God, Kings and Commissioners

150 years later, a multidisciplinary examination of the methods, hurdles and issues involved in the research and preservation of landscapes and places of faith across Ireland.

Royal Irish Academy
13 October 2023

10:00 Registration

10:45 Opening and address

11:00 Panel 1: Landscapes and Histories
Chair: The Right Reverend Adrian Wilkinson (Bishop of Cashel Ferns and Ossory)

Ms Aideen Ireland (Formerly National Archives of Ireland)
   The Landscape of the Church of Ireland Records – Destruction and Survival
Dr Patrick Gleeson (Queen’s University Belfast)
   Benign neglect: the Rock of Cashel from Palace to Ruin
Dr Jonathan Cherry (Dublin City University)
   Lands and landscapes of the Church of Ireland: historical geography perspectives

12:45 Lunch break

13:30 Panel 2: Histories and Archives
Chair: to be confirmed

Dr Sue Hemmens (Deputy Director, Marsh’s Library)
   ‘For the foundations shall be cast down: and what shall the righteous do?’
   Disestablishment observed in Marsh’s Library
Dr Raymond Refaussé (Former Librarian and Archivist, Church of Ireland)
   Before and After Disestablishment. Some Archival Context

15:00 Tea/Coffee

15:30 Panel 3: Archives and Dialogues
Chair: Dr Jacqueline Cahill Wilson (RIA Historical Studies Committee)
Professor John McCafferty (University College Dublin)
The modernities of the Irish Manuscripts Commission
Professor Alan Ford (University of Nottingham)
From ‘Holding On’ to ‘Letting Go’: The Church of Ireland and its Property

16.20  Breakout Session
       Session to discuss papers presented.

17.00  Reports Returned and Closing Remarks
       Chair: Dr Caitriona Crowe, MRIA

17.30  Reception