

# Finding Guide for the Patrick O'Neill fonds

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## About this Finding Guide

This finding guide describes the records of the Patrick O'Neill fonds in the Special Collections, John M. Kelly Library. This finding guide was prepared to make the material accessible to scholars and to provide a general overview and descriptions of the series and files within the fonds.<sup>1</sup>

Archival methodology has been followed for arrangement and description, resulting in the standard configuration of fonds, sous-fonds, series, sub-series, and file. Original order has been maintained wherever possible. Description has been guided by two principles. First, description is most useful when it is as free as possible from the subjectivity and judgment of researcher interests. Second, it should provide document control for the Archives and an acceptable degree of detail for the user. For these reasons, research external to the fonds has been kept to a minimum, and entries have been written from information contained in the documents themselves.

Descriptions have followed Rules for Archival Description (a Canadian archival descriptive standard). Information recorded in the descriptions includes file title, date range of the records being described, extent of the material, scope and content and other notes, including notes about access. The descriptions have been entered into a database. A full-search database of these descriptions is available in the Special Collections Reading Room. In the future, the finding guide will be available by remote access via the Internet.

## Using the Finding Guide

The fonds has been divided into four series, one of which has been further divided into two sub-series, and one sous-fonds, which has been divided into two series. The finding guide has been divided by series with tabs. A table of contents gives a breakdown of the series. File-level descriptions are given within each series and sub-series. Each series or file has been given a unique identifying number that should be used to request material.

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<sup>1</sup> A fonds is a set of documents, automatically and organically created and/or accumulated and used by a particular individual, family, or corporate body in the course of the creator's activities or functions. A series is a group of records within a fonds that are normally used and filed as a unit.

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File # 2006 03 47 (Press Cuttings), Box 3

### **Special Collections, The John M. Kelly Library**

**Patrick O'Neill fonds** [textual record, graphic material] . -- 1875-1998, predominant 1918-1938.

75.8 cm of textual records. - 4 photographs.

#### **Administrative History**

Patrick O'Neill was born in Annaghmore, County Armagh, Northern Ireland, in 1875. He married Mary (Minnie) McConville in 1903 in Portadown, County Armagh, and they moved to Warrenpoint, County Down, where he became the proprietor of the Victoria Hotel. They had five children: Mary Theresa (Molly), Harry Gerard, Bernard, Patrick, and Nora. Mary died (likely in childbirth) in 1911. In 1913, Patrick O'Neill married Brigid Smith in Moynalvey, County Meath (Republic of Ireland), and they had four children: Brigid (Dolie), Jim, Teresa V. and Nuala. Patrick O'Neill and his family lived at the Crown Hotel in Warrenpoint, which he purchased in 1913.

In his early political career, Patrick O'Neill served as Chairman of the Warrenpoint Urban District Council, as well as Justice of the Peace, for a number of years. He was appointed as the presiding officer at the Warrenpoint Town Hall polling station during the 1918 general election in Ireland, and then in 1920, he ran unsuccessfully in the election for County Councilors for County Down. That year, the Government of Ireland Act was introduced to establish the partition of Ireland and create two devolved parliaments within the UK. O'Neill was elected to the newly formed Parliament of Northern Ireland as a nationalist MP for County Down in the 1921 general election. To protest the fact that Northern Ireland was established to have a Unionist majority, the Nationalist party members, including O'Neill, abstained from taking their seats during the first parliament. O'Neill was re-elected in the 1925 election, and in early 1926 decided to enter parliament. In 1928, he was elected as a joint honorary secretary of the newly formed National League of the North. He sat in the Northern parliament for County Down until 1929 when the Unionist government eliminated proportional representation, and then he sat for the newly created Mourne division until his retirement in 1938. Patrick O'Neill died in 1938 in Warrenpoint.

#### **Scope and Content**

Fonds consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence with constituents, government officials, supporters, and other MPs; official documents; political pamphlets and booklets; election posters and flyers; newspaper clippings; personal records (notebook, speech notes); photographs; and personal memorabilia, including a leather pouch with relics of St. Anthony and St. Oliver Plunket. Fonds also includes a sous-fonds of O'Neill's daughter, Teresa V. O'Neill. The Teresa V. O'Neill sous-fonds includes a draft of her doctoral thesis and correspondence related to her role of literary executrix of her father's estate.

The O'Neill fonds is organized into the following series:

1. Election materials
2. Correspondence with constituents
  - I. Correspondence with constituents, 1926-1928
  - II. Correspondence with constituents, 1935-1936
3. Collected materials
4. Personal memorabilia.

