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IE MOD/1 - IE MOD/88

A collection of the research papers of Michael O'Donohoe, Castleisland, Co Kerry

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Michael O'Donohoe at work on his meticulous notes in Skevenas Bar, Castleisland, in 2002. Photographed by John Reidy, editor of *The Maine Valley Post*

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IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference Code: IE MOD/1 (to 88)
Title: Michael O'Donohoe Collection
Dates: c1974-2008
Level of Description: Listed to item level
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Held by: Michael O'Donohoe Memorial Heritage Project by kind
permission of Breda Brooks
Held at: Castleisland

CONTEXT

Creator

Michael (Joseph) O'Donohoe, Castleisland, Co Kerry (*var*: Mícéal Seosain Ó Donnada/Micheál (Seosamh) Ó Donnchadha)

Administrative History

Michael O'Donohoe (1936-2008) national school teacher and principal, taught in Castleisland for 35 years. Known locally as 'The Master', Michael devoted his leisure time to local history research most notably following his retirement in 1991. After his death on 26 June 2008, his collection was described as 'Awesome ... every available record and statistic, roll book, birth, marriages and deaths and electoral and census records [he] collated ... to produce a near DNA-perfect picture of the streets and lanes of the town' (Obituary, *The Kerryman*, 2 July 2008).

In the period that followed Michael's death, his research papers were taken into the care of his sister, Breda Brooks, at her home in Barrack Street, Castleisland who later offered the material to Tralee local archives for cataloguing. There it remained (uncatalogued) until May 2014 when, at the request of a concerned number of former friends and colleagues of Michael, it was inspected by Dr Paul Dillon who described it as 'a most valuable resource to researchers'.

A committee was subsequently formed in Castleisland, its object to raise funds for cataloguing and digitising the material and ultimately making it accessible to the public. Committee members: Johnnie Roche (Chairman), a local farmer; Colm Kirwan (Secretary) a retired local school teacher; Tomo Burke (Treasurer), a local businessman; John Reidy (Public Relations Officer), editor of the *Maine Valley Post* newspaper in Castleisland.

The Michael O'Donohoe Memorial Heritage Project was subsequently launched in the River Island Hotel, Castleisland on 25 October 2014 and received sufficient financial support to commence the cataloguing project (see below list of those who contributed to the project).

Cataloguing commenced on Monday 18 May 2015 in an empty premises in Main Street, Castleisland (Martin's Bar). During Heritage Week 2015 (22-30 August), *The Master's Legacy*, a short film about the project, was produced by John Reidy (committee PRO) in which family and friends of the late Michael O'Donohoe were invited to reminisce on their relationship with him. The film, of 15 minutes duration, was produced by Micheál Reidy (Micheál Does Graphic Design (<http://www.mdgd.net>)). On 4 September 2015, Minister Jimmy Deenihan, TD, launched the Michael O'Donohoe website, www.odonohoearchive.com.

Patrons

Munster Joinery, Ring/O'Donoghue family
Kerry Group
Divanes Castleisland, VW
Garvey's, SuperValu,
Lee Strand, Browne's
Ahern's Garage
Mons. Dan O'Riordan, Castleisland Parish
Tralee Credit Union
Castleisland Co-Op Mart
Walsh Colour Print
Bank of Ireland

Michael McElligott
Shanahan's Haven Pharmacy
Crag Cave
Kennelly's Pharmacy
Patrick McElligott's (Garage, Tralee)
The Roche Family
Fealesbridge Co-Op
The Burke family
Den Joe, American Style
Tom Fleming, TD
Crowley's Pharmacy
Lyons Insurance
Vincent Murphy Sport
Lynch's Pharmacy
Dave Geaney, Vet
Castle Lighting
Noel Browne
Charlie Horan
Tom Woulfe, Knockeen
Tim O'Mahony, Camp, Castleisland
Kelliher & O'Shea, Castleisland
Nolan's Garage, Dooneen
Rhyno Mills
Des O'Mahony, Carlow
AIB Castleisland
Maurice Walsh, Mill Road
Adrian O'Mahony, ex-Tralee Road
Finola and Michael Kerins, Kerries, Tralee
Haulie Kerins, FBD
FBD Insurances
Bart Hickey Tool Hire, Barrack Street
Jackie Reidy Menswear, Main Street
Sean Brosnan, Bawnskehy, Castleisland
John O'Sullivan (Skevena)
Walsh Machinery, Tullig, Castleisland
Denis O'Connell, Bawnskehy
Michael Griffin, Breahig, Castleisland
Tommy Brosnan, Knockanebawn, Castleisland
Tommy Roche, Firie, Castleisland
Tom Horan, Car Hire
Paddy Flynn, Portduff, Castleisland
Denis and Kathleen Roche, Ballyplymouth
Marie O'Sullivan, O'Sullivan's Bar, Farranfore
Timmy Twomey, Knockane, Castleisland
Michael O'Connor, Scarteen, Kenmare
James Brosnan, Tullig, Castleisland
Fleming's Auctioneers
Tom and Ned Prendiville, Gortglass
Declan Leahy, Listowel
Don McSweeney, Griffin's Newsagents
Galwey Auctioneers
Joe Reidy, Scrahan
Philip Horan, Killarney Road
Doreen Brosnan, The Curiosity Shop, Main Street

