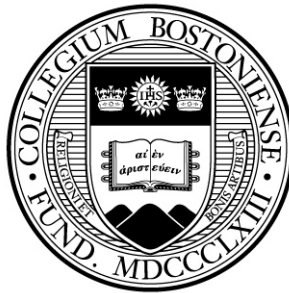


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Summary Information

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Abstract:	The papers contain correspondence, photographs, artwork, ephemera, and clippings documenting the life and career of Kathleen Daly Clarke, while Clarke's collection includes materials about her husband Thomas Clarke and Irish politics during the early- to mid-1900s. 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. A significant portion of the materials are publications and ephemera circulated by Irish political groups, including Sinn Fein and Fianna Fail.

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Related Materials

Separated 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 played a role in Cumman na mBan from its 1914 inception, organizing the central office, lecturing, and pamphleteering. During the Easter Rising, she was arrested. 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 and to 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 1920 and opposed the treaty with the United Kingdom. Clarke lost her seat in 1922, regained and lost it again in 1927. She left Sinn Fein and joined Fianna Fail.

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 in 1944, 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 the Pro Cathedral, Dublin.

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 1878.

In the US, 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 US in 1900. 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 IRB. He was elected to the Supreme Council of the IRB 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.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Arranged into four series: Series I. Professional Materials, Series II. Personal Materials, Series III. Irish Political Materials, and Series IV. Thomas J. Clarke Materials.

Series I is arranged into three subseries: Subseries A. Correspondence; Subseries B. Photographs; and Subseries C. Clippings and Other Papers.

Series III is arranged into two subseries: Subseries A. Ephemera, and Subseries B. Visual Materials.

Series IV is arranged into two subseries: Subseries A. Ephemera and Artifacts; and Subseries B. Photographs.

Collection Inventory

Series I: Professional Materials, 1897-1951, undated

Subseries A: Correspondence, 1897-1949, undated

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains incoming letters and invitations to events.

Arrangement

By type, then chronologically thereunder.

J. Daly, 1897	box 1	folder 1
Sinn Fein Club, Galway, 1918	box 1	folder 2
Public Health Office, Dublin, empty envelope, 1923	box 1	folder 3
National Graves Association, acting secretary Joseph Clarke, 1928	box 1	folder 4
Irish Press Ltd., 1929	box 1	folder 5
Diarmaid Crowley, 1934	box 7	folder 1
Department of the President, 1934	box 7	folder 2
Diarmaid Crowley, 1935	box 7	folder 3
Staines Testimonial Fund, 1939	box 1	folder 6
May Power, 1939	box 1	folder 7
Irish White Cross, 1943	box 1	folder 8
President's House, Dublin, 1945	box 1	folder 9
Proud and Walsh (with an additional letter enclosed), 1949	box 1	folder 10
National Graves Association: Constitution and Rules with it, undated	box 7	folder 4
Letter to the Editor on Police Hooliganism by Clarke, undated	box 7	folder 5
Letter about John Daly by Clarke, undated	box 1	folder 11
Garden Party Invitation from Governor General and Mrs. McNeill, 1929	box 1	folder 12
Easter Mass Invitation from Archbishop of Dublin, 1949	box 1	folder 13
Easter Monday 1916 Commemoration Invitation, 1949	box 1	folder 14
Receipt for rent from Franks and Oulton, 1937	box 1	folder 15

Receipt for National Collection from Fianna Fail, 1937	box 1	folder 16
Appointment notice for Honorary Censor of Cinematograph Films from Town Clerk, Dublin, 1922	box 1	folder 17

Subseries B: Photographs, 1917-1941, undated

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains primarily photographs of Clarke attending functions.

Executive Committee of the National Graves Association, circa 1934	box 4	folder 2
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
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
Photo, Letter, and Envelope from the Royal Liver Friendly Society Annual Dinner and Dance, circa 1945	box 1	folder 20
Kathleen Daly Clarke with John Quinn and Eamonn Donnelly at John Mitchel's grave, 1941	box 1	folder 21
19 photos with envelope addressed "Senator Mrs. Clarke", circa 1925	box 1	folder 22

Subseries C: Clippings and Other Papers, 1897-1951

Scrapbook of clippings from Kathleen Daly Clarke's term as the mayor of Dublin (1939-1941), 1939-1941	box 6	folder 1
Travel Permit Cards, 1941, 1946	box 1	folder 32
Secret Royal Irish Constabulary Report on Daly's Activities in Limerick, 1897-1899	box 1	folder 33
Packet of John Larkin Dependents Fund Final Balance Sheets Signed P.S. Doyle, 1943	box 1	folder 34
Fianna Fail Membership Card, 1937-38	box 1	folder 35
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

Series II: Personal Materials, 1900-1972, undated

Scope and Contents

This series 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 (1918). Some of the Christmas cards were produced by well-known Irish printers, Cuala Press and Three Candles Press.

Arrangement

Cards are listed first and arranged chronologically; photographs follow, also arranged chronologically; the final item in the series is the funeral card.

