

Reference Code: 3413/ Mss.8

Title: Craigavon Bridge Collection

Creation Dates: 1846-1933

Level of Description: File level description

Extent & Medium: 1 box; c. 30 items

Creator(s): Collection was gathered together during research in various Council basement areas.

Scope & Content

Biography: Building work began in 1931 and the contractor was Dorman Long & Co., Middlesbrough, England; a firm known for the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Sir Percy Greenaway, performed the opening ceremony and for the occasion the Lord Mayor's coach was brought over from England. The bridge carries four lanes of traffic, in addition to two footpaths. The under-deck of the bridge was used to carry trains, joining the Derry and Waterside sections of the harbour port tramway.

Content: The collection relates to the Craigavon Bridge, Derry; opened in June 1933. The collection mainly includes memorabilia relating to the opening ceremony, maps/plans, subject and correspondence files, and printed material.

Material may be added to the collection.

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Opening Ceremony – 1933

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Register of Seating on the Carlisle Square Stand (3 items) – 1933

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Register of Invitations - 1933

Register of invitations to the Bridge Stand and Freedom of the City Ceremony, 18 July 1933.

Mss.8.1.1.3

Seating Plan (2 items) – 1933

Seating plan for stand 'C' South footway of bridge, 18 July 1933.

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Proposed Stand – 1933

Plan of proposed tubular-framed stand for 202 persons for stand 'C', 18 July 1933.

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Seating Plan (4 items) – 1933

Seating plan for large stand in Carlisle Square, 18 July 1933.

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Plan for Council Chamber (2 items) – undated

Plan for the Council Chamber in the Guildhall, Derry.

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Book of Reference Plans – 1928

Book of reference plans titled "New Bridge Over the River Foyle, Londonderry Corporation," dated November 1928.

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Collection of Printed Material – 1846, 1859, 1877-1900, 1929

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Londonderry Corporation Act – 1929

Londonderry Corporation (New Bridge) Act (Northern Ireland), Chapter 3, 1929.

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Deposit Bill – 1929

Deposit Bill for Carlisle Bridge, Sessions 1929, Londonderry Corporation.

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Londonderry Bridge Act – 1859

Londonderry Bridge Act, Sessions 1859.

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Acts of Parliament – 1846, 1877, 1883, 1896, 1898, 1900

Acts of Parliament: Relating to the Londonderry Bridge (Act 1877), Waterford Port and Harbour (July 1846), Belfast Harbour (Act 1883), Extension of City of Belfast (Belfast Corporation Act 1896), To alter constitution of Dublin Port and Docks Board (Dublin Port and Docks Act 1898), To extend the city of Dublin (Dublin Corporation Act 1900).

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Printed Material Relating to Carlisle Bridge – 1927, 1941

Mss.8.2.3.1

Carlisle Bridge – 1927

Carlisle Bridge: Copy of notice to treat schedule of claims etc., T.W. Newey Esq.: 17th June 1927.

Mss.8.2.3.2

Notice relating to Land Acquisition – 1941

Notice relating to Land Acquisition for the purpose of providing a recreation ground and playing field, dated 2nd May 1941, (3).

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Londonderry Bridge – 1870

Memorial from the Bridge Commissioners to the Londonderry Councillors and Treasury for financial aid, dated 8th June, 1870.

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Bank Managers (6 items) – 1933

Collection of correspondence from Bank Managers relating to the closing of banks on the 18th July, 1933, due to the bridge opening ceremony.

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County Borough of Londonderry, Town's Clerk's Department (18 items) – 1933

Includes detailed procedures of the opening day and the lifting of the barrier, plus correspondence, invitations, programmes and newspaper cuttings, dated March – July 1933.

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Londonderry Corporation, Craigavon Bridge Opening (8 items) – 1933

Includes invitations, luncheon menus, seating plans and order of the day arrangements from the Craigavon Bridge Opening in July 1933.

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Londonderry Bridge (4 items) – 1858

Collection of letters from the Secretary of the Londonderry and Enniskillen Railway, J.K. Arthur, relating to the Londonderry Bridge, dated 21st April – 15th May, 1858.

