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**DONNCHADH O BRIAIN PAPERS**

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## INTRODUCTION

The papers of Donnchadh O Briain were deposited in the Archives Department, University College Dublin in 1987 by Dr. Pat Wall. This collection, though not portraying the life and work of one of the more prominent politicians of the modern Irish state, is a significant record of a tireless constituency worker and organiser, and a man who was directly involved in national politics for almost half a century.

O Briain was first elected as a Fianna Fail T.D. for West Limerick to the 8th Dail in 1933. He subsequently ran and was re-elected in every general election until his retirement in 1969 at the age of 72. This remarkably consistent record of service to politics is reflected in the fact that O Briain belonged to that class of politician who was acutely aware of the localised focus of his support. Though based in Dail Eireann, he was foremost a 'grassroots' man, and the large amount of correspondence files and related material associated with constituency representations contained in the papers, bear witness to this. These files, due to the density of their content, are somewhat unwieldy, but offer a significant insight into the social, cultural, economic and political make up of a typical rural constituency from the early 1930s to the mid 1960s.

O Briain served a considerable apprenticeship in nationalist politics before his entry into the mainstream in 1933. P83/1-9 reflects his involvement with Sinn Fein, the Republican courts, and Republican side after the Treaty split. His allegiances clearly lay with de Valera, and he was active in establishing Fianna Fail in county Limerick in 1926. The papers chart his close involvement with the party at local County Council and national level, and a career which saw him serve under three Taoisigh. Though never

holding a ministerial portfolio, despite some apparent expectations in 1959 (P83/100, 179), he served as Parliamentary Secretary to Eamon de Valera in the 1950s, and later, Sean Lemass, until 1961. This important position would have resulted in a degree of closeness to the Taoiseach, and the influence associated with this position would appear to explain the particularly large volume of constituency requests he processed while Parliamentary Secretary.

A considerable portion of these papers relate to O Briain's life-long interest and support for the Irish language. Coupled with his involvement in nationalist politics, he was a staunch Gaelic Leaguer, being an Irish teacher, organiser, and for a time National Secretary of the League. Of particular interest in this context are the difficulties faced by the Gaelic League in their mission to gaelicise the Irish, for example P83/311, where O Briain was forced to deliver a lecture on Irish in English because people would not understand him.

The papers also reflect a passionate belief in the promotion of the Gaeltacht, and in particular Irish language summer schools. It is also evident that he strongly advocated the greater use of Irish in the Dail and the public service, largely to little apparent long term effect (P83/366-72).

#### Description and arrangement

The papers have been arranged into sections and sub-sections which best convey its main elements. Material is organised

into eight sections, and in most broken further down into sub-sections. This straight forward treatment allows the researcher to interrelate the various sections of the papers, providing him with a structured means for examination. The constituency files in section C, sub-section II, represent a coherent series, and their original arrangement has been preserved. Due to the large number of constituency files, and the similarity of their content, summary descriptive practice has been used, with a single description for a series of files. Interesting aspects of individual files have been highlighted and quoted from. Summary descriptive practice has also been used for most series of note and copy books, however the majority of material has received single or compound description, with the latter combining documents and items relating to the one source.

The considerable Irish related material has been confined to section E, under which are four further sub-sections. Any material actually in the Irish language is usually indicated as so in the descriptive entry. Personal material in the papers has been grouped under section G, which includes a sub-section relating to O'Briain's education. Any material which does not fit into these arrangement groupings has been listed in section H.

Descriptive entries in most cases follow a chronological order.

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CHRONOLOGY

- 1897 Born Knockaderry, county Limerick; educated Ahalin National School and Redemptorist College, Limerick.
- 1917 Joined Gaelic League, Irish Volunteers and Sinn Fein.
- 1919 Appointed Irish teacher for Foynes Coiste Ceanntair Area.
- 1920-32 Gaelic League Organiser for county Limerick; for Munster (1925-27); General Secretary Gaelic League (1928-32).
- 1926 Founder member Fianna Fail, county Limerick.
- 1933-69 Dail Eireann Fianna Fail representative for West Limerick constituency, serving from the 8th to the 18th Dail without interruption.
- 1951-54;  
57-61 Parliamentary Secretary to An Taoiseach and Minister for Defence.
- 1969 Retired from active politics.
- 1981 Died.



## A. SINN FEIN, 1918-33

- 1            1918                      Notebook recording notes from meetings of Sinn Fein, West Limerick Election Committee; details include lists of members, preparations for 1918 election, and election appointments, which include Donnachadh O Briain as Director of Literature; also records a resolution condemning the arrest of de Valera and others for the so-called 'German Plot': 'That we call the attention of the Irish people of all nations to the outrage that has been committed upon our nationality by the seizure and kidnapping out of Ireland of de Valera and the other leaders of the Irish Republican Movement ...'.  
35pp
- 2            [1918]                      Sinn Fein election handbill with cartoon showing de Valera in the dock with caption entitled, 'Vote for De Valera, A Felon of Our Land'.  
25 x 19cms
- 3            [1918]                      Copybook containing lists of names of Sinn Fein personating agents and sub-agents for West Limerick in 1918 General Election; also includes entry about security force harassment of James Hannon, Jim McEnery, and Charles McCarthy, who were arrested by the military '... kept for quarter of an hour, beaten with ashplants, then released, and given five minutes to leave town'.  
40pp

Two notebooks compiled by Sinn Fein recording lists of voters in Ballymore West and Clouncagh, county Limerick, with remarks regarding how they cast their votes.

- |   |                          |   |
|---|--------------------------|---|
| 4 | [1918]                   | 16pp  |
| 5 | [1918]                   | 13pp  |
| 6 | [November-December] 1918 | Typescript circular letter to West Limerick Sinn Fein from Central Election Committee issuing instructions on the appointment of personating agents, canvassers, literature supervision, and dispatch riders for election campaign. |

1p

Two notebooks recording information from Sinn Fein Dail Courts in county Limerick, containing details of cases heard, evidence, verdicts, and penalties handed out. Most cases involve minor offences such as petty larceny, and breaches of the peace.

- |   |      |  |
|---|------|--|
| 7 | 1920 | Includes details on the case of William Tierney arrested and charged for saying in the presence of Denis Manger '... thank God all the blood s[uc]ers would be or have been arrested now'. |
|---|------|--|

21pp

- 8            1920            Includes judgement on a case  
                              '... that all people who have  
                              cut turf on banks that  
have been opened and belonged to others be paid at  
the rate of £4 per cut for all such turf cut'.  
  48pp
- 9            23 May            Typescript copy of propaganda  
                 1924            statement from Sinn Fein for  
  Limerick by-election attacking  
the record of the Free State Government, who '...  
blame Republicans for all the economic ills which  
they themselves have brought upon Ireland by their  
departure from the principles of Nationality and  
justice, and their subservience to a foreign  
Government ...', and puts forward a programme which  
will involve the raising of a £50 million loan to  
invest in housing, infrastructure, and industry.  
  3pp
- 10           February 1928 -    Duplicate registered  
                 August 1933        certificates issued by the  
  Government of the Irish  
Republic (1919-20) in return for subscriptions to  
internal loan; handwritten lists and tables of  
people in West Limerick who subscribed to the loan  
and were seeking repayments, and related  
correspondence, including a letter from the  
Department of Finance to Peter Power of Castletown,  
county Limerick, stating that no record of his  
original subscription could be found (9 August  
1933).
- 33 items

## B. FIANNA FAIL, 1927-77

## I. Elections, 1927-73

- 11            [1927]            General election, 1927:  
    notebook with reports from  
    polling districts in West  
 Limerick constituency giving details of candidates  
 and votes cast in each district; also records some  
 Gaelic League material, including an entry, '... we  
 the undersigned, desiring peace and unity, request  
 the unconditional release of all political prisoners  
 in Southern and Northern Ireland'.  
    60pp
- 12            September 1927        General election, 1927:  
    notebook recording  
    organisational business of the  
 Limerick Fianna Fail Comhairle Ceanntair for the  
 election, with information on voters and expenses;  
 includes entry:  
    'Phone Lemass  
    (a) re. deposit old Election  
    (b) Literature  
    (c) Dev for Limerick  
    (d) Speaker for Hospital Four.'  
    89pp
- 13            1927                    General election, 1927:  
    notebook recording expenses  
    incurred by Fianna Fail in West  
 Limerick during the election which include petrol,  
 cigarettes, telegrams, and jarvies.  
    23pp



- 18                   4 January -                   General election, 1933:  
3 February 1933                letters and notes in Irish and  
                                  English wishing O Briain well  
in election, and congratulating him on his success;  
includes letter from Seamus Colbard, Athea, county  
Limerick, commenting that Fianna Fail no longer have  
to rely on the Labour party, who '... you know  
yourself the most of that party are rotten to the  
core.'
- 9 items
- 19                   21-32 January                 General election, 1933:  
1933                            telegrams in Irish and English  
                                  to O Briain congratulating him  
on his election.
- 23 items
- 20                   1 February                    General election, 1933:  
1933                            official certificate from Colum  
                                  O Murchadha, Clerk of the Dail,  
summonsing the newly elected O Briain to attend for  
registration.
- 1p
- 21                   1937                            General election, 1937:  
                                  typescript list of electoral  
                                  districts in O Briain's area of  
West Limerick constituency, with annotations after  
each one on voting patterns such as 'good',  
'rotten', 'powerful'.
- 1p

- 22           6-20 July           **General election, 1937:**  
1937                        letters in Irish and English to  
                            O Briain congratulating him on  
his re-election; includes letter from D. Fitzgerald,  
Kilcornan, county Limerick, commenting on the  
closeness of the contest, 'I think your mother is  
sorry to have you elected again especially as you  
are doing as much for your enemies as for your  
friends. You had a tight shave'.  
56 items
- 23           July 1937           **General election, 1937:**  
                            telegrams in Irish and English  
to O Briain congratulating him  
on his re-election.  
24 items
- 24           1938           **General election, 1938:**  
                            printed copy of address from  
Fianna Fail candidates to the  
people of Limerick; election handbills and  
literature supporting the candidates, who include  
O Briain.  
5 items
- 25           16-29 June       **General election, 1938:**  
1938                        letters and notes in Irish and  
English to O Briain  
congratulating him on his re-election, and  
commenting on the loss of sitting Fianna Fail T.D.  
Michael Colbert's seat.  
47 items

- 26            21 June            General election, 1938:  
1938                    telegrams of congratulations to  
                                O Briain on his re-election.  
                                14 items
- 27            10-18 March        Senate elections, 1938:  
1938                    typescript copies of lists of  
                                names of the Fianna Fail  
nominees for each panel for the elections, with  
instructions from headquarters in Mount Street,  
Dublin, on voting procedures.  
                                15pp
- 28            3 August            Senate elections, 1938:  
1938                    typescript letter from Michael  
                                Colbert, (ex- Fianna Fail  
T.D.), Athea, county Limerick, to O Briain seeking  
his vote for a seat on the Agricultural Panel.  
                                1p
- 29            [June] 1943        General election, 1943:  
                                receipt for O Briain's  
                                nomination papers; list of  
Fianna Fail counting agents; typescript copy of  
ballad 'The Call to Glory' in honour of 1943 General  
election.  
                                3 items
- 30            9 August            Senate elections, 1943:  
1943                    typescript circular letter from  
                                Eamon Kissane, Fianna Fail  
Chief Whip, reminding appointed individuals of their  
responsibilities in looking after the party's  
candidates for the elections in their constituency.  
                                1p





- 35            6-23 February            General election, 1948:  
1948                            letters and notes mostly in  
                                 English to O Briain  
congratulating him on his re-election, but  
sympathising on Fianna Fail's failure to obtain an  
overall majority, 'The final results have brought  
tears to the nation.'
- 36 items
- 36            3-9 February            General election, 1948:  
1948                            telegrams of congratulations to  
                                 O Briain on his re-election.
- 3 items
- 37            3 November            By-election, Donegal, 1948:  
1948                            typescript copy of speakers'  
                                 notes for speech during  
campaign covering domestic issues such as  
employment, welfare, hospitals, agriculture, and  
emigration.
- 3pp
- 38            June 1949            [By-election] North West Cork,  
                                 1949: copybook recording  
                                 organisational matters for  
election campaign, including tasks delegated to  
people, transport, canvassing, personating agents  
and sub-agents for each polling station.
- 17pp