Tom and Kathleen Herlihy, Ballymac
Nuala and Steve Curtin, Shoemaker Bar
Bernard Costello, Vet
Jerome Stack, Tullig, Castleisland
Martin Curtin, Upper Main Street
Billy O'Leary, Breaahig
Mike Daly Transport, Fahaduff
Danny and Peggy Reidy, Knocknagore
O'Connor's Garage, Scrahan
Joe Martin, Castleisland
Tommy Martin, Castleisland
Willie Spring, Castlemaine

Scope and Content

Collection of the research papers of Michael O'Donohoe, Castleisland, Co Kerry, Ireland, of varied content but comprised mainly of research of nineteenth century Castleisland and its surrounds. The bulk of the material was created during the 1990s when Michael O'Donohoe retired from the teaching profession.

Arrangement

The material has been retained in its original order (88 themed folders) but has been organised alphabetically.

Conditions of Access and Use

Access:	By prior arrangement with Project Committee
Language of Material:	English (small quantity Irish)
Finding Aids:	Descriptive lists

Archivist's Note

We went to view the Island, which is a high, monstrous castle
of many rooms but very filthy and full of cow dung

– Sir Nicholas White writing in the sixteenth century¹

An able and more contemporary description of Castleisland was given by Peggie Prendiville, a student of the convent in Castleisland, in the 1930s:

Castleisland is situated in a broad, fertile valley in the centre of Kerry. The ancient name of the town was *Oileán Ciarraige*. It was so called on account of its peculiar position between two rivers ... both unite a short distance west of the town cutting off a section of land and thus forming an island. In 1226 Geoffrey de Maricso, a Norman knight, built a castle on this island and so the town came to be called Castleisland.²

Castleisland historian, Timothy M Donovan, writing at about the same period, described how the ruined castle had witnessed the progress of the town:

It has seen the growth of the town from a little row of thatched houses, with the manure heaps in front, to its present substantial status as a good sized trading centre. It has witnessed the fall of the once mighty house of Desmond. It witnessed the arrival of the Elizabethan Undertakers, the six English adventurers ... and saw the dispersion of the Anglo-Gaelic owners. It saw the destruction of the local Catholic Church ... It saw the guns of Cromwell at Camp and the arrival of his soldiers to

take over the lands of the slaughtered Gaels ... And alas to see the returning Gael make a cabbage garden of its enclosures and manure of its mortar.³

During the Civil War, a journalist reporting on conditions in the Castleisland district reminded the public that the town was once the capital of the county.⁴ This fundamental point finds centre stage in the Michael O'Donohoe Collection: Castleisland's considerable history – in a local and national context – is pieced together by a school master whose logic might have pleased Plato.

Michael's research reveals that, as well as consultation of standard sources of reference notably Lewis (*Topographical Dictionary of Ireland*), *Parliamentary Gazetteer*, Griffiths (*Valuation*), census and rates records, and directories, he sourced books, articles and newspapers to glean every published detail with a Castleisland link. In the process he created an extensive and comprehensive index of names and topics related to Castleisland and its surrounds.

He gathered material on historical subjects, comparing and analysing discrepancies between them, in search of a more precise result. He made a particular study of the *Kerry Sentinel* newspaper which in 1878 could be purchased in Castleisland from Mr John R Riordan. The paper was founded in Nelson Street, Tralee by Timothy Charles Harrington with the following agenda:

In presenting to the People of Kerry a new Catholic Journal, independent of all influences hostile to their Faith and Freedom, we believe we but supply a want already much felt. In a County where ninety-six per cent of the population is Catholic, the absence of an Independent Journal to advance Catholic interests, is no less an evil than a reproach.⁵

Michael also studied and chronicled the works of Kerry historians (and in many cases wrote an index to those works). In this collection those writers are gathered together and include Timothy M Donovan (*A Popular History of East Kerry*), Fr Kieran O'Shea (*Castleisland Church and People*), Robert O'Kelly (*The Diary of Robert O'Kelly*), Valerie Bary (*Houses of Kerry*), Jeremiah King (*King's History of Kerry*), T F O'Sullivan (*Romantic Hidden Kerry*).

