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About the Collection:

Previously known as the Gibson-Massie Collection, the material was collected by the Belfast based, Scottish man, Andrew Gibson (1841-1931). Gibson and his family moved to Belfast in the 1880s where he worked as an agent for George and James Burns Limited, and the Cunard Steamship Company. As a book collector with a vast collection, Gibson became a Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland and then the Governor of the Belfast Library and Society for Promoting Knowledge (Linen Hall Library), where he played an instrumental role in the revival of the *Ulster Journal of Archaeology*, organising the second *Belfast Harp festival* in 1903, and the *Belfast Shakespeare Festival* in 1905.

Gibson's collection include the works of Robert Burns, Thomas Moore, and Allan Ramsey. Gibson also had an interest in the Freemasons of Ireland. The Freemasonry Collection (MS 26) is mainly composed of handwritten notices (copies) of newspaper advertisement that call upon the Masonic lodges to assemble for their activities.

The notices begin in 1759 and run up until 1799, amounting to over four hundred hand-written copies taken from prominent newspapers of the era: *Belfast Newsletter*, *Belfast Mercury*, *Belfast Evening Post*, and *The Northern Star*.

Andrew Gibson's collection of books and manuscripts were discovered when P. D. Massie purchased the derelict house of Gibson. Massie offered Queen's University Belfast the opportunity to purchase the collection and requested it to be called the Gibson-Massie Collection. The Library at Queen's University agreed and purchased the collection in May 1960. However, the collection was vast, so it was divided into three main areas of strength:

- 1) Thomas Moore Book Collection (Prefix of 'Moore/' in Library catalogue)
- 2) Gibson-Massie Collection (MS 37)
- 3) Freemasonry Collection (MS 26)

The entire collection is now held at the McClay Library, Queen's University Belfast, under the supervision and care of Special Collections and Archives.

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MS 26 / A-AJ: Summaries

- MS 26 / A / 1-61** A collection of handwritten notices copied from local newspapers, stapled together, and entitled 'Freemasonry in Ulster Towns and Villages, Advertisements, paragraphs, etc.'. They begin in 1759 and are in chronological order, covering regular occurrences and activities, such as funeral notices, announcement of Lodge meetings, and letters of thanks to ministers from Lodges for Sermons delivered to them. Many of the notices reference activities on, or related to, St. John's Day. The notices also reveal the close associations between Orange Lodges, Freemasonic members, and the Volunteers.
- MS 26 / B / 1-37** A collection of handwritten notices copied from local newspapers, stapled together, and entitled 'Freemasonry 1791-1792'. They begin in 1791 and are in chronological order. The entries contain similar content as MS26 / A / 1-61, but also begin to reflect the political situation at the end of 1792. Many entries contain details of resolutions passed by lodges declaring their support and loyalty to King George III, the Constitution, and the Civil Magistrate.
- MS 26 / C / 1-51** A collection of handwritten notices copied from local newspapers, stapled together, and untitled. They begin in 1792, are in chronological order, and detail similar occurrences as in MS26 / A and MS26 / B. They consist mainly of resolutions passed by Lodges at various meetings, most of which declare allegiance to King George III, the Constitution, and the Civil Magistrate, as well as support for parliamentary reform. It also contains a small number of notices relating to church services on St. John's Day, and a fake letter submitted to the *Belfast Newsletter* (MS26 / C / 39).
- MS 26 / D / 1-74** A collection of handwritten notices copied from local newspapers, stapled together, titled 'Freemasonry. Genealogical, Biographical & Obituary'. They begin in 1794 and are in chronological order. They follow the same pattern as MS26 / A / 1-61 and contain accounts of Church sermons, notices of thanks to ministers, and announcements of resolutions reached by lodges at meetings - most of which confirm support and loyalty to King George III, the Constitution, and the Civil Magistrate.

MS 26 / E / 1-14 A collection of handwritten notices, copied from local newspapers, stapled together, titled 'Freemasonry, etc. Miscellaneous Notes' on the cover. Together they cover the period 1759-1886 by noting a wide range of events, including death notices, marriages, lodges of persons etc. Also included is an account of the laying of the foundation stone at the Belfast Poor-House, an entry reporting on appeals from workers in the Belfast cotton industry to the Earl of Hillsborough, and an extract of a letter relating to the marriage of Lord Kilwarlin (Earl of Hillsborough) to Mary Sandys.

MS 26 / F / 1-14 A collection of handwritten notices, copied mainly from local newspapers, stapled together, titled 'Freemasonry: General', on the cover. They begin in 1783 and include accounts of events and sermons on St. John's Day, notices relating to Lord Kilwarlin's election as Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons and lists of Lodges in Ireland. Advertisements for plays and entertainment evenings are also included.

MS 26 / G / 1-63 A collection of handwritten notices copied mainly from local newspapers, stapled together, and entitled 'Free-masonry in Belfast, Advertisements, paragraphs, etc. Till 1790'. The Belfast and Orange Lodge N°257 feature heavily throughout. There are also advertisements for plays and entertainment evenings, as well as some advertisements of newly published books for sale and where they can be bought.

MS 26 / H / 1-51 A collection of handwritten notices, copied mainly from local newspapers, stapled together, and dating across the 18th century. Some entries from *The Hibernian Magazine* and *The Gentleman's and London Magazine* are included. Also contained are a number of extracts from the Dictionary of National Biography of 1890, as well as an entry from British Museum Catalogue related to Mrs. Elizabeth Griffith and Richard Griffith Esq. It notably begins with the lineage of Hugh O'Neill, Prince of Tir-Owen, in 388 AD., the McDonnell's of Antrim, continuing with the lineage of the Hill family of Hillsborough, beginning in 1400.

MS 26 / I / 1-45 Forty-five hand-written pages, stapled together, of an extensive review of 'Bro. Pennell's revised edition (1730) of James Anderson's *Book of Constitutions of the Free-Masons* (1723) for use in Ireland, see MS26/H/17. It details the changes to the original work of Anderson by Pennell for the Irish edition. A proposal on page seven states: 'We now propose to follow him through the Book, and indicate such changes or repetitions as seem due to the circumstances of the Irish fraternity, beginning with the frontispiece'. The author of these forty-five pages is not indicated, however, a reference on page forty-two shows that it is post-1872.

MS 26 / J / 1-37 Thirty-seven pages, stapled together, of an incomplete hand-written transcription of *Caementaria Hibernica, Irish Constitutions* (1895) by William John Chetwode Crawley.

