

Heron Papers

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Collection of papers relating to the Irish language and folklore of the Draperstown/Ballinascreen area, Co. Londonderry. Compiled by Rev. Patrick J. Heron, PP, Plumbridge, Co. Tyrone, d.1977, and bequeathed by him to the Royal Irish Academy Library. The collection was received into the library on 8 March, 1978.

NOTEBOOKS:

1. Notebook dated Oct. 3, 1916
Contains songs, prayers, phrases in Irish, etc.
[46], [1]p. 16cm.
Pages at beginning excised. Last page is a loose insert. Some text in pencil.
2. Notebook dated 15 Mar., 1920
Selections from Strachan's *Old Irish glosses*.
[95]p. 18cm.
3. Notebook dated 14/7/1921
Contains Irish words, phrases, and stories.
128p. 16cm.
Blottings at top of some pages. Some text on inside covers.
4. Notebook dated Mí na Lughnasa 1921
Irish words, prayers, etc.
[42]p. 16cm.
Blank pages: [14-23], [30-40]
5. Notebook dated June 1925-[1930]
Contains passages from the Bible in Irish.
[153]p. 16cm.
Text inside covers. Some pages excised at beginning.
6. Notebook [1935]
Meditations, etc. in English. Excerpts from the Bible in Irish.
[132]p. 13cm.
Blank pages: [61-127]. Text in pencil: very feint.
7. Notebook [1938]
Irish phrases, songs, historical notes, prayers, placenames and folklore.
[52], [1]p. 20cm.
Blank pages: [35-47], [49]. Last page is a loose insert and is torn on the crease.
Text mainly ink; p.[1] in pencil.

8. Notebook [1939]
Placenames, folklore, extracts from Edmund Llyud, abbreviations in Irish manuscripts, prayer in Irish, etc.
[148]p. 16cm.
Blank pages: [23-143], [145-7].
Text is mainly ink but interspersed with notes in pencil.
9. Notebook, 6/9/1939
Lore *re* Ballinascreen and environs. Much of the material is crossed out. At head of p.[1]: From R.I.Academy, 6/9/39 (Presumably these are notes based on Academy mss., etc.).
[160], [2]p. 17cm.
Blank pages: [141-57]. Loose 2-page insert at end; Newspaper cutting re blessing the animals; newspaper cutting re punctuation marks, etc.; prayer card entitled *The prisoner of love with Prayer to Christ in the tabernacle* on verso and annotation.
10. Notebook
Latin and Irish words.
pp.75-81, [82-116]. 16cm.
Blank pages: [92], [102], [104].
Pp.1-74 excised.
Text: ink and pencil.
11. Notebook [1952]
Irish words and local lore.
[54]p. 16cm.
Blank pages: [12], [51-8], [60-61].
Text: ink and pencil.
12. Notebook [1962]
Extract from Colgan.
[50]p. 13cm.
Text on pp.[1] and [49-50] only.
13. Copybook
Townland names, folklore, etc. (in English).
[38]p. 20cm.
Blank pages: [23-6]. Some of text on p.[36] in pencil.

ARTICLES & LETTERS (in envelope labelled *Heron/Art. 1-3, etc.*):

LETTERS:

Letters to Rev. Patrick Heron from Peadar Mac Con Midhe *re* Irish, includes songs, etc. (all in Irish):

Letter/1 4/3/19
 [2]p. 20cm.

Letter/2 21/1/20
[1]p. 25cm.

Letter/3 31/1/20
[3]p. 25cm.

Letter/4 11/2/20
[4]p. 25cm.

Letter/5 9/3/20
[2]p. 25cm.

Letter/6 Undated.
[4]p.

Letter/7 Undated and incomplete.
[1]p.

Letters from Rev. Tom Bradley to Rev. Patrick Heron *re* Irish (some in Irish):

Letter/1 2/4/1940
[3]p. 25cm.

Letter/2 4/4/1940
[1]p. 25cm.

Letter/3 8/11/1940, unsigned and incomplete.
2p. 21cm.

Letter/4 Undated.
[2]p. 22cm.

Letter/5.1 Rev. T. Bradley: Note on Findobair.
3p. 33cm.

Letter/5.2 Rev. T. Bradley: Note headed 'Serín'.
[8]p. 33cm.

Letter/5.3 Rev. T. Bradley: Untitled note.
[3]p. 33cm.
p.2 in pencil.

Letter/5.4 Note by Rev. Bradley headed 'Aspiration'
5p. 22cm.

Letter from Seaghan [?], 4/2/1922
[2]p. 23cm.

ARTICLES:

Texts of 3 articles concerning a pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land:

- *Heron/Art. 1*
8p. 23cm.

- *Heron/Art. 2*
8p. 23cm.
- *Heron/Art. 3*
8p. 23cm.
Imperfect: lacks pp.1-2.

Cross, Jerusalem.
[1]p. 23cm.

Condition: very fragile; tear in centre and frayed at edges.

