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REPORT OF THE DEPUTY KEEPER OF THE RECORDS

2015-2016

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[Section 10 of the Public Records Act \(NI\) 1923](#) 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 be laid before the Assembly.

TO THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES

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

Dr Michael Willis
Deputy Keeper of the Records

TO THE FIRST MINISTER AND DEPUTY FIRST MINISTER

Pursuant on section 10 of the Public Records Act (NI) 1923 (as amended), I am pleased to submit to you this Annual Report of proceedings under that Act during 2015-16.

The 1923 Act refers to PRONI's staff and financial resources. Those matters are dealt with in DCAL's Annual Report and Resource accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016.

Paul Givan MLA
Minister for Communities

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1. The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) was established under the [Public Records Act \(NI\) 1923](#) for the reception and preservation of public records
2. 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.

RECEIVING AND PRESERVING RECORDS

Removal of records to PRONI

3. Each year, public sector organisations create many millions of records. The majority of these remain of value only for a period of time – and [section 8 of the 1923 Act](#) and the [Disposal of Documents Order 1925](#) provide for their destruction.
4. With the advice of PRONI, public records authorities develop Retention and Disposal Schedules showing which classes of records will be destroyed and the number of years for which each of class of record must be retained before destruction.
5. The schedules are subject to the agreement of the Minister and to negative resolution in the Assembly. The 8 organisations whose Retention and Disposal Schedules were laid in the Assembly during 2015-16 are listed at **Annex 1**.
6. Public authority records which are judged to be of lasting value are removed to PRONI under [section 3 of the 1923 Act](#) for permanent preservation. The Departments and other public authorities whose records were accessioned by PRONI during 2015-16 are listed at **Annex 2**.

Emergency Planning

7. The PRONI building is designed to ensure the security and protection of the records. The archive is managed to PD5454:2012 Guide for the storage and exhibition of archival materials.

8. PRONI regularly practices and improves its emergency response and recovery techniques. The Emergency Plan for Archives was reviewed and updated in December 2015.

Digitisation of Records

9. By digitising records, PRONI can provide potentially unlimited access to the digital images, while preserving the originals. During 2015-16, PRONI captured 21,695 digital images.

DEPOSITS OF DOCUMENTS BY TRUSTEES OR OTHER PERSONS

Private Records

10. [Section 5 of the 1923 Act](#) permits PRONI to receive records of lasting value from non-government sources. Every deposit received under section 5 is a valuable contribution to our shared heritage.
11. Among this year's accessions are significant records relating to the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland including minutes of its Western Presbytery from the date of its first constitution. Other important collections include the estate records of the MacNaghten family of Dundarave, Co. Antrim and the Pollock family of Mountainstown, Co. Meath. **Annex 3** provides details of all private deposits received during 2015-16.
12. To show its appreciation and strengthen its relationship with depositors, PRONI hosted its second annual Depositor's Day in April 2015. This highly successful event enabled those who had deposited records to engage with staff and the archive, and also provided opportunity for potential depositors to hear about the service on offer.
13. The range of records received under section 5 which were catalogued during 2015-16 include a substantial body of church records, the records of a range of businesses and organisations, and the papers of individuals such as Eva Chichester, Rev. George Good and Countess Markievicz. Further cataloguing was also undertaken on the Londonderry papers. Details are at **Annex 4**.

MAKING RECORDS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

Release of government files from 1987 and 1988

14. Each year, PRONI make historical government records publicly available; generally these are the files of NI Departments and the Northern Ireland Office (Belfast).
15. On 21 August 2015, PRONI released 692 files dating from 1987, of which 150 had some information blanked out. On 30 December, 620 files dating from 1988, were released, of which 156 had some material withheld. One hundred and ninety nine files from 1987 and 1988 could not be released. In most cases, the reasons for blanking out material or withholding files was to protect personal information as required by section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act.
16. The released files are listed in the PRONI catalogue and they are available to consult at PRONI. A sample of the topics they cover is at **Annex 5**.

Supporting the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse

17. Throughout 2015-16 PRONI continued to provide support to the Inquiry into Historical Institutional Abuse. 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.

Digital Sources Published Online

18. During 2015/16, the PRONI website was consolidated into the NI Direct platform. This involved a complete review of all content on the former website and the development of a new framework for the display of PRONI content within a bespoke PRONI branded area of NI Direct.
19. PRONI continues to increase 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.

20. PRONI recorded 13,989,645 page views across the PRONI website, the PRONI web archive and the Flickr photograph stream. This exceeded the target of 13.5 million page views for the year.
21. In 2015/16 the PRONI area on the Flickr photo-sharing website attracted 2,756,542 page views. A series of photo merges, (archival photographs blended with an image taken in the present day) has proved popular both with the local media and the wider public – at home and further afield.
22. A single merged image of Carlisle Circus, Belfast has attracted 20,373 page views to date. It was selected by Flickr to appear on their 'Explore Flickr' page, an honour and recommendation which ensured the high level of interest.
23. To date photo merges have been created of locations in Counties Down (Bangor, Newtownards, Comber and Donaghadee), Antrim (Belfast and Carrickfergus) and Tyrone (Strabane and Sion Mills). The County Tyrone images were created in partnership with the Strabane and District Camera Club, who provided PRONI with the present day photographs to merge with archival shots from the Cooper Photographic Collection (PRONI reference D1422).
24. Other popular and fascinating images have been of the Kingspan (Ravenhill) rugby ground, where images of the current Ulster Rugby team were merged with shots of American GIs during World War 2 playing American Football and Baseball in the stadium in the 1940s.
25. PRONI merged images have received in excess of 250,000 page views and have been 'favourited' 444 times.

Document Production on-site

26. During the year, customers requested 34,790 documents from the repository, 98% of these requests were met within 30 minutes. Each month, document retrieval time targets were met or exceeded.

PRONI on CAIN

27. The PRONI at CAIN partnership publishes conflict-related documents selected from the released NIO and NI Departmental files. CAIN (Conflict Archive on the Internet) is hosted by Ulster

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

28. During 2015-16, [PRONI at CAIN](#) posted 430 records comprising 2000 pages from 1985 and 1986, most of these were from Central Secretariat files. The updates were completed in October and January respectively. This brought the total number of PRONI records on CAIN to 1,501 (a total of 6,300 pages). During 2015, PRONI at CAIN search programme was accessed over 15,000 times and the most popular document was a Civil Rights report from 1968 which was accessed over 1,900 times.

