



# DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

# PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY KEEPER OF THE RECORDS**

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# TO THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, ARTS AND LEISURE

I beg to submit this Annual Report for your approval and onwards transmission to the First Minister and deputy First Minister.

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Maggie Smith Deputy Keeper of the Records

# TO THE FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER

Pursuant on section 10 of the Public Record Act (NI) 1923 (as amended), I am pleased to submit to you this Annual Report of proceedings under that Act during 2013-14 and prepared under my direction by the Deputy Keeper of the Records.

As well as summarising proceedings under the Act, this Report refers to Promoting Equality and Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion, which is my key policy priority, and to north-south cooperation.

Carál Ní Chuilín MLA Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure

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- The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) was established under the <u>Public Record Act (NI) 1923</u> for the reception and preservation of public records.
- 2. PRONI is a division of the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure and, as such, operates under the direction and control of the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure, who is also the Keeper of the Records.
- 3. The Minister's key priority is Promoting Equality and Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion (PETPSE), with its 4 elements of inclusion, economy, education and health. Through its work, PRONI contributes to all 4 elements of PETSPE.
- 4. PRONI cares for over 3 million unique items. The archive is of immense social, economic and historical value to individuals, communities and enterprises here. It inspires interest, and attracts visitors, from across the world.

## Deputy Keeper's Annual Report 2013-14

- 5. <u>Section 10 of the 1923 Act (as amended)</u> requires that the Deputy Keeper, under the direction of the Minister, shall once in every year furnish a report to the First Minister and the deputy First Minister of the proceedings taken under the Act and that report shall by laid before the Assembly.
- 6. The <u>1923 Act</u> refers to PRONI's staff and financial resources. Those matters are reported in DCAL's Annual Report and Resource Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014. This Deputy Keeper's Report supplements and complements that document.

## Removal of records to PRONI

 Section 3 of the 1923 Act provides for the removal of accumulated records to PRONI for preservation when they are no longer required. The 32 Departments and other public sector bodies from which PRONI removed records for preservation are listed at Annex 1.

## Power to make rules to dispose of valueless records

- Only those records which are judged to be of lasting value are destined for permanent storage in PRONI. The majority of records created by public bodies are of value only for a period – and <u>section 8 of the 1923 Act</u> and the Disposal of Records Order (1925) provide for their destruction.
- 9. PRONI works with Departments and other public bodies as they determine the classes of records which may be destroyed, and the number of years for which each class of record must be retained before destruction.
- 10. The resulting Retention and Disposal Schedules are subject to the agreement of the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure and to negative resolution in the Assembly.
- 11. The 15 public bodies for which Retention and Disposal Schedules were laid in the Assembly during 2013-14 are listed at Annex 2.

#### Deposits of documents by trustees or other persons

- 12. Businesses, societies, institutions, families and individuals generously offer records to PRONI so that they can be preserved and may be made available for the benefit of others. PRONI accepts suitable deposits under <u>section 5 of the 1923 Act</u>; the 72 private deposits accepted during 2013-14 are listed in Annex 3. PRONI affords deposited records the same exemplary standards of care as public records.
- 13. The Minister and the Department are grateful to everyone who deposited items in PRONI during the year. Each deposit is a valuable contribution to our shared heritage.

## Purchase of the Londonderry Papers

14. In April 2013, DCAL exercised its powers under <u>section 7(3)</u> of the 1923 Act to purchase an internationally significant archive of the Marquesses of Londonderry. Londonderry family members played major roles in the history of these islands and of Europe from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The collection comprises 30,000 documents, volumes, maps and plans dating from 1670 to 1950. 15. PRONI promoted the Londonderry papers via a PRONI Culture Night exhibition, the "Mount Stewart and the Wider World" conference, a Linenhall Library talk and a PRONI Creativity Month event.

#### Cataloguing the private collections

- 16. The Londonderry papers were prioritised for cataloguing during 2013-14, particularly those of the 7<sup>th</sup> Marquess and Marchioness. Some papers of the Staples Family of Lissan House, Cookstown and of the Moutray family of Favour Royal, Augher were also catalogued; also deposits relating to, for example, Anderson & McAuley Ltd, Harvey and McLaughlan, Sir John Lavery; and the artists in residence of the Curfew Tower, Cushendall.
- 17. In total, 952 linear feet of private records were catalogued, details are at Annex 4.

## PRESERVING THE RECORDS

#### A state of the art repository

- The prestigious PRONI building is not just award-winning architecture. It is a state of the art repository built to BS 5454 archive standards whose environment is continuously and meticulously controlled to ensure optimal preservation conditions.
- 19. To reduce energy consumption, a feedback loop was introduced to the repository controls in December. Early indications were promising and progress will be reported in the next Deputy Keeper's Report.
- 20. PRONI is risk-averse in its preservation of the archive. Its members of staff are highly trained in safeguarding, preserving, storing, locating and handling paper, parchment and other items. PRONI's Archive Emergency Plan was thoroughly tested during the year.
- 21. During the year, customers requested 38,020 documents from the repository, 96% of these requests were met within 30 minutes, and 60% within 15 minutes. Each month, document retrieval time targets were met or exceeded.

#### Preserving digital records for the next generation

- PRONI holds over 25 terabytes of digital material and day after day, more digital items are created or acquired. Together, Departments have saved around 30 million files in the TRIM electronic records management system (RecordsNI).
- 23. The challenge is to ensure all those digital items which need to be preserved for the future by PRONI will indeed be available to the next generation.
- 24. During 2013-14, PRONI's in-house team of IT and curatorial specialists made significant and ground breaking progress in the development of a digital repository which will protect digital information so that it is accessible to the next generation. The team is linked into international expertise.

- 25. In November 2013, following an Amber Gateway 3 (investment decision) report, the Project Board concluded that the PRONI team, rather than an external provider, should build the repository. It was judged that the in-house option enabled a clearer and more robust solution to be developed; provided greater assurance that the project would complete on time; and it removed financial risk.
- 26. Cost estimates for the in-house option were 15% lower than those in the original business case approved by the Department of Finance and Personnel in February 2011.
- 27. A Gateway 3 Healthcheck in March 2014 awarded a green delivery confidence assessment that the project was on target to complete by 31 March 2015.

## MAKING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

## Release of government files from 1983 and 1984

- On 27 December 2013, PRONI released 1,413 NI Department and Northern Ireland Office (Belfast) files whose last paper dated from 1983 or 1984. All of these files were listed in the <u>PRONI Catalogue</u> and they are available at PRONI for people to use.
- 29. 2013 was the first year in which two years worth of government files were released. Previously, files were released when their last paper was 30 years old. To reduce the age to 20 years, two years worth of records are being released each year from 2013 to 2022.
- 30. While the Freedom of Information Act 2000 establishes a general right of access to information held by public authorities, it also exempts some information from release. As a result of the applications of these exemptions, 366 of the 1983 and 1984 files which were released had some information blanked out. In the majority of cases, this was to protect personal information as required by section 40 of the 2000 Act.
- 31. A further 237 files from 1983 and 1984 could not be released at all during 2013-14. Again, this was usually to protect the privacy of named individuals as required by <u>section 40 of the 2000 Act</u>.
- 32. Most of the files which were released had been created by Central Secretariat or by the Northern Ireland Office (Belfast). The Central Secretariat files provide a detailed, month by month narrative of the constitutional and political developments being taken forward by the Secretary of State. The NIO files deal primarily with prisons policy and the ongoing situation in the Maze and Belfast prisons, but also touch upon policing and the administration of justice.
- 33. Further information about the 2013 release, including a complete list of the1,413 released 1983 and 1984 files is on the <u>Annual Release page of the PRONI Website</u>; a sample of the issues covered in these files is at Annex 4.

