn Féin and the Gaelic League.

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| 170 | [1905]

energy saving arrangement'). | <i>Includes</i> praise for The O'Rahilly's 'envelope system' of research ('it would be hard to devise a more business-like or
2pp. |
| 171 | 9 August 1905 | 4pp. |
| 172 | 21 August 1905 | 8pp. |
| 173 | 7 September 1905 | 4pp. |
| 174 | 3 December 1905 | 12pp. |
| 175 | 4 February 1906 | 4pp. |
| 176 | 6 April 1906 | 2pp. |
| 177 | 20 December 1907 | 3pp. |
| 178 | 21 June 1909 | <i>Includes</i> congratulations offered to The O'Rahilly for having letters published in the <i>Irish Independent</i> and <i>Sinn Féin</i> .
2pp. |
| 179 | 23 June 1909 | 2pp. |
| 180 | 21 September 1909 | <i>Includes</i> discussion of the <i>Sinn Féin</i> evening newspaper which he praises (though he does not share the political |

- 180 contd** views of the organisation). He also suggests that the paper should contain more 'news' which would increase its readership amongst 'the man in the street'. 4pp.
- 181** 7 November 1909 *Includes* discussion of the situation in the National University where demands are being made for Irish to be made a compulsory subject and the attitude of the staff who are members of the Gaelic League towards this demand. 6pp.
- 182** 14 January 1910 *Includes* mention of rumour heard by Thomas Francis that the Sinn Féin paper is going to be closed down. He also voices his opposition to the 'anti-Redmondite partiality' of Sinn Féin policy. 3pp.
- 183** 8 February 1910 4pp.
- 184** 3 July 1910 *Includes* complaints made by Thomas Francis about the lack of patriotism in his family ('their only virtue is consistency and thoroughness—a thorough boycott of everything Irish, language, history, music, industries, and all'), a result of their education in England and on the Continent. 3pp.
- 185** 23 July 1910 4pp.
- 186** 20 August 1910 4pp.
- 187** 21 July 1911 *Includes* mention of George V's visit to Dublin. Thomas Francis also praises The O'Rahilly for 'doing the most rebellious and anti-English thing that anyone in the country could do—to wit speaking and learning Irish'. 4pp.
- 188** 12 August 1911 *Includes* advice offered to The O'Rahilly that the Gaelic League should stick to its prime purpose of promoting the Irish language and not dabble in art, poetry and politics. 4pp.

189	28 August 1911	3pp.
190	15 September 1911	4pp.
191	28 November 1911	2pp.
192	24 December 1911	3pp.
193	22 April 1912	4pp.
194	1 June 1912	2pp.
195	Ghost entry	
196	12 July 1912	2pp.
197	13 September 1912	3pp.
198	2 April 1913	4pp.
199	14 July 1913	4pp.
200	25 July 1913	3pp.
201	5 September 1913	1p.
202	29 January 1914	2pp.
203	4 September 1915	3pp.
204	15 October 1934	Letter from Charles A. Pressler (Galveston, Texas) to Thomas Francis Rahilly seeking assistance in tracing his

- 204 contd** material lineage of Rahilly and providing a summary of the research he has already carried out. 6pp.

b. The O'Rahilly's 'envelope system'

- 205** Material collected by O'Rahilly, arranged and organised in envelopes, on subjects including changes in Irish spellings; Gaelic Christian names; coats of arms; flags; topographical and genealogical information; rainfall in Ireland; and the O'Neill family. Illustrated plates from various books are also collected as are English sentences with their Irish equivalents (for the purpose of learning the Irish language).
c125pp.

c. Genealogical Research

- 206** 3 June 1885 Essay by Margaret J. Reilly, noted by O'Rahilly as a 'niece of old Michael Rahilly', on 'The Fine Dignity of Woman' (read at the 11th Annual Commencement of St. Mary's Academy, Austin, Texas). 15pp.
- 207** 12 January 1902—
15 October 1912 Letters relating to the history of the Rahilly family from a number of correspondents, most being answers to requests made by The O'Rahilly for information on various branches of the family. The letters contain information on Rahillys in various areas including Co. Kerry, Co. Meath and Texas and anecdotes about a Rahilly who served in the Papal army in Italy, met Daniel O'Connell (letter from Mary Boyle O'Reilly, March 1909), and went to Australia (letter from Margaret Reilly, 14 December 1905). 21 items.
- 208** Genealogical and historical notes made by The O'Rahilly and Thomas Francis O'Rahilly on the O'Rahilly family. References are made to a variety of journals and books (including O'Reilly's *Irish Writers*, Ferrar's *History of Limerick*, Lloyd's *Tour in Clare*) and transcripts of relevant passages are included. The notes deal with the origin of the family name and the various spellings of the name found; the history of the Raleigh's and O'Reilly's in Kerry; and the poet Egan O'Rahilly; Michael Joseph Rahilly (The O'Rahilly's grandfather). A number of family trees and newspaper cuttings relating to the family members are included.
c75pp.

- 209** Essay on the history of the O'Rahilly family covering the period 1365—1641 [written by Thomas Francis Rahilly].
24pp.
- 210** Printed history of the O'Rahilly's of Slieve Luachra. 2pp.
- 211** Stone rubbing of inscription relating to the Rahilly family.
1p.

d. Historical, Topographical and General Research

- 212** [1894—1915] Material of an antiquarian and scholarly nature consisting of notes and lists of books made by The O'Rahilly and various items collected by The O'Rahilly including a printed list of Irish family names (indicating their place of origin); a printed map of Dublin; part of a printed dictionary of Irish historical figures and placenames; page of handwritten Oriental text.
c50pp.
- 213** 3 July 1909—11 March 1916 Letters sent to O'Rahilly from various individuals discussing historical, scholarly and topographical matters.
19 items.
- 214** 9 August 1909—7 May 1910 Letters from O'Reilly (Brighton) to The O'Rahilly on scholarly and genealogical matters including letters dealing with O'Reilly's sale of the only authentic portrait of Carolan, which he possesses.
11 items.
- 215** [1910] Notes made by O'Rahilly (with relevant newspaper cuttings included) on the theory of free trade; the theory of protection; England under free trade; price of food under tariff; protection in operation abroad; trade unions and free trade in Ireland. (for lecture/article?)
12pp.

- 216** 27 July 1910 Envelope containing ferns from St. Patrick's Church, Saul, Co. Down—noted on the envelope (by O'Rahilly) as being 'the first church built in Ireland'.
1 item.
- 217** 18-20 January 1911 Letters from James Stephens to O'Rahilly relating to his subscription to *The Irish Review*.
2 items.
- 218** Sketches made by The O'Rahilly of architectural features and a building [which may be Slieve Luachra, his home in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania between 1906—09].
2pp.
- 219** List of books of an antiquarian nature relating to various parts of Ireland made by the O'Rahilly, each reference being kept on a separate piece of paper.
c30pp.
- 220** Material relating to the Irish Topographical Society including a printed notice from the society publicising its programme of collecting information on Irish placenames and providing instructions on how to record this information; notes made by The O'Rahilly on placenames in counties Cavan, Tipperary, Wexford, Derry, Antrim, Tyrone, Down, Armagh, Monaghan, Fermanagh, and Kildare; notebook containing notes made by The O'Rahilly on Irish placenames arranged in alphabetical order.
c40pp

e. Flags and Heraldry

- 221** 5 August 1905—23 April 1914 Letters concerning heraldry sent to O'Rahilly from a number of individuals answering requests for information made by O'Rahilly; requesting information from O'Rahilly; ordering copies of family arms featured in O'Rahilly's articles in the *Sinn Féin* newspaper. Includes letter from Francis Bigger (14 June 1912) enclosing copy of his family arms and discussing the design of the Gaelic League flag; and a letter from Francis Swift (11 January 1911) suggesting that changes should be made to the *Sinn Féin* paper to make it more suitable to a younger audience.
13 items.

- 222** Heraldic sketches and notes made by The O'Rahilly including the coat of arms of a large number of Irish families and a printed copy of the arms of the O'Rahillys. c100pp.
- 223** 6 December 1910—
25 May 1914 Letters relating to the flags sent to The O'Rahilly by a number of individuals discussing the flags of the Irish Volunteers (of the eighteenth and twentieth centuries); the use of the harp and the sunburst on flags; the flag of the Norsemen; and the Brazilian flag.
6 items.
- 224** Colour illustrations by The O'Rahilly, with accompanying notes, of a number of Irish flags including the tricolour, St. Patrick's Cross and 'the modern Irish flag' (the harp on a green background).
11 items.
- 225** Ghost entry.

f. Poems and Songs

- 226** Material relating to poetry and songs including poems written by The O'Rahilly; notes made by The O'Rahilly on the subject; copiers, transcripts, and newspaper cuttings of poems and songs collected by The O'Rahilly. c50pp.

g. Irish Language

- 227** 9 September 1910 Letter from Florence [Holbrook] (a schoolteacher in Chicago) to O'Rahilly discussing the *Hiawatha Primer* (which she wrote) and its success with children. 1p.
- 228** 1912 Printed programme of classes in the Leinster College of Irish for 1912—13 (and Annual Report for 1911—12), including a list of graduates of the college (1907—12).
20pp.

- 229** 30 July 1912 Letter from A.N. Bonaparte Wyse (Office of National Education, Marlborough Street, Dublin) to O'Rahilly acknowledging the receipt of letter regarding the teaching of Irish in the National School in Binghamstown, Co. Mayo and informing O'Rahilly that the principal teacher of the school is not registered with the Office as being competent to teach Irish and will not be paid for teaching Irish until he receives a recognised qualification. 4pp.
- 230** 20 September 1912 Letter from the Office of National Education, Marlborough Street, Dublin to O'Rahilly refusing him permission to publish correspondence with the Resident Commissioner on the subject of the teacher in the National School at Binghamstown, Co. Mayo. 3pp.
- 231** 5 February 1913 Letter from Dollard Printing House Ltd., Dublin, to The O'Rahilly asking him to translate a text into Irish. 1p.
- 232** 6 December 1913 Letter from [Una Ní Faircheallaigh] to [Nannie O'Rahilly] inviting her to a function being held in St. Anne's School, Milltown, Dublin for the purpose of encouraging the pupils to study Irish and asking her to bring The O'Rahilly along, noting that Douglas Hyde and Eoin Mac Neill are also expected. 4pp.
- 233** Amended typed copy of a speech written by The O'Rahilly on the revival of the Irish language. 3pp.
- 234** Unfinished letter from O'Rahilly to an unnamed Bishop discussing 'the general decrease in the use of Irish language with the notable exception of Donegal', in which he criticises the Church's use of the English language in Irish speaking areas and suggests actions which can be taken by the Church to remedy this situation. 6pp.

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Copy typed document suggesting methods of improving the teaching of the Irish language to Irish children.

2pp.

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Notes on the Irish language made by The O’Rahilly and a copy of notes (not in O’Rahilly’s handwriting) on ‘the decay of the Irish language’. 7pp.

V. Sinn Féin (1909—13)**a. General Correspondence and Papers**

- 237** 1909—10 Printed programme of lectures organised by the Dublin Branch of Sinn Féin including one by The O'Rahilly entitled 'How to make history popular'. 4pp.
- 238** 26 June 1909 Letter from Arthur Griffith making arrangements to meet The O'Rahilly. 1p.
- 239** 8—14 September 1909 Certificates of shares held by The O'Rahilly in the Sinn Féin printing and publishing company. 14 items.
- 240** 2 March 1910 Letter from Thomas S. [Cursi?] to O'Rahilly thanking him for speaking at a Sinn Féin meeting and inviting him to do so again on a future occasion. 1p.
- 241** 1 [September] 1910 Letter from Seán O Dubgail (National Council of Sinn Féin) to The O'Rahilly informing him that at the Annual Congress he was elected onto the resident executive of the organisation for 1910—11 and requesting him to attend the first meeting of the new executive. 1p.
- 242** 1 October 1910 Letter from Seán Mac Giobuin (Honorary Secretary, Central Branch, Sinn Féin) to O'Rahilly asking him to preside at the first of a programme of lectures organised by the central branch of Sinn Féin (recently created after fusing the branches in Dublin City) at which Arthur Griffith will speak on 'the policy of withdrawing Irish Representation from the British Parliament'. He also asks O'Rahilly if he will give a lecture during the series preferably on the subject of emigration. 2pp.