Visits to PRONI

29. During 2015/16, PRONI welcomed a record number of 22,294 visitors who made use of the research facilities, attended a lecture or participated in an event. This surpassed the previous record of 20,318 visitors in 2014/15 and exceeded the Departmental target of 22,000.
30. Of those, 3,840 were from outside of Northern Ireland. This included 1,159 from USA; 551 from Australia and New Zealand; and 403 from Canada which reinforces the continued value of 'roots tourism' to the Northern Ireland economy. These included a group of archive students from the University of Kentucky who attended a workshop on archiving at PRONI; 175 visitors attending Ulster Historical Foundation conferences; and groups from the Boston Irish Family History Group and The New England Historic Genealogical Society.
31. In total, there were 4,439 new readers over the year. 14,612 visitors made use of the research areas, 2,509 attended lectures, exhibitions and events, 1,775 came as part of an organised group, and 3,392 came as part of an organised public sector event.
32. PRONI held 82 public events during the year including amongst others: talks by Queen's University of Belfast on Poverty in Belfast; Irish language presentations by Foras na Gaeilge; and a series on family history sources entitled 'Your Family Tree'. Most of these were recorded and are available on PRONI's YouTube channel. The majority of the events programme was a result of collaborative partnerships with other parts of the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure family including, amongst others: Libraries NI, Linen Hall Library, National Museums of Northern Ireland, NI Screen, the Nerve Centre in addition to joint partnerships with the universities,

local councils, BBC NI and other public sector bodies. See **Annex 6** for a full list of talks and events.

33. Throughout 2015/16, PRONI hosted 110 group learning visits, 10 of which were in conjunction with Go ON NI Digital Transformation Service as part of Get Online Week. Group visits from the voluntary and community sector included a Newtownabbey Stroke Association Support Group; Action Deaf Youth; Farset Youth and Community Development Ltd; and Donegall Pass Community Forum.
34. During the year, PRONI also launched a new monthly workshop service aimed at new users who were provided with familiarisation sessions on online and on-site sources. Other groups visiting included the Irish Legal History Society, who held their AGM at PRONI and enjoyed a talk and tour of the facilities; and a group of European history educators who visited to learn more about PRONI's archives as part of the EUROCLIO Annual Conference.

Remote Correspondence

35. In 2015/16, PRONI responded to 2,806 written queries for access to open records. Staff answered 97.61% within ten working days, and 99.53% of all queries within 14 working days.

Releasing court and inquest records and other sensitive personal information

36. PRONI has continued to provide access to information contained in Court files and Coroner's inquest records. PRONI assists individuals and their representatives who want to find out more about the events surrounding the death of a family member or obtain information about themselves. Applicants may apply for access to this information under the provisions of the [Data Protection Act 1998](#), the [Freedom of Information Act 2000](#) or the Public Records Act (NI) 1923.
37. During 2015-2016, PRONI released information to 74 applicants under the Public Records Act (NI) 1923. An additional 28 requests were responded to under the Freedom of Information Act while two applicants received their own information under the Data Protection Act.

Introduction of Statutory Rules – Privileged Access to Court Records

38. In January 2015 the DCAL Minister launched a pilot process enabling information contained in Court and Inquest files to be released outside of the Freedom of Information Act. In order to codify this process, the Minister gave approval for the development and introduction of Statutory Rules under [section 9 of the Public Records Act](#). This was to give relatives and their representatives and other people adversely affected by an incident contained in a court file the opportunity to apply for privileged access to copies of information contained in court files.
39. PRONI subsequently conducted a public consultation on the draft rules which included engagement events in Derry/Londonderry, Portadown and Belfast. [The Court Files Privileged Access Rules \(NI\) 2016](#) [SR 2016-0123] were laid at the NI Assembly and became operational on 30 March 2016.

Prisons Memory Archive

40. The Prisons Memory Archive (PMA) was recorded in 2006-2007 and is principally made up of 175 audio-visual digital recordings of prison staff, prisoners, and others who passed through Armagh Gaol and the Maze and Long Kesh Prison. In 2015 a partnership of Queen's University Belfast, the PMA Management Group and PRONI secured a Heritage Lottery Grant (HLF) for the development phase of a larger project which seeks to preserve the archive, increase accessibility to the recordings and encourage community engagement with it. PRONI and its project partners plan to make an application to the HLF for funding for the delivery phase of this project.

PRONI Catalogue

41. The [PRONI catalogue](#) was expanded by 13,941 item descriptions during the year.

Permission to Publish and Written Queries

42. Requests for permission to publish material from the records are listed at **Annex 7**. They highlight the diverse range of ways in which archives are being used by researchers.

PRONI Out and About

43. In conjunction with Libraries NI, PRONI toured a number of exhibitions across the country. These included a First World War exhibition using images from PRONI's collections which was displayed at libraries in Armagh, Omagh, Falls Road and Tullycarnet in Belfast, Cookstown, Craigavon, Ballymena, Bangor, Newry, Downpatrick and Enniskillen.
44. An exhibition co-curated with staff from Queen's University of Belfast (QUB) entitled 'Surviving the City: Poverty and Public Health in Belfast', was exhibited in both PRONI and QUB. See **Annex 8** for a list of exhibitions loaned by PRONI and **Annex 9** for a list of travelling exhibitions that were displayed at PRONI.
45. PRONI participated in European Heritage Open Days on the weekend of 13-14 September. A full public service was provided on the Saturday, including document production. A limited service that included organised tours was available on the Sunday.
46. During the Bushmills Salmon and Whiskey Festival, PRONI provided an information stall at the Salmon Station open day on 19 September 2015, which attracted over 1,600 visitors through the gates.
47. The PRONI User Forum continued to meet throughout the year. The Forum consists of key stakeholders, advocates and representatives from peer institutions and arms length bodies. In total four meetings of the User Forum took place and members received updates relating to PRONI activities and events, and identified future partnership opportunities.

Document of the Month

48. During the 2015/16 financial year, PRONI selected a series of 12 [Documents of the Month](#) which were targeted to the broadcast and print media. These appeared in amongst others: BBC NI; *Belfast Telegraph*, *Irish News*, and Northern Visions Television (NVTV). See **Annex 10** for a list of Documents of the Month.

PRONI in the Media

49. The PRONI building and a number of PRONI documents featured prominently in the Mark Gatiss episode of *Who Do You Think You Are?* which was broadcast on 8 October 2015. Gatiss is an English

actor, comedian, screenwriter and novelist, best known for the League of Gentlemen, Doctor Who and Sherlock. The BBC and RTE used a large number of PRONI images to support their overarching programme of social and broadcast media surrounding the centenaries of 1916 including BBC Voices 1916.

Decade of Centenaries

50. PRONI led on behalf of the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) in coordinating public and Ministerial responses relating to the 'Decade of Centenaries' 1912-23 commemorations. PRONI organised a programme of events exploring various facets of the Decade, including hosting monthly talks by the Western Front Association; hosting a half day conference on Gallipoli on 30 April 2015 and exhibiting a travelling exhibition on the Connaught Rangers in June 2015. Throughout the year, PRONI released extracts of transcripts from First World War related documents, 1915-16. These transcripts are available on the First World War journal pages within the PRONI website. PRONI also made available on the website an online resource relating to suffrage entitled 'Stand up and be counted'. This resource was produced in conjunction with The Junction in Derry/Londonderry in keeping with the principles of its Ethical and Shared Remembering Project.