MS 26 / K / 1-63 A collection of handwritten notices copied from local newspapers, mainly from the *Northern Star*, and entitled 'Orangeism'. They relate mainly to the rise of the Defenders, their clashes with the Peep-O-Day Boys, and the formation and general activities of the Orange Order.

MS 26 / L / 1-8 A collection of handwritten notices copied from local newspapers, stapled together, and entitled 'Clubs in Ireland and Commemoration in Belfast of Revolution of 1688'. The collection begins with reference to the Patriotic Club of Newry. Of note also is MS26 / L / 05, a full account of the 'Commemoration of the Glorious Revolution of 1688' from the *Belfast Newsletter*, 12-15 February [1788]. Also included is an 'Extract of a letter from Comber Feb 14' which describes a commemoration of the Glorious Revolution in Comber.

MS 26 / M / 1-42 Forty-one handwritten pages stapled together (the forty-second page is blank except for a title, Chapter 1). No author named. Possibly the introduction from a book on Freemasonry and Orangeism. The pages refer to various sources to trace the history of Freemasonry, particularly in Ireland after the 'Glorious Revolution', and explores links with the formation of the Orange Society.

- MS 26 / N / 1-19** Seventeen handwritten pages, two of which are written on both sides. Two extracts from Richard Lilburn's *Chapters in the History of Orangeism* – a history of the Orange Order published in the *Belfast Weekly News* – are copied. They discuss 'The Conflict of Lisnagaed' and 'The Battle of the Diamond' and Gibson's own annotations and comments are included. Also included are notes from Philip Harwood's *History of the Irish Rebellion of 1798* (1844), notices from the *Belfast Newsletter* and the *Northern Star* in 1795, and a two-page miscellaneous list of lodges, names and references.
- MS 26 / O / 1-20** Original newspaper clippings from the *Belfast Newsletter* relating to the origins and history of the White Linen Hall building. The articles discuss the Industrial Exhibition of 1895, the foundation stone laid in 1783 and the significance of the word 'Orange' attached to Lodge N°257 of Belfast – the Orange Society was not formed until 1795 in Co. Armagh
- MS 26 / P / 1-30** A collection of handwritten notices copied from the *Belfast Newsletter*, stapled together, and entitled 'White Linen Hall, 1782'. The articles include letters and accounts of meetings discussing various matters relating to the linen trade in Ulster. Issues discussed include the establishment of a white linen market in Belfast and the construction of the Lagan Navigation Canal.
- MS 26 / Q / 1-2** Handwritten revised proofs of 'Chapter I: Introductory, Orange and Masonic' to what appears to be a publication that Gibson was preparing relating to the Orange and Masonic institutions. Contains annotated newspaper clippings discussing previous work by Richard Lilburn and Andrew Gibson on the topic, and which also reference related letters in the *Belfast Newsletter* and *Belfast Evening Telegraph*.
- MS 26 / R / 1-14** Handwritten revised proofs of 'Chapter II, 1781' to what appears to be a publication that Gibson was preparing relating to the Orange and Masonic institutions. Discusses earliest mentions of freemasonry in Belfast in local newspapers at the time and also the significance of the Festival of St. John celebrations on 24th June and 27th December. Refers to other publications including *Masonic Facts and Fictions* (1887) by Henry Sadler and *Caementaria Hibernica* (1895) by W.J. Chetwode Crawley. Contains annotated newspaper clippings relating Masonic activity in Belfast during the late eighteenth century, especially of the freemason Orange Lodge of Belfast, N°257.

- MS 26 / S / 1-23** Handwritten revised proofs of 'Chapter III, to be a publication that Gibson was preparing relating to the Orange and Masonic institutions. Contains annotated newspaper clippings of Masonic activity in Belfast during the late eighteenth century, as well as references to other sources – for example, George Benn's *History of the Town of Belfast* (1877), Joy's 'Historical Notices' and Henry Sadler's *Masonic Facts and Fictions* (1887).
- MS 26 / T / 1-21** Handwritten revised proofs of 'Chapter IV, 1783' to what appears to be a privately printed and distributed pamphlet that Gibson was preparing relating to the Orange and Masonic institutions. Annotated newspaper clippings of Masonic activity in Belfast during the late eighteenth century are included. Particularly from the *Belfast NewsLetter* as 'no other newspaper was published in Belfast at the time in question'. Also included, is an account of the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Belfast White Linen Hall, quotes from Benn's 'History of the Town of Belfast', and a biographical sketch of John Brown, Sovereign of Belfast.
- MS 26 / U / 1-23** First page is entitled Chapter V, 1784. These are mostly handwritten revised proofs culled from newspaper accounts of Masonic activity in Belfast, in the late eighteenth century. Perhaps noteworthy for the range of activities partaken, and the names of those mentioned.
- MS 26 / V / 1-26** First page is entitled 'Freemasonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783?' Most of these pages have been printed, probably for private circulation only, by the author Andrew Gibson, at the office of the *Belfast NewsLetter* in 1896. However, this material is now to be used as the basis for an enlarged book or pamphlet, using additional information. Like what has been written previously.
- MS 26 / W / 1-12** First page is entitled 'Freemasonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783?' this is essentially what has already appeared, although they are corrected pages, not proofs, and refers only to the information gathered apart from the three letters.
- MS 26 / X / 1-10** First page is entitled 'Freemasonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783?' this is essentially what has already appeared, although they are corrected pages, not proofs, and refers only to the information gathered apart from the three letters. If MS26 / W / 1-12 and MS26 / X / 1-10 were collated together, one would probably have the corrected printed version of MS26/V/1-26. Page, one has handwritten upon it, 'incomplete'.

- MS 26 / Y / 1-5** A few pages, some handwritten, some printed, all relating to Belfast Freemasonry in the late eighteenth century, probably proofs for the pamphlet, 'Free-masonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783?'
- MS 26 / Z / 1-10** A collection of ten miscellaneous handwritten pages, with reference to Freemasonry.
- MS 26 / AA / 1-54** A folder entitled 'Collectors' and containing fifty-four pages with music collector's addresses. These relate mainly to 'The Ballad Company', in Arthur Lane, Belfast, and to W.K. Gibson, Solicitor, the son of Andrew Gibson.
- MS 26 / AB / 1-42** A folder entitled 'Mail Check' and containing forty-two letters relating to the business of The Ballad Company. In essence, reminders to clients
- MS 26 / AC / 1-24** A folder entitled 'Attention' and containing twenty-four letters, relating to the business of The Ballad Company. In essence, reminders to clients, perhaps of a more urgent nature.
- MS 26 / AD / 1-27** A folder entitled 'General' and containing twenty-seven letters, relating to the business of The Ballad Company. Mostly clients canvassing The Ballad Company's view upon their songs.
- MS 26 / AE / 1-31** A folder entitled 'Amalgamated Publicity' and containing thirty-one letters, including cheques and telegrams, relating to the business of The Ballad Company. This is mainly correspondence relating to the sale of copies of songs.
- MS 26 / AF / 1-18** A folder entitled 'J.D. Markey' and containing eighteen letters, relating to the business of The Ballad Company. This is mainly correspondence relating to the sale of orchestration of songs.
- MS 26 / AG / 1-7** A folder entitled 'Correspondence with leading people' and containing seven letters, relating to the business of The Ballad Company. Mainly promoting the business of The Ballad Company.
- MS 26 / AH / 1-128** This appears to be an index to a collection of Irish Melodies, although there are references to the 'Airs and Melodies familiar to the Highlands of Scotland'. The first card is entitled, 'Irish Melodies, Eighth Number, London'. These are cuttings; the sources are not identified.