The Teresa V. O'Neill sous-fonds is organized into the following series:

1. Thesis
2. Executrix correspondence
3. Diplomas and certificates.

#### **Custodial History**

The papers were donated to the Special Collections by Seamus Beattie, a grandson of Patrick O'Neill. The material was selected from a larger collection of papers and memorabilia in the O'Neill home by Seamus Beattie and Mark McGowan, Principal of the University of St. Michael's College. The material was shipped by mail from Ireland and received by the John M. Kelly Library in July 2006.

#### **Notes**

Title based on contents of the fonds.

Majority of records in poor condition, with some documents in very poor condition.

Original order preserved when possible. Imposition of order noted at series level.

Some access restrictions apply for conservation and/or content reasons.

Correspondence series are closed until 2020.

Additional records relating to Patrick O'Neill's political activities can be found at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.

Further accruals are expected.

## PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS

### Series 1.

**Election materials** [textual record] . -- 1917-1937.

7.1 cm of textual records.

#### Scope and Content

Series consists of flyers, posters, booklets, official forms and documents, correspondence, and newspaper articles regarding Patrick O'Neill's role as presiding officer at a polling station in the 1918 Irish election, his campaign in the 1920 election for county councillors, and his campaigns in the 1921 and 1929 general elections. Series also includes correspondence regarding the Boundary Commission, O'Neill's decision to take his seat in parliament in 1926, the creation of the National League of the North, and his decision to retire. Series is arranged chronologically.

#### Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

Some order has been imposed by the archivist: some items were transferred from Collected Materials series and files have been arranged chronologically.

## PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS - ELECTION SERIES

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 1 Box 1

1918 General Election [textual record] . -- 1918.

0.5 cm of textual records.

File consists of materials related to the 1918 general election and O'Neill's role as presiding officer at the Warrenpoint Townhall polling station.

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 2 Box 1

1920 Election of Down County councillors [textual record] . -- 1919-1920.

0.9 cm of textual records.

File consists of materials relating to the 1920 election of Down County councillors.

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 3 Box 1

1921 Election; congratulatory messages, etc. [textual record] . -- 1917-1921.

0.8 cm of textual records.

File consists of materials relating to Patrick O'Neill's victory in the 1921 general election and a published copy of correspondence between D. Lloyd George and Eamon de Valera regarding the creation of an Irish settlement.

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 4 Box 1

Letter from Joe Devlin [textual record] . -- 1923.

0.1 cm of textual records.

File consists of a letter from Joe Devlin.

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 5 Box 1

Decision to enter parliament, Boundary Commission, and National League of the North [textual record] . -- 1925-1928.

2.3 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence and other materials relating to Patrick O'Neill's decision to enter parliament, the Boundary Commission, and the creation of the

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National League of the North.

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 6 Box 1

1929 Election [textual record] . -- 1927-1929.

2.4 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence and other materials relating to Patrick O'Neill's re-election in 1929.

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 7 Box 1

Letter from Harry Mulholland [textual record] . -- 1937.

0.1 cm of textual records.

File consists of a letter from Harry Mulholland regarding Patrick O'Neill's retirement.

Title based on contents of the file.



## PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS

### Series 2.

**Correspondence with constituents** [textual record] . -- 1924-1936, predominant 1926-1928 and 1935-1936.

38.4 cm of textual records.

### Scope and Content

Series consists of Patrick O'Neill's correspondence with constituents, supporters, and government ministers in his role as MP for County Down (and later Mourne division) regarding the concerns of his constituency, including: inquiries relating to pensions, licenses, and agricultural subsidies; filling appointed and hired positions such as Postmaster, Inspector for Ministry of Education, or members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary; amendments of acts and bills (relating to public utilities, transportation, agriculture and fisheries, for example); issues such as temperance and gerrymandering; and matters relating to the development of nationalist politics, such as the creation of the National League and the activities of the Ancient Order of the Hibernians. Series also includes notes, official documents, and newspaper articles regarding the affairs of his constituency. Series is divided into the following sub-series:

1. Correspondence with constituents, 1926-1928
2. Correspondence with constituents, 1935-1936.

Sub-series are arranged alphabetically by correspondent or subject.

Although Patrick O'Neill sat in parliament from 1921-1938, this fonds contains only correspondence records for the years 1926-1928 and 1935-1936. It is not known at this time where the other records reside; some may be found at the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.

### Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

Some order imposed by archivist: minor changes were made to rearrange files in alphabetical order.

**PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS - CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSTITUENTS  
SERIES**

**Sub-series 2.1.**

**Correspondence with constituents, 1926-1928** [textual record] . -- 1924-1928,  
predominant 1926-1928.

27.9 cm of textual records.

**Scope and Content**

Sub-series consists of Patrick O'Neill's correspondence with constituents, supporters, and government ministers for the period from 1926 to 1928 in his role as MP for County Down as well as notes, official documents and newspaper articles regarding the affairs of his constituency.

**Notes**

Title based on contents of the sub-series.

**PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS - CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSTITUENTS  
SERIES - CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSTITUENTS, 1926-1928 SUB SERIES**

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 8 Box 1

File of correspondence 'A' [textual record] . -- 1926-1928.

1.1 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'A' or subject beginning with 'A.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 9 Box 1

File of correspondence 'B' [textual record] . -- 1926-1928.

1.1 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'B' or subject beginning with 'B.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 9 Box 1

File of correspondence 'C' [textual record] . -- 1926-1928.

2.1 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'C' or subject beginning with 'C.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 10 Box 1

File of correspondence 'D' [textual record] . -- 1925-1928.

1.4 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'D' or subject beginning with 'D.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 11 Box 1

File of correspondence 'E' [textual record] . -- 1926-1928.

1.7 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'E' or subject beginning with 'E.'

Title based on contents of the file.

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SERIES - CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSTITUENTS, 1926-1928 SUB SERIES**

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 12 Box 1

File of correspondence 'F' [textual record] . -- 1926-1928.

1.4 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'F' or subject beginning with 'F.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 13 Box 1

File of correspondence 'G' [textual record] . -- 1925-1928.

1.2 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'G' or subject beginning with 'G.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 14 Box 1

File of correspondence 'H' [textual record] . -- 1925-1928.

1.9 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'H' or subject beginning with 'H.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 15 Box 2

File of correspondence 'I, J' [textual record] . -- 1928.

0.6 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'I, J' or subject beginning with 'I, J.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 16 Box 2

File of correspondence 'K' [textual record] . -- 1926-1928.

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SERIES - CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSTITUENTS, 1926-1928 SUB SERIES**

0.7 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'K' or subject beginning with 'K.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 17 Box 2

File of correspondence 'L' [textual record] . -- 1926-1928.

0.6 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'L' or subject beginning with 'L.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 18 Box 2

File of correspondence 'M' [textual record] . -- 1926-1928.

6.2 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'M' or subject beginning with 'M.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 19 Box 2

File of correspondence 'N' [textual record] . -- 1927-1928.

0.4 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'N' or subject beginning with 'N.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 20 Box 2

File of correspondence 'O' [textual record] . -- 1925-1928.

1.8 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'O' or subject beginning with 'O.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS - CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSTITUENTS  
SERIES - CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSTITUENTS, 1926-1928 SUB SERIES**

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 21 Box 2

File of correspondence 'P, Q' [textual record] . -- 1926-1928.

0.7 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'P, Q' or subject beginning with 'P, Q.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 22 Box 2

Notes on candidates for Inspector of Schools [textual record] . -- [1926-1928?].

0.9 cm of textual records.

File consists of a notebook containing information about candidates for the position of Inspector of Schools under the Ministry of Education, as well as a typed document about candidates that was found in the notebook.

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 23 Box 2

File of correspondence 'R' [textual record] . -- 1928.

0.4 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'R' or subject beginning with 'R.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 24 Box 2

File of correspondence 'S' [textual record] . -- 1926-1928.

0.6 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'S' or subject beginning with 'S.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 25 Box 2

File of correspondence 'T' [textual record] . -- 1926-1928.

0.7 cm of textual records

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'T' or

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subject beginning with 'T.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 26 Box 2

File of correspondence 'U, V' [textual record] . -- 1926-1928.

2.1 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'U, V'  
or subject beginning with 'U, V.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 27 Box 2

File of correspondence 'W, X, Y, Z' [textual record] . -- 1924-1927.

0.3 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'W, X,  
Y, Z' or subject beginning with 'W, X, Y, Z.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS - CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSTITUENTS  
SERIES**

**Sub-series 2.2.**

**Correspondence with constituents, 1935-1936** [textual record] . -- 1931-1936,  
predominant 1935-1936.

10.5 cm of textual records.

**Scope and Content**

Sub-series consists of Patrick O'Neill's correspondence with constituents, supporters, and government ministers for the period from 1935 to 1936 in his role as MP for the Mourne division of County Down as well as notes, official documents and newspaper articles regarding the affairs of his constituency.