Oral History Archive

51. The [Stormont House Agreement](#) relating to the legacy of the troubles contained a commitment to establish an Oral History Archive.
52. The Oral History Archive is to be a central place for people from all backgrounds to share experiences and narratives relating to the Troubles and to draw together existing oral history projects.
53. Substantial progress was made on the development of a model for the Archive which was to be established within PRONI.
54. Following the Fresh Start Agreement, the parties to the Agreement have reaffirmed their commitment to the full and fair implementation of the Stormont House Agreement provisions on the past. There remains a need to resolve outstanding issues and the two Governments will reflect on the options for a process to enable this.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL SCHEDULES LAID IN THE ASSEMBLY
DURING 2015-16**

- General Teaching Council for NI
- NICS (DFP) Employee records special schedule
- NI Assembly
- Education Training Inspectorate
- Department of Justice
- Livestock and Meat Commission
- Tourism NI
- Victims and Survivors Service

**DEPARTMENTS RECORDS WHICH WERE ACCESSIONED DURING
2015-16**

- OFMDFM
- Department for Regional Development
- Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
- Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety
- Department for Social Development
- Department of Culture Arts and Leisure
- Department for Employment and Learning
- Department of Education
- Department of Environment (including Planning, Legislation, Road Safety)
- Department of Justice (NI Courts and Tribunals Service)
- Department of Finance and Personnel
- Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment
- NI Audit Office
- Departmental Solicitor's Office
- Public Prosecutions Service
- Invest NI

**PUBLIC SECTOR ORGANISATIONS RECORDS WHICH WERE
ACCESSIONED DURING 2015-16**

- Antrim Borough Council
- Fermanagh & Omagh Council
- Carrickfergus Council
- NI Housing Executive
- NI Assembly
- NI Ambulance Service Health & Social Care Trust
- National Board of Nursing
- Schools included:
 - Drumlegagh P.S.
 - Ballysillan P.S.
 - Ballyvestor P.S.
 - Dromore Central P.S.
 - Garvagh H.S.
 - Orangefield H.S.
 - Patrick McCusker school

PRIVATELY DEPOSITED RECORDS 2015-16

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Hollymount Parish Church Additional records comprising preacher books, a register for distribution of poor money, a register of members and correspondence 1839-1999).</p>	CR1/33
<p>St Thomas's Church of Ireland Church Additional records comprising general church accounts, churchwarden accounts and a register of vestrymen (1879-1937).</p>	CR1/36
<p>Presbyterian Church in Ireland Additional records comprising the directory of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and its annual report and minutes (2014).</p>	CR3/46
<p>Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland Additional records comprising minutes of the Western Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland from the date of its first constitution (1811-1973).</p>	CR5/5/B/3/1
<p>Londonderry Reformed Presbyterian Church Session book including minutes of the combined session meetings of Clarendon Street and Bready (1955-1991).</p>	CR5/13
<p>Bready Reformed Presbyterian Church Marriage register, session minutes, minutes of committee/deacons/congregational meetings, collection book, roll of members and a temperance pledge book (c.1790-1991).</p>	CR5/36

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Lisbarnet Reformed Presbyterian Church Notebook detailing the protest of the congregations of Lisbarnet and Ballynure Reformed Presbyterian churches in particular their grievances with the Scottish Presbytery (c.1811-1830).</p>	CR5/37/8/1
<p>Killyleagh Baptist Church Copy booklet entitled 'A Short History of the Killyleagh Baptist Church 1890-1974' (c.1974).</p>	CR11/1/80
<p>Staples Family Additional papers comprising a letters patent signed by Charles I and a plan of the gardens at Lissan House, Co. Tyrone drawn by Sir Robert Ponsonby Staples (1628-1900).</p>	D1567/J
<p>Jimmy Stewart Minutes, correspondence, photographs and printed material relating to the Communist Party of Ireland (1960-2000).</p>	D2162/P/2/UNL/2
<p>Frances King Postcards, copy photographs and a memorial card relating to Frances King from Kilmore, Co. Armagh, and his service in the 1st Highland Light Infantry (1914-1915).</p>	D3300/203/1
<p>Auctioneers and Estate Agents Institute Letters and a booklet relating a Belfast meeting of the Auctioneers' and Estate Agents Institute of the United Kingdom (1935).</p>	D3300/206
<p>Miscellaneous Newspapers Issues of miscellaneous newspapers some of which have articles relating to the 1916 Easter Rising (c.1963-1979).</p>	D3300/207

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Hassard Family Papers comprising a rent receipt, a handwritten account and photographs relating to a farmhouse in Co. Fermanagh and the Hassard family who lived in it (1886-1994).</p>	D3300/208
<p>School Photograph Copy of a black and white photograph of an unknown school in a rural setting (c.1930).</p>	D3300/209/1
<p>Dressmaking Notebook Notebook containing dressmaking patterns and samples of cloth (c.1905-1940).</p>	D3300/210/1
<p>Sarah Bell Grace Bridges Copy letter from Mrs Sarah Bell Grace Bridges of Bangor, Co. Down to her son, Joseph Grace, in America, a transcript of the letter and a copy photograph (1922).</p>	D3300/211
<p>Photographs of Counties Antrim and Down Black and white photographs depicting coastal scenes (c.1960).</p>	D3300/212
<p>Newtownards Technical School Album of black and white photographs depicting school trips and sporting events (1928-1959).</p>	D3300/214/1
<p>Pollock Family Privately printed family booklets outlining the histories of the Pollock, Mann and Scott families (2015).</p>	D3300/215
<p>Dr Richard Hunter Letters from historian Dr Richard Hunter to Sean Brady (later Cardinal Brady), the then editor of 'Breifne' journal (1975-1978).</p>	D3300/216

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Randal Cave Correspondence and associated papers, articles and a typed account of Mr Cave's experience of working for the Belfast and Co. Down Railway (1947-2014).</p>	D3300/217
<p>Primary Education in Dungannon Thesis on the establishment of primary education in the town of Dungannon, Co. Tyrone (2015).</p>	D3300/218/1
<p>John Norman Johnston McAuley Certificate appointing Mr McAuley as Justice of the Peace and a certificate of appreciation from Newtownabbey Urban District Council (1968-1973).</p>	D3300/219
<p>St Mary's Flute Band Photograph and sheet music of St Mary's flute band, Belfast (c.1910).</p>	D3300/220/1
<p>Bell and Morton Family Letters, certificates and photographs relating to the Morton family of Belfast and the Bell family of Dromore, Co. Down (1874-1985).</p>	D3300/221
<p>Robert Baird Volume entitled 'Address to Robert H.H. Baird-Marriage 1920' and presented to him by employees of the 'Belfast Telegraph' (1920).</p>	D3300/222
<p>Harland and Wolff Photograph of members of staff at Harland and Wolff (c.1950).</p>	D3300/224/1
<p>Susan O' Neill Scrapbook and programmes relating to Susan O'Neill's career playing both for local teams and for the Northern Ireland team within the Northern Ireland Women's Football Association (c.1987-1993).</p>	D3300/225

