

WELCOME

UCD Archives' core function is the curatorship of the archives of the University and the significant institutions which predated its foundation; of those outstanding collections of private papers and institutional archives acquired and preserved to help document the foundation and development of modern Ireland; and of many elements of the Franciscan manuscript patrimony.

Researchers will find a list of all collections available for consultation on our website under 'Collections'. Our Reading Room policies and procedures are also available online under 'Planning Your Visit' as is information concerning collection availability, access and the provision and requesting of copies.

All researchers must have a current reader's card and an appointment (as our reading room is very small). A reader's card will be issued on a researcher's initial visit after the completion of a simple registration procedure.

Royal College of Science for Ireland
UCDA RCSI/245, 1923.
Metallurgical Laboratory, Merrion Street

UNIVERSITY ARCHIVE SERVICE

Formalised within UCD Archives in 1997, the UAS acquires the significant administrative archives of the University and the significant institutions which predated its foundation, including the Catholic University of Ireland, Royal College of Science and Museum of Irish Industry. It actively seeks to acquire the archives of student and staff societies, clubs and associations.

Bust of Ernie O'Malley by sculptor
Helen Hooker O'Malley Roelefs



"History is made with documents. Documents are the imprints left of the thoughts and the deeds of the men of former times. For nothing can take the place of documents. No documents, no history."

Charles-Victor Langlois and Charles Seignobos, *Introduction aux études historiques* (1897). Translated by Eamon de Valera in a letter from prison to Kathleen O'Connell, his personal secretary, 2nd February 1924, enjoining her to safeguard his papers.



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UCD-OFM MS B85, C17th
Engraving depicting St Ignatius Loyola
and St Patrick supporting a shield
with monogram of the Holy Name.
St Patrick's right arm encircles a kneeling Hibernia.
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FRANCISCAN MANUSCRIPTS

As part of the unique relationship between UCD and the Irish Franciscans, UCD Archives curates many elements of the Franciscan manuscript patrimony. This process began with the transfer of the immensely significant collections of non-Franciscan private paper collections in 1997 (including the papers of Éamon de Valera, Kathleen O'Connell, Seán MacEoin and George Gavan Duffy).

The establishment of the Micheál Ó Cléirigh Institute for the Study of Irish History and Civilization in 2000 as the major component of the UCD-OFM Partnership, initiated the transfer to UCD Archives from the Franciscan Library Killiney of the major series of medieval and early modern manuscripts. Four series of manuscripts have been wholly or partially transferred to date:

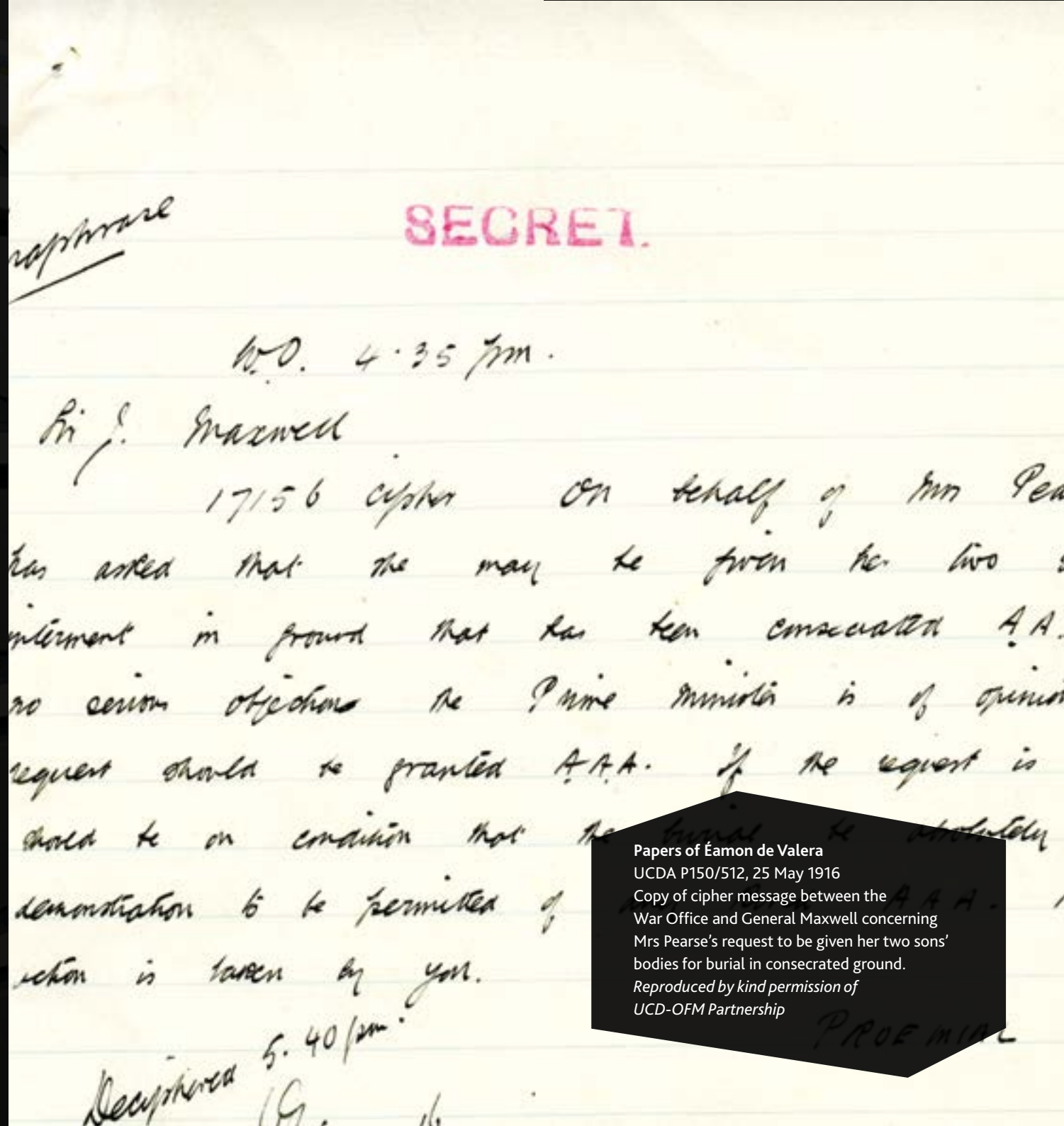
- A MSS: Irish language manuscripts
- B MSS: manuscripts in languages other than Irish
- C MSS: official and quasi-official letters and papers relating to the Irish Franciscans
- D MSS: letters and papers of the Irish Franciscans in the seventeenth century

DEPOSITED COLLECTIONS

UCD Archives specialises in the acquisition of private paper collections associated with the history and development of the modern Irish state. It now preserves the papers of a great many Irish public figures including members of government and the judiciary, presidents and European Union Commissioners. These are complemented by the papers of members and former members of university staff, many of whom have served in high public office.

UCD Archives also acquires the records of significant organisations such as political parties, trades unions, professional and cultural associations and sporting bodies. These collections constitute an essential resource for research into twentieth century Irish history, politics and culture.

UCD Archives pursues an active acquisitions policy in seeking to preserve the papers and archives of contemporary public figures and bodies.



Papers of Éamon de Valera
UCDA P150/512, 25 May 1916
Copy of cipher message between the
War Office and General Maxwell concerning
Mrs Pearce's request to be given her two sons'
bodies for burial in consecrated ground.
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