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Records of the Dioceses of Elphin & Ardagh

1724-1975

Introduction

The bulk of the material in this collection was transferred from the diocesan registry by the Revd Canon J.M.G. Sirr, the Diocesan Registrar, in 1983. Some 20 years later a small quantity of miscellaneous items was collected from the See House in Kilmore, when the Rt Revd Kenneth Clarke, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, transferred materials from the See House to the Library in 2003. Additionally, his successor, the Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield, deposited more recent materials from the Diocesan Office, in 2017. This represents all of the surviving historical material for the united dioceses of Elphin and Ardagh, most of which was destroyed in the tragic fire at the Public Records Office of Ireland in 1922. Herbert Wood records in his Guide to the Public Records of Ireland (Dublin, 1919), pp. 237-9 that diocesan registry material for Elphin and Ardagh between 1638 and 1874 was lost.

The collection reflects the original ordering of material, into which the more recently-acquired materials from the See House and Diocesan Officer have been interleaved thereafter.

The collection also reveals the complex administrative arrangements that have existed between the dioceses of Elphin and Ardagh and the diocese of Kilmore. In 1834, Elphin was united with Kilmore under the one bishop, and in 1839 Ardagh was united with Kilmore and Elphin. Although under the spiritual guidance of one bishop, both Elphin and Ardagh dioceses have, from an administrative point of view, maintained their own working structures. These comprised separate diocesan councils (much of the paperwork for which was managed by a diocesan registrar) and diocesan synods until 1927. Each had its own archdeacons, rural deans and other officers too. In 1927, Elphin and Ardagh were joined together to form one united administrative structure, under one council, and with a joint archdeacon and rural deans, but again these positions have remained separate from the diocesan structure for Kilmore.

The arrangement of the collection adheres to these structures - the Elphin records are listed separately as D4A/; followed by a separate list for Ardagh D4A/. Only where there is obvious joint administration of Elphin and Ardagh, post-1927, are the records listed under the third section in the catalogue as D4B/. Given the close relationship that existed between Elphin and Ardagh with the diocese of Kilmore the list of papers from Kilmore should also be consulted for additional material of relevance (see D3/ preceding this list).
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  10. 1862
  11. 1864
  12. 1868
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  14. 1873 [rural dean’s report]
  15. 1892 [rural dean’s report]

3/ Subscription rolls
   1. 1870-1930
   2. 1930-32

4/ Account books
   1. Registrar’s cash account book
      1851-72
   2. Registry ledger
      1865-70

5/ Register of curates’ licences
   1. 1868-72

6/ Certificates of reading the declaration of assent, 1871-80
   1. 17 Dec. 1871  Julius Henry Griffith, Drumcliffe
   2. 29 Sept. 1872  Frederick Foster, Ardcarne
   3. 19 Jan. 1873  Robert MacWalter, Sligo
   4. 26 Jan. 1873  James Hunt, Castleblakeny
6/  5.  23 Feb. 1873  Edward George Campbell, Kiltoom
6.  23 Feb. 1873  Charles Ellis, Toomna
7.  9 Mar. 1873  Francis Irwin, Donamon
8.  8 Nov. 1874  Isaac Mitchell, Kiltoom
9.  29 Aug. 1875  Robert Frierson, Taunagh
10.  16 Jan. 1876  George A.P. Arbuthnot, Roscommon
11.  18 June 1876  Francis Burke, Ardcarne
12.  24 Dec. 1876  Alexander Major Kearney, Sligo
13.  7 Jan. 1877  William C. McCausland, Kilkeevan
14.  29 Apr. 1877  Isaac Coulter, Knocknarea
15.  1 July 1877  John J. F. Guthrie, Drumcliffe
16.  12 Aug. 1877  Thomas Heany, Calry
17.  24 Mar. 1878  Edward Leathly Shea, Killenvoy
18.  22 Apr. 1878  John Black, Taunagh
19.  22 Feb. 1880  Thomas F. Eastwood, Boyle

7/  Diocesan Court papers

File of papers relating to the case of Col. Wood-Martin concerning memorials in St. Anne’s Church, Knocknarea.
1916

8/  Miscellaneous loose papers

1/  Bundle of documents deposited with the registrar in 1925 by Rev. G. Ingram [Mohill], 1709-1903, undated