**Notes**

Title based on contents of the sub-series.



**PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS - CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSTITUENTS  
SERIES - CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSTITUENTS, 1935-1936 SUB SERIES**

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 28 Box 3

File of correspondence 'A' [textual record] . -- 1931-1936.

0.4 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'A' or subject beginning with 'A.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 29 Box 3

File of correspondence 'B' [textual record] . -- 1936.

0.6 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'B' or subject beginning with 'B.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 30 Box 3

File of correspondence 'C' [textual record] . -- 1935-1936.

0.9 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'C' or subject beginning with 'C.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 31 Box 3

File of correspondence 'D' [textual record] . -- 1934-1936.

0.6 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'D' or subject beginning with 'D.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 32 Box 3

File of correspondence 'E' [textual record] . -- 1935.

0.2 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'E' or subject beginning with 'E.'

Title based on contents of the file.

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**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 33 Box 3

File of correspondence 'F' [textual record] . -- 1935-1936.

0.4 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'F' or subject beginning with 'F.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 34 Box 3

File of correspondence 'G' [textual record] . -- 1935-1936.

0.3 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'G' or subject beginning with 'G.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 35 Box 3

File of correspondence 'H' [textual record] . -- 1935-1936.

0.6 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'H' or subject beginning with 'H.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 36 Box 3

File of correspondence 'I, J' [textual record] . -- 1935-1936.

0.2 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'I, J' or subject beginning with 'I, J.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 37 Box 3

File of correspondence 'K, L' [textual record] . -- 1936.

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0.2 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'K, L' or subject beginning with 'K, L.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 38 Box 3

File of correspondence 'M' [textual record] . -- 1933-1936.

1.1 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'M' or subject beginning with 'M.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 39 Box 3

File of correspondence 'Mc' [textual record] . -- 1934-1936.

1.3 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'Mc' or subject beginning with 'Mc.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 40 Box 3

File of correspondence 'N' [textual record] . -- 1936.

0.7 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'N' or subject beginning with 'N.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 41 Box 3

File of correspondence 'O' [textual record] . -- 1934-1936.

0.6 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'O' or subject beginning with 'O.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS - CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSTITUENTS  
SERIES - CORRESPONDENCE WITH CONSTITUENTS, 1935-1936 SUB SERIES**

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 42 Box 3

File of correspondence 'P, Q' [textual record] : -- 1936.

0.5 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'P, Q' or subject beginning with 'P, Q.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 43 Box 3

File of correspondence 'R' [textual record] . -- 1936.

0.4 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'R' or subject beginning with 'R.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 44 Box 3

File of correspondence 'S' [textual record] . -- 1936.

0.7 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'S' or subject beginning with 'S.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 45 Box 3

File of correspondence 'T, U, V' [textual record] . -- 1936.

0.5 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'T, U, V' or subject beginning with 'T, U, V.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 46 Box 3

File of correspondence 'W, X, Y, Z' [textual record] . -- 1935-1936.

0.3 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence from people with last name beginning with 'W, X,

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Y, Z' or subject beginning with 'W, X, Y, Z.'

Title based on contents of the file.

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## PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS

### Series 3.

**Collected materials** [textual record] . -- 1875-1936, predominant 1920-1936.  
14.2 cm of textual records.

#### Scope and Content

Series consists of press cuttings, booklets, pamphlets, census reports, and correspondence, which Patrick O'Neill collected during his political career, relating to affairs in the town of Warrenpoint and his wider constituency of County Down as well as national issues including the Anglo-Irish dispute and the partition of Ireland. Series includes materials created predominantly during the period from 1920 to 1936, with some correspondence from 1875 to 1920.

#### Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

Some order has been imposed by the archivist: some items were transferred to Election series, and some items were transferred from Personal memorabilia series.

## PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS - COLLECTED MATERIALS SERIES

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 47 Box 3

Press cuttings [textual record] . -- 1929-1936.

2.2 cm of textual records.

File consists of press cuttings, including news articles, letters to the editor, and political cartoons. File also includes a pamphlet about partition by the Ancient Order of the Hibernians, a poster regarding an Electricity Special Order by the Warrenpoint Gas Consumers' and Waterworks Company, and a draft and copy of a letter to the editor [publication unknown] by Patrick O'Neill.

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 48 Box 3

The Partition of Ireland [textual record] . -- [between 1921 and 1936?].

0.6 cm of textual records.