- 243** 10 February 1911 Letter from S. P. Ua Dubhthaigh (Secretary, National Council of Sinn Féin) to The O'Rahilly discussing the recent trip to Bodenstown, Co. Kildare, ('it was a great pleasure indeed to see such a fine body of Gaels taking part in it despite the humiliating events which were taking place during the same time in the city') and the successful sale of postcards. 2pp.
- 244** 7—16 December 1911 Programme for the Christmas Fair organised by the Industrial Committee of Sinn Féin held in the Rotunda Buildings, Dublin. 4pp.
- 245** 1912 Letter from Arthur Griffith to O'Rahilly discussing his articles on heraldry in the *Sinn Féin* paper and making arrangements to meet him because of 'a political development I would like your opinion on'. 1p.
- 246** 5 July 1912 Letter from S.P. O Dubhthaigh asking The O'Rahilly to attend a meeting to discuss possible action to be taken in connection with the visit of Asquith to Dublin. 1p.
- 247** 5—22 November 1912 Letters from E. O'Connell (Town Clerk, Kilkenny) to O'Rahilly inviting him to give the address at the Manchester Martyrs Commemoration to be held in Kilkenny (his name being recommended by Arthur Griffith) and making arrangements for his journey. Includes typed annotated copy of the speech given by The O'Rahilly in Kilkenny. 3 items.
- 248** 26 November 1912 Souvenir programme for anniversary celebration of the Manchester Martyrs, held at the Round Room, Rotunda, Dublin. 30pp.
- 249** 16 January 1913 Letter from S.P. O Dubhthaigh to The O'Rahilly informing him of the agenda for the forthcoming quarterly general meeting of the executive. 1p.

- 250 Letter from P.J. Dineen [to O'Rahilly] discussing contributors to the Sinn Féin paper. 1p.
- 251 Notes made by The O'Rahilly and other material relating to Sinn Féin including typed copy list of members of the Sinn Féin executive; sketch of youth selling the *Sinn Féin* newspaper; and music of the 'Kings County Hunt', which O'Rahilly notes was whistled by Arthur Griffith during the intervals in the editing of the daily *Sinn Féin* newspaper. 7 items.
- b. Fund-raising trip to America (1909)**
- 252 26 November 1909 Note from Arthur Griffith authorising The O'Rahilly and William Bulfin to act as representatives of the *Sinn Féin* daily newspaper in America. 1p.
- Letters written by The O'Rahilly to Nannie while on board the 'S.S. Arabic' bound for New York with William Bulfin in which he describes the journey and gives his low opinion of the other passengers.
- 253 27 November 1909 4pp.
- 254 2 December 1909 *Includes* account of conversation with an English man 'whom I cannot convince as to the difference between Ireland and Yorkshire'. 5pp.
- 255 6 December 1909 Includes account of O'Rahilly's (secret) baptism of a child whose mother was a Unitarian. 6pp.
- 256 December 1909 Letter from O'Rahilly (Park Avenue, New York) to Nannie discussing the success of the trip and the new subway system in the city. 2pp.

- 257** 3 February 1910 Envelope containing grass taken by The O'Rahilly from the grave of William Bulfin (English Churchyard, Birr, Co. Offaly). 1 item.
- 258** 10 March 1910 Letter from James Reidy (New York) to The O'Rahilly expressing sorrow at the death of William Bulfin. 1p.

VI. Opposition to the Royal Visit (1911)

- 259** 3 April 1911 Letter from Clara Smith to O'Rahilly in response to a letter published in the *Freemans Journal*, agreeing with the opinions he expressed on the Royal visit of George V but asking him 'If the Pope of Rome were to visit Ireland would your attitude be the same towards him?'. O'Rahilly drafted a reply on the reverse of the letter, '[if the Pope visited] and if he claimed as the British monarch claims, to be the King of Ireland I should unhesitatingly oppose his pretensions for the same reasons that I now oppose the pretensions of George V'. 2pp.
- 260** May 1911 Letter from Helena Ní Mhaoldhomnaigh to The O'Rahilly expressing the thanks of the Womens' Anti-Welcome Committee for the use of his car on their recent trip to Saggart. 1p.
- 261** June 1911 Telegrams sent to The O'Rahilly concerning the poles set up in Grafton St., Dublin (which were to display a message of defiance to George V), one noting the 'poles pulled down, suspect police.' 2 items.
- 262** June 1911 Note from Countess Markievicz informing The O'Rahilly that the poles were taken down and asking 'can we not put them up again in broad daylight?' 1p.
- 263** 5 June 1911 Letter from 'Charles' (21 Henry Street) to O'Rahilly, claiming that there is nothing but turmoil in the city' and providing an account of a number of incidents between named individuals and the police. 3pp.
- 264** June 1911 Original sketch, and finished postcards of advertisement, drawn by The O'Rahilly, for the independence demonstration (in Beresford Place, Dublin) held to co-incide with the visit of George V and a cloth badge bearing the slogan 'thou art not conquered yet dear land', coined by The O'Rahilly for the occasion. 4 items.

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July 1911

Original design (by Countess Markievicz) and final printed version (drawn by The O'Rahilly) of postcard entitled 'deeds that won the Empire the capture of the Poles' depicting caricatures of policemen removing the poles erected in Grafton Street, Dublin.

2pp.

VII. Gaelic League (1909—15)**a. General Correspondence and Papers**

- 266** 6 August 1911 Letter from [C. Perry?] (College Historical Society, TCD) to The O'Rahilly praising him for the protest he made against the Irish Agricultural Organisation and informing him that Lawrence Ginnell (Irish Parliamentary Party MP for Westmeath) has become a member of Coiste Gnotha (business committee) of the Gaelic League.
3pp.
- 267** 14 October 1911—
17 July 1913 Letters inviting The O'Rahilly to attend and speak at Gaelic League meetings including letter from Padraig Pearse (17 February 1912) asking The O'Rahilly to address the members of the St. Enda's branch of the Gaelic League—'any subject likely to appeal to the Young Gaels will do' and that his speech need not be in Irish as he 'will see to it that sufficient Irish be heard in other speeches.'
7 items.
- 268** 6 August 1912 Covering note to a copy of letter (missing) sent to the General Secretary of the Gaelic League by the New York branch of the organisation which they ask to be read at the next meeting of the Coiste Gnotha, hoping that 'for the sake of the success of the Gaelic League in America you will give the matter very serious thought.'
1p.
- 269** 23 August 1912 Typed copy agenda for Gaelic League meeting (annotated by The O'Rahilly).
2pp.
- 270** 26 October—5 November 1912 Copies of letter from The O'Rahilly to the Ordnance Survey Office (Phoenix Park, Dublin) concerning maps to be produced by The O'Rahilly for the Gaelic League showing the percentage of Irish speakers in the country, and a reply from E.M.S. Charles (Captain, Royal Engineers) informing the O'Rahilly that he will be able to supply him with the copies of the engraved diagram of Ireland as requested.
2 items.

- 271** 14 December 1912—6 July 1916 Material in Irish, mostly correspondence, relating to the Gaelic League.
14 items.
- 272** 3 June 1913 Letter from J. Pullar Phibbs (Molesworth Street Garage, Dublin) to The O'Rahilly informing him that he will not support or subscribe to the Gaelic League ('I could not conscientiously subscribe to an object with which my sympathy does not run parallel') stating that he was brought up in an English speaking tradition and is against the idea of a multiplicity of languages.
1p.
- 273** Letter sent to The O'Rahilly by an individual (signature illegible) requesting that he meets a Frenchman called Pelissier who is in Dublin gathering material for a review he edits which is devoting an entire issue to Ireland, and is looking for information on the Gaelic League
4pp.
- 274** Part of letter from Neilí Ní Bhriain [to The O'Rahilly] who writes; 'How I wish the Gaelic League could acquire all the coast-guard stations in Ireland'.
2pp.
- 275** Notes made by The O'Rahilly for a speech on the value of the Gaelic League.
1p.
- 276** Copied typed document expressing the thanks of Coiste Gnotha of the Gaelic League to the Archbishop of Armagh and the clergy of Drogheda for their support for the teaching of Irish in National Schools and suggesting measures which should be taken to improve the teaching of Irish throughout the country.
1p.
- 277** 1901—15 Material relating to Ard Feiseinna, meetings, concerts and fundraising activities organised by the Gaelic League including invitations, tickets and programmes for a number of events.
14 items.

b. Irish Street Names

- 278** Notes made by The O'Rahilly on place names in Dublin and their Irish equivalents. 3pp.
- 279** Letter from 'Seamas' (6 Court Street, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford) to The O'Rahilly asking if he would agree to turn the matter of Irish placenames over to the Gaelic League and if he would object to a representative of the Gaelic League inspecting his notes. 1p.
- 280** 24 November 1913 Letter from John H. Middleton (District Surveyor, Engineer's Office, Pembroke Urban District Council, Co. Dublin) to The O'Rahilly thanking him for the information contained in an earlier letter relating to Irish street names and his offer of assistance. 1p.

c. Design of Celtic Type

- 281** Handmade drafts of various types of lettering and printed examples of the final version of the Celtic type designed by The O'Rahilly. 10pp.
- 282** Glass plate negatives and photographic reproductions of the Celtic type designed by the O'Rahilly 7 items.
- 283** 17 October 1912 Typed letter from Neilí Ní Bhriain to The O'Rahilly informing him that his examples of Irish lettering were well received by the Blickensderfer Typewriter Company (Dame Street, Dublin) who 'had often been asked before for Irish type but had not quite seen their way to going to the expense.' 2pp.
- 284** Brochures from V and J Figgins (a London printing company) displaying the different types of Gaelic type available. 2 items.

d. Design of Irish Chequebooks

- 285 Lists of branches of the Munster and Leinster, Provincial and Hibernian banks made by The O'Rahilly in Irish and English with printed examples of the Irish version in Celtic type.
13pp.
- 286 Handmade design of Irish cheque for the Provincial Bank of Ireland by The O'Rahilly, 1 item.
- 287 Printed copy of Irish cheque designed by The O'Rahilly for the Munster and Leinster Bank. 1 item.
- 288 Printed postcard from The O'Rahilly stating that Irish language chequebooks are now available and urging their use ('as the cheques may be filled and signed in English, every revivalist, even though he is himself ignorant of Irish, can by using them co-operate in the good work of popularising that language with the business community').
1 item.
- 289 Letter, in Irish, from 'An Craoibhin' to The O'Rahilly praising him for the work he has done and informing him he has not yet received Irish cheques from the bank. 2pp.
- 290 1916 Nannie O'Rahilly's Irish chequebook for the Hibernian Bank, College Green, Dublin. 1 item.

e. Dispute with Post Office (1911—14)

- 291 10 August 1911 Typed letter from the Secretary, General Post Office, Dublin, to The O'Rahilly concerning letters addressed in Irish in which he states that 'when a letter [is] addressed in characters other than those in ordinary use in the United Kingdom' it is necessary for the English equivalent to be added to ensure delivery. Particular reference is made to a complaint lodged by The O'Rahilly against the postmistress in

- 291 contd** Ballinskelligs, Co. Kerry. 1p.
- 292** 1 October 1912 Letters from J.D. Hackett (Flushing, New York) to The O’Rahilly discussing the refusal of the post office to deliver letters addressed in Irish in which he suggests action which could be taken and claims that ‘The Post Office is actuated by malice in the matter of Irish letters’ as only the smallest knowledge of Irish is needed to translate an address. 2 items.
- 293** 18 February 1914 Typed letter from Liam O Riain (The Daily Herald, London) to O’Rahilly promising to deal swiftly with the matter of ‘scandalous’ acts of the postal authorities and urging the Gaelic League to make a strong fight in this (and other) matters. 1p.
- 294** 19 February—20 May 1914 Letters from Arthur Lynch (M.P. for Clare) to The O’Rahilly concerning his attempts to raise the question of the attitude of the Post Office in Ireland with the Postmaster General. 6 items.
- 295** 1913—14 Material collected by The O’Rahilly on the attitude of the Post Office to letters and parcels addressed in Irish (stuck onto Post Office paper). 1p.
- 296** Printed lists of the places served by a number of sorting offices in Co. Cork. 11pp.

f. *An Claidreamh Soluis* (1913—15)

- 297** 6 June 1912—
20 May 1914 Letters sent to O’Rahilly by a number of individuals discussing *An Claidreamh Soluis*, including a letter from Padraig Ua Drennín (26 November 1913) in which he gives his opinion of Padraig Pearse (‘helped a good deal to bring the Irish language movement so low as it is’) and the Irish Volunteers (‘The greatest humbug’). 9 items.