- 43            [1954]            General election, [1954]:  
                       copy of election guide for  
                       Fianna Fail canvassers and  
 speakers giving details of the party's achievements  
 since returning to power in 1951 in such areas as  
 prices, health spending, housing, social welfare,  
 electricity, and fisheries.  
4pp
- 44            [1954]            General election, [1954]:  
                       election leaflet and handbill  
                       for [ ] Moher and [ ]  
 Faulkner, Fianna Fail candidates, highlighting  
 achievements in the areas of aid to farmers, capital  
 investment, and the new Health Act.  
2 items
- 45            14 April            County Council elections,  
                       1955:    copies of official  
                       registers of Dail and Local  
 Government electors in county Limerick  
 constituencies; names of electors in each district  
 are crossed through, and many are annotated with  
 symbols indicating political affiliation; other  
 annotations indicate individuals who are deceased,  
 left the area, or unable to vote.  
82pp
- 46            [1955]            County Council elections,  
                       1955:    typescript copies of  
                       lists of names and addresses of  
 university graduates in Limerick city and county;  
 some names are ticked possibly indicating Fianna  
 Fail supporters.  
10pp





- 52            November 1955 -            By-election, West Limerick,  
                June 1956            1955: circular notice of by-  
  election selection convention  
                to be chaired by Sean Lemass T.D.; handwritten draft  
                letter from O Briain (Director of election) to Sean  
                [Lemass] assessing the suitability of candidates;  
                typescript copy of campaign speech by Michael  
                Colbert selected candidate; typescript notes for  
                speakers on various issues; also includes insurance  
                certificates for liability cover during election,  
                and list of Comhairle Ceanntair secretaries in Cork,  
                Kerry, Galway, and Tipperary.
- 12 items
- 53            October 1955 -            By-election, West Limerick,  
                January 1956            1955: bills, accounts,  
  receipts and related  
                correspondence regarding expenses incurred during  
                election campaign; most relate to car hire, petrol  
                and servicing, payment of drivers, hotel  
                accommodation, refreshments, stationary, and the  
                services of the Millstreet Pipe Band; includes  
                letter from S. O Seanachain to O Briain complaining  
                about Fianna Fail members '... riding around in cars  
                and taking the place of voters. Its a shame to see  
                those fellows going for joyrides on election day'.  
  C.140 items
- 54            November - December    By-election, West Limerick,  
                1955                            1955: notebook recording  
  petty cash expenses incurred  
                during election for car hire, telephones, petrol and  
                post.
- 16pp

- 55            15 December            By-election, West Limerick,  
1955                            1955: three telegrams to  
                                 O Briain congratulating him on  
his direction of a Fianna Fail victory, one of which  
is from Eamon de Valera.
- 3 items
- 56            7-30 March            General election, 1957:  
1957                            letters in Irish and English to  
                                 O Briain congratulating him on  
his re-election and re-appointment as Parliamentary  
Secretary to An Taoiseach; includes letter from  
Molly Culliane, St. Laurence's Hospital, Dublin,  
'Surely now the country has spoken and it was high  
time. How pleased Mr. De Valera will be to have you  
back.'
- C.90 items
- 57            7-22 March            General election, 1957:  
1957                            telegrams in Irish and English  
                                 to O Briain congratulating him  
on his re-election.
- 52 items
- 58            20 January            Presidential election, 1959:  
1959                            typescript synopsis with  
                                 annotations of fragment of  
speech by Eamon de Valera, probably given to the  
Fianna Fail Parliamentary Party regarding his  
decision to retire as Taoiseach '... at least a year  
before the General Election was due ...', and having  
been approached by members of the party concerning  
his candidacy for the Presidential election '... was  
prepared to go forward if the party so desired'.



- 59                  8 June                        **General election, 1961:**  
1961                               typescript circular letter from  
    Fianna Fail Headquarters,  
    Dublin, to each member of the West Limerick general  
    election convention announcing the holding of a  
    meeting to select two candidates at Rathkeale, which  
    will be presided over by the Minister for Local  
    Government, Neil Blaney.
- 1p
- 60                  29 September -                  **General election, 1961:**  
21 October 1961                  letters mostly in English to  
    O Briain congratulating him on  
    his re-election; includes letter from William  
    O'Sullivan, Bruree, county Limerick, 'I hoped Fianna  
    Fail would sweep the country. But there are  
    unscrupulous elements and west British tendencies  
    always in this poor country'.
- 26 items
- 61                  6 September                      **General election, 1961:**  
1961                               telegrams to O Briain  
    congratulating him on his re-  
    election.
- 4 items
- 62                  9-10 April                        **General election, 1965:**  
1965                               letters to O Briain  
    congratulating him on his  
    re-election.
- 7 items



II. Local organisation, county Limerick,  
1927-76

- 66 October - November 1927 Notebook recording the names of members and those newly accepted to Fianna Fail Club, Knockadery, county Limerick; also includes the names of executive committee members, who include O Briain as one of the secretaries, and some subscriptions.  
20pp
- 67 January - February 1932 Cashbook recording expenses of, and subscriptions to Fianna Fail Comhairle Ceanntair, West Limerick. A large amount of money appears to have been spent on cigarettes.  
20pp
- 68 18 April 1935 Typescript letter from Seamus O Dainin, General Secretary, Fianna Fail, to O Briain enclosing a copy of a letter from James Treacy, Secretary of Caherconlish Cumann, county Limerick, '... I am going to be no longer a tool for any party ...'.
- 69 December 1935 - May 1936 Notebook recording petrol expenses incurred by party transport staff in county Limerick.  
3pp

Two cashbooks recording subscriptions levied on cumainn in West Limerick for by-elections in Galway and Wexford, and County Council elections. Listed are private subscriptions, and subscription amounts from various cumainn; also included are the proceeds of fundraising projects, and some constituency notes.

- |    |                                 |  |
|----|---------------------------------|--|
| 70 | 1935-37                         | Includes lists of proceeds to fundraising project called '45 Drive' (1937).<br>21pp  |
| 71 | 1936                            | 17pp   |
| 72 | 31 January -<br>3 February 1938 | Typescript letter from Fianna Fail Headquarters to O Briain enclosing a letter from Philip Ryan of Caherconlish, resigning from the party.<br>2 items  |
| 73 | June - November<br>1944         | Typescript copy of letter from W. McLaughlin, Limerick Fianna Fail Director of Finance, to O Briain, enclosing details of church and house collections in various cumainn areas; also includes a general report on the party's finances in county Limerick which are in credit.<br>4pp |

- 74                    1945                    Copybook recording petty cash expenses incurred probably by the Fianna Fail West Limerick Comhairle Ceanntair; expenses include postage, stationary, telephones, and printing.  
7pp
- 75                    1947                    Handwritten notes of meetings of Adare and Rathkeale, Comhairle Ceanntair; includes rough minutes of AGM's, lists of cumainn present and absent, officers elected, resolutions passed, and votes of sympathy.  
13pp
- 76                    26 January                Typescript copy circular letter 1949                    from Limerick Comhairle Dail Ceanntair, to all cumainn secretaries requesting that they encourage all members to attend a lecture and concert at the Central Cinema, Rathkeale, where Sean MacEntee T.D., will speak on 'Some Memories of Easter 1916'.  
1p
- 77                    February 1952 -            Typescript copy of report to February 1954            East Limerick Comhairle Ceanntair on the progress of refurbishment of the newly purchased headquarters, Arus Fianna Fail, in Limerick city, and enclosing a statement of accounts (February 1952); memorandum from the trustees of the Arus on continuing progress, and on fundraising and subscription efforts for the project (January 1953); letters and subscription form concerning the fund.  
8pp



- 82            24 November            Typescript letter from Tadgh  
1964                            Smalle, Secretary, Limerick  
                                  North Rural Fianna Fail Cumann,  
to O Briain, concerning a recent visit he and others  
had to Arus an Uachtarain where they had a 'fireside  
chat, as old friends of long ago ...' with President  
de Valera.
- 2pp
- 83            15 March                Typescript letter from William  
1972                            Heffernan, Honorary Secretary,  
                                  Bruree and Rockhill Development  
Association, county Limerick, to O Briain, thanking  
him for arranging a deputation of their committee to  
meet the President.
- 1p
- 84            [1972]                    Typescript circular in Irish  
                                  and English from Bruree and  
                                  Rockhill Association, appealing  
for subscriptions to a fund to build an Eamon de  
Valera Community Centre in Bruree, which will  
incorporate his old school, and involve a library,  
museum, and completely new hall.
- 1p
- 85            August 1974 -            Letters and subscriptions to  
October 1975                the fund to purchase de  
                                  Valera's childhood home at  
Knockmore, Bruree, from businesses, politicians,  
cumainn, and Fianna Fail supporters; also includes  
lists of areas canvassed in county Limerick, and  
lists of names of subscribers and relevant amounts.
- 46 items

86            August 1974 -            Cashbook regarding sub-  
                  July 1976            scriptions to the de Valera  
    cottage fund; printed receipt  
    book also recording subscriptions, with some cheque  
    stubs.

2 items

87            20 May                    Typescript copy of letter in  
                  1976                    Irish from Fianna Fail  
    Headquarters, to Mr. M.  
    McMahon, Cnoc a Doire Cumann, thanking him for  
    receipt of £56.05 as part of the National  
    Collection.

1p

### III. National organisation, 1937-77

88            29 September            Official invitation to attend  
                  1937                    solemn Votive Mass at the Pro-  
    Cathedral, Dublin, to bless the  
    inauguration of the new Constitution of Ireland.

1 item

89            20 March                    Typescript circular letter from  
                  1939                    M.J. Kennedy, Fianna Fail  
    Whip's Office, enclosing  
    recommendations of the party Commission on  
    Complaints about land distribution by the Land  
    Commission.

2 items











- 106            29 October            Photostat copy from Fianna Fail  
1975                            press and information service,  
   of statement by the party on  
Northern Ireland calling on British Government to  
encourage the peaceful reunification of Ireland,  
including an appendix containing excerpts from  
speeches by Eamon de Valera, Sean Lemass, and Jack  
Lynch.
- 8pp
- 107            June 1977            Typescript copy of revised list  
   of names and addresses of  
   Fianna Fail Senators.
- 1p

C.    CONSTITUENCY AND LOCAL MATTERS, 1932-75

I.    Requests and representations,  
      1932-50, 55-56, 62-65

Correspondence files, mostly in  
English, concerning requests to  
O Briain from constituents

seeking assistance and representations to be made on  
their behalf mostly to government departments and  
agencies. Issues dealt with concern routine matters  
such as job applications, welfare support,  
infrastructural and commercial grants, housing  
grants, and allocations, land division (Land  
Commission), and licence applications.

- |     |                                  |  |             |
|-----|----------------------------------|--|-------------|
| 108 | March 1932 -<br>December 1935    | Includes letter from Thomas<br>Connell, Rathkeale, to<br>O Briain, who was dismissed<br>from his job as a gardener for voting Fianna Fail in<br>the 1933 election, and whose employer had allegedly<br>stated '... let de Valera provide for you and when<br>you and your family are starving you may come to<br>your senses ...'.   | C.100 items |
| 109 | January 1934 -<br>December 1935  | Includes letter from Henry<br>Meagher, Bruree, to O Briain,<br>seeking to have a judgement of<br>the Sinn Fein Arbitration Court in 1920 upheld as<br>'the Fianna Fail Government has no option except to<br>give effect to those Sinn Fein Courts decision,<br>because if it does not it will have branded itself<br>as being the defender of the British Garrison, and<br>all the boasting of the Republicans will be proved a<br>sham'. | C.100 items |
| 110 | February 1936 -<br>December 1937 |  | C.65 items  |
| 111 | January - November<br>1937       |  | C.110 items |
| 112 | January 1938 -<br>August 1939    |  | C.155 items |

- 113            January 1940 -            Includes letter from Oscar  
December 1941            Traynor, Minister for Defence,  
                                 to O Briain concerning  
representations on behalf of a Kitty Madden who was  
seeking a position as a shorthand typist and was  
'... like a good many others prompted by the hope  
that the rapid expansion of the Army would create a  
number of vacancies for civilians'.  
                                 C.125 items
- 114            March 1942 -            Includes letter from Sean  
November 1943            Lemass, Minister for Industry  
                                 and Commerce, to O Briain  
agreeing to allow for the reopening of wheat mills  
in Adare, county Limerick, on the condition that all  
regulations are complied with, as 'the situation in  
respect of wheat supplies is likely to remain so  
serious that no irregularities of any kind can be  
permitted to continue'.  
                                 40 items
- 115            January 1944 -  
December 1945            58 items
- 116            January 1946 -  
June 1946                23 items

- 117             January - December     Includes letter from Thomas  
1947                                    Ahern, Kilmallock, to O Briain,  
  who claims he is an IRA veteran  
  and has with some of his friends suffered serious  
  harassment from the local Garda Superintendent, who  
  '... has as his pals some of the leading lights in  
  the Blue Shirt racket, and even the public as[sic]  
  talking of the way when some of them are brought to  
  Court, how they can get away with murder'.  
C.130 items
- 118             January 1948 -  
                  August 1950                                    C.95 items
- 119             February 1955 -  
                  December 1956                                48 items
- 120             January 1962 -  
                  February 1964                                C.105 items
- 121             1933 - 1934                                Fourteen pocket notebooks  
  recording information on  
  routine constituency  
  representations listing mostly the names of  
  individuals concerned and the measures taken in each  
  case.  
14 items



II. Requests and representations as  
Parliamentary Secretary, 1951-54, 57-61

Series of correspondence files mostly in English, concerning requests to O Briain while Parliamentary Secretary to An Taoiseach, and later Minister for Defence (1959), from constituents seeking assistance and representations to be made on their behalf mostly to the Departments of Justice, Lands, Agriculture, Finance, Education, and Local Government, and concern routine matters similar to P83/108-120. The gap between 1954 and 1957 is accounted for the fact that Fianna Fail were out of power during these years.

