Sisters: nine families of Irish sisters who made a difference

edited by Mary O'Dowd, Siobhán Fitzpatrick

Publication date: August 2022

About the book
‘Sisters’ celebrates sisterhood and specifically the lives and achievements of nine families of sisters who made their mark on Irish life. Including artists, publishers, writers, educationalists, philanthropists, revolutionaries, suffragists — thinkers all — these were independent women with hopes and ideals who made a difference in their own times.

About the editor(s)
Mary O'Dowd is Emeritus Professor in the School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics History at Queen's University Belfast. Her research interests focus on gender and social history in early modern Ireland. She was elected a Member of the Royal Irish Academy in 2010 and is currently the Secretary for Polite Literature and Antiquities/Humanities in the Academy.

Siobhán Fitzpatrick held the position of Librarian to the Academy until April 2020. She has co-edited several monographs on antiquarian and bibliographical themes and has written on science publication in Ireland and on aspects of the Academy's manuscript and print collections. Siobhán has served as President of the Library Association of Ireland and as Hon. General Secretary of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland. She is a past chair of CONUL (the Consortium of National & University Libraries).