- 298** 20 September 1913 Unfinished copy of *An Claidreamh Soluis* with only the pictures and advertisements present. 1 item.
- 299** [12 November 1913] Postcard sent to the office of *An Claidreamh Soluis* from Russia promising to send a publication [*Sllucha*] every week ‘in exchange for your paper’ and allowing them to publish anything they wish from it. 2pp.
- 300** 13 February 1914 Typed copy letter written by The O’Rahilly discussing the difficulties faced by *An Claidreamh Soluis* in which he notes ‘the *entire* absence of co-operation from many sources whence we had expected to receive it’ and lists the problems faced by the paper including: the cancellation by the Foley Typewriter Company of their advertisement in the paper after they discovered one of the typewriters from the Gaelic League was sent to another company to be repaired despite the papers printed exhortations to ‘patronise our advertisers’; the failure of the Gaelic League to provide the paper with notices and reports of language meetings; the failure to attract new readers despite a number of schemes and competitions being offered. O’Rahilly also notes that the difficulties with the Post Office are not helped by the fact that ‘the parcels from the general office of the Gaelic League are usually addressed in English’. O’Rahilly concludes that ‘the vast majority of Gaelic Leaguers, Gaelic speakers, Irish Irelanders and even those who have made a business of their devotion to the “grand old tongue” are not willing to lend a hand to the work of saving it [*An Claidreamh Soluis*].’ 2pp.
- 301** 5—29 October 1915 Letters from Cahill and Company, Dublin and W. Tempest, Dundalk, Co. Louth (Printers) to O’Rahilly concerning printing work for *An Claidreamh Soluis* and other publications. 4 items.

VIII. Irish Volunteers (1913—16)

a. Foundation

- 302** November 1913 Letter in Irish from Eoin Mac Neill to The O'Rahilly (accompanying his article "The North's Awake" which was printed in *An Claidreamh Soluis*) in which he states that the example of Athlone (Co. Westmeath) should be followed and Volunteers established throughout the country, a feat which John Redmond cannot organise as he is already too busy. 1p

b. General Correspondence and Papers

- 303** [1913—16] Notes made by The O'Rahilly for speeches relating to the Irish Volunteers (the notes are written on the backs of letters concerning the administration of the Irish Volunteers and *An Claidreamh Soluis*) 10pp.
- 304** [1914—16] Notes written by The O'Rahilly on a play entitles 'Ireland First' ('the first dramatic effort that deals with and was stimulated by the Volunteer movement.) 1p.
- 305** [1914—16] Notes made by The O'Rahilly on the strength of the Irish Volunteers, listing the number of battalions in each county and the total number for the whole country (340). (The notes are made on the back of a letter from the Car and General Insurance Company concerning motor insurance dated 27 November 1913). 2pp.
- 306** Typed list of Irish words of command to be used by the Volunteers ('Which are *distinctive in sound, pronounceable* by non Irish speakers, *short* and mostly accented on the *last syllable* and convey the sense as well as the English words do.'). 2pp.
- 307** 1914 Letter from the O'Rahilly to Nannie discussing committee meetings of the Irish Volunteers and the outbreak of the

- 307 contd** First World War. 4pp.
- 308** [1914] Notes from J. Ulic Burke and J. Bunting (Secretaries of the "Irish Parliament" Branch of the United Irish League of Great Britain) to O'Rahilly about the forthcoming parliamentary session, Bunting noting that 'one of those guns that you so much desired would have much more effect than paper bullets and smokers' (written on the reverse of a printed letter detailing the activities of the "Irish Parliament" Branch dated 1 November 1906). 2pp.
- 309** [10 August 1914/15] Letter from P. Nelson (Castlewellan, Co. Down) to The O'Rahilly asking him to confirm or deny a rumour that he was rude to him while drunk on the day of the inspection [of a Volunteer corps]. 2pp.
- 310** 18 January 1914—
14 August 1915 Letters from a number of individuals inviting The O'Rahilly to attend and speak at meetings held for the purpose of establishing Volunteer corps in Dublin, Limerick, Cork and Belfast; Cumann na mBan meetings; Volunteer parades. Includes letter from Mary Mac Swiney (16 May 1914) noting that the Volunteer movement initially met with much opposition in Cork and that the size of the men's corps is inadequate, and hoping that if O'Rahilly and other prominent figures visit the city they may 'draw to our side the educated and monied people who are rather holding aloof.' Telegrams concerning travel and other arrangements for meetings are also included. 31 items.
- 311** 22 March 1914—
16 March 1916 Letters from Bulmer Hobson, Eoin Mac Neill and others making arrangements to meet with The O'Rahilly and asking him to attend meetings of the Provisional Committee, Central Executive and General Council of the Irish Volunteers. 8 items.
- 312** 2 April 1914 Letter sent to The O'Rahilly (in his capacity as treasurer of the Irish Volunteer Fund) by Tom Clarke (Tobacconist, Stationer and Newsagent, Dublin) enclosing a donation to the Irish Volunteer Fund. 1p.

- 313** 7 May 1914 Typed copy of letter sent by The O'Rahilly to Judge J.J. Lynch, Butte (Montana, USA) thanking him for his contribution to the Irish Volunteer Fund on behalf of the Robert Emmet Literary Association of Butte, Montana. O'Rahilly describes the success of the organisation, the Volunteers enlisting around a thousand men a week, and notes that 'the work of equipping such numbers will be prodigious and the timidity of our wealthier classes in Ireland is our greatest handicap'.
1p.
- 314** 25 June 1914 Letter card from Arthur Griffith to O'Rahilly discussing 'the recent action of the provisional committee' which was 'timid and blundering' and advising him not to take matters to heart.
2pp.
- 315** 12-23 July 1914 Letters from J.E. Fitzpatrick (Royal Dublin Fusiliers) to The O'Rahilly discussing the Volunteers, Fitzpatrick supporting the organisation but being unable to become involved because of his position.
3 items.
- 316** 6 August 1914 Postcard from Maurice Moore requesting organisational schemes for the Cavan and Mayo Volunteers to be drawn up by The O'Rahilly.
2pp.
- 317** 22 August 1914 Letter written to The O'Rahilly by Denis Mangan (a cousin) asking him to ensure that the headquarters for a Limerick battalion of the Irish Volunteers planned for Shanagolden will not be moved elsewhere ('There are other influences at work to take the honour from Shanagolden probably in favour of Foynes'.).
4pp.
- 318** 26 August 1914 Letter sent to The O'Rahilly from [Quigley?] Athlumney Lodge, Navan, discussing the administration of Volunteers in Co. Meath.
2pp.
- 319** 4 September [1914] Letter from Mary Spring rice (Mt. Trenchard, Foynes, Co. Limerick) to O'Rahilly concerning the Limerick City Volunteers. She asks what is the correct Volunteer flag as a cousin has

- 319 contd** offered to make one. Sshe mentions she had heard it is a golden sunburst on a blue background with the arms of the particular Volunteer corps in the corner; informs O'Rahilly that the situation in Limerick is full of 'doubt and uncertainty' about the Volunteers because of a lack of instructions and officers; hopes a situation arises where 'they can have a recognised status without being administered by the war office.' 4pp.
- 320** 1915 Letter from Miss Malt Williams, 'Pantsaison', Nr. Cardigan, South Wales, to O'Rahilly enclosing a cheque for £3 for the Volunteer Fund and asking if it would be possible to see some Volunteers drilling when she visits Dublin. 2pp.
- 321** 15 May 1915 Letters from 'A.N.' (65 University Road, Belfast) to O'Rahilly informing him that his article in the *Irish Volunteer* 'has attracted a lot of attention' and wondering how it was received in Dublin. 1p.
- 322** 23 June 1915 Copy order prohibiting O'Rahilly from residing in or entering Kerry, Cork, and Limerick signed by J.B. Friend (Major-General, Commanding troops in Ireland). 1p.
- 323** 17 September 1915 Typed letter from Captain W. Pearse (Acting Chief of Staff) to The O'Rahilly informing him of Dublin Brigade operations to be held on 19 September, and ordering him to report to Headquarters at Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin on that date where he will serve on the staff of Padraig Pearse (G.O. C Dublin Brigade). 1p.
- 324** November 1915 Handwritten drafts and printed copy of poem written by The O'Rahilly entitled *To Desmond Fitzgerald* (Fitzgerald had been imprisoned after a speech he made in Bray, Co. Wicklow). 3pp.
- 325** 6—28 November 1915 Material relating to an address given by The O'Rahilly at Manchester Martyrs commemoration organised by the Irish Volunteers in Strabane, Co. Tyrone, including letter from 'A.N.' (University Road, Belfast) asking O'Rahilly to give the address as he is unable to; notes

- 325 contd** made by The O'Rahilly outlining his address; letters from D. Ua Dochartaigh thanking O'Rahilly on behalf of the Strabane Volunteers.
4 items.
- 326** 20 December 1915 Letters from R.P. O'Connor (City of Limerick Regiment of the Irish Volunteers) to The O'Rahilly asking for the opinion of the Council on what should be the national flag of the Irish Volunteers, the tricolour ('now so much worn') or the green flag with the harp (which 'had plenty of friends').
1p.
- 327** 29 April 1914—
November 1915 Typed copy agendas and tickets for 22 meetings and conventions, and programmes for concerts and other events organised by the Irish Volunteers in Dublin, Waterford and Mayo.
9 items.

c. Administrative Records

- 328** Unused membership card of the Irish Volunteers.
1 item.
- 329** Unused enrolment form for the Irish Volunteers (with financial accounts scribbled on the reverse by The O'Rahilly). Blank monthly district report sheets for the Irish Volunteers one with notes made by The O'Rahilly [for speech] on the reverse.
2 items.
- 330** 1914 Unused Irish Volunteers receipt books. One being noted by The O'Rahilly as being 'the last one used prior to the expulsion of Mr. Redmond's nominees', the unused pages in this volume being closed with a seal.
2 items.
- 331** April—May 1914 Attendance book of unit of the third battalion of the Dublin Volunteers (handwritten by The O'Rahilly).
1 item.