122	March - December 1951	27 items
123	January - December 1952	40 items
124	January - December 1953	C.90 items

- 125 August - December 1953 Includes letter from Dan Costigan, Garda Commissioner, to O'Briain regarding a Garda Skehan of Bruff who was being disciplined for keeping cattle contrary to Force rules, 'unless we are to take a firm line against Guards who engage in business, we will have most of the Guards in the country running shops and perhaps even public houses in their wives names' (23 November 1953).  
C.130 items
- 126 February - December 1953 C.120 items
- 127 January - July 1953 50 items
- 128 June - December 1953 C.90 items
- 129 January - November 1953 C.115 items
- 130 January - July 1953 C.90 items
- 131 June - December 1953 C.125 items
- 132 April - June 1953 C.85 items



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| 140 | January - May<br>1953      | C.75 items  |
| 141 | June - December<br>1953    | C.105 items   |
| 142 | May - December<br>1953     | C.48 items  |
| 143 | July - December<br>1953    | C.80 items  |
| 144 | January - May<br>1953      | Includes letters from Stephen Ryan, Limerick, to O Briain regarding representations to help him acquire a farm from land being divided by the Land Commission, 'if I got a chance of a decent farm even in the hills of Wicklow I'd grab it' (March 1953).<br><br>C.100 items |
| 145 | January - December<br>1953 | C.115 items   |
| 146 | January - December<br>1953 | C.100 items   |
| 147 | January - November<br>1953 | 45 items  |



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| 154 | September 1957 -<br>December 1958 | Includes copy reply from<br>O Briain to Joe Cagney of<br>Charleville, county Cork in<br>response to accusations made against him due to the<br>lack of progress in representations to the<br>Department of Agriculture, 'I received your letter<br>of October 11th in due course. I regard its<br>contents as both impertinent and insulting ...<br>Although your attitude doesn't deserve it, I have<br>now put it to the Dept of Agriculture that you<br>should be considered for a Grant ... I have been,<br>am and always will be willing to assist any<br>constituent, no matter what his political<br>affiliation' (23 October 1957). | 65 items    |
| 155 | September 1957 -<br>June 1961     |   | C.100 items |
| 156 | October 1957 -<br>April 1960      |   | 65 items    |
| 157 | October 1957 -<br>June 1959       |   | C.70 items  |

- 158                   September 1957 -       **Includes** letter from Sean  
                       June 1961                   O Caomh[?], Patrickswell, to  
   O Briain, who has been making  
                       enquiries about the family of Thomas Creagh who have  
                       approached him for help in obtaining a council  
                       house, '... though quite respectable have been  
                       strong Fine Gael supporters', and recommends instead  
                       favour should be done for a young Guard name  
                       Guinane, 'It would be better not to mention locally  
                       that I made these representations to you'. (11  
                       October 1957)
- C.70 items
- 159                   October 1957 -  
                       April 1960
- 60 items
- 160                   October 1957 -  
                       February 1960
- 60 items
- 161                   November 1957 -  
                       May 1961
- C.100 items
- 162                   October 1957 -  
                       February 1961
- C.72 items
- 163                   October 1957 -       **Includes** letter from Annie  
                       February 1960                   Fitzgerald, Kilmallock, to  
   O Briain regarding her  
                       inadequate Old Age Pension, 'Please when having a  
                       private chat with Dev ask him what does he intend  
                       doing for me. God loves the cheerful giver - when I  
                       go to the Great Beyond I shall more than make up for  
                       the much needed Gratuity'.(29 September 1957)
- 32 items

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| 164 | October 1957 -<br>June 1961                      | C.90 items   |
| 165 | October 1957 -<br>May 1960                       | 60 items   |
| 166 | October - December 1957<br>April 1960 - May 1961 | 45 items   |
| 167 | November 1957 -<br>January 1961                  | <p>Includes letter from Edward<br/>McMahon, Glin, to O Briain<br/>seeking influence in having his<br/>son accepted as a Garda despite being a quarter of<br/>an inch short of the pre-requisite height, 'I and<br/>many others are very surprised as comparing him to<br/>other Garda stationed here you would honestly say he<br/>would be very much bigger'. (24 October 1959)</p> <p>55 items</p> |
| 168 | November 1957 -<br>January 1961                  | C.95 items   |
| 169 | November 1957 -<br>September 1960                | 60 items   |
| 170 | November 1957 -<br>January 1959                  | 44 items   |



- 171 November 1957 - Includes copy reply from  
June 1961 O Briain to James Harold,  
Ardagh, an IRA veteran stating  
that he cannot make representations on behalf of his  
son who was seeking a position as a Clerical  
Officer, and that '... it was only six or eight  
months ago I was trying to help the daughter of one  
of the most outstanding fighters in the country who  
has a University degree, but she failed to come up  
to the standard of various positions she was trying  
for and had eventually to go abroad'. (15 October  
1958)  
C.140 items
- 172 January - June  
1959 44 items
- 173 November 1958 -  
November 1959 C.85 items
- 174 February 1959 -  
September 1960 C.85 items
- 175 February 1959 - Includes letter from Detective  
February 1961 Garda Michael Coll, to  
O Briain, seeking assistance in  
obtaining the special detective allowance, as he has  
come to learn '... from my experience of serving in  
the Force it is not what you know but who you know'.  
(16 February 1959)  
55 items

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| 176                 | June - July<br>1959         | 35 items  |
| 177                 | April 1959 -<br>August 1961 | C.115 items   |
| 178                 | May 1959 -<br>October 1960  | 40 items  |
| 179                 | June 1959 -<br>March 1960   | Includes letter from J.B.<br>O'Driscoll, The Barlite Plastic<br>Company, Nenagh, county<br>Tipperary to O Briain regarding representations on<br>behalf of J. Wixted; also comments on the recent<br>post-election cabinet re-shuffle, 'All your friends<br>were very disappointed that you did not move up a<br>step in the recent reshuffle but lets' hope that<br>move will come soon. Whilst I was glad to see Paddy<br>Hillery getting a Cabinet Seat, I would have<br>preferred to see you in the same position'. (13 July<br>1959) |
| See also<br>P83/100 |                             | 50 items  |
| 180                 | June 1959 -<br>April 1960   | 53 items  |
| 181                 | May 1959 -<br>February 1961 | 48 items  |
| 182                 | January - May<br>1959       | 32 items  |

- 183            January - October       Includes correspondence  
1959                                between Patrick Ryan, Tipperary  
    Town and O Briain regarding  
    efforts to have his income tax liabilities reduced.  
    O Briain states that he has '... no alternative but  
    to pay it ...', and Ryan in reply argues that Dan  
    Breen had told him that he '... got Income Tax  
    reduced by one third for people in Tipperary, and I  
    have heard some of them speaking off the same  
    platform as those who called ye Bank Robbers ...'.  
    (27 October 1959)
- 53 items
- 184            February 1959 -  
    April 1960                                43 items
- 185            February 1959 -  
    December 1961                            C.155 items
- 186            June - September  
1959    42 items

### III. Specific local issues, 1932-74

#### a. Industrial and commercial development

- 187            6 June                                Typescript copy letter from  
1936    Michael Hanley, Black Abbey  
    Co-operative Agricultural and  
    Daily Society Ltd., Adare, county Limerick, to  
    O Briain enclosing observations on the proposed  
    expansion of facilities for his examination.

- 188            2-12 May            Typescript letter from [Geert  
1959                      Van Den Bergh], Director of  
                             Shamrock Fertilizers Ltd.,  
                             county Wicklow, to O Briain, enclosing a copy of a  
                             memorandum submitted to the Department of Industry  
                             and Commerce regarding proposals to build a new  
                             factory at Kilmokea, county Wexford, and an  
                             extension to their facility at Foynes, county  
                             Limerick; also includes four photographs of the  
                             company's plant at Wicklow, and laboratories and  
                             depot at Kilkenny; six copies of engineers drawings  
                             showing elevations, cross-sections, and internal  
                             layout of proposed new factory at Kilmokea, and  
                             extension at Foynes; map of Kilmokea with site  
                             marked.
- 15 items
- 189            28 March            Typescript letter from Edmond  
1960                      Grace, Assistant General  
                             Manager, Coras Iompair Eireann  
                             (CIE) to O Briain, replying to complaints about  
                             difficulties experienced by Southern Chemicals Ltd.,  
                             Askeaton, county Limerick, in the delivery of lime.
- 2pp
- 190            30 March            Handwritten letter from [Closs]  
1960                      Cawley, Shannon Meat Ltd.,  
                             Rathkeale, county Limerick, to  
                             O Briain, enclosing a copy of proposals submitted to  
                             An Foras Tionscal in support of their application  
                             for grant aid under the Undeveloped Areas Acts, 1952  
                             to 1957.
- 13pp

- 191            April 1962            Printed publicity brochure for Shannon Free Industrial Zone, county Clare, giving details of opportunities for industry, the development of Shannon New Town, the airport, and the general economic and strategic value of locating industry there.
- 21pp
- 192            May 1962            Typescript copy of report on a meeting at the Department of Education, on the establishment of a ceramics industry for Drumcollogher, county Limerick, involving the implementation of an intensive skilled training course and erection of a factory which could eventually employ up to one hundred workers.
- 2pp
- 193            5-22 February        Two handwritten letters from A. 1963                    Dye, London, to O Briain regarding his interest in setting up an unnamed industrial enterprise at Shannon Free Zone, and seeking efforts to get grant assistance.
- 3pp

194                    1963                    Publicity booklet produced by the Newcastlewest Development Association outlining facilities available for industrial development, and giving details of infrastructure, education, existing industry, and population levels, some of which is illustrated by maps; typescript copy of memorandum prepared by the Association giving details of efforts to set up a milk processing industry at Newcastlewest in conjunction with a German firm, Milchwerke H Woermann and Sohn KG, Wesel Rhein.

2 items

b. Rural and infrastructural improvements

195                    1932 - 1963                    Handwritten and typescript lists and schedules of proposed and approved projects for the Minor Employment and Bog Development Schemes, county Limerick; details include outlines of each project, costs, and duration; notes compiled by O Briain on the schemes (1934); related correspondence with the Department of Finance, Commissioners of Public Works, and Limerick County Council regarding the inclusion of river damage in the schemes (1933-35).

C.90pp

- 196                    21 September 1946 - Typescript letter from Sean  
26 March 1948                    Moylan, [Minister for  
Agriculture], to O Briain  
regarding his efforts to have sufficient funds  
released for repair to embankments caused by  
flooding of the river Maigue; typescript copy of  
report from Limerick Assistant County Surveyor on  
the flooding damage done by the river at Adare,  
Croom and Court.  
  
2 items
- 197                    10 January                    Printed copy of report on water  
1958                    supplies compiled by MG Ahern,  
County Engineer, for Limerick  
County Council, giving details of facilities and  
operations in each area of the county.  
  
19pp
- 198                    4 January                    Typescript circular from MG  
1962                    Ahern, giving details of main  
and county road improvements  
grants for 1961/62 in which he concludes that  
despite improvements in the county roads, the  
deterioration of the main roads outweighed any  
improvements, and that a revision of financial  
policy regarding road grants is required.  
  
4pp
- 199                    12 March                    Note from Gerard Collins,  
1973                    Minister for Posts and  
Telegraphs, to O Briain  
enclosing a photostat copy of a letter he received  
from Noel Lemass, Parliamentary Secretary to the  
Minister for Finance, informing him that the  
processing of the drainage scheme for the river  
Maigue catchment is to proceed.  
  
2 items

## c. Health and education

200            7 September            Typescript copy of letter from  
1932                            Thomas MacArdgail, Assistant  
   Secretary, Department of Local  
Government and Public Health, to the Secretary of  
the Limerick Board of Health and Public Assistance,  
enclosing a copy of a report on hospital facilities  
in county Limerick, and recommending the erection of  
a new Fever hospital at Croom, a District Hospital  
at Newcastlewest, and an increase in the beds at the  
County Infirmary.

