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OINTRODUCTION

The National Archives Advisory Council was established in January 1987 under the National Archives Act, 1986. The principal statutory function of the Council is to advise the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism in the exercise of his powers under the 1986 Act, on all matters affecting archives within the scope of the Act, and on the use of the archives by the public. The main responsibility of the National Archives relates to the records of Government Departments.

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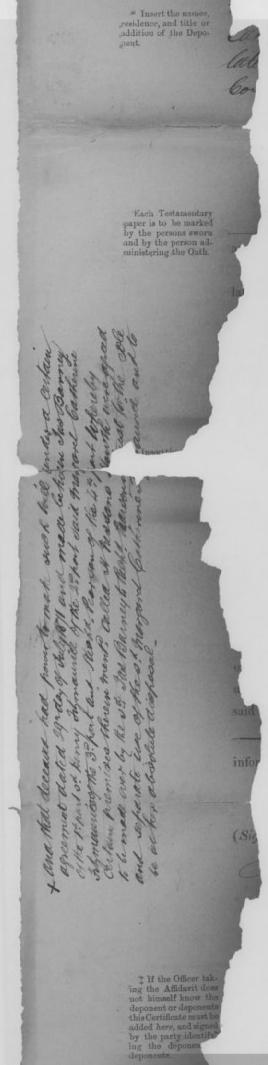
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OCURRENT COUNCIL

The current National Archives Advisory Council was appointed by the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism on 21 November 2002. Membership of the Council is listed in the Appendix to this report.

Council



OMEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL

The Council held nine formal meetings during the year under review:

19 January 2004:

The Council met at Dublin City Library and Archive, 138/144 Pearse St, Dublin 2.

23 February 2004:

The Council met at Buswell's Hotel, Dublin 2.

29 March 2004:

The Council met at Buswell's Hotel, Dublin 2.

10 May 2004:

The Council met at Buswell's Hotel, Dublin 2.

21 June 2004:

The Council held a full day's meeting at the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, 7 Clare Street, Dublin 2.

In attendance at the formal meeting were Mr Philip Furlong, Secretary General, Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism, Mr Michael Grant, Assistant Secretary, and Mr Chris Flynn, Principal Officer.

12 July 2004.

The Council met at the new Conference Room of the National Archives.

1 October 2004:

The Council met in the Council Chamber of Waterford City Hall at the invitation of the Deputy City Manager, Mr Paddy Power, who welcomed the Council.

The Waterford City Archivist, Mr Donal Moore, and the Waterford County Archivist, Ms Joanne Rothwell, gave presentations relating to their respective archives.

The Council met the Deputy Mayor and were present at the formal presentation of an 1830 Sinnott map to the City Council. A visit was paid to Waterford City Archives and the new building of Waterford City Library.

3 November 2004:

The Council met at the Conference Room of the National Archives.

9 December 2004:

The Council met at Buswell's Hotel, Dublin 2.

Meetings

With regard to the proposed new building, it was stated that the Public Private Partnership option, whereby the private developer would take a substantial part of the site in exchange for developing and building on the site, was being refined towards a model whereby the return to the developer would take the form of extended payment over a number of years.

The Council welcomed the latter model, as it would lessen the risk to the integrity and coherence of the Bishop Street site, and furthermore, by uncoupling the remuneration of the developer from the site, the total area available to the National Archives would be less likely to be diminished now or in the foreseeable future.

The Chairman wrote to the Secretary General setting out the Council's views on the matter.

