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**D5/ & D5A/**

**Diocesan Records of Tuam,  
Killala & Achonry**

***c.* 1613-2013**

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## Introduction

Today the united diocese of Tuam, Killala and Achonry covers all of county Mayo, much of the counties of Galway and Sligo and a small portion of county Roscommon. During the Reformation, the bishopric of Mayo was annexed to the province or archbishopric of Tuam from 1569. Between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, Tuam was further united at various times to other smaller dioceses – to Kilfenora from 1661 to 1742, Ardagh from 1742 to 1839, and Killala and Achonry from 1834.

Small quantities of records representing Tuam's association with Kilfenora and Ardagh which were uncovered during the process of sorting the materials listed here, have been set aside for cataloguing at a later stage. In the case of the bishoprics of Killala and Achonry (united as one since 1622) the relationship with Tuam has been a more sustained one. Under the Church Temporalities (Ireland) Act 1833, Killala and Achonry were united to the archbishopric of Tuam from 1834, and five years later following the death of the Most Revd Hon. Power Le Poer Trench (1782-1839), who had served as archbishop since 1819, the dioceses were united as one to that of Tuam, Killala and Achonry in the province of Armagh. Trench's successors were thus bishops, not archbishops, and from this date Tuam lost its metropolitan status as a province in its own right. The Tuam-specific papers that are catalogued below as D5/ provide snapshots of evidence about the pre-1834 provincial role (with the odd survivals of papers for two archbishops (Bourke and Trench) in section 12/. as well as a run of registrar-related materials from the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century onwards in sections 14/ and 15/. For a full list of the Archbishops and Bishops of both Tuam, and of Killala & Achonry, see Appendix 1 below.

In spite of the “merger”, Killala and Achonry continued to operate its own diocesan registry as a distinct and independent entity for a further 25 years until the unification of the two diocesan registries under the terms of the Ecclesiastical Courts and Registries (Ireland) Act 1864. And even when the registries were untied thereafter the papers reveal how both Tuam and Killala and Achonry maintained various levels of autonomy and independent decision-making, each with its own separate synods, councils, and education structures, as well as printing separate annual reports until the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. These distinct arrangements have been adhered to in the archival arrangement of the papers, and as far as possible papers obviously created and maintained by the Killala and Achonry registry are listed together as D5A/.

Significantly, it is the Killala and Achonry part of the collection that is by far the oldest including the earliest document of the entire run being a case presented by the Most Revd Miler McGrath (1552-1622), Bishop of Killala, 1607-22 and of Achonry, 1613-22, & Archbishop of Cashel, relating to a diocesan claim on lands, c. 1613, and additionally several other documents relating specifically to lands, benefices, rentals and income of the diocese, 1658-1901, that may have been assembled as evidence of the extent of the dioceses in preparation for either the uniting of the bishoprics of Tuam, Killala and Achonry in 1834, or the later unification of the two diocesan registries in 1864 (section D5A/2). The Killala and Achonry section is further enhanced by a most revealing run of returns made to government from 1797 onwards that includes invaluable records documenting the diocesan response to the famine that afflicted many parts of north Connaught, especially Mayo, in the early 1820s (section D5A/7/7 and /8) and several returns revealing the rate of church building and repairs undertaken by the reforming and innovative Bishop James Verschoyle (1749/50-1834) – the last bishop of the diocese in its own right (e.g. D5A/1 and D5A/7/1-6) from 1811 until his death in 1834.

The archival resources that survive for both Tuam and Killala and Achonry are nevertheless relatively modest compared with two vast and separate diocesan collections that formerly existed

prior to 1922. Along with most of the records of the Irish dioceses up to and including the 1860s, the bulk were, as many researchers will know, tragically destroyed by fire during the civil war of 1922. A glance at the list of the records of the ecclesiastical records destroyed, as compiled by the Assistant Deputy Keeper of Public Records Herbert Wood in his *Guide to the records deposited in the Public Record Office of Ireland* (Dublin, 1919) provides insight to the array of administrative, testamentary, matrimonial and court papers, as they had been created by the two separate diocesan registries up to the mid-1860s, and then transferred to PROI. An electronic copy of the ecclesiastical sections of this *Guide*, easily searchable as a pdf, is available courtesy of Beyond 2022 here:

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/AboutUs/library/WoodsExtractEcclesiastical.pdf>

The loss of all of those records makes what has survived in the custody of both dioceses and transferred in various caches of unsorted papers to the RCB Library since the mid-1980s all the more invaluable. Given that the list that follows below amounts to over 60 pages is testament to the conscientious record-keeping that continued in both registries, and the fact that some pre-1860s materials were not transferred but kept in local custody for administrative reasons. This seems particularly true of by far the largest single section in the collection D5/10 being the miscellaneous papers relating to individual parishes, district churches and unions in the three dioceses of Tuam, Killala & Achonry, 1684-1980. Adhering to the united post-1864 registry arrangement, these papers have been maintained in alphabetical order, and give a good flavour of diocesan administration of individual parish units, including documents relating to clergy, such as nominations, installations and retirements from parishes, documents relating to property, such as consecrations of churches, formations of curacies and parochial districts, glebe inspection reports, and property rentals and sales. Given the arrangement by place, this section is likely to prove very useful to local historians, but it should also be consulted by others wishing to get a sense of diocesan oversight of local clergy, property, financial matters, and a host of other issues.

The Tuam collection (D5/) consists of 21 record groups, the first nine of which are volumes of pre- and post-Disestablishment records. The real meat of this collection is the run of papers relating to specific parishes, district churches and unions mentioned above, without any distinction of diocesan boundaries. The Killala and Achonry-specific materials are grouped at the end, as D5A/ and consists of a further 13 record groups.

Whilst the pre-1860s materials about bishops are very small (see sections D5/13 for Tuam, and D5A/1 for Killala and Achonry), the large collection of maps (D5/17) and the surviving operating papers of both registries (see section D5/14 for Tuam, and D5A for Killala and Achonry) provide a new and valuable body of evidence about how diocesan registries and their registrars conducted their business during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Of particular interest in this regard and documented by the records of the Killala & Achonry registrars' papers in particular, is the familial succession of at least two generations of the Stock family, relatives of Bishop Joseph Stock. H. Frederick Stock Esq. the bishop's son became registrar from 1799, and later shared the appointment with his nephew, the Revd Samuel Stock, the two being appointed jointly in 1830 (see D5/6/1). Bishop Stock was captured by the French on their invasion in the west of Ireland in 1798 and held prisoner in his palace. His account of this has been published, while further Stock manuscripts are available in NUI Galway (P10) and correspondence in Trinity College Library (Ms 947 & 948).

One particular registry document reveals that 1922 was not the first time that diocesan records from Killala and Achonry had been lost. Writing from his home address at 'The Lodge, Killala' on 14 January 1811, William Palmer, Registrar of Killala & Achonry, responded to queries on the state

of public records, including diocesan papers, put to him by the Board of First Fruits Office, Dublin (Section D5A/7/5). In his handwritten return Palmer reveals how ‘the records are kept in mahogany presses, and the building is the registrar’s own private property’. He goes on to describe what he considered the indifferent state of the records that he had inherited from his predecessors which he attributed ‘to the Rebellion of 1798’, describing how they were literally trodden under foot: ‘I was informed the House in which the Records were kept in the town of Ardnaree was broken open, and the books and papers thrown into the street, where very many of the were destroyed’. He was also concerned about the fact that the records tended to accompany successive registrars, with the result that there was ‘no fixed place of preservation of them, in consequence of which they have been continually moved from one house to another in various parts of the dioceses. Palmer’s observations in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century capture a pattern in relating to record-keeping that has inevitably continued in many Church of Ireland dioceses, with successive appointments of senior diocesan officials, not least the registrars, but also archdeacons, secretaries and others, records changing from one generation to the next, and with papers being moved from deaneries, rectories and elsewhere accompanying the relevant office-holders. During the 1960s the Very Revd Joseph Jackson (1884-1970), diocesan registrar for over 40 years from 1921 to 1965, who was also a keen local historian (as revealed in his personal papers which make up group D5/21 below) took it upon himself to transfer some materials to the Public Records Office of Ireland, during the 1960s.

Appendix 2 provides the details of the items transferred to PROI. However, following the appointment of Dr Raymond Refaussé as the Church’s first archivist in 1984, he arranged for many of these items to be transferred to the RCB Library where they could be assimilated into first large tranche of diocesan registry materials transferred to the Library at that time, as authorised by the Diocesan Council on the recommendation of the Very Revd W.J. Grant (1929-2009) who was dean of Tuam and rector of Cong 1981-1993, and also served as archdeacon of the diocese from 1980. Dean Grant was encouraged and assisted by Mrs Brigid Clesham, a professional archivist based in Cong, whose interventions at local level helped to put some shape on a large and by then unwieldy accumulation of records and for making early lists and overseeing the safe transfer of several collections of the diocesan records between 1985 and 2000.

Early and invaluable attempts to group and list the growing and organic collection of diocesan records were made both by Mrs Clesham and Dr Refaussé, and a valuable and complimentary set of architectural drawings, including several diocesan glebe houses, were added to the Library’s digitized online catalogue of architectural drawings, available here <https://archdrawing.ireland.anglican.org/>

For the body of the collection, with each new cache of papers from a different location, the job became more complicated and needed focused archival attention. Arising from ongoing discussions about a records management programme for the Church as a whole, and using Tuam, Killala and Achonry Diocesan Archive as a pilot project, the Library was allocated a specific fund by the central Church to engage the services of Arcline to systematically arrange the collection, building up a comprehensive picture of the record-keeping and archiving requirements of the diocese as they worked. Two archivists Alicia Cooney followed by Ciara Daly carried out this work from June 2019 and again in early 2020, supervised by the Librarian and Archivist, who also completed the work on the Killala and Achonry part of the collection. This was further enhanced by a specific project to catalogue the maps and plans (D5/17) undertaken by Bryan Whelan, Assistant Librarian. Thus, spanning the course of 35 years, and involving several generations of professional archivists and librarians, it has truly been a team effort to at last share the detailed catalogue list that has been long-awaited by the wider research community.

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## 1. Title Books

1. 1665-1698
2. 1687-1711
3. 1711-1752 (includes loose page from 1759)
4. 1871-1891
5. 1871-1905
6. 1905-1919

## 2. Subscription Rolls

1. 1781-1805
2. 1783-1809 (Elphin)
3. 1784-1818
4. 1795-1818
5. 1800-1857
6. 1802-1822
7. 1822-1830
8. 1830-1836
9. 1836-1840
10. 1840-1848
11. 1847
12. 1847-1853
13. 1848-1865
14. 1859-1861
15. 1863 (Killala & Achonry)
16. 1865-1871
17. 1871
18. 1871-1876
19. 1876-1882
20. 1882-1888
21. 1889-1890
22. 1890-1912
23. 1913-1919
24. 1920-1923
25. 1923-1927
26. 1927-1931
27. 1932-1934

## 3. Visitations and Rural Deans' Returns

### 1/ Visitations

Note that in the RCB Library collection of visitations, there is one late 18<sup>th</sup>-century incomplete set of returns for the year 1782, which predates the earliest of six additional visitations that were salvaged from the Public Records Office of Ireland in 1922, and are today held in National Archives of Ireland, for the following dates: 1795; 1806; 1808; 1816-21; 1823 and 1825-38. The second and third items in the RCB Library collection below (for 1827 and 1837 respectively) fit in around these dates and are visitations proper. Thereafter, the run consists of rural deanery returns which are stitched together, but not bound as volumes.

1. 1782 [Loose returns completed by the ministers and church wardens, incomplete]
2. 1773; 1794-1795
3. 1806-1838 [2 copies of 1837]
4. 1867-1874
5. 1875-1878
6. 1879-1882
7. 1883-1886
8. 1887-1889; 1891; 1896-1897
9. 1900-1926
10. 1931-1935
11. 1936-1940
12. 1941-1945
13. 1946-1958 [File of Incumbents Returns, 1946-1948]
14. 1946-1951
15. 1952-1956
16. 1958-1963
17. Miscellaneous

#### **2/ Mandates Ordering Visitations**

1. 1907
2. 1908
3. 1911
4. 1913
5. 1914
6. 1923
7. 1925

Includes Visitation Proxies, 1800-1826 and loose pro-forma documents for Rural Dean Returns.

## **4. Diocesan Synod Minute Books**

1. 1870-1887
2. 1888-1924

Note: For additional Synod materials, see section 16/ below.

## **5. Diocesan Council Minute Books**

1. 1870-1875
2. 1875-1883
3. 1876-1880 (copy)
4. 1883-1902
5. 1902-1925
6. 1925-1950
7. Index for 1 and 2

Note: For additional Council materials, see section 16/ below.

## **6. Sub-Committee Minute Book**



1. 1873-1882

## 7. Finance Committee Minute Books

1. 1882-1893
2. 1894-1929

## 8. Diocesan Reports

Note this is not a complete run, with gaps.

### 1/ Bound volumes

1. 1896-1900
2. 1880-1890
3. 1891-1900
4. 1901-1910
5. 1911-1920
6. 1921-1930
7. 1931-1940
8. 1941-1950

### 2/ Loose Reports

1. 1913-1914
2. 1914-1915
3. 1919-1920
4. 1920-1921
5. 1921-1922
6. 1922-1923
7. 1923-1924
8. 1924-1925
9. 1925-1926
10. 1926-1927
11. 1927-1928
12. 1928-1929
13. 1929-1930
14. 1930-1931
15. 1931-1932
16. 1932-1933
17. 1933-1934
18. 1934-1935
19. 1935-1936
20. 1936-1937
21. 1937-1938
22. 1938-1939
23. 1939-1940
24. 1940-1941
25. 1944-1945
26. 1945-1946
27. 1950-1951
28. 1951-1952
29. 1952-1953
30. 1953-1954

31. 1954-1955
32. 1955-1956
33. 1956-1957
34. 1957-1958
35. 1958-1959
36. 1959-1960
37. 1960-1961
38. 1964
39. 1970-1971
40. 1974-1975
41. 1975-1976
42. 1976-1977
43. 1981-1982
44. 1983-1984
45. 1984-1985
46. 1987-1988
47. 2012-2013

### **3/ Loose typescript reports**

1. 1957
2. 1961-1962
3. 1962-1963
4. 1963-1964
5. 1964-1965
6. 1965-1966
7. 1966-1967
8. 1968-1969
9. 1969-1970
10. 1971
11. 1974
12. 1975
13. 2000

## **9. Accounts**

### **1/ Ledgers – General Income and Expenditure**

1. 1871-1878
2. 1871-1878
3. 1871-1881
4. 1871-1882
5. 1890-1917
6. 1891-1939
7. 1925-1933

### **2/ Capital Account Book (includes tabular scheme of Poor Parish accounts)**

1. 1871-1897

### **3/ Sustentation Account Book**

1. 1871-1880

### **4/ Assessment Account Books (being parochial assessments including arrears)**

1. 1873-1880
2. 1882-1889 (outside)
3. 1895-1923

**5/ Passbooks (recording various capital accounts and miscellaneous funds)**

1. 1873-1895 (Assessment Accounts)
2. 1875-1901 (Parochial Accounts & Endowments)
3. 1896-1917 (Diocesan Accounts e.g. Episcopal Fund etc)
4. 1902-1941 (Parochial Accounts & Endowments)
5. 1917-1939 (Diocesan Accounts e.g. Episcopal Fund etc)

**6/ Account Book of Diocesan Office Expenditure**

1. 1873-1879

**7/ Diocesan Synod & Council Fund**

1. 1874-1882 (note this is continued in the first Stipend Fund register below)

**8/ Diocesan Council Account Books**

1. 1880-1926
2. 1882- 1892
3. 1892- 1926

**9/ Stipend Fund Account Books/Register**

1. 1899-1924 (detailing Stipend Fund with Superannuation, Supplemental and the Synod and Council Fund) (outside)
2. 1914-1942 (Stipend ledger, by parish) (outside)
3. 1933-1940 (Stipend and superannuation register) (outside)
4. 1886-1894 (Loose papers)

**10/ Auxiliary Fund Account Books**

1. 1905-10 (two volumes, organised geographically by parish)

**11/ Agenda Book**

1. 1913-1919

**12/ Miscellaneous**

1. Tabular account book showing the profit and loss of each parish, [linked with assessment?]  
Undated but definitely late 19<sup>th</sup> century
2. Two boxes of miscellaneous finance loose papers including trust funds, insurance of churches, private endowments, decrees, remittances and accounts of receipts and expenditures (OFF SITE)  
1844-1944

## **10. Miscellaneous Papers Relating to Individual Parishes, District Churches, and Unions, 1684-1980**

This group is by far the largest single section in the collection and is partly the result of archival intervention, but principally based on a united diocesan registry system to gather materials relating to specific individual parishes, or parish unions, or in some cases specific district churches, created from the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century onwards in the united dioceses of Tuam, Killala & Achonry. In most cases there is a box of materials for each one, but in some cases (as indicated below) there is just a file placed on the top of the next available box. The collection which dates from 1684 (on account of materials of that date being in the Kilcommon parish collection) reflects registry interaction with specific places, and includes documents relating to clergy, such as nominations, installations and retirements from parishes, documents relating to property, such as consecrations of churches, formations of curacies and parochial districts, glebe inspection reports, and property rentals and sales. Materials also include correspondence relating to church affairs such as clergy, property, financial matters, and a host of other issues.