5pp

201            June 1936 -            Typescript letter from John  
March 1937                            King, Secretary, Limerick  
   County Board of Health and  
Public Assistance, to O Briain asking for approaches  
to be made to the Minister for Local Government and  
Public Health regarding the improvement in medical  
facilities in the county and enclosing a printed  
copy of the Report and Recommendations of the  
Hospitals Commission on the current situation in  
Limerick city and county, and copies of related  
correspondence with the department.

15pp



202            November 1959,            Typescript circular letter from  
              April 1963            the Limerick University Project  
                                 Committee, appealing for  
              support for their campaign to have a constituent  
              college of the National University established at  
              Limerick and enclosing a copy of a study supporting  
              their claims, giving figures and comparisons with  
              Dublin, Cork, and Galway; handbill giving a table  
              showing the level of grants contributed from  
              tax-payers money to the colleges (April 1963).  
                                 2 items

203            11-12 July                Typescript copy of unrevised  
              1973                       transcripts of Dail adjournment  
                                 debate concerning the closure  
              of St. Joseph's Christian Brothers School, Adare,  
              county Limerick, with contributions from Gerard  
              Collins, and Richard Burke, Minister for Education.  
                                 10pp

d. Pension requests and other

204            1933-36,                 Handwritten notes on Dail paper  
              1938, 39,                listing the names of  
              1960                       constituents who O Briain is  
              making representations on behalf of for Old Age and  
              Blind Pensions; explanatory leaflet and application  
              form for Old Age (Contributory) Pension (1960).  
                                 C.168pp

205                 January 1943 -                 Typescript schedules issued by  
December 1955                 the Department of defence  
                                  listing the names of applicants  
for military service medals from West Limerick  
Brigade, Old Irish Republican Army and giving  
addresses, companies, and battalions served in  
during the War of Independence; assessment and  
eligibility forms to be completed by each applicant;  
related notes and correspondence with department and  
applicants, including a letter to O Briain from Mary  
B Walsh, Ballincollig, county Cork stating, 'I  
worked for the delegates when in London at the  
signing of the Treaty where they wined, dined, +  
signed'. (12 September 1955)

51pp

206                 28 March                     Typescript letter from Gerard  
1974                             Collins T.D. to O Briain,  
                                  thanking him for receipt of his  
letter and promising to make a stand on an  
unspecified local issue.

1p

207                 10 December 1974 -         Two typescript letters from the  
27 August 1975                 secretaries of the Department  
                                  of Defence to O Briain  
concerning Miss Bridie McDonough, Newcastlewest,  
whose applications for an allowance under the Army  
Pensions Act (1953) have been refused due to her  
failure to co-operate with a Social Welfare Officer.

9pp

## D. GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL MATTERS, 1933-65

I. Bills, acts and domestic issues,  
1933-65

- 208                 8 February -                 Typescript copy of memorandum  
                  1 March 1933                 containing extracts from Dail  
  debates on the reading of  
various government bills, including Road Transport,  
Railways, Road Traffic, Local Government, and  
Amendment to Property Act.  
  
  1p
- 209                 [1934]                         Typescript copy of report on  
  suggestion for the new Land  
  Bill prepared by a special  
committee which includes specific proposals for the  
reorganisation of the Land Commission.  
  
  3pp
- 210                 [1935]                         Typescript copy of propaganda  
  document entitled 'The New UIP  
  Policy - Points for Speakers',  
urging for a continuation in tariff protection and  
tillage campaign.  
  
  4pp
- 211                 28 November                 Typescript copy of report of  
                  1935                         the Committee on Distressed  
  Areas in Mountain Districts for  
the Government Chief Whip.  
  
  2pp

- 212            12 December            Typescript circular letter from  
1935                            Eamon O'Mahony, Secretary,  
                                  Irish Insurance Employees  
Vigilance and Protection Association, enclosing a  
leaflet conveying its opinions on the proposed  
Insurance Bill.
- 2 items
- 213            1946                        Two publicity pamphlets issued  
                                  by Cothran na Feinne, Gardiners  
                                  Row, Dublin, calling for  
increases in pension cover, and improvements in  
welfare generally.
- 214            April 1947                Copy of Local Government  
                                  (Superannuation) Bill (1947).  
                                  5pp
- 215            18 April                    Typescript copy of Dail Eireann  
1947                            Orders of the Day, listing  
                                  matters under discussion, and  
bills currently in progress in the Dail and Senate.
- 4pp
- 216            November 1947            Copy of report of tribunal  
                                  appointed by An Taoiseach, de  
                                  Valera, to investigate  
allegations made about the disposal or proposed  
disposal of the Distillery of John Locke and  
Company, county Westmeath.
- 3pp

- 217                   31 July                   Typescript copy of trade  
1948                                 agreement between the Irish and  
                                       British Governments, modifying  
aspects of the Trade Agreement of 1938 regarding  
tariffs and duties on industrial and agricultural  
produce.  
  
8pp
- 218                   20 December                 Printed copy of report  
1948                                 presented to both Houses of the  
                                       Oireachtas by Sean MacBride,  
Minister for External Affairs, entitled, Ireland's  
Long Term Programme (1949-1953), outlining the  
general condition of Irish industry, agriculture,  
and society, and projecting expected areas of growth  
for the future.  
  
32pp
- 219                   17 February                 Copy of report of the Committee  
1949                                 on Procedure and Privileges  
                                       regarding statements made in  
the Dail on 4 December 1948 by the Minister for  
Agriculture about Deputy Corry in connection with  
the acquisition by him of lime from Tuam beet sugar  
factory.  
  
6pp
- 220                   October 1949                 Copy of report of the Senate  
                                       Special Committee on the  
                                       Fisheries (Statute Law  
Revision) Bill 1949.  
  
11pp

- 221                    [1950]                    Educational poster issued by  
the Anti-Tuberculosis section  
of the Irish Red Cross Society,  
depicting a cartoon with the caption 'Don't Spit'.  
80 x 42cms
- 222                    1953                    Two typescript copies of  
leaflets issued by Limerick  
County Council explaining the  
workings of health services for mothers and infants,  
and specialist services, as a part of the Health Act  
(1953).  
16pp
- 223                    [1953]                    Pamphlet issued by the  
Associated Easter Week Men  
entitled, *Something to be  
Ashamed of*, appealing to Fianna Fail cumainn to  
pressurise the government to amend the Military  
Pensions Act (1924) to include 1916 veterans.  
4pp
- 224                    25 January                    Typescript copy of speech  
1953                    delivered by P. Smith, Minister  
for Local Government, to  
Cootehill Fianna Fail Comhairle Ceanntair, county  
Cavan, concerning the political motivations behind  
the ongoing milk strike.  
2pp

- 225            4 February            Typescript note from the  
1953                            Department of Finance,  
                                  enclosing a copy of a chapter  
from the Fourth Annual Report of the OEEC, entitled,  
**Europe - The Way Ahead**, analysing such matters as  
Ireland's balance of trade, budget deficit,  
industrial policies, and economic productivity.  
                                  11pp
- 226            6 August                Typescript covering letter in  
1953                            Irish from Sean O hEalaidhe,  
                                  Secretary, Department of  
Finance to O Briain, enclosing a copy of a  
memorandum delivered to the government on National  
Income and Expenditure estimates, contained in  
**Irish Statistical Survey, 1951-52.**  
                                  7pp
- 227            1954-58                 Typescript copy of memorandum  
                                  from Sean Moylan, Minister for  
                                  Agriculture, presented in  
connection with the Diseases of Animals Bill (June  
1957) outlining the progress of the eradication  
scheme since 1954, and giving statistics for various  
regions which are illustrated by map; booklet issued  
by the Department of Agriculture on the operations  
of the eradication scheme (1954); advisory leaflet  
by the Irish Farmers Journal on TB eradication  
(1958).  
                                  3 items

- 228            [1954]            Typescript copy of lists showing major increased in 1954-55 estimates over original 1950-51 and 1951-52 estimates from the Department of Finance; statistics include increases in the areas of public service pay, social insurance, education, health, agriculture, and defence.  
1p
- 229            13 October 1956            Typescript circular letter from the Irish Nurses Organisation, to all members of the Oireachtas, asking for support in having section 17 of the Health Act (1956) amended to protect midwife positions, and enclosing a copy of a memorandum further detailing their case.  
8pp
- 230            30 November [1956]            Handwritten letter from Erskine Childers, Minister for Transport and Power, to O Briain, asking him to cancel the resolution he has moved regarding the Transport Bill under discussion.  
1p
- 231            [1957]            Typescript copies of six interim reports by Fianna Fail Agricultural Committee laying down guidelines and recommendations on the following: Advisory and Information Services; Credit Facilities; Marketing; Livestock and Dairying; Land Reclamation and Drainage; Pigs and Bacon.  
13pp



- 232            10 April            Typescript covering letter from  
1957                   Swedish Legation, Dublin, to  
                         O Briain, enclosing a copy of  
statistics and figures on the mechanisation of  
Swedish agriculture since 1950, to be passed on to  
An Taoiseach.
- 3pp
- 233            20 November        Typescript copy of memorandum  
1957                   from Save Our Railways  
                         Association, arguing for the  
retention of the existing railway network, and  
countering decisions to abandon many of the more  
uneconomical.
- 10pp
- 234            29 September        Typescript circular letter from  
1959                   the Department of Local  
                         Government to Sanitary  
Authorities, County and City Engineers, and County  
and City Medical Officers, enclosing explanatory  
memoranda on the programmes and procedures of the  
new water supplies and sewerage schemes; press  
release for press conference on the matter.
- 27pp
- 235            23 October           Typescript circular letter from  
1959                   Sean Healy, General Secretary,  
                         National Farmers Association,  
to all members of the Oireachtas, regarding their  
objections to the Health Authorities Bill (1959),  
and enclosing a copy of a memorandum highlighting in  
particular their objections to the fact that new  
reforms are not spread evenly throughout the  
country.
- 5pp

- 236            16 November            Typescript circular letter from  
1959                              [S] Cahill, Parliamentary  
Secretary to the Minister for  
Justice, to all Parliamentary Secretaries and  
Ministers, enclosing a copy of a note from the  
Minister on the conversion of six day licences into  
seven days ones, as a part of the Intoxicating  
Liquor Bill.  
  
6pp
- 237            5 May                        Typescript circular letter from  
1960                              MJ Dore, Secretary, Private  
Motorists Protection  
Association (PMPA), to each member of the  
Oireachtas, enclosing a copy of submissions they  
have made to the Minister for Local Government  
regarding the Road Traffic Bill.  
  
8pp
- 238            8-9 March                 Typescript covering letter from  
1961                              Thomas O Maolain, General  
Secretary, Fianna Fail,  
enclosing a copy of a reply by the Minister for  
Transport and Power to Dail criticism about  
increases in ESB charges; the Minister's reply  
states that charges must be increased if adequate  
services are to be maintained.  
  
2pp

- 239            10 November            Typescript circular letter from  
1961                                 Rickard Deasy, Chairman,  
                                       National Farmers Association,  
regarding the introduction of butter quotas for  
exporting countries to the British Market, and  
enclosing a copy of a memorandum which highlights  
their concerns and the injustice of the quota  
system.
- 11pp
- 240            1962                                 Typescript circular letter from  
                                       Irish Sub-Postmasters Union, to  
                                       all Deputies, regarding their  
decision to withdraw their labour due to a dispute  
with the government over the provision of  
arbitration machinery, and enclosing a copy of a  
memorandum outlining their case.
- 10pp
- 241            January 1962            Printed copy of Programme of  
                                       Law Reform laid before the  
                                       Oireachtas by Oscar Traynor,  
Minister for Justice, outlining proposals for  
reforms in civil and criminal law, and court  
practices and procedures.
- 16pp
- 242            March 1962                         Typescript copy of notes on  
                                       Rural Water Supplies Programme,  
                                       produced to counter alleged  
distortion of the facts, and encourage constructive  
discussion on the matter at County Council level.  
The notes give a background to the Programme, and  
set out the principal objections with countering  
arguments.
- 11pp

- 243            31 March            Printed copy of progress report  
1962                            on the Programme for Economic  
Expansion for a six monthly  
period, setting out developments in the areas of  
agriculture, fisheries, forestry, industry,  
transport and tourism.  
  
28pp
- 244            April 1962            Typescript copy of Programme of  
Sea Fisheries Development, laid  
before the Oireachtas by the  
government, and outlining extensive investments in  
the fishing fleet, processing plants, marketing,  
training and research.  
  
14pp
- 245            7 April            Typescript copy of Polling  
1962                            Districts and Places Scheme for  
the constituency of West  
Limerick, as part of the Electoral Act (1923) giving  
details of polling districts, and appropriate  
polling stations.  
  