Building

INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT, 1973 St. Petrick's Hall: General Seating Plan. DAIS Outcoing President President Blect and Mrs. Childers Government (1 Council of State (11) Press Diplomatic Corps Parly. Secretaries T.F. O'Hingins (Y.I.P. TD's and Genator (NIAL PRESE, Carper, Persons) Secretaries & Chaplein 44 seats 123 Relatives and friends of President Dail and Seaned Pail and Seaned * including TDs ar Senators (5)6 6 rows of 8 6 rows of 8 Civil Service Diil and Seaned 6 rows of 8 6 rows of 8 Universities, etc. Dail and Seanad National organisations Seaned Nominating Bodies Other bodies 6 rows of 8 Seaned Nominating Sodies 376

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At the Council's meeting on 21 June 2004, Mr Michael Grant, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism, stated that the National Archives Act, 1986, was being examined by the Department with a view to possible amendments. The Department wished to have the views of the Council, and in this context welcomed the seminar to be held under the auspices of the Council and the Society of Archivists, Ireland. (In the Council's Report for the year 2003, the Chairman had stated that a one-day seminar was being planned for the latter part of 2004.)

The seminar on 'Reform of Archival Legislation' took place on 18 October 2004 at the Humanities Institute of Ireland, University College Dublin, under the joint auspices of the Council and of the Society of Archivists, Ireland. Some forty delegates attended, and the speakers included:

- Professor Hector McQueen, Chair of the Scottish Records Advisory Council, who spoke on 'Reform of Archival Legislation – a Scots Perspective';
- Mr Chris Flynn, Head of the Cultural Institutions Special Projects Unit, Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism, who spoke on the National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997, and the National Archives Act, 1986;
- Ms Rena Lohan, University Records Manager, University College Dublin, who spoke on the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, and the Data Protection Acts, 1988 and 2003;
- Ms Joanne Rothwell, Archivist/Records Manager, Waterford County Council, and Chairperson, Local Authority Archivists' Group, who delivered a paper on the Local Government Acts, 1994 and 2001.

It was agreed by Council that the proceedings of the seminar be published in a special edition of the journal of the Irish Society for Archives, Irish Archives.

Department of the Taoiseach - 2004/21/528

'President of Ireland, seating arrangements for inauguration ceremony' June 1973

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Department of the Taoiseach - 2004/21/528
'President of Ireland, seating arrangements for inauguration ceremony'

Summary of Proceedings in St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle

INAUGURATION 1973 Monday, 25th June, 1973, 1 p.m. Summary of Proceedings in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle.

- 1. Entry of President-elect and his wife, accompanied by Tánaiste and Minister for Defence, attented by two Aides-de-camp and preceded by two Army officers - Fanfare of trumpets - All rise (and remain standing until President-elect is seated, whereupon all take their seats).
- When all seated and sides in position, Taoiseach rises, makes statement to assembly and requests Chief Justice to proceed with the administering of the Declaration of Office to the Presidentelect.
- 3. When Taoiseach's statement has ended, President-elect and all others rise.
- Declaration is read to President-elect, who repeats it aloud.
- Chief Justice then places Declaration before President-elect.
- President-elect sits to sign Jeclaration. 6.
- 7. After signing, President rises.
- When President rises, fanfare of trumpets, to herald that President has entered upon his office.
- .t end of fanfare, all resume seats except President and Chief Justice, who remain standing.
- When all others seated, Chief Justice makes statement to assembly and hands Presidential Seal to President.
- President accepts Presidential Seal from Chief Justice. 11.
- President and Chief Justice resume their seats. 12.
- ..s soon as President is seated, Taoiseach rises and makes speech. 13. congratulating President.
- Having spoken, Taoiseach resumes his seat. 14.
- When Taoiseach is seated, President rises and replies. 15.
- Having spoken, President resumes his seat. 16.
- 17. .11 rise for National Anthem, remain standing.
- After anthem, entire dais party leaves Hall, in procession of twos, in following order:-

Two Army officers, President and his wife (President on right), Two mides-de-camp to President, Outgoing President and mide Taoiseach and mide-de-camp to Taoiseach, Other members of Government and Council of State.

All others remain in the Apartments until President has left Upper Castle Yard.

ROINN AN TAOISIGH, Meitheamh, 1973.