- 332** 13 May—14 June 1914 Munster Volunteers account book recording the affiliation fees for battalions throughout the province.
7ff.
- 333** 6 August 1914—
8 December 1915 Material relating to the financial administration of the Irish Volunteers including notes made by The O'Rahilly (in his capacity as Treasurer) on the expenditure of money received from America; the purchase of arms and ammunition (each item being individually priced); the cost of the administration of Volunteer Command (January—July 1915); affiliation fees in cash received from a number of Volunteer corps (signed by Liam Mellows). Donations and bills sent to the Irish Volunteers are also included.
42pp.
- 334** 30 December 1914—
13 April 1916 Carbon copy letter book containing copy outgoing letters relating to The O'Rahilly's personal business matters including letters to his landlord providing details of work to be done to the house (40 Herbert Park, Dublin); to printers providing specifications for publication of material; to his own tenants concerning problems with rent. Also letters relating to the Irish Volunteers dealing with the purchase of arms and uniforms and financial matters, O'Rahilly believing the authorities to be aware of his activities (letters being 'delayed twelve hours in the Post Office for reasons best known to the friendly Home Rule government and its allies'.)
47pp.

d. Howth Gun-Running

- 335** 2 April—11 June 1914 Letters from Mary Spring Rice (London) to The O'Rahilly (a number in Irish) concerning the arming of the Irish Volunteers in which she notes contacts made with French and German arms dealers; discusses the possibility of receiving arms from America; urges O'Rahilly to meet with Erskine Childers who is 'willing to take command of the expedition and has various plans to suggest' (1 May); arranges meetings between herself. O'Rahilly, Eoin Mac Neill, Roger Casement and Erskine Childers.
11 items.
- 336** 1 May 1914 Letter from Roger Casement to The O'Rahilly informing him that he cannot accept his invitation as he is summoned to London on government business (where the Volunteer question is to be

- 336 contd** discussed) and noting that 'I see great difficulties ahead of us.'
2pp.
- 337** 4 May 1914
Typed copy letter from O'Rahilly to the editor of an unnamed publication urging support for the arming of the Irish Volunteers, in which he claims that the arming of the Ulster Volunteers means that 'the only party in Ireland which is not fully armed are the "old Irish" i.e. the Celtic and native population of the country', and he argues that the Curragh incident shows that Ireland cannot rely on the army for protection from the threats made by Carson and the Ulster Volunteers.
1p.
- 338** 19 June 1914
Letter from 'C' (Erskine Childers) to O'Rahilly in which he tells The O'Rahilly that he feared the committee would not approve of their plan, informing him of 'our deal having gone through without recall.' He also praises The O'Rahilly for 'going so far to avert a fatal split in the national forces,'
2pp.
- 339** [June—July] 1914
Letters from Arthur and Mary Jennings to The O'Rahilly discussing the preparations for the landing of arms. Arthur informs O'Rahilly of the purchase of 1,000 rifles in Germany which cannot be delivered until mid-June at the earliest and reassures him of his commitment to the operation (noting however that it will be difficult to carry out the plan proposed by O'Rahilly). Mary further reassures O'Rahilly about the commitment of Arthur noting that he had merely questioned the plan, preferring a single landing rather than the five proposed, as the wind could cause problems for sailing ships. (Includes typed transcripts by Aodogán O'Rahilly).
4 items.
- 340** Ghost entry
- 341** July 1914
Note from 'C' (Erskine Childers) to The O'Rahilly making final arrangements for the landing of the arms and wishing everyone luck.
1p.
- 342** 26 July 1914
Typed copy mobilization order for the Dublin regiment of the Irish Volunteers, annotated by The O'Rahilly as being the 'order for the Howth gun running trip.'
1p.

- 343** 27 July 1914 Letter from Dick Humphries to Nannie O'Rahilly (in Ventry, Co. Kerry) describing the landing of arms at Howth and the subsequent trouble in Bachelors Walk, Dublin (which he and The O'Rahilly had no knowledge of until special editions of the newspapers were brought out). Frank O'Rahilly was present at Bachelor's Walk when the incident occurred and Dick notes his surprise when he was later informed that the soldiers had been firing live ammunition (and not blank cartridges as he had believed). 4pp.

e. Split with Redmond

- 344** 24 September 1914 Copy typed open letter from the Provisional Committee of the Irish Volunteers in response to Redmond's speech at Woodenbridge, Co. Wicklow, announcing the removal of Redmond's nominees from the committee and objecting to Redmond's speech in which he 'announced for the Irish Volunteers a policy and programme fundamentally at variance with their own published and accepted aims and pledges,' Redmond making his call without consulting the Provisional Committee or the Volunteers themselves. The letter states that the Provisional Committee will re-affirm the original manifesto of the Irish Volunteers at their next meeting where their views and aims will also be expressed including their opposition to any diminution of the Home Rule measure on the statute books and the 'legislative dismemberment of Ireland'; the belief that Ireland cannot take part in a foreign conflict without the authority of a decision made by an Irish government; the demand that the present administration be abolished and replaced with an Irish government. 2pp.
- 345** Ghost entry
- 346** 10 October 1914 Typed copy of proposed constitution for the Irish Volunteers with covering note from Bulmer Hobson. 4pp.
- 347** 6 November 1914 Typed copy letter from O'Rahilly to the Honorary Secretary, Irish Volunteers, Castleisland, Co. Kerry congratulating the Kerry Corps of the Irish Volunteers for 'standing by the cause of Ireland when the question of loyalty to Ireland or to the Empire was put to them' and recommending that the Irish Volunteers concentrate on training and arming the force rather than meetings and speeches. 1p.

f. Arming the Volunteers

- 348** Printed notice stating the conditions for the supply of rifles to Irish Volunteers Corps (with instructions on how to clean them) accompanied by a copy note detailing the method of payment for arms and the conditions relating to the provision of free grants of additional rifles. 2 items.
- 349** 6 September 1914 Letter from Michéal Ó hAoda (Newcastle West, Co. Limerick) to The O'Rahilly noting the dissatisfaction of the local Volunteer Corps caused by the difficulty of obtaining arms and enquiring how many rifles could be supplied for the sum of £75 and when they could be delivered. 4pp.
- 350** 22—23 October 1914. Carbon copy letter book of the Provisional Committee of the Irish Volunteers containing letter written by The O'Rahilly to J.J. Goggins concerning the arming of Goggins' company of Volunteers. Goggins had refused arms from The O'Rahilly because of his opposition to enlisting in the army and O'Rahilly refers him to L.J. Kettle who supported enlistment and held sufficient funds of the Provisional Committee to supply arms. 2pp.
- 351** 22 October—15 November 1914 Copies of letters relating to the distribution of arms written by The O'Rahilly. 3 items.
- 352** 1 December 1914 Typed agreement between Michael Martin and Edward Carroll (Tullamore Corps, Irish Volunteers, Co. Offaly) and Joseph Graham, who is being supplied with a Volunteer rifle. Graham undertakes to pay an agreed sum at regular intervals (5 shillings a month) after an initial payment of 10 shillings; to keep the rifle in good condition; and attend rifle practices of the Tullamore Corps. 2pp.
- 353** 25 December 1914 Typed letter with handwritten amendments from Maurice Moore (Kensington, London) to the Lord Mayor of an unspecified city concerning the sale of arms in Ireland. Moore states that he has been offered a consignment of 30,000 Mauser rifles (as used by the German army) and asks for money to be collected to finance the purchase. 2pp.

- 354** [1915] Letter from A. Newman (Treasurer, Belfast Regiment, Irish Volunteers) to The O'Rahilly seeking financial assistance, in which he states that at the time of the Volunteer split the £500 which had been amassed from subscriptions was taken by 'those at the head of the Volunteers who preferred the Union Jack;' the regiment was deprived of money to replace the nineteenth century Italian rifles in their possession with more modern models; by means of loans and regular payments by the men, new rifles were purchased. 2pp.
- 355** 4 March 1916 Annotated typed letter from The O'Rahilly discussing the expenditure of the Irish Volunteers (with particular reference to arms) in which he expresses dissatisfaction with the way the organisation is being run; feels that his opinion as Treasurer is being ignored when it comes to expenditure; objects to money which was traditionally spent on arms being used for other purposes (The document is in very poor condition, the pages torn and the text faded). 2pp.

g. The Rising

- 356** 1 August 1916 Typed amended account of case of Henry Reynolds who lost his job with Pim Bros. Ltd., as a result of being arrested and taken to England in the aftermath of the Rising (although he played no part in events). The document is in very poor conditions. 1p.
- 357** Handwritten list of money ('given to me by The O'Rahilly belonging to the gun fund') paid out after the rising to help dependents of the Volunteers killed. 1p.

IX. Printed Material**a. Newspapers and Journals***Sinn Féin Daily*

358	23 August 1909	Vol. 1, No. 1
359	24 August 1909	Vol. 1, No. 2
360	26 August 1909	Vol. 1, No. 3
361	27 August 1909	Vol. 1, No. 4
362	28 August 1909	Vol. 1, No. 5
363	30 August 1909	Vol. 1, No. 6
364	30 September 1909	Vol. 1, No. 33
365	1 October 1909	Vol. 1, No. 34
366	16 October 1909	Vol. 1, No. 46
367	18 October 1909	Vol. 1, No. 47
368	21 December 1909	Vol.1, No. 102
369	22 December 1909	(incomplete) Vol.1, No. 103
370	23 December 1909	Vol. 1, No. 104
371	14 January 1910	Vol.1, No. 121

Sinn Féin

372	29 January 1910	Vol. 1, No. 1 (New Series)/ Vol. 4, No. 194 (Old Series)
373	5 February 1910	Vol.1 No. 2 (New Series)/ Vol. 4, No. 195 (Old Series)
374	26 February 1910	Vol. 1, No. 5 (New Series)/ Vol. 4, No. 198 (Old Series)

375 9 April 1910 Vol. 1, No. 11 (New Series)/
Vol. 4, No. 224 (Old Series)

An Lócrann

376 September 1910 Vol. 3, No. 8

377 January—February 1911 Vol.3, No. 9

An Barr Buadh

378 16 March 1912 Vol. 1, No. 1

379 23 March 1912 Vol.1, No. 2

380 30 March 1912 Vol. 1, No. 3

381 5 April 1912 Vol. 1, No. 4

382 12 April 1912 Vol. 1, No. 5

383 20 April 1912 Vol. 1, No. 6

384 27 April 1912 Vol. 1, No. 7

385 4 May 1912 Vol.1, No. 8

386 11 May 1912 Vol. 1, No. 9

387 18 May 1912 Vol. 1, No. 10

An Claideamh Soluis

388 11 October 1913 No. 811

389 8 November 1913 No. 815

390 22 November 1913 No. 817

391 29 November 1913 No. 818

392 6 December 1913 No. 819

393 13 December 1913 No. 820

394	20 December 1913		No. 821
395	27 December 1913		No. 822
396	31 January 1914		No. 827
 <i>Eire Ireland</i>			
397	26 October 1914		Vol. 1, No. 1
 <i>Irish Freedom</i>			
398	December 1914	(Incomplete)	
 <i>Irish Volunteer</i>			
399	7 August 1915		Vol. 2, No. 35
 <i>The Spark</i>			
400	8 August 1915— 30 January 1916		Vol. 2
 <i>The Irishman</i>			
401	January 1916		Vol. 1, No. 1
 <i>The Hibernian</i>			
402	8 April 1916		Vol. 2, No. 44
 <i>Irish Times</i>			
403	2 May 1916		Vol. 58, No. 18,446
404	14 May 1916		Vol. 58, No. 18,457
405	18 May 1916		Vol. 60, No. 19,084

Daily Mirror

406 3 May 1916 No. 3,908

Daily Sketch

407 8 May 1916 No. 2,235

Irish Weekly Independent

408 13 May 1916 Vol. 25, No. 18

Evening Herald

409 15 May 1916 Vol. 25, No. 109

Dublin Evening Mail

410 15 May 1916 No. 25,680

The Catholic Press

411 16 November 1916 (includes article ‘ “The O’Rahilly”: a fine scholar and timeless worker’)

New Ireland

412 28 July 1917 Vo.4, No. 12
(Includes article ‘ “The O’Rahilly”: a fine scholar and timeless worker’)

b. Newspaper Cuttings

413 [1899] The academic achievements of O’Rahilly’s uncle Thomas Francis Rahilly, and his death and funeral.
4pp.

- 414** June 1899 Letter from 'An Irish Reader' (O'Rahilly) and replies in the *New York Herald* discussing comments made by The O'Rahilly about Queen Victoria which the paper refuses to publish. 7pp.
- 415** 30 December 1899 Part of *The New Era* (No. 49) containing reports from various countries including Ireland 2pp.
- 416** 1903—12 Letters, articles and poems written by The O'Rahilly on the variety of subjects including emigration, local history, the value of turf and motoring. 28pp.
- 417** 1904—12 Economic and industrial topics including letter from O'Rahilly to the *Irish Independent* (October 1911) discussing 'Ireland's right to the control of her customs' and its inclusion in a Home Rule Bill; account of lecture given by The O'Rahilly on protection for Irish industries. 7pp.
- 418** 1909—11 Material relating to Sinn Féin including accounts of lectures given by The O'Rahilly on how to make history and aviation popular, and Arthur Griffith on 'the withdrawal of Irish representation from Westminster). 5pp.
- 419** 1909—16 Material relating to the Gaelic League and the Irish language including accounts of various Gaelic League meetings and concerts. 26pp.
- 420** 1911 The visit of George V to Dublin 11pp.
- 421** April—June 1912 Printed advertisement for lecture to be delivered by The O'Rahilly on the 'war of '98' (organised by the Dublin central branch of Sinn Féin) and text of the lecture reproduced (with illustrations) in *Irish Freedom*. 4pp.