## Supporting the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse

34. Throughout 2013-14 PRONI continued to provide vital support to the <u>Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse</u>. PRONI accommodates the Inquiry Research Team and its equipment and provides secure and timely access to the many thousands of files in PRONI which may be relevant to the Inquiry's deliberations.

## Releasing conflict-related and other sensitive personal information

- 35. PRONI is a vital source for many men and women who are searching for answers about their own past or their own identity, or who wish to understand more about events in the lives of close family members.
- 36. They may for example be searching for information about time spent in children's home, training schools, prisons or internment camps; or seeking information associated with court trials or inquests. They may use the provisions of the <u>Data Protection Act 1998</u> or the <u>Freedom of Information Act 2000</u>, to request information which is not available to the public.
- 37. Responding to such requests is sensitive and painstaking work; getting it right takes time. The legislation requires PRONI to consult third parties to establish if all the information it holds may be released, or whether exemptions in the legislation require some information to be blanked out. The introduction during autumn 2013 of new processes, including new consultation arrangements for conflict-related files and electronic redaction, assisted progress.
- 38. To assist people who are searching for Coroner's Inquest records, PRONI indexed all of the inquest records it holds dating from 1950 to 1996. As a result of that work, on 29 May 2014, an index of 13,169 inquest records dating from 1969 to 1996 were added to the **PRONI Catalogue**; these included approximately 3,000 records of conflict-related inquests.
- 39. The Minister has highlighted its potentially life-changing impact of this work for individuals and families who are searching for information.

## Digitization of records

- 40. PRONI increases the reach and impact of the archive by exploiting digital opportunities. By making resources available online, PRONI provides opportunities for individuals, communities and enterprises here; it also helps to raise the profile of this place and to attract visitors.
- 41. During 2013-14 PRONI prepared a guide to its First World War sources and digitised previously unpublished letters and diary extracts. It also digitised First World War patient lists from the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast and, in co-operation with Derry City Council, information about the people listed on the Derry War Memorial. All of this material will be published online during 2014-15, starting in June 2014 with the launch of the Derry War Memorial application.

## Digital sources published online

42. During 2013-14, PRONI far exceeded its target in the DCAL Corporate Plan 2011-15 of putting on line one new or expanded digital application each year. It achieved this by enhancing its <u>PRONI.gov.uk</u> resources, by launching <u>PRONI</u> on <u>FLICKR</u> and as a partner in <u>PRONI at CAIN</u>,

# PRONI.gov.uk

- 43. In 2013-14, the PRONI website attracted 309,526 unique visitors who between them made 623,176 visits to the website and chalked up 13.5 million page views. 136,408 of the visitors (44%) were outside NI when they clicked on to the site.
- 44. This compares well with 2012-13, when 289,634 visitors made 561,047 visits and 10.3 million page views; 108,063 of those visitors (37%) were from outside NI.
- 45. The <u>PRONI Catalogue</u> was expanded by 23,573 item descriptions during the year. The <u>Valuation Revision Books</u> application was expanded by 39 volumes. Now complete, this enticing genealogical resource comprises valuation revisions in the north from 1864 to1933 and runs to 440,000 images. During the year it attracted 3.6 million page views.

- 46. In March 2014 PRONI launched a further 170,000 will index entries on its <u>Will Calendar</u> application. This extremely valuable genealogical resource now comprises over 400,000 Will index entries from 1858 to 1965. It totalled 3.7 million page views in 2013-14.
- 47. New on the website from December was <u>Document of the Month</u>; an opportunity for members of staff to showcase documents. First to grasp the opportunity was John Rea who chose <u>Flossy the Flea</u>. Ian Farr nominated <u>A maze at the Maze</u> which he found while preparing NIO files for release in January. Brett Irwin selected a <u>Lonely Hearts</u> <u>Letter to the Lord Mayor</u>, while the Repository Team selected <u>Emergency Bread</u>, a chilling cold war record. The documents proved popular with the print and broadcast media, with staff Interviewed for television each month.

# PRONI on FLICKR

- 48. <u>PRONI on FLICKR</u> was born in May 2013 when PRONI joined The Commons on FLICKR. By March 2014 it boasted over 2,500 images and had amassed 3.3 million page views. The images were digitized from glass plate negatives by PRONI's expert reprographics team.
- 49. The images stand on their own merit and attract significant social, historical and genealogical interest. They include <u>Hogg's record of Belfast streets in 1912-1914</u>; Allison's images of <u>Armagh</u>, with its <u>businesses</u> and <u>people</u>; and <u>portraits</u>; also <u>family groups</u> and <u>street life scenes</u> from the Cooper studio in Strabane.
- 50. There are no copyright restrictions on <u>PRONI on FLICKR</u> images and PRONI provides publication-quality digital versions at a very reasonable cost; these additional layers of value make the images even more amenable to creative and commercial use.

## PRONI at CAIN

51. The <u>PRONI at CAIN</u> partnership publishes conflict-related papers selected from the released NIO and NI Department files. CAIN (Conflict Archive on the INternet) is hosted by the

University of Ulster. CAIN's Deputy Director selects the papers, which PRONI then digitises.

52. On April 26, 2013 <u>PRONI at CAIN</u> posted 61 papers from 1982, mostly from Central Secretariat files. This brought the number of PRONI Records on CAIN to 833 (a total of 3,400 pages). During 2013, PRONI at CAIN attracted 60,817 page views.

## Visits to PRONI

- 53. During 2013-14, PRONI made a concerted effort to raise public awareness of the value of the archive and to encourage use of the PRONI building.
- 54. A new record was set for visits to PRONI, with 20,318 visits made to use its research facilities or to participate in a lecture or an event; 4,369 of these visits were by people who did not live here. This record number topped the DCAL Corporate Plan target of 17,760 and well exceeded the 16,900 visits made in 2012-13.
- 55. To use the PRONI search facilities or consult records, one must register as a reader. 5,093 new readers registered in 2013-14, half of whom were not from here. 15,036 of the visits made to PRONI were research visits by registered readers.
- 56. PRONI staff hosted 120 group learning events during the year, which together accounted for 2,636 visits. Those who benefitted included 50 community groups, along with positive relations groups, and people facing such challenges as mental health issues, homelessness or alcoholism.
- 57. PRONI's diverse programme of lectures and events attracted 2,653 visits. PRONI celebrated Culture Night with a recital by the Grosvenor Choir and storytelling by Victoria Gleason inspired by PRONI archives. In January, Belfast Poet Laureate Sinead Morrisey read from her Parallax collection, including a poem inspired by a photograph by Hogg in PRONI's collection. In March, Brighid Mhic Sheáin talked about the development of Belfast's Irish Speaking Community.