MS 26 / AI / 1-4 These are four A3 pages folded together, containing a listing of The Caledonian, and the different editions.

MS 26 / AJ / 1-4 Thirty-seven hand-written pages, stapled together, entitled 'Caementaria Hibernica. Being the Public Constitutions that have served to hold together the Freemasons of Ireland. Fasciculus Primus 1726-1730'.



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MS 26 / A-AJ: Abbreviations

Abbreviation

Full term/s

ACS	autograph card signed
ALCS	autograph lettercard signed
ALCU	autograph lettercard unsigned
ALS	autograph letter unsigned
ALU	autograph letter unsigned
ANU	autograph note card unsigned
APCS	autograph postcard signed
APCU	autograph postcard unsigned
Atr	autograph transcript
ed., eds., ed	editor, editors, edition
f., ff.	following page or pages
fol. and fols	folio., folios
MS and MSS	manuscript(s)
n.p.	no place
n.d.	no date
qu	quoted
r.	recto
sig.	signature number
TLS	typewritten letter signed
TLTS	typewritten letter, typewritten signature
TLU	typewritten letter unsigned
TTr	typewritten transcript
trans.	translated (by)
v.	verso
vol., vols.	volume, volumes



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MS 26 / A / 1-61 'Freemasonry in Ulster Towns and Villages'

Summary:

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| MS 26 / A / 1 | Belfast Newsletter,
22 / 12 / 1759 | In Colerain, with permission from the mayor, and command of the freemasons, on Thurs 27.12.1759, a comedic play, Love and Love, starring Bill 'The Sailor' is to be performed in the town hall. On Fri 28.12.1759, a historical play, Henry VIII, is to be shown. |
| MS 26 / A / 2 | Carrickfergus,
19 / 12 / 1781 | Brethren of the Lodge N°253 to have a meeting Thurs 26 th and to have dinner to celebrate the festival of St. John. |
| MS 26 / A / 3 | Belfast Newsletter,
07 / 06 / 1782 -
11 / 06 / 1782 | Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Orange and Blue lodge of Ballymena, N°317, are to meet at ten o'clock on Mon 24.06.1782 to discuss affairs of the lodge before walking to church. |
| MS 26 / A / 4 | Belfast Newsletter,
14 / 06 / 1782 -
18 / 06 / 1782 | Brethren in Lodges of Templepatrick, Doagh, Bally(?), are to meet at their respective lodges at eight o'clock to discuss business before meeting in Templepatrick to listen to a sermon. |
| MS 26 / A / 5 | Belfast Mercury,
21 / 10 / 1783 | Many members of Buck's Lodge not attending. Ordered to meet at their Lodge at six o'clock on Thurs 06.11.1782. Those who do not personally attend are at risk of exclusion from the society. |
| MS 26 / A / 6 | Belfast Newsletter,
24 / 10 / 1783 -
28 / 10 / 1783 | Death of Dr James Corry the previous Friday. Speaks upon his character and mentions several lodges: Antrim, N°529; Dundrod, N°499; Randalstown, N°539; Templepatrick, N°551; Doagh, N°590; and Ballyutogue, N°599, who attended the funeral. |

- MS 26 / A / 7** Belfast Mercury, 30 / 12 / 1783 Saturday previous, during the festival of St John, members of the Lodge N°112 dined at a house in Lisburn, got drunk and enjoyed an evening of joy and festivity.
- MS 26 / A / 8** Belfast Newsletter, 02 / 01 / 1784 - 06 / 01 / 1784 Death of Roger Malone, a member of Moy Orange and Blue Lodge. Mention of his character and Lodges in attendance: N°395; 421; 465; 480; 554; 567; 576; 577.
- MS 26 / A / 9** Belfast Mercury, 18 / 05 / 1784 On the Saturday previous, the remains of William Mills, a member of Malone Lodge N°418, were buried with masonic and military honours. Lodge and Volunteers attended.
- MS 26 / A / 10** Belfast Mercury, 18 / 06 / 1784 A call to Antrim Lodge, N°529, to attend a sermon by Rev James Bryson on St Johns Day.
- MS 26 / A / 11** Belfast Newsletter, 25 / 06 / 1784 - 29 / 06 / 1784 Thurs 24 / 06 / 1784, Master, Warden, and Brethren of Downpatrick Lodge N°367, during festival of St John, marched to a meeting, headed by the Hon Edward Ward's band of music, to listen to a sermon preached by Rev Taggart? Afterwards they dined together. On the same day, Lodges N°112 and N°178 of Lisburn, walked to Hillsborough, listened to a sermon by Rev Hall. Makes mention of what was preached. Afterwards they returned to Lisburn for dinner.
- MS 26 / A / 12** Belfast Mercury
Freemasons
Chronicle,
29 / 06 / 1784 *Mentions Lodge N°367 activity of St John festival*
- Festival of St John, Antrim Lodge N°529, was accompanied by Lodges: Glenavy N°428; Dundrod N°499; Randalstown N°539; Granger N°543; Templepatrick N°551; Doagh N°590; Athlone N°597; Ballyutogue N°598, Ballytweedy N°627. Attended sermon by Rev James Bryson. Mentions the sermon.
- *Mentions Lodges N°112 and N°178 activity of St John festival*
- MS 26 / A / 13** Belfast Newsletter, 06 / 07 / 1784 - 09 / 07 / 1784 29 / 06 / 1784, death of Joseph Vance of Cookstown was buried by Masons and Volunteers.