- 422** 1912-14 Material relating to flags, including articles written by The O’Rahilly entitled ‘Under Which Flag?’ (in the *Irish Independent*) and ‘the Volunteer Colours—flags for the regiments’ (in the *Irish Volunteer*), the flags depicted in this article being coloured in by The O’Rahilly in one copy. 8pp.
- 423** November 1912 Accounts of Manchester Martyrs commemoration held in Kilkenny which was addressed by The O’Rahilly. 6pp.
- 424** 1914—15 The Irish Volunteer fund, annual convention, and parade. 3pp.
- 425** 1914—16 Accounts of speeches (and other contributions) made by The O’Rahilly at meetings organised by the Irish Volunteers, Cumann na mBan and others in Dublin, Kildare, Carlow, Wexford, Cork, Mayo, Tipperary and Derry. 14pp.
- 426** February 1914 Letter from The O’Rahilly to the *Belfast Morning News* discussing the attitude of the Post Office to the Irish language. 1p.
- 427** 17 March 1914 Page from *Ireland’s Own* depicting the arms of a number of Irish families. 4pp.
- 428** 1915 Account of address given by The O’Rahilly at the Manchester Martyrs commemoration in Strabane 3pp.
- 429** 1915-16 Material relating to the Defence of the Realm Act including accounts of the deportation of The O’Rahilly from Kerry, Cork and Limerick; the arrest of Desmond FitzGerald for a speech given at a Volunteer meeting in Bray, Co. Wicklow (26 September 1915); the

- 429 contd imprisonment and release of Francis Sheehy-Skeffington.
17pp.
- 430 31 March 1916 Account (in *Irish Independent*) of public meeting held in the Mansion House, Dublin, protesting at the expulsion of a number of Irishmen from the country ('several strong expressions used by some of the speakers we do not consider it advisable in the public interest to report').
1p.
- 431 8—12 May 1916 Reports of the rising and aftermath from *Dublin Evening Mail*, *Irish Independent*, *Daily Sketch* 11pp.

c. Posters, Pamphlets and Leaflets

- 432 Coloured poster of The Arms of the Provinces, Cities and Chief towns of Ireland. 1p.
- 433 *The Irish Ireland Songbook*
8pp.
- 434 *Mac an Ríog* (No. 1 in the Leabráin Locha Leín series). 16pp.
- 435 Leaflet entitled 'What the Irish language is' which includes the 'opinions of foreign scholars'.
2pp.
- 436 Manifesto of the Gaelic League.
4pp.
- 437 Poster for the meeting in Maghera, Co. Derry, addressed by O'Rahilly and A. Newman. 1p.

- 438** Leaflet published by the National Council of Sinn Féin criticising comments made by John Redmond ('Does Mr. Redmond speak for you when he offers to accept less autonomy for Ireland than any British Colony possesses'). 1p.
- 439** Leaflet issued by the National Council of Sinn Féin urging Irishmen not to enlist in the British army and navy or the Royal Irish Constabulary. 1p.
- 440** Poster criticising the 'recent wave of Flunkeyism' and urging Dublin Nationalists to unite against 'the English Garrison'. 1p.
- 441** 1906 Pamphlet issued by Sinn Féin entitled 'The Police and the Nation'. 4pp.
- 442** 10 August 1908 Pamphlet addressed to 'The Irish people of America' promoting the Sinn Féin movement. 4pp.
- 443** 1908 'Gaelic songs with music in simplified spelling' (Fóla leaflets No. 1) 4pp.
- 444** [1909—15] Leaflet advertising a meeting to be held on the occasion of the re-opening of the St. Patrick's Branch of the Gaelic League, Shankhill, at which The O'Rahilly delivered the opening address on 'the work of the Gaelic League; the Irish language in the schools and its treatments by the "National" education board.' 1p.
- 445** 1910 *King's History of Kerry* (Part II), by J. King. 1 item.

- 446 1912 Petition sheet issued by Sinn Féin demanding that 'the collection of all taxes levied in Ireland shall be solely carried out by any government set up in this country in the name of Home Rule, and that the proceeds of all Irish taxes shall be lodged in the Irish treasury.'
1p.
- 447 June 1913 *An Bréagán*, Vol. II, No. 1.
- 448 25 November 1913 Printed copy of the manifesto of the Irish Volunteers. 3pp.
- 449 [1913—14] Printed verse entitled 'Irish Volunteers.'
1p.
- 450 1914 Printed statement issued by the city of Limerick regiment of the Irish Volunteer discussing the problems within the Volunteer organisation in Limerick.
4pp.
- 451 1915 Leaflet urging men not to enlist in the British Army. 1p.
- 452 8 April 1915 Pamphlet written by The O'Rahilly entitled *The Secret History of the Irish Volunteers* (and annotated copy).
2 items
- 453 10 November 1915 Printed text of letter (published in the *Munster News*) written by Edward Thomas, Bishop of Limerick on the subject of the treatment which Irish emigrants received in Liverpool (and part of copy typed letter recording the support of an unidentified meeting for the views expressed by the Bishop of Limerick). 2 items.
- 454 December 1915 *Ghosts* by Padraig Pearse
16pp.

455—457 Ghost entries.

458 17 March 1916 Recruitment leaflet for the Irish Volunteer providing details of drill centres in Dublin where new members may enrol and containing extracts from the manifesto of the Irish Volunteers. (annotated [by O'Rahilly] 'handed out at St. Patrick's day parade, College Green, 1916'.) 1p.

X. Photographs

- 459** Group photographs and individual portraits of various members of the O'Rahilly family (including a number of modern reproductions of older photographs) 39 items.
- 460** Exterior and interior views of a number of houses occupied by The O'Rahilly including Slieve Luachra, Lansdowne, Philadelphia and cottage in Ventry, Co. Kerry. 13 items.
- 461** Ruins on Myles the Slasher's Island, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim (annotated by The O'Rahilly). 1 item.
- 462** London News Agency photograph of aeroplane in flight (caption on reverse reads 'The Gordon Bennett Aviation Contest. Weyman, the winner, in flight'). 1 item.
- 463** The O'Rahilly addressing a crowd (from Irish Press Pictures, 21 Fownes Street, Dublin). 1 item.
- 464** Modern reproduction of photograph of The O'Rahilly firing rifle (annotated 'soon after the volunteers were founded'). 1 item.
- 465** [Group of Irish Volunteers] 1 item.
- 466** Photographic reproduction of newspaper report of recruitment meeting for the Irish Volunteers held near the Curragh, Co. Kildare. 1 item.

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Printed instructions for developing
various types of photographs.
8 items.

C. Nannie O'Rahilly

I. Material relating to the period before her marriage (1893—98)

- 468** 22 February—3 March 1893 Letters from Mary Brown to her daughter Nannie written while the family were in Paris (where the Browns were being educated). 3 items.
- 469** 28 September 1898 Letter from James Brown to his niece Nannie after a meeting with The O'Rahilly, in which he gives a favourable account of him and notes that 'I am not in favour of long engagements.'
1p.

II. General Correspondence and Papers (1899—1916)

- 470** 17 July 1899 Letter from James Brown to Nannie (in his capacity as guardian of Nannie and her sisters) following the death of their parents in which he disapproves of the proposed marriage between Sadie Brown and a member of the Stierngranat family ('He is a foreigner and a Protestant and I don't like either'). James believes that Stierngranat only want to marry Sadie for her money and asks Nannie and The O'Rahilly to go to Stockholm, Sweden to find out all they can about the Stierngranat family before he gives his consent to the marriage. *See also P102/66*
4pp.
- 471** 12 December 1900 Letter from Nannie to Ellen Rahilly written while in Florida convalescing after the birth of her first child, Robert, in which she describes the baby and gives an account of The O'Rahilly's work in the mills of Philadelphia.
3pp.
- 472** 26 July 1905—27 July 1914 Correspondence between Anna Rahilly and Nell Humphries and their sister-in-law Nannie, discussing family matters. Includes letters from Nell (16 January 1906) reassuring Nannie about the health of her son Mac ('He is as you say very like Michael who was very thin when he was young and inclined to bronchitis as well; and see how hard he is now'); letter from Nell (27 July 1914) describing the Howth gun-running and the subsequent trouble on Bachelors Walk, Dublin, and the part the family played in the events.
13 items.
- 473** 16 November 1910 Letter from James Brown to Nannie discussing the closure of the mill in Philadelphia because of competition from rival mills and requesting financial advice from The O'Rahilly.
4pp.
- 474** 28 March 1911 Letter from James Stephens to Nannie apologising for not visiting as his wife has a bad cold. 1p.

- 475** 13 October 1912 Typed letter from Patrick [Johnson] (103 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin) to Nannie hoping that he has not lost her custom.
1p.
- 476** 1913 Nannie's membership card of the Gaelic League. 1 item.
- 477** 27 December 1913 Envelope addressed to Nannie containing human hair. 1 item.
- 478** 10 April 1914 Letter in French, from [J. Fahy (Paris) to Nannie] 2pp.
- 479** 1 October 1915—
31 March 1916 Stubs from Nannie's chequebook. 1 item.
- 480** [- April 1916] Letter written to Nannie by her sister Celia (who was in financial difficulties) who asks Nannie if she is still friendly with Anna Rahilly and Nell Humphries as she never mentions them.
2pp.

III. Cumann na mBan (1914—21)

- 481** Printed application form for membership of Cumann na mBan which includes the objects and constitution of the organisation. 4pp.
- 482** Letter from Countess Markievicz to Nannie in which she notes 'I am *very* sick with the Committee and miss you dreadfully on it.' 2pp.
- 483** 3—18 June 1914 Letters relating to the help given by The O'Rahilly in founding a Cork branch of Cumann na mBan. 2 items.
- 484** 12 August [1914] Letter from Mary McColum and Louise Gavan Duffy (secretaries of Cumann na mBan) to Nannie informing her that a proposal for establishing an Irish Red Cross Society was rejected by the Committee of Cumann na mBan because the new organisation would have been a branch of the British Red Cross Society and therefore connected with the War Office in London. They ask Nannie to attend committee meetings to give her opinion on the matter and also inform her of new members co-opted onto the committee. 4pp.
- 485** 17 August 1914 Letter from Mary McColum (Honorary Secretary, Cumann na mBan) to The O'Rahilly asking him if he could drive Mrs. Wyse Power and herself to Lusk, Co. Dublin where they have to attend a meeting. 1p.
- 486** 24 November 1915 Letter from Úna Ní Riain (secretary of Belfast branch of Cumann na mBan) [to Nannie] (in Irish) 1p.

- 487** December 1915 Printed leaflet issued by Cumann na mBan listing the constitution, members of the executive committee and committee (Nannie vice-president of the organisation), rules, and suggested activities.
4pp.
- 488** 11—16 April 1916 Programmes for concerts organised by Cumann na mBan in Dublin and Bray, Wicklow. 3 items.
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- 489** [1918] Annotated typed text of speech given in America [by Nannie] on Cumann na mBan, tracing the organisation's contribution to the nationalist movement since its creation in 1913.
2pp.
- 490** 1 October 1921 Letter from Eamon de Valera to Nannie O'Rahilly regretting that the Round Room in the Mansion House cannot be made available to any organisation, including Cumann na mBan.
1p.