1.  Copy of inquisition held at Sligo 7 Mar. 1584 in the presence of John Crofton, auditor general, [undated, ?18th century].
2.  Commission of the peace, Co. Roscommon, 26 June 1709.
3.  Writ of convocation, 3 Nov. 1713
4.  Inhibition on Rev. George Sweeny from officiating in the diocese, 4 Oct. 1792
5.  Misc. correspondence : 2 letters (1893, 1898) to Francis Burke, (Dean of Elphin, 1894); 2 letters (1898, 1903) to William Henry Stone (Dean of Elphin, 1886-1912) from Alfred George Elliot, Bishop of Kilmore, 1897-1915)
6.  Architect’s drawing for [?] bow window, [undated]

2/  Miscellaneous diocesan queries and returns 1724-1878, [undated]

1.  Instructions and queries for the clergy of the diocese of Elphin, 3 July 1724
2/ Return of certificates of composition registered in 1834; applotments registered & applotments not registered of parishes in Elphin, 5 Jan. 1835

3. Account of visitation fees, 1853

4. Account of parochial incomes, Nov. 1878

5. Account of incumbents' rent charges [undated]

6. Parishes liable for diocesan school tax, Clonfert and Kilmacduagh [undated]

7. Account of diocesan school fees, Clonfert and Kilmacduagh [undated]

8. Account of diocesan school masters' tax, Clonfert [undated]

3/ Bundle of documents transferred from Tuam in 1962 by the Tuam diocesan registrar, 1731-1818

1. Grant of deanery of Elphin to Rev. Francis Browne, 5 Mar. 1794

2. Institution of Rev. Francis Browne as dean, 28 Mar. 1794

3. Receipt for fees from Francis Browne relating to the deanery, 10 Mar. 1794


5. Account of fees due to registrar from the Very Rev. Francis Browne [undated]

6. List of preachers in Elphin Cathedral, 1731

7. Receipt for visitation fees and school salary from Francis Browne, 28 & 29 Aug. 1794

8. Receipt for visitation fees from Francis Browne, 9 Aug. 1794

9. do., 9 Aug. 1796

10. Extracts from Tuam subscription rolls, 1783-1818 [made in 1962]

11. Covering letter from the Very Rev. J. Jackson, 4 Sept. 1962

4/ Bundle of miscellaneous licences, nominations, writs, resignations and recommendations, 1855-1956:

1. Letter from the Council Office, Dublin, to the Rev. F. Hunt, Boyle, concerning the change of site of Ahanagh church, 2 Oct. 1855

2. Collation and institution of Rev. Arthur Hyde to the prebend of Artaugh, and rectory of Tibohine (Frenchpark), 17 Apr. 1867

3. Petition from parish of Boyle to bishop to consecrate burial ground, 1 Feb. 1867

4. Writ of sequestration on Rev. Peter Browne, 30 June 1869


6. Nomination of Rev. Charles Ellis to Toomna, 27 Sept 1872

7. Nomination of Rev. Robert McWalter to Calry, 16 Dec. 1872
4/cont.

8. Curate’s licence, for the Rev. J.R. Porte, Kilkeeran & Oran, 5 Aug. 1875
9. Nomination of Rev. W.C. McCausland to Kilkeeran & Oran, 12 Oct. 1876
10. Curate’s licence, Rev. Edward Irwin, Elphin, 30 June 1876
11. Nomination of Rev. John Black to Taunagh, 10 Apr. 1878
12. Curate’s licence, Rev. J.W. Forde, Boyle, 1 July 1881
13. Letters testimonial for Rev. Isaac Mayes, Athlone, 5 Mar. 1932
14. Si quis certificate, Rev. Isaac Mayes, 6 Mar. 1932
15. Si quis certificate, Rev. I.R. Kirkpatrick 6 Mar. 1932

5/ Letters and circulars relating to diocesan and parochial records from the Church Temporalities Commission, General Register Office

11 items
1871-79

6/ Miscellaneous papers relating to burial grounds

1. Draft copy of petition to consecrate and act of consecration of burial ground at Boyle, 1875
2. Deed of consecration of Toomna burial ground, 13 Sept. 1877
3. Draft conveyance of land for Ardcarne burial ground, [1833]
4. Petition to consecrate burial ground at Ardcarne, 13 Sept 1883
5. Deed of consecration of Ardcarne burial ground, 13 Sept 1883
6. Petition to consecrate addition to Bumlin (Strokestown) graveyard, 13 Aug. 1885
7. Deed of consecration of addition to Bumlin graveyard, 17 Aug. 1885
8. Account of fees for consecration of addition to Bumlin graveyard, 4 May 1896
10. Deed of dedication of plot in Sligo Public Cemetery, 26 Nov. 1927
11. Copy act of consecration of an addition to Loughglynn churchyard, 5 June 1957