MS 26 / A / 14 Belfast Newsletter, 25 / 07 / 1784, John French was buried at his family grave in Randalstown. Makes mention of his character. Nine lodges of masons attended, appearing on horse and foot.
03 / 08 / 1784 -
06 / 08 / 1784

MS 26 / A / 15 Belfast Mercury 11 / 10 / 1784, death of Mr William Dodds of Armagh.
Freemasons Makes note of his character. Remains were buried the
Chronicle, following Wednesday at Loughgall church, with over 1000
29 / 10 / 1784 people in attendance. Notes structure of procession.

MS 26 / A / 16 29 / 10 / 1784 *Copy of MS26 / A / 15*

MS 26 / A / 17 Belfast Mercury, Friday prior, Humphry Clark was buried at Lisburn with
02 / 11 / 1784 masonic and military honours. In attendance: Lisburn True
Blues; True Blues Light Infantry; Lisburn Fusiliers; and
Lodges: 112; 178; 193; 602; 608.

MS 26 / A / 18 24 / 12 / 1784

**Belfast Mercury* written in the bottom right corner which is a reference to St Patrick's Club in Newtownards, 'not Freemasons'

MS 26 / A / 19 Belfast Mercury,
10 / 05 / 1785

Wednesday last, Neal Magall was buried with masonic and military honours, with Col. O'Neil in attendance.

MS 26 / A / 20 Belfast Mercury,
21 / 06 / 1785

Carrickfergus Lodge, N°253. Master, Warden, and Brethren of Lodge to meet Fri 24.06.1785 at eleven o'clock. Then went to church before dining together – dinner to be placed on the table at three o'clock.

MS 26 / A / 21 Belfast Mercury
Freemasons
Chronicle,
28 / 06 / 1785

Killinchy Orange and Blue Lodge, N° 624, met at their lodge on 24.06.1785 to walk in procession to church to hear a sermon by Returned to dine at John Coulter's house.

MS 26 / A / 22 Belfast Newsletter,
28 / 06 / 1785

A letter from Hillsborough Lakes June 26. Previous Friday, large number of freemasons gather to hear sermon by Rev William Hall. Lodges in attendance: N° 178, 316, 429, 608. Note of the activity of the day.

- MS 26 / A / 23** Belfast Newsletter, 12 / 07 / 1785 Members of Lodges: N° 365, 380, 408, 432 assembled at Ballycastle for the previous St Johns Day. Thanks, given to Ezekiel D. Boyd for entertainment and Rev Charles Douglas for a sermon.
- MS 26 / A / 24** Belfast Newsletter, 30 / 08 / 1785 Extract from the sermon preached to the Master, Warden, and Brethren of Lodge N°362 at the Cathedral of St Columb's, Derry, on June 25, 1785.
- MS 26 / A / 25** Belfast Newsletter, 10 / 08 / 1786 London-Derry Lodge, N°362. Recording testimony of the deceased John Lancaster.
- MS 26 / A / 26** Belfast Mercury
Freemasons
Chronicle,
06 / 04 / 1786 29.03.1786 Entertainment was given to the Ballymena Orange and Blue Lodge, N°317 by local gentlemen. There are notes on the evening and the reaction to the night.
- MS 26 / A / 27** Belfast Evening Post, 12 / 06 / 1786 Antrim Lodge, N°529, planning of St Johns Day. Sermon by Rev James Bryson and then to meet other lodge at the Market House preciously at eleven o'clock.
- MS 26 / A / 28** Belfast Newsletter, 13 / 06 / 1786 Brethren of Ballymena Orange and Blue Lodge, N°317, to meet 23.06.1786 for the purpose of marching in procession to St John festival.
- MS 26 / A / 29** Belfast Newsletter, 27 / 06 / 1786 Master, Warden, and Brethren of Lodges: N°549, 427, 477 give thanks to Rev Michael Smith for the sermon in Church of Moira.
- MS 26 / A / 30** n.d. By request of the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of Lodges: N°418, 602, 636, a sermon preached at the meeting in the house of Dunmurry by Rev Jackson. Thanks is given to the Rev. Also thanks to the Lodges: N°112, 491, 550, 606, 621, 652 for their attendance.
- MS 26 / A / 31** Belfast Newsletters, 30 / 06 / 1786 Templepatrick Lodge, N°557, give thanks to Rev John Abernethy for his sermon. Also, thanks to Lodges: Dumdrod, N°499; Doagh, N°590; Ballyutogue, N°598; Carmoney, N°645 for their attendance.



MS 26 / A / 32 n.d. Master, Warden, and Brethren of Lodges: N°333, 349, 437, 463, 483, 601, 611 give thanks to Rev Archdean Friend for his sermon in Tynan Church.

MS 26 / A / 33 Belfast Newsletter, Bucks Lodge, N°508
29 / 12 / 1786 Master and Brethren of Buck Lodge give thanks to Rev James Madell for his sermon on St Johns Day. Also give thanks to Lodges: N°371 and No507 for their attendance.

MS 26 / A / 34 Belfast Newsletter, In Newtownards on the Saturday previous, William G? a
10 / 04 / 1787 member of Lodge, N°447, and the Newtownards Volunteers is buried with military and masonic honours.

MS 26 / A / 35 Belfast Newsletter, Master, Warden, and Brethren of Randalstown Lodge,
12 / 06 / 1787 N°539, go to church to hear a sermon by Rev John Mc(?) on St John's Day.

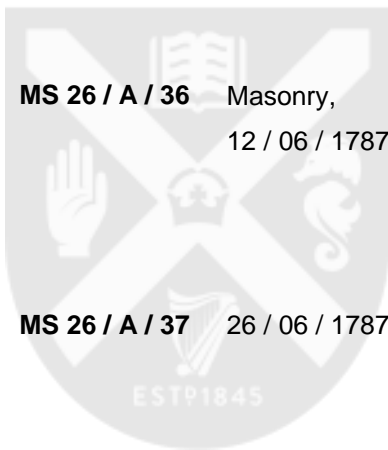
MS 26 / A / 36 Masonry, Notice of the meeting of delegates was to be held at Dr
12 / 06 / 1787 Agnew property in Templepatrick on the 28th, but at the request of several lodges to celebrate St Johns Day, the meeting is moved to July.

MS 26 / A / 37 26 / 06 / 1787 Dervaghy Lodge, N°602, was joined by Lodges N°403 and N°636, for a sermon at Dervaghy Church, delivered by Rev Philip Wheaton.

Master, Warden, and Brethren of Lodge N°599 give thanks for a sermon in their Lodge room on June 26, 1787.

Master, Warden, and Brethen of Lodges: N°314, 446, 606 give thanks to Rev L. Birch.