IV. The Rising**a. Letters of Condolence**

- 491** May—July 1916 Letters written to Nannie following the Rising from the Gaelic League and a number of individuals including her sister Sadie, Anna Rahilly, and Alfred Rahilly all expressing sorrow at the death of The O'Rahilly. Includes letter written by Anna (who was looking after Nannie's children) in which she notes the sorrow of the locals in Ventry, Co. Kerry and the attitude of the Irish Volunteers in the area to the Rising.
10 items.

b. Letters written by and to other family members

- 492** 26 May 1916 Letter from Nell Humphries to her son Dick (imprisoned after the Rising) hoping he received the food which was sent.
2pp.
- 493** 17 March 1917 Letter written to Nell Humphries by her sister-in-law Nora (Cowra, New South Wales, Australia) who describes the attitude of the Irish community, the Australian government and the press towards the Rising and subsequent events in Ireland. She also notes how removed she is from events in Ireland ('I often think I should not be giving out my opinion as I may be critically wrong') and recalls how she first heard of The O'Rahilly's death.
8pp.
- 494** 30 July 1917 Typed letter from CD. Doyle (Secretary, Dublin Cemeteries Committee) to Anna Rahilly regarding the removal of the body of The O'Rahilly and its transfer to another plot. 1p.

c. Commemorative Material

- 495** *Songs and Poems of the Rebels who fought and died for Ireland in Easter Week 1916* (includes poem written by The O'Rahilly entitled 'Thou art not conquered yet dear land').
60pp.

- 496** Printed text of the 'Last and Inspiring Address of Thomas Mac Donagh'.
1p.
- 497** Invitation issued by the Gaelic League to walk to The O'Rahilly's house (40 Herbert Park, Dublin).
1 item.
- 498** Commemorative postcards of Mrs. Joseph Plunkett, John O'Reilly and Thomas Ashe. 3 items.
- 499** 14 September 1916 Printed copy of speech made by Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer in support of Sinn Féin on receiving the Freedom of the city of Limerick. 4pp.
- 500** [1917] Printed and typewritten poems commemorating The O'Rahilly and the Rising including poems written by Tomás O'Rahilly and Herbert Moore Pim.
12pp.
- 501** 1917 Memorial cards for The O'Rahilly, Pádraig and William Pearse, Thomas J. Clarke, Thomas Mac Donagh, Joseph Plunkett, Michael O'Hanrahan, Edward Daly, Major John Mac Bride, Eamonn Ceannt, Michael Mallin, Con Colbert, Seán Heuston, Thomas Kent, James Connolly and Seán Mac Diarmada (issued on the first anniversary of the Rising). 7 items.
- 502** April 1917 List of anniversary masses to be held in churches in Dublin commemorating the deaths of The O'Rahilly and other leaders of the Rising. 4pp.
- 503** 25 November 1917 Printed list of graves in Glasnevin cemetery 'of those who gave their lives for Ireland, 1848—1916/17.'
1p.

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23 April 1919

Souvenirs of anniversary mass for the 68
heroes who died for Ireland in 1916 held
in Notre-Dame des Victoires, Paris.

2 items.

V. General Correspondence (1916—53)

- 505** Letter from Countess Markievicz (writing from the Mansion House) to Nannie asking for a loan of a portrait of The O'Rahilly ('I know how the Irish people would love to see it').
2pp.
- 506** 30 May 1916 Letter from Alfred Rahilly to Nannie asking for a photograph of The O'Rahilly as he has received many requests for one. He says he has heard that 'the Huns' stole Nannie's photos and hopes that Nell Humphries may have some.
1p.
- 507** 15 September [1916/18?] Letter from Celia Brown to her sister Nannie describing working conditions in France (where she was serving with the National Catholic War Council of the United States) and informing Nannie that she will 'certainly be able to get a passport from here.'
4pp.
- 508** 21 September 1916 Letter from Major Rice (Headquarters Irish Command, Parkgate, Dublin) to Nannie stating that he has been unable to trace The O'Rahilly's pocket book or find any officer who saw it (most of the officers on duty during the Rising now serving in France).
2pp.
- 509** 24 March [1917-18] Letter written to Nannie by her sister Celia (Kew Gardens, London) who informs Nannie that 'Bill' [son/husband] has received his conscription papers ('We are hoping his eyes and bum knee will keep him out') and notes the difficulty of finding employment.
4pp.
- 510** 20 April 1917 Letter from Father 'Albert' (Franciscan Capuchin Friary, Church Street, Dublin) to Nannie discussing masses to be said in memory of leaders of the Rising and praising those who 'died in their heroic effort to win the Freedom and Independence of Ireland.'
4pp.

- 511** 29 November 1917 Letter from Eamon de Valera to Nannie arranging a meeting between the two.
1p.
- 512** 28 December 1917 Letter from Cáit Ní Cathain, in Irish, to [Nannie] on life on an unspecified island (in an Irish speaking region).
2pp.
- 513** 21 October—
21 December 1918 Letters written from Lawrence Ginnell (interned in Reading, England) to Nannie in which he thanks her for the help she gave him while he was in Mountjoy jail, Dublin; describes conditions in Reading; notes the poor health of some of the prisoners; and criticises the authorities for tampering with the prisoners letters. 2 items.
- 514** December 1918 Christmas card sent to Nannie from Countess Markievicz and Kathleen Clarke (in Holloway jail, London).
4pp.
- 515** 6 March 1919 Letter from the Passport Office, St. James' Park, London informing Nannie that her application for a passport cannot be granted. 1p.
- 516** April 1919 Invitation for Nannie to attend a meeting in Dáil Éireann. 1 item.
- 517** 9 January 1920 Letter from the American Commission on Irish Independence to Nannie inviting her to speak at a mass meeting at Lexington Opera House (which Eamon de Valera will also address).
1p.
- 518** 6 December 1921 Letter from G. N. Count Plunkett to Nannie enclosing two admission cards for a function in the Mansion House.
1p.

- 519** 24 May 1922 Letter from Michael Collins (Minister for Finance) to Nannie informing her of Dáil funds (including money contributed by Nannie) in an account in the joint names of Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Eamon de Valera, Stephen O'Mara (Alderman). 1p.
- 520** 17 November 1922 Note written by [Nannie] to 'Peter' asking him to cable Irish World (New York) and inform them of her hunger strike outside Mountjoy jail because she has been refused entry [to see Nell Humphries and Anna Rahilly]. 1p.
- 521** 25 May 1927—
17 September 1948 Letters from Martin and Blake Inc. (General Insurance, Miami, Florida) to Nannie discussing matters arising from shares held by Nannie in the Chateau Park Corporation. 2 items.
- 522** 24 August—21 October 1953 Typed copy letter from W.J. Blake (Kew Gardens, New York) to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York relating to unclaimed dividends in the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey in the names of The O'Rahilly and his sons, and letter from Blake to Nannie forwarding money. 2 items.

D. Aodogán O'Rahilly**I. Personal Material (1916—88)**

- 523** Not dated Typed document containing details of Aodogán's family.
1p.
- 524** Not dated Private journal of Aodogán recording his memories of the Rising and his activities during the Second World War.
c60pp.
- 525** [1916] Letters and Postcards from Aodogán to his mother Nannie while staying in Kerry.
2 items.
- 526** 6 May 1916 Letter from University College Cork Engineering Society to Aodogán informing him of a resolution passed by the society, expressing their 'deepest and most sincere sympathy to Mr. A.J. Rahilly and two of the relatives of the late "The O'Rahilly", on the death of that noble and gallant Irishman in Dublin'.
1p.
- 527** 1918—19 Letters from Aodogán to Nannie, and his brother Niall, while attending Mount St. Benedict School, Gorey, Co. Wexford (and one of Aodogán's school reports.)
17 items.
- 528** 21 January 1919 Printed menu for commemorative Dáil Éireann dinner (autographed by a number of those attending on back).
3pp.
- 529** 30 January 1921 Letter from [Alfred O'Rahilly] (University College Cork) to Richard O'Rahilly, thanking 'his mother for her kind sympathy'.
1p.

- 530** August—December 1922 Memorial cards for Henry J. Boland and Liam Mellows. 3 items.
- 531** 1922—23 Letters from Aodogán to Nannie, written during the Civil War describing his experiences serving with the anti-treaty forces. 7 items.
- 532** 16 June 1929 Souvenir programme of pilgrimage to the grave of Wolfe Tone. 4pp.
- 533** 20 February 1932 Telegram sent by Aodogán to Marion O'Connor (260 Riverside Drive, New York) informing her of the results of the 1932 General Election. 1p.
- 534** 1939 Diary of Niall O'Rahilly containing notes on his father, The O'Rahilly, and the part he played in the Rising. 1 item.
- 535** 9 February 1948 Memorial card for Professor John Marcus O'Sullivan ('Ahenboyle', Orwell Road, Rathgar). 1 item.
- 536** 2 June 1965—21 March 1988 Letters relating to business matters. 2 items.
- 537** 1980's Notes made by Aodogán (on the back of envelopes) on the divorce referendum (1986) and the 'Star Wars' defence Policy of the Reagan administration in the United States. 2 items.
- 538** Account, written by Aodogán, of a trip to the Soviet Union. c 20pp

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27 November 1988

Account written by Aodogán of a visit to New York and the problems encountered in the airport. 3pp.

II. Biographical and Research Material (1906—88)

a. Correspondence

- 540** 16 October 1906— File entitled 'Letter to be kept for
2 December 1915 distribution by Aodogán O'Rahilly
containing material relating to the
biography of O'Rahilly'. Includes letters from
Arthur Griffith (April 1910—April 1911);
William Bulfin (7—20 January 1910);
Mabel FitzGerald (16 January—4 March 1914);
Eoin MacNeill (9 July 1914);
Maud Gonne [2 August 1914/15];
James O'Mara (2 November—14 December 1907).
Includes design made by O'Rahilly for a seaside cottage in Ballybunion; Co.
Kerry; copy of a resolution passed by Youghal Union calling for an amnesty
for Desmond FitzGerald and Alfred Monaghan, and praising the Bishop of
Limerick for speaking out against the treatment of Irish emigrants in
Liverpool (2 December 1915) 41 items.
- 541** 10 November 1955— Correspondence between Aodogán and a
18 October 1989 number of individuals discussing various
aspects of the Rising including 'the
kidnapping' of James Connolly; the extent of the knowledge of the leaders of
the Volunteers of the Rising; the actions of the British army and the part
played by the various regiments in events; The O'Rahilly's fatal charge up
Moore Street and the difficulty of constructing events. Includes letter from
Aodogán to 'Roger' (30 December 1966) disagreeing with opinions
expressed by F.X. Martin in *Irish Historical Studies* about the Rising and
noting that 'I could give a dozen convincing proofs as to O'Rahilly's
involvement in the plans of the Rising'; covering letter from Eamon Martin
to Aodogán (18 October 1967) enclosing typed copy of a talk he gave to the
I.R.A. Literary and Debating society on the capture of the Magazine Fort in
the Phoenix Park, Dublin (in which he participated as a brigadier in Na
Fianna Eireann). Also includes recollections of The O'Rahilly sent to
Aodogán by a number of people who participated in the Rising.
18 items.
- 542** 28 May 1965— Correspondence between Aodogán and
13 February 1970 F.X. Martin (Professor of Medieval
History, U. CD.) in which they discuss
the foundation of the Irish Volunteers; Roger Casement and 'the land'; the
part played by Arthur Griffith in the Rising. Includes requests made by
Martin (and refusals from the family) to publish letters written by The

- 542 contd** O'Rahilly to his family while in the G.P.O. during the Rising, and to have access to a letter written by Eoin MacNeill to The O'Rahilly which accompanied the article 'The North began'. Also includes letter from Aodogán (2 June 1966) informing Martin that he has abandoned his plans to write a biography of his father, the task being given instead to Marcus Bourke. 16 items.
- 543** 6 July 1965— Correspondence between Aodogán and
18 October 1985 Sheila O'Donoghue (neé Humphries) in which Aodogán's proposed biography of his father is discussed. Aodogán notes the problems faced in writing the biography; criticises his brother Mac's views of the role played by their father in the foundation of the Irish Volunteers and the Rising; disagrees with F.X. Martin's views on the same subjects, and argues that he should not write a biography of The O'Rahilly. Sheila sends Aodogán information which may be of use to him in his research, including an account of life in 36 Ailesbury Road, Dublin, during the War of Independence and the Civil War (10 December 1969). 25 items
- 544** 8 July 1965 Letter from Mac O'Rahilly to Sheila O'Donoghue in which he notes the difficulty of answering the question of who was responsible for the foundation of the Irish Volunteers and discusses the work of historians on the period noting that 'Fr. Martin is in my opinion quite fair in his approach'. 2pp.
- 545** 14 July 1965— Correspondence between Aodogán and
21 December 1967 Oliver Snoddy in which they discuss the foundation of the Irish Volunteers and Snoddy's biographical essay of The O'Rahilly. 6 items.
- 546** 15 July 1965— Correspondence between Aodogán and 9
February 1979 his brother Mac in which they discuss a number of historical topics including the Ulster Volunteers; the foundation of the Irish Citizen Army; the arming of the Volunteers (with particular reference to the role played by Roger Casement and 'The Aud'); the planning of the Rising; and the role played by The O'Rahilly in the Rising. Mac discusses the difficulties he has in accepting Aodogán's views of the foundation of the Irish Volunteers and the Rising and presents his own interpretations of events. References are also made to, and opinions given on, the works of various historians (including F.X. Martin) on the period. Includes letter from Mac in which he gives his opinions of Aodogán's proposed biography of their father (4 January 1966); letters on the subject of the whereabouts of The O'Rahilly's pistol, Mac