7/ Correspondence relating to the raising of the Episcopal Endowment Fund in Elphin, 1894-95

112 items
1894-95, undated
8/8  Parochial returns relating to local trusts and endowments 1903-13

1. Ahamlish, 1913  
2. Ardcarne, 1913  
3. Athlone, St. Peter 1913  
4. Athleague, 1903  
5. Ballysumaghan, 1903  
6. Boyle, 1903  
7. Bumlin, 1913  
8. Calry, 1904  
9. Croghan, 1913  
10. Donamon, 1903  
11. Drumcliffe, 1903  
12. Elphin, 1913  
13. Killeroran, 1903  
14. Kilmore, 1903  
15. Kilmore & Aughrim, 1904  
16. Kiltoom, 1903  
17. Knocknarea, 1903  
18. Lissadell, [undated]  
19. Roscommon, 1903  
20. Sligo, 1913  
21. Taunagh, 1903  
22. Toomna, [undated]  
23. Tybohine, 1903  

9/  Diocesan Council Minute Books

1. 1870-71 [incomplete, rough copy]  
2. 1870-84  
3. 1884-1902  
4. 1902-1919  
5. 1920-1953  

10/  Diocesan Synod Minute Books

1. 1869-96  
2. 1897-1913  

11/  Rules and Regulations of the Diocese

Being a draft of the code of rules and regulations for the diocese of Elphin, codified by the Diocesan Council and adopted by the Diocesan Synod. 1914

12/  Diocesan Reports

Bound volumes of reports as follows:

1. 1870-75  
2. 1876-85  
3. 1886-94  
4. 1895-1903  
5. 1904-10  
6. 1911-18  
7. 1919-26
13/ Maps

1. Map of the diocese of Elphin, showing parish unions, rectories, vicarages, perpetual curacies, parishes without churches and suspended parishes. Parishes are coloured. Drawn by Hodges, Foster and Co. Dublin, based on printed Ordnance Survey. Undated [late 19th century]

14/ Miscellaneous material:

1. Minute book with accounts of the Committee of Elphin Diocesan School Association [later the Elphin Diocesan Church Education Society], 1843-66; together with much later accounts being the Diocesan Registrar’s accounts with the diocese, 1956-73. [For more on the diocesan accounts of the united dioceses of Elphin and Ardagh, see D4B/3 below]

2. Diocesan Glebes Committee Minute Book, for the diocese of Elphin between 1913 and 1927, with one minute for the new united diocesan committee appointed in 1927, after which the book ceased to be used. 1913-27

3. Letter to Bishop Tyndall from the parishioners of Croghan parish, concerning the situation that may arise for the parish under the scheme devised by the Sparsely Populated Areas Commission, which includes the abolition of Elphin union and closure of Bishop Hodson’s Grammar School. 3 April 1958

4. Minute of meeting held at Joppa Lodge, Sligo, with Bishop Tyndall in the chair, along with other prominent clergy including the Dean of Elphin and some ladies assisting the committee to draw up arrangements for tenants of Joppa Lodge [a retreat house for retired clergy and others]. 11 April 1958
D4A/ Records of the Diocese of Ardagh

1/ Visitations
   1. 1825
   2. 1877
   3. 1878
   4. 1893

2/ Rolls of clergy
   1. 1870-97
   2. 1870-1908
   3. Ardagh roll of clergy, according to the visitation of 1878, being a handwritten list of clergy in 35 parishes
      12 September 1878

   [for additional subscription rolls, see also D4B/1 below]

3/ Diocesan Council Minute Books
   1. 1870-72
   2. 1872-93
   3. 1893-1903
   4. 1903-12
   5. 1913-25
   6. 1925-27

3A/ Diocesan Glebes Committee Minute Book
    1913-1924

4/ Diocesan Synod Minute Book
   1. 1869-1926

5/ Diocesan Resolutions
   Resolutions adopted by the Diocesan Synod including the names of members,
   printed 20 June 1871.