(Dates are just a rough indication)

<b>Box Number</b>	<b>Parish/Union/ District Church</b>	<b>Covering Dates; and or Specific Dates</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	<b>Aasleagh</b>	1858-1932	
2	<b>Achill</b>	1830-1964	Includes licence for the celebration of divine service in a premises known as the School House at Cashel, 1885.
3	<b>Achonry</b>	1789-1930; 1963	<i>For further Achonry materials, see the cathedral section below.</i>
4	<b>Annaghadowan</b>	1778-1809 1847-1897	
5	<b>Arran</b>	1851-1855 1871-1917	
6	<b>Athenry</b> (In box with Aughower)	1769; 1783-1965	Includes report on the building of a public road to Lissanisky, with various parties mentioned, 1769; and the patent for appointment of Mark Perrin as Rector of Athenry, 1840-1874.
7 Folder	<b>Attymass</b> (In box with Athenry and Aughagower)	1773	
8	<b>Aughagower</b> (In box with Athenry)	1827-1847 (1827; 1847?)	
9	<b>Aughaval</b>	1782-1800; 1824- 1850; 1851; 1947	Includes memorial with architectural drawing for improvements of Westport Glebe, 1851
10	<b>Balla</b>	1819-1913	
11	<b>Ballinacourty</b> (In box with Ballinahinch, Ballinchalla, and Ballinlough)	1806; 1855-1889	
12	<b>Ballinahinch</b> (In box with Ballinacourty, Ballinchalla, and Ballinlough)	1786; 1870	
13	<b>Ballinakill</b>	1791; undated; 1820-1823; 1840-1965	Includes documents relating to part of the income of the deanery of Tuam being used to support the

			income of the incumbent of Ballinakill, undated, early 19 <sup>th</sup> c.
14	<b>Ballinchalla</b> (In box with Ballinacourty, Ballinahinch, and Ballinlough)	1811-1847 1870-1874	
15	<b>Ballinlough</b> (In box with Ballinacourty, Ballinahinch, and Ballinchalla)	1825; 1844; 1862-1897	
16	<b>Ballinrobe</b>	Box 1: 1834-1898 Box 2: 1900-1974	
17	<b>Ballisodare</b>	Box 1: 1720; 1805-1895 Box 2: 1904-1964	
18	<b>Ballyconree</b> (In box with Ballycroy, Ballyhane)	1853; 1869-1901	
19	<b>Ballycroy</b> (In box with Ballyconree, Ballyhane)	1856-1896 1965; 1976	Report of Parochial District of Ballycroy, 1856
20	<b>Ballyhane</b> (In box with Ballyconree, Ballycroy)	1781; 1824; 1850-1880	Includes appointment of Thomas Shankill, as Clarke, 1781.
21	<b>Ballyovie</b> (In box with Ballysakerry)	1850-1937; 1967	
22	<b>Ballysakerry</b> (In box with Ballyovie)	1802; 1804-1819; 1822; 1861-1925	The 1802 item is a return of Protestant families to Ballysakerry and Rathrea with names, residents, and numbers of members of the Established Church. Includes appointment of Thomas Kirkwood and Francis Goodwood Esquires as churchwardens, 1811.
23	<b>Belcarra</b>	1828; 1867-1906	
	<b>Bucholla</b>	1849	See Killedan
24	<b>Burrishoole</b>	1778; 1782; 1797; 1825-1947	Includes licences of parish clerks and schoolmasters 1797, 1838, 1840, 1851.
25	<b>Castlebar</b>	1762-1961	
26	<b>Castleconnor</b>	1804-1838 1866-1912	
27	<b>Castlekirke</b> (In box with Castlemore and Claregalway)	1848; 1864-1922	
28	<b>Castlemore</b> (In box with Castlekirke and Claregalway)	1743; 1867	
29	<b>Claregalway</b> (In box with Castlekirke and Castlemore)	1808-1868	
30	<b>Cong</b>	1768-1795, 1815-1973	
31	<b>Crossboyne</b>	1823; 1843-1881 1966-1981	
32	<b>Crossmolina</b> (In box with Dromard)	1769; 1801-1911; 1944-1965	Includes list of candidates for confirmation 1778 and includes draft

			commission concerning dilapidations of the glebe house, 1835
33	<b>Dromard</b> (In box with Crossmolina) Also see Rolls.	1814; 1822; 1826; 1838; 1867-1950	Titles of the Revd Lewis Potter with item of correspondence revealing he is Diocesan Registrar, 1826. Baptisms and Burials in Parish of Dromard, 1871-1872; 1879-1880; 1883.
34	<b>Dugort</b> (In box with Dunfeeny)	1848-1917 1953-1955	
35	<b>Dunfeeny</b> (In box with Dugort)	1794; 1810-1827; 1859-1922	
36	<b>Dunmore</b>	1773-1797; 1837; 1838; 1869-1922	Extensive collection, including significant number of original deeds (some with original wax seals affixed) relating to Reverend Francis Browne 1784-1818; furthermore returns of denominations of land with landholders names alongside (for cess or rental purposes?) circa 1787-1792. Hand drawn map of arable and pasture land and bog land in Killmcnally in Barony of Dunmore from 1746.
37	<b>Easkey</b>	1802-1844 1878-1952	
38	<b>Emlafad</b>	1775-1807; 1835-1930	
39	<b>Errislannon</b> (In box with Errismore)	1855-1900	
40	<b>Errismore</b> (In box with Errislannon)	1759; 1760; 1824; 1863-1888; 1918; 1919	
41 Folder	<b>Foxford</b>	1774	
42	<b>Galway</b>	1779-1786; 1841-1975	
43	<b>Gurteen</b> (In box with Headford)	1820; 1823	
44	<b>Headford</b> (In box with Gurteen)	1783-1922	
45	<b>Kilcolman</b>	1808-1922; 1964	Includes letter from former rector, Revd Joseph D'Arcy Sirr, about the parochial schools, 1855. See also
46	<b>Kilcommon</b>	1684; 1775-1965	
47	<b>Kilcommon Erris</b> (In box with Kilglass)	1848-1903; 1963	
48	<b>Kilconduff</b> (In box with Kilconla, Kilmovee, Kilvine, Laccagh, Lackan, and Lisvalley)	1811-1909	

49	<b>Kilconla</b> (In box with Kilconduff, Kilmovee, Kilvine, Laccagh, Lackan, and Lisvalley)	1831; 1836: 1913; 1939	<i>See also Tuam</i>
50	<b>Kilcummin</b>	1808-1966	
51 Folder	<b>Kilgeever</b>	1805	
52	<b>Kilglass</b> (In box with Kilcommon Erris)	1768; 1823-1943	
53	<b>Kilkerrin</b> (In box with Killala)	1788; 1829-1952	
54	<b>Killala</b> (In box with Kilkerrin)	1783-1928; 1965	Refer to petition and reply from Bishop Poer Trench turning down an invitation to move the episcopal residence to Killala, following the amalgamation of the diocese, 1834. Box includes specification for church and estimate of costs to be built at Knock in Killala Union. Appointment deed of Richard Ekins as parish clerk, 1835. Title Deeds and related material for Hill House, Killala bequeathed to the diocese by Hannah Kirkwood, 1907. <i>For further Killala materials, see the cathedral section below.</i>
55	<b>Killanin</b>	1844-1917	
56	<b>Killanly</b> (In box with Kilmina, Kilmolara, and Kilmoylan)	1982	
57 Folder	<b>Killascobe</b>	1867-1872	
58	<b>Killaraght</b>	1806-1917	
59 Folder	<b>Killedan</b>	1849	Titles of Revd Mark Foster, 1849.
60	<b>Killoreran</b> (In box with Killoran)	1789-1886	
61 Folder	<b>Killfree</b>	1878	
62	<b>Killoran</b> (In box with Killoreran)	1772; 1818-1904	
63	<b>Kilmacshalgan</b> (In box with Kilmactigue and Kilmeen)	1803; 1806; 1824; 1879-1932; 1950	
64	<b>Kilmactigue</b> (In box with Kilmacshalgan and Kilmeen)	1769; 1801; 1802; 1847-1897	
65	<b>Kilmaine / Kilmainmore</b>	1772-1943; 1964	Includes a letter from the Revd Francis [Lambert]-Rutledge outlining why he needs to live outside the benefice because the glebe house is in an unfit state, c. 1813.
66	<b>Kilmeen</b>	1824; 1871	

	(In box with Kilmacshalgan and Kilmactigue)		
67	<b>Kilmina</b> (In box with Killanly, Kilmolara, and Kilmoylan)	1830; 1837; 1870-1891	
68 Folder	<b>Kilmocrean</b>	1854-1861	
69	<b>Kilmore Erris</b>	1761; 1826-1925	
70	<b>Killmoremoy</b>	1763; 1841-1965	See also Crossmolina above
71	<b>Kilmolara</b> (In box with Killanly, Kilmina, and Kilmoylan)	1833	
72	<b>Kilmoylan</b> (In box with Killanly, Kilmina, and Kilmolara)	1818; 1851-1870	
73	<b>Kilmovee</b> (In box with Kilconduff, Kilconla, Kilvine, Laccagh, Lackan, and Lisvalley)	1808; 1868	
74	<b>Kiltullagh</b>	1825-1939	
75	<b>Kilvine</b> (In box with Kilconduff, Kilconla, Kilmovee, Laccagh, Lackan, and Lisvalley)	1824	
76	<b>Knappagh</b>	1838-1960	
77	<b>Laccagh</b> (In box with Kilconduff, Kilconla, Kilmovee, Kilvine, Lackan, and Lisvalley)	1805;1823- 1829;1860-1863	
78	<b>Lackan</b> (In box with Kilconduff, Kilconla, Kilmovee, Kilvine, Laccagh, and Lisvalley)	1806-1844	
79	<b>Lavally or Lisvalley</b> (In box with Kilconduff, Kilconla, Kilmovee, Kilvine, Laccagh, and Lackan)	1947; 1952	<i>See also Tuam</i>
80	<b>Louisburgh</b>	1796-1965	
81	<b>Mayo</b> (In box with Moore)	1823-1921	
82	<b>Monivea</b>	1767; 1811-1966	
83	<b>Moore</b> (In box with Mayo)	1824-1871	
84	<b>Moylough</b>	1795-1953	Includes interesting appeal by the licenced Clarke and English schoolmaster, John Jones against the licenced Curate, the Rev Charles Grace and subsequent appointment of a new schoolmaster, Alexander Potter in June 1795.
85	<b>Moyrus Beauchamp</b>	1782; 1854-1912; 1966	
86	<b>Moyrus Roundstone</b>	1840-1964	
87-88	<b>Omey</b>	1827- 1965; 1990	Includes rectory Plans and sketches.
88	<b>Oranmore</b>	1804-1880	



	(in box with Omey)		
89	<b>Poulathomas</b>	1871-1879	
90	<b>Rahoon</b>	1806;1844-1895	
91 Folder	<b>Rathreagh (Rathrea)</b>	1775	Copy act of the vestry held at Rathrea creating the union of Rathreagh with Dunfeeny, Kilbreedy, and Lack, 6 April 1775
92	<b>Renvyle</b>	1853-1880	
93	<b>Ross</b>	1844-1871; 1957; 1965	
94	<b>Sellerna</b>	1850-1914	
95	<b>Shrule</b>	1853-1871	
96	<b>Skreen (Skryn, Skrun)</b>	1757-1961	Includes memorial to the Bishop requesting the building of a new church 1804.
97	<b>Straid</b>	1790; 1878; 1805- 1952	Includes Rural Deans return 1878.
98	<b>Tuam</b>	1740; 1765; 1774; 1778;1808; 1839- 1855; 1864-1924; 1882; 1945-1980	First item is form of penance pronounced publically in the Cathedral relating to fornication, 1740 with later explanation dated 1936. Memorials and deeds of consecration for a burial ground for the Protestant inhabitants of St Mary's parish, Tuam 1882 Also includes records relating to Tuam Cross 1960. <i>For further Tuam cathedral materials, see the cathedral section below.</i>
99	<b>Tubbercurry</b>	1835-1957	Includes returns of baptisms and burials,1850-1851.
100	<b>Turlough</b>	1835-1927	

## 11. Papers Relating to the Diocesan Cathedrals, 1770-1984

Like the parishes and unions above, the diocesan registry's interaction with each of the three diocesan cathedrals is individually maintained below, as follows:

### 1/ Achonry Cathedral, 1794-1935

Files of miscellaneous materials, including documents regarding the Appointment of clergy as Deans, Archdeacons and Prebendaries in Achonry Cathedral, correspondence, and Episcopal Mandates for 1867; 1876; 1879.

The table below gives a breakdown of the individuals involved: -

Name	Covering Dates	Notes
<b>Very Revd Theophilus Blakeley</b>	1824-1825	Appointment as Dean of Achonry and correspondence with Lord Bishop of Killala 1825. Fragile Wax Seal.

<b>Canon Herbert James Macready Bryan</b>	1935	Appointment as Prebendary of Killaraght and Kilmovee.
<b>Very Revd William Greene</b>	1821-1824	Appointment of as Dean of Achonry. Fragile Wax Seal
<b>Very Revd Edward Newenham Hoare</b>	1839-1850	Appointment as Dean of Achonry and correspondence concerning his appointment. Fragile Wax Seal.
<b>Ven Thomas Kingsbury</b>	1818-1846	Appointment as Archdeacon of Achonry.
<b>Ven Theophilus Patrick Landey</b>	1905	Appointment as Archdeacon of Achonry.
<b>Canon James Little</b>	1867	Appointment of as Prebendary of Kilmovee
<b>Ven George Fitzwilliam McCormick</b>	1915	Appointment as Archdeacon of Achonry.
<b>Canon Charles Molloy</b>	1929	Appointment as Prebendary and Vicarage of Ballisadare.
<b>Very Revd Hon Harvey de Montmorency</b>	1850-1872	Appointment as Dean of Achonry and draft institution and instillation mandate.
<b>Ven Robert John Noyes Alfred Audley Ost</b>	1902 1915	Appointment as Archdeacon of Achonry Appointment as Prebendary of Ballisadare
<b>Canon Charles Seymour</b>	1794	Appointment as Prebendary of Kilmovee and Vicarage of Castlemore.
<b>Canon Edwin Symons</b>	1924	Appointment as Prebendary of Ballisadare
<b>Canon Alexander Thomas</b>	1884	Appointment as Prebendary of Killaraght
<b>Ven Joseph Verschoyle</b>	1834	Appointment as Archdeacon of Achonry
<b>Very Revd Thomas Gordon Walker</b>	1896-1914	Appointment as Prebendary of Kilmovee 1896, Dean of Achonry 1907 and correspondence from 1914.

## 2/ Killala Cathedral, 1770-1928

One box of materials comprising appointment deeds and/or resignation documents of various Deans, Archdeacons, and Prebendaries of Killala Cathedral, with related various correspondence, Episcopal Mandates for 1867; 1876; 1879 and a Deed and Plan of renovation works on Killala Cathedral 1816 by James Pain, architect.

The table below gives a breakdown of the individuals involved.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Covering Dates</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Revd William Garret</b>	1770	Mandate to be prebend of Ardagh, signed by Richard Arbuthnot, Registrar of Killala and "Samuel Tuam" [Rt Revd Samuel Hutchinson]
<b>Very Revd James Collins</b>	1846	Appointment as Dean of Killala. Fragile Wax Seal.

<b>Very Revd William Evans Colvin</b>	1907-1928	Appointment as Dean of Killala 1928, as Archdeacon of Killala 1911 and as Prebend of Ardagh 1907.
<b>Ven Daniel George Hayes Croly</b>	1904-1907	Resignation Letters and Formal Resignation as Prebend of Ardagh and Archdeacon of Killala.
<b>Very Revd Hon George Gore</b>	1817	Appointment and letter of installation as Dean of Killala.
<b>Canon John Ribton Gore</b>	1875	Appointment as Prebendary of Lackan.
<b>Canon Brice Lee Jackson</b>	1911	Appointment as Prebendary of Ardagh.
<b>Ven William Jackson</b>	1858	Appointment as Archdeacon of Killala.
<b>Very Rev William Oliver Jackson</b>	1903	Appointment as Dean of Killala.
<b>Ven Henry Edward Jolly</b>	1850	Appointment as Archdeacon of Killala.
<b>Very Rend Theophilus Patrick Landy</b>	1915	Appointment as Dean of Killala
<b>Canon Edward Lowe</b>	1875	Appointment as Prebendary of Errew
<b>Very Revd Charles Edward MacQuaid</b>	1935	Appointment as Dean of Killala
<b>Canon John Robert Perdue</b>	1912	Appointment as Prebendary of Killanly
<b>Ven Arthur John Pike</b>	1935	Appointment as Archdeacon of Killala.
<b>Very Revd William Skipton</b>	1835	Resignation as Precentor of Killala and Appointment as Dean of Killala.
<b>Canon Samuel Stock</b>	1849	Appointment as Vicarage of Castlecomer.
<b>Ven Charles Ormsby Wiley</b>	1903-1904	Appointment as Archdeacon of Killala and Resignation letter as Archdeacon.
<b>Canon Edward B. Wood</b>	1875	Appointment as Precentor of Killala.
<b>Canon Robert Young</b>	1875	Appointment as Prebendary of Killanly.

### **3/ Tuam Cathedral, including materials on the Synod Hall and Henry Library, 1779-1984**

Very extensive collection depicting the many facets cathedral life within the diocese, as follows:

1. Clergy. Appointments, Resignations, and Installations of clergy as Deans, Archdeacons, and Prebendaries of Tuam Cathedral, 1779-1949; 1981.
2. Materials on architecture and maintenance of the building fabric. Includes, material relating to the maintenance, repairs and running of the Cathedral, cost breakdowns for heating and lighting, correspondence concerning the interior of the church and architectural drawings, sketches, and reports by H. Fellowes Prynnes, concerning the construction and improvements to the Deanery 1957-1964.
3. Licences. Includes marriage licences 1859-1877 and the licences of ordained Ministers 1801-1868.