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Hanson Family Wills, a memorandum of agreement and an affidavit relating to the Hanson family and their lands in Maclary [Macleary], Co. Londonderry (1826-1874).</p>	D3300/226
<p>Belfast City Hall Postcard depicting an artist's impression of the proposed new city hall for Belfast (1901).</p>	D3300/227/1
<p>Smithboro National School Postcard depicting students and teachers outside Smithboro National School, Co. Monaghan (c.1900)</p>	D3300/228/1
<p>Townland Valuation Portstewart Notebook recording information copied from the Townland Valuation for Portstewart, Co. Antrim and additional local information (c.1830).</p>	D3300/229/1
<p>Leithwood Ltd Cash book of Leithwood Ltd (formerly the Old Bleach Linen Company) (1941-1946).</p>	D3300/230/1
<p>The Hillsborough Theatrical Troupe Volume containing photographs, letters and ephemera relating to performances of two plays in Hillsborough Castle (1864).</p>	D3300/231/1
<p>Queen Elizabeth Bridge Programme for the official opening of the Queen Elizabeth Bridge in Belfast (1966).</p>	D3300/232/1
<p>Major General Sir Oliver Nugent Additional papers comprising letters from Major General Sir Oliver Nugent to his daughters (1910-1926).</p>	D3835/J

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Irish Football Association Additional records including minutes for the Intermediate Committee, Youth International Committee and Premier League Committee and a register of members (1910-2010).</p>	D4196/ADD/1
<p>The Rotary Club of Belfast Privately printed book entitled 'The Rotary Club of Belfast ... the second fifty years' by Gordon Millington (2011).</p>	D4264/B/4
<p>The Jackson Trust Additional records comprising one volume of accounts relating to the 'Old Farmers Fund' (1883-2013).</p>	D4338/3/3/3
<p>Roger Casement Additional copy papers relating to Roger Casement compiled by Jeffrey Dudgeon while researching his biography of Casement (c.1889-2000).</p>	D4372/UNL/2
<p>Clarke Family Additional papers relating to the Clarke family of Co. Tyrone and Ballynahinch, Co. Down comprising correspondence and printed material (1830-1920).</p>	D4473/UNL/1
<p>The Beatles Photographs and negatives of the Beatles performing in the King's Hall, Belfast (2nd November 1964).</p>	D4542/2
<p>Gladys Blackburne Additional papers relating to Gladys Blackburne comprising newspaper cuttings, printed material and correspondence (2015).</p>	D4547/ADD

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Tom Hartley Papers relating to Tom Hartley's book 'Milltown Cemetery' comprising a fact sheet on each individual interred within the cemetery, pamphlets, copy maps, plans and deeds and original photographs of the headstones (c.1869-2014).</p>	D4571/UNL/2
<p>Solly Lipsitz Additional papers of Solly Lipsitz comprising photographs, correspondence, newspaper cuttings, jazz-related ephemera, printed materials, and nomination papers and printed materials relating to the Ulster Arts Club (1903-2011).</p>	D4575/UNL/3
<p>Ulster Orchestra Papers of the Ulster Orchestra comprising orchestra programmes, season brochures, scrapbooks, photographs and posters (1966-1974).</p>	D4584/1
<p>Ulster Tourist Trophy (TT) Photographs of TT races in Northern Ireland mainly from the Dundrod, Co. Antrim Circuit (c.1880-1961).</p>	D4588/3
<p>Irish Parliament Trust Additional papers relating to the Irish Parliament Trust comprising correspondence and reports (1990-2004).</p>	D4592/ADD/2
<p>Pollock Family of Mountainstown, Co. Meath Estate and family papers including title deeds, leases, Papers about Co. Down and Lord Downshire, official papers and correspondence of the Pollock family, general correspondence, inventories, sketch books, game and stock books, catalogues, recipe books, commonplace books and newscuttings, maps and plans, accounts including labourers' account, photograph albums and photographs and family history papers (c.1674-1998).</p>	D4595/UNL/1

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Workers' Educational Association Correspondence, reports, committee minutes, conference material and papers relating to educational initiatives (1910-2003).</p>	D4596/UNL/1
<p>Irish Transport and General Workers Union Ledger of the Belfast Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union (ITGWU) listing members (1917-1920).</p>	D4597/1
<p>Ulster Orchestra Programmes of the Ulster Orchestra performances including its inaugural season (1966-1968).</p>	D4598/1/1
<p>Boyd Estate, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim Volume of maps and two volumes of rentals (1785-1949).</p>	D4599
<p>'Churches Together Lisburn' Minute books and printed material (1972-2013).</p>	D4600
<p>Northern Ireland Parents Association Papers of the Northern Ireland Parents Association comprising conference papers, correspondence and minutes of meetings (1944-1980).</p>	D4601/UNL/1
<p>Irish Council of Churches Minutes, conference material, resolutions, reports and initiatives including those relating to the Irish Inter-Church Meeting (1911-2003).</p>	D4602/UNL/1
<p>Benevolent Fund for Nurses Accounts, correspondence, minutes and photographs (1990-2004).</p>	D4603/1

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Joseph Nolan Correspondence, photographs, sketches, notebooks and miscellaneous papers relating to Mr Nolan's involvement in the Irish Volunteers and the Falls Flax Spinning Company (1916-1970).</p>	D4604/UNL/1
<p>Dr William Crawford Research notebooks, printed material and some correspondence relating to economy and society in 18th-century Ulster (1970-1990).</p>	D4605/1
<p>Integrated Education Fund Papers Reports, discussion papers, surveys, newsletters and papers relating to the Fund and individual integrated schools (1992-2010).</p>	D4606/UNL/1
<p>Schools' Cultural Studies Project Minutes, correspondence, project files and reports relating to a project at the University of Ulster (1968-1974).</p>	D4608/UNL/1
<p>Workman-Macnaghten/Macnaghten Family of Dundarave, Co. Antrim Estate and family papers including deeds of appointment, grants and licences, accounts, deeds, leases, wills and indentures, correspondence, photographs, newspapers and printed material (c.1753-1991).</p>	D4609/UNL/1
<p>Samuel McCausland Seed Merchants Ltd Sales ledgers, stock ledgers, order books, cash books, crop inspection reports and printed material (1963-1975).</p>	D4610

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Robert Patterson and Sons Legal papers and correspondence relating to Belfast engineering firm Robert Patterson and Sons (1817-1954).</p>	<p>D4617/UNL/1</p>
<p>Thomas Wilson Copy memoir and accompanying transcript outlining the Wilson, Leslie and McLean family histories and emigration from Moville, Co. Donegal (1889).</p>	<p>T3959</p>
<p>Sergeant William James Graham Copy papers comprising a letter sent from the Somme, photographs and a certificate for gallantry (c.1916-1920).</p>	<p>T3960</p>

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<p>Hollymount Parish Church Additional records comprising preacher books, a register for distribution of poor money, a register of members and correspondence for Hollymount Parish Church, Co. Down (1839-1999).</p>	CR1/33
<p>St Thomas' Church of Ireland Additional records comprising general church accounts, churchwarden accounts and a register of vestrymen, Belfast (1879-1937).</p>	CR1/36
<p>Presbyterian Church in Ireland Additional records comprising the directory of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and its annual report and minutes (2014).</p>	CR3/46
<p>Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland Administrative records including minutes, accounts and correspondence relating synods, presbyteries and committees and memorials, petitions, and protests and other papers relating to the history of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland and its relationship with the church in Scotland (1811-1979).</p>	CR5/5
<p>Londonderry Reformed Presbyterian Church Session book including minutes of the combined session meetings of Clarendon Street and Bready (1955-1991).</p>	CR5/13
<p>Bready Reformed Presbyterian Church Marriage register, session minutes, minutes of committee/deacons/congregational meetings, collection book, roll of members and a temperance pledge book (c.1790-1991).</p>	CR5/36