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Collection of Correspondence – 1933

Mss.8.2.9.1

Correspondence relating to the opening of the Craigavon Bridge (15 items) - 1933

Collection of correspondence and other relevant documents relating to the opening of the Craigavon Bridge. Correspondence to and from Sir Henry Millar, the Town Clerk. Subjects include use of public address equipment, official souvenirs and programmes and invitations to the opening ceremony. Also includes memos relating to traffic arrangements and car parking, dated May – July 1933.

Mss.8.2.9.2

Correspondence relating to the opening of the Craigavon Bridge (15 items) – 1933

Collection of correspondence and invitations relating to the opening of the Craigavon Bridge and the Freedom of the City Ceremony. Correspondence to and from Sir Henry Miller, Town Clerk, dated April – July 1933.

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Newspaper Cutting – 1933

Article from the Londonderry Sentinel relating to the naming of the bridge after the Viscount Craigavon and the opening ceremony. Contains pictures of both the new and old bridge, dated 1 April 1933.

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Collection of Memorabilia – 1933

Mss.8.2.11.1

Leaflets (5 items) – 1933

Leaflets entitled *Arrangements for the closing of routes, parking of cars and traffic control on the 18th July 1933.*

Mss.8.2.11.2

Invitation (5 items) – undated

Blank invitation to the ceremony from the Mayor and Alderman, blank R.S.V.P. to the opening and naming of the new bridge.

Mss.8.2.11.3

Invitation – undated

Invitation to the presentation of the Freedom of the City to the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London, Sir Percy Greenaway.

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Letter (5 items) – undated

Letter from the town clerk's office relating to detailed particulars of the ceremony.

Mss.8.2.11.5

Programme of Procedure (4 items) – 1933

Detailed programme of procedure at Lifting Barrier, 18 July, 1933.

Mss.8.2.11.6

Invitation Lists – undated

Invitation lists for three functions: the opening ceremony, the conferring of the freedom of the city ceremony at the Honourable, and The Irish Society's Luncheon.

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Speech – undated

The speech of the Mayor of Londonderry, Maxwell Scott Moore, J.P. concerning the necessity of the new bridge.

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Proclamation – undated

Proclamation signed by Dudley E.B. McCorckell, Mayor of Londonderry, concerning the closing of the street and parking places for the opening of the bridge.

Mss.8.2.12

Collection of invitations and menus – 1917-1924

Mss.8.2.12.1

Invitation (5 items) – 1918

Blank invitation to the Mayors luncheon for the visit of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, 21st August, 1918.

Mss.8.2.12.2

Invitation – 1924

Blank invitation to reception for the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland held by the Mayor of Londonderry, 17th January, 1924.

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Various Menus (6 items) – 1917-1919

Collection of various menus for the Mayors luncheon held in the Guildhall between 1917-1919.

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Invitation (3 items) – 1935

Invitation to the Presentation of Freedom of City to His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester on 13 May, 1935.

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Invitation (2 items) – 1928

Invitation from the Mayor of Londonderry to the opening of the bowling green by Lady McFarland on 23 June 1928.

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Schedule of Visit – 1918

Schedule of the visit of Field-Marshal Viscount French to Londonderry 21 August 1918.

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Invitation (2 items) – 1917

Invitation from the Mayor of Derry and Mrs Anderson to a luncheon in the Melville Hotel 13 December, 1917.

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Invitation – 1943

Invitation to the opening ceremony for the Right Honourable the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland 13 September 1943. Invitation is written in hand on a printed invitation with the previous details crossed out.

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Invitation – undated

Lewis telegram of an invitation to the Conferring of Freedom.

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Permit for Admission – 1936

Permit for the admission to the Platform in Guildhall Square for the Proclamation of the Accession of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VIII 27 January, 1936.

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Admission ticket – 1926

Admission ticket to the Presentation of Freedom of City of Londonderry to His Grace the Governor of Northern Ireland, 7 October 1926.

Mss.8.2.12.12

Admission ticket – 1954

Admission ticket to the Freedom Ceremony Luncheon, 25 August 1954.