OLOCAL AUTHORITY ARCHIVES

Under the Local Government Act, 2001, the National Archives Advisory Council holds an advisory role, and with regard to some Local Authorities not retaining the services of an archivist, the Council has recorded its continuing concern. The Chairman wrote to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government on the matter.

Local Authority

ORECORDS HELD IN SOLICITORS' OFFICES

Pursuing its effort to encourage the protection of legal documents and records held in solicitors' offices throughout the country and the interest that these records may hold to historians, genealogists and archivists, the Council stated in its 2003 Report that the Law Society had accepted for publication, in its monthly Gazette, an article based on Council member Carol Quinn's survey of one solicitor's office in Cork. This article titled 'Treasures in your attic' appeared in the March 2004 edition of the Law Society Gazette. The Minister wrote a letter of encouragement to the Law Society. A sub-committee has been set up by the Law Society, which will work with Council member Carol Quinn on appropriate guidelines in connection with solicitors' records and their possible transfer to county or regional archives.

2004/36 Dublin Laundry Company Photograph album Late 19th or early 20th century

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ORECORDS OF THE LAND COMMISSION

The Irish Land Commission was established by the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, which act gave the Land Commission the authority to adjudicate on fair rents and to make loans of up to $75\,\%$ of the purchase price to tenants who were purchasing their holdings.

The scholar Dr Terence Dooley states that the Land Commission's records:

'constitute the largest collection generated by a single body in the country's history. They offer a remarkable and unique insight to possibly every conceivable aspect of Irish rural society and not just from 1881 because the Land Commission Records Branch also houses a wealth of documentation, such as title deeds, that dates back much further.

The Land Commission facilitated the transfer of around 315,000 holdings on around 11 million acres from landlords to tenant purchasers.'

The Land Law (Commission) Act, 1923, allowed for the reconstitution of the Land Commission, and the Commission also assumed the functions of the Congested Districts Board.

The Land Commission was disbanded in 1992 under The Land Commission (Dissolution) Act, 1992. The Records Branch of the dissolved Land Commission is incorporated within the legal services of the Department of Agriculture and Food. On 16 February 2004 a subcommittee of the National Archives Advisory Council, together with members of staff of the National Archives, met with officers of the Department of Agriculture and Food.

It was indicated that the records are deemed to be working documents and are in constant use by the Department and, moreover, that it is incumbent on the Department to protect the privacy of individuals mentioned in the records. There were some other records, such as Fair Rent Books, not in use, which could be transferred to the National Archives.

The Chairman sent a letter to the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism, requesting him to raise the problem of access to the records with the Minister for Agriculture and Food.





18th Report of the National Archives Advisory Council 2004

RESOLUTION

Mr. J. A. D. Bird and The Very Rev. G. Mayes

That this House welcomes the efforts being made to amend the legislation concerning contraception in the Republic and fully supports the Archbishop of Dublin in his affirmation of the declaration of the Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops in the years 1958 and 1960 which concluded that "the responsibility of deciding the number and frequency of children has been laid by God upon the consciences of parents everywhere: that this planning, in such ways as are mutually acceptable to husband and wife in Christian conscience, is a right and important factor in Christian family life".

"SUCH A MEASURE WOULD BE AN INSULT TO OUR FAITH; IT WOULD WITHOUT QUESTION BE GRAVELY DAMAGING TO MORALITY, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC. IT WOULD BE AND WOULD REMAIN, A CURSE UPON OUR COUNTRY." (Emphasis added.)

HAVE WE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE CONTRACEPTION TO THOSE WHO DO NOT CONSIDER IT WRONG?

Yes! We refuse narcotics to people who see no harm in them. We refuse arms to people in the community who want them. And we would refuse contraceptives for the very same reason. Because Contraception will harm the whole community eventually.

Nor does this mean interfering with a man's freedom of conscience. To prevent a man from doing something which he feels morally free to do is an entirely different thing from forcing him to do something which is against his conscience. Liberals have brainwashed us into thinking that we have no right to prevent anyone from doing anything, whatever we think of it ourselves and however much it may harm our society.

