

Batch of manuscripts from the Main Manuscript Collection now available online

20 new manuscripts from the Main Manuscript Collection are now digitized, indexed and available on dúchas.ie. The material relates to the late 1930s and early 1940s.

There are **2 collector's diaries** in this batch: one by [Aodh Ó Domhnaill](#) and another by Liam Mac Coisdealbha. Full time collectors had the duty of keeping a diary to provide contextual information about recording sessions, the informants and the work in general. These diaries are part of the Main Collection and they provide a valuable insight into life at the time. Storytellers and others mentioned in the diaries have been tagged.

Amongst the manuscripts, there is new material from the following counties: Antrim, Cavan, Clare, Cork, Derry, Donegal, Down, Dublin, Galway, Kerry, Leitrim, Limerick, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Roscommon, Sligo, Tipperary, Tyrone, Waterford and Westmeath.

These manuscripts contain a wide variety of material, including [stories](#), [lore](#), [proverbs](#), [prayers](#), [songs](#), [superstitions](#), [riddles](#) and many other topics.

All of this material can be found at www.duchas.ie/en/cbe.

Below is a list of the manuscripts, collectors and places.

0669	Pádhraic Bairéad, an Chill Mhór, Co. Mayo, Colm Ó Finneadha, Maigh Cuilinn, Co. Galway, Máirtín Mainnín, Cong, Co. Galway, Brighid Ní Mhaithnín, Cill Chuimín and Maíros, Co. Galway, Eibhlín Ní Stondúin, Cill Chuimín, Co. Galway
0675	Questionnaires about St. Martin's Day, Co. Clare and Co. Limerick
0685	Seosamh Ó Dálaigh , Aghavallen, Finuge, Kilconly, Kilnaughtin and Listowel, Co. Kerry
0686	Seán Ó Cróinín , Abbeystrowry, Kilfaughnabeg and Kilmacdonogh, Co. Cork
0731	Aodh Ó Domhnaill , Teampall Cróine and Tulacha Beigile, Co. Donegal
0732	Liam Mac Coisdealbha, Abbeyknockmoy and Maíros, Co. Galway, Kilronan, Co. Roscommon, Shancough, Co. Sligo, Kilcommon, Co. Mayo
0758	Questionnaires about the Last Sheaf, Co. Louth, Co. Meath, Co. Westmeath, Co. Longford, Co. Cavan, Co. Dublin
0760	Questionnaires about the Last Sheaf, Co. Clare, Co. Limerick, Co. Tipperary, Co. Waterford
0761	Questionnaires about the Last Sheaf, Co. Kerry and Co. Cork
0762	Questionnaires about the Last Sheaf, Co. Galway and Co. Leitrim
0764	Questionnaires about the Last Sheaf, Co. Monaghan and Co. Donegal
0766	Questionnaires about St. Martin's Day, Co. Antrim, Co. Kerry, Co. Cork, Co. Derry, Co. Down, Co. Donegal, Co. Laoise, Co. Longford, Co. Louth, Co. Limerick, Co. Mayo, Co. Monaghan, Co. Tipperary, Co. Tyrone
0780	Brian Ó Murchadha, Killannin and Omey, Co. Galway
0781	Pádhraic Bairéad, an Chill Mhór, Co. Mayo, Brian Ó Murchadha, Ballynakill, Co. Galway and Liam Ó Coincheanainn, Annaghdown, Co. Galway
0782	PJ O'Sullivan, Baillinvohar, Ballynacourty, Listowel, an Mhin Aird and Kilgarrylander, Co. Kerry
0784	Proinnsias de Búrca , Ross, Co. Galway and Co. Mayo
0787	Seán Ó hEochaidh , Tulacha Beigile, Co. Donegal
0788	Tomás a Burca, Kilcommon, Co. Mayo
0794	Liam Mac Coisdealbha, Maíros and Oranmore, Co. Galway, Monica Ní Mhaodhbh, Cill Bhreacáin, Co. Galway and Micheál Ó hEibhrín, an Chill Mhór, Co. Mayo
0795	Liam Ó Coincheanainn, Annaghdown, Co. Galway, Domhnall Ó Máille, Templetogher, Co. Galway

Editor's note:

The Main Manuscript Collection is being digitized by the dúchas.ie team, and material from it is published quarterly. This collection consists of 2,400 manuscripts linked to material that was collected from 1932 onwards. This material was mostly collected by fulltime and part-time collectors under the umbrella of the Irish Folklore Commission (1935-1971). About two thirds of this material that encompasses every aspect of the oral tradition of Ireland is in Irish.

Dúchas.ie is the result of a partnership established in 2012 between the National Folklore Collection in UCD, the UCD Digital Library, and Gaois, Fiontar & Scoil na Gaeilge, DCU. The aim of this project is to digitize and make available online to the public all collections of the National Folklore Collection. The project is co-funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media with support from the National Lottery, and by University College Dublin with financial assistance from the Irish Folklore Foundation.

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