6/ Annual Reports
   1. 1877 [unbound]
   2. 1878 [unbound]
   3. 1878 [marked revised report, unbound]
   4. 1881-90
   5. 1881-1900
   6. 1901-10
7/ Maps

1. Map of the diocese of Ardagh, showing parish unions, rectories, vicarages, perpetual curacies, parishes without churches and suspended parishes. Parishes are coloured. Drawn by Hodges, Foster and Co, Dublin, based on printed Ordnance Survey. Undated [late 19th century]

2. Ecclesiastical map of the diocese of Ardagh, showing churches and its location in relation to the bishoprics of Meath and Elphin. Undated [19th century]

8/ Architectural papers

1. Schedules of churches which have been repaired or enlarged; are undergoing repair or enlargement; or on which work has been postponed on the recommendation of the provincial architect, with details of the nature and progress of the principal works and repairs. 3 items [1830s]

2. Architect’s report on Ardagh and Tashinny glebe houses, their condition, potential for modernisation, and general suitability as residences. Typescript, 4pp, unsigned 15 July 1958

9/ Printed notices


10/ Legal papers

1. Lease from John Cooke, Ballyneal House, co. Kilkenny to the Diocesan Trust, of land for house for incumbent of Ballymacormick. 8 September 1873

2. Papers including copies of will extracts and correspondence concerning the terms of the bequest of Lady Hutchinson, making provision for the use of clergymen’s widows in the diocese of Ardagh, and annual payments of same. Includes some correspondence from the Rt Revd Alfred George Elliott, Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh 1897-1915, with comments on arrangements. 1898-1901
11/ Diocesan stamp

Letter stamp impress, bearing the arms of the diocese of Ardagh, for marking correspondence and other papers.
[Undated]

12/ Miscellaneous diocesan registry files, 1870-1960

1/ Appointments & commissions 1870-1925

1. Ven. J.R. Darley, archdeacon of Ardagh, as bishop's commissary, 11 Feb. 1870
la. Ven. J.R. Darley, as bishop's commissary, 30 Nov. 1870
lb. Ven. J.R. Darley, to institute to livings etc., 28 June 1872
2. Very Rev. Alexander Ormer, dean of Ardagh, as bishop's commissary, 4 Apr. 1883
3. Rev. R.W. Boyd, Longford, as diocesan registrar, 28 Nov. 1891
5. Very Rev. Frederic Potterton, dean of Ardagh, as bishop's commissary, 21 Dec. 1896
7. Rev. Henry Justice, rector of Mohill, as rural dean, 4 Feb. 1908
8. Rev. Thomas Reilly, rector of Rathaspeck, as dean of Ardagh, 1 Apr. 1913
9. Rev. W.J. Lindsay, Rathowen as diocesan registrar, 17 Nov. 1921
10. Wm. R[ichard] Moore, Bishop of Kilmore to [W.J.] Lindsay, registrarship of the diocese and sustentation of Rathaspeck, 25 Jan. 1922
12. Rev. George Tugham, rector of Mohill, as marriage licencer for the diocese, 3 Feb. 1925
13. Rev. Robert Desmond Holtby, as bishop's curate, Drumshambo, Kiltubride and Kilronan [act of induction], 14 June 1956

2/ Declarations of assent, letters testamentary, bene decessit, si quis, 1895-1953:

1. Assent, William Lea, Kilglass, 16 November 1895
3. Assent, Thomas Reilly, Rathaspeck, 4 Feb. 1900
4. Assent, William Pollard, Killashee, 8 Apr. 1900
5. Assent, F.J. Armstrong, Streete, 13 May 1900
6. Assent, C.E. Keane, Mostrim, 22 July 1900
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2/ 7. Assent, G.G. Wadsworth, Gowna, 8 Feb. 1903  
8. Bene decessit, Andrew Graham, St. Clement, Bristol, 10 Dec. 1907  
10. Assent, J.T. Webster, Ballymachugh, 19 Apr. 1908  
11. Assent, W.J. Lindsay, 18 July 1909  
12. Letters testimonial, C.G. Metcalfe, Mohill, 26 May 1914  
13. Si quis, C.G. Metcalfe, 1 June 1914  
15. Bene decessit, W.T. Stewart, Glenageary (Dublin), 22 Nov. 1922  
17. Medical report, W.D. Norman, 13 Aug. 1951  
18. Nomination to curacy of Kilcommick, W.D. Norman, 21 Aug. 1951  
20. Letters testimonial, W.D. Norman, 1 Sept. 1951  
21. Si quis, W.D. Norman, Malahide (Dublin), 9 Sept. 1951  
22. Copy confirmation certificate, W.D. Norman, St. Bartholomew (Dublin), 10 Sept. 1951  
23. Bene decessit, T.J. Bond, Bourney (Killaloe), 12 Feb. 1952  
25. Si quis, R.H. Bertram, Billis, 6 Sept. 1953