STORIES, ETC. (in envelope labelled *Heron/Stories, etc.*):

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| Stories/1 | Stories (in Irish)
140p. 23cm.
Some pencil annotations. |
| Stories/2 | Traditional Irish prayers of Ballinascreen.
[7]p. 23cm.
Blank page: p.6 |
| Stories/3 | Ceremonies of the Mass.
[2]p. 25cm. |

TOWNLANDS (in 2 envelopes labelled *Heron/Townlands*):

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| Townlands/1 | Collection of prayers, proverbs, and stories from Irish speakers of Ballinascreen, 1916-25.
14p. 23cm. |
| Townlands/2 | Historical Notes on ... Ballinascreen, Draperstown.
14p. 25cm.
Text on verso of pp.12 and 13. |
| Townlands/3 | Historical Note on Altyeskey.
3p. 25cm. |
| Townlands/4 | Historical Note on Ballynure.
3p. 25cm. |
| Townlands/5 | Historical Note on Bancran.
4p. 25cm. |
| Townlands/6 | Historical Note on Brackagh.
2p. 25cm. |
| Townlands/7 | Historical Note on Cahore.
3p. 25cm. |
| Townlands/8 | Historical Note on Caonmoney.
2p. 25cm. |
| Townlands/9 | Historical Note on Cavanreagh.
[1]p. 25cm. |

- Townlands/10 Historical Note on Cloane (Cloune).
[1]p. 25cm.
- Townlands/11 Historical Note on Cloughfin.
[1]p. 25cm.
- Townlands/12 Historical Note on Coolnasillagh.
[1]p. 25cm.
Text on verso of p.[1].
- Townlands/13 Historical Note on Corick.
2p. 25cm.
- Townlands/14 Historical Note on Derrynoyd.
2p. 25cm.
- Townlands/15 Historical Note on Disert.
4p. 25cm.
- Townlands/16 Historical Note on Doon.
2p. 25cm.
- Townlands/17 Historical Note on Drumard.
[1]p. 25cm.
Text on verso of p.[1].
- Townlands/18 Historical Note on Drumderg.
3p. 25cm.
- Townlands/19 Historical Note on Dunlogan.
2p. 25cm.
- Townlands/20 Historical Note on Dunmurry.
[1]p. 25cm.
- Townlands/21 Historical Note on Duntiboyan.
2p. 25cm.
- Townlands/22 Historical Note on Glengaura.
7p. 25cm.
- Townlands/23 Historical Note on Glenviggan.
1p. 25cm.
- Townlands/24 Historical Note on Gortnaskey.
[1]p. 25cm.
- Townlands/25 Historical Note on Laffy (Labby).
5p. 25cm.
- Townlands/26 Historical Note on Moneconey.
3p. 25cm.
- Townlands/27 Historical Note on Moneygiggy.
2p. 25cm.
- Townlands/28 Historical Note on Moneyneany (Moneyneeny).
5p. 25cm.
Text on verso of p.4.

- Townlands/29 Historical Note on Moyard.
[1]p. 25cm.
- Townlands/30 Historical Note on Moydanlaght.
3p. 25cm.
- Townlands/31 Historical Note on Moyheeland.
3p. 25cm.
- Townlands/32 Historical Note on Moykeeran.
3p. 25cm.
- Townlands/33 Historical Note on Mulnavoo.
2p. 25cm.
Text on verso of p.1.
- Townlands/34 Historical Note on Owenreagh.
2p. 25cm.
- Townlands/35 Historical Note on Straw.
1p. 25cm.
- Townlands/36 Historical Note on Strawmore.
3p. 25cm.
- Townlands/37 Historical Note on Tonagh.
3p. 25cm.
- Townlands/38 Historical Note on Tullybrick.
4p. 25cm.

MISCELLANEOUS (in envelope labelled *Heron/Misc.*):

- Misc/1 Story *re* a bell (in English).
[1]p. 25cm.
Imperfect: story incomplete. Page fragile; multiple tears.
- Misc/2 Gleann Cu Cadhain (story in Irish).
4p. 25cm.
- Misc/3 Piece on the fairies (na ridheoga) (in Irish).
4p. 25cm.
- Misc/4 Piece on faith (creideamh) (in Irish).
6p. 25cm.
Imperfect: lacks p.1.
- Misc/5 Na sean paidreacha [the old prayers] (in Irish).
[8]p. 25cm.
Text in pencil.
- Misc/6 Na sean paidreacha, dated 12/1/22.
6p. 25cm.

- Misc/7 Na seanfocla [proverbs], dated 16/1/22, (in Irish).
5p. 25cm.
- Misc/8 Na seanfocla [proverbs], dated 16/1/22, (in Irish).
7p. 25cm.
p.7 badly torn and text missing. Text on verso of p.7.
- Misc/9 Na sean-scéaltaí [the old stories], dated 14/1/22.
6p. 25cm.
Bad ink stains: pp.1-4; p.6 very fragile.
- Misc/10 Na sean-scéaltaí [the old stories], dated 14/1/22, fair copy.
6p. 25cm.
- Misc/11 "Fá cá fiú do shaothar seanachas na sean-gaedhal a chur síos 7 gairm
a thabhairt do" ["On the worth of setting down the stories of the old
Irish & putting a name on it"] (in Irish), dated 11/1/22, fair copy.
6p. 25cm.
- Misc/12 "Fá cá fiú do shaothar seanachas na sean-gaedhal a chur síos 7 gairm
a thabhairt do" ["On the worth of setting down the stories of the old
Irish & putting a name on it"] (in Irish), dated 11/1/22.
6p. 25cm.
- Misc/13 Sheet headed VII (in Irish).
[2]p. 25cm.
In bad condition.

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