

# The Collection of Mediaeval & Renaissance Manuscripts at Trinity College Dublin

## **SECTION II. SECULAR STUDIES**

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The Library at Trinity, Dublin possesses a wealth of important early manuscripts. They are being microfilmed by subject collection, based on the published catalogue: T. K. Abbot "Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the Library of Trinity College, Dublin."

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**Section II is in four Parts**

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**B: LAW**

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MANUSCRIPTS AT TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN

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INTRODUCTION

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The complete microfilm of one of the world's great manuscript libraries is an event that will be welcomed by scholars working in all subject areas. Although it is best known for its great Gospel Books, Trinity College Library is the home for a large, comprehensive, and often surprising collection of mediaeval and renaissance manuscripts.

The second Section consists of a varied selection of manuscripts, in four Parts.

A: MUSIC

The collection of musical manuscripts consists mainly of secular music, although there are a few interesting pieces of ecclesiastical music such as Thomas A Kempis' "Musica Ecclesiastica" (Ms 678). The popular songs include works in French and Italian, as well as many English pieces; Ms 408 is a 16th century copy of Greensleeves that may have belonged to James I.

B: LAW

A large proportion of the legal manuscripts deal with the constitutional problems of the 17th century which led up to the Civil War (Mss 538, 541-2, 852, 724-5). There are several manuscripts of Brehon law tracts and one collection of Irish deeds dating from the 14th century.

C: HERALDRY & GENEALOGY

This collection of manuscripts stands a tribute to the 16th century obsession with genealogy and family history. Most of the papers document the arms and pedigrees of noble and gentle families in both England and Ireland, and were written mainly to amuse the upper classes.

D: GENERAL

This section covers a variety of subjects ranging from Mediaeval Miscellanies to various accounts of tours made in Ireland and Europe during the 18th century. There are a number of philosophical tracts as well as the complete works of several individuals who bequeathed their writings to the university.

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PART A: MUSIC

LIST OF CONTENTS OF REELS

REEL	MS.	Title/Description
1	407	John Travers, De Arte Musica, 1572
	408	A collection of Songs and other Musical Pieces, inc. Greensleeves, c.1600 (said to have belonged to James I)
	409	James Dowson of Chester; Speculum Mathematicum... Musices Libri Tres, 1600
	410	Thomas Dallis of Cambridge, Musical Lessons set for the Lute, etc. 1583
	411	Dionysius Chalcos, Hymni harmonici tres, sec. 17thC
	412	Hymns and Songs set to Music. 16thC
	413	Overtures, Preludes, etc. 17thC 3 vols.
2	414	The Psalms in French Metre, with music, 17thC
	439	Select Psalms of David in English, 14thC
	678	Thomas a Kempis, Musica Ecclesiastica, 15thC
	921	Troporius vel Troporum Liber, 15thC
	1169	Madrigalindi Cipriano di Rore a quattro Voci
3	1177	Alphonse des Vignoles, Traitede la Musique Modern Moderne 17thC
	1177A	
	1191	Hymni Psalmi et alia Cantica... 1777
	1192	Antiphonarium officiorum totius anni Ecclesiae... 1761

PART A: MUSIC

EEL	MS.	Title/Description
4	1415	A Collection of Songs, etc. 18thC
	1418	A Collection of Songs, dated 1770 (Begins with p.25, ends p.282; pp.223-228 are missing)
	1446	Green Canticles with musical notation, c.1570
	1723	Greek Fragment containing a hymn to the Virgin



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Massacre of the converts, from the life of  
St. Alban by Matthew Paris (died 1259).  
MS 177 fol 41v.  
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## PART B: LAW