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Lisbarnet Reformed Presbyterian Church Notebook detailing the protest of the congregations of Lisbarnet and Ballynure Reformed Presbyterian churches (c.1811-1830).</p>	CR5/37/8/1
<p>Killyleagh Baptist Church Copy booklet entitled 'A Short History of the Killyleagh Baptist Church 1890-1974' (c.1974).</p>	CR11/1/80
<p>Auctioneers and Estate Agents Institute Letters and a booklet relating a Belfast meeting of the Auctioneers' and Estate Agents Institute of the United Kingdom (1935).</p>	D3300/206
<p>Miscellaneous Newspapers Issues of miscellaneous newspapers some of which have articles relating to the 1916 Easter Rising (c.1963-1979).</p>	D3300/207
<p>Hassard Family Papers comprising a rent receipt, a handwritten account and photographs relating to a farmhouse in Co. Fermanagh and the Hassard family who lived in it (1886-1994).</p>	D3300/208
<p>School Photograph Photograph depicting a group of children outside a school building in an unknown rural location (c.1900).</p>	D3300/209
<p>Dressmaking Notebook Notebook with handwritten notes and patterns compiled by a student teacher (c.1905-1940).</p>	D3300/210
<p>Sarah Bell Grace Bridges Copy letter from Mrs Sarah Bell Grace Bridges of Bangor, Co. Down to her son, Joseph Grace, in America, a transcript of the letter and a copy photograph (1922).</p>	D3300/211
<p>Photographs of Counties Antrim and Down Black and white photographs depicting locations including Portrush, Portstewart and the Giant's Causeway (c.1960).</p>	D3300/212

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Newtownards, Co. Down Technical School Album of black and white photographs depicting school trips and sporting events (1928-1959).</p>	D3300/214
<p>Genealogical Papers of the Mann and Scott Families Privately printed booklets outlining the history of the Mann and Scott families in Ulster (2105).</p>	D3300/215
<p>Dr Robert Hunter Letters from the historian Dr Robert Hunter to Sean Brady (later Cardinal Brady), the then editor of 'Breifne' journal (1975-1978).</p>	D3300/216
<p>Randal Cave Letters and associated papers, articles, and a typed account of Mr Cave's reminiscences of working for the Belfast and Co. Down Railway (1947-2014).</p>	D3300/217
<p>Primary Education in Dungannon, Co. Tyrone Thesis on the establishment of primary education in the town of Dungannon, Co. Tyrone (2015).</p>	D3300/218
<p>John McAuley Certificate appointing Mr McAuley as Justice of the Peace and a certificate of appreciation from Newtownabbey Urban District Council (1968-1973).</p>	D3300/219
<p>St Mary's Flute Band Photograph and sheet music of St Mary's flute band, Belfast (c.1910).</p>	D3300/220
<p>Bell and Morton families Letters, certificates and photographs relating to the Morton family of Belfast and the Bell family of Dromore, Co. Down (1874-1985).</p>	D3300/221
<p>Robert Baird Volume entitled 'Address to Robert H.H. Baird-Marriage 1920' and presented to him by employees of the 'Belfast Telegraph' (1920).</p>	D3300/222/1

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Harland & Wolff Black and white photograph of Harland & Wolff staff (c.1920-1945).</p>	D3300/224/1
<p>Susan O'Neill Scrapbook and programmes relating to Susan O'Neill's career playing for local teams and for the Northern Ireland team within the Northern Ireland Women's Football Association (c.1987-1993).</p>	D3300/225
<p>Hanson Family Wills, a memorandum of agreement and an affidavit relating to the Hanson family and their lands in Maclary [Macleary], Co. Londonderry (1826-1874).</p>	D3300/226
<p>Belfast City Hall Postcard depicting an artist's impression of the proposed new city hall for Belfast (1901).</p>	D3300/227/1
<p>Smithboro National School, Co. Monaghan Postcard depicting a photograph of Smithboro National School, Co. Monaghan (c.1900).</p>	D3300/228/1
<p>Portstewart, Co. Londonderry Notebook recording information copied from the Townland Valuation for the Portstewart area and additional local information (c.1830).</p>	D3300/229/1
<p>Leithwood Ltd Cash book of a company formerly known as the Old Bleach Linen Company (1941-1946).</p>	D3300/230/1
<p>The Hillsborough Theatrical Troupe Volume containing photographs, letters and ephemera relating to performances of two plays in Hillsborough Castle (1864).</p>	D3300/231/1
<p>The Queen Elizabeth Bridge, Belfast Programme for the official opening of The Queen Elizabeth Bridge, Belfast (1966).</p>	D3300/232/1

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Londonderry Papers: Papers of the 7th Marquess of Londonderry and his wife, Lady Edith</p> <p>Edith, Lady Londonderry Letters and telegrams from miscellaneous correspondents including letters and papers relating specifically to the First World War (1894-1958).</p> <p>Letters from Lord Hugh Cecil relating to personal and theological matters (1908-1947).</p> <p>Letters from foreign royalty including Alfonso, King of Spain, and his wife, Princess Victoria Eugenie (1913-1956).</p> <p>Letters from Sir Herbert Maxwell relating to horticultural matters (1924-1937).</p> <p>Telegrams of condolence from miscellaneous correspondents on Lord Londonderry's death (1949).</p> <p>Letters of condolence from individuals and institutions connected with aviation on Lord Londonderry's death (1949).</p> <p>Letters of condolence from miscellaneous correspondents on Lord Londonderry's death (1949).</p> <p>Letters of condolence from institutions, associations, societies and businesses on Lord Londonderry's death (1949).</p> <p>Draft typescript copies of an account by Lady Londonderry of the Londonderry family's jewels (c.1950).</p> <p>The 7th Marquess of Londonderry Letters to miscellaneous correspondents and copy letters from Lord Londonderry mainly relating to routine matters (September 1931-April 1932).</p> <p>Lady Mairi Letters to Lady Mairi from her father, Lord Londonderry (c.1942-1947).</p>	<p>D3099/3/2</p> <p>D3099/3/5</p> <p>D3099/3/7</p> <p>D3099/3/19</p> <p>D3099/3/43</p> <p>D3099/3/44</p> <p>D3099/3/45</p> <p>D3099/3/46</p> <p>D3099/3/47</p> <p>D3099/4/13-17</p> <p>D3099/13/8</p>

