

FINGAL COUNTY ARCHIVES SERVICE

Under the terms of the 1993 Local Government Act, Dublin County Council was replaced by the three new Councils of Fingal, South Dublin, and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. The archives of Dublin County Council were transferred to Fingal County Council and the Archives services provided are jointly funded by the three new Councils.

As well as containing the records of the former Dublin County Council, the Archives also contains the records of the Council's predecessor bodies including Grand Juries and Boards of Guardians as well as many other collections dealing with the development of County Dublin.

This leaflet outlines a number of the important collections housed in Fingal County Archives. Full details of these and other collections are available from the Archivist who will be pleased to answer all of your queries.

Private Collections

• Fingal Estate Papers

Papers of the estate of the Plunkett family 1679-1969, Earls of Fingal, with lands in North County Dublin and Meath. Over two hundred items, mainly deeds, including: Accounts; Affidavits; Assignments; Conveyances; Correspondence; Grants and Indentures; Leases; Marriage Settlements; Memorials; Mortgages; Probates; Legal searches; Settlements; and Wills. Some with seals intact, and maps

• Butler Estate Papers

Small collection of records of the Butler Estate, 1855-1899, containing Affidavits, Correspondence, Court Orders, Deeds, Memorials, Orders and Receipts, Summons' and Writs.

• Records of Cloghran Stud

Records of the Cloghran Stud Farm in Cloghran, North Dublin.

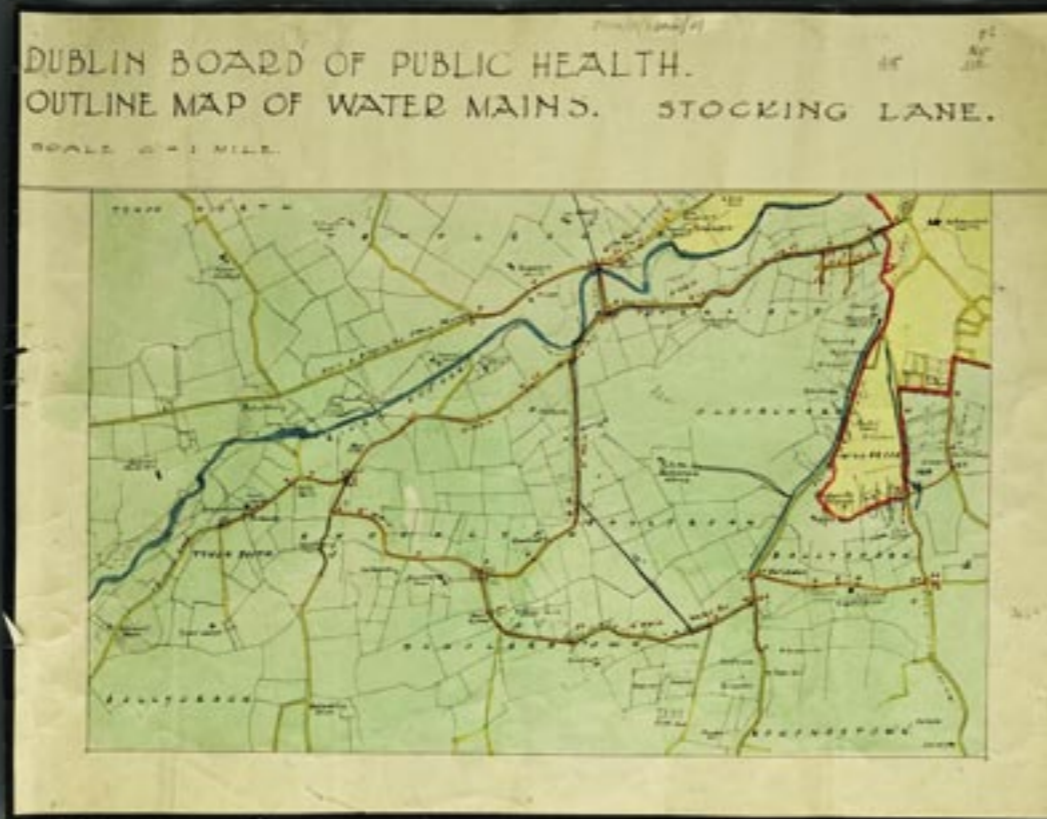
Most of the material dates from the Colonel Samuelson era, 1950-1975, though there is some material from earlier periods, 1906-1950, including when Mr R.C. Dawson was in charge.