14pp
- 246            2 May            Copy of report of the Committee  
1962                            on Procedure and Privileges  
concerning the suspension of  
members of the Dail and a new standing order  
relating to order of motions in private members  
business.  
  
7pp

- 247            7 May 1962 -            Typescript draft copy of study  
               20 June 1963            by the Federation of Irish  
                                      Secondary Schools entitled,  
Investment in Education in the Republic of  
Ireland, with supplement analysing comprehensively  
the state of the Irish system, and putting forward  
proposals for reform and investment.
- See also  
P83/251
- 46pp
- 248            1 August                  Typescript circular letter from  
               1962                            Sean MacEntee, Minister for  
                                      Health, regarding survey  
carried out by the Medical Research Council of  
Ireland on children's teeth in Cork, Limerick, and  
Waterford health authority areas, the results of  
which showed widespread levels of tooth decay; also  
includes a press release on the matter.
- 5pp
- 249            [1963]                      Typescript letter from Leo  
                                      Keogh, Retail, Grocers,  
                                      Distributors and Allied Traders  
Association (RGDATA), Dublin, to O Briain,  
highlighting the damage a turnover tax as envisaged  
in the Finance Bill could do to small retail  
outlets, and putting forward suggestions for an  
alternative tax on manufacturers and on imported  
goods at the point of entry.

1p

- 250            15 February            Typescript copy of statement by  
1963                            the National Union of  
  Journalists, Dublin Radio  
Branch, to the government, highlighting their  
difficulties in negotiating an agreement with the  
RTE Authority on salaries and working conditions.  
  4pp
- 251            May 1963                Typescript copy of statement by  
  Dr. Patrick Hillery, Minister  
  for Education, outlining the  
historical development of the Irish education system  
since the foundation of the state, and plans for the  
expansion of the post-primary and post-comprehensive  
systems; copy of reply to the Minister's statement  
from the Federation of Irish Secondary Schools  
commenting on '... the Minister's completely  
See also        unrealistic attitude towards the factual analysis of  
P83/247        post-primary education prepared by this Federation  
  last year ...'.
- 33pp
- 252            1964                    Typescript circular statement  
  from the Minister for Health,  
  giving details on the estimate  
for health spending for 1965-66.  
  6pp
- 253            17 January            Typescript copy of speech  
1965                            delivered by Kevin Boland,  
  Minister for Social Welfare,  
to a meeting of Killorgan Fianna Fail Comhairle  
Ceanntair, county Kerry, regarding the new  
Unemployment Assistance Bill, and its likely effects  
on small holders in the Congested Districts.  
  4pp

## II. Proportional Representation, 1958-59

- 254            7 October            Handwritten notes taken by  
1958            O Briain, probably at Fianna  
                 Fail Parliamentary Party  
meeting, debating the holding of a referendum to  
abolish Proportional Representation (P.R.); notes  
record contributions from T.D.s and senators,  
including de Valera, Sean MacEntee, Mark Killalea,  
and Charles J. Haughey, who 'Favours abolition.  
Ordinary Dublin man didn't understand P.R. and  
wishes to see it go'.
- 13pp
- 255            28 November 1958 -    Two handwritten unsigned  
25 February 1959      letters to O Briain, commenting  
                 on domestic political matters,  
and in particular criticising de Valera's attempts  
to abolish P.R. and replace it with an '... open  
form of Dictatorship' (28 November 1958), and  
accusing him of going for the Presidency '... when  
he was a failure at the mud slinging school Leinster  
House' (25 February 1959).
- 8pp
- 256            [1959]                Typescript copies of extracts  
                 from speeches, mostly taken  
                 from national newspapers,  
delivered by de Valera against P.R. between 1919 and  
1951 at election rallies, Ard-Fheiseanna, and Dail  
debates; includes extract from speech to Sinn Fein  
convention 1919.
- 13pp

257                    1959                    Two propaganda leaflets issued by Fianna Fail, highlighting the defects of the P.R. system, and calling for a 'yes' vote in the coming referendum to abolish the system and replace it with the straight vote.

2 items

258                    21 January                Typescript letter from Sean MacEntee, Minister for Health, 1959                    to O Briain, enclosing extracts from various works and publications which put forward arguments against P.R., and would be of use in the forthcoming referendum campaign, and asking him to '... take care to prevent them falling into antagonistic hands'; extracts are preceded by an index, and discuss the electoral systems of various countries, including Switzerland, Sweden, Netherlands, and Belgium, focusing especially on the negative effects of P.R.

76pp



259            31 January -            Typescript letter from Frank  
                  27 February 1959        Winder, Chairman, Tuairim  
                                     Research Group on Proportional  
                  Representation, to O Briain, enclosing a copy of a  
                  memorandum which has been circulated to the  
                  government and executive of Fianna Fail which  
                  recommends the retention of the transferrable vote  
                  in single-seat constituencies; memorandum annotated  
                  with comments disagreeing with findings; typescript  
                  draft and copy reply from O Briain to Winder in  
                  which he takes issue with the group's findings in  
                  favour of limited P.R. and argues that '...  
                  retention in any form, no matter how theoretically  
                  attractive, would in practice only make for  
                  confusion, instability, and indecision in the  
                  future'. (27 February 1959)

8pp

260            6 March                    Typescript copy of speech by  
                  1959                        Jack Lynch, Minister for  
                                         Education, to Macroom Fianna  
                  Fail Cumann, county Cork, against P.R., giving  
                  examples of its defects in other electoral systems,  
                  and supporting the introduction of the straight  
                  vote.

11pp



- 264           19 April                       Typescript copy of press  
1947                                   release by Eoin O Mahony KM,  
  Munster Bar Room, Cork, putting  
forward new evidence for the case of Eric O'Neill,  
IRA member serving penal servitude for life for  
bombing offences in London in 1939.
- 2pp
- 265           10 April                       Typescript circular letter from  
1948                                   Irish Anti-Partition  
  Association, appealing for  
financial and moral support, and enclosing a  
membership form; handbill calling for subscriptions.
- 3 items
- 266           25 July -                      Typescript circular letter from  
23 August 1957                   O Briain, in his capacity as  
  Parliamentary Secretary to An  
Taoiseach, to all Fianna Fail T.D.s, enclosing a  
copy of a statement by de Valera regarding the  
detention of members of unlawful organisations, in  
which he argues, 'no minority group has the right to  
commit the nation to the use of force'.
- 3pp
- IV.   European and international participation,  
      1950-62
- 267           28 January                     Typescript circular letter from  
1950                                   Proinsias O Fathaigh, Chairman,  
  Irish-Parliamentary Union,  
Irish Group, enclosing details of a forthcoming  
Conference at Geneva, Austria.
- 2 items

- 268                    22 August                    Handwritten letter from M.  
                         1952                           Killilea [T.D.], to O Briain,  
                                                   enclosing a newscutting  
                                                   from the **Tuam Herald**  
                         reporting that Michael Donnellan, Clann na Talmhan  
                         T.D. for North Galway has been appointed one of the  
                         Irish delegates for the Inter-Parliamentary Union  
                         Conference at Berne, Switzerland; Killilea states  
                         that Donnellan has been sent '... to convey the  
                         impression that the Govt have no confidence in their  
                         own Deputies and to indicate he is the Brain world  
                         in An Dail'.
- 269                    24 March -                    Typescript correspondence and  
                         21 May 1953                    notes concerning the  
                                                   appointment of Irish  
                         representatives and substitutes for the fourth  
                         session of the Consultative Assembly of the Council  
                         of Europe at Strasbourg, France; those appointed  
                         include G. Boland, Frank Loughman, and William  
                         Norten.  
                                                   13pp
- 270                    [1957]                        Typescript copy of speech by  
                                                   [Frank Aiken], Minister for  
                                                   External Affairs, in response  
                         to a motion moved in the Dail by Declan Costello  
                         criticising the minister for certain statements and  
                         actions at recent meetings of the General Assembly  
                         of the United Nations Organisation; [Aiken] defends  
                         his speech delivered to the assembly which called  
                         for a less confrontational attitude by the United  
                         States in Europe, and '... the introduction of some  
                         elasticity into the policies of the major powers'.  
                                                   24pp

- 271                 31 July                     Typescript letter from Lean  
1961                                     Scully, Executive Secretary,  
Irish Council of the European  
Movement, to O Briain, enclosing a copy of the aims  
of the movement, its most recent newsletter, which  
covers international political and economic  
developments and Ireland's part in them, and a list  
of committee and group members.
- 22pp
- 272                 13 February                  Typescript circular letter from  
1962                                     Sean MacEntee, Tanaiste and  
Minister for Education,  
enclosing a copy of a speech he made at a meeting of  
the Wexford Chamber of Commerce on Ireland's  
application for EEC membership, and which was  
reported in the Irish Independent as being  
'pessimistic'.
- 5pp
- 273                 21 February                  Typescript copies of circulars  
1962                                     and reports of the Annual  
General Meeting and Executive  
Committee Meeting of the Irish Parliamentary  
Association, giving details of committee members,  
nominations to the Inter-Parliamentary Council, and  
the invitation of a British parliamentary delegation  
to Dublin; also includes annual statement of  
accounts of the associations.
- 7pp



Series of copybooks and notebooks, mostly in Irish, kept by O Briain as Gaelic League organiser for county Limerick and Munster area. The books mostly record routine organisational information such as accounts and subscriptions, notes on meetings and class attendances, branch inspections, fainne competitions, fheiseanna, and some class notes.

277	1920	6pp
278	1920-21	10pp
279	1921	26pp
280	1921	29pp
281	1923	30pp
282	1923	16pp
283	1924	22pp
284	1924	26pp

285	1924	<b>Includes</b> comment on class inspection: 'In the Junior standards the work at present may be regarded as efficient but if this mark is to be repeated at the next General Inspection better results especially in Irish will be required to secure it'. (22 April 1924)	40pp
286	1924		35pp
287	1925		19pp
288	1925		78pp
289	1926		54pp
290	1926		23pp
291	1927		19pp
292	1927		27pp
293	1927		32pp
294	1927		13pp



295	1927	30pp
296	1927	45pp
297	[1927]	Includes entry: 'No school should be allowed to function if an hour a day is not given to Irish'. 25pp
298	[1927]	16pp
299	[1927]	23pp
300	[1927]	18pp
301	[1927]	25pp
302	[1927]	Includes notes possibly for debate or meeting, 'Kerry Farmers' Union opposition to Language Hardly West Britons who held the language'. 59pp
303	1928	36pp
304	[1928]	56pp

- 305 [1928] 40pp
- 306 1932 32pp
- 307 1 August 1921 Printed copy in Irish and English of amended constitution of the Gaelic League as approved by the Ard Fheis, 1921.  
15pp
- 308 September 1921 - 1923 Copies of typescript circular letters in Irish and English from O Briain to the secretaries of each coiste ceanntair of the Gaelic League in county Limerick, regarding such matters as language conferences, collections for language week, and notice of county committee Annual General Meeting to be held in the League's county headquarters in Thomas Street, Limerick, (26 April 1922), and obliging each branch to send at least one delegate '... without fail'; also includes copy of statement of accounts for 1921-22, and 1922-23.  
11pp
- 309 10 October 1921 - 8 May 1922 Handwritten and typescript letters in Irish from Caithlin Ni Ghablainn, and Tadhg O Scannail, An Fainne, Parnell Square, Dublin, to O Briain, regarding the enrolling of Gaelic League classes in examinations for the fainne; includes copy of the rules and receipts for subscriptions.  
8 items

- 310 [1922] Handwritten copy of resolution passed by the Limerick County Committee of the Gaelic League, demanding that managers of National Schools when appointing teachers should give preference to applicants with bi-lingual certificates, or if not to those with the high qualifications in the Irish language; also calls on the Bishop of Limerick, Most Reverend Dr. Hallinan, to refuse to sanction appointments unless these conditions are met.  
1p
- 311 [1922] Handwritten speech delivered by O Briain to an evening of entertainment in aid of the Sean Finn memorial, concerning the fortunes of the language revival movement, and begins in Irish but reverts to English: 'I am sure that if I were to continue speaking in Irish to you, the majority of you in this Hall wouldn't understand me. For that reason I'll say the few things I have to say, in English, much as I dislike doing so.  
9pp
- 312 1922 Printed copy of programme in Irish for Gaelic League Ard Fheis, Dublin, giving details of resolutions and topics under discussion.  
64pp