58. In March, PRONI participated in Creativity Month for the first time. With Digital Circle it staged two events for the creative industries to showcase stories and images from the First World War and from the Londonderry collection. Participants included film makers and game makers.

#### Responding to written queries

59. PRONI's Enquiries Unit responded to 3,316 written queries over the course of the year; 96% were answered within 10 working days and 98% within 14 working days.

#### Guest exhibitions

- PRONI contributed to the Cultural Programme of the World Police and Fire Games in August by hosting <u>Ground Zero</u> <u>360°</u> by New York photographer Nicola McClean and NYPD Captain Paul McCormack.
- 61. PRONI welcomed guest exhibitions using PRONI resources by the Ulster-Scots Agency and by Doagh Ancestry. In his launch speech, Bob Adams, Chair of Doagh Ancestry, stressed the community development value of creating such exhibitions.

## PRONI out and about

62. Other ways in which PRONI facilitated access to its resources included participation in BBC Travelling Picture Shows; conference papers delivered eg at the National Library of Ireland and the University of Birmingham; frequent talks in Libraries NI libraries and in the Linen Hall library, participation in genealogical events, including family history events at Titanic Belfast and Who do You Think You Are in London.

## NORTH-SOUTH CO-OPERATION

- 63. With the agreement of the Minister of Culture, Art and Leisure, the Deputy Keeper of the Records was co-opted by the Minister of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to the <u>Irish</u> <u>Manuscripts Commission</u>. This prestigious body promotes public awareness of primary source materials and their importance for the history, heritage and culture of Ireland.
- 64. PRONI had ongoing contact and exchanges with the <u>National Archives of Ireland</u>, over a range of issues; the Deputy Keeper met the Chief Executive of the National Archives in both Dublin and Belfast. A digital expert from the National Archives was a Gateway panel member for the digital preservation project.
- 65. PRONI serves on the Steering group of the Irish Archive Resource which promotes archives across Ireland. PRONI supported the re-development of its website. This will attract other repositories to place information about their collections onto the portal. It will enable people to search for information simultaneously across multiple archive services and collections and carry out research more effectively.
- 66. In January 2014, Dr Annaleigh Margey of University College Dublin presented a paper at PRONI on the 1641 depositions. During the year, PRONI welcomed group visits from Trinity College Dublin; University College Cork; National University of Ireland, Maynooth; the Catholic Archives Society of UK and Ireland; and Irish Ancestral Research.
- 67. PRONI was represented on the Committee of the Universities Historians Ireland and exhibited at Back to Our Future, Ireland's largest genealogical fair. It also participated in a Digital Coalition conference in Dublin.

PROMOTING EQUALITY AND TACKLING POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION

- 68. The key priority of the Minister of Culture, Arts and Leisure is Promoting Equality and Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion (PETSPE).
- 69. By supporting the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse and by working to make conflict-related and other sensitive files available; and through work with groups at risk of exclusion, PRONI contributes to PETSPE's inclusion element.
- 70. Through its work with community groups, its extensive talks and events programmes, and by hosting guest exhibitions, PRONI contributes to lifelong learning, enhances PETSPE's education element and promotes inclusion.
- 71. By making resources freely available for reuse, PRONI benefits the creative industries, academics, genealogists, researchers, authors, artists and others. By promoting its heritage resources online and by providing rich opportunities for genealogical research and for exploring our heritage, PRONI stimulates internal and out of state tourism. All of this contributes to the rebuilding of the economy.

## THE QUALITY OF PRONI'S SERVICE – CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

- 72. Once again, customers were very happy with PRONI's services. In the customer satisfaction surveys good or very good ratings were returned by 98% of those commenting on the research services and 95% of those who commenting about lectures or events.
- 73. All customers who completed Comments and Suggestions forms rated PRONI as good or very good; some chose to leave more discursive comments this is a small sample:
  - "This is a wonderful facility and the personnel are totally professional and very helpful. Everyone was pleasant and energetic about their work. Thanks"
  - "I am an American visiting PRONI to research my Ulster-Scot ancestor. I found PRONI to be very well organised. It is one of the best archives I have ever visited. What was particularly exceptional was the help from the staff. The guidance I received was exceptional."
  - "Wonderful staff. Very helpful and a wealth of knowledge. I was given many reference sources to look for. Thank you."
  - "I have been very heartened by the very helpful and welcoming atmosphere provided by the staff. Accessing old documents is an art/science and not one that can be learned in books & pamphlets. The PRONI staff are knowledgeable & very approachable. Thank you."
  - "Fantastic experience, we had the best help from all staff we encountered. The experience at PRONI has made our trip to Belfast worthwhile. We have had success! We came to Belfast to come to PRONI"
  - "I came from the USA at great expense. My hopes were high. Staff assisted with my frequent questions about places, computer use, ancient script and other issues. This helped me to use my time effectively to achieve more in my brief visit. Thank you for your cheerful staff & comfortable new facility"

## DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER BODIES FROM WHICH RECORDS WERE ACCESSIONED DURING 2013-14

- Antrim Borough Council
- Assembly Ombudsman Northern Ireland
- Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
- Consumer Council
- Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
- Department of Culture Arts and Leisure
- Department of Education
- Department of Employment and Learning
- Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment
- Department of Environment
- Department of Finance and Personnel
- Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety
- Department of Justice
- Department of Regional Development
- Department of Social Development
- District Electoral Areas Commissioner for Northern
  Ireland
- General Register Office Northern Ireland
- International Fund for Ireland
- Invest NI
- Labour Relations Agency
- Limavady Borough Council
- Londonderry Probate Office
- Northern Health and Social Care Trust
- Northern Ireland Assembly
- Northern Ireland Audit Office
- Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service
- Northern Ireland Office
- Northern Ireland Prison Service
- Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister
- Schools including: Dungannon Integrated College, Edenderry PS, and Cavanaleck PS.
- South Eastern Education and Library Board
- Western Health and Social Care Trust

### PUBLIC BODIES WHOSE RETENTION AND DISPOSAL SCHEDULES WERE LAID IN THE ASSEMBLY DURING 2013-14

- Belfast Education and Library Board
- Commissioner for Public Appointments Northern Ireland
- Criminal Justice Inspection for Northern Ireland
- Education and Library Boards Staff Commission
- Local Government Staff Commission
- North Eastern Education and Library Board
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission
- Northern Ireland Law Commission
- Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister
- Planning Appeals Commissioner and Water Appeals Commissioner
- Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland
- Schools (Department of Education)
- South Eastern Education and Library Board
- Western Education and Library Board