MS 26 / A / 38 Belfast Newsletter, Ballymena Lodge, N°317, walked to church to hear a
26 / 06 / 1787 sermon by Rev John Lay. Thanks is given to the reverend.



- MS 26 / A / 39** Belfast Newsletter, Extract of a letter from Keady, June 25
29 / 06 / 1787
- Member of Lodges: N°333, 349, 352, 437, 463, 488, 540, 557, 601, 618, 623 met at Keady for the anniversary of St Johns Day. Sermon is delivered by Rec Edward Sterling. There are notes on the sermon details and Bible verse.
- MS 26 / A / 40** Belfast Newsletter, Lodges: N°112, 178, 316, 429, 652, give thanks to Rev
06 / 07 / 1787 William Hall for his sermon.
- Lodges: N°333, 349, 352, 437, 463, 488, 540, 557, 601, 618, 623, publicly declare their support for Rev Edward Sterling for is discourse on the occasion.
- MS 26 / A / 41** Belfast Newsletter, Obituary of William Rankin from Ballymena. Speaks upon
23 / 11 / 1787 his character and time in the Orange and Blue Ballymena Lodge.
- MS 26 / A / 42** Belfast Newsletter, Burial of Mr Moses Saunders of the Falls who was buried
08 / 04 / 1788 with full military and masonic honours.
- MS 26 / A / 43** Belfast Newsletter, William Birch, died at Randalstown, and was buried with
27 / 05 / 1788 full masonic honours.
- MS 26 / A / 44** Belfast Newsletter, Members of the Orange and Blue Ballymena Lodge,
13 / 06 / 1788 N°317, to meet in uniform to parade to church to hear a sermon.
- MS 26 / A / 45** Belfast Newsletter, Masters, Warden, and Brethren of Lodges: N°606, 316,
01 / 07 / 1788 335, 371, 425, 446, 507, 508, 544, 608, 652, 659, 682, 683 declare their obligation to Rev Robert McFlure for his sermon on St John Day.
- MS 26 / A / 46** Belfast Newsletter, Death of William Smith and speaks upon his character. He
28 / 10 / 1788 was a member of Randalstown Lodge, N°539, and the Volunteer Company, and was buried with full military and masonic honours.

- MS 26 / A / 47** Belfast Newsletter, 23 / 12 / 1788 Masonry, several lodges send delegates to masonic meeting, held by Dr Agnew in Templepatrick. To take notice, that the half yearly meeting to be 29/12/1788 at 1400 as there are "important" issues to discuss.
- MS 26 / A / 48** Belfast Newsletter, 30 / 12 / 1788 Master, Warden, and Brethren of Lodge N°559, and the accompanying Lodges, give thanks to Rev *Difficult to read
- MS 26 / A / 49** Belfast Newsletter, 03 / 02 / 1789 The sudden death of Thomas Curry on 28 / 01 / 1789. It speaks upon his character. He was member of Lodge N°531, having twelve members at his burial place.
- MS 26 / A / 50** Belfast Newsletter, 09 / 06 / 1789 Orange Lodge, N°689, to dine at James Tracey's property on the 24 / 06 / 1789 with dinner served at 1600.
- MS 26 / A / 51** Belfast Newsletter, 26 / 06 / 1789 Master, Warden, and Brethren of Lodge, N°668, thank Lodge, N°479, for their attention and politeness on the 24 / 06 / 1789 and thank Rev Ferguson for his sermon.
- MS 26 / A / 52** Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 01 / 1789 John Megibbon died in Saintfield and was a member of the Saintfield Corp and Freemasons. Buried with full military and masonic honours.
- MS 26 / A / 53** Belfast Newsletter, 12 / 01 / 1790 Died on 05 / 07 / 1790, at his house in Cookstown after a serious illness, George Fleming, was a member of Lodge, N°668.
- MS 26 / A / 54** Belfast Newsletter, 18 / 05 / 1790 At the request of Lodge, N°702, there will be a sermon by Rev Thomas Radcliff, Master of the lodge in Moira on 24/06/1790; on the anniversary of St Johns Day at 1100
- MS 26 / A / 55** Belfast Newsletter, 15 / 06 / 1790 Master, Warden, and Brethren of Lodge, N°307, walk in procession to church next St John Day and request others to join them at their lodge room at 1000.
- MS 26 / A / 56** Belfast Newsletter, 25 / 06 / 1790 Lodges: Malone, N°418; Newtownbreda, N°609; Fauls?, N°636; give thanks to Rev Tagart for preaching in Dunmurry.

- MS 26 / A / 57** Belfast Newsletter, Extract from a letter from Templepatrick, 1790
29 / 06 / 1790
- Lodges: N°430, 499, 590, 591, 645, 651 came to celebrate the festival of St John. There was a sermon by Rev Marshall. Notes on the structure of the day.
- MS 26 / A / 58** Belfast Newsletter, Meeting of Lodges: N°430, 499, 551, 591, 645, 651 in
29 / 06 / 1790 Templepatrick, after walking in masonic uniform to hear a sermon by Rev Marshall. It gives thanks to the reverend.
- MS 26 / A / 59** Belfast Newsletter, In the press and published on 01 / 10 / 1790
24 / 08 / 1790
- Sermon of Brotherly love by Rev Ferguson in Stewartstown before the Lodges: N°318, 396, 479, 553, 554, 668, 698. Notes what booksellers, in which towns, are selling the sermon.
- MS 26 / A / 60** Belfast newsletter, Robert Anderson suddenly died. It speaks upon his
17 / 09 / 1790 character. Member of Lodge, N°318. Had twelve different lodges attend his funeral.
- MS 26 / A / 61** Belfast Newsletter, Members of the Committee for the County of Down
24 / 12 / 1790 Association to take notice their attendance is required on 06/01/1791 at Lodge, N°507 at 1100.



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MS 26 / B / 1-37 'Freemasonry 1791-1792'

Summary:

A collection of handwritten notices copied from local newspapers, stapled together, and entitled 'Freemasonry 1791-1792'. They begin in 1791 and are in chronological order. The contents are similar to MS26 / A / 1-61, but they also reflect the growing political situation at the end of 1792. Many entries contain details of resolutions passed by lodges declaring their support and loyalty to King George III, the Constitution, and the Civil Magistrates.