- 316           1 November                 Handwritten letter in Irish  
1922                                 from [D. Ua Briain], Pery Square  
   [Limerick], to O Briain,  
enclosing a cheque for £20-16s-8d, and giving a list  
of seventy-one branches of the Gaelic League who  
have paid their subscriptions to the Limerick County  
Committee.
- 4pp
- 317           [7] November                 Handwritten letter marked  
1922                                 'urgent' from V.F. Ryan,  
   Headmaster, Bottomstown  
National School, county Limerick, to O Briain,  
seeking an immediate meeting with him in his  
capacity as Gaelic League organiser to discuss the  
actions of the school manager and the '... low  
underhand work here to deprive my school of Irish  
Teaching'.
- 1p
- 318           1923-25                         Copybook recording in Irish the  
   minutes of meetings of the  
   Limerick County Committee of  
the Gaelic League; topics recorded involve general  
administration of branches in county Limerick;  
elections of officers; organisation of feiseanna and  
Irish entertainments.
- 70pp
- 319           [1925?]                         Typescript copy of speech or  
   lecture in Irish to the people  
   of Clonmel, county Tipperary,  
by Colm O Labhra [Gaelic League], encouraging pride  
in the language, and the sending of children to  
Irish speaking schools.
- 45pp

- 320            [1925]            Poster issued by the Cappagh Branch, Gaelic League, county Limerick, publicising an address by an unnamed prominent 'Irish-Ireland Figure', as well as a night of singing, dancing, and other entertainments.  
76 x 50cms
- 321            [1925]            Seven posters in Irish and English publicising the Gaelic League National Collection for the language fund.  
30 x 75cms
- 322            [1925?]            Handwritten draft in Irish with corrections of speech on the history of the Gaelic League.  
10pp
- 323            February - June 1928            Printed receipt book of the Limerick County Committee, Gaelic League, recording payments which are mostly subscriptions.  
97pp

- 324            22 February -            Copy letter book of outgoing  
              22 August 1928        letters mostly in Irish, from  
                                  O Briain as county organiser of  
the Gaelic League in Limerick; letters mostly  
involve matters of league administration and  
organisation, including a letter to Margainhain O  
Ceallacain, Cnoc Luinge, sending him '... 2 Boxes  
and 800 flags in the hope that you may be able to  
get some boys and girls from schools to sell them  
at the Races on Thursday in aid of the Gaelic  
League'.
- 59pp
- 325            1931                        Notebook recording notes  
                                  possibly from Gaelic League  
                                  lectures on economic history,  
or from books on the matter; issues covered include  
the development of economic theory and practice,  
socialism, and Marxism.
- 47pp
- 326            31 October                Printed copy of annual  
              1932                        statements of accounts and  
                                  balance sheets for Limerick  
Branch Gaelic League, and Thomond Feis, by O'Neill,  
Barron and Company, Auditors.
- 3pp
- 327            6-20 October              Handwritten letter from  
              1932                        O Briain to Sean [    ], asking  
                                  him for his advice on an  
enclosed letter he has received from the Limerick  
Branch Gaelic League regarding the sale or retention  
of Railway Shares in their ownership.
- 2pp

- 328 [1932] Typescript copy in Irish of rules and categories for the feiseanna and oireachtas.  
3pp
- 329 28 June - Handwritten copy of letter in  
9 September 1933 Irish, and printed circular letter in English, from P. Mac Conmidhe, Secretary, Ulster Executive of the Gaelic League, regarding the Northern Ireland Government's plans to withdraw funding for the teaching of Irish as an extra subject due allegedly to slack demand.  
4pp
- 330 29 May Printed copy of programme for  
1939 'Feis Mhor Learphuill', run by the Gaelic League, at Bootle Stadium, Bootle, England.  
8pp
- 331 14 March Application form for attendance  
1947 at 1947 Gaelic League Ard-Fheis in O Briain's name.  
1p
- 332 June 1948 - Typescript letter from Diarmuid  
November 1949 MacFiona Laoich, President Gaelic League, to O Briain, enclosing copies of correspondence between Rev. U.G. O Coileain and university authorities regarding the provision of examinations through the medium of Irish.  
5pp



- 333            19 October            Printed copy of programme in  
1948                            Irish for An Oireachtas,  
   listing itinerary of events.  
   1 item
- 334            March 1952            Copy of Gaelic League  
   newsletter, An Tuairiscean,  
   discussing league business and  
policy, including the coming Ard Fheis, and giving a  
list of suitable places of accommodation for  
intending delegates.  
   4pp
- 335            May 1953            Membership card in O Briain's  
   name for Gael-Linn; also  
   includes printed copy in Irish  
of rules, and letters from Maire Bhreathnach  
regarding his membership.  
   4 items
- 336            1955            Printed copy in Irish of the  
   constitution and rules of the  
   Gaelic League.  
   19pp
- 337            1-2 April            Printed copy in Irish of  
1956                            programme for the Gaelic League  
   Ard Fheis, Dublin, giving  
details of resolutions and topics under discussion.  
   43pp

- 338 18 November 1956 Handwritten lists of names of young people who sat for the fainne examinations, giving addresses, ages, and dates of birth.  
4pp
- 339 July 1962 Typescript circular letter in Irish from Doirin Ni Dhuibhginn, Secretary, Limerick County Committee Gaelic League, enclosing details of a Connradh na nOg scheme for 14-18 year olds, and Irish language competition.  
6pp
- 340 1 August 1962 Printed copy of memorandum in Irish, with English translation, from the Gaelic League to the Telefis Eireann Authority, calling for a more widespread use of, and preferential treatment for, the Irish language in television programming.  
14pp
- 341 1963 Typescript copy (possibly fragment) of Limerick Branch Gaelic League newsletter, entitled Treoraithe.  
2pp
- 342 6-15 September 1974 Printed copy in Irish of programme for An Oireachtas at Spideal, county Galway; also includes lists and rates of approved places of accommodation.  
3 items

- 343                     6-8 May                     Printed copy in Irish of report  
1977                                 on the Gaelic League Ard Fheis  
                                       held at Kilkenny; details  
recorded include resolutions, speakers, and  
financial figures.  

61pp
- 344                     28 December 1977 -     Handwritten and typescript  
6 April 1979                     letters in Irish from Sean O  
                                       h-Allmhuráin, Limerick Branch  
Gaelic League, to O Briain, thanking him for  
forwarding proceeds from the language fund  
collection, and enclosing receipts.  

4pp

II. Gaeltacht and Irish language schools,  
1925-65

- 345                     July 1925;  
September 1930 -         Handwritten letters in Irish  
March 1931                     from Eiblin Ni Ceallaig and  
                                       Sean O C[     ], Colaiste  
See also                     Eoghain Ui Chomraidhe, Carrigaholt, county Clare, to  
P83/348,                     O Briain on language matters and the fortunes of the  
351, 361,                     college.  
362, 363   6pp
- 346                     [1933]                     Typescript copy in Irish of  
                                       report entitled 'Sceim  
                                       Oideachais do'n Ghaedhealtact',  
by Peadar O Maille,     outlining a scheme for the  
teaching of Irish.  

3pp

- 347                    1934                    Pamphlet entitled The Case of  
Mrs. Kate Dunleavy - Shameful  
Treatment of an Irish Teacher,  
outlining the circumstances of her dismissal from a  
teaching post on the Blasket Islands, and calling  
for her reinstatement.
- 4pp
- 348                    August 1935              Mounted black and white group  
photograph of men and women who  
are probably teaching staff at  
Colaiste Eoghain Ui Comhraidhe, Carrigaholt.
- See also  
P83/345,  
351, 361,  
362, 363
- 1 item
- 349                    1936-46                  Typescript copy of references  
to the teaching and use of  
Irish in national Schools from  
official government reports and Dail debates; list  
of colleges teaching Irish, and statistics for newly  
qualified Irish teachers.
- 2 items
- 350                    24 January  
1947                    Pamphlet protesting at the  
removal of Ballykerrin National  
School, county Donegal, from  
the list of Fior-Ghaeltacht schools.
- 8pp

- 351            1949            Printed copy of prospectus for Colaiste Eoghain Ui Chomraidhe for the 1949 session, giving details of rules, fees, timetable, and facilities.            3pp
- See also  
P83/345,  
348, 361,  
362, 363
- 352            [1950?]            Printed circular letter from Scoil Eanna, Rathfarnham, county Dublin, appealing for subscriptions to a fund to purchase the title deeds of the 'Hermitage', allowing it to be held in trust by the nation as a national memorial to the Pearse brothers.            1p
- 353            1953; 1955            Printed copies in Irish of the Annual Reports of Comhdhail Naisunta na Gaeilge, discussing its work and the fortunes of the language revival movement.            2 items
- 354            4 June  
1953            Handwritten letter in Irish from Padraig Breathnach, Killarney, county Kerry, to O Briain, discussing his plans to re-establish the Irish College in Ballinskelligs which was closed in 1945, and enclosing a newscutting on the matter.            2 items

- 355            October - November    Printed copy of memorandum for  
1953                            the Taoiseach, entitled A  
                                  **Board for the Gaeltacht**, from  
Comhdhail Naisunta na Gaeilge, calling for a special  
government board to administer the Gaeltacht and  
investment in education, industry, infrastructure,  
and tourism; typescript copy of memorandum on the  
same issue from Muintir na Gaeltacht; typescript  
copies of reports on special meetings of the  
Inter-Departmental Committee to discuss the  
Comhdhail Naisunta memorandum which concludes that  
no convincing case has been put forward for the  
establishment of a special board, and that  
investment programmes can be implemented under  
existing structures.
- 56pp
- 356            1955-57                Publicity leaflet for Comhar-  
                                  Chumann Ide Naofa, Summer  
                                  School of Irish, Foynes, county  
Limerick; programme for classes; subscription form  
for shares in the school to pay for furniture and  
equipment; lodgement slips for school's account with  
Bank of Ireland; lists of names (probably  
subscribers); letters in Irish to O Briain regarding  
subscriptions.
- See also  
P83/360,  
364
- 15 items
- 357            May 1956                Printed copy in Irish and  
                                  English of the Annual Report of  
                                  Coisde na bPaisdi, Dublin,  
detailing the organisation's work in sending  
children to Irish colleges in the Gaeltacht, and  
giving lists of its sponsors and subscribers; also  
includes contribution from de Valera stressing the  
importance of the organisation's work.
- 8pp

- 358 [1960] Typescript copy of report in Irish on the administration of a coherent policy to teach Irish to the young in the Gaeltacht involving the implementation of a ten year policy for the schools.  
19pp
- 359 28 April 1961 Newscuttings from Irish language newspaper Inniu, reporting on Scoil Lorcaín, Dun Laoire, county Dublin, and the presentation by O Briain of prizes to students; includes photograph of the prize giving.  
3 items
- 360 1962-64 Typescript copies in Irish of Annual Reports by Risteard MacSiacuis, Secretary, Comhar-Chumann Ide Naofa, Foynes; includes notices of the programmes for meetings and annual statements of accounts; letters from MacSiacuis to O Briain regarding classes at the school.  
25pp
- See also P83/356, 364
- 361 25 January 7 February 1962 Two typescript copy letters in Irish from Miceal O Morain, Minister for the Gaeltacht, and P. O h Irighile [Secretary Department of An Gaeltacht], to O Briain, declining his application for grant assistance for Colaiste Eoghain Uí Chomhraidhe, and explaining that eligibility for such grants only related to an increase in student intake.  
2pp
- See also P83/345, 348, 351 362, 363

362           14 February -           Typescript copy of paper in  
               15 August 1962       Irish By Sean M. Seoighe, on  
                                   the history and development of  
 Colaiste Eoghain Ui Chomhraidhe, delivered on the  
 occasion of its golden jubilee (15 August 1962);  
 See also       handwritten and typescript letters in Irish from  
 P83/345,       Buadhach Toibin, Secretary, regarding arrangements  
 348, 351       for the jubilee; official invitation in O'Briain's  
                                   name to attend the celebrations.

7 items

363           1963-64                 Printed copy of prospectus for  
                                   summer classes at Colaiste  
                                   Eoghain Ui Comhraidhe, giving  
 details of classes, rules, and term fees; also  
 See also       includes a supplement, with detailed instructions  
 P83/345,       for parents on transport, accommodation, and what  
 348, 351       students should be equipped with; copy of annual  
                                   statement of accounts for 1963.

4pp

364           1965                    Printed and typescript draft  
                                   copy of prospectus for Irish  
                                   summer classes at Comhar  
 Chumann Ide Naofa, Foynes, and Colaiste Bhreanainn,  
 See also       Baile na Bhuineanaigh, county Limerick, giving  
 P83/356,       details of fees, duration, of courses, rules, and  
 360           programme for classes and recreational activities.