4. Correspondence between “CB Tuam [Bishop Bernard] and Dr Stainstreet, [P Director of Cathedral Music] and also a J. Crampton to Stainstreet, both concerning Crampton’s young son Henry, joining the Cathedral Choir. 7 April and 1 May 1875.
5. Mandates. Includes mandates for Visitations 1876-1882, mandates for the election of clerical and lay representatives to serve in the general Synod 1891, 1897, 1912 and mandates for the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Tuam 1869 & 1870; 1970, 1980 & 1984.
6. Photographs. Includes photographs depicting the interior and exterior of the Cathedral, members of the clergy, stained glass, silver artefacts, boats and fishermen in Keem Bay in Achill, colour photographs of work in progress on the interior of the cathedral, and postcards of Alcock and Brown’s Plane for the first transatlantic flight in 1919.
7. Printed Materials, including copies of drawing by J.J Waldron of St Mary’s Cathedral, Tuam, and copy of engraving of the arch incorporated in the Sanctuary Wall; an A3 Plan of the structural features and cathedral grounds, and printed welcome brochures for Tuam Cathedral.
8. Lists of Synodsmen, 1878 & 1891.
9. Rotation of the residence of the Dean and Chapter, 1901, 1912, 1917, 1917
10. The Charlotte Elizabeth Luther Bequest. Correspondence relating to Tuam Cathedral 1959-1962.
11. Friends of St Mary’s Cathedral, including member newsletters, balance sheets and cash books 1967 – 1980 [Cash Books Closed].
12. Diocesan (Henry) Library includes negatives of the stained-glass windows; catalogues and lists of books in 1886; 1912-1915; 1926; book loans by readers 1909-1911; 1944-1956; File of correspondence with the RCB Library, receipts of purchase of books, and file of material concerning loans to the National Library of Ireland 1963-1965. 1886; 1912-1966
13. Miscellaneous material concerning parish income and expenditure and correspondence from various clergy and enquiries from the public, includes specification and tender for an organ to be built, 1963. 1834 –c.1964; Undated.
14. Volumes, including handwritten book of burial inscriptions in the graveyard 1882; Handwritten notebook titled “History of Tuam Cathedral”, c. 1960; Visitors Book 1948-1967 [Closed]

## 12. Episcopal Papers of the Archbishops and Bishops of Tuam, including the See House and Episcopal Endowments, 1735-1985

1/ Papers by or received by individual bishops, as follows: -

1. **Most Revd Hon. Joseph Dean Bourke (1735/36-1794), archbishop 1782-1794**
  1. Letter from the Revd Saml Meade [then rector and vicar of Kilkerrin, Boyannah & Clonbern] describing the absence or poor state of churches in the diocese; recounting taking a service in a cabin, and calling for the construction of new churches, 14 Dec 1782.
  2. Draft Petition for consecrating new churches as required in the diocese, 1789.
  3. Draft inhibition sent to the Bishop of Killala & Achonry advising of the visitation he intends to carry out, undated.

**2. The Most Revd Hon. Power Le Poer Trench (1782-1839), archbishop 1819-1839**

1. Copy of a royal mandate appoint Poer Trench (1770-1839) as bishop of Waterford and Lismore 18 August 1802 with related correspondence about the Archbishop of Tuam conducting the service, c. 1802-03.
2. Draft direction concerning the spiritual welfare of clergy 1824
3. Order signed 'Power Tuam' to build new churches and glebe houses, 6 Feb. 1826
4. Petition signed by various Protestants in Killala town to the "Lord Archbishop of Tuam" with his detailed reply to same, the "Inhabitants of the ancient town of Killala and its vicinity" from "Poer Tuam", The Palace of Tuam, explaining why despite their invitation he is unable to establish the future residence of the Bishop of Tuam in Killala, 11 June 1834.

**3. Rt Revd Thomas Span Plunket (1792-1866), bishop 1839-1866**

1. Form of enthronement for the Bishop [rather than Archbishop] 1839.
2. Letter from the Bishop, 'Palace Tuam' to unknown correspondent (probably a diocesan officer) marked 'Private' relating to visitation fees and a curate 'Mr Brown', directing that he is now licenced he can officiate, as well as various other registrar business including procuration fees payable to the clergy of the diocese with 'returns as to visitations' attached listing various fees received for visitations and other legal matters by the late archbishop (Poer Trench) – proxies, procuration, exhibits, between 1835 and 1838.
3. Letter in the bishop's hand, signed 'Thos. Tuam', at the The Hôtel Byron, Villeneuve Canot de Vaud' [renowned Swiss health resort] to 'My dear Clarke'[Revd Benjamin James Clarke (1815-1871) Deputy Registrar during the 1840s]. Dated 2 Sept. 1842 the letter is detailed revealing the bishop's reliance on and friendship with Clarke. It covers various diocesan matters of business, appointments of clergy and their salaries; there is mention of the cathedral and chapter, presumably Tuam; references to Revds Galbraith and Ruttledge, being other registrar officers, the bishop's expected appointment as an Ecclesiastical Commissioner, and finally requesting Clarke keep an eye on his house, and 'look what state my harnesses and saddles are in', adding 'I hope they keep a fire occasionally in the harness room'. *This letter compliments another Bishop Plunket letter to Clarke two months later from Florence, catalogued as RCBL Ms 764*].

**4. Re Revd Hon. Charles Broderick Bernard (1811-1890), bishop 1867-1890**

1. Certificate of Assent and Consent, described on back as 'old declaration' of the Revd Hon C.B Bernard, then rector and vicar of Kilbrogan (Cork) dated 1 May 1842.
2. Draft agreement with Robert Henry of Toghermore Co. Galway, for office in Bishop's Street, Tuam, 29 December 1871.
3. Incomplete autograph letter from Schomberg Kerr McDonnell, Principal Private Secretary to Prime Minister Lord Salisbury, undated, but between 1888 and 1892, and other autographs.
4. Letter from the Revd the Earl of Mulgrave, Kylemore Castle, Galway, to Bishop Bernard requesting his permission to celebrate the Holy Communion and other services in the 'little church' built by Mitchell Henry, the builder and new owner of Kylemore, 5 October 1886.
5. Commission granting Very Rev. James O'Sullivan authority due to illness of Bishop, 7 Dec 1887

**5. Rt Revd Hon. Benjamin John Plunkett (1870-1947), bishop 1913-1919**

1. One file containing Documents relating to election and enthronement, including mandates, blank election ballots, and correspondence, and papers including the minutes of a joint synod of Killala and Achonry to elect the new bishop, 1913.

**6. Rt Revd Arthur Edwin Ross (1869-1923), bishop 1920-1923**

Packet of election documents, including blank voting papers and scrutineers' returns. 12 Nov. 1919 – 15 Jan. 1920

**7. Rt Revd John Orr (1767/68-1837), bishop 1923-1927**

File of documents relating to election, including mandate and packet containing synod information and blank voting papers.  
1923

**8. Rt Revd John Mason Harden (1871-1931), bishop 1928-1931**

Documents relating to election, including mandate for election, election returns, and mandates for enthronement, and letter granting authority to Archdeacon of Achonry due to illness of Bishop. 13 Oct 1927 – 22 Sep 1931

**9. Rt Revd William Hardy Holmes (1873-1951), bishop 1932-1938**

Documents relating to election, including convening of synod and election returns, and mandate for the election of clerical and lay representatives to serve in the General Synod., and a copy of his death certificate, 7 October 1931, 2938 1933; 1938

**10. Rt Revd John Winthrop Crozier (1879-1966), bishop 1939-1957**

Documents relating to enthronement, including mandate for installation in the cathedral in Achonry and program of ceremonies for enthronement in the cathedral in Tuam.  
2 Mar 1939 - 8 Mar 1939

**11. Rt Revd Arthur Hamilton Butler (1912-1991), bishop 1958-1969**

1. Documents relating to election and consecration, including convening of synod and program of ceremonies for consecration as bishop, 25 Mar 1958 – 27 May 1958
2. Typescript "Bulletin" of bishop's news, circulated from the Bishop's House, Crossmolina, June 1966

**12. Rt Revd John Coote Duggan (1918-2000), bishop 1970-1985**

Documents relating to general church business, including correspondence, bishop's circulars, and rural dean's returns.  
23 Jan 1969 – 31 Oct 1985

**2/ The Palace/See House**

1. Includes boundary map of the glebe land associated with the See House, 1876, glebe inspection reports, and related correspondence. Also, unusually the signed undertakings of two servants – one to dwell at the stable yard, and the other at the farmyard: Margaret Hopkins, 1900 and Gerald Dillon, 1912.  
1876-1912

### 3/ Episcopal Endowments

1. Includes correspondence between parishes and diocese and a report prepared for the diocesan council relating to episcopal endowments, 1874-1880.

## 13. Materials Concerning Diocesan Clergy, 1731-1960

The two boxes in this group contains an eclectic and very miscellaneous collection of papers relating to specific members of the clergy where at some point the united diocesan registry began to collate clergy-related materials by record type, as opposed to the more helpful parochial arrangement reflected in group 1/10 above. An attempt at an alphabetical listing of same appears to have been made by the diocesan registrar, the Very Revd Joseph Jackson, see 21/below, which should be used in conjunction with this material.

### BOX 1/

1. Commission of the Venerable Charles Le Poer Trench L.L.D as Vicar General, 1825
2. Appointment of the Revd John Galbraith as Surrogate, 1821 and again in 1841 and 1846 and also as Vicar General, 1825; and later appointments of Revd Benjamin W. Eames and Revd John Less as Surrogate in 1847 and 1848 respectively.
3. Appointment of Revd James O'Sullivan as Archdeacon, 1890.
4. Diocesan Curate: Bishop's Letter appointing signed agreement of the Revd C. Burnell as Diocesan Curate, including terms 12 September 1914.
5. General orders to be observed by the Clergy belonging to the Dioceses of Tuam and Ardagh 1820.
6. Preachers Book of C.J. McDonald, Diocesan Curate of Tuam, (Covering services he conducted in several churches) 1892-1893.
7. Register of Resignations, appointments and licences of Curates made by the Synod, 1872.
8. Volume containing an alphabetical list of clergy, with full names and dates of various appointments, covering approximately the period 1731-1823.
9. Material relating to Rural Deans including lists, 1873, 1883, appointments, 1922 and miscellaneous correspondence concerning same 1923, 1960.
10. Letters Dismissory for years 1779; 1807; 1808; 1816; 1818; 1840; 1841; 1842; 1843; 1844 1845; 1846; 1847; 1848; 1849; 1850-1858; 1861; 1869; 1872; 1874; 1888; 1896

### Box 2/

1. Bene Decessit for years 1878; 1880; 1881; 1885; 1888; 1889; 1894; 1898; 1899; 1904; 1905 1910; 1912; 1914; 1915; 1927; 1928; 1930; 1933; 1937; 1939; 1945; 1956; 1960; 1963.
2. Se Quis for years 1886; 1889; 1890; 1891; 1893; 1894; 1895; 1896; 1897; 1898; 1899; 1900; 1901; 1902; 1903; 1904; 1905; 1906; 1907; 1908; 1909; 1910; 1912; 1915; 1918; 1919; 1925.
3. Letters Testimonial for years 1882; 1891; 1893; 1894; 1896; 1897; 1899; 1900; 1901; 1903; 1904; 1905; 1906; 1907; 1908; 1909; 1912; 1914; 1915; 1938.
4. Appointments of clergy for years 1904; 1908
5. Resignations for years 1874; 1886; 1890; 1891
6. Nominations of clergy for years, 1844; 1871; 1876; 1881; 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885; 1886 1888; 1889 1890; 1891; 1905; 1909; 1960.
7. Presentations given to clergy for years 1791; 1869.

8. Letters Recommendatory for years 1889; 1900
9. Correspondence from clergy concerning their nominations, 1887; 1888; 1890; 1891; 1902; 1938.
10. Certificates of Assent and Consent for years 1868; 1869; 1871; 1872; 1873; 1884.
11. Licences for Chapel of Ease in Lavally 1834-1837
12. Letters of Orders for years 1755.
13. Form of Enthronement of Lord Bishop, 1839.
14. Commissions and Institution and Installations of clergy as Prebends, Archdeacons, and Vicar Generals 1814; 1847; 1875.
15. Testimonials and Declarations of members of the church 1782; 1823; 1825; 1847; 1861; 1869; 1877; 1885; 1891; 1930
16. Certificate of reading the Declaration of Assent 1876
17. List of Deacons ordained, and Priests ordered 1853; 1882.
18. Licences for years 1881
19. Commission to consecrate the Rev Alexander Arbuthuot as Bishop of Killallow and Kilfenora, 1823.
20. Withdrawal of licence of Rev Edward Hardman as curate assistant of the Rectory of Ballyholla, 1834.
21. Physicians' certificates for years 1842; 1844
22. Copies of Baptism records for various parishes for years 1864; 1867 and 1879.
23. Return of the Dignitaries, Prebends and Parochial clergy, resident, and non-resident as per orders of the House of Commons 1805 with attached correspondence to the Archbishop of Tuam, Bishop of Killala and Lord Lieutenant, 1806; 1809; 1819. Also includes List of Incumbents in the Diocese of Tuam, Killala and Achonry and dates of admission 1877 and General Observations and copies of queries.
24. File of typescript subscription lists, undated.
25. Bundle of nominations and related parish to curacies in various parishes, 1870-84

## 14. Papers of the Registrars, Commissaries & Other Diocesan Officers, including those relating to the Diocesan Courts, 1756-1921

One box containing the following:

1. Commissions either appointing clergy as Diocesan Registrars or later cases the resignations of same, together with appointment of Commissaries. The table helps to give a chronology based on either date of appointment or resignation.

Name	Diocesan Remit	Date
Revds Johan and Dudley Ryder	Commissaries to act for the Archbishop of Tuam	1770
Revd Hugh Stafford	Registrar of Tuam	1787
Revd William Le Poer Trench	Registrar of Tuam	1822
Revd James Lancaster	Registrar of Tuam	1834
Revd William Fielding Wilkinson	Registrar of Tuam, Killala and Achonry	1891



Revd Francis Walker	Registrar of Tuam, Killala and Achonry	Resigned 1904
Revd Radcliffe P. Roe	Registrar of Tuam, Killala and Achonry	Notebook which reveals his appointment c. 1914 (see below)
Revd R.J. Lynn	Registrar of Tuam, Killala, and Achonry	Resignation as Registrar, 1886
Revd Joseph Jackson (note that additional materials reflecting both Jackson's role as registrar and dean of Tuam, see section / below)	Registrar of Tuam, Killala and Achonry	1921

2. Precedents for various commissions being draft template documents for different legal procedures and transactions 1756; 1811; 1830- 1855 (See section below).
3. Miscellaneous wills and legal cases as follow:
  - I. Extract from the citation of the 'Registry of the Court of Diocese of Tuam' relative to the cause of Martin Cullinan, Claregalway, tithe farmer, for lands within Oranmore, October-November 1827.
  - II. Original will and testament of the late Patt. McAneely, of Letterlough, Co. Mayo, who died 9 August 1834, with related probate papers, signed and sealed by his widow, Mary McAneely, and various others, proved in the Consistorial Court of the Archbishop of Tuam, 16 March 1836.
  - III. Original will and testament of Patrick Kilroy, of Looselawn, Woodford, Co. Galway, who died intestate 30 April 1866, proved 12 December 1881.
  - IV. Probate papers related to the late Thomas Clarke, formerly of Mount Shannon, Co. Galway, farmer, who died on 17 March 1878, proved through the Probate and Matrimonial Division of Tuam District, 6 August 1880
  - V. Probate papers related to Thomas Lally, late of Athymon, Co. Galway, who died on 13 February 1881, proved through the Probate and Matrimonial Division of Tuam District, 21 February 1882
  - VI. Probate papers of the late Bridget Morris, of Eden, Co. Roscommon, who died 17 July 1881, proved 29 March 1883
  - VII. Probate papers related to Michael Higgins, of Clonbur, Co. Galway, who died 21 May 1881, proved August 1882
  - VIII. Probate papers related to Timothy Lynch of Graignlorha, Co. Galway, and papers concerning a later Lynch family settlement, 1881.
  - IX. Probate papers related to Julia White, late of Castrea, Co. Roscommon, who died 25 June 1882, proved 23 October 1882.
4. Correspondence and tables of fees for work completed by the registrars and other officers including fees for the consecration of churches and for visitations, as well as accounts of fees for various services provided by the registry, 1835; 1865; 1881.
5. Account Book of the Vicar General & Registrar of Diocese of Tuam  
12 June 1846-14 August 1855
6. Materials relating to cases in the diocesan court, including correspondence from John Staples Swift Esq, 1 Henrietta Street, Dublin to Benjamin S Clarke, Deputy Registrar, Tuam, with attached copy letter to Swift from John Ibbitson Proctor of Doctors Commons, London concerning matters in the court, 1847; Two copies of the 'List of the fees of the constitutional courts of the Dioceses of Tuam, Killala, Achonry arranged and inspected by Jasper Robert Joly Esq, A. M Vicar General and approved by the Right

Honourable and Right Reverend Thomas Lord Bishop of Tuam, Killala and Achonry', 1850; Appointment of Chancellor of the United Diocese of Tuam, the Honourable Frederick Richard Faulkner, 1891; Lease for Tenants on Lough Corrib, 1884; Record of admission of Proctor for the Consistorial Court of the Diocese of Tuam 1852-1870. Furthermore, includes envelope of correspondence and fees concerning case between Bishop John Winthrop Crozier, D.D, and the Revd Ralph Stanley Judge, B.A. 1946-48. 1847-1948.