Michael's interest was not limited to the historical; it extended to the biographical and genealogical (his transcription of a number of roll books from local schools will be of immense value to genealogists). Combined, his records will be of importance to a wide ranging audience.

The introductory series notes herein have been created from material in the collection supported by research conducted by Janet Murphy with help from Eileen Chamberlain. Eileen, a UK based researcher who has given many hours to the collection voluntarily, has helped to fill in gaps by her pragmatic approach to research. Michael's rule of thumb, 'think about it, there has to be a reason', might also apply to Eileen, with the extension, 'there has to be a record'.

A word of thanks to Margaret O'Connor, Craheen Employment Ltd, Castleisland, whose support ensured the completion of the cataloguing of this project.

If the adage 'the best to last' may be adopted, this is an appropriate place to extend the sincerest thanks to Breda Brooks, Michael O'Donohoe's sister, for allowing complete access to her late brother's research papers. *Sine Qua Non*.

Janet Murphy
Project Cataloguer
May 2016

¹ IE MOD/79/79.1.

² The Schools Collection, An Clochar, Volume 0447, Page 015. This description was one of many. Another student wrote, 'We have in this town the ruins of a very old castle. The ruins are now seven hundred years old. Our house is built from the stones of this castle. One of our neighbours when digging in his garden unearthed some blood stained stones and a part of an altar which was bought by an American. There are many secret passages in the castle. At the centre of the castle there is a big hole and inside this hole there is a large flag-stone. Underneath this flag-stone there is a path which is leading into the road. In the olden times the soldiers used to go through this passage in order to escape the enemy. One day my grandmother told me that she climbed the castle and when she was nearly to the top of it she saw a quaint little room. She forced her way into it and as soon as she entered a stone moved on the side of the wall. She went over to it and found a small brown box with something rusty inside in it' (The Schools Collection, An Clochar, Volume 0447, Page 020-021. Written by Alice Griffin, told by Mrs Allen, Killarney Road, Castleisland).

³ From part three of T M Donovan's six-part *Old Times in Castleisland Rambling Reminiscences*, *Kerryman* 4 April 1925. Donovan added: 'The old castle of the Desmonds that gives our town its name was of deep interest to us when we were boys. We only get a glimpse here and there of the history of this Geraldine fortress but in the early days, the whole of what was called the Castle field was covered with its ruins'. See also 'Vandalism in Castleisland' *Kerry Weekly Reporter*, 26 October 1901: 'It appears the Castle field is being let for building ground and that already some of those who have taken building sites there have actually taken away some of the ruins for building material ... one of those who embarked on the work of desecration only desisted when he came on some human bones in an underground cellar ... We appeal to Mr Maurice Murphy who is the present owner of the field whereon the castle stands to prevent any possible further attempts at destroying any portion of the ancient and historic castle'. Maurice Murphy responded, 'I let the site of a house to a man named Donoghue. I did not know that he pulled down one of the old castles till someone called my attention to it ... it is a pity someone did not call attention to fine old castles at Kilmurry, Ballyplymouth, Ballymachthomas and Ballymacadam. The latter was allowed to fall away lately not one word written about them' (*Kerry Weekly Reporter*, 2 November 1901). In 2014, Robert Maguire of Currow, Co Kerry, selected as subject matter for his college thesis the castle of Castleisland. Recently he has teamed up with John Reidy, editor of *The Maine Valley Post*, in an ongoing project to film a documentary about the history of the thirteenth century stronghold. It will feature a computer generated reconstruction of the edifice created by Micheál Reidy.

⁴ *Freeman's Journal*, 12 January 1923.

⁵ Castletownbere-born Timothy Charles Harrington (1851-1910), MP and Lord Mayor of Dublin. Later edited by his brothers Edward (1854-1902), who wrote poetry under the pen-name 'Jot'; and Daniel (1839-1915) and Daniel's son, Joseph, the first four-page twice weekly issue costing three-pence appeared on Friday 26 April 1878. The paper was suspended in summer 1918 'until such time as matters are more favourable' (though the printing works, raided in 1919, continued). It seems not to have reappeared. An image of an address presented to Timothy Harrington during his mayorship (1901-1904) on the birth of a daughter was published in the *Irish Press*, 16 October 1934. An obituary to Mr Patrick Cremins of Boherbee in September 1894 stated that he was father-in-law of Mr E Harrington of the *Kerry Sentinel*.



Breda Brooks (above) who liaised with the Michael O'Donohoe Memorial Heritage Project Committee to ensure her late brother's valuable research papers were made available to the public.

