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HERITAGE, BELFAST CENTRAL LIBRARY

Marcus Ward illuminated manuscript
**HERITAGE** is situated on the 2nd floor of Belfast Central Library and contains material on a wide range of subjects relating to Ireland and its people, with emphasis on the north of Ireland.

**Bookstock**
Books available range from those of general Irish interest to local publications, and include titles in the Ulster-Scots and Irish languages. Information regarding book stock is available on the online library catalogue.

**Journals/Periodicals**
The heritage collection holds a range of historic and current journals. Significant titles include the Ulster Journal of Archaeology, Capuchin Annual and the Belfast Health Journal.

**Newspapers**
Current files of over 75 daily, weekly and Sunday newspapers covering all of Ireland. The main historical collection is housed in the newspaper library.

**Maps**
The library has a fine collection of maps, both contemporary and antiquarian. Various Ordnance Survey series for Ireland are held from the 1830s onwards. There are many specialist maps within the collection.

**Photographs**
The focus of the collection is Belfast including a significant number relating to the Belfast gasworks, docks and inner city Belfast in the 1970’s. Photographs are held for other parts of Ireland.

**Postcards**
The picture postcard collection covers Ireland and contains views of famous locations in each county. Postcards are also held on a range of subjects including Belfast cinemas, transport and political leaders.

**Pamphlets**
The library has a notable collection of eighteenth century and nineteenth century pamphlets.

**Cuttings files**
Articles on personalities, places and events have been cut from local papers for over a hundred years.

**Government Publications**
Government publications are held for both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland from 1922. Holdings also include a small but significant collection of Irish nineteenth century government publications.

**Archives**
The F.J. Bigger archive forms the largest part of the collection, covering such subjects as archaeology and the United Irishmen. Literary archives of note include the work of such well-known writers as Sam Thompson and Lynn Doyle.

**Online resources**— available free from www.librariesni.org.uk
- JSTOR Ireland Collection
- DIPPAM (Documenting Ireland: Parliament People and Migration)

**Directories**
As well as an extensive collection of Belfast and Ulster street directories, we also have Thom’s directories for Dublin.

**Special collections**
These include Irish Manuscripts Commission, Belfast electoral registers and Belfast school registers.

**Tours and talks**
Visits to the Heritage Collection are welcomed from groups, societies and schools. Please contact us to make arrangements for a tour.