WHAT CAN I DO TO FIGHT CONTRACEPTION?

You can join the <u>Irish Family League</u>. You can make your views known to friends whenever the subject comes up. You can write letters to newspapers, T.D.'s, and senators. You can become an activist. You are fighting to prevent murder and the slaughter of innocents.

DO YOU SUGGEST ANY POSITIVE COURSE OF ACTION?

Yes!

- We must widely promote the permissible methods of family planning.
- 2. We must work diligently for a return to Christian values.
- 3. Without being prudish, we must blow some of the overcharged commercial sex out of the air and cleanse our bookshelves, our periodicals, our cinemas and T.V. screens of mind-polluting filth.
- We must strive for better family welfare, and also for adequate provision for deserted wives and unmarried mothers.
- We must provide the best we can for our children, especially in education, and moral training.

Department of the Taoiseach - 2004/21/505
'Inter-Party Committee on the implications of Irish unity (excluding Northern Ireland bodies)'
January-October 1973
Extract from Catholic booklet on contraception and resolution of General Synod of Church of Ireland

The Council noted the continuing success of the Genealogy Service, commenced in January 2003, where members of the public can seek assistance and advice from a professional genealogist with regard to family and local history research. This service is available, free of charge, during the same opening hours as those of the Reading Room.

The National Archives Open Day is identified and commended as a positive step in drawing the attention of the public to the existence and accessibility of the National Archives. As part of the 2004 Archive Awareness Month, the Open Day was held Saturday 25 September.

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The Council noted that, at the end of the year under review (2004), work was to commence on the ground floor of the National Archives building at Bishop Street to provide full disabled access facilities, such as a new entrance, a toilet, locker room, refreshment room, first-aid room and seating area.

Accessiblity

 ACHT NA DTEANGACHA OIFIGIÚLA, 2003 OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT, 2003

The Council noted the Act, and the sections of the Act relevant to the Council, which are already in operation.

Languages

Membership of the National Archives Advisory Council, 2004

HIS HONOUR JUDGE BRYAN MCMAHON Chairman of the Council

DR JOHN BOWMAN

Broadcaster and historian

DR MAURICE J. BRIC, MRIA

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KATHLEEN BROWNE, BA, FLAI former Kerry County Librarian

PROFESSOR MARY E. DALY, MRIA

Dean, Faculty of Arts, University College Dublin; member of the Irish Manuscripts Commission

JOAN JOHNSON

Honorary Archivist for Newtown School and Waterford Quakers; member of the Friends' Historical Committee in Ireland

MÁIRE MAC CONGHAIL

Comhalta de Coimisiún Lámhscríbhinní na hÉireann (member of the Irish Manuscripts Commission)

CHRISTOPHER O'CONNELL

Eircom manager; local historian

PROFESSOR EUNAN O'HALPIN

Professor of Contemporary Irish History, Trinity College Dublin

CAROL C. QUINN, RMSA, BA, DAA

Chairman, Society of Archivists, Ireland; Archivist, Boole Library, University College Cork

DR RAYMOND REFAUSSÉ

Librarian and Archivist, Representative Church Body Library

JOHN WILSON, MA, H.DIPED.

former Tänaiste and Minister; Commissioner for Victims

Secretary to the Council
PATRICK CORCORAN
Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism

Photograph of members of the Council (and others) at their meeting in Waterford City Hall in October 2004

Back row - left: Donal Moore Waterford City Archivist, Frances McGee National Archives, Máire Mac Conghail, Joan Johnson, Carol Quinn, Joanne Rothwell Waterford City Archivist, Christopher O'Connell, Front row – left: Patrick Corcoran Secretary to the Council, David Craig Director, National Archives, Mary Roche Deputy Mayor, Waterford City, Bryan McMahon, Kathleen Browne.



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