Committee (below) from left: **John Reidy** (PRO), **Colm Kirwan** (Secretary), **Tomo Burke** (Treasurer) and **Johnnie Roche** (Chairman)



Contents Summary

SERIES NUMBERS:
IE MOD/1 – IE MOD/88

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IE MOD/1 Ancient and Present State of the County of Kerry, The

3 items. IE MOD/1 comprises notes on the ancient history of Castleisland extracted mainly from *The Ancient and Present State of the County of Kerry* by Charles Smith

Pages 25-30

IE MOD/2 Auctions 1879-

2 items. IE MOD/2 comprises a chronology of auctions of land and property associated with the town of Castleisland during the period 1879 to 1897

Pages 31-34

IE MOD/3 Ballyseedy 2 AM March 7 1923

11 items. IE MOD/3 comprises a number of notes relating to events at Ballyseedy during the Civil War of 1922 to 1923 and copies of relevant pages from Dorothy Macardle's *Tragedies of Kerry 1922-1923* (12th Ed)

Pages 35-40

IE MOD/4 Baronies and Civil Parishes

34 items. IE MOD/4 comprises material pertaining to the baronies and civil parishes of County Kerry with particular reference to the barony of Trughanacmy. It includes legend and key to the map found at IE MOD/50/50.1 (IE MOD/4/4.4, 4.8, 4.9 and 4.11 are of particular relevance to understanding the map)

Pages 41-46

IE MOD/5 Boys' National School 1875-1958

3 items. IE MOD/5 comprises primarily one 71-pg enrolment book for the Boys' National School Castleisland for the period 13-5-1875 to 1-7-1958

Pages 47-54

IE MOD/5A BNS [Boys' National School] 13.5.1875-1941

7 items. IE MOD/5A comprises seven booklets relating to street names and names of inhabitants in Castleisland including Barrack Lane, Bridewell Lane, New Chapel Road, Old Chapel Lane, Hospital Road, New Limerick Road/Scannells Lane, Pound [Road and Lane], Killarney Road

Pages 55-60

IE MOD/6 Castleisland Church and People – O'Shea

4 items. IE MOD/6 comprises material pertaining to the work of Fr Kieran O'Shea and includes a photocopy of his book, *Castleisland Church and People* (1981) and creator's own index to same. Material includes a copy of O'Shea's essay on the Seigniorship of Castleisland

Pages 61-68

IE MOD/7 Castleisland in Deed

5 items. IE MOD/7 comprises material relating to legal agreements with particular reference to Daniel J Kelliher (Neligan) and Daniel J Kelliher (Roche Bawnluskehy)

Pages 69-74

IE MOD/8 Castleisland Railway 1875

10 items. IE MOD/7 comprises material relating to the former railway in Castleisland, mostly

handwritten notes plotting the history of the line from the incorporation of the Castleisland Railway Company in 1872 to the line's absolute closure in 1975. Material includes a record of station masters in Castleisland

Pages 75-78

IE MOD/9 Castleisland Workhouse 1849-1852

9 items. IE MOD/9 comprises material relating to the workhouse in Castleisland during the famine period. A copy of *An Gorta Mór, The Great Famine, A Guide to Sources for Research in Kerry County Library* is also held in this Series

Pages 79-84

IE MOD/10 Census 1901 1911 & Register of Electors 1926-7

8 items. IE MOD/10 comprises a small number of notes on family names and townlands in the Castleisland area together with a small number of photocopies from the census of Ireland 1659, 1901 and 1911 and one copy from the Register of Electors 1926-7

Pages 85-88

IE MOD/11 Census 1911

8 items. IE MOD/11 comprises material relating to the parishes of Tullig, Moanmore and Tubbermaing compiled from the census of 1911 and records of rates in 1885 for the parishes of Castleisland, Ballincuslane and Brosna

Pages 89-92

IE MOD/12 Charles Bianconi 1786-1875

5 items. IE MOD/12 relates to Italian born Charles Bianconi (1786-1875) who founded a public transport system in Ireland in the early nineteenth century. Creator draws attention to Bianconi's lease of land at 18 Main Street Castleisland and the marriages of Bianconi's son and daughter into the family of Daniel O'Connell

Pages 93-96

IE MOD/13 Charter School

2 items. IE MOD/13 comprises a summarised account of the Charter School in Castleisland, which operated between 1763 and 1802, extracted from an article by Michael Quane, 'Castleisland Charter School'. See also IE MOD/15

Pages 97-102

IE MOD/14 Charts

11 items. IE MOD/14 comprises assorted charts concerned mainly with nineteenth century extracts from Slater and Guy directories. Notable is one chart which contains a month-by-month summary of the year 1882 as it applied to Castleisland