The collection also contains a very large amount of printed material including books, journals, and magazines relating to horse racing and breeding.

• Papers of Brigid Connolly, Cumann na mBan Correspondence of Brigid Connolly, including letters from Mountjoy, photographs, and other memorabilia of her unit, the 8th Fingal Brigade 1921 – 1931.

• Howth Harbour Correspondence

This is a collection of correspondence relating exclusively to the construction of Howth Harbour dating 1809 – 1822, and including many letters from John Rennie and John Rennie Jnr, the engineers on the project.



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Fingal County Council is committed to providing its citizens with a free, accessible, user-friendly, and professional Archives Service.

Anyone interested in the history of local government in Dublin County, in family, social, or local history, is encouraged to avail of the services provided by the County Archives.

Researchers, both professional and amateur, groups or individuals are welcome to make an appointment to view first hand the original records held in the Archives.

Queries are also welcome by phone, fax, post, or e-mail.

We also welcome the donation of items of historical interest to the Archives, from individuals, businesses, sporting or community organisations. All items acquired will be stored in secure conditions and eventually catalogued and made available to researchers.



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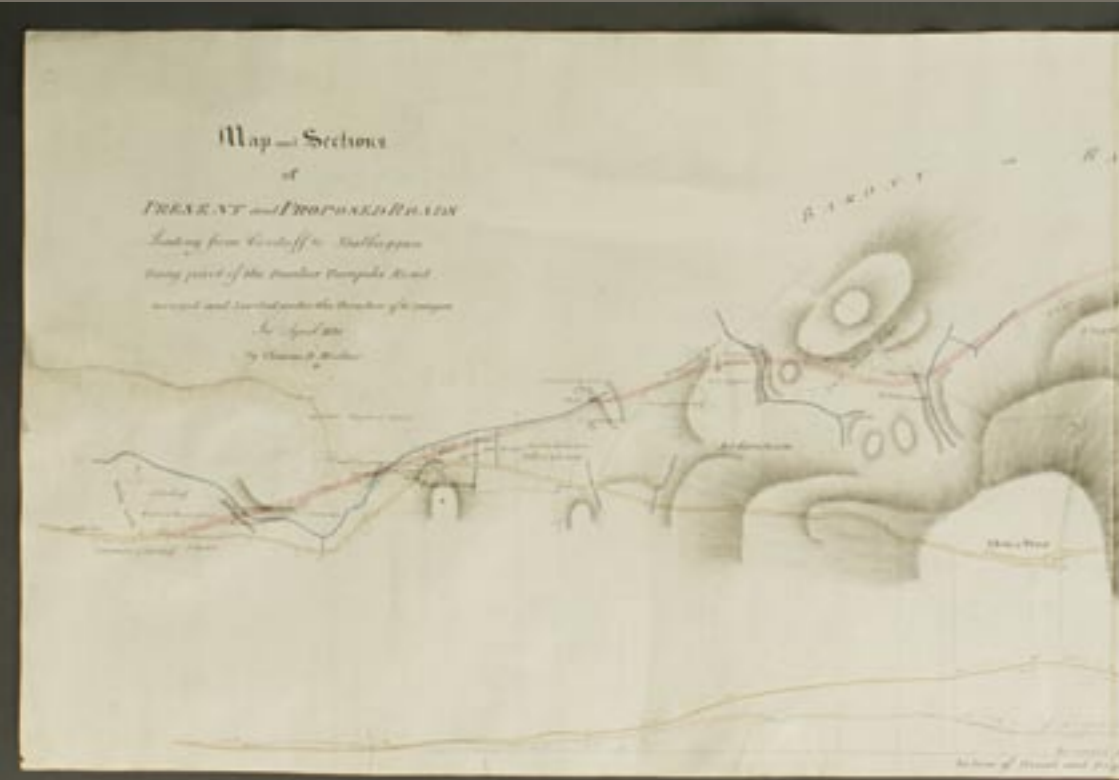
Opening hours for readers are Monday to Friday 10.00 – 1.00 & 2.00 – 4.30
An advance appointment is necessary.