- 546 contd** being sure that the gun found in August 1967 was The O'Rahilly's (15 November 1967). Mac also tells Aodogán about a number of hiding places in their house in Herbert Road, Dublin where weapons and ammunition were stored, a number of weapons being given by Nannie to Michael Collins (16 October 1967) 48 items.
- 547** 22 September 1965 Covering note from Mac O'Rahilly to Sheila O'Donoghue (in which he agrees with the view held by F.X. Martin that The O'Rahilly was neither responsible for the foundation of the Irish Volunteers nor aware of the plans for the Rising) enclosing a typed letter and notes written by Aodogán and annotated by Mac in which he criticises the views held by Martin and elaborates his own views on the subject. He also refuses Martin permission to publish the letters written by The O'Rahilly in the G.P.O. because 'his approach is quite unsympathetic' to the part played by The O'Rahilly in events. Also includes typed copy of notes annotated by Aodogán. 4 items.
- 548** 11 October 1965—1987 Correspondence relating to research carried out by Aodogán mostly consisting of requests made by Aodogán for information on his father and the O'Rahilly family, and replies sent by various individuals and institutions. 22 items.
- 549** 9 November—9 December 1965 Letters from CW. Stephens to Aodogán discussing the identity of a weapon once held by his family and now in the National Museum, Dublin which Aodogán suggests is his father's pistol ('Peter the painter'), but Stephens believes it is Casement's. Includes photographs of Stephens as a child holding the pistol, a number enlarged to show the pistol in detail. 12pp.
- 550** 12 February 1966 Typed account by Tom Crimmins (San Francisco, California), who was part of E. Company, Second Battalion of the Irish Volunteers, of his experiences during the Rising (including his participation in the charge up Moore Street led by The O'Rahilly). Includes a diagram drawn by Crimmins of events in Henry Street and Moore Street. 1 item.

- 551** 23 February 1966— Correspondence concerning Aodogán's
19 February 1988 search for material in Germany relating to
Casement, 'The Aud' and German
support for the Rising, including requests made by Aodogán for information
and assistance from the Irish Consulate in Hamburg, and access to the
German Military Archives in Potsdam. Includes a typed copy of an interview
between Mr. Wolff von Igel (assistant to von Papen, Military Attaché of the
German Embassy Office in New York, 1914—17) and Aidan Mulloy
(Consul General of Ireland, Hamburg) on the subject of Roget Casement and
John Devoy's contacts with German officials in New York between 1914
and 1916 (19 October 1968). 9 items.
- 552** 1 March 1966— Letters from Marcus Bourke to Aodogán
14 August 1967 and his wife Bride discussing his
biography of The O'Rahilly and
answering queries raised by Aodogán about the work.
5 items.
- 553** 25 March 1966— Correspondence between Bride O'Rahilly
27 June 1967 (Messrs. Caps Publicity Ltd., Bank of
Ireland Chambers, 1 Upper Ormond
Quay, Dublin) and Daniel Nolan (Managing Director at the *Kerryman*),
concerning: a supplement being produced by Bride to publicise the Collins'
memorial fund and the possible problems caused by its inclusion in the *Irish
Independent*; the commemorations of the Rising and The O'Rahilly in
Ballylongford, Co. Kerry; Marcus Bourke's book on The O'Rahilly (to be
published by Nolan) and the use of family photos of The O'Rahilly in the
publication. Also includes comments made by Nolan about the publication of
a pamphlet on Erskine Childers – 'we will never consider its publication
were it not for the interest of the President' (27 May 1966); and an account
of industrial dispute between the NUJ and the provincial press (14 September
1966). 17 items.
- 554** [July 1966—May 1970] Handwritten and typescript draft of a
letter from Aodogán to George Colley
(Minister for Industry and Commerce)
arguing that Bulmer Hobson had said that the IRB played no part in calling
the first meeting of the Volunteers. 2 items.
- 555** 12 August 1966— Correspondence between Aodogán and
23 July 1967 John De Courcy Ireland in which they
discuss (in great detail) the voyage and
capture of 'The Aud'.
11 items.

- 556** 21 February 1966— Correspondence between Aodogán and a
11 September 1987 number of individuals discussing the
arming of the Irish Volunteers with
particular reference to Casement; 'The Aud'; the role played by Count
Plunkett in events; the origin of the finances at the Volunteers' disposal; and
Spindler's (Captain of 'The Aud') account of events. Includes a letter from
G.N. Greener (Gun and Cartridge Makers, Birmingham, England) informing
O'Rahilly that he has been unable to trace any record of his company
supplying Martini Enfield rifles to the Irish Volunteers and pointing out that
it was improbable that the company supplied rifles at a rate of eight hundred
a week as suggested by Aodogán (11 September 1987).
18 items.
- 557** 19 June 1967 Photocopy of a letter from Aodogán to
his brother Niall, discussing inaccuracies
in Desmond Ryan's book on the Rising.
2pp.
- 558** 1 December 1969 Typed covering note from Emmanuel
d'Harcourt (French Ambassador to
Ireland) to Aodogán enclosing draft text
of notice which he proposes to have displayed in the entrance of 36
Ailesbury Road, recording the history of the house (previously occupied by
the Humphries).
2pp.
- 559** 17 June 1987 Typed note from Michael Yeats to
Aodogán O'Rahilly granting him
permission to include the poem *The
O'Rahilly* by W.B. Yeats, in his biography of his father.
1p.
- 560** 17 October 1988 Typed letter from Mary Clark (archivist,
Dublin Corporation) to Aodogán
providing information on Alfred Burgess
and Lawrence Kettle, two men who attended the first meeting of the Irish
Volunteers in Wynn's hotel, Dublin, and who were employed by Dublin
Corporation at the time.
1p.

b. Notes

- 561** Not dated On Thomas Russell (in Irish)
3pp.

- 562** Not dated Piece on Wolfe Tone entitled 'A famous and Fatal Christmas for Ireland.
1p.
- 563** Not dated Various topics relating to Aodogán's biography of The O'Rahilly including part of a typed draft entitled 'Memories of The O'Rahilly'; extracts from John Devoy's paper *The Gaelic American*; recollections of Countess Markievicz (made in July 1923) of the opposition organised to the visit of George V to Dublin 1911. c35pp
- 564** Not dated On Howth Gun-running; German support for the Rising; Casement, the Irish Brigade and the 'Aud'.
c45pp.
- 565** Not dated On the foundation of the Irish Volunteers including notes on Bulmer Hobson entitled 'Old men forget' and typewritten and handwritten drafts of pieces entitled 'Who started the Volunteers?', 'The start of the Volunteers' and 'the Early Volunteers - O'Rahilly's part in their formation'. (Includes notes sent by Mac to Aodogán on the subject).
c90pp
- 566** Not dated On the Irish Volunteers and the Rising.
c40pp.
- 567** [1965-66] Aodogán views of the proposed biography of The O'Rahilly to be written by F.X. Martin and Marcus Bourke ('My permission is conditional on the account which is given presenting the facts objectively and giving Dada credit for any activities in which he played a leading part') and final typed version of the statement.
32pp.
- 568** 31 July—1 August 1967 Accounts made by Aodogán of conversations he had with Phyllis O'Kelly on the subject of the Rising (and in particular on the part played by her husband Sean T. O'Kelly); and Liam Gogan on the period prior to 1916.
3pp.

Notebooks containing handwritten notes, organised by Aodogán under various headings, relating to his father's life. A number of volumes contain provisional plans of the structure of the biography and draft versions of several sections are also included.

- 569** The first meeting of the Irish Volunteers and the role played by Bulmer Hobson; The O'Rahilly's early years in Ballylongford, Co. Kerry; the Brown family of Philadelphia. c70pp.
- 570** The O'Rahilly's marriage and his topographical research. c60pp.
- 571** Life in America, return to Ireland and early involvement in Sinn Féin; the Irish Aeronautical Club; the Irish language. c60pp.
- 572** The situation in Ireland in 1909 on The O'Rahilly's return from America; the I.R.B.; the adoption by O'Rahilly of 'The' in place of his Christian names; his genealogical research; involvement with Sinn Féin. c50pp.
- 573** Transcripts of articles from *Irish Freedom* (May 1912); draft of a letter written by Aodogán to F.X. Martin on the subject of the foundation of the Irish Volunteers. c25pp.
- 574** Visit of George V to Dublin (1911); the Aonach (Irish Trade Fair); The O'Rahilly as a public speaker and journalist. c65pp.
- 575** Easter Monday 1916. c90pp.
- 576** The Rising and the death of The O'Rahilly. c60pp.
- 577** The foundation and arming of the Irish Volunteers; the disappearance of James Connolly (January 1916); Padraig Pearse and the I.R.B.; events leading up to the Rising. c50pp.
- 578** Unfinished draft of biography (up to 1910). c50pp.

- 579** Disappearance of James Connolly (January 1916); 'Could the Rising have succeeded?' 'Did Mac Neil know?'. c40pp
- 580** Notes on Roger Casement's *The Last Page*; Extracts from the *Worker's Republic*; John Devoy. c100pp.
- 581** 'New Light on 1916 Rising. The Von Ingel Papers'. c20pp.

c. Drafts of Biography

- 582** Not dated Amended handwritten and typewritten drafts of the biography including early versions not used in the final form. Also includes an outline of the book sent by Aodogán to publishers. 6 boxes.

III. Copies, Transcripts and other Material (1868—1978)**a. The Rahilly Family**

- 583** [27 January—20 June 1858] Typed copies of letters sent by Margaret Rahilly to her son Michael Joseph.
2 items.
- 584** 7 April 1868 Typed copy of a letter from Jim O'Leary to Richard Rahilly discussing the possible marriages of Marianna Rahilly to Mr. Morris and Richard to Ellen Mangan.
1p.

b. The O'Rahilly

- 585** Typed copy of an article written by Dick Humphries entitled 'Memories of The O'Rahilly'. 9pp.
- 586** 7 February 1890—
4 December 1891 Photocopies of letters written by Nell and Anna Rahilly to their brother.
c55pp.
- 587** [1907] Photocopy of a map of Dublin city centre.
1p.
- 588** 23 April 1910 Photocopy of a letter from K. Bishings (Magdeburg, Germany) to The O'Rahilly concerning O'Rahilly's interest in the construction of a peat briquetting plant. 2pp.
- 589** c1914 Photocopy of a photograph of the O'Rahilly family. 1 item.
- 590** [1914—1916] Photocopy of newspaper cuttings of letters and poems written by The O'Rahilly, and a page from 'Secret Orders issued to Military Officers' listing actions to be taken during an

- 590 contd** emergency, including the isolation of The O'Rahilly's house (40 Herbert Park), preventing any communication to or from the building.
1p.
- 591** 28 January 1966 Letter from Sile O'Donoghue to Aodogán providing him with the words of a ballad written by The O'Rahilly on the occasion of George V's visit to Dublin in 1911.
3pp.

c. Irish Volunteers

- 592** 1 November 1913 Photocopy of article written by Eoin Mac Neill entitled 'The North Began' (printed in *An Claidreamh Soluis*).
1p.
- 593** 10—11 November 1913 Copies and typed transcripts of documents relating to the first meeting of the Irish Volunteers held at Wynn's Hotel, Abbey Street, Dublin, including invitations issued by The O'Rahilly and notes made by The O'Rahilly at the meeting. 8pp.
- 594** 21 January 1914—
14 June 1915 Photocopy of a letter from The O'Rahilly to an unidentified individual apologising for being unable to speak at a meeting in Limerick; confirming that Roger Casement and Padraig Pearse will attend; urging the men of Limerick to join the Volunteers. Also a letter arranging a meeting to discuss Volunteer business. 2 items.
- 595** [July] 1914 Photocopy of a telegram sent by Nannie (in Ventry, Co. Kerry) to P.R. Humphrey (44 Northumberland Road, Dublin) asking if The O'Rahilly is unhurt [after the Howth gun-running].
1p.
- 596** 10 November 1914 Handwritten transcript of a letter from The O'Rahilly to John Devoy describing the actions of Redmond's Volunteers at the time of the split and asking for further support from Clan na nGael.
2pp.