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
Christmas card from The High Commissioner For Canada in Ireland and Mrs. Hall Kelly, undated	box 1	folder 48
Christmas card from Ronan Ceannt, undated	box 1	folder 50
Christmas card to Clarke from son Emmet, undated	box 1	folder 51
Christmas card from Philip B. Cosgrove, undated	box 1	folder 52
Christmas card to Clarke from son "Daly", undated	box 1	folder 53
Blank Christmas cards, undated	box 1	folder 54
Family postcards and photos, undated	box 1	folder 23-31
Photograph: John Daly's bakery, 26 William St., Limerick, 1900, undated	box 2	folder 1-2
Photograph: Emmet Clarke at 6 years old, 1915	box 2	folder 3
Photograph: John Daly Clarke at 15 years old, 1917	box 2	folder 4
Photographs: Kathleen Clarke, 1923-1924	box 2	folder 5-6
Photograph: John Daly, undated	box 2	folder 7
Photograph: Young children in a stroller, undated	box 2	folder 8
Photograph: Residence of Walter Collins, Voltaire, California, undated	box 2	folder 9
Photograph: John D. in the Liebre Mountains, California, undated	box 2	folder 10
Funeral Card: Kathleen Clarke, 1972	box 2	folder 11

Series III: Irish Political Materials, 1910-1972, undated

Subseries A: Ephemera, 1910-1972, undated

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains Irish political ephemera from the early to mid-1900s, 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.

Arrangement

Alphabetical.

Broadside, "Broadsheet no.3," The Poetry Workshop, University College Dublin, 1969	box shared	
Broadside, "Irish Girls!", 1910	box 2	folder 12
Business card, John P. Leahy, undated	box 2	folder 17
Flier, Gael-Linn, undated	box 3	folder 3
Funeral card, Albistin de Staic, 1929	box 2	folder 15
Funeral Card, Eamonn T. de Hoir, 1972	box 2	folder 14
Irish Republican Army Letterhead, undated	box 7	folder 6
Irish Volunteers Blank Membership Card, undated	box 2	folder 16
Memorial pamphlet, Brothers Pearse, Died May, 1916, Temple MacDuagh, Arran, after 1918	box 2	folder 13
Memorial pamphlet, Hugh O'Neill Ter-centenary, 1916 December	box 2	folder 18
Scheme of Organization, pamphlet describing eligibility for membership in Sinn Fein, undated	box 3	folder 1
Map, "Map of Dublin specifically drawn for the Third Edition [of the] Sinn Fein Rebellion Handbook," compiled by the <i>Weekly Irish Times</i> , undated	box shared	
Map, "Map of the Irish Republic Showing Result of General Election, Dec. 1918," Friends of Irish Freedom, color, undated	box 5	folder 1
Newspaper, "1916: A Historical Review of the Men and the Politics of the Easter Rising," <i>Irish Times</i> supplement, 1966 April 7	box shared	
Newspaper, "1916," <i>RTV Guide</i> , 1966 April 8	box 5	folder 2
Newspaper clipping, "The Battle of Glenmalure", after 1926	box 3	folder 2
Newspaper, "Fainne Geal An Lae," <i>The Sunday Press</i> , 1966 April 16	box shared	
Newspaper, "On this we stand," <i>An Phobalcht</i> , vol. 1, no. 1, 1970 February	box 5	folder 3

Newspaper, "Storm is dead!" <i>Internment '71</i> , vol. 1, no. 1, 1971 December	box 5	folder 4
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Subseries B: Visual Materials, undated

Scope and Contents

This subseries contains photographs of people and places in Ireland, including photos 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). Photographs are listed first.

Photograph: unidentified family, presumably father, mother, two daughters, undated	box 3	folder 4
Photograph: unidentified large family, presumably father, mother, ten children, undated	box 3	folder 5
Photograph: unidentified man in hat, possibly Tom Desmond, undated	box 3	folder 6
Photomechanical print: unidentified boy sitting near water in Limerick, undated	box 3	folder 7
Photograph: Sean Flood, undated	box 3	folder 8
Photographs: Countess Constance de Markievicz acting in her husband's play, "In the Memory of Death", undated	box 3	folder 9-11
Photograph: statue, undated	box 4	folder 5
Photonegative: unidentified man (poor condition), undated	box 3	folder 12
Drawing: Polish Rural Scene done by Count Markievicz, undated	box 3	folder 13
Hand-painted Crest: "Certavi et Vici" ["We have fought and conquered"], undated	box 3	folder 14
Hand-painted Crest: "O'Cleiris", undated	box 4	folder 1

Series IV: Thomas J. 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, 1911-1916, undated

Limerick Martyrs Memorial Fund advertisement, 1916	box 5	folder 5
Photo-postcards: Sinn Fein Rebellion in Dublin, 1916	box 3	folder 17
Photo-postcard: Thomas J. Clarke, undated	box 3	folder 18
Postcard album (very fragile), 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
Wall calendar, "Dear Old Ireland", 1911	box 5	folder 10
Subseries B: Photographs, 1915-1921, undated		
John Daly, Thomas Clarke, and Sean McDermott, 1915	box 3	folder 15
National Convention, Friends of Irish Freedom, 1921 December	box 5	folder 6
O'Donovan Rossa Funeral organized by Thomas Clarke, 1915	box 5	folder 7
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", probably 1918	box 5	folder 9
Tom Clarke Stationer and Tobacconist storefront, 55 Amiens St., Limerick, undated	box 3	folder 16