Pages 103-110

IE MOD/15 Church of Ireland Castleisland Union

9 items. IE MOD/15 comprises creator's account of the history of the Church of Ireland in the Castleisland Union. Series includes a history of the Charter School (see also IE MOD/13) and a copy of a 19-pg catalogue of Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic burial records for Castleisland for the nineteenth and twentieth centuries

Pages 111-126

IE MOD/16 Civil War in England 1642-1649

5 items. IE MOD/16 comprises a chronology of the life of Oliver Cromwell from his birth in 1599 until his death in 1658 into which context creator incorporates the execution of Charles I on 30 January 1649

Pages 127-134

IE MOD/17 Convent Boys 1. 1872 – 21.1.01 / 2. – 7.9.51

2 items. IE MOD/17 comprises a 77-pg admissions register with index for Convent Boys School Castleisland, earliest record 1872 and latest 1951

Pages 135-140

IE MOD/18 Convent School Girls

4 items. IE MOD/18 comprises a 102-pg school register with index for Convent School Girls Castleisland for the period 1860s to 1947 plus an index of surnames which feature in the combined registers of the Boys' National School and the Convent Boys and Girls schools Castleisland. RIC children have been identified in this index (see also IE MOD 63)

Pages 141-148

IE MOD/19 Cordal GAA 1879

3 items. IE MOD/19 comprises information relating to the early foundations of the GAA in Kerry with particular reference to the Castleisland area

Pages 149-154

IE MOD/20 The Diary of Robert O'Kelly

4 items. IE MOD/20 comprises a diary dated 15th September 1914 by Castleisland born Robert O'Kelly (1835-1919) describing events of social and political interest including the Great Famine during the nineteenth century

Pages 155-158

IE MOD/21 Directories

4 items. IE MOD/21 comprises an alphabetical register of names associated with Castleisland extracted from a number of nineteenth and early twentieth century directories

Pages 159-164

IE MOD/22 Dooneen Water Supply 1887-92

2 items. IE MOD/22 comprises a list of newspaper references to the Dooneen Water Supply from 1878 to 1894 with supporting material

Pages 165-172

IE MOD/23 The Earls of Desmond

12 items. IE MOD/23 comprises notes on, and published material relating to, the Earls of Desmond, with particular reference to Gerald, 16th Earl (today considered the 15th Earl) who died in 1583

Pages 173-180

IE MOD/24 EEC

14 items. IE MOD/24 comprises information and statistics of voting trends in 1994 and a number of publications relating to the European Union

Pages 181-184

IE MOD/25 Elections

11 items. IE MOD/25 comprises material, in published and note form, relating to elections during the period 1977 to 2002 as they related to Co Kerry. Series also contains a number of publications including *Seanad General Election, August 1977 and Bye-elections to 1973-77* and *Election Results and Transfer of Votes in General Election (June 1981) for Twenty-Second Dáil and Bye-Elections to Twenty-First Dáil (1977-1981)*

Pages 185-194

IE MOD/26 Essays

3 items. IE MOD/26 comprises three short handwritten essays on the history of Creamery Lane, Castleisland, The Moonlighters and The House of Progress in Castleisland

Pages 195-198

IE MOD/27 Farm Maps

8 items. IE MOD/27 comprises a number of maps from the Castleisland area described as 'Redmond Roche's Map'. Names, evidently of land or lease holders, have been imposed on them. They date to the late nineteenth century

Pages 199-202

IE MOD/28 Fever Hospital & Dispensaries

2 items. IE MOD/28 comprises a chronology of the fever hospital in Castleisland from 1878 to 1894 with particular reference to 1894, the year of a fever epidemic

Pages 203-208

IE MOD/29 GAA 1884 Sat Nov 1

9 items. IE MOD/29 comprises reference material in handwritten and published form relating to the history of the GAA in the Castleisland district. Series includes material on Fenian Robert (Bob) Finn (1860-1935), 'the original Captain Moonlighter'

Pages 209-220

IE MOD/30 Gaeilge Phonics

4 items. IE MOD/30 comprises mainly handwritten material in the form of notebooks and charts used for teaching Irish and a copy of *Foclóir* (1977), an English-Irish/Irish-English Dictionary

Pages 221-226

IE MOD/31 Glountane N S

4 items. IE MOD/31 comprises a handwritten copy of the Roll Book for Glountane National School, which was attended by musician, Patrick O'Keeffe (1887-1963) who also taught there

Pages 227-230

IE MOD/32 Griffith Valuation Maps

5 items. IE MOD/32 comprises a small number of maps relating to the town of Castleisland. Noteworthy is the town of Castleisland illustrated in lots, one of which included Rack Lane near the old court house, which may take its history from the 1798 period

