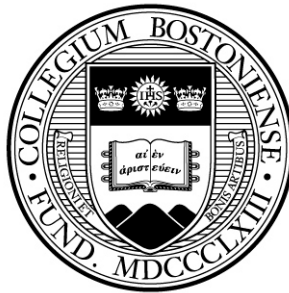


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Summary Information

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Abstract: The collection contains the personal and professional papers of Kathleen Daly Clarke (1878-1972), a founding member of Cumann na mBan and an Irish politician, as well as her collection of materials about her husband Thomas Clarke and Irish politics in the first half of the twentieth century. Materials include correspondence, photographs, artwork, clippings, and publications and ephemera circulated by Irish political groups, including Sinn Fein and Fianna Fail.

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Related Materials

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Biographical Note: Kathleen Daly Clarke

Kathleen Daly was born in Limerick in 1878 into a republican family. Her father had been arrested for Fenian activities and her uncle, John Daly, sentenced to life imprisonment. In 1901, she moved to New York to marry Thomas Clarke, who had previously been incarcerated with her uncle. Together they ran a small farm and market before returning to Ireland in 1907.

Kathleen Clarke was a founding member of Cumman na mBan in 1914. During the Easter Rising, she was arrested and afterwards, her husband and brother were court-martialed and executed. She formed the Committee of the Irish Volunteer Dependents Fund to aid dependents of imprisoned and executed volunteers.

In 1918, she was elected vice-president of Cumman na mBan as well as the Executive of Sinn Fein. She campaigned against conscription and was arrested for treasonable conspiracy. Along with Constance de Markievicz, Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington, and Maud Gonne, Clarke spent nine months in Holloway Prison in England.

In 1919, Clarke was elected alderman of Wood Quay and Mountjoy wards. She was also a judge, chaired the north city republican courts, and was active in the Irish White Cross. She was elected to the second Dail in 1921 and opposed the Anglo-Irish Treaty. Clarke lost her seat in 1922, regained it in 1927 and lost it again in 1928. She left Sinn Fein and joined Fianna Fail in 1926.

From 1927 to 1936, Clarke served as a Fianna Fail Senator; however, she disagreed with Fianna Fail policies that she thought contradicted provisions concerning women in the 1916 proclamation. Clarke was elected the first female Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1939. She disagreed with Eamonn de Valera and Fianna Fail over treatment of republican prisoners during the 1940s. At the end of her mayoral term, Clarke retired from Fianna Fail. Later, she ran unsuccessfully on the Clann na Poblachta ticket. On the 50th anniversary of the Rising, Clarke received an honorary degree from the National University of Ireland. In 1967, she opened a Fenian Exhibition in Kilmainham Jail in Dublin.

She died in Liverpool in 1972 and was given a state funeral in Dublin.

Source:

Luddy, Maria. "Clarke [née Daly], Kathleen (1878–1972), political activist." *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*. 23 Sep. 2004; Accessed 14 Aug. 2020. <https://www-oxforddnb-com.proxy.bc.edu/view/10.1093/ref:odnb/9780198614128.001.0001/odnb-9780198614128-e-55444>

Biographical Note: Thomas Clarke

Thomas Clarke was born in 1857 on the Isle of Wight. His father was in the British Army. The Clarkes emigrated to South Africa and stayed there for about 10 years before moving to Dungannon, County Tyrone, Ireland. Clarke stayed in Dungannon until moving to the United States in 1880.

In the United States, Clarke joined Clan na Gael, the American wing of the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB). In 1883, Clarke and Thomas Gallagher were sent to England on a dynamiting mission. Both were arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment for treason. Clarke served fifteen years in English prisons and was released in 1898. Clarke returned to Ireland, was made a freeman of the city of Limerick, but was unable to find work and returned to the United States in 1899. He resumed his activities with Clan na Gael, working on the *Gaelic American*. In 1901, he married Kathleen Daly. They returned to Ireland in 1907 and established a newspaper and tobacconist shop in Dublin.

In Dublin, Clarke worked to reorganize the Irish Republican Brotherhood. He was elected to the Supreme Council of the IRB in 1913 and argued for a Military Council to plan an armed insurrection. In 1911, Clarke organized the first national pilgrimage to Wolfe Tone's grave in Bodestowne, County Kildare. In September 1915, Clarke and Sean MacDiarmada were admitted into the IRB's secret Military Council, joining Patrick Pearse, Joseph Mary Plunkett, Eamonn Ceannt, and later, James Connolly. Clarke presided over the meeting that decided to proceed with the Easter Rising.