7. Notebook created by the Revd Radcliff P. Roe, The Rectory, Athenry, as Diocesan Registrar in 1914, containing correspondence which reveals the safe transfer of legal documents and registry material from the archdeacon of Killala & Achonry, the Ven. J. Landy, some on headed stationary 'United Diocesan Registry, Tuam', and later correspondence and notes when the book is inherited by Roe's successor, the Revd Joseph Jackson. The volume lists legal queries and decisions, 1877-1934.
8. Miscellaneous registry printed materials including blank forms such as book of entries, court books, minute books and visitation books, petition for commission of dilapidations and draft templates for legal procedures and transactions. Undated, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

## 15. Registrars' Returns and Ecclesiastical Reports, 1795-1905

### 1. Materials relating to Church Repairs and Rebuilding including many pro-forma circulars received from both the Board of First Fruits and later Ecclesiastical Commissioners

Comprises a set of circulars of the Board of the First Fruits. Includes *Orders agreed upon by the trustees and commissioners of the First Fruits, 1795; Appointment of Architects*, correspondence from Isaac D'Olier, Secretary concerning the Appointment of Mr John Bowden as Architect, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1810. *Orders and Regulations agreed upon by the trustees and commissioners of the First Fruits payable out of the Ecclesiastical Benefices of Ireland, 1811*; Circular dated 4<sup>th</sup> November 1811 concerning fund for the *Aid of Churches*, Material concerning *Church Loans* 1824, multiple copies of circular titled *Regulations of the Architects Department*; Table titled *Scale of Scantling for framed roofs of churches*, Circular outlining instructions for Parishioners on how to receive a "Loan [...], for the purpose of enabling them to erect, rebuild or enlarge their Church". 1795, 1810, 1811, 1824. Also, a set of circulars issued by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for Ireland. Includes *Instructions for procuring a faculty for repewing churches*, 1836-39 and undated;] and those calling for estimates to make repairs and extraordinary repairs to churches 1837, many of them addressed to the Revd John Galbraith, Tuam, together with the actual estimated returns complete for the churches at Tuam, Kinconla and Lavalley, including the handwritten invoices for itemised repairs submitted by Matthew O'Flanagan, Builder, as submitted to George Papworth Esq. Provincial Architect, Dublin, January-April 1839, with additionally a blank contract to instate Ecclesiastical Commissioners; and a blank form relating to glebe houses, undated. 1795-1839, and undated

### 2. Poor Parishes

Accounting for parishes or districts, names of officiating clergy or missionaries, whether the service held in English or Irish, totals of protestant parishioners (from birth or "converts"); numbers of

schools, daily average attendance, and observations and Correspondence 1851-1853; 1874-1884; 1908.

### **3. Preachers' Book Returns**

Handwritten and typed returns of preacher's books, including the numbers of people attending service, preachers' names, collections, etc. Also included a file of undated returns, lists of preachers in various parishes and related miscellaneous papers, organized in two boxes, by parish, for the following years:

Box 1: 1863-1869; 1865; 1874; 1869-1870; 1870-1871; 1871-1872; 1872-1873.

Box 2: 1873-1874; 1874-1875; 1875-1876; 1876-1877; 1877-1878; 1879-1880; 1881-1882; 1882-1883; 1883-1884; 1884-1885; 1885-1886; 1888-1889.

[Note there are also dedicated books for the parishes of Colloney, 1881-82 and Errislanan, 1877-78].

### **4. Ecclesiastical Returns (OS)**

Large outsize tables comprising returns for each of the three dioceses in the Archdiocese of Tuam, each of which was required to make a detailed return of the benefices, with and without churches and glebe houses, in response to the request of John Armagh, Archbishop Beresford, for a return of the 'want of the Church of Ireland'.

Undated but mid-19th century

### **5. Benefices (OS)**

Return of all lands and houses belonging to the Church of Ireland for the diocese of Tuam only, possibly related to above, giving the extent of the land, rents payable, details of leases, including lands belonging to the dean and chapter of Tuam.

Undated, but must be 1850s.

### **6. Benefices**

Account of annual net value of benefices  
1868

### **7. Public Records**

Miscellaneous returns on the public records comprising diocesan and other collections in the custody of the united diocese of Tuam, Killala and Achory as assembled in response to official requests by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners; Keeper of Public Records; Church Temporalities Commission and Public Record Office.

1871-1875

### **8. Benefices**

Schedules of returns accounting for benefices in Tuam and Killala only, including details on clergy, and showing amendments where churches had closed

Undated, but post-1872.

### **9. Commutation**

Box containing extensive Commutation returns for benefices in the post-Disestablishment era  
1873.

## **16. Other Volumes & Papers of the Registry and/or the Diocesan Office, 1765-2003**

This section has been arranged alphabetically by subject.

### **1. Architect**

File of routine correspondence relating to various diocesan architects, mostly with R.J Kinkead, Diocesan Secretary. Includes suggestions for defining the duties and remuneration of the Diocesan Architect and correspondence concerning travel expenses of same.

1872-1873.

### **2. Bequests and Trusts**

File of material concerning various diocesan bequests and trusts. Includes extensive items on the Ellis Estate as well as materials for the Lady Hutchinson Bequest for Clergy Widows, 1827; the Revd Thomas Sutton Trust 1821, the Letitia Lady Bingham Charity 1824, the Lord Ardilaun Benefaction to the Diocese of Tuam, 1914 and The Esther Marley Bequest 1951, The Roger Palmer Charity 1914-1976, and several others.

1765-1976

### **3. Burials** (*Note further information on burials and burial grounds at D5/19/4*)

Extensive files of material concerning returns on burial grounds.

Includes the following:

Petition to build a vault and exhume bodies at Ardnaree churchyard, 1877.

Correspondence relating to Leigue burial ground in Kilmoreemoy in Ballina 1932

The consecration of a burial ground in Kilglass in Sligo in 1943

Note and drawing of Kilmcshaglan burial ground 1948, correspondence and photographs concerning the death and burial of Mrs Lennon, widow of Rev Landon Lennon of Rabbit Island, Lough Corrib 1955-1961

Detailed returns with correspondence to a diocesan-commissioned questionnaire on burials grounds, 1960-61.

Undated plan of Claregalway cemetery.

Other miscellaneous correspondence.

1824-1827; 1857; 1877; 1932; 1943-1962, undated

### **4. Central Emergency Fund.**

Correspondence concerning the Central Emergency Fund set up so laymen can appeal for funds from parishioners of their local churches. Includes outline of how the fund will be established.

1920.

### **5. Church Officers' Returns**

Giving details returns of churchwardens, members of select vestry, treasurers, synods men, and parochial nominators, for each parish (Boxed together, in four volumes and then loose)

1871-1925

### **6. Coat of Arms**

Draft artwork for the diocesan arms of Tuam, Killala & Achonry, unfinished and undated

### **7. Confirmations**

1. Bound Register of Confirmations undertaken from 1913-1930.

2. Loose returns of Confirmation participants 1957-1958 and 1973-1976.

### **8. Diocesan Secretary's Form Book**

Volume containing routine printed circulars and guidelines to all diocesan secretaries, mostly issued by the RCB.

Undated, post 1871

### **9. Glebes**

1. Minute books.  
1915-45  
1945-62
2. Account Books  
1887-1957  
1932-1946  
1952-62 (Killala only)
3. Loose papers  
1869-1964

### **10. Marriages**

File of Marriage licences, forms for special marriage licences and list of parishes where licences may be issued.

1853-1901; 1952-1964.

### **11. Photographs**

Two black and white photographs of the interior of a sanctuary of an unidentified church  
Late 19<sup>th</sup> century?

### **12. Nominations**

1. Board of Nomination Minute Book 1871-1904
2. File of materials relating to parochial nominators, including lists and declarations, (some signed), and other blank pro-forma items relating to both lay and clerical nominators 1923, 1947; 1950; 1951; 1952; 1957.

### **13. Records and the Diocesan Archive**

Miscellaneous correspondence between the diocese and the Librarian and Archivist, Dr Raymond Refuassé, and also Mrs Brigid Clesham, concerning arrangements to transfer the diocesan record collection to the RCB Library

1973-2003

### **14. Statutes and Standing Orders**

*Statutes and Standing Orders for the Ecclesiastical Government of the Synods and Diocese* 1878, revised 1890, 1927 and 1948 together with a file of loose papers concerning the united diocesan synod for Tuam, Killala & Achonry, 1871-77; 1961.

### **15. Sustentation Papers**

Box 1873-1922

### **16. Synod-related loose papers**

Two boxes of miscellaneous materials including the Episcopal mandates of the Lord Bishop for the election of representatives to serve in the General Synod, 1886; Triennial election papers concerning instructions for election 1928, 1945, 1950; the minutes of the joint synod held to elect a bishop, 1913, Commission to hold a Diocesan Synod 1877, Mandates for triennial election of parochial nominations, 1903, 1908, 1909, 1912, 1924, Order of proceedings for Synod, 1896, 1910, 1945, outlining how the united diocese of Killala and Achonry will meet the legislation passed by the synod, 1921.

1872-1965.

**17. Vestry Reports**

1871-1883

**17. Maps & Plans, with related materials, 1753-1873**

Arranged in four main groups, as follows:

**1/ Glebe Maps**

A collection of glebe maps organised alphabetically by area name. The vast majority of the maps in this collection were composed in the 1850s (primarily in 1855-6), although the full range is from 1754 to 1873. While the collection is composed primarily of original material, there is also a substantial amount of (undated) copies.

**1. Annaghdown**

'Map of Glebe Land in the County of Galway, Barony of Clare and Parish of Annaghdown, for the Reverend John Cather. Map shows glebe land measurements.

56.5 cm x 44.3 cm

James Hannen, surveyor

October 1847

**2. Annaghdown**

'Annaghdown Glebe, Tuam Diocese'. On tracing paper, this map is based on Galway O.S. 70 and shows Nineacres, Slieve Fin, Drumbaun, and Barravilla, as well as glebe land measurements.

23.5 cm x 36 cm

Hodges Foster &amp; Co, surveyors

Undated

**3. Ardcotten**

'Ardcotten Glebe, Ballysadare Parish, in the Diocese of Tuam & Killalla'. The maps show Rinn and contains glebe land measurements.

56.3 cm x 66.5 cm

William Cochrane, surveyor

March 8, 1856

**4. Aughadooey**

'Aughadooey Glebe, half mile to Newport'. This map shows reference to Burrishoole Abbey and contains the glebe land measurements. It is done in pencil on very thin tracing paper.

21.6 cm x 27 cm

No surveyor information

Undated

**5. Balla**

'Map of Glebe Lands at Balla'. Map contains land measurements for three glebes: South Glebe; Glebe Plot west of the Street of Balla; and North Glebe Farm 'held presently by Mrs Flanagan'. The map shows the front elevation of the schoolhouse and makes reference to 'Sir Roberts'.

54 cm x 45.6 cm

John Vousden, surveyor

June 1856

**6. Balla**

'Balla Glebe, Diocese of Tuam'. On tracing paper, this map shows glebe land measurements and refers to Ballina and Ballyrourke.

44.8 cm x 29.8 cm

Hodges Foster & Co., surveyors

Undated

**7. Balla**

Untitled glebe map on tracing paper showing lands in town of Balla, Tuam Diocese, Co. Mayo. The map shows reference to land belonging to Sir R[ichard] Blossie, Mr Waldron, Fair Green land, and location of the schoolhouse, with a drawing of the front elevation.

**8. Ballinrobe**

'The Glebe House Plot of Ballinrobe'. Shows front elevation of house and various buildings. References canal of River Robe, and land belonging to Mr Kenny.

45.4 cm x 45.8 cm

John Vousden, surveyor

January 1856

**9. Ballinrobe**

'The East Glebe of Ballinrobe'. Map contains reference to 'English Church Yard' and 'Counsellor Cortneys' as well as land measurements.

46.5 cm x 45.4 cm

John Pousden, surveyor

January 1856

**10. Ballinrobe**

'West Glebe of Ballinrobe'. Mentions Carrownalecca and land measurements.

45.3 cm x 45.9 cm

John Vousden, surveyor

January 1856

**11. Belcarra**

'A map of the glebe land at Belcarra, surveyed for the Reverend R.W. Maxwell'. Shows 'front view' of church and vicarage, along with land measurements. Map references lands of Thomas Joyce to the north.

56.6 cm x 46.6 cm

Surveyed by John Vousdan.

June MDCCCLVI [1856]

**12. Burrishool**

'Burrishool Glebes, Diocese of Tuam, Mayo O.S. 67'. This tracing paper sheet contains two different maps: Aughadoocy Glebe and Killeen Glebe and refers to Kiltarnag, Carrowkeel, Drumbrastle West, Rosheen North, Carrowbeg North, and Newport Bay as well as the glebe land measurements.

50 cm x 37 cm

No surveyor information

Undated

**13. Claretuam**

'Map of the Glebe of Claretuam made for the Revd. Charles H. Seymour, Provost and Vicar of Tuam'. Map shows 'Mr Treacy's House' and glebe land measurements.

55.8 cm x 44.5

James Byrne, surveyor

Tuam March 2, 1857, and surveyed December 1855

#### 14. Cloonakeepa

'Glebe Lands of Mayo'. This map shows four areas: Cloonakeepa, Middle Glebe, Marsh, and Church Glebe and shows land belonging to Dominick Browne, Martin Kirwan, and Lord Sligo, as well as the 'Old Abby' and glebe land measurements.

41 cm x 53.8 cm

Francis McGreevey, surveyor

1823

#### 15. Cong

'Terrier of the Glebe and Parish of Cong [for] Revd E.L. Moore, Rector'. Refers to Toneleeane, Gurtaroe [Gortaroe] Creevagh, and lands belonging to 'O. Elwood, Esq.' Shows front elevation of the house and glebe land measurements. [see also map 55 of Nymphsfield below]

48 cm x 59 cm

No surveyor information

November 14, 1855

#### 16. Coolroe

'Coolroe Glebe'. Map shows Derry as well as glebe land measurements.

45.5 cm x 55.8 cm

Nicholas and George W. Belle, surveyors

December 1855

#### 17. Crossboyne

'A map of Crossboyne glebe'. Map features references to Derry, Castlemagarret, Burris, Ballindine, Hollymount, and Claremorris. The map features land measurements and contains reference to 'plantation claimed by the Revd. Robert Brown as part of Glebe or Bishop's Land'. There is also a handwritten note at the bottom of the map by Revd Brown explaining his position as to the land claim.

45.8 cm x 55.7 cm

Nicholas & George W. Belle, surveyors

December 1855

#### 18. Crossboyne and Coolroe

'Crossboyne and Collroe Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Mayo O.S. 111'. This map, on tracing paper, shows reference to Derry, Castlemagarrett Park Old, Burris, and Robe River. It also shows the glebe land measurements and the location of the schoolhouse and church.

46.5 cm x 30.5 cm

Hodges, Foster & Co.

Undated

#### 19. Cummer

'The Glebe of Cummer, the property of The Reverend Benjamine J. Clarke in the County of Galway'. Map shows Clough and glebe land measurements.

34.4 x 48.6 cm



James Byrne, surveyor  
May 1855

**20. Dunmore**

'Dunmore Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Galway O.S. 17'. This map, on tracing paper, shows reference to Moneenpollagh, Baunoges North, Breanra, Abbeyland South, Abbeyland North, Sion Hill, and the schoolhouse, as well as the glebe land measurements. It also shows an enlarged plan of the house, garden, and curtilage.

46.5 cm x 30.5 cm

Hodges, Foster & Co.

Undated

**21. Easkey**

'Easkey Glebe, Diocese of Tuam & Killalla'. Commissioned by 'Vicar Revd Edward Wood', this map shows the location of the church.

51.6 cm x 57.3 cm

William Cochrane, surveyor

December 27, 1855

**22. Emlaghfad**

'Emlaghfad Glebe'. Commissioned for Revd Arthur Moore, this map shows Kilnaghan, Tierebo, Woodfield, and Maghera as well as glebe land measurements.

45.8 cm x 55.5 cm

John Beatty, surveyor

1856

**23. Headford**

'Map of Headford Glebe ... for the Revd Dean [Robert] Plunket'. Map is black & white and in pencil and shows the front elevation of the house along with the glebe land measurements.

56.3 cm x 49 cm

Michael Burke, surveyor

May 1856

**24. Headford**

'Headford or Kilkilvery Glebe, Tuam Diocese, Galway O.S. 42'. This map, on tracing paper, shows reference to Pollaccullaire and Racepark, as well as the glebe land measurements. It also shows an 'enlarged plan of house division'.

46.5 cm x 30.5 cm

Hodges, Foster & Co.

Undated

**25. Kilbennan**

'A map of the Glebe of Kilbennan for the Revd Charles H. Seymour'. Contains reference to Poulacurrioon, Townleagee or Windfield, and Ballygaddy. Shows location of both Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic churches as well as land measurements.

56 cm x 43.6

James Byrne, surveyor

July 1856, surveyed December 1855

**26. Kilbennan**

'Kilbennan Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Galway O.S. 29'. This map, on tracing paper, shows the location of church (in ruins) and graveyard, and refers to Pollacorragune, Ballygaddy, Tonlegee as well as containing the glebe land measurements.

45.9 cm x 30 cm

No surveyor information

Undated

**27. Kilcolman**

'Map of Kilcolman Glebe'. Map references Claremount, Claremorris, Mr Keogh's Field, Mr Gray's Field, and Revd Moore's field, as well as land measurements.

46 cm x 49 cm

No surveyor information

Undated

**28. Kilcommon**

'A map of Kilcommon glebe, situate[d] in the County of Mayo, [for the] Revd W.R. Smith, incumbent, made on the basis of the Ordnance Survey'. Features sketch of front of house along with land measurements. Map references areas Lugatallin, Brittas, and Creggawatta.

55.8 cm x 45.8 cm

No surveyor information

1855

**29. Kilcommon**

'Kilcommon Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Mayo O.S. 111/119'. This map, on tracing paper, shows reference to Creggawatta, Brittas, and Lugatallin and the glebe land measurements. There is a section of the map that shows the house and curtilage in greater detail.

46.5 cm x 30.5 cm

Hodges, Foster & Co.

Undated

**30. Kilconla**

'Kilconla Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Galway O.S. 15'. This map, on tracing paper, shows Blindwell and Ballynagittagh, and contains glebe land measurements.

45.5 cm x 31.7 cm

Hodges Foster & Co.

Undated

**31. Kilconley**

'Map of the Glebes of Kilconley for The Revd. Charles H. Seymour'. Map references Ballinagittagh/Ballynagittagh, Blindwell, Beagh, and Ironpool and shows the North Glebe, South Glebe, and Church Yard as well as land measurements.

56 cm x 46 cm

James Byrne, surveyor

Tuam July 1856, surveyed December 1855

**32. Kilcummin (two copies)**

'Kilcummin Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Galway O.S. 54'. This map, on tracing paper, shows reference to Lemonfield, Rushveala, Billymore, and Carrowntober, as well as the glebe land measurements. It also shows an enlarged plan of the house & curtilage.