# **PRIVATELY DEPOSITED RECORDS 2013-14**

PRONI Ref. No.	Deposited Records
CR1/111/1	Records of St Canice's Church, Parish of Faughanvale, Co Londonderry, comprising baptism, marriage, and burial registers and a parish vestry book (1802-2002).
CR3/46/2/80	Additional records of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland comprising minutes of the General Assembly and directory of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (2013).
CR3/46/10/23	Additional records of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland comprising annual reports of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (2013).
D2937/1 Add	Additional records of Alexander Boyd (Chemists), Lisburn, Co Down comprising prescription books (1935- 1966).
D3099/ Add	Additional papers relating to the 7 <sup>th</sup> Marquess and Marchioness of Londonderry, including: correspondence; political papers of the Marquess; a notebook with details of the Londonderrys' trip to Germany for the Winter Olympic Games (1936); photographs, postcards and other memorabilia relating to Lord and Lady Londonderry's trip to Romania in 1936; Lady Londonderry's papers relating to the design of the statues of Irish saints that surround the private burial ground of the Vane-Tempest Stewarts at Mount Stewart, Co. Down; and a selection of creative writing by Lady Londonderry and by her daughter Lady Mairi (1910- 1946).
D3300/172	Booklet entitled 'Mass of Thanksgiving for the Contribution of the Sisters of Saint Louis to our Parish', Middletown, Co. Armagh (2010).
D3300/174/1	Letters from members of the Dalton family, originally from Lissue, near Lisburn, Co. Antrim, to family members still

PRONI Ref. No.	Deposited Records	
	at home. Two of the letters were sent from New York and one from Kent (1853-1874).	
D3300/175/1	Photographic negatives and photographic glass plates depicting scenes from Belfast and Lurgan, Co. Armagh. The negatives include images of the Harland &Wolff shipyard, the Ravenhill flute band, and 50th anniversary commemorations of the Ulster Covenant at Lurgan, Co Armagh (1955-1975).	
D3300/177/1	Booklets comprising 'Blackie's Literary and Commercial Almanack'; 'Sinclair's Pocket Directory (Edinburgh and Leith)', and 'J Robb and Co Street Directory and Times Tables (Belfast)' (1863-1939).	
D3300/178	Artists' book recording the names and experiences of various artists-in-residence at the Curfew Tower, Cushendall, Co Antrim (1999-2013).	
D3300/179/1	Harland & Wolff annual reports (1973-1980).	
D3300/180/1	Bibles of the Davidson/Turner families of Dromara, Co Down (1844-1885).	
D3300/181	Privately printed memoir entitled 'There was a sparkle in the air: Memories of the Department of Microbiology Queen's University, Belfast, 1955 to 1966' (2013).	
D3300/182	Papers relating to the Stevenson family of Dungannon, Co Tyrone comprising a booklet entitled 'Ulster Volunteer Force. The Tyrone Regiment. Record of Camp Instruction' and a privately printed book entitled 'A Ramble' by Mr Harry Stevenson (1913-1997).	
D3300/183	Indenture between Moreton Frewen, Wyoming, USA, and Stephen Frewen, of, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, for lands at Mount Prospect, Co Dublin (1880).	
D3300/184	Photographs and printed material relating to Harland & Wolff, Belfast (1916-1973).	

PRONI Ref. No.	Deposited Records	
D3300/185	Papers relating to the Portaferry-Strangford, Co Down, vehicle ferry service comprising an initial surveyor's report, photographs of the launch, and press cuttings relating to the service (1964-2013).	
D3300/186	Photographs of staff and students from Methodist College and Stranmillis Teacher Training College, Belfast and a diploma certificate for Stranmillis College (1936-1940).	
D3300/187	Photographs and one postcard depicting the Giant's Causeway, Co Antrim (c.1900-2000).	
D3301/Add	Additional records relating to the Qua Iboe Fellowship Mission Station in Nigeria, West Africa including photographs, diaries, letters, and interviews with missionaries who served at the mission station (1900- 1997).	
D3794/Add	Additional papers relating to the Ulster Young Unionist Council including publicity and publication material, papers relating to elections in the East Antrim and Larne areas, and papers relating to the Queen's University, Belfast Conservative and Unionist Association (1971- 1985).	
D4108/Add	Additional Salters' Company papers comprising leases, conveyances, mortgages and related papers for the Irish estate, Magherafelt, Co Londonderry (1663-1891).	
D4189/Add	Additional Andrews Mill papers including a specifications book, a mixtures book, and newspaper cuttings (1875- 1930).	
D4433/7	Pilot log books and associated papers of RAF Squadron Leader Robert Emmit Mooney from North Belfast who served in the Second World War (1941-1956).	
D4468/8	Bill of Quantities volume relating to the Andrews Memorial Hall, Comber, Co. Down and associated loose leaf material (1913-1914).	

PRONI Ref. No.	Deposited Records	
D4474/2/Add	Additional records of Bombardier Aerospace (formerly Short Brothers) comprising 10 albums of photographic prints (1966-1979).	
D4547/Add	Additional records relating to the life and career of Mr Ben Forde including papers, photographs, letters, notebooks, printed material etc relating to his early life in Portadown and his career in the RUC. The collection also includes CDs and DVDs from Mr Forde's career as a gospel singer (1940-2010).	
D4549	Papers of the Brown family of Donnaghmore, Co. Tyrone including a family bible with manuscript entries relating to the family's genealogy, a photograph of family members, and a typed genealogy document (1700-2013).	
D4551	Papers of Professor Bruce Campbell, former Professor of Medieval Economic History at Queen's University, Belfast comprising: extensive research files on topics relating to English medieval economy and society; notes and teaching materials for lectures and tutorials; conference papers; publications; and correspondence (1970-2012).	
D4552	Papers of Tom Collins relating to his design of one of stamps in the first set of regional stamps for Northern Ireland comprising sketches for the design of the one shilling and three penny Northern Ireland stamp; one of these 1958 stamps; 50th anniversary presentational booklets and anniversary postcards of the of the regional stamps; correspondence; and research material.	
D4553	Records of Catalyst Arts, Belfast including accounts, committee and sub-committee minutes, papers of AGMs, and papers relating to administration, business workshops, projects and events (1993-2010).	
D4555	Records of the Royal British Legion of Northern Ireland including minute books, annual reports, accounts, details of company directors and secretaries, a visitors' book, Poppy Day report books, British Legion handbooks, and other publications and press cuttings (1921-2011).	

PRONI Ref. No.	Deposited Records
D4556	Agreements and associated legal papers relating to works and contracts between the Belfast Harbour Commissioners and the London Midland Railway Company, the Scottish Railway Company, the Belfast and Ballymena Railway Company, and Belfast Corporation (1850-1929).
D4557	Records relating to Roger Casement comprising an audio interview with Julius Klein who interviewed Casement in Berlin; a typescript of Klein's 1934 script outline for his proposed Hollywood film about Casement (which was never produced; a partial copy of Klein's unfinished biography of Casement; a series of letters exchanged between Klein and Dr Roger Sawyer (who later wrote a biography of Casement); an audio interview of Mr A E King in which he describes his experience of guarding Casement while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London; and a transcript of this interview (c.1915-1978).
D4558	Leases, indentures and deeds of mortgage for a variety of properties around Belfast (c.1850-1950).
D4559	Records of the Townswomen's Guilds and Federation Executive of Northern Ireland comprising minutes, annual reports, accounts, membership books, and printed material. The records relate to the Bangor and Ballyholme guilds, Co. Down, and the Belmont, Cavehill, Glengormley, Glen Martin, and Ormeau Guilds, Co. Antrim (1965-2003).
D4560	Photographs and papers of the Belfast-based building and civil engineering firm McLaughlin and Harvy relating to the construction of the Silent Valley Reservoir, near Newcastle, Co Down and work notebooks relating to a construction project for Harland & Wolff, Belfast (1923- 1950).
D4561	Scrapbooks of Dundonald Women's Institute (1958- 1998).