As the oldest member of the Provisional Government and a Fenian, Clarke was the first signatory of the 1916 Proclamation of the Irish Republic. He fought in the General Post Office (GPO) during Easter week and was court-martialed on May 1, 1916. He was executed by firing squad on May 3, 1916.

Source:

Hopkinson, Michael. "Clarke, Thomas James [Tom] (1858–1916), Fenian organizer." *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*. 23 Sep. 2004; Accessed 14 Aug. 2020. <https://www-oxforddnb-com.proxy.bc.edu/view/10.1093/ref:odnb/9780198614128.001.0001/odnb-9780198614128-e-47731>

Scope and Contents

This collection contains Kathleen Daly Clarke's personal and professional papers as well as her collection of materials about her husband Thomas Clarke and Irish politics during the early- to mid-1900s. Clarke's personal papers contain correspondence, photographs, artwork, ephemera, and clippings. Of note are cards she received from political figures, including Eamon de Valera, Douglas Hyde, and Sean Ó Ceallaigh, some of which were printed by Cuala Press and Three Candles Press. Her collection on Thomas Clarke and Irish politics include artifacts, ephemera, and photographs. A significant portion of the materials are publications and ephemera circulated by Irish political groups, including Sinn Fein and Fianna Fail.

Arrangement

Arranged in three series: I. Kathleen Daly Clarke papers; II. Irish political materials; and III. Thomas Clarke materials.

Series I is arranged in two subseries: A. Personal, and B. Professional.

Series II is arranged in two subseries: A. Ephemera, and B. Visual materials.

Series III is arranged in two subseries: A. Ephemera and artifacts, and B. Photographs.

Collection Inventory

Series I: Kathleen Daly Clarke papers, 1897-1972, undated

Subseries A: Personal, 1900-1972, undated

Scope and Contents

Contains Christmas cards received by Clarke, photographs of the Daly and Clarke families, and a card from her funeral. The cards include those received from Eamon de Valera, Douglas Hyde, and Sean Ó Ceallaigh, as well as one Clarke sent to her son Daly from Holloway Jail in 1918. Some of the Christmas cards were produced by well-known Irish printers, Cuala Press and Three Candles Press.

Sub-Subseries 1: Cards, 1918-1972, undated

Arrangement

Chronological.

Christmas card from Clarke to son "Daly", 1918	box 1	folder 36
Christmas card from K. Lynn, printed by Cuala Press, 1918	box 1	folder 37
Christmas card from Eamon de Valera, 1936, 1938, 1940, undated	box 1	folder 38-40, 49
Christmas card from the Spanish Minister, 1940	box 1	folder 41
Christmas card from Vincenzo and Christina Berardis, 1943	box 4	folder 4
Christmas card from President Douglas Hyde, printed by Three Candles Press, 1944	box 1	folder 42
Christmas card from Sean Ó Ceallaigh, 1945, 1948, 1951, 1952	box 1	folder 43-46
Christmas card from Sean Leman, 1962	box 1	folder 47
Funeral card for Kathleen Clarke, 1972	box 2	folder 11
Blank Christmas cards, undated	box 1	folder 54
Christmas card from The High Commissioner For Canada in Ireland and Mrs. Hall Kelly, undated	box 1	folder 48
Christmas card from Philip B. Cosgrove, undated	box 1	folder 52
Christmas card from Ronan Ceannt, undated	box 1	folder 50
Christmas card to Clarke from son "Daly", undated	box 1	folder 53
Christmas card to Clarke from son Emmet, undated	box 1	folder 51

Sub-Subseries 2: Photographs, 1900-1924, undated

Arrangement

Chronological.