3/ Acts of institution, 1891-1921

1. Henry Justice, Mohill, 19 Aug. 1891  
2. William Lea, Kilglass, 16 Nov. 1895  
4. Do.  
5. William Welwood, Fenagh, 30 Jan. 1897  
6. Edward Briscoe, Moydow, 15 Feb. 1897  
7. P.K. Lyon, Kilcommack, 14 Mar. 1897  
8. John Brown, Mostrim, 19 May 1897  
9. Thomas Reilly, Rathaspick, 3 Feb. 1897  
10. William Pollard, Killashee, 2 Apr. 1900  
11. F.J.A. Beere, Streete, 9 May 1900  
12. John Brown, Cashel & Rathcline, 9 May 1900  
13. G.E. Keane, Mostrim, 16 July 1900  
14. G.G. Wadsworth, Columbkille, 2 Feb. 1903
16. R.J. Mitchell, Cashel & Rathcline, 30 Apr. 1906
17. W.R. Moore, Templemichael, 12 Mar. 1907
18. Do. [includes declaration of assent], 17 Mar. 1907
19. J.C. Beresford, Kiltoghart, 1 May 1907
20. Andrew Graham, Streete, 3 Jan. 1908
22. J.T. Webster, Ballymachugh, 19 Apr. 1908
23. M.W.G. Hammick, Ardagh, 8 Oct. 1908
24. Andrew Graham, Cloone, 1 Apr. 1910
25. Richard Hemphill Mostrim, 14 Feb. 1914
26. A.R. Burriss, Granard, 8 Apr. 1915
27. Henry Justice, Templemichael, 31 Jan. 1916
28. T.J. Bayly, Mohill, 1 Apr. 1916
29. H.P. Woodhouse, Drumshambo, 13 Oct. 1916
30. H.F. Crampton, Cloone, 8 Mar. 1917
31. John Armstrong, Kilcommick, 5 June 1917
32. W.J. Lindsay, Rathaspick, 22 July 1920
33. George Tugham, Mohill, 8 Dec. 1921

4/  Resignations, 1892-1960

1. A.J. Tilson, Kilglass, 19 May 1892
2. R.T. Bevan, Streete, 31 Mar. 1900
3. Edward Briscoe, Moydow, 7 Oct. 1909
4. Louis Cloak, Cloone, 31 Dec. 1909
5. G.E. Keane, Mostrim, 11 Oct. 1913
6. W.J. Lindsay, Granard, 28 Dec. 1914
7. T.F. Browne, Kiltubrid, 30 June 1915
8. P.K. Lyon, Kilcommick, 20 Apr. 1917
9. William Weiwood, Fenagh, 15 Nov. 1921
11. A.R. Burriss, Granard, 18 Sept. 1925
12. Robert Doherty, Kiltubride, 23 Sept. 1926
15. A.M.B. Mills; Templemichael, 21 Jan. 1960

5/  Nominations, 1897-1923

1. William Welwood to Fenagh, 20 Jan. 1897
2. Edward Briscoe to Moydow, 27 Jan. 1897
3. P.K. Lyon to Kilcommick, 5 Mar. 1897
5. F.W.B. Jobson to curacy of Mohill, 24 Feb. 1899  
6. S.F. Kellett to curacy of Clongish, 16 Sept. 1899  
7. Charles Browne to Rathaspick, 12 Jan. 1900  
8. William Pollard to Ballymacormack, 7 Feb. 1900  
9. John Browne to Cashel & Rathcline, 21 Apr. 1900  
10. F.J.A. Beere to Streete, 21 Apr. 1900  
10a. G.E. Keane to Mostrim, 5 June 1900  
11. G.G. Wadsworth to Columbkille & Gowna, 8 Jan. 1903  
12. John Brown to Clongish, 18 Jan. 1908  
13. W.R. Moore to Templemichael, 22 Feb. 1907  
14. H.J. Johnson to Clonbrony, 9 Jan. 1908  
15. R.W. Boyd to Ardagh, 4 Feb. 1908  
16. J.T. Webster to Ballymachugh, 10 Mar. 1908  
17. G.E. Keane to Abbeylara, 16 Apr. 1909  
18. R. Hemphill to Mostrim, 2 Dec. 1913  
19. C. C. Metcalfe to curacy of Mohill, 10 Mar. 1916  
20. A.R. Burriss to Granard, 26 Mar. 1915  
21. Henry Justice to Templemichael, 4 Jan. 1916  
22. T.J. Bayly to Mohill, 10 Mar. 1916  
23. Do.  
25. Do.  
26. H.F. Crampton to Cloone, 5 Feb. 1917  
27. George Hamilton to curacy of Mohill, 8 May 1917  
28. John Armstrong to Kilcommick, 21 May 1917  
29. George Hamilton to curacy of Mohill, 20 May 1918  
30. W.G. Coleman to curacy of Templemichael, 22 Dec. 1922  
31. H.S. Burd to curacy of Mohill, 30 Dec. 1923