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D4562	Records of Craignagat Mill, Ballycastle, Co Antrim comprising trade receipts, photographs of the mill and adjacent housing, and photographs of the family who owned the mill (1880-1950).	
D4563	Papers of Evelyn (Eva) Chichester of Shane Lodge, Newcastle, Co Down comprising letters, diaries, and photographic albums (1877-1955).	
D4564	Constituency files of Carmel Hanna former SDLP MLA for South Belfast (2001-2011).	
D4565	Papers relating to Phoenix West Belfast Development Trust Limited including year-end financial statements, printed material relating to the Trust, correspondence, and published material relating to regional development and potential investment in West Belfast (1989-1997).	
D4566	Papers of the Larmour family of Ballymacash, Lisburn, Co Antrim, comprising photographs, journals, and legal and testamentary papers (1897-1946).	
D4567	Photograph albums and loose photographs mainly relating to the 7 <sup>th</sup> Marquess of Londonderry and his wife, Lady Edith, and covering themes such as family and friends, travel, social and sporting occasions, and political events. The photographs cover a wide geographical area from the family estate at Mount Stewart, Co. Down to destinations throughout Europe and as far afield as Basra and Baghdad, India, and Palestine (c.1901-1956).	
D4568	Research notes and papers relating to the origin and development of the Balymena, Co. Antrim cricket club and a copy of a publication entitled 'Ballymena Cricket Club, The First 150 Years' (1854-2013).	
D4569	Petitions, known as Ulster's Declaration, against the Anglo-Irish Agreement (1986).	

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D4571	Papers relating to Tom Hartley's book 'Written in Stone: The History of Belfast City Cemetery' comprising: a fact sheet on each individual interred within the cemetery including copy papers and original photographs of each memorial headstone; copy burial orders relating to those interred in the Jewish burial ground; copy maps of the plots within the cemetery; research material; and correspondence relating to the publication and promotion of the book and the development of the City Cemetery. The archive is of particular note for those records relating to military personnel killed during the First and Second World Wars and whose memorial inscriptions are recorded on family headstones in the graveyard (c.1870-2013).
D4572	Letter and scrapbook containing correspondence and newspaper cuttings relating to the triptych <i>The Madonna</i> <i>of the Lakes</i> by Sir John Lavery which he presented to St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast in 1919 (1917- 1936).
D4573	Account books for George L. MacLaine & Co. Solicitors, Belfast (1936-1945).
MIC1/61/3	Microfilm copies of registers relating to St .John's Church of Ireland, Killowen, Co. Londonderry comprising records relating to baptisms (1897-1958), marriages (1845-1965), and burials (1915-1969).
MIC1/350	Microfilm copies of registers relating to Groomsport Parish Church, Co Down comprising records relating to baptisms (1876-1951) and marriages (1869-1968).
MIC1/352/1	Microfilm copies of registers relating to Dungiven Parish Church, Co. Londonderry, comprising records relating to baptisms (1886-2000), marriages (1936-2006), and burials (1890-2000).
MIC1C/26	Microfilm copies of records relating to Glenmanus Reformed Presbyterian Church, Parish of Ballywillian, Portrush, Co. Antrim comprising: records relating to

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	baptisms (1952-2011); marriages (1922-2009); notice of marriages (1942-2000); minutes of congregational meetings and register of members (1909-2001); Patton Trust minutes (1908-1935); and registration of place of public worship for marriages (1920-1938).
MIC1P/47	Microfilm copies of registers relating to Agnes Street Presbyterian Church, Belfast, comprising records relating to marriages (1871-1971).
MIC1P/464	Microfilm copies of registers relating to Old Park Presbyterian Church, Belfast comprising records relating to baptisms (1902-2007) and marriages (1902-2007).
MIC1P/465	Microfilm copies of registers relating to Bethany Presbyterian Church (later known as Immanuel) comprising records relating to baptisms, (1892-1971) and marriages (1888-1971) for Bethany Presbyterian Church; and baptisms (1971-2010) and marriages (1972-2003) for Immanuel Presbyterian Church.
T3899/17-28	Copy of photographs depicting street celebrations for the visit of King George VI to Belfast and the War Memorial at York Street and a printed account of the history of this memorial (1937-2013).
T3910/1-45	Copy papers of Samuel Gaskin, merchant seaman comprising his British seaman's identity card, seaman's record book, certificates of discharge, and a series of letters home to his sweetheart Jean (1934-1962).
T3926/1-4	Copies of booklets relating to the local history of Co. Armagh and Co. Tyrone comprising: a booklet outlining the history of camogie in Co. Armagh; a celebration of the opening of the P.J. O'Neill Park; Middletown, Co. Armagh; a booklet in relation to Dr Thomas Reid, a Co. Tyrone doctor; and an index of articles published in the journal 'Seanchas Ard Mhaca' (1954-2007).
T3927	Transcript of a letter from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Patrick Alphonus Hanratty of the 16 <sup>th</sup> Irish Division to his mother in

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	Drogheda, Co. Louth sent on the last day of the battle of Messines, Belgium (1917).
T3928/1-3	Copy will and copy grant of probate for Mr James Copeland, Downpatrick, Co Down, and copy will for Mrs Mary Ann Smyth, Ballyalgin, Co Down (1907).
T3929	CD copy of a privately printed memoir entitled 'There was a sparkle in the air: Memories of the Department of Microbiology Queen's University, Belfast, 1955 to 1966' (2013). The original letter is catalogued under D3300/181.
T3930/1-2	Copy of a privately printed booklet containing notes for a lecture on Major Robert Stevenson and a DVD copy of this lecture (2013).
T3933/1	Printed account of the career of RAF Squadron Leader Robert Emmit Mooney and a transcription of his pilot log books. The original log books and papers are catalogued under D4433/7 (1941-1956).
T3934/1-4	Copies (paper and CD) of rentals of Lord Belmore's Corry estate, Co Fermanagh, and maps of his estate in Co Longford (1777- 1786).
T3935/1-3	Papers relating to the Ulster Reform Club, Belfast including a short printed history of the Club and copy photographs of one of its doormen and of a member (c.1990-2013).
T3936/1-6	Copy papers and photographs relating to Mr Thomas Bradshaw, former chief officer of the Ballywalter lifeboat station, Co Down, including his naval service record (1873-1906).
T3937/3	Copy will of John Morrow a farmer and boatman from Ballymorran, Killinchy, Co Down (1853).
T3938/1-2	Copy photographs of Lt. C. F. S. Newman of the Royal Engineers who was stationed in Carryduff, Co. Down on

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	bomb disposal duty during the Second World War (1942).
T3940/1	Printed extract from the memoir of John Shakespeare Manton, a button manufacturer from Birmingham, relating to his travels to Ireland on business in the 1850s (1907).
T3943/1-2	Copy of a scrapbook and a typed transcript of its contents relating to the donation of the triptych The Madonna of the Lakes by Sir John Lavery to St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast in 1919. The original scrapbook and associated letters are catalogued under D4572.
T3944/1-4	Copy papers and correspondence relating to the emigrant Lisburn-based Mussen family, detailing their departure from Ireland and their new life in the American south in the mid-nineteenth century. The collection mainly relates to the slave trade (1849-1884).