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| MS 26 / B / 1 | Belfast Newsletter,
15 / 03 / 1791 –
18 / 03 / 1791 | 08 / 03 / 1791, Thomas Hooper of Crowhill, Armagh, died.
Nineteen lodges of freemasons, upwards of 600, attended the funeral. |
| MS 26 / B / 2 | Belfast Newsletter,
15 / 03 / 1791 –
18 / 03 / 1791 | Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of Lodges, N°668 and N°689, request meeting of Lodges from County Tyrone in Dungannon to discuss matters of importance.
Any private enquiries from any brother or lodge in nature of freemasons, laid before the meeting will be heard. |
| MS 26 / B / 3 | Belfast Newsletter,
05 / 04 / 1791 –
08 / 04 / 1791 | Consequences of an advert appearing in the Belfast newsletter calling for Lodges of County Tyrone to Dungannon. Masters and Wardens of eleven Lodges: N°396, 470, 471, 479, 480, 553, 554, 610, 698, 710, 724 met at Stewartstown. They were unanimously of opinion that the meeting was unnecessary. |
| MS 26 / B / 4 | Belfast Newsletter,
12 / 04 / 1791 –
15 / 04 / 1791 | *Same advert as MS26 / B / 2, but with the addition:

With regret that some are misled by gross misrepresentation regarding the purpose of the above meeting. To be compensated, those who went may apply to above Gentlemen. |
| MS 26 / B / 5 | Belfast Newsletter,
27 / 05 / 1791 –
31 / 05 / 1791 | At the age of 95, William Dowling died. He served as a private in Germany during the reign of George I and II and was buried with masonic honours on the date George I was crowned. |
| MS 26 / B / 6 | Belfast Newsletter,
01 / 07 / 1791 –
05 / 07 / 1791 | Master, Warden, and Brethren of Lodges: N°537, 487, 593, 676, 704 thank Rev John Lough? for his sermon delivered at Cullybackey military base. |

- MS 26 / B / 7** Belfast Newsletter, Master, Warden, and Brethren of Lodge, N°479, thank Rev
18 / 10 / 1791 – David Shuter for his sermon.
21 / 10 / 1791
- MS 26 / B / 8** Newsletter, At the request of several masons, a sermon is to be
20 / 12 / 1791 – preached at 1000 on St Johns Day. There are requests
23 / 12 / 1791 from other lodges to join.
- MS 26 / B / 9** Belfast Newsletter, Master, Wardens, and Brethren of Lodges, N°606 and
30 / 12 / 1791 – N°683 give “distinguished acknowledgement” to Rec John
03 / 01 / 1791 Dubourdiou for his sermon preached on St Johns Day.
- MS 26 / B / 10** Belfast Newsletter, Building starts for the new meeting house for the fourth
28 / 02 / 1792 – Congregation of Protestant Dissenters and was attended
02 / 03 / 1792 by James Montgomery, Esq, Master of the Orange Lodge.
- MS 26 / B / 11** Belfast Newsletter, Meeting of Delegates from Lodges: N°205, 421, 461, 465,
20 / 03 / 1792 – 483, 502, 576, 599, 657, 679, 708, 726, 740 held at the
23 / 03 / 1792 house of Mr Charles and Mr Reynolds in the town of
Dungannon. Resolved that a Barony Committee (like that
in Armagh) would be of use. Also notes that the lodges
from Barony of Dungannon were not represented.
- MS 26 / B / 12** Belfast Newsletter, The death of Mr Robert Watson, a young gentleman.
13 / 04 / 1792 – Speaks upon his character and had fifteen lodges of
17 / 04 / 1792 freemasons walk in procession.
- MS 26 / B / 13** Belfast Newsletter, A reminder to the County Down Association of the date,
04 / 05 / 1792 – time, and location of the reset meeting of delegates.
08 / 05 / 1792
- MS 26 / B / 14** Belfast Newsletter, Members of the Belfast Orange Lodge to meet at the
19 / 06 / 1792 – Donegall Arms to celebrate St Johns Day. Dinner to be
22 / 06 / 1792 served at 1500.
- MS 26 / B / 15** Belfast Newsletter, Members of Lodges: N°314, 178, 316, 418, 602, 609, 636,
22 / 06 / 1792 – 716 give thanks to Rev Skelton for his sermon delivered in
26 / 06 / 1792 Ballylesson on St Johns Day. Also give thanks to James
W. Hall, Esq for his attention.

- MS 26 / B / 16** Northern Star, 23 / 06 / 1792 – 27 / 06 / 1792
Members of the Lodge, N°716, give thanks for James Watson Hall, Esq, for his care and polite attention. Also gives thanks to Rev Marshall for his sermon.
- Members of the Lodges: N°313, 529, 559, 627 give thanks to Rev Marshall for his sermon.
- MS 26 / B / 17** Belfast Newsletter, 26 / 06 / 1792 – 29 / 06 / 1792
Members of the Lodges: N°112, 178, 652, 716 are to be presented the comedy of *The Wonder*. Other lodges attending are informed that after their procession, more seats will be made available to them.
- MS 26 / B / 18** Belfast Newsletter, 29 / 06 / 1792 – 03 / 07 / 1792
Members of Magherafelt Lodge (Union), N°423, give thanks to Rev George Landrum for his sermon at the Chapel of Anthea.
- MS 26 / B / 19** Belfast Newsletter, 06 / 07 / 1792 – 10 / 07 / 1792
Members of Lodges: N°421, 663, 740 give thanks to Rev Daniel Shuter for his sermon.
- Lodges: N°683, 112, 507, 508, 544, 606, 659, 732 give thanks to Rev Dobbin of Moira for his sermon.
- MS 26 / B / 20** Northern Star, 07 / 07 / 1792 – 11 / 07 / 1792
Members of the Lodge, N°446, thank the Earl of Moira for laying the first stone of the new market house in Ballynahinch.
- MS 26 / B / 21** Northern Star, 22 / 09 / 1792 – 26 / 09 / 1792
Appearance of the Down Union who were being displayed in the colours and uniform. Discusses their show of strength.
- MS 26 / B / 22** Belfast Newsletter, 23 / 10 / 1792 – 26 / 10 / 1792
The death of James Burns at Larne, who was a member of the Royal Larne Company of Volunteers and a member of the Royal Larne Lodge, N°615. It speaks upon his character.
- MS 26 / B / 23** Belfast Newsletter, 26 / 10 / 1792 – 30 / 10 / 1792
A request from William Richardson and James Reynolds for a meeting of the masters for “Reform of Abuses”.