6/ **Letters of priests’ and deacons’ orders, 1899-1917**

1. F.W.B. Jobson, deacon for Mohill, 26 Feb. 1899  
2. W.B. Naylor, deacon for Drumkeeran, 26 Feb. 1899  
3. H.B. Swanzy, deacon for Monaglass, 26 Feb. 1899  
4. S.F. Kellett, deacon for Clongish, 24 Sept. 1899  
5. F.W.B. Jobson, priest, 10 June 1900  
6. C.S. Stewart, priest, 23 Sept. 1900  
7. Robert Burke, deacon, 23 Dec. 1900  
9. E.A. Forster, priest, 26 Dec. 1901  
10. F.W. O’Connell, deacon, 25 May 1902  
11. Robert Burke, priest, 27 Dec. 1902  
12. F.W. O’Connell, priest, 11 June 1903
13/ Miscellaneous diocesan registry files, 1870-1955:

1/ Mandates, petitions & miscellaneous registry papers, 1870-1907

2. Declaration of John Wilson for registrar of Ardagh, 1 Jan. 1871
4. Do., 14 June [18]71
5. Do., 10 May [18]72
6. Mandate for visitation of Ardagh, 10 July 1873
7. Letters dimissory: from the bishop of Kildare to the bishop of Kilmore to ordain the Revd W.N. Biddulph as priest, 11 Nov. 1874
8. Mandate for visitation of Ardagh, 17 Sept. 1875
10. Memo of proceedings against Rev. P.J. Moran in Longford church, 13 Mar. 1877
11. Draft conveyance of Farnaught chapel of ease, parish of Cloone; the Hon. Charles Skeffington Clements to the diocesan trustees, 1879
12. Draft petition to consecrate church in parish of Cloone, erected out of funds supplied by late Earl of Leitrim, 1879
13. Petition to consecrate Farnaught church, 14 Nov. 1885
14. Inventory of papers in Ardaghs diocesan registry, 1892
15. Mandate for visitation of Ardagh, 8 Aug. 1894

[Note that there are no documents for nos. 16 & 17]
1/cont. 18. Mandate for visitation of Ardagh, 10 Oct. 1898
19. Letters dimissory, from the bishop of Clogher to the bishop of Kilmore, to ordain deacon H.B. Swanzy, 7 Feb. 1899
20. Do. For W.B. Naylor, 7 Feb. 1899
21. Mandate for visitation of Ardagh, 29 Aug. 1901
23. Mandate for visitation of Ardagh, 2 July 1904
24. Letters dimissory, the bishop of Tuam to the bishop of Kilmore, to ordain priest, W.R. Keiller, 23 May 1907