File consists of a booklet by Tom O'Donnell, B.L. entitled 'The Partition of Ireland.' File also includes a poster entitled 'Boundary Election,' a letter from [Thos] O'Donnell, and a letter to O'Donnell from Patrick O'Neill.

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 49 Box 3

Grievances in Ireland [textual record] . -- [19--].

0.3 cm of textual records.

File consists of a booklet entitled 'Grievances in Ireland by one of the Tolerant Majority.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 50 Box 3

The Anglo-Irish Dispute [textual record] . -- 1934.

0.3 cm of textual records.

File consists of a booklet entitled 'Professor A. Berriedale Keith on Certain Legal and Constitutional Aspects of the Anglo-Irish Dispute.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 51 Box 3

The League of Nations Declarations [textual record] . -- [19--].

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0.3 cm of textual records.  
File consists of a booklet entitled 'The League of Nations: Declarations by The Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith, M.P.'  
Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 52 Box 3

An Economic Programme for the Irish Free State [textual record] . -- 1922.  
0.4 cm of textual records.  
File consists of a booklet entitled 'An Economic Programme for the Irish Free State: Being a Set of Principles Suitable to Serve as a Basis for an Irish Social and Industrial Policy, proposed by The P.H. Pearse Study Group.'  
Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 53 Box 3

Spotlights on the Anglo-Irish Financial Quarrel [textual record] . -- 1932.  
0.4 cm of textual records.  
File consists of a booklet entitled 'Spotlights on the Anglo-Irish Financial Quarrel and the Diffuse White Paper on the Annuities: Focussing the Issues, a sequel to The Strange Case of the Irish Land Purchase Annuities' by Henry Harrison, O.B.E., M.C.  
Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 54 Box 3

The Strange Case of the Irish Land Purchase Annuities [textual record] . -- 1932.  
0.4 cm of textual records.  
File consists of a booklet entitled 'The Strange Case of the Irish Land Purchase Annuities: An Elucidation,' by Henry Harrison, O.B.E., M.C.  
Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 55 Box 3

Bill for Redistribution of Seats and Proportional Representation [textual record] . -- 1920-1929.  
2.0 cm of textual records.  
File consists of two documents produced by the Proportional Representation



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Society: 'Report for the Year May, 1927 - April, 1928: The Next Step after Equal Franchise,' and the May 1920 issue (volume 10, number 36) of the Journal of the Proportional Representation Society. File also includes a copy of a bill to amend the law with respect to the House of Commons method of voting and the redistribution of seats, and a document entitled 'Points on Registration Work: Imperial Parliamentary Franchise (Man or Woman).'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 56 Box 4

Statement to the Irish Boundary Commission [textual record] . -- 1924.  
2.3 cm of textual records.

File consists of a document addressed to the Irish Boundary Commission entitled, 'Statement on behalf of the vast majority of the Inhabitants of the Union of Newry (including Crossmaglen) and the Union of Kilkeel.'

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 57 Box 4

Collected correspondence on Warrenpoint issues [textual record] . -- 1875-1923.  
3.4 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence and official documents relating to Warrenpoint Water Supply; Newry, Warrenpoint, & Rostrevor Railway Company; Warrenpoint town clerks' salary; Liberty Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company; and flooding in Warrenpoint.

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 58 Box 4

Other collected materials [textual record] . -- 1898-1937.  
1.6 cm of textual records.

File consists of other collected materials:

- a pamphlet entitled 'The Roman Catholic Church and News Propaganda: Is the Church of Rome unduly influencing for Sectarian purposes the Empire Cable Services, News Agencies, Great Newspapers and the British Broadcasting Corporation?'

- pamphlets issued by the North-Eastern Boundary Bureau including 'The Weekly Bulletin,' 'If 'Ulster' Contracts Out: The Economic Case against Partition,' and 'North East Ulster: The Boundary Position at a Glance'

- notes by Patrick O'Neill on land valuation in Warrenpoint

- documents containing census data, including 'Particulars of Population' (the

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position of the population in South Armagh, South Down, and East Down on retention in an Irish Free State), 'Parliamentary Divisions of East Down,' and a 1937 census of Northern Ireland

- a letter to [Rev. F. Lowny] from the Newry '98 Centenary Committee, and
  - an open letter to the Right Hon. T. Moles, P.C., M.P from John W. Nixon, M.P.
- Title based on contents of the file.

## PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS

### Series 4.

**Personal Memorabilia** [textual record, graphic material] . -- [after 1900?]-1937.  
2.2 cm of textual records. - 4 photographs.