MS 26 / B / 24	Belfast Newsletter, 02 / 11 / 1792 – 06 / 11 / 1792	Captain of the Company and Senior Warden of the Lodge, N°615, request to know why the editor of the Northern Star did not report the full length of the news sent to them regarding the death of James Burns.
MS 26 / B / 25	Belfast Newsletter, 06 / 11 / 1792 – 09 / 11 / 1792	Rev Denham thanks the men of Lodge, N°114, for their donation in finishing the meeting house.
MS 26 / B / 26	Belfast Newsletter, 13 / 11 / 1792 – 16 / 11 / 1792	Criticism of the Northern Star editor for not printing the full news sent to them regarding the death of James Burns.
MS 26 / B / 27 (a-b)	Belfast Newsletter, 07 / 12 / 1792 – 11 / 12 / 1792	At the meeting of the members of the Lodge, N°650, they came to the following resolutions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Declare their loyalty to the crown. 2. Consider the most legal and effective method of representing enemies of the constitution in the legislation. 3. *Difficult to Read*
MS 26 / B / 28	Belfast Newsletter, 07 / 12 / 1792	A letter from the secretaries of Lodges: N°387, 695, 532 stating that they will defend the King from all opposers as per the Oath of Fidelity.
MS 26 / B / 29 (a-b)	Belfast Newsletter, 12 / 12 / 1792	A description of the resolutions of the Old Body, N°534, stating that they are loyal to the Sovereign above all and that there is need for a reform.
MS 26 / B / 30	Northern Star, 13 / 12 / 1792	A request for the County Down Delegates to attend a meeting at Lodge N°508.
MS 26 / B / 31 (a-b)	Belfast Newsletter, 18 / 12 / 1792	Orange Lodge, N°315, in Tandragee, resolved that there are alarming times and that they deem it their duty to declare themselves as Freemasons loyal to George III and are against all enemies and opposers pursuant to the Oath of Fidelity.

MS 26 / B / 32 (a-c) Belfast Newsletter, 12 / 12 / 1792 In the Committee Room in Armagh, at a meeting of the General Committee of the True and Accepted Masons, 1031 members resolved that they are happy to show their strong affections and support for the Sovereign and Government. Also resolved to present a copy of their resolutions to Baron Donoughmore, Grand Master in Ireland, to give to George, Prince of Wales, and Grand Master in England.

MS 26 / B / 33 Northern Star, 19 / 12 / 1792 Extract from a letter from Magherafelt stating that the Freemasons Lodge, N°54, who passed their resolutions in Maghera, intended to form a new Corps of Volunteers.

MS 26 / B / 34 (a-b) Northern Star, 12 / 12 / 1792 A letter from John Campbell, stating that to want reform does not mean being disloyal to the King, and that all masons should want equal treatment for all their brethren and the King's subjects.

MS 26 / B / 35 Belfast Newsletter, 25 / 12 / 1792 The resolutions of Dromore Union. Arguing for parliamentary reform.

MS 26 / B / 36 (a-b) Northern Star, 26 / 12 / 1792 A letter to James Reynolds, President of the County Tyrone General Committee warning of the divisions within Masons and requesting a meeting of all Tyrone Delegates.

MS 26 / B / 37 (a-b) Northern Star, 26 / 12 / 1792 At a meeting in Garvagh, Lodge N°730, it is resolved that Executive Power might help with their grievances by abolishing the corruption that the Nation must support. It is immediately followed, resolving that they detest any person who sways from their country's cause in any form.



MS 26 / C / 1-51 Untitled Collection of Notices Copied from Local Newspapers

Summary:

A collection of handwritten notices copied from local newspapers, stapled together, and untitled. They begin in 1792, are in chronological order, and detail similar occurrences as in MS26 / A and MS26 / B. They consist of resolutions passed by lodges at various meetings, most of which declare allegiance to King George III, the Constitution, and the Civil Magistrates, as well as support for parliamentary reform. It also contains a small number of notices relating to church services on St Johns Day, and a fake letter that had been submitted to the Belfast Newsletter (MS26 / C / 39).

MS 26 / C / 1	Belfast Newsletter, 28 / 12 / 1793	Daniel Hughes, Secretary of the Lodge, N°315, describes the St John Day celebrations
MS 26 / C / 2 (a-b)	Belfast Newsletter, 28 / 12 / 1793	Lodges: N°112, 178 (Possibly 118), 303, 314, 602, 652, 716, 749 give thanks to Rev John Foley for a sermon and mentions the resolutions of the above lodges in response to the Armagh Publication. The resolutions of the Lodge, N°598.
MS 26 / C / 3	Belfast Newsletter, 28 / 12 / 1793	Lodges: N°606 and N°683, declare support for George III and give thanks for a sermon.
MS 26 / C / 4 (a-b)	Belfast Newsletter, 28 / 12 / 1793	At a meeting of the members of Ballintoy Lodge, N°408, it was unanimously resolved: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The members share their sentiment of loyalty to the King and constitution.2) Any of their allegiances are secondary to their allegiance to the King.3) Although they want and prepare for peace, prosperity, and happiness in the county, they will also do all that is in their power to resist and suppress those who seek to plunge the country into civil action and anarchy.

- MS 26 / C / 5** Belfast Newsletter, 28 / 12 / 1793 Members of Bellaghy Lodge, N°586, assembled in their lodge room, resolving: Warmly attached to George III and are anxious for the succession of his family to the crown. They will use very legal method in their power to support the crown and the constitution, to protect both against every innovation. Also, happy to co-operate with their fellow subjects with redress of grievances that have crept into the general system.
- MS 26 / C / 6** Belfast Newsletter, 28 / 12 / 1793 An extract from a letter from “A Freemason” complaining about a letter published in the *Northern Star* over charges made against Lodges: N°387, 532, 650, 691. The *Northern Star* description of Freemasons is offensive.
- MS 26 / C / 7** Northern Star, 29 / 12 / 1793 The resolutions of Lodge, N°543. Written by Thomas Allen, Secretary. They resolve their loyalty to the crown and to parliamentary reform.
- MS 26 / C / 8** Northern Star, 29 / 12 / 1793 Resolutions of Lodge, N°727, written by the Secretary, James Murray
- MS 26 / C / 9 (a-b)** Northern Star, 29 / 12 / 1792 Extract from a letter describing the meeting of delegates.
- MS 26 / C / 10 (a-c)** Belfast Newsletter, 01 / 01 / 1793 In the County of London-Derry, Lodges: N°460, 532, 534, 573, 594, 728, 730 had five hundred and thirty-four representatives, and resolved: In the current climate, it is every man’s duty to declare their sentiments; Corruption has crept into the Constitutions – rendering the House of Commons independent of the People, robbing them of their best privileges, The Right of Election; Religion without the influence of persuasion or Priestcraft; A general bankruptcy to all those who made us slaves, black or white.
- MS 26 / C / 11** Belfast Newsletter, 01 / 01 / 1793 A letter of condemnation from Lodge, N°526, with one hundred and twenty members present, being against those who would win reform by anything other than peaceful means.