46.5 cm x 30.5 cm

Hodges, Foster & Co.  
Undated

**33. Kilkerrin**

'Map of Kilkerrin Glebe situate[d] in the County of Galway, [for] Rev. John Kerr, Rector'. Map shows Lehinch, Slieveroe, Kilcornan, as well as the schoolhouse and glebe land measurements.

55.6 cm x 45.9 cm

Made on the basis of the Ordnance Survey by Hodges, Smith & Co.  
1855

**34. Kilkerrin**

'Kilkerrin Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Galway O.S. 31'. This map, on tracing paper, shows reference to Lehinch, Slieveroe, and Kilcornan as well as the glebe land measurements. It also shows an enlarged plan of the house, garden, and curtilage.

46.5 cm x 30.5 cm

Hodges, Foster & Co.  
Undated

**35. Killacunduff**

'A map of the Rectorial Glebe of the Parish of Killacunduff, Part of the Lands of Rathscanlon now occupied by the Revd. B.W. Eames, 1856'. Map shows Revd B.W. Eames's lands, James Burke's holding, Revd Bryan Durkan's holding, John Kyle's farm, lands 'surrendered by James Burke', Thomas Groark's farm, workhouse land, and James Burke's plot, as well as glebe land measurements.

47.1 cm x 56 cm

Richard Betagh and Sons, surveyors  
1856

**36. Killeen**

'Killeen Glebe, five miles from Newport'. This map is drawn in pencil on very thin tracing paper and shows the location of the graveyard, as well as the glebe land measurements.

13.2 cm x 21.3 cm

No surveyor information  
Undated

**37. Killereran**

'Map of the Boundary of the Glebe of Killereran made for the Revd William Lepoer French, D.D. Map shows Hillsbrook, Lisavally, and schoolhouse, as well as land measurements.

56 cm x 45.8 cm

James Byrne, surveyor  
August 1856

**38. Killmaclassar**

'A Plan of Glebe Land (in the townland of Rushbrook) commonly called Killmaclassar, Union of Westport, Diocese of Tuam'. Shows Cloher Lough and glebe land measurements, as well as position of church (in ruins) and graveyard.

56.9 cm x 48.8 cm

George Walsh

December 31, 1855

**39. Kilmackshalgon**

'A Map and Survey of the Glebe of the Parish of Kilmackshalgon in the Barony of Tireragh and County of Sligo. Dioceses of Killala & Acconry [sp] ... Said glebe is in the possession of the Revd William Grove, Rector of said Kilmackshalgon and Templeboy'. Map refers to Ballyglass/Pulmer, Doonbeakin, and Belville and contains glebe land measurements.

56.9 cm x 48.8 cm

Matthew Folan, surveyor

December 6, 1855

**40. Kilmacteigue**

'Map of the Glebe Land and School House Plot of Kilmacteigue in the Barony of Leyny and County of Sligo'. Shows location of church, Roman Catholic chapel, and schoolhouse as well as glebe land measurements.

48.1 cm x 58.5 cm

C. Layng, surveyor

1856

**41. Kilmactigue**

'A Map of KillmcTeige ... filed in Registry 10 July 1875 ... by order from Hugh O Donnell, Esq'. On tracing paper, shows Athclare, Killure, land of Henry Harte & Partners, Gillaiveyo Park.

30 cm x 37 cm

Rolt Handcock, surveyor

May 6, 1754

**42. Kilmain**

'Map of Kilmain Glebe Land situate[d] in the Tuam Diocese [...] by order of Revd G. Gildea'. Maps shows Tavnagh, Kilmainparks, and Cregduff.

45.5 cm x 55.5 cm

M. Farragher, surveyor

December 1855

**43. Kilmain [Fragile]**

'Map of Kilmain Glebe Land and parts of Kilmainpark, Kilmaine, and Tawnagh situate[d] in the County of Mayo ... by order of Revd G.R. Gildea'. Shows Cregduff, 'Protestant Burying Ground', and 'schoolhouse with play grounds around it', as well as glebe land measurements.

49.6 cm x 74

No surveyor information

December 17, 1873

**44. Kilmeena**

'Kilmeena Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Mayo O.S. 76'. This map, on tracing paper, shows reference to Inishgowla, Clew Bay, and Derrinish, and contains glebe land measurements.

45.5 cm x 31.7 cm

Hodges, Foster & Co.

Undated

- 45. Kilmoylan/Kinmonlan** [?]  
 'Map of Kinmonlan Church Burial Ground and Glebe Land, Parish of Kilmoylan, Barony of Clare, County of Galway'. Map shows Annagh Demesne and Ballyglooneen and glebe land measurements.  
 41.3 cm x 54.2 cm  
 Samuel Roberts, surveyor  
 July 13, 1859
- 46. Knockaveely (Newport)**  
 'Knockaveely Glebe or Newport Rectory, Diocese of Tuam, Mayo O.S. 68'. On tracing paper, shows Owendarry River, Barrack Hill, Drumlong, Knockmatinny, Carrowbawn, as well as 'House, Garden & Curtilage with land to be purchased'.  
 49.3 cm x 36.5 cm  
 No Surveyor information  
 Undated
- 47. Knockaveely**  
 'Knockaveely Glebe in Newport Rectory'. This map, on tracing paper, shows glebe land measurements.  
 13 cm x 20 cm  
 No surveyor information  
 Undated
- 48. Lissavalley**  
 'Map of Lissavalley Glebe'. Map shows estate of J.A. Kirloan, estate of Michael Browne, as well as Lissavalley and Moher townlands. Glebe land measurements make reference to holdings of 'Cottier Tenants'.  
 60 cm x 35 cm  
 No surveyor information  
 March 20, 1847
- 49. Louisburgh**  
 'Louisburgh Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Mayo O.S. 86'. This map, on tracing paper, shows a separate map of 'House and curtilage' and shows reference to Carrowmor, Calla, Clooncarrabawn, Bunowen River, Caher, Corn Mill and parts of Louisburgh town, including the site of the church. Also shows glebe land measurements.  
 45.5 cm x 31.7 cm  
 Hodges, Foster & Co.  
 Undated
- 50. Louisburgh**  
 'Louisburgh Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Mayo O.S. 86'. This map, on tracing paper, is a duplicate of no. 49 but with plots of land shown in colour.  
 46.5 cm x 30.5 cm  
 Hodges, Foster & Co.  
 Undated
- 51. Louisburgh**

'A Plan & Survey of Louisburgh Glebe'. Map mentions Calla, Clooncarrowbawn, Caher, Carrowmore and Bunowen River and shows a small part of the town plan of Louisburgh as well as the Old Glebe House and land measurements.

49.3 cm x 63.7 cm

No surveyor information

Undated

**52. Mayo**

'Mayo Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Mayo O.S. 90/100'. This map shows reference to Gonnagusetaul, Knockaunabroona, Corlisland, Cullentragh, Curry, Ballinaster, and Fahbeg, as well as the glebe land measurements. Shows an enlarged plan of 'House, Offices, & Curtilage'.

46.5 cm x 30.5 cm

Hodges Foster & Co.

Undated

**53. Moylough**

'Moylough Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Galway O.S. 45'. This map, on tracing paper, shows reference to Moyloughmore and contains the glebe land measurements.

46.5 cm x 30.5 cm

Hodges, Foster & Co.

Undated

**54. Neale**

'Map of The Neale Glebe, situate[d] in the parish of Ballinchalla and County of Mayo for the Revd Lowry McClintock'. Shows Bunaraunish, Ballyargadaun, and Lawaus, glebe land measurements, and a small drawing of the church.

55.3 cm x 45.6

Hodges, Smith & Co., Map Agency Office

1856

**55. Nymphsfield** [The townland where Cong rectory / glebe is located].

'Nymphsfield Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Mayo O.S. 120'. This map shows reference to Creevagh South, Tonaleen, and Gortaroe as well as glebe land measurements. 'Cong' is written in ink above the title. There is a separate part of the map that shows 'House, Garden & Curtilage' in greater detail.

46.5 cm x 30.5 cm

Hodges, Foster & Co.

Undated

**56. Omey**

'A Map of the Glebe'. Map shows Glenowen and Clifden as well as glebe land measurements.

48 cm x 75.2 cm

Henry S. D'Arcy, surveyor

1859

**57. Omey Clifden**

'Omey Clifden Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Galway O.S. 35'.

46.5 cm x 30.5 cm

Hodges, Foster & Co.

Undated

**58. Ross**

'Map of Ross Glebe, Co. Galway'. This map makes reference to Rusheen West and Rosshill Demesne and is signed by Bartholomew O'Callaghan B.A. at the bottom [a Revd John O'Callaghan served the parish of Ross from 1860-72 and is listed as being the son 'of Bartholomew, farmer' in the clerical succession lists].

33.8 cm x 21 cm

No surveyor information

Undated

**59. Tuam**

'Survey of Land in the West Suburbs of the Town of Tuam, the Property of the Dean of Tuam'. The maps show Killaloonty, Tierboy, and 'The Grove'. Land measurements reference pasture held by Patrick Egan, pasture held by Mr Potter, pasture held by Edmund Burton, as well as references to Captain Lindsey, Mr Nolan, the site of the Old Abbey of the Blessed Trinity, location of Spring Wells, the church, and the old church yard.

28.5 cm x 46.9 cm

John J. Redington, surveyor

1833

**60. Tuam** [fragile]

'Map of Tuam Glebe for the Revd. Charles H. Seymour'. Map shows Vicarschoral Land, 'Grove', St John's, Farrannalox along with the glebe land measurements.

50.4 cm x 39.5 cm

James Cassidy, surveyor

March 1852

**61. Tuam**

'A map of the Glebe of Tuam for the Revd Charles H Seymour'. Shows barracks and refers to Parkmore, Farnabox, John Handcock Esqr., and vicar choral land. Shows land measurements.

56.2 cm x 45.7 cm

James Byrne, surveyor

July 1856, surveyed December 1855

**62. Tuam**

'Tuam Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Galway O.S. 29/43'. This map shows reference to Townparks (second and third division), vicarschoral land, and Farrannabox as well as glebe land measurements. This map also contains a separate plan showing 'House, Garden & Curtilage'.

46.5 cm x 30.2 cm

Hodges, Foster & Co.

Undated

**63. Westport**

'A plan of Westport Glebe, Diocese of Tuam'. Refers to Westport and Newport. The map contains a brief reference to land measurements.

48.4 cm x 61 cm

George Walsh, surveyor

December 31, 1855

#### 64. Westport

'Westport Glebe, Diocese of Tuam, Mayo O.S. 88'. This map shows reference to Deerpark East, Carrowbeg, and Westport Demesne as well as the glebe land measurements.

46.5 cm x 30.5 cm

Hodges, Foster & Co.

Undated

## 2/ District Maps

A collection of significant district maps drawn up to de-mark new unions of parishes, organised alphabetically by area name. These maps date predominantly from the 1860s (with two from the 1850s) and all include administrative detail in the form of letters from the relevant bodies or authorities, suggesting some significant parochial boundary reorganisation was underway by the 1860s. According to historian, Dr Miriam Moffit, whose book *Soupers and Jumpers* analysed in detail the work of the Irish Church Missions, this evidence shows the operational development of the mission infrastructure, into which mission stations, schools and readers would be inserted. The small quantity of correspondence and related papers gathered together as file /7 below provides further context and further text-based lists of townlands etc and with interesting population information therein. The collection demonstrates the realignment of historic parish boundaries to allow for new theological realities.

#### 1. Aasleagh

'Deed of erection of the Parochial District of Aasleagh', dated June 2, 1854, and registered 13 July, 1854. Note inscribed by John Cather, incumbent of the parish of Aughagower in the Union of Westport, consenting to the formation of Aasleagh parochial district. Contains deed and note signed by 'Lord Baron Plunket'.

79 cm x 93 cm (folded)

June/July 1854

#### 2. Ballyconree

'District Cure of Ballyconree, Diocese of Tuam' (Killalla being crossed out). Map shows the townlands and boundaries of the new parish which was created from the 'parish of Omey in the Union of Omey'. Attached is a letter, with stamp, from Bishop Brodrick Bernard. The map is based on an Ordnance Survey, but no further information is given.

93 cm x 136 cm (folded into booklet)

Surveyor?

'Received July 29, 1868'.

#### 3. Castlekirk

'Parochial district of Castlekirk' showing the formation of the parish by separation from the parish of Cong. Contains various seals and stamps, as well as a letter attached by 'Thomas, Lord Baron Plunket, by divine permission, Lord Bishop of Tuam, Killalla & Achonry'.

90 cm x 147.6 cm (folded into booklet)

Seymour Webb & Co., 4 Kildare St [Dublin], surveyor

1 May 1864

#### 4. Errismore



‘This is the map of the townlands included in the parochial district of Errismore in the diocese of Tuam’ showing the formation of Errismore from Ballindoon and refers to the parish church of Clifden, in the Union of Omey. The map contains a letter attached signed by Bishop Plunket.

120 cm x 182.6 cm (folded into booklet)

Surveyor?

1 March 1864

#### 5. **Moyrus (Beauchamp)**

Map shows the formation of the parochial district, possibly from that of ‘Clifdeon’ (Omey) with a focus on the townlands that make up the new parish.

170.3 cm x 173.5 cm (folded into booklet, irregular shape)

Surveyor?

Dated March 4, 1856, signed March 24, 1856

#### 6. **Renvyle**

Formation of parochial district from the parish of Ballinakill due to the inhabitants of several townlands of Ballinakill being unable to attend their local parish church due to the vast distances. This map shows the townlands of the new parochial district, as well as the boundaries and is based on the Ordnance Survey map (9C Galway). It has attached a letter signed by Bishop Plunket that is dated May 8, 1861.

124 cm x 179 cm (folded into booklet)

Surveyor?

Date in ink on front 17 June 1861.

#### 7. **Sellerna**

Map showing the formation of the parochial district to be known as Sellerna, based on the Ordnance Survey map, with mandate and seal of Bishop Plunket, dated 2 August 1854.

1854

#### 8. **Related Papers**

Being a file of correspondence, related lists and some legal papers concerning boundaries and parochial districts, with more extensive material including lists of parishioners for Kilcummin and Moyrus (Roundstone). One early item from the Boundary Department of the Ordnance Survey of Ireland concerning the Parishes of Templemary and Rathreagh is unrelated.

1830; 1863; 1874; 1876

### 3/ **Miscellaneous maps**

A collection of various miscellaneous maps showing parts of Galway and Mayo (corresponding with Tuam Diocese) and organised alphabetically by area name. These maps - where dated - are primarily from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century although one (Tuam, showing the Estate of John Stratford Hancock) is from the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

#### 1. **Drumlong**

Shows side elevation of house and land elevation from house to Newport River.

Concerns disputed right of way from river to Chambers House through rectory land.

65 cm x 54 cm

Undated or surveyor information.

**2. Killoe**

Untitled, this map outlines the parish of Killoe and makes specific mention to the parishes of: Collomkill; Clonbrony; part of Killoe parish united to Templemichael; Templemichael; and Clongish.

65 cm x 54 cm

Undated or surveyor information

**3. Mayo Estate Map (1)**

Ordnance Survey map (Mayo Sheet 59, edition 1920) showing part of Lucan Estate, marked in red.

70 cm x 105 cm

Stamped 24.11.1930.

**4. Mayo Estate Map (2)**

Ordnance Survey map (Mayo Sheet 60, edition 1920) showing various estates marked in red, including Lucan, Hyacinth Darcy, and Lord Norbury.

70 cm x 105 cm

Stamped 24.11.1930.

**5. Mayo Estate Map (3)**

Ordnance Survey map (Mayo Sheet 69, edition 1920) showing part of Lucan Estate, marked in red.

70 cm x 105 cm

Stamped 24.11.1930.

**6. Mayo Estate Map (4)**

Ordnance Survey map (Mayo Sheet 70, edition 1920) showing various estates marked in red, including Lucan, Hyacinth Darcy, and Lord Norbury.

70 cm x 105 cm

Stamped 24.11.1930.

**7. Tuam Deanery**

'Deanery of Tuam, Diocese of Tuam'. Shows position of The See House, proposed new deanery, lodge, glebe house area, and Farrannabox. The map, on tracing paper, also shows land measurement data.

59 cm x 41 cm

Undated and no surveyor data.

**8. Tuam**

'The Estate of John Stratford Hancock'. This map is based on the Ordnance Survey Galway area (Map 7, Sheets 29 & 43) and shows the Estate coloured green in area around Tuam Town.

63 cm x 48 cm

Undated and no surveyor information. There is a handwritten date on back: 16/2/1868.

**9. Untitled (1)**

Part of Ordnance Survey (perhaps no. 37). Hand-coloured edging showing perhaps parish boundary. Shows Lake Inagh, Tooreenacoona, Luggatarriff, Gleninagh, Letterfreckaun, Finnisglin, and Illion.

75 cm x 92 cm

‘Surveyed in 1839 by Captain Stotherd & Lieutenants Boteler, Durnford, & Beatty, engraved in 1841’.

Dated 16.4.’53 in pen in the bottom-right of map.

#### 10. Untitled (2) - Fragile

Hand-drawn in colour, shows parish or boundary lines for Kurry, Drishaghane, Kilgreana, and Carrabrack. The map is very fragile and is in a number of torn parts. 83 cm x 65 cm (approx.)

Undated and no surveyor data.

#### 11. Untitled (3) - Fragile

Hand-drawn in colour, shows various plots with land measurements. The map refers to Arakorky, Knockadoroha, and Ballynasteen and is primarily concerned with identifying arable land.

107 cm x 55 cm

Undated and no surveyor information.

#### 4/ Printed Secondary Maps

Being a smaller collection of 16 various Ordnance Survey maps showing parts of Galway and Mayo (corresponding with Tuam Diocese). These maps were probably purchased and used by the diocesan registry or office in order to determine proposed boundaries but were never altered in any way. They have been retained to reflect the cartographical extent of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century diocesan administration.