#### Scope and Content

Series consists of personal correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and other memorabilia that Patrick O'Neill collected during his political career and in his personal life, including relics of St. Anthony and St. Oliver Plunket contained within a leather pouch.

#### Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

Some order has been imposed by the archivist: some items transferred to Collected materials series.

## PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS - PERSONAL MEMORABILIA SERIES

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 59 Box 4

Personal memorabilia [textual record, graphic material] . -- [after 1900?]-1937.

2.2 cm of textual records. - 4 photographs : b&w ; 20.8 x 12.4 cm and smaller.

File consists of personal memorabilia that Patrick O'Neill collected throughout his life and career, including newspaper articles, invitations, personal letters, House of Commons and Senate directories, a poster declaring Ulster's Solemn League and Covenant, relics of St. Anthony and St. Oliver Plunket (Archbishop of Armagh and last Catholic martyr to die in England in 1681) contained within a leather pouch, a postcard from Rome, and an article about 'How to Make the Stations.' File also includes four photographs: one of a group of people standing in front of the Victoria Hotel, beside the main entrance of which is O'Neill's office; one of two men and a girl on a beach; one of a stone monument of a religious figure, and one of five men sitting on rocks.

Title based on contents of the file.

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### Sous-fonds

**Teresa V. O'Neill sous-fonds** [textual record] . -- [19--] - 1998.  
13.9 cm of textual records.

Teresa (Teasie or Tie) V. O'Neill was born in Warrenpoint, County Down, in 1920, the eighth child and third daughter of Patrick O'Neill and his second wife Brigid. Teresa studied at the University College of Dublin, where she graduated with her BA in History and English in 1941, her Honours Diploma in Education in 1942, and her MA, for which she was awarded First Class Honours in Modern Irish History, in 1943. After graduating, she moved back to Warrenpoint, where she taught at Sacred Heart Grammar School in Newry. In 1959 she married Arthur O'Neill and moved to Limerick (Republic of Ireland), where she taught at Ard Scoil Mhuire (St. Mary's Grammar School) for about twenty years. Teresa also led tutorials at the University of Limerick and worked with professors at the University College of Dublin until the last few years of her life. Teresa V. O'Neill died in 2006 near Limerick.

### Scope and Content

Sous-fonds consists of records related to O'Neill's role as literary executrix of her father's estate. Sous-fonds includes a draft of her thesis, correspondence regarding the thesis, correspondence with researchers regarding her father's political papers, and newspaper articles and genealogical information related to the O'Neill family, as well as university diplomas.

The sous-fonds is organized into the following series:

1. Thesis
2. Executrix correspondence
3. Diplomas and certificates.

### Notes

Title based on contents of the sous-fonds.

A history of the Crown Hotel written by Teresa O'Neill is available in the accession file.

## **PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS - TERESA V. O'NEILL SOUS-FONDS**

### **Series 1.**

**Thesis** [textual record] . -- [19--] - 1972.  
12.5 cm of textual records.

#### **Scope and Content**

Series consists of a draft of Teresa V. O'Neill's thesis and correspondence related to the thesis.

#### **Notes**

Title based on contents of the series.

**PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS - TERESA V. O'NEILL SOUS FONDS - THESIS  
SERIES**

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 60 Box 5

The sixth parliament of George III. 1798-1800. [textual record] . -- [between 1940 and 1960].

12.3 cm of textual records.

File consists of a draft of Teresa V. O'Neill's thesis entitled "The sixth parliament of George III. 1798-1800."

Title based on contents of the file.

The archives has been unable to locate a final copy of the thesis. A letter from a researcher (see File 2006 03 61) indicates a copy was available in the manuscripts room at the National Library. An email from John Foley, Senior Executive Assistant at the National University of Ireland (of which University College of Dublin is a constituent), indicated that the office does not retain MA theses.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 03 61 Box 5

Letter from Shevawn Lynam [textual record] . -- 1972.

0.2 cm of textual records.

File consists of a letter from Shevawn Lynam regarding her attempts to locate the appendix to O'Neill's thesis.

Title based on contents of the file.

## **PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS - TERESA V. O'NEILL SOUS-FONDS**

### **Series 2.**

**Executrix correspondence** [textual record] . -- 1941-1998, predominant 1973-1990.

1.4 cm of textual records.

### **Scope and Content**

Series consists of correspondence with researchers and the Public Record office of Northern Ireland regarding Patrick O'Neill's political papers, as well as genealogical information and newspaper articles relating to Patrick O'Neill's political career, the Crown Hotel, and Teresa O'Neill.

