

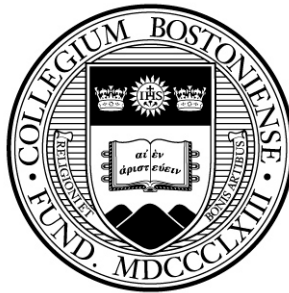
# Loyal National Repeal Association of Ireland Scrapbook

1837-1864

MS.2007.019

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## Summary Information

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<b>Creator:</b>	Loyal National Repeal Association of Ireland
<b>Title:</b>	Loyal National Repeal Association of Ireland scrapbook
<b>ID:</b>	MS.2007.019
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1837-1864
<b>Physical Description</b>	2 Linear Feet (2 boxes)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Loyal National Repeal Association of Ireland scrapbook contains primarily ephemeral material relating to the operation of the association, including membership cards, tickets, broadsides, certificates, cards, and forms.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of item, Box number, Folder number, Loyal National Repeal Association of Ireland scrapbook, MS.2007.019, John J. Burns Library, Boston College.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Publication Information**

Processed by Shelley Barber, 2010; Rachael Young in 2018. This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace.

### **Restrictions on access**

Collection is open for research.

### **Provenance**

Because the current accessioning system was not used until January 1986, it is not possible to know exactly the dates of acquisition of materials received before that time. Notes on file indicate that this item may have been a gift of Mary Slattery, proprietor of the Irish Book Shop in New York in approximately 1949. It was transferred from the Burns Library cataloging department in 2003.

### **Custodial History**

According to Helen Landreth, curator of the Irish Collection at Boston College from 1948 to 1978, this scrapbook was assembled by Thomas Mathew Ray (1801-1881), the Secretary of the Loyal National Repeal Association.

### **Processing Information**

These materials were originally housed in a scrapbook, which was disassembled for preservation purposes. Photocopies of the scrapbook pages were made to document original order. These are included in the collection.

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## **Related Materials**

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Daniel O'Connell Collection, MS.1995.011, John J. Burns Library, Boston College.

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## Historical Note

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The Loyal National Repeal Association was founded in 1841 by Irish politician Daniel O'Connell (1775-1847), the leader of the movement for the repeal of the Act of Union (1800) between Great Britain and Ireland. Through a central administration in Dublin, the organization sought to demonstrate overwhelming popular support for Repeal to the British Government. O'Connell fostered mass participation in the organization at local and national levels through meetings, speeches, establishment of Repeal reading rooms throughout Ireland, and in fundraising and mobilization of the electorate. He declared 1843 "Repeal Year" and began a series of large-scale public demonstrations, popularly referred to as "monster meetings". The British Government banned a critical meeting at Clontarf, near Dublin, in October 1843 and arrested and imprisoned O'Connell and several colleagues for sedition. Upon his release the following year O'Connell tried to revive the Repeal campaign, claiming he would achieve repeal in only six months. When this promise was not kept, O'Connell's power began to diminish. By 1846 the organization had lost its political influence as O'Connell's health declined and the Irish public turned its attention from Repeal to the economic and social catastrophe of the Great Famine.

Thomas Mathew Ray (1801-1881) was Secretary of Daniel O'Connell's Precursor Society, 1838-1840, and held the same post for the Loyal National Repeal Association throughout its existence, writing nearly all the association's correspondence. He was arrested and charged with sedition, along with O'Connell and several others, in 1843. He was convicted, but the decision was reversed on appeal the following year.

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## Scope and Contents

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The collection includes blank membership cards, certificates, forms, tickets to events, and other ephemera issued by the Loyal National Repeal Association of Ireland and originally housed in a

scrapbook created by the Association's secretary Thomas Mathew Ray. There are also a number of items of Daniel O'Connell memorabilia.

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## Arrangement

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Arranged in four series: I. Membership cards, II. Tickets, III. Other ephemera, and IV. Preservation photocopies and original scrapbook pieces.

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# Collection Inventory

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## Series I: Membership cards, 1837-1848

### Arrangement

Chronological.

### Scope and Contents

Contains membership cards that were designed to be issued to members of various political organizations.

General Association of Ireland, 1837	box 1	folder 1
Central Registration Board for Ireland, 1838	box 1	folder 1
Precursor Society, 1838	box 1	folder 1
National Association, 1840	box 1	folder 2
Loyal National Repeal Association of Ireland, 1840-1848	box 1	folder 3
Volunteers of 1782 Revived, 1841-1844	box 1	folder 4

## Series II: Tickets, 1840-1845

### Arrangement

Chronological.

### Scope and Contents

Tickets issued by the Loyal National Repeal Association to events such as meetings and banquets.

Reform Registry meeting, 1840 January 10	box 1	folder 5
Conciliation Hall admittance, 1843	box 1	folder 5
Mullaghmast meeting, platform, 1843 October 1	box 1	folder 5
Banquet following Mullaghmast meeting, 1843 October 1	box 1	folder 5
Banquet following Clontarf meeting, 1843 October 9	box 1	folder 5
Levee, gentleman's ticket, 1845 May 30	box 1	folder 5
Levee, lady's ticket, 1845 May 30	box 1	folder 5
Eighty-two Club, lady's ticket, 1845 November 27	box 1	folder 5
Eighty-two Club, member's dinner ticket, 1845 November 27	box 1	folder 5

## Series III: Other ephemera, 1839-1864, undated



## Arrangement

Chronological.

## Scope and Contents

Ephemera of the Repeal Association and other material relating to the organization, including blank certificates, cards, forms, printed flyers, broadsides, and letters. Includes Daniel O'Connell's memorabilia.

Lithographic copies of letters written by Daniel O'Connell, 1839-1840	box 1	folder 6-7
Daniel O'Connell's first proclamation as Lord Mayor of Dublin, approximately 1841	box 2	folder 1
Repeal Warden certificates, 1841-1848	box 2 box 1	folder 1 folder 9
Certificate made to accompany presentation copies of Daniel O'Connell's book <i>Memoir on Ireland Native and Saxon</i> , approximately 1843	box 1	folder 15
"O'Connell's Police" card, worn on hats of Repeal Wardens at Mullaghmast Meeting, 1843 October 1	box 1	folder 11
Letter fragment, addressed to T. M. Ray from Daniel O'Connell, 1844 February 20-21	box 1	folder 16
Parliamentary Elector card, 1845	box 1	folder 13
Loyal National Repeal Association promotional map of Ireland used to raise funds for Repeal Fund, 1846 January 12	box 2	folder 1
Flyer advertising the collection of funds for the statue of Daniel O'Connell by John Hogan in Dublin's City Hall, 1864 March 17	box 1	folder 18
Cinderella non-postage stamps representing Daniel O'Connell and the Repeal Association, undated	box 1	folder 14
Conciliation Hall cornerstone text, undated	box 1	folder 8
Derrynane Abbey lithograph, undated	box 1	folder 17
Repeal Voucher card, undated	box 1	folder 12
Repeal Warden form, undated	box 1	folder 10
Rules for the establishment of Repeal Reading Rooms, broadside, undated	box 2	folder 1
"To the Right Honorable..." broadside, undated	box 2	folder 1
<b>Series IV: Preservation photocopies and original scrapbook pieces, undated</b>	box 1	folder 19-20