Pages 231-234

IE MOD/33 Griffith's Valuation

11 items. IE MOD/33 comprises handwritten extracts from Griffith's Valuation for the parishes of Ballincushlane, Ballymacelligott, Brosna, Castleisland, Currans, Dysert, Kilcummin,

Killeentierna, Molahiffe, Nohoval and O'Brennan

Pages 235-242

IE MOD/34 Herbert Correspondence

3 items. IE MOD/34 comprises a handwritten index to names and places of local interest found in the 1963 edition of *Herbert Correspondence* (edited by W J Smith) with supporting photocopies from that publication

Pages 243-246

IE MOD/35 Herberts

5 items. IE MOD/35 comprises handwritten notes and published material relating to the history of the Herbert family in Kerry; includes reference sources, genealogy and documents relating to Arthur Edward Herbert, who was murdered near Castleisland on 30 March 1882

Pages 247-252

IE MOD/36 Hotels in and about Castleisland [incorporates Ivy Leaf Theatre, Castleisland]

3 items. IE MOD/36 comprises material relating to the history of hotels in the town of Castleisland from the late eighteenth century to c1917. Particular reference is made to the Crown Hotel for its historical significance to the town notably during the Land War. Item note includes sketch of the Ivy Leaf Theatre, Castleisland and Kerry Drama Festival

Pages 253-258

IE MOD/37 House League 1885-7

3 items. IE MOD/37 comprises material relating to the House League in Castleisland during the period 1885 to 1887; includes a dispute over rent between Dr Richard Harold MD of Castle View, Castleisland and Mr C D O'Connor

Pages 259-264

IE MOD/38 Houses of Kerry

4 items. IE MOD/38 comprises material relating to historic houses and their occupants in the Castleisland area extracted from Valerie Bary's *Historical Genealogical Architectural notes of some Houses of Kerry* (1994). Material includes two handwritten letters dated 1996 from Valerie Bary to Michael O'Donohoe from her residence, Callinafercy House, Milltown. Series also contains detailed material on the baronies of Kerry

Pages 265-270

IE MOD/39 The Seigniorship of Castleisland

2 items. IE MOD/39 comprises notes and supporting material relating to published accounts of the Seigniorship of Castleisland

Pages 271-274

IE MOD/40 Irish Coursing Club

8 items. IE MOD/40 is comprised mainly of admission cards to coursing meetings held in Kerry, Limerick and Clonmel for the period 1992 to 2001. Documents include some handwritten material listing the name of dogs

Pages 275-280

IE MOD/41 Irish National Land League Castleisland

5 items. IE MOD/41 comprises material relating to the history of the Land League and its

successor, the National League, in Castleisland and surrounding districts for the period 1880 to 1886, and the Ladies Land League in Castleisland and surrounding districts for the period 1880 to 1882

Pages 281-288

IE MOD/42 Jeremiah King

2 items. IE MOD/42 comprises notes on Jeremiah King's *County Kerry Past & Present* with supporting documentation. A biographical sketch of King with bibliography by Edmund Moriarty, published in 1995, also held in this Series

Pages 289-296

IE MOD/43 Kerry Elections 1835 & 1872

2 items. IE MOD/43 comprises material pertaining to two nineteenth century elections in Kerry with supporting documentation. Elections studied are the Kerry Election of 1835 and the Kerry 'Home Rule' By-Election of 1872

Pages 297-300

IE MOD/44 Kerry MPs 1613-1751

1 item. IE MOD/44 comprises a record of MPs for Kerry (County, Dingle, Tralee, Ardfert) for the period 1613-1751 evidently extracted from *The Ancient and Present State of the County of Kerry* by Charles Smith

Pages 301-304

IE MOD/45 Kildare Place Society in Kerry

2 items. IE MOD/45 comprises notes on the Kildare Place Society in Kerry compiled from a series of articles on this subject by Pádraig de Brún published during the period 1979-1984

Pages 305-308

IE MOD/46 Kings and Queens of England

4 items. IE MOD/46 comprises notes on general historical subjects which appear as support material to IE MOD/14/14.4 (a chart contextualising world history). A newspaper supplement, 'The Queen Mother A Life in the Times, The story of one woman and her century' from *The Times*, April 6 2002 also held in this Series

Pages 309-312

IE MOD/47 Local Government in 1833 Tralee

2 items. IE MOD/47 comprises documentation relating to Tralee elections and electors in 1833

Pages 313-318

IE MOD/48 Lotto and Table Quiz

2 items. IE MOD/48 contains statistical data relating to the lotto and material relating to a fund raising table quiz held in Castleisland in 2000 in aid of the Patrick O'Keeffe Traditional Music Festival