### **Notes**

Title based on contents of the series.



**PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS - TERESA V. O'NEILL SOUS FONDS - EXECUTRIX  
CORRESPONDENCE SERIES**

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 06 62 Box 5

Executrix correspondence [textual record] . -- 1973-1987, predominant 1973-1978.  
0.6 cm of textual records.

File consists of correspondence with Professor M. Roberts (Department of Modern History, The Queen's University of Belfast) and with the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland regarding the transfer of Patrick O'Neill's political papers to the Public Record Office, as well as correspondence with Eamon Phoenix concerning his research for a doctoral thesis at The Queen's University of Belfast about the nationalist movement in Northern Ireland.

Title based on contents of the file.

**Level, Item and Box number:** File 2006 06 63 Box 5

Material regarding Patrick O'Neill and family [textual record] . -- 1975-1998.  
0.8 cm of textual records.

File consists of a photocopy of a 1935 election flyer promoting Patrick O'Neill, a handwritten page and a typed page of genealogical information about Patrick O'Neill and his family, two newspaper articles concerning the bombing of the Crown Hotel in 1982 and the subsequent clearance work on the site, two reprinted newspaper articles (from 1926 and 1938), and a newspaper article about a talk given by Teresa O'Neill about the social history of Newry. File also includes a copy of an extract from a 1941 letter [to ?] received from H.B.M. Consul C.L. Roseberry, Tornio, Finland regarding his sudden departure to Stockholm. It is likely that this item originated from within Teresa V. O'Neill's group of acquaintances, perhaps through her connections at the Crown Hotel and with the British regiment that was stationed in Warrenpoint during WWII.

Title based on contents of the file.



**PATRICK O'NEILL FONDS - TERESA V. O'NEILL SOUS-FONDS**

**Series 3.**

**Diplomas and certificates** [textual record] . -- 1941-1991.

4 p. of textual records.

**Scope and Content**

Series consists of four academic diplomas.

**Notes**

Title based on contents of the series.

## Appendix A: Biographical sketch of Patrick O'Neill

Patrick O'Neill was born in Annaghmore, County Armagh, Northern Ireland, in 1875. As it was difficult to access secondary school education in Armagh at that time, it is not likely that he had any formal education past twelve years of age. He worked in the tea business, travelling throughout the country and along the coast, developing contacts with merchants. He married Mary (Minnie) McConville in 1903 in Portadown, County Armagh, and they moved to Warrenpoint, County Down, where he became the proprietor of the Victoria Hotel. They had five children: Mary Theresa (Molly) (1904), Harry Gerard (1904), Bernard (1907), Patrick (1907), and Nora (1911). Mary died (likely in childbirth) in 1911. In 1913, Patrick O'Neill married Brigid Smith in Moynalvey, County Meath (Republic of Ireland), and they had four children: Brigid (Dolie) (1914), Jim (1916), Teresa V. (1920), and Nuala (1923). Patrick O'Neill and his family lived at the Crown Hotel in Warrenpoint, which he purchased in 1913.



Photo: The Newry Telegraph,  
Thursday, March 11, 1926  
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In his early political career, Patrick O'Neill served as Chairman of the Warrenpoint Urban District Council from as early as 1917, and he also served as Justice of the Peace for a number of years. He was appointed as the presiding officer at the Warrenpoint Town Hall polling station during the 1918 general election in Ireland, and then in 1920, he ran unsuccessfully in the election for County Councilors for County Down. That year, the Government of Ireland Act was introduced to establish the partition of Ireland and create two devolved parliaments within the UK. O'Neill was elected to the newly formed Parliament of Northern Ireland as a nationalist MP for County Down in the 1921 general election. Partition, which had created a northern Catholic and nationalist majority in a primarily Protestant and Unionist state, was a key issue in this election. To protest the fact that Northern Ireland was established to have a Unionist majority, the Nationalist party members, including O'Neill, abstained from taking their seats during the first parliament. O'Neill was re-elected in the 1925 election, which coincided with the release of the Boundary Commission's report delineating the border between Northern Ireland and the Irish Free State. The report did not fulfill nationalist expectations, and representatives of the