8pp



III. Use of Irish in Dail Eireann and  
the Public Service, 1921; 1944-63

- 365            July 1921            Copy of handbook of Irish terms  
for the use of public bodies  
produced by the Irish County  
Councils' General Council, and containing simple  
terms and phrases likely to be used in the course of  
business with Irish translations.  
14pp
- 366            31 June 1944 -        Printed and typescript  
30 June 1944            circulars in Irish, one with  
English translation, from the  
Department of Finance regarding requirements for  
Irish language competency in the Civil Service.  
9pp
- 367            November 1953        Typescript copy letter from the  
Assistant Garda Commissioner,  
regarding the use of Irish by  
the Gardai in their every day duties, and giving  
details of recruit training, proposals to award  
fainnes to successful recruits, scholarship scheme  
to send the children of Gardai to the Gaeltacht, and  
the revival of Ceili dancing at the depot.  
3pp

- 368                    November 1953 -                    Handwritten notes in Irish  
                         March 1954                    taken by O Briain at meetings  
                                            of Coiste na Gaeilge, Dail  
                         Eireann on the use of Irish in the Dail and  
                         development of the Gaeltacht; typescript copies of  
                         circular letters giving notice of meetings and  
                         memoranda on scholarship schemes for children, and  
                         recreational halls for Gaeltacht areas.  
                                            35pp
- 369                    8 April -                    Typescript correspondence in  
                         2 July 1960                    Irish between O Briain and  
                                            government departments  
                         regarding the use of Irish in Dail Eireann; includes  
                         typescript copy of letter from O Briain to Dr.  
                         Patrick Hillery, Minister for Education, stressing  
                         the importance of encouraging Teachtaí to use Irish  
                         in Dail business.  
                                            3pp
- 370                    26 May                    Typescript letter in Irish from  
                         1961                    Padraig O Loingsigh, Chairman,  
                                            Aer Lingus, to O Briain,  
                         apologising that there were no girls in head office  
                         who could communicate with him sufficiently through  
                         Irish.  
                                            1p
- 371                    [1963]                    Typescript copy of questions  
                                            and phrases commonly used in  
                                            Dail business with appropriate  
                         Irish translations such as: 'Will the Minister  
                         promise to consider the matter? - Nach Feid aon ni a  
                         dheanamh i dtaobh an sceil seo?'
- 19pp





- 381                    1957-58                    Three copies of quarterly Irish language pamphlet entitled *An Saol Gaelach*, dealing with current language issues and culture.  
3 items
- 382                    10 March                    Typescript letter in Irish from the Place Names Commission to O Briain, enclosing lists of town and village names in county Limerick with correct Irish versions.  
See also P83/377, 388, 389  
8pp
- 383                    14-22 April                    Two typescript letters in Irish from Fr. Colmcille, Mellifont Abbey,, county Louth, to O Briain discussing his ideas on Irish revival which include the development of libraries and the need for more Irish school books.  
5pp
- 384                    June 1961                    Typescript copy of lecture delivered by Meir Gertner, London University, for Gael Linn, entitled, 'Israel's Language Revival - Means, Experiences, Problems', explaining difficulties faced by the Jewish State, and offering lessons and pointers for the Irish revival movement.  
26pp

- 385            5 May                            Typescript copy of lecture  
                 [1963]                            delivered by John Wilson,  
                                            London University, to An  
Comhcaidreamh, Hibernian Hotel, Dublin, entitled,  
'Second Language Teaching and the Problem of  
Bilingualism', arguing for the importance of early  
and structured teaching of Irish to children.  
                                            14pp
- 386            1963                            Printed circular letter  
                                            launching Comhairle Cosante na  
                                            Teangan, Kiltiernan, county  
Dublin, calling for subscriptions, and stating its  
objectives which are to campaign for '... the  
Minister for Education to revoke the Order enforcing  
the spurious "h" alphabet in the schools', and that  
only the traditional one be recognised.  
                                            2pp
- 387            29 November 1964 -    Handwritten letters in Irish  
                 19 January 1965                    from Dr. Gearoid O Tuathaigh,  
                                            Cumann Eigse agus Seanchais,  
University College, Galway, to O Briain, regarding  
his participation in a symposium at 'Irish Week' in  
the College, and asking him to deliver a speech on  
the Irish political scene; typescript letter from  
Tomas O Maolain, General Secretary, Fianna Fail, to  
O Briain, recommending that he should attend;  
handwritten notes for speech to be delivered at  
symposium.  
                                            12pp

- 388                    1973                    Typescript copy in Irish of Secretary's Annual Report of the Place Names Commission; also includes annual statement of accounts.  
See also                    1p  
P83/377,  
382
- 389                    15 March 1974;                    Two typescript circular notices  
28 January 1977                    in Irish and English advertising lectures delivered by the Place Names Commission on 'Early Irish Names and Native Etymology', and 'The Significance of Place Names to the Geographer', to be held at University College Dublin, and Trinity College Dublin.  
See also                    2pp  
P83/377,  
382

## F. NATIONALIST AND CULTURAL MATERIAL, 1916-77

### I. Historical and commemorative, 1916-77

- 390                    2 May 1916;                    Photostat copy of last letter  
14 July 1947                    written by Thomas MacDonagh, Irish Volunteer leader, 1916 Rising, to his wife from Kilmainham Gaol on the eve of his execution; leaflet appealing for subscriptions to a fund to build a MacDonagh Memorial Hall at Cloughjordan, county Tipperary.  
2 items
- 391                    June 1948                    Leaflet announcing the publication of the History of West Cork and the Diocese of Ross, by the Rev. W. Holland, P.P.  
3pp







- 399 [1959] Handwritten statement from Dr. Seamus Dore, Welson, New Zealand, regarding a neighbour, Captain William Bullivant who had been an officer called from France in 1916 to put down the Sinn Fein rebellion, and had stated that he found the fighting so intense and the aftermath so awful that '... he'd much prefer to have been in France instead of this fighting in Ireland'.  
4pp
- 400 28 January 1961 Section from issue of the Kerryman newspaper featuring an article on the fortieth anniversary of an IRA ambush on British forces at Tureengarriffe, county Kerry, led by the late Minister for Agriculture, Sean Moylan.  
1 item
- 401 9 July 1977 Typescript letter to O'Briain (senders name illegible), returning to him a copy of a History of Clounagh Parish, by Patrick Harrold.  
1p

## II. Poetry, songs, and airs [1930]-68

## a. IRA remembrance

- 402 [1930?] Printed copy of poem or air in honour of Sean Finn, Commandant, West Limerick Brigade, IRA, killed in action in 1921, entitled An Irish Volunteer's Lament.  
1 item
- 403 [1934?]. Printed copies of two airs entitled Dawn and Motherland by Frank Gormley.  
2 items
- 404 [1955?] Typescript copy of poem in memory of Frank Kearney, old IRA member, and Fianna Fail T.D., recently deceased, by James Diver, Carndonough, county Donegal.  
1p
- 405 30 March 1955 Handwritten copy of poem entitled Remembrance, by Mossie Hackett, commemorating Limerick old IRA.  
2pp

## b. Other

- 406 [1938?] Handwritten copy of song in  
verse form, entitled Bravo  
Fianna Fail (to the air of  
McNamara's Band).  
3pp
- 407 [1930-40?] Typescript copy of poem  
entitled Just for a Minute,  
by T. Smalle.  
2pp
- 408 [1940-50?] Typescript copy of study  
entitled 'Aisling Poetry', by  
Liam St. J. Devlin, on the  
origins, development, and decline of the bardic  
tradition (Devlin was a research chemist in Melina  
Laboratories, and the study was inspired by a  
perfume he had created called 'Aisling').  
8pp
- 409 [1953] Typescript copy of song  
entitled The Milk Strike by  
Jerry Skidder (to the air of  
McNamara's Band).  
2pp
- 410 [1955?] Handwritten copy of poem by  
[Thomas Darcy], died 1825,  
entitled Death of the Homeward  
Bound.  
2pp

- 411 [1956-57] Typescript copies of Irish songs and poems, including Oiche Gaolach in gCaislean Nua, and an Fanai (The Way Farer), by Padriag O Conaire.  
5pp
- 412 1960 Typescript copy of poem entitled Elegy to the 1960 Dail: 'Down in the bar the clink of glasses ringing friend and foe alike revel the din'.  
1p
- 413 [1962] Typescript copy of satirical poem entitled I'll Try a New Stunt in the Dail.  
1p
- 414 1968 Typescript copies of three Irish poems entitled Pilleadh Aodha Ruaidh Ui Dhomhaill, An tSean-Troid, and Mo Phiopa Gairid Donn, by Padraig O'Beirne.  
6pp

## G. PERSONAL MATERIAL, 1915-80

## I. Education, 1915-17

School notebooks and copybooks compiled by O Briain while a student [in Redemptorist College, Limerick]. The largest amount of material contained in the books is Irish language related, but subjects also covered include English, Latin, French, Greek, Mathematics, Poetry and History.

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|-----|-----------|---|
| 415 | 1915      | Includes a record of marks scored in examination in English, Irish, Latin, Greek, History, Geography and Mathematics.<br>27pp |
| 416 | 1911      | Includes chronological account of the Life of Count Plunkett.<br>77pp   |
| 417 | 1916      | Includes essay in Irish on The Volunteers [Oglaigh na h-Eireann).<br>37pp   |
| 418 | [1916-17] | 77pp  |

419	[1916-17]	20pp
420	[1916-17]	40pp
421	[1916-17]	23pp
422	1916-1917	24pp
423	[1916-1917]	21pp
424	[1916-17]	60pp
425	[1916-17]	Includes quotations from Shakespeare, including <b>Macbeth:</b> 'There's no art to find the mind's construction in the face'. 20pp
426	1917	Includes poem in Irish entitled, 'Sinn Fein, Sinn Fein Amhain'. 16pp
427	[1916-17]	85pp
428	[1916-17]	35pp

- 429 [1916-17] 12pp
- 430 [1916-17] 14pp
- 431 June 1917 Admission card in O Briain's name for Matriculation Examination, at Municipal Technical College, Limerick, giving subjects and timetable.  
1 item
- II. Business, investments, and domestic matters, 1921-80
- 432 9 September 1921 Registration certificate in O Briain's name for five one pound shares in the Irish Co-operative Clothing Manufacturing Society Ltd., Dublin.  
1 item
- 433 27 April 1922 Registration certificate for black one cylinder motorcycle in O Briain's name, with receipt for registration fee from Limerick County Council.  
2 items



- 434                    6 July                    Receipt of payment for  
1932                    insurance policy premium taken  
out by O Briain with Irish  
National Assurance Company Ltd., Dublin.  
1p
- 435                    4 February -                Two car insurance certificates  
5 August 1936                issued to O Briain by New  
Ireland Assurance Company.  
2 items
- 436                    28 July                    Printed copy of auditor's  
1938                    report giving annual statement  
of accounts of West Limerick  
Public Utility Society, Tournafulla.  
2pp
- 437                    20 October                  Registration certificate for  
1945                    male greyhound owned by  
O Briain named 'Pearla Dub',  
giving details of its past form.  
1 item
- 438                    19 March                    Felling notice certificate  
1946                    issued to O Briain giving  
permission under the Forestry  
Act, 1928, to fell trees on lands at Askeaton,  
county Limerick.  
4pp

- 439                    April 1947                    Working drawing by Patrick J. Sheahan, Architect, Limerick, of proposed extension to O Briain's residence at Ardgoul, Rathkeale, county Limerick.  
  
65 x 42cms
- 440                    18 April -                    Copy of contract between  
24 June 1947                    O Briain and Siuicre Eireann, Mallow, county Cork, for the supply of sugar beet to the factory; statements from factory listing payments for beet and beet seed delivered for 1946-47 season.  
  
3 items
- 441                    21 March 1949;                    Printed copies of auditor's  
5 February 1964;                    reports of annual statement  
2 February 1965                    of accounts and balance sheets of Rathkeale Co-Operative Creamery Ltd., county Limerick for 1948, '63, and '64.  
  
3 items
- 442                    9-13 December                    Series of newscuttings from the  
1957                    Evening Press, of articles by experts on various aspects of income tax assessment, and how to handle personal tax liabilities.  
  
5 items

443                   23 February 1962;       Typescript copy of statement in  
                      21 January 1965       Irish with English translation  
  from Proinsias Mac an Bheatha,  
Chairman of the Board of Directors, Foilseachain  
Naisunta Teo, to the company's Annual General  
Meeting, giving details on printing contracts which  
include Inniu and Mayo News newspapers; also  
includes copies of statement of accounts up to March  
1961, and for 1964.