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Records of bodies pre-ceding Dublin County Council



GRAND JURIES 1818 - 1919

Grand Juries were an important arm of local government in nineteenth century Ireland. Appointed by the High Sheriff the Juries were mainly composed of local landowners. The maintenance of roads, bridges and the upkeep of courthouses, hospitals and lunatic asylums were included in the Juries' responsibilities and were financed by the levying of a county Cess.

Fingal Archives contains a small number of manuscript Minute Books (1818-1899) and a more extensive collection of printed Presentment Books for the period 1818 until the Juries' abolition in 1898 when most of their functions were transferred to the newly established County Councils.

BOARDS OF GUARDIANS 1839 - 1923

Set up under the 1838 Poor Law Act, Boards of Guardians dealt with the administration of Poor Relief throughout the country. As the century progressed, the Guardians were given responsibility for the administration of the burgeoning health services.

Fingal Archives holds the following records of the Poor Law Unions/Board of Guardians of Balrothery (BG 40), North Dublin (BG 78), South Dublin (BG 79), Rathdown (BG 137)

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS 1898 - 1930

The 1898 Local Government Act assigned the sanitary matters of the Board to the newly established Rural District Councils leaving the Boards of Guardians in charge of Poor Relief. Both The Boards of Guardians and the Rural District Councils for the Dublin area were abolished in 1930. The Archives holds 80 volumes of Rural District Council records for Balrothery, North Dublin, South Dublin, Rathdown and Celbridge.

There is also a collection of ledgers and records in relation to Labourers Cottages schemes in county Dublin in the nineteenth and early twentieth century.

TURNPIKE TRUSTS

Parliament extended the powers of the Grand Juries to finance the necessary roadworks to deal with the increasing volume of traffic on the roads in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries by establishing Turnpike Trusts. The trusts were financed by the collection of tolls at certain points along the road and by the raising of debenture loans. In most cases the Trusts were in considerable financial difficulties and the coming of the railways in the mid-nineteenth century sealed their fate and the majority of them were abolished in 1855.



The Archives contains collections for the following Turnpike Roads from Dublin: Dunleer, Malahide, Mullingar, Carlow, Knocksedan, Drogheda, and Navan.

The amount of material held in relation to individual roads varies considerably, but the collection for the Dublin - Dunleer road is one of the most complete in the country and covers the period 1775-1938.

Records of Dublin County Council 1898-1993

Dublin County Council was established under the 1898 Local Government Act. In the early years of its existence its main functions were the maintenance of roads and mental hospitals and the raising of rates. In 1930 the Council took over the functions of the Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils and as the century progressed the Council's functions expanded to include the provision of Roads, Housing, Sanitation, Planning, Libraries, Community and Environmental services. The Archives contains a large number of collections dealing with the establishment and provision of these services. These include:

- Council Minutes and Agenda
- Financial Resolutions
- Committees Records
- Managers Orders
- Records of rates and valuations
- Register of Electors
- Departmental Records



Records of other contemporary local government bodies



Dublin Board of Public Health 1925-1942

The collection contains the Minutes and Agenda of the Board 1930-1942, and a large collection of files dating 1925-1937.

Balbriggan Town Commissioners 1860-1995

This collection spans the years 1860 and 1995 and is made up of nearly 70 bound volumes, including Minutes and Agenda.

The Howth Urban District Council 1917-1942

This collection is not quite so complete in terms of bound volumes, but does contain a correspondence collection associated with it.