## **PRIVATE RECORDS CATALOGUED DURING 2013-14**

PAPERS OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MARQUESSS AND MARCHIONESS OF LONDONDERRY [PRONI ref. D3099].

The 7<sup>th</sup> Marquess was Leader of the Senate at Stormont, Air Minister in Ramsey McDonald's National Government, Leader of the House of Lords, and a leading advocate of German appeasement.

- Letters from **James Craig** provide an insight into the newlycreated Northern Ireland government and Lord Londonderry's role as Minister for Education and Leader of the Senate. [PRONI ref. D3099/2/10]
- Correspondence with his cousin, Winston Churchill, demonstrate the wildly divergent views the two men held on Anglo-German relations in the 1930s. [PRONI ref. D3099/2/5]
- Numerous letters and papers relating to Lord Londonderry's role as Air Minister in the National Government led by Ramsay MacDonald including the Geneva Disarmament Conference [PRONI ref. D3099/2/16].
- Letters from Lord Halifax provide an insight into Lord Londonderry's hurt at his dismissal by Stanley Baldwin from his position of Air Minister and Leader of the House of Lords [PRONI ref. D3099/2/18].
- Letters and papers relating to Lord Londonderry's position on Anglo-German relations and including his book *Ourselves and Germany* [PRONI ref. D3099/2/21] and correspondence about relations with Germany [PRONI ref. D3099/4/15].

The Marchioness founded the Women's Legion in the First World War and between the wars was a highly influential hostess, well connected in political, military and artistic circles.

 Lady Londonderry's correspondence with the Marquess of Titchfield [PRONI ref. D3099/3/8]; General Pulteney [PRONI ref. D3099/3/9]; and General Sir John Cowan [PRONI ref. D3099/3/10] and other important military figures provide a fascinating insight into the reality of the Western Front and Lady Londonderry's role in establishing the **Women's Legion**.

- Lady Londonderry set up **The Ark** social club as an antidote to the horrors of the First World War. The papers relating to the Ark are a roll call of leading political, military and social figures including **Winston Churchill, Neville Chamberlain and Lady Diana Duff Cooper.** [PRONI ref. D3099/3/12]
- Lady Londonderry supported her husband's pro-German position. Her papers include correspondence with Adolf Hitler, Herman Göring, Joachim von Ribbentrop and other members of the Third Reich. [PRONI ref D3099/3/35]
- Lady Londonderry was a longstanding friend and confidant of Ramsay MacDonald, Labour Leader and Prime Minister of the first National Government. His extensive series of letters to her provide an insight into their friendship [PRONI ref. D3099/3/20].
- Lady Londonderry also enjoyed the friendship of, and corresponded with, leading 20<sup>th</sup> century literary and artistic figures including W. B. Yeats, Seán O'Casey, and Sir John Lavery [PRONI ref. D3099/3/16 and D3099/3/32].

STAPLES FAMILY, LISSAN HOUSE, COOKSTOWN [PRONI ref. D1567/G]

85 diaries of Sir Robert Ponsonby Staples, artist, eccentric and the penultimate baronet to reside at Lissan [PRONI ref D1567/G/1/1]. With the other material in D1567/G/1, these give an intimate insight into the life of a man who struggled with a class, and a way of life, that were in decline.

Personal papers of Sir Robert Gerald Alexander Staples and Vera, Lady Staples, and of their daughter, Mrs Hazel Dolling. Also domestic and estate account books dating from the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century; legal papers; miscellaneous papers of Staples family interest including family history and genealogy papers; material relating to Lissan House and estate; A substantial pictorial and photographic section on the Staples family and Lissan House.

#### MOUTRAY FAMILY OF FAVOUR ROYAL, AUGHER, CO TYRONE

Correspondence of Major Anketell 'Gerry' Gerard Moutray, his parents, Mr Anketell and Gertrude Moutray, his sister, Stella Moutray, and his second wife, Kathleen 'Kitty' Moutray. [PRONI ref. D2023/6]

Major Anketell's letters to his father [PRONI ref. D2023/6/1/4] and his mother [PRONI ref. D2023/6/2/4] vividly capture his experiences while serving in the 1<sup>st</sup> Connacht Rangers in India and the Mesopotamian Campaign in the First World War.

Stella Moutray's letters chronicle her declining mental health, her ultimate incarceration in Farnham House a private asylum in county Dublin, and her early death. Stella's letters to her mother, Gertrude, are deeply moving and provide an insight into life in a genteel asylum [PRONI ref. D2023/6/2/2].

Photographs and images relating to the Moutray family and their house at Favour Royal [PRONI ref. D2023/15].

ANDERSON & McAULEY LTD [PRONI ref. D4545] One of Belfast's best known department stores, Anderson & McAuley's 1895 building on the corner of Donegall Place and Castle Place was designed by Young and MacKenzie. Anderson & McAuley Ltd's various business concerns are represented in the archive which comprises company documents, minutes, accounts, and printed material.

McLAUGHLIN AND HARVEY [PRONI ref.D4560] Contracts undertaken by the Belfast-based construction and civil engineering firm, McLaughlin and Harvey. It includes stunning photographs of the Silent Valley reservoir project in Co Down.

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY [PRONI ref.D4534] This archive documents the history of the inter-faith Cornerstone Community from its formation in 1982 to its demise in 2012. It includes reports, press cuttings, correspondence, publications, and information relating to events. ROYAL BRITISH LEGION OF NORTHERN IRELAND [PRONI ref.D4555]

These records deal with the financial and other support that the organisation gave to ex-servicemen and their families at a time when there was little or no state support. They include minutes, accounts, governance documents, and printed material. There is one volume of minutes of the Comrades of the War organisation (1918-1922), one of the four ex-service organisations who merged to form the British Legion in 1921.

DUNDONALD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE [PRONI ref.D4561] A series of scrapbooks recording the Institute's wide-ranging activities from 1958 to 1998; they form a unique and visually striking insight into the social history of the Dundonald area.

NI MASTER PLUMBERS' ASSOCIATION [PRONI ref. D4544]. Records of the Northern Ireland Master Plumbers' Association, formerly known the Belfast Master Plumbers' Association.