## 18. Correspondence, 1838-1953

1. File of miscellaneous correspondence of successive diocesan registrars with related papers interleaved, including routine correspondence addressed to R.J. Kinkead, Secretary of the Diocesan Council 1873-1875, and a couple of later items, including circular concerning permissive prayers in connection with the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth, 1953.  
1838-1897; 1936; 1953.
2. Letter Books, as follows:
  1. Index to letters received in Council Office, 1870-1873
  2. Letters received and sent (names only), 1873-1877
  3. Copy in-letters, 1882-1883
  4. Damp press Council out-letter books, 17 volumes, 1871-1925.  
Note that there appear to be two separate sets of outgoing letter books, one for Tuam and one for Killala & Achonry, but there is little information on the spines necessitating detailed and limited perusal of each volume for information. Three volumes have been retained in the Library, but given the voluminous nature of this set, remainder are in external storage.

## 19. Education Records, 1774-2003

Loose items as follows:

1. Licences of English School Masters

File of licences of School Masters for English School in Tuam, includes nominations for Edward Hadlock in 1774 and Beech Sandford, 1812.  
1774, 1812

**2. Returns relating to English Schools 1786-1787.**

File of Returns of English Schools in the Diocese of Tuam, obtained by the Archbishop of Tuam from the Incumbents, at the request of the Lord Lieutenant. Includes pro-forma returns, tabular returns, and correspondence returns.  
1786-1787

**3. Diocesan Council Education and the future of the Church returns 1870.**

File of Returns concerning the subject of Education and the future of the Church c. 1870.

**4. Return of School Houses, Burial Grounds and Church Yards to be claimed under The Representative Church Body.**

File of Returns concerning act by the Representative Church Body to claim churches, schoolhouses, burial grounds, and church yards.

**5. Returns concerning the location of Schoolhouses on private or church land 1871.**

**6. Printed Educational Endowment Schemes**

Copies of various schemes for education including "The future government and management of the Educational Endowments of and belonging to The Parochial Schools of the Diocese of Tuam, and amendments to the Diocesan sustentation fund scheme 1871. 1871-1872; 1894.

**7. Correspondence**

File of general correspondence concerning education and school buildings.  
1881-1976  
1931-1949; 1961-1964; 1971-1975.

**8. Printed materials**

**Box** of Reports of the Diocesan Board of Education covering the inclusive period from 1906 to 1954 [but incomplete - missing 1907, 1932, 1933, 1941, 1948-50 and 1953]

**9. Stock, Insurance Papers and Receipts**

File of material regarding stock, insurance papers and receipts with correspondence.  
1907: 1919-1947; 1952; 1940-75; 1995-2003

**10. Material concerning specific School Houses, arranged in alphabetical order and chronologically within the parish.**

Name	Dates	Notes
<b>Aclare School, Kilmactigue, Achonry</b>	1912	Lease for Aclare School from the Right Honourable George Ralph Charles Baron Harlech to Sir Malbey Crofton, Joseph Pratt and John Garvey.
<b>Aughaval School</b>	1966-1974	Correspondence and receipts rel. to transport scheme, finances, etc
<b>Ballina</b>	1968-1977	Correspondence rel to development of school

		Site map and block plan of national school. Rel. to new central school includes ground plan and copy conveyance RCB to Diocesan BOE Killala and Achonry
<b>Ballinakill</b>	1973	Correspondence rel. to teacher residence
<b>Ballisodare</b>	1966-1974	Correspondence rel. to school expenses, grants, prizes etc.
<b>Ballycastle School, Dunfeeny</b>	1975-1976	Correspondence rel. to selling and valuing of school
<b>Castlebar, Mall School, Tuam</b>	1958-1969 1961-2016	Correspondence and accounts relating to Mill School House, Tuam. Includes agreement for the letting of the Mall School, Tuam
<b>Castlebar School, Tenniscourt Rd</b>	1963-1974	Gen. Correspondence, memorandums and sale of school
<b>Castlebar School, Transport Accounts</b>	1965-1967	Material rel. to transport scheme
<b>Castlebar School, trusts and payments</b>	1973-1975	Correspondence and material rel. to grants, etc.
<b>Castleconnor School, Killanley</b>	1967-1980	Correspondence rel. to transport scheme
<b>Claremorris</b>	1827-1975	Fee Farm Grant, correspondence rel. to purchasing property, Mayo County Council purchase of land
<b>Old School House, Omey, Clifden (Tuam)</b>	1939-1948 1960-1976	Correspondence concerning the Old School House, Omey, Clifden. Includes correspondence concerning repair of the water tank in "Sunnybank" in Clifden 1944-1946; Correspondence concerning the sale of the Omey School house in Clifden 1939- 1945; Correspondence regarding repairs on the School House in Clifden 1947.
<b>Colloonry School</b>	1965-1974	Correspondence rel. to transport scheme, insurance, etc.
<b>Dugort School, Achill</b>	1944	Correspondence concerning repairs to Dugort School, Achill.
<b>Dunowla School</b>	1969-1973	Correspondence rel. to sale of school
<b>St Anne's School, Easkey</b>	1968-1971	Correspondence rel. to sale of school and residence
<b>"Feenishbeg" Technical School, Aughagower</b>	1909; 1916	Agreement for lease of land to Rosamond Stephen for use as technical school on land at Srahatloe, in Aughagower, Tuam, 1916,
<b>Foxford School House</b>	1967-1975	Correspondence rel. to sale of school and residence
<b>Galway Grammar School</b>	1932-1959	Material rel. Erasmus Smith Trust, statement of accounts and school committee
<b>Hollymount School, Tuam</b>	1950	Lease of Hollymount School, 1950.

<b>Lavally Schoolhouse</b>	1946; 1966	Correspondence concerning Lavally church which was formerly a schoolhouse.
<b>Leaffony School</b>	1901-1975	Correspondence and material rel. to transport scheme
<b>Easkey School Transport</b>	1966-1974	Correspondence rel. to transport scheme
<b>Kilglass School, Killala</b>	1777	Lease of Land for Kilglass School.
<b>Killala School</b>	1966-1970	Correspondence rel. to sale of school
<b>Kilmactigue School</b>	1973-1976	One file rel. to Kilmactigue school 1973-1976 and the Erasmus Smith Scholarship 1978
<b>Knappagh School, Aughagower</b>	1909	Agreement for lease of land to Rosamond Stephen for use as technical school with map of land on the back of the lease, includes attached letter concerning the rent for "Aasleagh" Technical School.
<b>Mariner's School House – Enniscrone</b>	1964-1970	Correspondence rel. to sale of school
<b>Mullafarry School</b>	1975-1976	Correspondence rel. to sale of school
<b>Newport School</b>	1942-1944; 1921 1965-75	Correspondence concerning Newport School.
<b>Newtown White National School, Ballysakeery</b>	1904 1972-1973	Lease for Newtown white Day and Sunday school with map of lands, 1904.
<b>Scurmort School, Castleconnor</b>	1910-1933	Sale of school
<b>Shrule</b>	1955-1958	Correspondence rel. to sale of school
<b>Skreen</b>	1973-1976	Correspondence rel. to sale of school
<b>Touramakeady School</b>	1942-1948	Correspondence concerning the Touramakeady School House
<b>Tubberycurry</b>	1966-1977	Correspondence and material rel. to transport scheme
<b>Westport National School</b>	1946-1947	Correspondence concerning Westport National School with map of Westport attached.
<b>Woodfield School, Ballymote</b>	1966-1974	Correspondence rel. to transport scheme, vesting the property and copy of lease.

### 11. Exam Papers for Sunday School, the Lord Bishops Medal, and the Dr Henry Bequest

Box of material relating to Sunday school examination papers, the examination papers for the Lord Bishops Medal and The Dr Henry Bequest Book Prizes. Includes handwritten exam questions for various years and lists of prizes.  
1927-1956; 1974-1999

### 12. Transport Sub Committee

File of material relating to the Transport Sub Committee concerning the conveyance of children to school. Includes instructions for drivers commencing a scheme of transport, contracts between drivers and The Board of Education, Tuam, and accounts outlining the numbers of children utilising the scheme. Furthermore, includes correspondence concerning the scheme, ticket book of tickets for the scheme and printed reports on the Transport Fund.  
1939-1976

### 13. Standing Order

1961

**14. Association for Promoting Christian Knowledge**

Material relating to the Association for Promoting Christian Knowledge (APCK) including correspondence relating to grants and subscriptions, annual reports, prize lists and book orders.

1965-1976

**15. Donations, Subscriptions and Bequests**

File containing correspondence rel. donations, subscriptions, and bequests from and to a variety of sources. Includes material rel. to the Blake Trust, Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests and the Thorngate Trustees. Ewart Memorial Fund

1965-1976; 1997

**16. Education Endowment Acts 1885 (Returns)**

Correspondence rel. to the selling of the Clifden school, reports and inspections of schools and correspondence regarding administration reports.

1965-1976

**17. Sunday School by Post**

Annual reports, receipts and correspondence relating to the Sunday school by post scheme.

1966-1976

**18. Children in Joint Schools**

Correspondence rel. to the number of children likely to attend RC schools and the creation of joint primary schools.

1969-1973

**19. Religious Education Syllabus**

Correspondence rel. to examination in religious education and an experimental course for primary schools.

1971-1976; 2000-2001

**20. National School Management Committee**

File of correspondence and list of committee members relating to the national school management committee

1971-1976

**21. Grants**

File relating to secondary school grants including receipts, correspondence and a list of funds which assist protestant children to obtain secondary education.

1975-1977

**22. Miscellaneous**

Co. Mayo OS map sheet 38.3 marking school and school grounds just south of Crossmolina, scale 25 inch = 1 mile

Two copies of 'Guidelines on Equity' (Part 1)

Loose pages, these include forms, copies of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act 1885, Guidelines for Boards of Management of National Schools, and some correspondence.

**23. Forms**

File of blank forms (bar one), mainly rel. to transport scheme.

[n.d.]

**24. School Financial Returns**

Forms detailing the finances of schools including receipts and expenditures.

[n.d.]

**Volumes:****25. Diocesan Board of Education Minute Book**

1. 1901-1930
2. 1917-1967
3. 1930-1975

**26. Financial Statement Account Book Detailing Expenditure**

1. 1917-1942
2. 1960-1969
3. 1962-1973
4. 1971-1979

**20. Printed Materials, 1897-2005**

One box, containing an extensive amount of blank pro-forma printed material such as nomination forms for lay and clerical ministers, orders of procedure for election of a bishop to the synod etc. and the following:

*Scheme for the Distribution of the Surplus of the Commutation Capital of the Diocese of Tuam 1897 with the Financial Scheme of the United Diocese of Killala and Achonry.*

*Tuam Diocesan Board of Missions and Temperance reports, 1930 and 1931.*

*Tuam, Killala and Achonry Diocesan Commission Schemes for the United Diocese, 1978 and 1979.*

*Tuam Scripture Schools and Protestant Orphan Society report, 1858.*

*98<sup>th</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Reports of the Connemara Orphan Nurseries 1947-1948 and 1948-1949.*

Printed brochure containing details of summer services with map locations of churches, undated.

**Miscellaneous copies of the Diocesan Directory**

1998-1999 and 2003/2005 only

**21. Papers of the Very Revd Joseph Jackson, 1933-1966**

This section concerns the working papers of the Very Revd Joseph Jackson (1884-1970), Diocesan Registrar 1921-1965, Dean and Rector of Tuam 1945-1966. The collection reveals his



deep interest in local history and other subjects, and compliments other materials found amongst the Tuam Cathedral records in section 11/ above.

1. Notebooks compiled by Jackson outlining many aspects of the history of the diocese with copies of outgoing correspondence 1928: 1961-1962 1964-1965. Also includes detailed notes on index cards of sources for diocesan history, references to schools and churches.  
[Undated, 1960s?]
2. Additional handwritten notes on key dates with details (institutions, leases set, churches opened etc) for specific parishes.  
[Undated]
3. Alphabetical lists of clergy arranged under the following headings: appointments, letters dismissory and resignations, which appears to correspond with some of the content of the clergy files (see D5/13 Box 2 above)  
[Undated]
4. File of general enquiries and correspondence sent to Dean Jackson 1933-1966. Includes Letter from William Tuam concerning the dedication of a mural tablet; Letter from John C. McQuaid concerning the bequest in favour of the school children of the parish of Aughrim, 1949; Letter from W.J. Comerford concerning enquiry from the Dean about the Blakeney Estate, 1955; Letter from Geraldine Fitzgerald, RCB concerning an enquiry by the Dean on the history of the Cashel Loan collection, letter outlines the history and location of the volumes, 1960; Letter from the Diocesan Registry outlining the roles of the Diocesan Registrar during a Visitation, 1964; Letter from Harold Graham concerning the purchase of Rectory field in Clifden, 1966; Letters from Bishop Arthur Hamilton Butler regarding the charities and bequests that Jackson administers as Dean, 1966. 1933, 1949, 1953- 1966.
5. File of correspondence regarding angling and maps of lakes showing “well known drifts for fishing under the various weather conditions” for visiting fishermen. Includes map depicting drifts and weather data for Lough Mask.  
1961.
6. File of correspondence concerning a mosaic square in Tuam, to be sold to Irish Mosaics Ltd.  
1960.
7. Miscellaneous other papers including the draft succession lists for the diocese of Tuam.  
[Undated]
8. Typescript copies of papers possibly drafted by Jackson on various themes of responsibility, which were used as a ‘Lenten Programme’ to follow up an undated Anglican Congress, that Jackson may have attended.  
[c. 1960?]
9. Copy of Royal British Legion Ireland Southern Area circular, 1961

## 22. Miscellaneous Loose Papers, 1769-1965

Two boxes of miscellaneous loose papers, including claims for compensation, correspondence, power of attorney to execute a lease, 1788, appointment of prebendary to St Patrick's Cathedral, 1875, annual returns of churches and church of ease where marriages may be solemnised, grant of licences for new residence, 1847-1854, commission to institute to the deanery and precentorship of the Achonry Cathedral, 1875, reports from parishes, 1876, list of qualifications of candidates for appointment of diocesan secretary, 1886 and a copy report of sub-committee to the Representative Church Body, 1882. (OFF SITE)  
1769-1965

**D5A/  
Killala and Achonry specific registry records**

*Note for materials concerning specific parishes, unions and district churches,  
researchers should refer to sections D5/10 and D5/17 above.*

# 1. Episcopal Materials – of Various Bishops of Killala & Achonry, 1613-1816

## 1. Most Revd Miler McGrath (1552-1622), Bishop of Killala, 1607-22 and of Achonry, 1613-22, as well as Archbishop of Cashel.

Case presented by Archbishop Miler McGrath, which opens as follows: “Whereas upon petition made by the most reverend father in God Milerus Lord Ab of Cashel and Bishop of Killala and Achonry unto the right honourable the Lord Deputy shewing that the severall landes tenementes and hereditaments belonging to the sayd Bishopric of Killala and Achonry in the counties of Mayo and Sligoe are wrongfullie and with stronge handes withheld by divers the inhabitants of the sayd counties...”. Bray McDonagh is defendant. 27pp.  
[Post-1613, undated]

## 2. Rt Revd Thomas Bayly (died 1670), Bishop of Killala & Achonry, 1663-70

Legal answer provided for the said bishop, the ‘Thomas, Lord Bishop of Killala & Achonry’ relating to a bill brought by Michael Francis Cormack, defending.  
[Incomplete, undated]

## 3. Rt Revd William Preseton (1728-1789), bishop 1784-87

Book of procuration and exhibits including various payments listed.  
c. 1786

## 4. Samuel Hutchinson (died 1780), bishop 1759-80

Framed episcopal seal presented to Hutchinson on his consecration as bishop of Killala & Achonry, in St Ann’s Church, Dublin  
22 April 1759

## 5. Rt Revd James Verschoyle (1749/50-1834), bishop 1810-34

(Note: further correspondence of Bishop Verschoyle in relation the famine of 1822 appears in section #/ below).