John Daly's bakery, 26 William St., Limerick, 1900, undated	box 2	folder 1-2
Emmet Clarke at 6 years old, 1915	box 2	folder 3
John Daly Clarke at 15 years old, 1917	box 2	folder 4
Kathleen Clarke, 1923-1924	box 2	folder 5-6
Family postcards and photographs, undated	box 1	folder 23-31
John Daly, undated	box 2	folder 7
John D. in the Liebre mountains, California, undated	box 2	folder 10
Residence of Walter Collins, Voltaire, California, undated	box 2	folder 9
Young children in a stroller, undated	box 2	folder 8

Subseries B: Professional, 1897-1949, undated

Sub-Subseries 1: Correspondence and invitations, 1897-1949, undated

Arrangement

Chronological.

J. Daly, 1897	box 1	folder 1
Sinn Fein Club, Galway, 1918	box 1	folder 2
Appointment notice for Honorary Censor of Cinematograph Films from Town Clerk, Dublin, 1922	box 1	folder 17
Public Health Office, Dublin, empty envelope, 1923	box 1	folder 3
National Graves Association, acting secretary Joseph Clarke, 1928	box 1	folder 4
Garden Party Invitation from Governor General and Mrs. McNeill, 1929	box 1	folder 12
Irish Press Ltd., 1929	box 1	folder 5
Department of the President, 1934	box 7	folder 2
Diarmaid Crowley, 1934	box 7	folder 1
Diarmaid Crowley, 1935	box 7	folder 3
Receipt for National Collection from Fianna Fail, 1937	box 1	folder 16
Receipt for rent from Franks and Oulton, 1937	box 1	folder 15
May Power, 1939	box 1	folder 7
Staines Testimonial Fund, 1939	box 1	folder 6

Irish White Cross, 1943	box 1	folder 8
President's House, Dublin, 1945	box 1	folder 9
Easter Mass Invitation from Archbishop of Dublin, 1949	box 1	folder 13
Easter Monday 1916 Commemoration invitation, 1949	box 1	folder 14
Proud and Walsh, with an additional letter enclosed, 1949	box 1	folder 10
Letter about John Daly, by Clarke, undated	box 1	folder 11
Letter to the Editor on Police Hooliganism, by Clarke, undated	box 7	folder 5
National Graves Association, undated	box 7	folder 4

Sub-Subseries 2: Other papers, 1897-1946

Arrangement

Chronological.

Secret Royal Irish Constabulary report on Daly's activities in Limerick, 1897-1899	box 1	folder 33
Sinn Fein documents related to the period after the treaty (copy made by Clarke's biographer Helen Litton; includes a cover sheet with notes from Clarke's son Emmet), 1922-1924	box 7	folder 7
Fianna Fail membership card, 1937-1938	box 1	folder 35
Scrapbook of clippings from Kathleen Daly Clarke's term as mayor of Dublin, 1939-1941	box 6	folder 1
Travel permit cards, 1941, 1946	box 1	folder 32
John Larkin Dependents Fund final balance sheets, signed P.S. Doyle, 1943	box 1	folder 34

Sub-Subseries 3: Photographs, 1917-approximately 1945, undated

Arrangement

Chronological.

Kathleen Daly Clarke with Count and Countess Plunket in a car; standing in the road are L. Quinnell and H. Malone, 1917	box 1	folder 18
19 photographs with envelope addressed "Senator Mrs. Clarke", approximately 1925	box 1	folder 22
Executive Committee of the National Graves Association, approximately 1934	box 4	folder 2
Kathleen Daly Clarke with John Quinn and Eamonn Donnelly at John Mitchel's grave, 1941	box 1	folder 21
Photograph and letter from the Royal Liver Friendly Society Annual Dinner and Dance, approximately 1945	box 1	folder 20

Kathleen Daly Clarke at an Annual Golf Club Dance, undated	box 4	folder 3
Kathleen Daly Clarke at the head of a dinner table, undated	box 1	folder 19

Series II: Irish political materials, 1910-1972, undated

Subseries A: Ephemera, 1910-1972, undated

Arrangement

Chronological.

Scope and Contents

Contains Irish political ephemera from the early- to mid-twentieth century, including membership, business, and funeral cards; newspaper issues commemorating the 1916 Easter Rising and other notable moments in the history of the republican movement; and unused IRA stationery.