Pages 319-322

IE MOD/49 Maps 1729-1822

4 items. IE MOD/49 comprises copies of eighteenth and nineteenth century maps of the Castleisland area illustrating the development of the roads and town during this period

Pages 323-328

IE MOD/50 Maps 2 Complete Trughanacmy

5 items. IE MOD/50 comprises a number of nineteenth century Ordnance Survey maps illustrating the baronies and civil parishes of County Kerry with particular reference to the barony of Trughanacmy. A number have been colour coded to provide a visual representation of nineteenth century landlord and estate

Pages 329-332

IE MOD/51 Maps of Castleisland

4 items. IE MOD/51 comprises copies from the nineteenth century Ordnance Survey map of the town of Castleisland. A small number has been illustrated in colour to give a visual representation of the estates of landed proprietors in nineteenth century Castleisland

Pages 333-336

IE MOD/52 Maps of the Roads of Ireland

2 items. IE MOD/52 comprises notes on the publication, *Taylor and Skinner's Maps of the Roads of Ireland Surveyed 1777 (1778)* by George Taylor and Andrew Skinner, dedicated to the Right Honourable Edmond Sexton Pery, Speaker of the House of Commons, with supporting documentation

Pages 337-340

IE MOD/53 Michael Collins

6 items. IE MOD/53 comprises a small quantity of published material relating to Michael Collins (1890-1922) and notes on UK Prime Minister David Lloyd George (1863-1945) in office 1916-1922. Series also contains some background material on creator's ancestry

Pages 341-344

IE MOD/54 Miscellaneous

4 items. IE MOD/54 comprises a small number of notebooks containing miscellaneous jottings and teaching aids. Series also contains material published by the Local Archives in Tralee as guides to research and resources there

Pages 345-348

IE MOD/55 Nineteenth Century Castleisland

2 items. IE MOD/55 comprises, essentially but not exclusively, a comprehensive index to Castleisland-related people and subjects found in the *Kerry Sentinel* newspaper in the last quarter of the nineteenth century with supporting documentation

Pages 349-382

IE MOD/56 Northern & UK Elections 1997

6 items. IE MOD/56 comprises a small quantity of newspaper material relating to the UK election of Tony Blair in 1997 and the UK election of 2001; the Assembly voting figures of 1998 also included

Pages 383-386

IE MOD/57 Presentation Convent Oct 7 1846

2 items. IE MOD/57 comprises material relating to the history of the Presentation Convent and the foundation of the Church of St Stephen and St John in Castleisland including a useful document which alludes to the thirty-six parish priests of Kerry as given in *A List of the Names of the Popish Parish Priests as they were registered at a General Sessions of the Peace (1705)*

Pages 387-394

IE MOD/58 Proprietors

33 items. IE MOD/58 comprises research notes relating to the eighteenth/nineteenth century proprietors of the Castleisland district including a map illustrating the estates held by them

Pages 395-414

IE MOD/59 Rates

6 items. IE MOD/59 comprises statistical material relating to the Castleisland district compiled from nineteenth century rate records and also the census of 1911

Pages 415-420

IE MOD/60 Rebellion of 1798

4 items. IE MOD/60 comprises material relating to the murder of three yeomen, William Harold, Michael Boyle and Richard Boyle at Castleisland yeomanry barracks on the night of 13 August 1798 and the subsequent repercussions including court martial, execution and transportation

Pages 421-426

IE MOD/61 Reformation

4 items. IE MOD/61 comprises notes on the period of Reformation

Pages 427-430

IE MOD/62 Removed Items

IE MOD/62 comprises a small quantity of unused writing materials

Pages 431-432

IE MOD/63 RIC Children

5 items. IE MOD/64 comprises a record of children of RIC (Royal Irish Constabulary) officers based in Castleisland and notes on the general development of law and order in the area

Pages 433-436

IE MOD/64 RIC Resignations

1 item. IE MOD/64 comprises newspaper references relating to the resignation of thirteen RIC constables stationed in and near Castleisland on 18 April 1887

Pages 437-440

IE MOD/65 Richard Griffith and the Roads of Kerry

5 items. IE MOD/65 comprises material relating to Richard Griffith and the development of roads in Kerry

Pages 441-444

IE MOD/66 Roads 1880-

3 items. IE MOD/66 contains newspaper references to late nineteenth century public works (Presentment Sessions) in the Castleisland district

Pages 445-448

IE MOD/67 Romantic Hidden Kerry

4 items. IE MOD/67 comprises material relating to the publication, *Romantic Hidden Kerry* (1931) by T F O'Sullivan