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
Letters from Lady Mairi to her father, Lord Londonderry (c.1927-1947).	D3099/13/9
Letters to Lady Mairi from her mother, Lady Londonderry (c.1925-1948).	D3099/13/18
Letters from Lady Mairi to her mother, Lady Londonderry (c.1930-1950).	D3099/13/19
Letters from Lady Mairi to both her parents (c.1925-1935).	D3099/13/23
Countess Constance Markievicz Personal correspondence, mainly from members of the Gore-Booth family, business correspondence, papers relating to Countess Markievicz's arrest and imprisonment in 1916, photographs, ephemera and press cuttings (c.1880-1994).	D4131/K
The Rotary Club of Belfast Privately printed book entitled 'The Rotary Club of Belfast ... the second fifty years' by Gordon Millington (2011).	D4264/B/4
The Jackson Trust Volume of accounts relating to the 'Old Farmers Fund' (1883-2013).	D4338/3/3/3
Rev. George Good Correspondence and printed material relating to Rev. Good's ministry in Ireland and overseas including his tenure as President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, and his work at the Kollupitiya Church in Colombo, Sri Lanka (c.1930-1991).	D4382
Harland & Wolff Drawing Office Ship calculation files relating to engineering design and repair calculations of ships built in Belfast and other shipyards (1908-1985).	D4413/5/2
The Beatles Photographs and negatives of the Beatles performing in the King's Hall, Belfast (2nd November 1964).	D4542/2

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Eva Chichester Photographs, travel journals, notebooks, correspondence, household accounts and family papers of Eva Chichester, a Sunday school teacher and amateur photographer from Shane's Lodge, Newcastle, Co. Down (1870-1955).</p>	D4563
<p>Phoenix West Belfast Development Trust Ltd Strategy documents, reports, accounts and printed material relating to a cross-community organisation operating in greater West Belfast (1989-2002).</p>	D4565
<p>The 7th Marquess of Londonderry and his wife, Lady Edith Photograph albums, loose photographs, scrapbooks, volumes of greeting cards, and volumes of newspaper cuttings mainly relating to the 7th Marquess of Londonderry, his wife and their family, friends and associates (c.1956-1989).</p>	D4567
<p>Ballymena Cricket Club Handwritten notes, copied research material and printed material relating to the establishment and development of the club (1854-2013).</p>	D4568
<p>Blackstaff Flax Spinning and Weaving Company and Associated Companies Accounts, minutes, articles of association and shareholder information (1866-1984).</p>	D4576
<p>West Ulster Farmers Union Ltd Minutes, accounts, personnel and miscellaneous records of the individual creameries that made-up the Fermanagh and West Tyrone agriculture co-operative movement (1898-1988).</p>	D4580
<p>Ulster Tourist Trophy (TT) Photographs of TT races in Northern Ireland mainly from the Dundrod, Co. Antrim Circuit (c.1880-1961).</p>	D4588/3

ARCHIVE	PRONI REFERENCE NUMBER
<p>Irish Transport and General Workers Union Ledger of the Belfast Branch of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union (ITGWU) listing members (1917-1920).</p>	D4597/1
<p>Ulster Orchestra Programmes of the Ulster Orchestra performances including its inaugural season (1966-1968).</p>	D4598/1/1
<p>Boyd Estate, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim A volume of maps and two volumes of rentals (1785-1949).</p>	D4599
<p>Churches Together Lisburn Minute books and printed material (1972-2013).</p>	D4600
<p>The Benevolent Fund for Nurses Minutes, accounts, correspondence, photographs and printed material relating to the formation, operation and winding up of the organisation (1968-2015).</p>	D4603
<p>Samuel McCausland Seed Merchants Ltd Sales ledgers, stock ledgers, order books, cash books, crop inspection reports and printed material (1963-1975).</p>	D4610
<p>Thomas Wilson Copy memoir and accompanying transcript outlining the Wilson, Leslie and McLean family histories and emigration from Moville, Co. Donegal (1889).</p>	T3959
<p>Sergeant William James Graham Copy papers comprising a letter sent from the Somme, photographs and a certificate for gallantry (c.1916-1920).</p>	T3960

NI DEPARTMENT AND NIO(B) FILES RELEASED DURING 2015-16

- Anglo Irish Agreement
- Meetings with NI political parties
- Economic co-operation and negotiations (involving Ireland, UK, USA and Europe)
- The MacBride Principles (on discrimination in the workplace)
- High level and operational security matters (including on the border and within the penal system)
- Children and young people in care and the prevention of abuse
- *European Convention on Human Rights* and political prisoners
- Homelessness
- Drug addiction
- Cross border co-operation
- Supergrass arrangements (also known as 'Converted Terrorists')
- Extradition arrangements
- Community Groups
- Loyalist political prisoner protests
- Major investigation into alleged abuse of female political prisoners (whilst undergoing strip search protocols), at HMP Armagh
- Chernobyl
- Anglo-Irish Intergovernmental Council (A.I.I.C)
- Meetings with NI political parties and other groups
- Child abuse (repercussions resulting from investigations and Public Inquiry)
- Pollution
- United Nations *Convention Against Torture*

- The Travelling Community
- Soviet Union – interest in the NI prison system
- Black Taxi operations
- Psychopathic patients – NI Mental Health legislation
- Paramilitary financing
- Women and rape
- Community relations

TALKS AND EVENTS IN PRONI 2015-16
CONFERENCES AND TALKS

DATE	TITLE	PARTNER
1 April 2015	Your Family Tree lecture series – Using First World War Records by Ian Montgomery	
8 April 2015	Your Family Tree lecture series – Using Education Records by Valerie Adams	
9 April 2015	Western Front Association – Verdun – one reason for disaster on the Somme? by Trevor Adams	Western Front Association
15 April 2015	Your Family Tree lecture series – Using Workhouse Records by Janet Hancock	
16 April 2015	Your Family Tree lecture series – Using Valuation Records by William McAfee	
16-17 April 2015	Conference – Poverty, Welfare and Public Health in Belfast	Queen's University of Belfast
28 April 2015	Glens of Antrim Heritage series – The Industrial Heritage of the Antrim Glens by Dr Fred Hammond	
29 April 2015	Your Family Tree lecture series – Using Landed Estate Records by Stephen Scarth	
30 April 2015	Half Day Conference – Ireland and Gallipoli	Western Front Association
5 May 2015	Glens of Antrim Heritage series. Limestone in Glenarm by Gerard Muldoon	

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6 May 2015	Your Family Tree lecture series – Using Court, Prison and Coroners Records by Wesley Geddis	
8 May 2015	Irish Emigration to Australia in the early 1800s by Dr Perry McIntyre and Dr Richard Reid	Ulster Historical Foundation
12 May 2015	Book launch – <i>The Belfast Blitz: The City in the War Years</i> by Dr Brian Barton	
13 May 2015	Your Family Tree lecture series – Using General Registry Records by Emma Elliott	
14 May 2015	Western Front Association – The dynamics of command: Oliver Nugent and his subordinates in the Ulster Division, 1915-18 by Nick Perry	Western Front Association
15 May 2015	Conference – San-Antonio International: Representations, Circulation, Translation and Exchanges	Queen's University of Belfast
21 May 2015	Glens of Antrim Heritage series. The Ballintoy Project: how to organise a local history group by Robert Corbett	
26 May 2015	Glens of Antrim Heritage series. The making of the Antrim Coast Road: 1832 to 1840 by Dr Desmond McCabe	
27 May 2015	Ulster Scots Connections – People, Place and Practice. Edward Bruce in Ulster, 1315 by Dr William Roulston	Ulster Scots Agency, MAGUS, Ulster-Scots Community Network