8pp

444                   12 November 1963;      Printed copies of the Annual  
                      4 November 1964;      Reports of the Directors,  
                      28 January 1975       Shannon Meats Ltd., county  
Limerick, including statements of accounts and  
balance sheets for 1963 and '64; typescript circular  
letter to all shareholders from John Woods and  
Company, Registrars, giving instructions for the  
purchase or disposal of shares. (28 January 1975)

3 items

445                   16 April 1965;         Typescript copy of Annual  
                      31 January 1973       Report of the Chairman, Foynes  
  Co-Operative Development  
Society Ltd., county Limerick, for 1964, giving  
details of building projects, purchase of land for  
the yacht club, and improvements to the swimming  
pool; copies of annual statement of accounts for  
1964 and 1972; also includes registration  
certificate in O Briain's name for seventy-seven  
shares in the society valued at five pounds.

7pp

- 446            8 July            Official demand notice from  
1972            Limerick County Council for  
rate payment on O Briain's  
property.  
  
1 item
- 447            [1977]           Official notice of completion  
of first registration, from the  
Land Registry, Limerick, for  
part of the townland of Knockmore, in O Briain's  
name.  
  
1 item
- 448            9 March 1979 -    Typescript letter in Irish  
25 February 1980   from W.K. Sheeran, Inspector of  
Taxes, to O Briain, thanking  
him for his tax return form for 1980 which is  
enclosed, and seeking further information on his  
investments; also includes tax return form for 1979.  
  
3pp
- 449            2 August          Typescript covering letter in  
1979            Irish from George Colley,  
Tanaiste and Minister for  
Finance, to O Briain, enclosing information and  
figures he has received from the office of the  
Revenue Commissioners regarding his pension  
entitlements.  
  
3pp



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| 454 | 10 October -<br>5 November 1949 | Letters of condolence, mostly in English, to O Briain, on the death of his father, from friends, constituents and colleagues; also includes Mass cards and telegrams.                              | 21 items    |
| 455 | 1952-56                         | Bills, accounts and receipts for hotel and guesthouse accommodation and expenses mostly in Dublin, but also some for Cork, Limerick, Wicklow and Clare.  | C.116 items |
| 456 | December 1952                   | Two handwritten letters from Sister M. Killan Casey, Cheshire, England, and Mrs. Mary McAuliffe, Newcastlewest, county Limerick, to O Briain and his wife Eileen, wishing them well for Christmas. | 3pp         |
| 457 | 1954                            | Personal diary for 1954, only slightly used, with names, addresses, and some 'phone numbers  | 2pp         |

- 458                    January -                    Invitations and related  
                         October 1954                    correspondence inviting  
                                            O Briain to functions,  
                                            receptions, masses and openings; includes invitation  
                                            to attend Solemn Pontifical Mass in the  
                                            Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, to commemorate the  
                                            anniversary of the coronation of Pope Pius XII.  
                                            C.82 items
- 459                    [1957]                    Typescript copy of biographical  
                                            sketch of O Briain's life and  
                                            career up to 1957, possibly for  
                                            press release, giving details of his involvement  
                                            with the Gaelic League and Fianna Fail.  
                                            1p
- 460                    17 September                    Typescript letter from Rev.  
                         1957                    Sister Mary [    ], Our Lady of  
                                            Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda,  
                                            county Louth, to O Briain, thanking him for his  
                                            donation to the new hospital, and inviting him to  
                                            visit.  
                                            1p
- 461                    May - December                    Letters of condolence in Irish  
                         1958                    and English to O Briain and his  
                                            wife Eileen, on the death of  
                                            his mother, including one from Tomas O Maolain,  
                                            General Secretary, Fianna Fail, conveying the  
                                            sympathy of the National Executive.  
                                            9 items





- 465                16 October                Typescript acknowledgment from  
1974                                  Rita Childers, Aras an  
    Uachtarain, to O Briain and his  
    wife, thanking them for offering their sympathy on  
    the sudden death of her husband, President Erskine  
See also                Childers.  
P83/64
- 1p
- 466                1 September                Telegram from Kathleen O'  
1975                                  Malley, San Francisco, U.S.A.,  
    to [Senator] O Briain conveying  
her sincere sympathy on the death of an unnamed  
family member or relative.
- 1 item
- 467                9 December                Handwritten letter from Very  
1976                                  Rev. Jeremiah Newman, Bishop of  
    Limerick, to O'Briain, thanking  
him for contributing fifty pounds towards the  
Limerick Cathedral Restoration Fund.
- 1p
- 468                28 September                Handwritten letter from Jean Di  
[1977]                                  Mangi, [Pennsylvania], U.S.A.,  
    to O Briain, thanking him and  
his wife for their hospitality during a recent trip  
to Limerick, and mentioning that she is attempting  
to learn Irish.
- 6pp



- 474 [1920s] Small framed photograph with badly faded image of three men (possibly Gaelic League or Irish language related).  
12 x 8cms
- 475 12 August 1929 Special identity card issued in lieu of passport for Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, in the name of Aine ui Dalaig, Rathlurc, county Limerick.  
1 item
- 476 [1930-40?] Printed copy of open letter from George Bernard Shaw, entitled, Colossal Labour Saving.  
3pp
- 477 [1930-40] Typescript copy of notes on the formation and conduct of Public Utility Societies, designed as a guide to the working of such societies in rural areas.  
4pp
- 478 28 June 1934 Two menus for Mills Caterers Ltd., [Dublin], with words of unnamed song written on the back.  
2 items

- 479            16 February            Printed copy of report of  
1936                            correspondence between the  
                                  Irish National Teachers  
Organisation and the Minister for Education,  
concerning complaints against an Inspector, marked  
'Confidential'.  
  
13pp
- 480            [1937]                    Typescript letter from John P.  
                                  Ryan, Secretary, Maria Duce  
                                  Society, Dublin, to O Briain,  
enclosing a copy of a memorandum on the subject of  
Article 44 of the Constitution, which his society  
wants changed to recognise Catholicism as the one  
true church.  
  
5pp
- 481            [1940]                    Two printed colour map  
                                  supplements to the Daily  
                                  Telegraph newspaper, one  
depicting the world, and the other a war map of the  
Mediterranean and Northern Africa, showing French,  
British and Italian possessions.  
  
2 items
- 482            3 March                    Printed copy of propaganda  
1945                            newsheet entitled, Weekly  
                                  Review of the German News  
Agency, covering the progress of the war and the  
political climate in Germany.  
  
4pp

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| 483                 | January 1947               | Pamphlet addressed to M.P.s at Westminster, entitled Some Facts About "Democracy" as Practised in Northern Ireland, outlining irregularities in the electoral structures, and urging a government investigation.   |
| See also<br>P83/500 |                            | 4pp  |
| 484                 | [1948?]                    | Typescript list of instructions explaining the various parts on the butt, body and barrel of a Lee Enfield .303 rifle.   |
|                     |                            | 1p   |
| 485                 | 24 April<br>1948           | Souvenir programme for the opening ceremony of the third Limerick Festival, by President Sean T. O'Kelly, in which the Freedom of the City was conferred on him.   |
|                     |                            | 1 item   |
| 486                 | January - February<br>1950 | Typescript covering letter from B.E. Williams, General Manager, Ferguson Ltd., Dublin, to O Briain, enclosing a circular letter sent to all Conservative and Liberal peers by Harry Ferguson owner of the company, outlining his ideas for a programme to increase government investment in agriculture and food production. |
|                     |                            | 2 items  |

- 487 28 April 1952 Handbill with graphic photograph of Malaysian independence conflict, issued by the Daily Worker, calling for a British withdrawal and end to oppression.  
28 x 21cms
- 488 14 April 1953  
1953 Typescript letter from Thomas Direen, Garda Chief Superintendent, Limerick Division, to O Briain, regarding enquiries he has been making into the writer of an anonymous threatening letter to Sean MacEntee reputed to be from the Limerick IRB. The letter concerned is enclosed and promises '... IF STOUT AND TOBACCO IS NOT REDUCED IN THE NEXT BUDGET, YOU WILL GET THE LEAD. PREPARE FOR DEATH. THE GUNS ARE BEEN (sic) OILED'. Direen concludes that the main suspect is a mentally ill individual, and little real danger is posed.  
2pp
- 489 25 January 1956 Copy of S. Resolution 192 by the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, stating that 'the Republic of Ireland should embrace the entire territory of Ireland unless a clear majority of all the people of Ireland in a free plebiscite determine and declare to the contrary'.  
1 item

- 490                    1957, 1959                    Typescript copies in Irish of application form and conditions of entry to cadetships in the Army and Air Corps, giving details of entry requirements, training, and pay and conditions of commissioned officers.  
See also P83/496
- 22pp
- 491                    October 1957                    Typescript copy of report from the Irish Ambassador to Britain, C.C. Cronin, on his official opening of the new premises of the Irish National Club, Earletown, Lancashire, England; typescript draft with amendments of speech probably delivered by the Ambassador at the opening ceremony.
- 11pp
- 492                    [1959?]                    Typescript copy of formula for arthritis and rheumatism infection as developed by the Mayo Clinic, Canada.
- 1p
- 493                    [1959]                    Typescript copy of study by T. Walsh, Department of Agriculture, entitled 'A Half Century of Fertilizer and Lime Use in Ireland', outlining the history of its use in Ireland, and analysing in detail its optimum economic applications.
- 30pp

- 494                   1959                   Sponsorship card seeking  
subscriptions for the  
presentation of a bronze  
portrait bust to retiring University College Galway  
President, Monsignor Padraig de Brun, and the  
endowment in the College of a suitable academic  
foundation bearing his name.
- 495                   January - February   Bills and accounts for medical  
1959   attention and attendance given  
  to James Dore, Rathkeale,  
county Limerick, from consultants in Barrington's  
Hospital.  
  
5 items
- 496                   January 1959;  
January 1960                   Programmes in Irish and English  
for the commissioning ceremony  
of cadet officers at the  
Curragh Military College, county Kildare, giving  
itineraries of the ceremonies, and lists of cadets  
for commissioning.  
See also  
P83/490
- 3 items
- 497                   1960                   Extract from Thom's Directory,  
listing all members of the  
Oireachtas, Council of State,  
and staff of Government Departments.  
  
31pp



- 498                    1961                    Typescript copy of detailed study of the population of Mount Collins Parish, county Limerick, giving details of changes in levels from 1841 to 1961, social conditions, and agricultural practices with comparative statistical analysis with other areas.
- 13pp
- 499                    7-8 February            Typescript copy of Honorary Secretary's Report for Fine Gael Ard Fheis, outlining the current organisation of the party, and highlighting events of the year, including a Dail by-election in Carlow-Kilkenny, and the local elections; also includes resolutions to be discussed on Irish unification, education, agriculture, industry, health and fisheries.
- 4pp
- 500                    [1962]                    Typescript copy of open letter from Rev. Thomas Canon Maguire, Parish Priest of Newtownbutler, county Fermanagh, to R.A. Butler, British Home Secretary, highlighting the 'Gerrymandering' of Protestants in the county, who despite being in a minority dominate local councils, public jobs, and the legal profession.
- See also  
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- 2pp
- 501                    1962                    Catalogue of Museum Bookshop, Kildare Street, Dublin, giving a full list of available holding.
- 14pp

- 502            1962            Photocopies of caricature sketches of Dail Eireann Deputies by James Gibbons, [Fianna Fail T.D.]; those depicted include Neil Blaney, William Norton, Bill Murphy, T. Lynch, and M.D. Murphy.
- 26 items
- 503            11 April        Typescript copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Joint Library Committee, Oireachtas Eireann, whose attendance included O Briain, Sean O Ceallaigh and Padraig Faulkner, discussing the temporary transfer of a section of the library out of Leinster House due to construction work, and giving a list of books recommended for purchase or declined.
- 3pp
- 504            1963-64        Catalogue and brochure for Irish Forest Products Ltd., Baggot St., Dublin, listing a variety of trees, plants and hedges, with details on planting and prices.
- 2 items
- 505            March 1963     Typescript copy of the report of the third annual seminar on game conservation conducted by the National Game Council at Termonfeckin, county Louth, giving notes from speeches on matters such as ecology, shooting preserves, and breeding programmes.
- 34pp

- 506                    1965                    Typescript copies of text of  
play on the Knock Apparitions  
in 1879, entitled, Queen of  
Ireland.  
31pp
- 507                    1974                    Typescript circular letter in  
Irish from Peadar MacCainbre,  
An Siopa Gaelach, [Gardiner  
St.], Dublin, enclosing a catalogue of publications  
available which mainly relate to Irish historical  
and cultural themes.  
3 items
- 508                    [1977]                    Handwritten letter from Jim  
Manger, New York, U.S.A., to  
O Briain, enclosing photocopies  
of correspondence and related material compiled  
between 1971 and 1977 concerning the case of William  
Geary of New York, who was dismissed from his  
position as a Garda Superintendent in 1928 for  
bribery, and was endeavouring to clear his name;  
includes sworn statement regarding the case,  
polygraph test results, and correspondence with the  
Minister for Justice and Garda Commissioner.  
19pp