

Reference Code: Mss.35

Title: Patrick Maxwell Collection

Creation Date: c.1891-1914

Level of description: Item level

Extant and Medium: 1 framed item, 7 volumes

Creator: Maxwell family

Scope and content:

The collection includes handwritten and published diaries relating to Patrick Maxwell, Solicitor, of Derry. Maxwell travelled to New York with his wife on the State of Nebraska in 1891, he documented his journey and extracts were later published in the Derry Journal. The collection includes a one original handwritten diary, and a selection of printed extracts from the Derry Journal, archived in a number of volumes. The collection also includes a range of ephemera such as correspondence, invitations, and photographs which give an insight into his interests and his personal life.

Original collection on loan for digitisation from Michael Bradley (2020).

Item level description

Reference Code: Mss.35.1

Title: Framed photograph of Patrick Maxwell

Creation Date: n.d

Level of description: File

Extant and Medium: 1 item, framed, black and white

Creator: unknown

Scope and content: Image shows gentleman in ¾ view

Reference Code: Mss.35.2

Title: Hand-written diary of Patrick Maxwell

Creation Date: August 1891- January 1892

Level of description: File

Extant and Medium: 1 diary, 130 pages, 11 attachments of newspaper cuttings between pages

Creator: Patrick Maxwell

Scope and content: handwritten diary of Patrick Maxwell during his sea journey from Ireland to the United States, on the State of Nebraska.

- (a) Introduction page newspaper cutting: 'Mr Patrick Maxwell, Solicitor and Mrs Maxwell left Merville on Saturday by the State of Nebraska for New York. They expect to be back again by 1st September.'

Pages 1-9 – handwritten entries

- (b) Newspaper cutting - 'A sailors cure for sea-sickness'

Pages 10-13 – handwritten entries

- (c) Newspaper cutting – 'The Jews'

Page 14 – handwritten entry

- (d) Newspaper cuttings – 'A Religious Spirit'

Pages 15-22 – handwritten entries

- (e) Newspaper cutting – 'Steward!'

Pages 23-32 – handwritten entries

- (f) Newspaper cutting – 'Picking flaws...'

Pages 33-54 – handwritten entries

- (g) Newspaper cutting – 'Our readers...'

Pages 55-60 – handwritten entries

- (h) Newspaper cutting – 'Darkest New York'

Pages 61-62 – handwritten entries

- (i) Newspaper cutting – 'Hot weather in America'

Pages 63-87 – handwritten entries

- (j) Newspaper cutting – 'I suppose that ...'

Pages 88-106 – handwritten entries

- (k) Newspaper cutting – 'Amongst the passengers...'

Pages 107-130 – handwritten entries

Reference Code: Mss.35.3

Title: 'Afloat And Ashore, Summer '97'; printed diary

Creation Date: 1897

Level of description: File

Extant and Medium: 1 diary, 42 pages, plus 2 attachments

Creator: Patrick Maxwell

Scope and content: Newspaper cuttings from printed diary by Patrick Maxwell, printed in the Derry Journal.

'Under the heading of 'Afloat and Ashore – Summer '97', there appears in our third page this morning the first instalment of a very readable and interesting account of incidents connected with a recent trip from this country to the United States from the pen of a local contributor'. Includes photographs.

- (a) Sample cheque pasted onto inside cover for one hundred dollars
- (b) Notice, Derry Diocesan Catholic Friendly Society of St Columb's Hall, Derry, 1916. Includes handwritten note signed 'Brennan', 31-12-1915

Reference Code: Mss.35.4

Title: 'History of Good Times'; printed diary

Creation Date: 1900

Level of description: File

Extant and Medium: 1 diary, 48pg

Creator: Patrick Maxwell

Scope and content: Newspaper cuttings from printed diary by Patrick Maxwell, printed in the Derry Journal.