# ARTISTS' BOOK FROM THE CURFEW TOWER, CUSHENDALL [PRONI ref. D3300/178]

Artists, writers, and some musicians were invited to spend time in the Curfew Tower as part of an artists' residency. They were tasked with creating work that was a response to the Curfew Tower, the locality, or the people of Cushendall. The artists' book records the names of various artists-in-residence, and captures their experiences in text, poetry, illustrations, graphic design and photographs.

# SIR JOHN LAVERY: THE MADONNA OF THE LAKE [PRONI ref. D4572]

In 1919, Sir John Lavery presented his first religious painting, the triptych *The Madonna of the Lakes* to St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast: the church in which he had been baptised. The scrapbook includes letters and newspaper cutting, including letters detailing the placement of the triptych within the church and its arrangement upon a specially commissioned altar.

### RAF SQUADRON LEADER ROBERT EMMIT MOONEY Robert Emmit Mooney of Kansas Avenue, Belfast served during the D-Day landings and flew 154 sorties between 1941 and 1945; the collection includes pilot log books and papers.

## NI DEPARTMENT AND NIO(B) FILES FROM 1983 AND 1984 RELEASED DURING 2013-14

On 27 December 2014, PRONI released 1,413 files NI Department and Northern Ireland Office (Belfast) files whose final paper dated from 1983 or 1984.

Details of the release, including a complete list of files is on the <u>Annual Release page of the PRONI Website</u>; below is a sample of the issues covered by the released files.

- The 1983 Maze escape
- Political developments
- Work of the NI Assembly
- Cold War era nuclear attack ('emergency survival') planning
- Child abuse allegations, the 1984 Committee of Inquiry into Children's Homes and Hostels (including Kincora, Rubane, and the repercussions from the Hughes and Sheridan Reports)
- Fluoridation of the water supply
- Issues concerning Travellers Camps
- Development schemes for areas of urgent need, such as Poleglass, Belfast
- Vietnamese refugees
- Security and policing
- Research into poverty and social deprivation
- Work to support victims of domestic abuse
- Alcohol / solvent abuse and attempts to reduce the problem
- Anglo-Irish economic cooperation (including cross border industrial and tourism initiatives)
- Possible merger between the University of Ulster and Ulster Polytechnic
- Religious education in Secondary schools
- Irish speaking schools
- Approaches by Sinn Fein to UK Government, to gain access to prisoners
- Repercussions following the Special Category Status Hunger Strikes
- International Red Cross meetings regarding prisoners conditions
- Use of Irish Language / literature in NI Prisons
- 'Converted' prisoners (Supergrass)

## **ANNEX 6**

# PRONI TALKS AND CONFERENCES DURING 2013-14

TITLE	LOCATION	DATE
Federation of Ulster Local Studies conference entitled "Doing Local History - A Practical Approach". Presentation by lan Montgomery, PRONI.	Ranfurly House Arts and Visitor's Centre, Dungannon	13-Apr-13
Talk by Dr Amanda Croft on Art and the Public Domain	PRONI	18-Apr-13
Councils and Corporations: Local Government in Belfast. Presentation by Ian Montgomery, PRONI.	Linen Hall Library, Belfast	25-Apr-13
Young & Mackenzie Architects and Civil Engineers Presentation by Dr Paul Harron.	PRONI	25-Apr-13
BBC Travelling Picture Show	Rostrevor House	27-Apr-13
BBC Travelling Picture Show	Glenarm Castle	28-Apr-13
Clanging Belfast: The Industrial City. Presentation by Professor Stephen Royle	PRONI	30-Apr-13
BBC Travelling Picture Show	Gilford House	12-May-13
BBC Travelling Picture Show	Lissan House	12-May-13
Competing Stories 1912-1922 conference in conjunction with Community Relations Council, HLF and NI Screen	PRONI	23-May-13
A background to Charters and the Role of Charter Towns. Presentation by Ian Montgomery, PRONI.	Coleraine Library	23-May-13

One City One Book festival. Interview with Ann McVeigh, PRONI by Lucy Caldwell	Holywood Arches Library Belfast	23-May-13
Africa Week 2013. Home, neither here nor there', by Nandi Jola.	PRONI	24-May-13
Presentation by Desmond McCabe: Ardglass Harbour	Linen Hall Library	29-May-13
BBC Travelling Picture Show	Dominican College, Portstewart	02-Jun-13
Libraries NI Talk by Stephen Scarth – Online Records	Enniskillen Library	07-Jun-13
Malachi O'Doherty – Again: Is History Repeating Itself?	PRONI	20-Jun-13
Archives for Learning and Education Section (ALES) Annual Conference on	PRONI	24-Jun-13
Surnames and Place Names Event organised by DCAL	MAC	27-Jun-13
Launch of Every townland earned its name in song: The Rhyming Weavers of Down and Antrim exhibition PRONI	PRONI	28-Jun-13
Foyle Civic Trust Conference. Presentation by Ann McVeigh on emigration	Playhouse, Londonderry	10-Jul-13
Launch of Ground Zero 360°: A Photographic Retrospective	PRONI	18-Jul-13
PRONI Family and Local History Fair	PRONI	3-4 August 2013
Armagh Family History Fair	Armagh Public Library	08-Aug-13
Introduction to PRONI and Major Sources by Glynn Kelso	National Library of Ireland	27-Aug-13
'For they will inherit the archives' ARA Annual Conference Glynn Kelso	Hilton, Cardiff	29-Aug-13
Volunteering in Ireland, 1912-16: Ulster Volunteers by Tim Bowman	PRONI	29-Aug-13

ARA Annual Conference: Archival Accountability for a New Northern Ireland by Stephen Scarth	Hilton, Cardiff	30-Aug-13
Enhancing impact, inspiring excellence: Collaborative approaches between archives and universities. Presentation by Stephen Scarth & Janice Holmes	University of Birmingham	04-Sep-13
Volunteering in Ireland, 1912-16: Young Citizen Volunteers by Tim Bowman	PRONI	05-Sep-13
Liofa 2 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday Party	Guildhall Square, Londonderry	08-Sep-13
Volunteering in Ireland, 1912-16: Irish Nationalist Volunteers by Tim Bowman	PRONI	12-Sep-13
The Lagan Navigation: A View from the Archives	PRONI	13-Sep-13
European Heritage Open Day	PRONI	14-Sep-13
Ulster Historical Foundation conference Return to the Cradle of Irish Presbyterianism. Lecture by Bruce Drurie on Scots-Irish DNA: Is there a reliable way of determining ancestry from DNA?	PRONI	16-Sep-13
Ulster Historical Foundation conference Return to the Cradle of Irish Presbyterianism. Lecture by Dr Robert Armstrong: Ulster Presbyterianism's First Historians	PRONI	17-Sep-13
Libraries NI Talk: Online Records by Janet Hancock	Newry Library	17-Sep-13
Linen Hall Library Family History Day	Linen Hall Library	18-Sep-13
Volunteering in Ireland, 1912-16: Volunteering & the Labour Movement by Tim Bowman	PRONI	19-Sep-13
Culture Night	PRONI	20-Sep-13
Libraries NI Talk: Planting Liberties and	Lisburn Library	23-Sep-13