There are four items in this section, as follows:

1. Royal grant of the temporalities of the dioceses of Killala & Achonry, signed by George III, with original royal seal affixed, prior to Verschoyle’s consecration as bishop in St Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin.  
6 May 1810
2. Episcopal seal  
1810
3. Note signed by ‘Jms Killala’ relating to the tithe payments of a Mr Browne, referring to the return of documents to ‘the Office’.  
1816
4. Undated draft bishop’s citation in which he advises the King [William IV] that he has summoned various parishioners of parishes in the diocese of Achonry pronounced guilty of the manifest contempt of the law’, to appear before the Consistorial Court.  
[Undated]

**NOTE: For further episcopal materials, see sections 2/ and 3/ below.**

## 2. Documents relating specifically to lands, benefices, rentals, and income of the diocese, 1658-1901

Miscellaneous returns, leases and correspondence relating to lands, benefices, rentals, and incomes possibly assembled as evidence of the extent of the dioceses in preparation for either the uniting of the bishoprics of Tuam, Killala and Achonry in 1834, or the later unification of the two diocesan registries under the terms of the Ecclesiastical Courts and Registries (Ireland) Act 1864, as follows: -

1. Copy of contract dealing with lands in the barony of Tirawly, Co. Mayo for the Bishop of Killala, 6 July 168; with later map of the part of the parish of Killalow, in the same barony, being part of the See lands, 1811.  
1658; 1811
2. Document entitled 'Authenticated extracts from the Down Survey of lands of the sees of Killala and Achonry' giving details of individual parishes (in alphabetical order) in the baronies of Costello and Tiranley. On the reverse of this document is an unrelated 'List of churches to be built' [in various dioceses] including Tuam, but also Armagh, Dromore, Dublin, Ferns and Ossory, and costs before and after the addition of the 'King's Money'.  
1682 & 1684; 1766
3. List of rental plots and tenant's names with details of arrears, possibly related to the episcopacy of Mordecai Cary, Bishop of Killala 1736-51.  
1745-46
4. Rent roll of Killala and Achonry, including tenants and values for plots in Killala town  
1759
5. Rent roll of glebes in the diocese of Killala  
1784
6. A return of the lands and tenants with their value 'Occupied by the Bishop', possibly in Achonry, but including unidentified town plots. One of the tenants is Archdeacon Henderson, who was archdeacon of Achonry, 1760-1813, so it is assumed to pre-date 1813.
7. Table of 'Leases of Glebe Lands, Diocese of Achonry' containing names of tenants, glebe trustees, quantity of land, rent and type of lease, compiled c. 1813, but dating back to 1756.  
1813
8. Rents due listed by tenant name with arrears and rents received, for unspecified lands but some details of glebes included at the end of the table.  
1817-18
9. Schedules of 'Tenants of Kilbride Rents' in account with Mr Palmer' [diocesan registrar] including names and rent income breakdown.  
1828-30
10. Document entitled 'Acreage of income for Achonry' including names of tenants and yearly rents, 1829-31  
1831
11. Tabular returns of rates of renewal fines on the Bishop of Killala and Achonry and return to the Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Inquiry of tenants and denominations in counties Mayo and Sligo; with a 'Return of the amount of the income of the See of Killala and Achonry, as ordered by parliament', 11 July 1833  
3 January and 29 March 1833; 11 July 1833

12. Draft 'returns for Dean Blakely' [Theophilus Blakely, dean of Achonry 1824-39] being a schedule of payments made since 1812 for various lands, compiled by the Registry Office, and signed by Frederick Stock, Registrar, 9 June 1834
13. Certificates of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of Ireland issued to various tenants of lands belonging to the dioceses for payments on leases at the Registrar's Office, Killala, 1838
14. Miscellaneous returns made to 'Frederick Stock Esq, Estate Transfer Branch Office, Ballina', concerning lands presumably transferred from Killala and Achonry to the diocese of Tuam and including details of the 'nature of the security offered'.  
1842
15. Similar draft to /6 above, being of 'Return made to Mr Stewart' with details of 21-year leases, 1822-1834  
December 1843
16. Table of the rent charge payable to the Revd A. Thomas, for lands in the union of Ballinakil', including names of persons liable, and areas, 1844-49  
23 March 1850
17. Returns of lands in county Mayo belonging to See of Tuam, as returned to the Quit Rent Office, by the Revd Benjamin L. Clarke, Deputy Registrar, Tuam, Dangan, Co. Galway.  
1864
18. Pro-forma returns of commutation monies received by parish in the diocese of Killala and Achonry  
1871-74
19. Statements of Ecclesiastical Income, returned by parish.  
1901
20. Miscellaneous lists of leases, incomplete documents, odd leases, and other scraps relating to lands, acerages, and income derived, including one undated copy grant of the fairs and markets of Killala to the bishop of Killala and Achonry.  
1760, 1765; undated; 1818; 1847; 1853 and later 19<sup>th</sup> century

### **3. Miscellaneous Legal / Diocesan Court Records, 1759-1876**

This section includes legal mandates of various bishops, as well as court papers and related materials administered by successive registrars and their agents, 1759-1876, as follows:

1. Copy draft commission for witnesses in a testamentary cause, 1759.
2. Inhibition given to the Revd Robert Moore in a matrimonial case between Charles Harlow, Mount Charles, Co. Donegal, and Catherine Layng and Frances Wallace of Finnit, Co. Sligo, 2 May 1779
3. Case involving the goods and chattels of Gabriel Egan of Rathnavart, parish of Ballisakeery, Co. Mayo, excommunicated for contempt, 1 January 1790
4. Original citation summoning John and Jane Caldwell otherwise Forrester and Elizabeth Barrett, to appear before a vicar general or judge competent in the church of Killmoremoy, signed by the bishop, 14 May 1790
5. Citation summoning various named churchwardens and schoolmasters to appear before Hugh Murphy, appropriator of the Consistorial Court of Killala, to hear themselves excommunicated for their manifest contempt by not appearing before the Court on a previous occasion, 20 November 1790
6. Letters of tutelage and bond in the case of a minor, Charles Stroger, of Mullahenry, by his guardian and tutor, John Ormsby Esq, sworn before the Bishop, and signed by John

- Neligan, Registrar, and John King, Vicar General, with a surety of £1,000 stg, 22 November 1791
7. Original citation summoning the Revd Anthony Browne of the parish of Swinford, to appear before the vicar general or other judge at next court day to defend against excommunication for contempt, signed by John Neligan, Registrar and John King, Vicar General, 4 January 1795
  8. Original citation of Bishop Joseph Stock summoning James and Thomas Moran, of Colleroe, Co. Mayo, farmers to appear before 'our vicar general or other judge' in the church of Ardnarese, to hear themselves excommunicated for their manifest contempt', 18 May 1801
  9. Three licences signed by Cornwallis, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland permitting ordinations to be held in His Majesty's Castle, Dublin, January, and March 1801, with a further licence signed by Charles, Viscount Somerton [Agar] Archbishop of Dublin 1801-09, permitting Bishop Joseph Stock to hold an ordination, 1802.
  10. Exemplification of letters of deacon's orders, received from the Diocese of Ossory Registry, for the Revd James Hamilton, 15 June 1808
  11. Draft certificates for buildings and improvements to churches and glebe houses, 'as copied from originals drawn by H. Stafford, Registrar, of Tuam' as received by Wm Palmer Registrar, of Killala & Achonry, and mentioning it is drawn from on by Dr Ratcliff, 2 June 1811
  12. Commission, signed and sealed by Bishop Vershoyle, for valuing the united vicarages of Kilcolman, Castlenoe and Kilmoree, mentioning a return no longer present, 18 March 1812
  13. 'Copy of an opinion of Doctor Ratcliffe, upon erecting a perpetual cure', 23 May 1815
  14. Commission for the Seneschal of the Manor of Achonry, signed and sealed by the bishop, 23 February 1818
  15. Copy of a legal opinion on 'Act 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter 37' signed by Tho. Wallace, 24 June 1835
  16. Copy affidavit of Frederick Stock, Registrar, on behalf of the bishop, for use in the Court of the Exchequer involving a sequestration case concerning parties Edward Waldron, plaintiff, and Revd John Garrett, defendant, 31 October 1838
  17. Draft copy of the will of Peter McGowan, late of Balleekin, in the parish of Templey, co. Sligo, and diocese of Killala, and relate schedule of related probate information, as proved in the Consistorial Court by the Revd George Turloch, Vicar General of the dioceses of Killala and Achonry, Sept. 1843
  18. Draft of the inventory of furniture of Owen Finnerty, deceased, formerly of the parish of Castleconnor, Co. Sligo, with cover note from H. F. Stock, Dublin, 23 December 1843
  19. Letter from J. Bligh, Roscommon, concerning a will, 30 April 1850.
  20. Draft commission to view and value dilapidations, 1850.
  21. Two commissions for the Revd William Jackson, Dean of Killala, to administer declarations, and deliver curates licences, and further to preside as commissary at the diocesan Synod, 18 and 20 September 1876

#### **4. Clergy Licences and Nominations, 1762-1966**

1. Run of original nomination citations for various clergy appointing them to curacies in the diocese, with one letter of recommendation signed and sealed by the Bishop of Elphin, to the Bishop of Killala. Provides evidence of the interplay between bishops and clergy and the legal support of the registrar in the process, as well as the continuity of practice from the 18<sup>th</sup> century through the period of Disestablishment.

1762; 1779; 1784; 1786; 1806-1878

2. Miscellaneous run of constats [receipts or evidence] issued by the Board of First Fruits to various named clergy either liable or not liable for payments to same, providing evidence of the extensive paper trails that formerly existed with this state body. Only a sample has survived here, but valuable insight to payments and claims by diocesan clergy.  
1789-1819
3. Miscellaneous bundle of clergy resignations, 1871-78
4. Minute Book – Achonry Board of Nomination, 1890-1966

## 5. Education Records, 1763-1965

### 1. Valentine Trust School (Killala)

Files relating to the bequest established by the Revd Thomas Valentine (1676-1766) Vicar of Castleconnor, Easkey and Kilglass for education and apprenticeships. Includes copy of Valentine's will, materials outlining the origin of the bequest and blank indentures for recruiting apprentices. Also includes account books, expenditure and receipts of donations and funds distributed. Also includes more recent materials concerning the 'Education Endowments (Ireland) Act 1885' containing correspondence concerning the Valentine Trust.  
1763-1769; 1802, 1825-1889.

### 2. School Returns

Extensive file of school returns for schools in the dioceses of Killala & Achonry, including three returns c. 1810, listing names and numbers of Roman Catholic and Protestant students, with later more extensive returns in response to the letter of the Board of Education, Dublin Castle, and then a run of slightly later returns for Achonry and Killala arranged in alphabetical order with two preceding letters of commission from Dublin Castle requesting the "number of parish schools in Ireland [...] and the number of scholars in each". Includes a separate file of related correspondence, 1823-24, and one stray return dated 1844.  
1810, 1822-24; 1844

### 3. Miscellaneous Correspondence

1877-1930

### 4. Board of Education Minute Books and Related Papers

1. 1890-1893
2. 1893-1917
3. 1894-1902
4. 1909-1911 (loose, with correspondence interleaved)

### 5. Board of Education Standing Committee Minute Book

1894- 1911

### 6. Board of Education Out-Letter Books

1. 1891-1895
2. 1895-1900

### 7. Board of Education Account Books



1930-1965

## 6. Documents Relating to the Appointments and Fees of the Diocesan Registrars & Their Staf, 1783-1876

### 1/ Deeds of Appointment, 1799-1867, as follows:

Name	Position	Date
Mr Frederick Stock	Appointment deed as Registrar	1799, again in 1814
William Palmer Esq	Appointment as General Registrar, Scribe and Writer of the Acts of the Bishop, including a signed consent by Bishop Verschoyle, that Palmer can deputise for Frederick Stock	1805, 1811
Revd Gabriel Stokes	Titles to the Office of Vicar General	1814
Revd James Burrows	Appointment as Surrogate (issued by the Revd James Battersby)	1812
Frederick and Samuel Stock	Commission as Joint Registrars	1830
Revd George Trulocks	Titles as Vicar General, 1833 also as Preband of Lackan (Killala, 1827) and as Preban of Ballisodere, (1833, Achonry)	1827, 1832, 1833
Revd George Trulocks	Titles to the Archdeaconry	1847
Revd James Fowler	Commission to administer oaths, 1854 with later appointment as Prebend of Rosscreebeg, Killala, 1867	1854, 1867

### 2/ Papers relating to the work and fees of the registrars, 1783-1846, as follows:

1. Incomplete and unbound register of citations and accounts (testamentary jurisdiction) for Killala only, detailing the names of parties issued with caveats for the granting of letters of administration of the goods of others, 1783-1799. Further contains the certificate of conformity with the laws as a 'popish schoolmaster' of John McNalty of Ardnaree Co. Sligo, 14 April 1784
2. Table of fees 'payable to the Judge, Registrar, Proctor, Seal Keeper, belonging to any bishop or archbishop'.  
Undated [later 18<sup>th</sup> century?].

3. Court Fees received by the Revd L. Battersby [Registrar?] and the Revd R. Nixon, Deputy Registrar with brief details of the parties and case involved with relevant fee.  
c. 1808-1811
4. Scrap table of fees for various clerical appointments, 1846  
Undated, late 18<sup>th</sup> century; 1846

### 3/ Correspondence

1. Routine administrative correspondence to successive registrars including William Palmer Esquire, The Lodge, Killala circa 1811; Frederick Stock Esquire, Registrar of Killala and Achonry during the 1820s and 1830s (one asking questions on churches, glebe houses and appointments of clergy with some data) and a Mr Faulkner, late 19<sup>th</sup> century. This material reveals the interplay between various registrars and diocesan clergy on a wide range of topics from the diocesan court, appointments of clergy, glebe lands, and there is one item relating to the bequest of the late Lady Hutchinson, 1827. [It is worth noting that H.F. Stock, registrar from 1799, was the son of Bishop Joseph Stock, and possibly a half-brother of William Palmer who also acted as registrar]  
1807; 1811; 1823; 1829; 1838-1850; 1858; 1861; 1864; 1871-1885.
2. Three rolls of routine sundry correspondence  
1919-1925.

## 7. Miscellaneous Registrar's Returns & Visitations, 1797-1960

1. Returns in the form of detailed lists of the named English schoolmasters and churchwardens appointed for various unions/parishes throughout the two dioceses, with related papers. 1797; 1808; 1811; 1812; 1815; 1816; 1820; 1824-25; 1825-26; 1840
2. Ecclesiastical Report for the Dioceses of Killala and Achonry  
Includes tables giving dignities or benefices, clergy, whether resident or non-resident, licensed, exempt, and other observations, with earlier partial draft and related correspondence 1809-10
3. Statement of the number of churches built during the precedency of Bishop Verschoyle in the dioceses of Killala and Achonry c. 1810
4. Return of incumbents, livings, curates, and patrons of parishes in the diocese of Killala only. The return is addressed to Dean Vershoyle, Swords, which indicates it may have been drawn up for the incoming Bishop Verschoyle (bishop 1810-34) who was formerly Dean of St Patrick's, prior to his appointment as bishop. There is an unrelated letter. 1810.
5. Return to circular containing queries from the First Fruits Office, Dublin, under the direction of the Commissioners on the Public Records in Ireland, dated 18 September 1810, handwritten, and completed by William Palmer, Registrar of Killala & Achonry, The Lodge, Killala, 14 January 1811, containing details of the extent and state of the records of the registry of the diocese. Provides very interesting detail about various 'chasms and deficiencies' in their extent largely attributed 'to the Rebellion of 1798'. 14 January 1811

6. Ecclesiastical Report for the Dioceses of Killala and Achonry  
Separate tables giving dignities or benefices, clergy, whether resident or non-resident, licensed, exempt, and other observations.  
1813
7. Famine and Relief Records, being an extensive file of correspondence concerning the early 1820s famine that affected many parts of Munster and Connaught including counties in the diocese of Killala, in particular Mayo, c. 1822 and returns for the delivery, shipment, distribution and guarding of famine aid as part of an orchestrated public relief effort.

Includes correspondence addressed to the Rt Revd James Verschoyle, Bishop of Killala & Achonry, concerning the provision and distribution of aid and correspondence to the Irish Distress Committee in London concerning the work of the committee. Also includes a statement from the 'Committee for managing the British Subscription to the Peasantry of Distressed Districts in Ireland', Principles for the 'Distribution of the Money granted to alleviate the scarcity which at present prevails in some Districts in Ireland' and List of Remittances made by the London Committee for 'Managing the Subscription for the Relief in Ireland'. There are also earlier letters from 1808, 1809 and 1814 concerning the contributions by landed proprietors present and absentee, possibly used as reference sources during the 1822 crisis  
1822 (with some earlier items for reference, 1808, 1809 and 1814)

8. Labourers' returns, linked to the Famine crisis outlined in the returns at 2/ above, and another initiative of Bishop Vershoyle, including the names of labourers employed, the daily wages paid to each individual, and some descriptions of the work involved, including works on the Moyne Road, Killala, and 'cutting down hills on the new road' in a parish not identified. Much of the work was overseen by one Arthur Wallace [Wallis] who received 1s.3. per day for his work.  
July-August 1822
9. Triennial Returns for the diocese of Killala only accounting for ecclesiastical extent of the diocese – good comparative detail 1823, 1826, 1829, 1832, 1841
10. Extensive file of returns and related correspondence on tithes. Includes official circular or 'Compendium on the establishing of Composition of Tithes', 1823; Miscellaneous legal opinions concerning tithes, 1826 and 1827; Petition of the Lord Archbishops and bishops of Ireland to Parliament concerning the bill of the Composition of Tithes, 1823; Printed copy of the parliamentary return outlining Tithe Compositions in Ireland, 16 May 1834 with some original handwritten returns of tithes of several parishes dated between June and July 1834.  
1834
11. Return of the dissolution of unions in the dioceses  
1824
12. Return giving the details of the clergy in each parish for both Killala and Achonry, and also Ardagh; their names, whether licensed; comments on their ability of discharging their duties; exempt or not from residence; where resident some detail is also provided on the state of the glebe house - in several cases 'nearly finished'; and also

crucially details of salaries, and occasionally the state of health of individual clergy.  
1826 (with comparative figures for 1825 also provided)

13. Tabular returns being ‘Ecclesiastical Returns of the Diocese of Killala and Achonry; being pro-forma tables giving details of livings, clergy (incumbents and curates), services, ground of licence and exemption, values of livings and other emoluments. [Very detailed].  
1829, 1830
14. Return of draft unions by Act of Council, Dublin Castle  
1830
15. Detailed returns of population returned for the year 1832, by incumbents of several parishes, including names, numbers of both families and individuals, with detailed observations, and related correspondence.

These returns appear are in response to request from the Primate and Archbishop of Armagh requesting that parochial clergy in the diocese “return the number of families and individuals of the Established church in their respective parishes”. Some returns are more detailed than others, broken down by townland, whilst for other parishes only a cover letter survives. It is nevertheless a significant body of evidence about population statistics, and also genealogical information for pre-Famine Ireland. [Note: An earlier return of the population for the parishes of Ballysakerry and Rathrea (Killala) only including names, residents, and numbers of members of the Established Church 1802, is available in the Ballysakerry box, D5/10 above]. [with subsequent correspondence in 1833]

Responses to the Public Instruction Commission [established by statute on 4 June 1834] and specifically a letter from Matthew Barrington, Secretary of said Commission sent to the Registrar of the Diocese of Killala and Achonry seeking ‘a full and correct [statement] in relating to the state of religious and other instruction, and the means of affording the same, now existing in ... Ireland’. Each incumbent was asked to return ‘the names and ranks of the several incumbents in the above diocese, of the benefice and benefices held by each and of the curates assisting each: showing also whether any of such curate assist any other incumbent and whom” to “have a complete return of the clergy in each diocese’. Includes several detailed returns from individual incumbents of various parishes in the diocese. In other dioceses these records were stored in the Public Records Office of Ireland, and thus did not survive the fire in 1922, so a very rare insight to religious instruction on the ground in pre-Famine Ireland, which also provides useful information about the role of the Registrar’s Office in collecting the information. In one item of correspondence, for example, Frederick Stock, Registrar, complains to Henry Lancey, Dublin, how he was ‘put to very considerable expense and very great trouble in doing the business required, 24 June 1835.  
December 1834-January 1836.