DATE	TITLE	PARTNER
28 May 2015	Letters 1916 Project	Letters 1916
2 June 2015	Glens of Antrim Heritage series – Iron and Stone: The Earls of Antrim as Victorian Industrialists by Ian Montgomery	
8 June 2015	Launch of Connaught Rangers exhibition	Connaught Rangers
11 June 2015	Western Front Association. War in Japan by Simon Doherty	Western Front Association
17 June 2015	Ulster Scots Connections – People, Place and Practice. Rhyming Weavers of Ulster by Dr Laura Spence	Ulster Scots Agency, MAGUS, Ulster-Scots Community Network
18 June 2015	Half Day conference. Ireland, Waterloo and the Great War	
24 June 2015	Ulster Scots Connections – People, Place and Practice. Ulster Scots literature by Dr Frank Ferguson & Dr Kathryn White	Ulster Scots Agency, MAGUS, Ulster-Scots Community Network
22 July 2015	Launch of Living Memories Exhibition – Dr William Roulston	Ulster Historical Foundation
13 August 2015	Western Front Association – Recording Ireland’s First World War Landscapes by Heather Montgomery	Western Front Association
20 August 2015	East Side Arts Festival - Belfast Blitz by Dr Brian Barton	East Side Arts Festival
25 August 2015	East Side Arts Festival – East Belfast First World War soldiers by Jason Bourke	East Side Arts Festival
26 August 2015	County Down lunchtime lecture series. Silent Valley by Philip Donald	

DATE	TITLE	PARTNER
27 August 2015	East Side Arts Festival. East Belfast Industry by Ian Montgomery	East Side Arts Festival
2 September 2015	County Down lunchtime lecture series. Walking the Ards in 1683: the William Montgomery manuscript revisited by Ian Montgomery	
9 September 2015	County Down lunchtime lecture series. Building the Silent Valley Dam 1923 to 1933 setting the record straight by Philip Donald	
10 September 2015	Western Front Association. Spirit Building training or morale sapping slaughter? Raiding on the Western Front by Tom Thorpe	Western Front Association
11 September 2015	Using American Resources to Find Ulster-Scot & Irish Ancestors – by Kevin Shue, Pennsylvania genealogist	Ulster Historical Foundation
12 September 2015	European Heritage Open Weekend incorporating a presentation on the restoration of the Nomadic by Graham Moore of Consarc Conversation	Consarc
16 September 2015	County Down lunchtime lecture series. 'A favourite watering place': the development of Bangor as a Victorian Seaside Resort by Sandra Millsopp	
17 September 2015	'The rise and fall of the Irish Manor Courts 1785-1859' by the Attorney General, John Larkin QC	
18 September 2015	Conference. The Supernatural in the Peripheries: Britain and Ireland	University of Ulster

DATE	TITLE	PARTNER
23 September 2015	County Down lunchtime lecture series. Another time: photographs of the Stewart family, Marquesses of Londonderry by Lorraine Bourke	
28 September 2015	Community Relations Week. Stand up and be counted: Suffrage Workshop	Community Relations Council, Ethical and Shared Remembering Project
30 September 2015	County Down lunchtime lecture series. The rising of 1798 in County Down by Dr Allan Blackstock	
1 October 2015	Pushing the Boundaries Lecture Series. 19 th century Prison Records by Dr Chris Colvin	Queen's University of Belfast
7 October 2015	County Down lunchtime lecture series. Nendrum Mill, Strangford Lough (619 AD): the oldest excavated tidal mill in the world by Dr Tom McErlean	
8 October 2015	Pushing the Boundaries Lecture Series. The Women's Suffrage Campaign by Dr Margaret Ward	Queen's University of Belfast
8 October 2015	Western Front Association. Royal Naval Armoured Cars in Russia by Ian Montgomery	Western Front Association
14 October 2015	County Down lunchtime lecture series. The Family Plot: historic graveyards of County Down by Dr William Roulston	
15 October 2015	Pushing the Boundaries Lecture Series. Female Political Imprisonment during the Irish Civil War by Dr Laura McAtackney	Queen's University of Belfast

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20 October 2016	Railway Conference – Golden Age of Steam	National Museums of Northern Ireland, Screen NI
21 October 2015	County Down lunchtime lecture series. ‘The tune we played was the Protestant Boys’: songs and the battle of Dolly’s Brae, 1849 by Dr John Moulden	
22 October 2015	Pushing the Boundaries Lecture Series. DeLorean: Back to the Failure by Dr Graham Brownlow	Queen’s University of Belfast
22 October 2015	Earth’s Place In Space: Discovering Our Celestial Heritage by Professor Mark Bailey of Armagh Observatory	Armagh Observatory
29 October 2015	Pushing the Boundaries Lecture Series. Northern Ireland Gay Rights Association by Jeff Dudgeon & Richard Kennedy	Queen’s University of Belfast
3 November 2015	Foras Na Gaeilge Irish language class	Foras Na Gaeilge
4 November 2015	Foras Na Gaeilge Lecture. The Fadgies by Dr Fionntán de Brún	Foras Na Gaeilge
5 November 2015	Half day conference – Sport, Ireland and the Great War	Western Front Association
10 November 2015	Foras Na Gaeilge Irish language class	Foras Na Gaeilge
11 November 2015	Foras Na Gaeilge Lecture. Poetry reading by Gearóid Mac Lochlainn	Foras Na Gaeilge
12 November 2015	Western Front Association. East Belfast and the Great War by Jason Bourke	Western Front Association
16 November 2015	All routes led to Chicago by Tina Beaird and Debra Dudek	Ulster Historical Foundation

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17 November 2015	Foras Na Gaeilge Irish language class	Foras Na Gaeilge
18 November 2015	Foras Na Gaeilge. Placenames by Prof Micheál O Mainnín	Foras Na Gaeilge
24 November 2015	Foras Na Gaeilge Irish language class	Foras Na Gaeilge
25 November 2015	Foras Na Gaeilge. Folklore by Dr Marcas Mac Coinnigh	Foras Na Gaeilge
10 December 2015	Western Front Association. The Ulster Division by Dr Tim Bowman	Western Front Association
4 February 2016	Surviving the City lecture series. Belfast Workhouse in the 19 th Century by Dr Olwen Purdue	Queen's University of Belfast
4 February 2016	Wikimedia Edithon	Wikipedia
11 February 2016	Western Front Association. Keith Lilley – Trench Maps and the Great War	Western Front Association
25 February 2016	Surviving the City lecture series. The Belfast Corporation and Council archive in PRONI by Ian Montgomery	Queen's University of Belfast
1 March 2016	Launch of Creative Centenaries	Creative Centenaries, Nerve Centre
3 March 2016	Surviving the City lecture series. Voluntary charities for the poor in Belfast, 1800-1838 by Robyn Atcheson	Queen's University of Belfast
4 March 2016	Train the Trainers in 1916 resources	Creative Centenaries, Nerve Centre
7 March 2016	International Women's Day. Women's Work through the Years – Afternoon Tea and Exploration	HMS Caroline & War Memorial