REEL	MS.	Title/Description
5	199	Photi Canones Ecclesiastici. Graece, 10thC
	338	Quaestiones et Casus in Lege Civili, c.1500
	378	Gabriel de Caravajal, De libero Arbitrio, 17thC
6	538	Discourse of the Authoritie and Priviledge of Parliament... c.1600
	540	Proceedings by Attorney-General Noy, 1632
	541	Proceedings in Parliament and Star Chamber, 1640
	542	Proceedings in Star Chamber, 1633-4
	598	Collectanea de Jure Civili et Canonico, c.1600
	642	Narrationes Novae (Anglice, Law Entries) 14thC
	649	Court of Star Chamber, c.1600
7	657	Legal Forms of Charters and other Instruments
	682	Collections on matters of Law, c.1700
8	703	Commonplace book for the Law, 17thC 2 vols
9	704	Treatise of the King's Courts of Exchequer, Chancery, Star Chamber... 17thC
	705	Reports of Cases adjudged, 1603-10
	718	Cases from King's Bench & the Exchequer, 17thC 2 vols
10	718	Cases from King's Bench & the Exchequer, 17thC 1 vol
	719	Readings of Sir Henry Yelverton et al. on various statutes, 17thC
11	721	Treatises and Censures in the Star Chamber, 17thC
	722	Commission of Chas. I for erecting the Court of Star Chamber in Dublin, 17thC
12	724	Arguments of the Judges about Ship Money, 1637-8
	725	Papers on Ship Money, etc. 17thC
13	728	Proceedings of a Parliamentary Committee concerning delay in Law, etc. presented 1652
	735	Various Precedents for the Ecclesiastical Courts, chiefly used in Ireland, 17thC
	852	Collections relating chiefly to Parliamentary Proceedings, 17thC

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REEL	MS.	Title/Description
13	855	Treatises on Wards, Tenures, and Alienations etc., 17thC
14	895	Recueil de Dissertations sur le droit publique ecclesiastique de France faites par le ordre de M.Colbert, 17thC 2 vols
	954	Legal forms (chiefly Latin) written in court hand, 17thC
15	1056	Tractatus de Criminibus et Casibus Conscientiae, c.1700
	1170	Records of various Forms of Judgements in Criminal Causes... 17thC
	1207	Family Deeds 13th-17th centuries
	1316	Brehon Laws and Miscellanea, 14thC (105pp)
16	1358	Laws, Poems etc, 19thC
	1367	Brehon Law Tracts, ff.16 15thC
	1401	Donald M'Firbis's glossary of the Brehon Laws, transcribed 1840
	1424	Transcripts of Brehon Law MSS in various libraries 2 vols
17	1424	Transcripts of Brehon Law MSS in various libraries 3 vols
18	1424	Transcripts of Brehon Law MSS in various libraries 2 vols
19	1424	Ditto 2 vols
20	1424	Ditto 2 vols
21	1424	Ditto 2 vols
22	1424	Ditto 2 vols
23	1424	Ditto 1 vol
	1429	A Collection of Irish Deeds, 15th-17thC
	1430	Transcript and Translation of the preceeding Deeds, 19thC 2 vols
24	1787	Irish Parliament. Henry VI to Elizabeth I
	1790	Miscellaneous State Papers

## PART C: HERALDRY AND GENEALOGY

Manuscripts 456-477 22 volumes of Arms of various Families of  
England, Ireland and Scotland, with some French 16thC.

These manuscripts appear on reels 25-28

Reel	Ms.	Title/Description
25	456-462	See above
26	463-468	See above
27	469-474	See above
28	475-477	See above
	478	John Seldon, Several Treatises on the Nobility of England, 17thC
	479	Heraldic Documents, 16thC
	518	Heraldic Collections, 16thC
29	636	Collectanea Varia de Re Heraldica, 16thC
	639	Heraldica, 16thC
	661	A commonplace book of heraldry, 16thC
	663	Collectiones de Re Heraldica, 16thC
	772	Christopher Usher... Arms of Families and Colleges in England, with some Irish Families, 16thC
	797	Genealogicae et Stemnata, 1674
	849	Heraldica, scil. 16th-17thC
30	850	Heraldica, 17thC
	966	Genealogy of the "Earles, Marquises and Dukes of Suffolke" 17thC
	1212	Pedigrees of all the Nobility and Gentry of Ireland, traced to the middle of the reign of Elizabeth, 17thC
	1213	Pedigrees of the principal families that have existed in Ireland for the past 200 years, 17thC
	1214	The Book of the Visitation by Thomas Benold, Clarencieux King of Arms, A.D.1531... c.1700
	1215	Pedigrees and intermarriages of the Principal families in Lancashire and Yorkshire... c.1700
31	1216	Obits, pedigrees, marriages etc. of most of the principal families in Ireland... c.1700
	1217	Pedigrees of the families of many hundred Noblemen and Gentlemen in Ireland. 17thC