Undertakers: The Ulster Scheme by Glynn Kelso		
Linen Hall Library Talk. The Londonderry Papers by Bethany Sinclair	Linen Hall Library	25 September 2013
Volunteering in Ireland, 1912-16: Volunteering & Women by Tim Bowman	PRONI	26-Sep-13
Plantation Families	PRONI	27-Sep-13
Plantation Families	PRONI	28-Sep-13
Open University Lecture Series: Farmers and Labourers by Janice Holmes	PRONI	03-Oct-13
Online Records at PRONI by Stephen Scarth	Downpatrick Library	09-Oct-13
Presentation by Joy Hare - Altnachree: An Irish Castle, A Family, and A Man With A Passion.	PRONI	10-Oct-13
Open University Lecture Series: Teachers and Pupils by Janice Holmes	PRONI	10-Oct-13
Workhouses by Janet Hancock	Newry Library	15-Oct-13
Open University Lecture Series: Churches and churchgoers by Janice Holmes	PRONI	17-Oct-13
Back to Our Past. Three presentations and exhibition stand	RDS, Dublin	18-20 October
1613 Plantation Charters in Ireland. Presentation by Ian Montgomery, PRONI.	Lisburn Library	21-Oct-13
Home to the Little Hills conference – Co	Carrickmacross	24-Oct-13

Monaghan Records at PRONI by Stephen Scarth	Workhouse	
Open University Lecture Series: Industrialists and Workers by Janice Holmes	PRONI	24-Oct-13
Family History talk by Janet Hancock	Citibank, White Star House	25-Oct
Newry Family History Fair	Newry Library	26-Oct-13
Online Records at PRONI by Stephen Scarth	Dungannon Library	30-Oct-13
Linen Hall Lecture: The Early Years of the Great Northern Railway (Ireland) by Jayne Hutchinson, PRONI	Linen Hall Library	30-Oct-13
Presentation by William Roulston - "The Charter Towns of Ulster 400"	PRONI	31-Oct-13
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The History of Witchcraft, Magic and the Devil in Ireland Conference		
Titanic Festival of Family and Friends. A Century of Change, Conflict and Transformation: Northern Ireland 1911- 2011 by Janet Hancock	Titanic Belfast	05-Nov-13
Titanic Festival of Family and Friends. Titanic Industries. Presentation by Ian Montgomery, PRONI.	Titanic Belfast	06-Nov-13
Public Services Quality Group Annual Conference. Decade of Centenaries, Northern Ireland 1912-22	London Metropolitan Archives	06-Nov-13
Open University Lecture Series: Officers and Soldiers by Dr Barry Sheehan	PRONI	07-Nov-13

Titanic Festival of Family and Friends. Online Resources at PRONI by Stephen Scarth, PRONI	Titanic Belfast	08-Nov-13
Titanic Festival of Family and Friends. Art and the Archives by Ann McVeigh	Titanic Belfast	09-Nov-13
Libraries NI Talk: First World War Sources by Ian Montgomery, PRONI.	Lisburn Library	11-Nov-13
Libraries NI Talk: First World War Sources by Ian Montgomery, PRONI.	Downpatrick Library	13-Nov-13
Mount Stewart & the Wider World: Exploring the Londonderry Family Papers. Conference	PRONI	14-Nov-13
Libraries NI Talk: Emigration by Ann McVeigh, PRONI	Newry Library	19-Nov-13
Home Front: Northern Ireland in the Second World War Conference	PRONI	21-Nov-13
Champions for Change - Lets Talk Commemorations Event by Janet Hancock, PRONI Organised by Youth Action NI	Ranfurly House, Dungannon	26-Nov-13
Linen Hall Lecture: Slavery and the American Civil War by Brett Irwin, PRONI	Linen Hall Library	27-Nov-13
The History of Witchcraft, Magic and the Devil in Ireland Conference in conjunction with University of Ulster	PRONI	28-Nov-13
Workshop at Hunter House College in conjunction with Titanic Belfast. Presentation by Janet Hancock, PRONI	Hunter House	29-Nov-13
Libraries NI: Workhouses by Ann McVeigh, PRONI	Downpatrick Library	04-Dec-13

First World War seminar 50 50 Club Glengormley by Ann McVeigh. PRONI	50 50 Club, Glengormley,	11-Dec-13
Lunch and Learn: Poverty and Social Deprivation by Glynn Kelso and Online Records by Stephen Scarth, PRONI	PRONI	15-Jan-14
Exploring Your Archives in Depth - Dr Annaleigh Margey, UCD	PRONI	22-Jan-14
Exploring Your Archives in Depth - Using church records for family and local history- first steps Valerie Adams	PRONI	29-Jan-14
Poetry Reading from Parallax by Dr Sinead Morrissey	PRONI	30-Jan-14
Civil Servants Day	PRONI	30-Jan-14
Civil Servants Day	PRONI	31-Jan-14
Exploring Your Archives in depth: Family trees- how GRONI can help them grow by Alastair Butler	PRONI	05-Feb-14
Family Tree by Garth Stewart, PRONI	St. John's Newtownbreda Presbyterian Church	06-Feb-14
Launch of Doagh Exhibition by Doagh Ancestry Group	PRONI	10-Feb-14
Exploring Your Archives - Maps from Snaps": archive mapping and aerial photography for local and family history by Drew Ferris	PRONI	12-Feb-14
Exploring Your Archives - Understanding an ancestor's neighbourhood-The Griffith's Valuation Books, Maps, and Revision Books by Dr. Bill McAfee	PRONI	19-Feb-14
PRONI Online Records by Stephen Scarth, PRONI	Who Do You Think You Are Live 2014 London Olympia	21-Feb-14
Linen Hall Lecture, Marion Molloy Xenia and the Lost Heiress of Seskinore: true stories from the archives by Marion Molloy, PRONI	Linen Hall Library	26-Feb-14

Creativity Month event: Digital Showcase of Resources in partnership with Digital Circle	PRONI	27-Feb-14
Clore Panel Event	PRONI	28-Feb-14
Talk on PRONI sources by Dr Desmond McCabe, PRONI	Armagh Public Library	05-Mar-14
Belfast's Irish Speaking Community by Brighid Mhic Sheáin	PRONI	12-Mar-14
Minister's Road Show – presentation by Heather Stanley, PRONI	Roe Valley Arts Centre, Limavady	12-Mar-14
Launch of Wills III by Wesley Geddis, PRONI	PRONI	13-Mar-14
Libraries NI Talk, PRON Online Resources by Stephen Scarth	Lurgan Library	13-Mar-14
Kidnapped, transported, forgotten by Richard Hayes Philips	PRONI	19-Mar-14
Creativity Month Event: PRONI's First World War Sources	PRONI	20-Mar-14
Linen Hall Lecture Series, World War I: And the truth keeps marching on by Ian Montgomery, PRONI	Linen Hall Library	26-Mar-14