DATE	TITLE	PARTNER
10 March 2016	Launch of Lisnagarvey Transmitter Exhibition	BBC NI
10 March 2016	Western Front Association. Robin Masefield – The Early History of Palace Barracks and Holywood	Western Front Association
16 March 2016	Surviving the City lecture series. Sailor Town, Belfast by Dr Elizabeth Thomas	Queen's University of Belfast
22 March 2016	Surviving the City lecture series. Belfast Corporation and the management of public health, 1880-1914 by Stuart Irwin	Queen's University of Belfast
22 March 2016	Creativity Month event. Intercultural Creative Writing Workshop – Exploring our past together	Nerve Centre

REQUESTS FOR PERMISSION TO PUBLISH 2015-16

The following books, exhibitions, programmes and online media published or broadcast in 2015/2016 were based wholly or in part on research in the Public Record Office:

Books

A Nurse in the Belfast Blitz, The Diary of Emma Duffin by Trevor Parkhill (Four Courts Press).

Atlantic Canada's Irish Immigrants: A Fish and Timber Story by Dr Lucille H. Campey (Dundurn Press).

Love, Loss and Learning in Late Georgian Belfast by Dr J. Wright (Four Courts Press).

Marguerite, Countess of Blessington. The Turbulent Life of a Salonniere and Author, by Sue Matoff (University of Delaware Press).

Mrs Coe's Carrickfergus: Memories of a Carrickfergus Childhood Beyond the Graveyard Walls by Ian Bishop and Charles McConnell (Carrickfergus and District Historical Society).

Revolutionary Lives: Constance and Casimir Markievicz by Dr Lauren Arrington (Princetown University Press).

The Irish Amateur Military Tradition in the British Army 1854-1992 by William M. Butler (Manchester University Press).

TV Programmes

Great Canal Journeys, TV programme by Channel 4, broadcast in March 2016.

Ireland's Treasures Uncovered, TV programme by the BBC, broadcast in March 2016.

Brendan O' Carroll's My Family at War, TV programme by the BBC, broadcast in March 2016.

Irish Graveyards, TV documentary by TG4, broadcast in December 2015.

Exhibitions

From Ulster to the Dardanelles, Northern Ireland War Memorial, Belfast.

From Home to Here: Stories of Migration Old and New, Linen Hall Library, Belfast.

Faces of Hillsborough, Hillsborough Castle, Historic Royal Palaces.

Belfast: Reflections on 1916, Belfast City Hall, Belfast City Council.

Brownlow HQ: The Story of US Troops in Lurgan during WW2, Brownlow House, Lurgan, Co. Armagh.

Website & Online Resources

Superheroes in Gotham, Online History Course, Columbia University.

Newry and Mourne in the First World War, Online Educational Resource, Newry Museum and Newry and Mourne Council.

WW1: Lessons and Legacy of the Great War, Online History Course, University of New South Wales.

The Ballymacarrett Railway Disaster, BBC Radio Ulster website.

EXHIBITIONS AT PRONI

Date	Exhibition	Exhibitor
16 March – 22 April 2015	Derry Diaspora	Foyle Civic Trust
24 April – 3 June 2015	First World War Exhibition	PRONI
4 June – 10 July 2015	Connaught Rangers	6 th Connaught Rangers
11 June 2015 – 24 July 2015	Landmarks from Home	Arts Care
20 July – 28 August 2015	Doagh Exhibition	Ulster Historical Foundation
28 August – 28 September 2015	Belfast Shipbuilders	Ulster Scots Agency
21–30 September 2016	Londonderry Papers	PRONI
28 September – 4 December 2015	Bruce 700	Ulster Scots Agency
4 December 2015 – 8 January 2016	Surviving the City	PRONI/QUB
11 January – 26 February 2016	Castlewellan Heritage	DSM Consulting
9 March – 21 April 2016	BBC Lisnagarvey Transmitter exhibition	BBC NI

EXHIBITIONS LOANED BY PRONI

Date	Exhibition	Venue
9–27 June 2015	Cooper Photographic Exhibition	Buncrana Library
1–19 June 2015	First World War	Armagh Irish Studies Library
6–31 July 2015	First World War	Omagh Library
7–25 July 2015	Cooper Photographic Exhibition	Bundoran Library
2–15 August 2015	First World War	Falls Library
4–29 August 2015	Cooper Photographic Exhibition	Central Library, Letterkenny
16 August– 11 September 2015	First World War	Cookstown Library
14 – 26 September 2015	First World War	Brownlow Library
1–31 October 2015	First World War	Ballymena Library
1–30 October 2015	Londonderry Papers	Bangor Library
2–22 November 2015	First World War	Bangor Library
2–27 November 2015	Londonderry Papers	Holywood Library
1–31 December 2015	First World War	Newry Library
3–30 January 2015	First World War	Downpatrick Library
4–29 January 2016	Londonderry Papers	Tullycarnet Library

Date	Exhibition	Venue
29 January 2016– 31 March 2016	Surviving the City	Queen's University Belfast Library
1–26 February 2016	First World War	Enniskillen Library
1–26 February 2016	Londonderry Papers	Ballyhackmore Library
1–31 March 2016	First World War	Tullycarnet Library

DOCUMENTS OF THE MONTH 2015-16

Date	Title	PRONI Ref
April 2015	Letter to the Lord Mayor of Belfast in 1970 signed by former Manchester United manager, Sir Matt Busby, cancelling a match against Glentoran.	LA/7/3/A
May 2015	Book of visiting cards from the Congress of Vienna which belonged to Frances Anne Vane-Tempest Stewart	D654/B/7/1/1A
June 2015	Previously unreleased photographs from a concert the Beatles played in the King's Hall on 2 November 1964.	D4542/2
July 2015	Album of sketches, plans and handwritten observations by Lady Louisa Kerr relating to Glenarm Castle and the Antrim coast in the mid-19th century.	D3560/1
August 2015	Three merged images of Kingspan Stadium (formerly Ravenhill) from the 1940s.	D2334
September 2015	Search report relating to the Maze compound during the 1980s	NIO/10/14/2A
October 2015	Original plans of Crumlin Road Gaol by celebrated architect Sir Charles Lanyon.	
November 2015	Photo-lithograph of plans from the Young & Mackenzie archive of the former Robinson and Cleaver's department store in Belfast	D2194
December 2015	Watercolour sketch of a Christmas dinner scene, by Sir Robert Ponsonby Staples, dated 1930	D1567

Date	Title	PRONI Ref
January 2016	Photographs of Lawrence of Arabia from the Montgomery Hyde Papers	D3084/R/1
February 2016	Love Letters of Anne Weir from America, 1890s	D4231/A/95
March 2016	Reminiscences of the Easter Rising by a former Dublin civil servant and Red Cross volunteer, Ronnie Whelan	D3041/5/B/2