## PART D: GENERAL

REEL	MS.	Title/Description
35	115	Adam the Stockton Expositions etc. 14th c.
	125	Edward Lively 'Chronologica seu Notitia Temporum' 17th c.
	126	Idem opus: cum notis Usserii 17th c.
	207	Miscellanea 15th c.
36	208	Cardinal Thomas de Capua 'Ars Dictaminis' 15th c.
	211	John Peckham 'De informatione simplicium ... 15th c.
	304	Mathaeus Panaretus 'Quaestor C, politianus' 15th c.
	391	John Travers Collectanea Philosophica c.1610
37	402	Kalendarium vetus 14th c.
	404	Logica ad mentem Aristotelis et D. Thomae 1615
	417	Richard Grosvenor 'Mensa Philosophica' 17th c.
	427	Guido de Columna 'Historia Belli Trojani' ... 15th c.
	435	Narratiunculae Variarum ... 14th c.
	436	Aristotelis Liber de Secretis Secretorum ... 14th-15th c.
	437	Peter Pippardus 'Pontanensis' ... 17th c.
38	453	George Berkeley Introduction to his Principles of Human Knowledge
	532	Miscellaneous Tracts 17th c.
	683	Thoughts on Sundry Subjects, collected by C. Williamson 17th c.
	693	Annotationes ex Magistro et Aristotele 17th c.
	848	Francis Thynne, His application of certain Histories concerning Embassadors and their functions 17th c.
39	883	Natural History of Ireland 2 vols. 18th c.
	884-A	Journey to Connaught 1709
	885	Journey to Kerry 1709
	886	Account of the town of Galway ... 18th c.
	887	Dr Pocockes Tour 1752

REEL	MS.	Title/Description
40	888	Dr Molyneux' Papers 'Natural History of Ireland
	889	Dr Molyneux' Papers
41	890	Molyneux 'Case of Ireland'
	891	Notes on an English Tour 1780
	893	Memoires conc. plusieurs provinces, villes etc. de la France (32 vols c.1700) Vols 1-2
42	893	--- do --- Vols 3-8
43	893	--- do --- Vols 9-11
44	893	--- do --- Vols 12-17
45	893	--- do --- Vols 18-22
46	893	--- do --- Vols 23-27
47	893	--- do --- Vols 28-32
48	937	George Stiernhielm Vocabula veteris linguae Gallicae ...
	942	Original Drawings of Places in Ireland and Scotland by Sir W.Smith 2 vols 18th c.
	955	A compendium of Geography by the Baron of Couth Ronsele 1701
	956	Trecht van de Conincklicke Erffenisse ... 1641
49	967	Journal of a Tour of L.W. Dillwyn ... 1809
	968	Journal of a Tour of P. Th. Hicks ... 1818
	987	Schouburg der Nederlandsche .... coins of the Countries from 15th-18th c. (2 vols) Vol 1
50	987	--- do --- Vol 2
	988	Figures and Descriptions of coins and Medals (15 vols) 17th c. Vol 1
51	988	--- do --- Vols 2-8
52	988	--- do --- Vols 9-13
53	988	--- do --- Vols 14-15
	1144	Arngrimis Jonae, Gronlandiae aliqualis Geograp
	1197	Of the Nature and Extent of Human Understandin 1728
	1308	The Dialogue of the Two Sages ...