16. Return sent to Ecclesiastical Commission concerning the building of churches or chapels from private funds, 1845, with additional undated scrap accounting for the number of churches and chapels of ease in both dioceses, comparing figures in 1800, 1820, 1840 and 1854.  
1845; 1854

17. Certificates of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners accounting to the monetary value of individual benefices, mostly Achonry parishes, some for Killala, 1847-1862
18. Quincentennial Inspections, being loose typescript returns. 1951-1960

## **8. Diocesan Reports, 1870-1961**

These printed reports are devoted to the business of the diocese of Killala & Achonry specifically. There are various gaps after 1874, and between 1913 and 1929 while items 7-11 are bound, with the remainder loose.

1. 1870-1874
2. 1883-1884
3. 1884-1885
4. 1885-1886
5. 1886-1887
6. 1889-1890
7. 1893-1897 (bound)
8. 1898-1902 (bound)
9. 1900-1902 (bound)
10. 1903-1907 (bound)
11. 1909-1912 (bound)
12. 1930-1931
13. 1931-1932
14. 1934-1935
15. 1937-1938
16. 1941-1942
17. 1943-1944
18. 1944-1945
19. 1945-1946
20. 1947-1948
21. 1948-1949
22. 1949-1950
23. 1950-1951
24. 1951-1952
25. 1952-1953
26. 1953-1954
27. 1954-1955
28. 1955-1956
29. 1956-1957
30. 1957-1958
31. 1960-1961

## **9. Diocesan Council Records, 1871-1951**

### **1. Minute Books**

1. 1871-1881
2. 1881-1887

3. 1887-1905
4. 1905-1919

## **2. Memoranda Books**

1. 1872-1898
2. 1888-1915
3. 1916-1926

These volumes are of a scrapbook nature, containing reports, lists of clergy, notices, and various press items.

## **3. Agenda Books**

1. 1900-1905
2. 1905-1913
3. 1919-1922
4. 1922-1933
5. 1934-1951

# **10. Diocesan Synod Records, 1872-1945**

## **1. Original Minute Books**

1. 1872-1881
2. 1882-1906

## **2. Registers of Synods men**

1. 1882-1888
2. 1888-1945

## **3. Daft and Original Loose Minutes**

1. 1909
2. 1912
3. 1913
4. 1914
5. 1915
6. 1916
7. 1917
8. 1918
9. 1919
10. 1920
11. 1921
12. 1923
13. 1924
14. 1925
15. Folder: 1877, 1886, 1903, 1909-10, 1928, 1945

# **11. Accounts, 1882-1954**

## **1. Treasurers' Account Books**

1. 1882-1887
2. 1887-1894

3. 1894-1917
4. 1918-1953

## **2. Stipend Fund Account Book**

1. 1882-1886
2. 1887-1903
3. 1906-1923
4. 1923-1944

## **3. Stipend and Superannuation Account Book**

1. 1945-1954

## **4. Diocesan Account Books**

1. 1882-1913
2. 1887-1891
3. 1888-1893
4. 1895- 1916
5. 1896-1915
6. 1896-1916
7. 1917-1939
8. 1940-1953

## **5. Other Volumes**

1. 1914-1936 [Miscellaneous volume accounting for various diocesan funds as follows Stipend Fund, Superannuation Fund, Diocesan General Fund, Assessment Aid Fund; Appropriation Account; Diocesan Curates Account; Glebes Account and Glebes Profit Sale Account; Capital Account; Income and Expenditure Account; Parochial Endowment Capital Fund; London Sustentation Fund; Private Endowment Fund; Augmentation Fund; Stipend Fund; RCB Account (income); Surplus Stipend Fund-Distribution; Long Service Grants]
2. 1937-1943 [Government Subscription Accounts]
3. 1937-1954 [Parochial Endowments and Glebe Profits]
4. 1937-1943 [Account of Glebes, Parochial Trusts, and Private Endowments]

# **12. Miscellaneous Volumes, 1877-2007**

Being a collection of other miscellaneous volumes created and maintained by the separate diocesan structure of Killala & Achonry at various times, as follows:

## **1. Board of Nominations Minute Book**

1877-1930

## **2. Census**

Being statistical summary information only based on the 1881 Census of Ireland – no personal data provided.

1881

## **3 Glebes Committee Minute Book**

1916-1957

## **4 Marriage Notice Books**

1. 1940-2000 [Killala & Achonry returns]
2. 1983-2007 [Killala returns only]

Kept as a sample of this kind of record, duplicated by actual entries in various parochial marriage registers.

## **13. Miscellaneous Loose Papers, 1786-1958**

### **1/ Widows Fund, 1786-1896**

1. Minute Book 1852-1857
2. Arrears Book 1853
3. Subscription Account Book
  1. 1786-1800
  2. 1811-1837
4. Account Book
  1. 1780-1810
  2. 1849-1866
  3. 1873-1887
5. Receipts (loose)

### **2/ Records**

List of the contents of diocesan box lodged in the Provincial Bank, Ballina, by order of the Diocesan Council  
24 October 1904

### **3/ Financial Scheme, Assessment and Amalgamation**

One box of materials relating to the Financial Scheme for Killala and Achonry, 1911-1924, which was prepared as a lead up to a full-scale assessment of parishes, including lands, stipends and related figures, 1913-24; leading to the scheme to formally amalgamate parishes, subsequently approved by the Diocesan Council 27 March 1921, together with a later copy of the Sparsely Populated Areas Commission report of 1958, and related materials of Parishes of Killala and Achonry.

1911; 1913-1924; 1958



## Appendix 1: Episcopal Succession of the Province (and Diocese) of Tuam, with Killala & Achonry

Source: *Clergy of Tuam, Killala and Achonry Biographical Succession Lists*, compiled by Canon J.B. Leslie and revised, edited, and updated by by Canon D.W.T. Crooks (Belfast, 2018).

### BISHOPS OF TUAM

-1032	Murchad (Murrough) O'Nioc
-1085	Aedh (Hugh) O'Hoisin
1117	Cathusach Ua Conaill
1137	-O'Clerig

### ARCHBISHOPS OF TUAM

-1152-1161	Edan (Hugh) O'Hessian
-1171-1201	Catholicus O'Duffy
-1201-1235/36	Feliz O'Ruadan O'Rooney
1235/36-1249	Marianus (Mael Murry) O'Laghnan
1250-1256	Florence O'Flynn
-1256	James O'Laghnan (not admitted)
1257-1258	Walter de Salerno
1259-1279	Thomas (Tomultach) O'Connor
1286-1288	Stephen de Fulburn
1289-1311/12	William Bermingham
1312/13-1346	Malachy MacHugh
1349-1364	Thomas O'Carroll
1364-1371	John O'Grady
1372-1383/84	Gregory O'Moghan (O'Meghan) I
1384-1385	Gregory O'Moghan II
1386-1393/94	William O'Cormacan
1393/4-1409	Maurice O'Kelly
1410-c. 1430	John Babynghe
1411	Cornelius (in Crockford)
1430-1437	John Wingfield (alias Bermingham)
1438	Thomas O'Kelly (did not get possession)
1441-1450	John de Burgo (Burke)
1450	Redmond Bermingham (did not get possession )
1450-	Donat (Donough) O'Murray
1483-c.1487	William Black (Blake)
1487-1501	William joy
1503	Philip Pinson (did not get possession)
c. 1504-c. 1506	Walter Blake
1506-1513	Maurice O'Fihely
1513-1536	Thomas O'Mullaly
1536/37-1572	Christopher Bodkin
1573-1595	William mullaly (Lally, Lolay)
1595-1609	Nehemiah Donnellan
1609-1628	William O'Donnell (Daniel)
1629-1637	Randolph Barlow
1638-1644/45	Richard Boyle
1645-1649	John Maxwell
1649-1660	vacant

1660/01-1666/67	Samuel Pullein
1667-1679	John Parker
1649-1716	John Vesey
1716-1741	Edward Synge
1741-1751	Josiah Hort
1752-1775	John Ryder
1775-1782	Jemmet Browne
1782-1794	Hon Joseph Dean Bourke
1795-1819	Hon William Beresford
1819-1839	Hon Power le Poer Trench

#### **BISHOPS OF TUAM**

1839-1866	Hon Thomas Span Plunket
1867-1890	Hon Charles Brodrick Bernard
1890-1913	James O'Sullivan
1913-1919	Hon Benjamin John Plunket
1920-1923	Arthur Edwin Ross
1923-1927	John Orr
1928-1931	John Mason Harden
1932-1938	William Hardy Holmes
1939-1957	John Winthrop Crozier
1958-1969	Arthur Hamilton Butler
1970-1985	John Coote Duggan
1986-1997	John Robert Winder Neill
1998-2011	Richard Crosbie Aitken Henderson
2012 to date	Patrick William Rooke

## **Diocese of Killala and Achonry**

### **Bishops of Killala**

c. 500	Muredach
unknown	Kellach
1137	O'Mullover I
-1151	O'Mullover II
1176	Imar O'Ruaidhin
1179	O'Mullover III
1198-1206	Donald O'Bezdha
1207	Cormac O'Tarpy
-1214	- O'Kelly
-1224	Maelmiure O'Conmaic
c. 1230	Elias (Elya) O'Mullover (O'Maolfogmair)
-1234	Oengus O'Mullover
-1253	Gillaceallaigh O'Rowan
1253-1275	John O'Laidigh
-1280	John O'Laidigh II
1281-1305/6	Donough O'Flaherty
1306 -	John Tanguard (Tankard)
-1343	John O'Flaibhimh (O'Flahiff)
c. 1344-1346	James de Bermingham
1347-1350	William O'Dowda

1351-c. 1390 (1381	Robert Elyot Tomas Lodowis)
1390-1398	Thomas Horewell
1400-	Thomas Baret
1400-1423	succession uncertain
14xx -1423	Connor O'Connell
1427-1431	Fergal MacMartin
1431	Thady Magrath (McCreagh)
1431-1446	Bernard O'Connell
1447	Robert Baret
1452- c.1459 (1453	Rory Baret Thomas)
1459/60 -1461	Richard Viel
1461 –c. 1467	Donal O'Connor
1469/70 – c.1497 (1487	Thomas Baret John de Tuderto)
c. 1498-1505	Thomas Cleragh (Clerca)
1508-	Malachy O'Cluain (O'Clowan)
1512-	Richard Barret
1548-1569	Redmond O'Gallagher
1570-1580	Donat O'Gallagher
1580	John O'Casey
1585-1607	Owen O'Connor (Eugene O'Conogher)
#1607-1622	Miler Magrath
1623-1630	Archibald Hamilton
1630-1640	Archibald Adair
1640-1645	John Maxwell
1645-1660	vacant
1660/61-1663	Henry Hall
1663/64-1670	Thomas Bayly
1671-1680	Thomas Otway
1680-1681	John Smith
1681	William Smith
1681/82-1691	Richard Tenison
1690/91-1716	William Lloyd
1717-1720	Henry Downes
1720-1726/27	Charles Cobbe
1726/27-1729	Robert Howard
1729/30-1735	Robert Clayton
1735/36-1751	Mordecai Cary
1752-1759	Richard Robinson
1759-1780	Samuel Hutchinson
1781-1784	William Cecil Pery
1784-1787	William Preston
1787-1795	John Law
1795-1797	John Porter
1798-1810	Joseph Stock
1810-1834	James Verschoyle

#United with Achonry 1622

United with Tuam 1834

## Appendix 2: Diocesan Registry Materials Transferred to the Public Record Office, Ireland, 1970s

The following is a list of records or copies of records from the TKA Diocesan Registry located in PROI in the 1970s, compiled by Brigid Clesham at that time. (Revised June 2019). Transferred by the Very Revd Joseph Jackson (1884-1970), Diocesan Registrar 1921-1965, Dean and Rector of Tuam 1945-1966

<i>Ref</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Source</i>
M6085	Accounts of tithe collector for parishes of Killfine & Moygawnagh, Co Mayo	1818	Copied from MS lent by Dean of Tuam
M6151	Copy of Vestry Book for Athenry, Diocese of Tuam, containing applotments 1827-31 & 1833	1827-70	From original temporarily deposited by Dean of Tuam
M6207	'A proxy book for the Dioceses of Killlala and Achonry 1737'. Small unbound book, contains names of clergy, benefices and accounts.	1737	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson, Dean of Tuam, May 1964
M6212	Print of chancel arch of St Mary's Cathedral, Tuam, prior to building of present cathedral.		Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson, Dean of Tuam, May 1964
M6216	Certificate of composition rent, for lands of Bishop of Killlala in Moygawnagh parish, Barony of Tirawley, Co Mayo, signed by Richard Chappell, Deputy Auditor	6 Feb 1684	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson 13/07/1964
M6217	List of schools in vicarage of Easkey, name of master and number of pupils (8 schools, 4 maintained by Irish Baptist Society)	Late 1882	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson 13/07/1964
M6218	'Rental of 1816' [Diocese of Achonry], names 48 individuals, amounts due, no land particulars	1816	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson 13/07/1964
M6219	Rent roll of various places in Cos Mayo & Sligo	1736	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson 13/07/1964
M6220	'Roll of quit rents, crown rents and ..... in charge ye barony of Tirawley anno 170....' [damaged]	1700s	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson 13/07/1964
M6221	Draft of return of 21 year leases in Diocese of Achonry for Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Inquiry	[1833]	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson 13/07/1964
M6222	Return of 40 year leases under Lord Bishop near Killlala for Commissioners of Inquiry	3 Jan 1833	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson 13/07/1964
M6226	Photostat of rent roll of glebes in Diocese of Killlala & Achonry	3 Oct 1784	

M6227	Photostat of list of lands & tithes belonging to the Dean of Tuam	1809	
M6808	Photostat of letter from P. Aylward, V. Boetzelaerlaan 187, The Hague, Holland, to Rev. J. Jackson, describing the writer's experiences as a prisoner of war in Germany and his encounter with Sir Roger Casement.	3 Mar 1918	From original lent by Rev J. Jackson, Dean of Tuam January 1965
M6809	Photostat of record of visitation proceedings, Diocese of Killala and Achonry by Power Le Poer Trench, AB of Tuam	20 July 1820	From original lent by Rev J. Jackson
M6823	9 documents <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jonathon Rogers DD - Resignation of Precentorship, 1741</li> <li>2. Robert Berkeley DD - Resignation of Precentorship, 1786</li> <li>3. Rev Patrick Maxwell – Resignation of Vicarages of Kilmore, Erris &amp; Kilcommon, 1812</li> <li>4. Rev Thomas Kingsbury – letter of institution as Archdeacon of Killala, 1818</li> <li>5. A. Kelly – re planting of trees at Ardcotton &amp; ?, parish of Ballisodare, 1824</li> <li>6. Rev George Bermingham - Senechal of manor of Killala, 1829</li> <li>7. Receipts for £54 for repairs to parish church of Kilco[!]man, 3 April 1833</li> <li>8. Circular &amp; questionnaire from Bishop as to income &amp; outgoings etc in parishes, with view to providing data for Mr Joseph Napier MP who was engaged on an attempt to revise, assent etc law relating to church property- circular addressed to incumbent of Kilcummin &amp; signed on 4 Feb. 1850</li> <li>9. Letter from Francis Little to Frederick Stock, Killala re school at Dunfeeny, 16 Jan 1822</li> </ol>	1741-1850	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson, Dean of Tuam 21/07/1965
M6833	Minute book or diary of proceedings in Tuam Consistorial Court	22 July 1740-2 March 1741/2	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson, 09/09/1965
M6834	Rent roll of property of Diocese of Killala and Achonry for half year ending 25 March	1717	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson, 09/09/1965
M6835	John (Law) Bishop of Clonfert to Nicholas Redington, lease of Great Abbey land, parish of Clonfert, for 21 years at £70 per annum	2 Feb 1786	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson, 09/09/1965
M6838	List of Protestant families in parishes of Ballysakerry and Rathrea, Co Mayo	13 Oct 1832	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson, 23/09/1965

M6839	Estimate for church expenses, parish of Tuam, year commencing Easter	1835	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson, 23/09/1965
M6947	Commissions to swear church wardens in various parishes in Diocese of Tuam, Killala & Achonry 1-9 St Nicholas, Galway, 1744, 1756, 1758, 1761, 1763, 1767, 1775, 1778, 1785 10-18 Castlebar (Aglis) 1756, 1757, 1760, 1762, 1763, 1765, 1774, 1777, 1786 19-21 Burrishoole & Kilmina 1756, 1785 22-23 Ballyhane 1760, 1764 24 Ballinrobe 25-27 Cong 1740, 1766, 1789 28 Crossboyne & Kilcolman 1744 29 Kilkerin, Clonbern & Boyannagh 1738 30 Westport 1766	18 <sup>th</sup> cent.	Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson, 1966
M6948	Commission of the Bishop of Killala & Achonry to value various benefices with returns Easkey, March 1812 Killala, July 1812 Ballysakerry, Feb 1813 with letter 1826		Presented by V. Rev J. Jackson, 1966
1006	Parcel of circa 50 documents	Mainly 19 <sup>th</sup> cent.	
S.R 10/2 4	Tuam Visitation Books	1796-1871	
S.R 10/2 7	Account Book of the Vicar General & Registrar of Diocese of Tuam	12 June 1846-14 Aug 1855	
S.R 10/2 8	Parochial Vestry Book Tuam	1808-71	

**Note that these last 4 groups of items were among those returned to the RCB Library by PROI in 1988 (see List 1), although the Visitation Books returned only appear to cover the year 1795-1838, when the diocese ceased to be an Archbishopric.**