'This is the title of some holiday notes (by a local contributor) which promises to be of considerable interest to our readers, and we propose to publish the first instalment next Monday.' 3 October 1900

8 October 1900, is first instalment and the final piece is 3 December 1900, with the words, 'to be continued'.

- (a) Inside page includes stamp of David Irvine, Printer, Castle Street, Londonderry, dated 26 November 1900

Reference Code: Mss.35.5

Title: 'History of a Good Time', printed diary

Creation Date: 1900-1901

Level of description: File

Extant and Medium: 1 diary, 26 pages

Creator: Patrick Maxwell

Scope and content: Newspaper cuttings from printed diary by Patrick Maxwell, printed in the Derry Journal.

5 December 1900, is first instalment and the final piece is 7 January 1901.

- (a) Inside page includes stamp of David Irvine, Printer, Castle Street, Londonderry, dated 26 November 1900

Reference Code: Mss.35.6

Title: 'Doing Two Months, continued', printed diary

Creation Date: 1902

Level of description: File

Extant and Medium: 1 diary, 10 pages

Creator: Patrick Maxwell

Scope and content: Newspaper cuttings from printed diary by Patrick Maxwell, printed in the Derry Journal.

15 December 1902, is first instalment and the final piece is 24 December 1902.

- (a) Inside page includes stamp of David Irvine, Printer, Castle Street, Londonderry, dated 26 November 1900

Reference Code: Mss.35.7

Title: Book, with printed newspaper cuttings (various subjects)

Creation Date: 1914-1915

Level of description: File

Extant and Medium: 1 book, 27 pages

Creator: Patrick Maxwell (and family members?)

Scope and content: Book with newspaper cuttings of various subjects mainly focusing on death notices. Including those of Patrick Maxwell (16 November 1914, at his residence in East Wall Londonderry), W.A. Roddy (Derry Journal, Editor) and Chevalier Hannigan, K.S.G.

- (a) Inside page includes stamp of David Irvine, Printer, Castle Street, Londonderry, dated 15 November 1902

Reference Code: Mss.35.8

Title: 'Newspaper Cuttings', contains various newspaper cuttings, extracts, correspondence, ephemera and drawings.

Creation Date: c.1883-1897

Level of description: File

Extant and Medium: 1 book, 1-33 pages, blank pages then, 70-72 pages plus loose inserts (33)

Creator: Patrick Maxwell (and family members?)

Scope and content: Book containing a variety of documents from newspaper cuttings, letters, invitations and a series of enclosed (detached) documents. Please note the pages are numbered but as three early unnumbered pages were used these have been given the detail of – i, ii, iii.

- i – Letter to Mr Maxwell, dated February 1895
- ii – Addressed envelope
- iii – Newspaper cutting dated 4 March 1887
- 1 - Invitation, dated 1883
- 2 - Death notice for a Sister of Mercy, Jane ?
- 3 – Programme for funeral mass of Sister of Mercy

- 4 – Three attachments including a plan of the State of Nebraska
- 5 – Advertisement for the Dayline Steamer on the Hudson River, 1891
- 6 – The Pilgrimage to Rome, poem, Derry 1893
- 7 – Newspaper cutting
- Pages 8-9 missing
- 10-11 - Letter
- 12 – Newspaper cutting, 1893
- 13 – Newspaper cutting, 1893
- 14 – Newspaper cutting – ‘Unionist Bigotry in Derry’ and ‘Slander of Derry Unionists’
- 15 – Newspaper cutting
- 16 – Newspaper cutting
- 17 – Newspaper cutting
- 18 – Newspaper cutting
- 19 – Image of Convent of the Sisters of Mercy Notre Dame, Plymouth
- 20 – Invitation
- 21 – Postcard of the State of Nebraska
- 22 – Newspaper cuttings
- 23 – Newspaper cutting and invitation
- 24 – Invitation
- 25 – Newspaper cutting
- 26 – Newspaper cutting
- 27 – Invitation
- 28 – Newspaper cutting
- 29 – Newspaper cutting
- 30 – Newspaper cutting
- 31 – Selection of drawings and prints
- 32 – Blank

33 Newspaper cuttings (loose)

Pages plus loose inserts (33)

Reference Code: Mss.35.9 (all the now loose items)

Mss.35.9.1

Cataloguing reference note for item 33: Items 1- 33 (each item may include one or more image), I've initially just given them an item number (1-33). If it works use a,b,c,.... As the following numbers for example 1a, 1b, ..2a.... 3a, 3b...