2/  Licences, 1871-1923

1. Draft general licence to Essex Edgeworth of Kilshrewley, Co. Longford, 1871
2. Revocation of licence for non-residence, A.W. West, dean of Ardagh, 17 Dec. 1873
3. Licence to the minister of Annaduff to perform services in Dromod school house, 22 Oct. 1879
4. John Brown to be curate of Mohill, 13 Jan. 1897
5. J.A. Thompson to be curate of Templemichael, 13 Jan. 1897
6. A.T. Webbe to be curate, Clongish, 6 Sept. 1898
7. S.F. Kellett to be deacon, Clongish, 2 Apr. 1900
8. F.W.B. Jobson to be deacon, Mohill, 2 Apr. 1900
9. E.A. Forster to be deacon, Clonbrony, 29 Aug. 1901
10. Robert Burke to be deacon, Mohill, 29 Aug. 1901
11. S.F. Kellett to be curate, Clongish, 29 Aug. 1901
12. F.W. O’Connell, to be deacon, Clongish, 9 Sept. 1902
13. Henry Justice, to perform services in Mohill parochial hall, 20 May 1903
14. F.W. O’Connell to be curate, Drumshambo, 20 July 1904
15. J.F. Shearman to be deacon, Templemichael, 4 Feb. 1904
16. F.W. Bonynge to be curate, Mohill, 1912
17. R.C.S. Devenish to be deacon, Templemichael, 10 Sept. 1912
18. R.C.S. Devenish to be curate, Templemichael, 18 Mar. 1913
19. H.P. Woodhouse to Drumshambo, 28 May 1914
20. C. G. Metcalfe to be curate, Mohill, 29 July 1914
21. Declaration by W.H. Bond, Ballinlough for special marriage licence, 9 Nov. 1914
22. George Hamilton to be deacon, Mohill, 3 June 1917
23. George Hamilton to be curate, Mohill, 26 May 1918
24. J.W. Maver to be curate, Templemichael, 27 Jan. 1919
2/ 25. R.B.B. Smyth to be curate, Drumshambo, 1 Apr. 1921
27. Declaration by W.F. Stephenson, Granard for special marriage licence, 9 Aug. 1923

3/ Papers relating to burial grounds, c. 1866-1955

1. Declaration by Rev. J.H.J. Powell, rector of Clongish that the burying ground attached to the ruined church of Clongish was used exclusively by the parish, [undated, but between 1866 & 1873]
2. Petition of Lady Louisa Tenison, the earl of Kingston and Florence, countess of Kingston (nee Tenison) for consecration of a vault in the parish of Kilronan and the exhumation and deposit therein of the remains of Col. Edward King Tenison, 30 Mar. 1880
3. Conveyance of a plot for an additional burying ground, Lady Louisa Tenison to the bishop of Kilmore and incumbent of Kilronan (includes map), 3 June 1880
4. Licence to Rev. Richard Connolly, Kilronan, to exhume the remains of Col. King Tenison and inter them in the new vault [no. 2 above], 16 June 1880
5. Deed of consecration of new vault [see nos 2 & 4 above], 16 June 1880
6. Receipted account from John Wilson, diocesan registrar to earl of Kingston, registry fees for exhumation & consecration [see 5 above], 2 July 1880
7. Map of Ballymacormick burial ground, 28 Sept. 1881, with copy of resolution of the diocesan council, dated 28 Sept. 1881, annexed relating to reserving portion of burial ground for protestants, 30 Sept. 1881
8. Petition to consecrate the new burying ground of Ballymacormick, 24 Oct. 1881
10. Plan of Fenagh church and burial ground, 7 July 1884
11. Petition to consecrate new burial ground in Fenagh churchyard, 8 July 1884
12. Act of consecration of Fenagh burial ground, 11 July 1884
13. Petition to consecrate burial ground for Farnaught church, parish of Cloone, 3 Jan. 1892
14. Act of consecration of Farnaught burial ground, 3 Jan. 1892
15. Plan of new cemetery, Edgeworthstown, 5 Sept. 1892
16. Petition to consecrate - part of Edgeworthstown cemetery for the parishioners of Mostrim, 12 Nov. 1892
17. Act of consecration of new cemetery of Mostrim, 12 Nov. 1892
18. Copy grant of additional graveyard for parish of Streete, reserving portion as private burial ground: John Wilson to the Representative Church Body (includes map), 21 Jan. 1899
19. Petition to consecrate an addition to the graveyard of Streete, 20 Nov. 1899
20. Act of consecration of Streete graveyard
21. Petition to consecrate enlargement of Mohill graveyard, 30 May 1902
22. Act of consecration of Mohill graveyard, 30 May 1902
22A Papers relating to the transfer of Cloone burial ground to the Rural District Council
11 items 1905-07
23. Petition to consecrate portion of Lyranmore graveyard reserved for parish of Ardagh, 9 May 1906
25. Copy conveyance of part of Killoe globe for an additional burying ground for Clonbroney: Thomas Donohue to Trustees (includes a map of the property), 13 Aug. 1906
26. Petition to consecrate and act of consecration for additional burying ground for Clonbroney, 12 May 1907
27. Copy conveyance of plot for graveyard adjoining Kiltoghart graveyard: Mrs. Petronella Whyte & C.C.B. White to the Diocesan Trustees (includes a map of the property), 30 Oct. 1909
28. Petition to consecrate and act of consecration of addition to Kiltoghart graveyard, 9 Jan. 1910
29. Act of consecration of burial ground in parish of Carrick-on-Shannon, 6 July 1942
30. Petition to consecrate portion of Killendowd cemetery reserved for parish of Tashinny, 20 Mar. 1955