"Irish Girls!" broadside, 1910	box 2	folder 12
Hugh O'Neill Ter-centenary, memorial pamphlet, 1916 December	box 2	folder 18
Brothers Pearse, Died May, 1916, Temple MacDuagh, Arran, memorial pamphlet, after 1918	box 2	folder 13
"The Battle of Glenmalure" newspaper clipping, after 1926	box 3	folder 2
Albistin de Staic funeral card, 1929	box 2	folder 15
"1916: A Historical Review of the Men and the Politics of the Easter Rising," <i>Irish Times</i> supplement, 1966 April 7	Shared box 12715	
"1916," <i>RTV Guide</i> , 1966 April 8	box 5	folder 2
"Fainne Geal An Lae," <i>The Sunday Press.</i> , 1966 April 16	Shared box 12715	
"Broadsheet no.3," The Poetry Workshop, University College Dublin, broadside, 1969	Shared box 12715	
"On this we stand," <i>An Phobalcht</i> , vol. 1, no. 1, 1970 February	box 5	folder 3
"Storment is dead!" <i>Internment '71</i> , vol. 1, no. 1, 1971 December	box 5	folder 4
Eamonn T. de Hoir funeral card, 1972	box 2	folder 14
Gael-Linn flier, undated	box 3	folder 3
Irish Republican Army letterhead, undated	box 7	folder 6
Irish Volunteers blank membership card, undated	box 2	folder 16
John P. Leahy business card, undated	box 2	folder 17
"Map of Dublin specifically drawn for the third edition [of the] Sinn Fein Rebellion Handbook," compiled by the <i>Weekly Irish Times</i> , undated	Shared box 12715	

"Map of the Irish Republic Showing Result of General Election, Dec. 1918," Friends of Irish Freedom, undated	box 5	folder 1
Scheme of Organization, pamphlet describing eligibility for membership in Sinn Fein, undated	box 3	folder 1

Subseries B: Visual materials, undated

Arrangement

Alphabetical.

Scope and Contents

Contains photographs of people and places in Ireland, including photographs of Countess Constance de Markievicz acting in a play, and artwork, including two hand-painted crests and one pencil drawing, which is attributed to Count Markievicz.

Boy sitting near water in Limerick, photomechanical print, undated	box 3	folder 7
"Certavi et Vici" ("We have fought and conquered"), hand-painted crest, undated	box 3	folder 14
Countess Constance de Markievicz acting in her husband's play "In the Memory of Death," photographs, undated	box 3	folder 9-11
Man in hat, possibly Tom Desmond, photograph, undated	box 3	folder 6
"O'Cleiris," hand-painted crest, undated	box 4	folder 1
Polish rural scene by Count Markievicz, drawing, undated	box 3	folder 13
Sean Flood, photograph, undated	box 3	folder 8
Statue, photograph, undated	box 4	folder 5
Unidentified family group, photograph, undated	box 3	folder 4
Unidentified family group, photograph, undated	box 3	folder 5
Unidentified man, photonegative, undated	box 3	folder 12

Series III: Thomas Clarke materials, 1911-1921, undated

Scope and Contents

This series contains programs, souvenirs, publications, photographs, postcards, and ephemera documenting the life and work of Thomas J. Clarke.

Subseries A: Ephemera and artifacts, 1911-1918, undated

Arrangement

Chronological.

"Dear Old Ireland," wall calendar, 1911	box 5	folder 10
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Limerick Martyrs Memorial Fund advertisement, 1916	box 5	folder 5
Sinn Fein Rebellion in Dublin, photo-postcards, 1916	box 3	folder 17
Thomas Clarke and family members, 6 portraits with hand-painted mat with figures of a soldier and Eire, signed "C de M", 1918 September	box 5	folder 8
Thomas Clarke portrait with hand-painted mat illustrated with a soldier, signed "C de M", approximately 1918	box 5	folder 9
Postcard album, undated	box 8	folder 1
Silk scarf used by Thomas Clarke as a sling, undated	box 9	
Thomas J. Clarke business card, undated	box 3	folder 19
Thomas J. Clarke, photo-postcard, undated	box 3	folder 18

Subseries B: Photographs, 1915-1921, undated

Arrangement

Chronological.

John Daly, Thomas Clarke, and Sean McDermott, 1915	box 3	folder 15
O'Donovan Rossa Funeral, organized by Thomas Clarke, 1915	box 5	folder 7
National Convention, Friends of Irish Freedom, 1921 December	box 5	folder 6
Tom Clarke Stationer and Tobacconist storefront, 55 Amiens St., Limerick, undated	box 3	folder 16