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HERITAGE, BELFAST CENTRAL LIBRARY



Marcus Ward illuminated manuscript


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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.