- 597** February 1915 Photocopy of unidentified contemporary account of the Irish Volunteers detailing their organisation, distribution and training. Includes 'strategical sketch' of the location of British forces in Ireland and their strength; an account of the coastline and maritime counties of Ireland, noting the strength of the Irish Volunteers, the location of possible landing points and 'general feeling' in each county. 28pp.
- 598** 8 January 1916 Photocopy of part of an edition of the *Worker's Republic* (Vol. 1, No. 33) containing an article on the Volunteers of 1782. 4pp.
- 599** 1914—16 Transcripts and notes made by Aodogán of material in the *Worker's Republic* and *Irish Worker* including a letter written by The O'Rahilly to the *Worker's Republic* (22 January 1916), discussing the Irish Volunteers; article in *Workers Republic* on the Volunteers of 1782. 18pp.
- 600** 1914—16 Copies of material, much in German, relating to Casement and the Irish Brigade. 19pp.

d. The Rising

- 601** Not dated Typed copy of part of the memoirs of Desmond FitzGerald relating to the Rising and the period preceding it. 149pp.
- 602** Not dated Photocopy of a pamphlet entitled *A Fragment of 1916 History*, which details the actions of the British army in North King Street on 29 April 1916, when fifteen non-combatant civilians were killed by the 2nd/6th South Stafford Regiments. Includes statements made by witnesses and members of the dead men's families. 15pp.
- 603** Not dated Typed amended copy of an unidentified eyewitness account of the Rising, the individual being present in Woodtown Park with the MacNeill family and a number of others on the Friday night

- 603 contd** from where he/she could see Dublin burning. 1p.
- 604** 1916 Photocopy of train time-table from Queenstown (Cobh), Youghal and Middleton to Cork and Dublin made by Aodogán for the purpose of gauging the likelihood of the Dublin Volunteers hearing of the sinking of the Aud on Easter Saturday. 1p.
- 605** 23 March 1916 Transcript of letter written by John Devoy concerning a problem, which has occurred in sending information to Ireland. 2pp.
- 606** 5 April—21 June 1916 Material relating to German support for the Rising including copies of documents from the National Archives, Washington D.C, relating to the von Igel case (in which official papers were seized by the American authorities, some relating to the smuggling of arms into Ireland). Some of the material is on microfilm which is mounted on slides by Aodogán. c50pp.
- 607** 21 April 1916 Photocopy of typed letter sent by William Pearse (Acting Chief of Staff, Irish Volunteers) to The O'Rahilly giving him his orders for the Easter manoeuvres of the Dublin Brigade of the Irish Volunteers. 1p.
- 608** 22 April 1916 Photographic reproduction (from National Museum of Ireland) of note written by Eoin MacNeill cancelling the Rising planned for Easter Sunday (Note attached notes that it was carried by The O'Rahilly in his tour around Munster). 2pp.
- 609** 24—28 April 1916 Reproductions, photocopies and typed transcripts of notes written by The O'Rahilly while in the G.P.O. to Nannie and his children, and note written to Nannie after he was shot. 11pp.

- 610** 28 April 1916
beginning of the Rising. Typed transcript of a circular letter from James Connolly to his men informing them of success enjoyed since the
1p.
- 611** [- May 1916] Extracts made by Sheila O'Donoghue from letter written by Nell Humphries to her sister-in-law Nora (a nun in Cowra, Australia) written in the aftermath of the Rising providing an extensive account of various aspects of events. Nell describes her own experiences during the Rising including her comforting of Nannie; her identification of O'Rahilly in the morgue and his burial; her arrest and interrogation; her fears for the safety of her son Dick and her visit to him in prison in England. She also notes the effect of Mac Neill's countermanding order (Mac Neill broke the back of the Rising); O'Rahilly's determination to participate (despite being kept in the dark by 'the extreme party'); the role played by women in the Rising ('the only place where they were not present [was] Boland's Mill (as de Valera was the Commandant would have none of them)') and the effect of the Rising on the Irish people. Includes typed transcript made by Aodogán.
12pp.
- 612** 24 June 1916 Photocopy of a paragraph from *The Kerryman* reporting court-martial of Austin Stack and Con Collins.
1p.
- 613** 3 September 1916 Photocopy of letter from Nell Humphries to 'Eva' (a cousin) providing a brief description of the part The O'Rahilly and her son Dick played in the Rising and of subsequent events (her son being sent to prison in England). Part of the letter 'blotted out by the censor.'
4pp.
- 614** 7 October 1916 Handwritten annotated transcript by Aodogán of article in the Irish World entitled 'The O'Rahilly one of Ireland's Martyrs.'
8pp.

e. Other Material

- 615** Not dated Handwritten transcripts by Aodogán of extracts from John Devoy's *Recollections of an Irish Rebel*. 1p.

- 616** Not dated Photocopy of parts of *The Scene Changes* relating to Roger Casement.
15pp.
- 617** 1936 Typed copy of radio address on The O'Rahilly given by Nancy Wyse Power (ending with a plea for a memorial to be erected to him near the spot where he died).
4pp.
- 618** 2 January 1950 Photocopy of statement given by Anna O'Rahilly to the Bureau of Military History 1913—21 in which she provides accounts of her presence at the founding meeting of Cumann na mBan and her subsequent activities in the organisation; her work with The O'Rahilly purchasing guns (including information on the preparation and execution of the Howth gun-running); her recollections of the Rising and in particular the events on Northumberland Road. She also provides information on O'Rahilly's marriage to Nannie; his participation in the Gaelic League and the Irish Volunteers; his role (and death) in the Rising.
12pp.
- 619** 19 August 1960 Typed copy of Declaration made by Ben S. Allen (Palo Alto, California, U.S.A.) made in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin, in which he states that when a journalist working for the Associated Press in London in 1916 he had been shown by Captain Reginald Hall (later Admiral) what Hall claimed to be the Casement diary which Hall hoped would be published by the Associated Press. When at the PRO, London on 2 August 1960 he examined what are designated the Casement diaries and they bore no relation to the item he was shown in 1916.
2pp.
- 620** [January 1961] Photocopy of Gaelic League Pamphlet No. 29 written by Rev. Michael P. Hickey entitled 'The Irish Language Movement: its genesis, growth and progress.'
8pp.
- 621** 11 March 1965 Typed copy with handwritten amendments of lecture given by Col. Niall Mac Neill to the Military History Society of Ireland entitled 'The Ordnance Survey of Ireland.'
26pp.

- 622** 1969 Photocopy of article written by Oliver Snoddy entitled ‘The Midland Volunteer Force 1913’ (in *Journal of the Old Athlone Society*, Vol. 1, No. 1) 7pp.
- 623** 25 January 1978 Photocopy of extracts from *Parliamentary Papers* Vols. 551—52 (1956) relating to Roger Casement papers. 8pp.

I.V. Printed Material (1916—74)**a. Newspapers and Journals***Poblacht Na h-Eireann, War News*

624 25 November 1922 No. 101

Irish Weekly Independent

625 13 August 1953 Vol. 56, No.33

626 27 August 1953 Vol. 56, No. 35

627 3 September 1953 Vol. 56, No. 36

b. Newspaper Cuttings

628 1916—20 Material relating to the aftermath of the Rising and the War of Independence including account of bad treatment received by Nannie O’Rahilly in Liverpool; article from *Daily Mirror* (11 April 1917) recording the ‘riotous scenes in Dublin’ when the Republican flag (the tricolour) was raised on the G.P.O. to commemorate the Rising; reports of the deaths of Thomas Ashe and Kevin Barry (Includes memorial cards for Thomas Ashe). 13pp.

629 1932—3 Newspaper cuttings collected by Aodogán on various subjects (includes letters written by Aodogán). 7pp.

630 18 April 1949—May 1973 Material commemorating and discussing the Rising (much with particular reference to The O’Rahilly) from a number of different newspapers including *Irish Times*, *The Kerryman*, *Irish Press*, *Irish Independent*. c35pp.

- 631** 29 April 1949 Article written by Aodogán in the *Irish Press* entitled 'How The O'Rahilly Made 1916 Bullets—Memories of my Father'.
1p.
- 632** 11—12 April 1961 Obituaries of Nannie O'Rahilly
4pp.
- 633** 4 August 1966 Article in *Evening Press* written by Cathal O'Shannon on Oliver Snoddy's essay on the Midland Volunteers (which appeared in *Studia Hibernia*).
1p.
- 634** 23 November 1974 Photocopy of article from *Limerick Leader* on death of Erskine Childers including photograph of Childers as a child with Mary Spring Rice.
1p.
- 635** [1991] Gardaí raids on 36 Ailesbury Road in 1929.
1p.

c. Posters, Pamphlets and Leaflets

- 636** Not dated Printed copy of Sinn Féin constitution, rules and organisation of the movement.
8pp.
- 637** Not dated Printed copy constitution of the Wolfe Tone Clubs.
4pp.
- 638** 30 April 1917 Printed statement from Edward Thomas (bishop of Limerick) expressing concern at the treatment of Irish prisoners in Lewes jail.
1p.
- 639** 1921 Printed statement made by M. Fogarty (Bishop of Killaloe) about the death of Thomas Ashe.
1p.

- 640** 1921 *Documents relative to the Sinn Féin Movement* (HMSO public) annotated by Aodogán.
- 641** June 1922 Pamphlet entitled *On the Proper Shoulders* putting blame on England ('on whose orders the Provisional Government acted') for the attack on the Four Courts.
6pp.
- 642** [1923] Election literature for Sean MacEntee
3 items.
- 643** 1 October 1923 Typed copy of the Covenant of the League of Nations (published by the League of Nations Society of Ireland).
16pp.
- 644** 18 December 1923 Printed leaflet appealing for contributions to the Weldon Subscription Fund (who was suffering a boycott at his school in Delvin, Co. Westmeath as a result of a book written by his son entitled *The Valley of the Squinting Windows*) signed by W.B. Yeats and others.
1p.
- 645** March 1924 Printed copy of *The Economic Programme of Sinn Féin and Democratic Programme of Dáil Éireann*
4pp.
- 646** 1926 Election leaflet for Maguire, a Fianna Fáil candidate in Dublin
1p.
- 647** 1966 Marcus Bourke's biographical pamphlet of The O'Rahilly. 16pp.
- 648** 1966 Oliver Snoddy's biographical pamphlet in Irish, of The O'Rahilly
24pp.

d. Other material

- 649** Not dated Part of publication discussing German—
Irish relations and the participation of
Irish—Americans in the nationalist
movement (1916—18). Includes transcripts of dispatches from the German
Embassy, Washington D. C, to the Foreign Office, Berlin, discussing the
situation in Ireland; letters to the President and Congress of the U.S. from
Nationalists just released from English prisons and the 'Provisional
Government of the Irish Republic' 16pp.

V. Photographs

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| 650 | Not dated | Family, many of Nannie O'Rahilly
12 items. |
| 651 | Not dated | Various rifles and pistols from the
National Museum of Ireland, Dublin.
4 items. |
| 652 | Not dated | Colour photographs of houses [at one
time occupied by the O'Rahilly family].
19 items. |
| 653 | 1966 | Memorial to The O'Rahilly erected by
the Ninth Kerry Republican Soldiers
Memorial Committee at his birthplace.
1 item. |