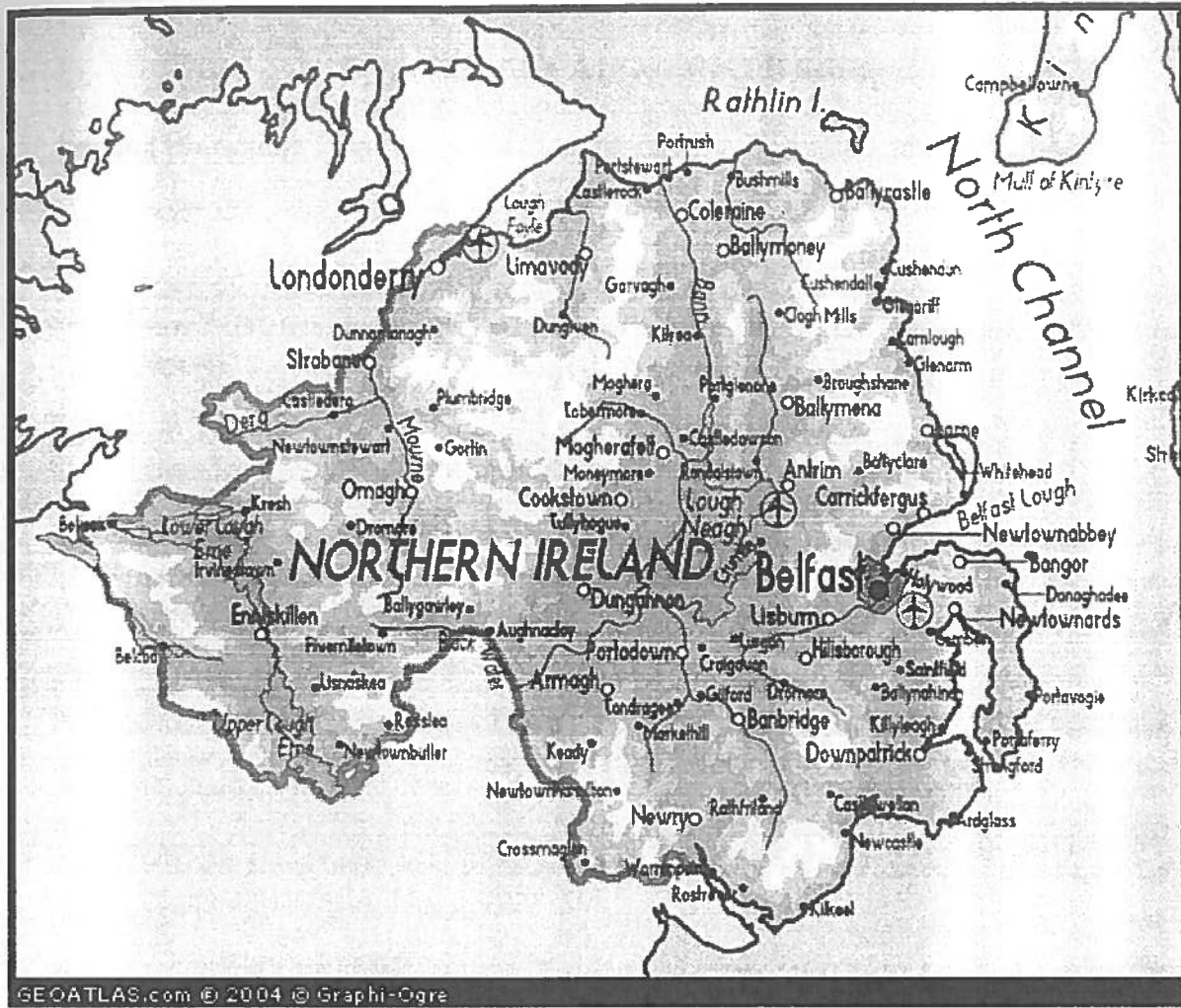
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border constituencies, including O'Neill, had to consider abandoning their policy of non-recognition of the Northern Government. In early 1926, O'Neill decided to take his seat in parliament after it was decided at a convention in his constituency that it was no longer useful for the nationalist MPs to abstain.

A desire to strengthen a fragmented nationalist minority and work toward ending partition led to a representative convention of clergy, MPs, and delegates in 1928, which then launched the National League of the North. Joseph Devlin was elected as president of the League and O'Neill, together with fellow MP Cahir Healy, were elected honorary secretaries. Patrick O'Neill sat in the Northern parliament for County Down until 1929 when the Unionist government eliminated proportional representation, and then he sat for the newly created Mourne division until his retirement in 1938. He was the spokesman of the Irish Nationalist Party on financial matters. Patrick O'Neill died in 1938 in Warrenpoint.

## **Appendix B: Maps of Northern Ireland**





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