14/ Other miscellaneous material, 1878-1950s

1. Widows' Fund: statement of the treasurer's account, being a printed report for the year ending 1 February 1878.
2. Representative Church Body accounts, as follows:
   1. Killashee repair loan account, 1938-49
   2. Killashee parochial endowment capital account, 1894-1941
   3. Ballymacormick parochial endowment capital account, 1924

2a. Diocesan Board of Education Income & Expenditure Account Book 1914-88

3. Letter to Bishop Mitchell from several parishioners of Killashee and Ballymacormack, expressing concern that the Rev Robert William Wolfe [ordained 1930] is intended to be appointed to the parish, and also about the reduction in parish subscriptions. [Wolfe appears to have served subsequently as curate in charge of Killashee from 1955 until his retirement in 1968. He died 28 June 1970].
   6 May 1954

4. Papers relating to the consecration of Clooneshebane burial ground, Carrick-on-Shannon, 1941-42, and the extension of Kilmactranny burial ground, 1950
   7 items
   1941-42; 1950

5. Memorial of the general vestry of the parish of Ardagh, recording the grateful thanks of the parish to the Revd Canon William and Mrs Mabel Allcard, for all their work in the parish and hoping that this would continue. Allcard served as rector between 1943 and 1966.
   [undated, 1950s?]

D4B/ Elphin & Ardagh

1/ Subscription rolls

1. 1932-39 (including 1930-32 for Ardagh)
2. 1939-50
3. 1950-55
4. 1956

2/ Letter book

1. Outgoing correspondence copy press book, containing handwritten letters issued by the diocesan secretary of Elphin and Ardagh, the Venerable Henry J. Johnson, with a few incoming letters interleaved.
   Handwritten, 625pp. [indexed]
   1929-40
3/ Accounts

1. Book of accounts containing contributions to parochial assessment and other diocesan funds. Appears to mostly cover parishes in Ardagh. 1972-96

2. Miscellaneous joint account book for Elphin and Ardagh, under the following heads:
   Diocesan Expenses Fund, Diocesan Assessment Fund, Quarterly Stipend Schemes, Episcopal Endowment Fund, Columbkille Parochial Fund, Diocesan Expenses Fund, Diocesan Secretary’s accounts, Auxiliary Fund. 1872-1910

3. Miscellaneous account book for Elphin and Ardagh, divided under the following heads:
   Diocesan secretary in account with the Diocesan Council of Ardagh, Diocesan Expenses Fund, Diocesan Curate, shared by Kilmore and Ardagh, incomes of parishes during vacancies; Moydow parish in account with Ardagh Stipend Fund; Drumshambo Glebe; Templemichael curate in account with the diocese of Elphin and Ardagh 1905-40

4. Parish Assessment Book
   Book of accounts for parishes in both Elphin and Ardagh, giving returns of their annual assessments 1936-1955

4/ Miscellaneous material, 1935-58

1. Correspondence relating to the licensing for marriages at Farnaught church.
   6 items
   1936-37

   [undated, 1939-50]

   [undated, 1939-50]

4. Registrar’s notebook, containing the succession lists of deans, archdeacons and miscellaneous other clergy in the dioceses of Elphin and Ardagh, with biographical details, and references to sources, compiled by the diocesan registrar, Revd John Armstrong.
   25 March 1940
5. Letters testimonial for Rev. Arthur Cotter from the bishop of Chichester [Rt Revd G.K.A. Bell].
   14 Oct. 1950

   1946

7. Papers relating to repairs at Kilcommick glebe.
   1948-49

8. Copy agreement between the RCB and James Reynolds of Roosky, County Roscommon, concerning the demolition of Roosky church, and purchase of the site and portion of the adjoining churchyard.
   1957

9. Schedules of names with addresses of clergy widows together with annuities paid by the Diocesan Office
   1956-57

10. Appointment of the Revd William Thompson Howard Slater, incumbent of Clonbroney, Killoe and Columbkille, to be rural dean of Elphin and Ardagh.
    1 April 1958

11. Copy nominations of the Revd Canon Alfred Birch and subsequently the Revd Edward Frederick Forrest, to be incumbent of the newly amalgamated union of Rathaspeck, Streete, and Kilglass
    5 May 1958 & 21 October 1958