Pages 449-452

IE MOD/68 Rugby

6 items. IE MOD/68 comprises material relating to rugby in the 1990s including results cards and Irish Rugby Football Union regulations and fixtures booklets

Pages 453-456

IE MOD/69 Rugby and Soccer and Cricket

5 items. IE MOD/69 comprises material relating to rugby, soccer and cricket including match results, programmes and yearbooks for the period 1986 to 1998

Pages 457-462

IE MOD/70 Samuel Murray Hussey

7 items. IE MOD/70 comprises material including genealogical notes on nineteenth century land agent, Samuel Murray Hussey (1824-1913)

Pages 463-470

IE MOD/71 Seigniorship of Castleisland

3 items. IE MOD/71 comprises an account of the last moments of Gerald, 16th Earl of Desmond and the subsequent division of his land with particular focus on the research conducted by Rev James Carmody

Pages 471-474

IE MOD/72 Sources

11 items. IE MOD/72 comprises notes on local history research sources; includes material from Castleisland's first newspaper, *The Taxpayers' News* edited by townsman, Con Houlihan

Pages 475-480

IE MOD/73 Streets Lanes and Houses

6 items. IE MOD/73 comprises material relating to the property and occupants of Castleisland town and its vicinity in the nineteenth century including notes on the Market House, which dates to 1747

Pages 481-486

IE MOD/74 T M Donovan

8 items. IE MOD/74 contains a copy of T M Donovan's *A Popular History of East Kerry* (1931) with notes on same and creator's handwritten index thereto; an article published by Donovan in the *Westminster Review* plus genealogical research notes

Pages 487-496

IE MOD/75 The Castleisland Act

3 items. IE MOD/75 comprises one photocopy of 'Anno Quinto GEORGII IV. REGIS' (The Castleisland Act) 1824

Pages 497-500

IE MOD/76 The Titanic

3 items. IE MOD/76 contains material relating to the sinking of the Titanic on 15 April 1912 with particular focus on survivors from the Castleisland district

Pages 501-504

IE MOD/77 They Hanged John Twiss

6 items. IE MOD/77 contains material relating to the history and genealogy of John Twiss of Castleisland who was hanged in Cork County Jail on 9 February 1895 for the murder, on 21 April 1894, of James Donovan, a caretaker of an evicted farm at Glenlara, county Cork

Pages 505-510

IE MOD/78 Tralee Board of Guardians

3 items. IE MOD/78 comprises material relating to the Tralee Board of Guardians during the period 1879-1898

Pages 511-514

IE MOD/79 Visitors' Comments on Castleisland

6 items. IE MOD/79 contains an impression of the town of Castleisland from a number of descriptions published during the seventeenth to twentieth centuries

Pages 515-522

IE MOD/80 Volunteers, Militia, Yeomanry, Fencibles

3 items. IE MOD/80 comprises an overview of the military history in Castleisland during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries

Pages 523-526

IE MOD/81 The Master

1 item. IE MOD/81 contains one published memorial card to Michael O'Donohoe, creator of this collection; also a biographical sketch of his life

Pages 527-530

IE MOD/82 Patrick O'Keeffe Traditional Music Festival

2 items. IE MOD/82 contains material relating to the annual Patrick O'Keeffe Festival in Castleisland

Pages 531-534

IE MOD/83 Pitch & Putt

1 item. IE MOD/83 contains one copy of *Rules Book, The Castleisland Pitch & Putt and Sports Club*

Pages 535-538

IE MOD/84 Basketball

3 items. IE MOD/84 comprises material relating to St Mary's Basketball Club

Pages 539-542

IE MOD/85 An Spailpín Fánach

2 items. IE MOD/85 comprises two versions (Munster and Connemara) of the song, An Spailpín Fánach (The Roving Spalpeen) in words (Irish) and music

Pages 543-548

IE MOD/86 Browne, Poff and Barrett

3 items. IE MOD/86 comprises material relating to the murder of Thomas Browne in 1882 and the subsequent conviction and execution of his neighbour, James Barrett and Barrett's cousin, father of four Sylvester Poff, for the murder

Pages 549-554

IE MOD/87 Barrack St/Lane, Main St, Scannell's Lane and Pound Road

4 items. IE MOD/87 comprises information on households in the town of Castleisland compiled from census and other records

Pages 555-558

IE MOD/88 IRA

1 item. IE MOD/88 comprises one broadsheet edition of the *Irish Examiner* newspaper, Friday July 29 2005, headlined 'Never Again: IRA Declares an End to Armed Struggle'

Pages 559-562



Charles Smith (above) whose eighteenth century history is today a standard source of reference. 'A View of the Great Scelig Island from the South West' (depicted below) from an early edition