- MS 26 / C / 12** Belfast Newsletter, Thanks given from Lodges: N°410, 654, 371, 372, 507, 01 / 01 / 1793 508, 732, 771 for sermons given.
- MS 26 / C / 13** Belfast Newsletter, Lodge, N°437, accepting the resolutions of the General 01 / 01 / 1793 Committee of County Armagh and accept them as their own.
- MS 26 / C / 14 (a-b)** Northern Star, Toberman masonic Lodge, N°594, passing resolutions 02 / 01 / 1793 declaring their loyalty to the Crown and Constitution and forming a Volunteer Corps, having their first parade on the 05 / 01 / 1793 under the banner, 'The First Masonic Union of Ulster'.
- MS 26 / C / 15 (a-b)** Belfast Newsletter A letter describing a meeting of nineteen lodges at 04 / 01 / 1793 Castledawson, referring to the *Northern Star* and the fabricated letter by Garvagh Lodge. However, Garvagh Lodge is at the meeting, and they are able to "rejoice to find that it is a fabrication".
- MS 26 / C / 16** Belfast Newsletter, A letter from John Rutherford, Secretary of Lodge, 04 / 01 / 1793 N°446, describing their loyalty to George III and that they desire equal representation.
- MS 26 / C / 17** Belfast Newsletter, A large meeting at Stewartstown of nine lodges and 04 / 01 / 1793 consisting of five hundred and four members. Contains their resolutions and how they believe to have their grievances redressed is by having dispassionate representation to legislation.
- MS 26 / C / 18** Belfast Newsletter, A letter from two Secretaries. Mention a sermon preached 04 / 01 / 1793 at Lodges, N°387 and N°691 who publish their allegiance to the crown and wish for reform.
- MS 26 / C / 19 (a-c)** Northern Star, Hamiltonsbawn Lodge, N°393, discuss about being 09 / 01 / 1793 included in the "Resolutions of the General Committee of Free and Accepted Masons in the County of Armagh, in the 17th Inst." They state that their delegate was given the instruction to oppose the spirit of these resolutions, which have a "slavish spirit", while also declaring loyalty to the King.

MS 26 / C / 20 (a-b)	Northern Star, 05 / 01 / 1793	A letter from Lodges, N°479 and N°624, including their unanimous resolutions that it is not disloyalty to the Crown or Constitution that drives them, but the fact that the Government is sinking into corruption, resulting in them seeking Parliamentary reform.
MS 26 / C / 21-22 (a-b)	Northern Star, 05 / 01 / 1793	Aughnacloy Lodge, N°599, states their sympathy towards their “Catholic brethren” who they believe to be peaceful and oppressed people, and wish them in success in their exertions for constitutional freedom, “which their fairness and the justice of their cause so fully deserves”.
MS 26 / C / 23	Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 01 / 1793	Malone Lodge, N°418, states unanimously their resolutions to be governed by the King, Lord, and Commons, but also believe adequate representation of all the people in parliament is necessary to the future and prosperity of the nation.
MS 26 / C / 24	Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 01 / 1793	Lodge, N°429, stating resolution of loyalty to the King and are against all his opposers.
MS 26 / C / 25	Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 01 / 1793	The resolution of the Lodge, N°608, to stand against the King’s enemies.
MS 26 / C / 26	Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 01 / 1793	Resolution of Lodge, N°727, to support George III, the Civil Power, and resist all innovations.
MS 26 / C / 27	Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 01 / 1793	Rasharkan Lodge, N°258, resolve loyalty to George III, principles of the constitutions, and equal representation. Also resolve to form into a Volunteer Corps.
MS 26 / C / 28 (a-b)	Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 01 / 1793	Lodge, N°634, unanimously adopts the resolutions to uphold the King, resist disorder, and support equal representation sought by legal means.



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MS 26 / C / 29 (a-b)	Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 01 / 1793	Lodge: N°383, 681, 711 resolutions declare; loyalty to Sovereign; that this loyalty will not prevent them seeing abuses which have crept into constitution; that taxation with representation is wrong; they will support their brothers seeking reform by legal means; they commend their brothers who agree but pity and detest those who disagree.
MS 26 / C / 30	Belfast Newsletter 08 / 01 / 1793	Lodge, N°372, resolves that it is loyal to Sovereign and Constitution and believes only equal representation can redress the grievances of loyal subjects.
MS 26 / C / 31 (a-b)	Northern Star, 09 / 01 / 1793	Randalstown Lodge, N°539, in their second resolution, "That as we are well convinced, that Taxation without Representation is Tyranny, nothing can save this Country from the devouring Vultures of the present Administration, but Full and Equal Representation of All the People in Parliament". The fourth and last resolution thanks "those Guardians of Liberty, the Volunteers of Ireland".
MS 26 / C / 32	Northern Star, 09 / 01 / 1793	Lisburn, at a meeting of delegates from nine lodges, "in all eight hundred and seventy-nine effectives", their first resolution states, "That we lament the quixotic phrensy of our brethren of Armagh and other Lodges throughout the country, who have alarmed his Majesty with visionary dangers".
MS 26 / C / 33	Northern Star, 18 / 01 / 1793	Notice of the meeting of general committee.
MS 26 / C / 34	Northern Star, 16 / 01 / 1793	Lodge, N°307, affirms loyalty to Sovereign and belief that Roman Catholic Brethren should be treated equally to other subjects.
MS 26 / C / 35 – 36	Northern Star, 16 / 01 / 1793	Lodge, N°574, unanimously agreed to resolutions supporting the King and reform.
MS 26 / C / 37	Northern Star, 16 / 01 / 1793	Lodge, N°597, agreed to resolutions supporting the King and reform.



- MS 26 / C / 38** Belfast Newsletter, Meeting of General Committee of Dungannon on
18 / 01 / 1793 07 / 01 / 1793
- MS 26 / C / 39
(a-c)** Belfast Newsletter, Satirical letter.
18 / 01 / 1793
- MS 26 / C / 40** 31 / 12 / 1793 Fragment which appears immediately after the advertisement of the meeting of Castledawson on 31st December 1792, stating that the Resolutions should have appeared in the first week of the new year and may have mean intentionally intercepted.
- MS 26 / C / 41
(a-b)** Northern Star, A description of a meeting of delegates from Lodges:
19 / 01 / 1793 N°470, 531, 701, 613, 723, 745, 532, 567, 660, 729, 586, 647, 650, 581, 691, 378, 460. Resolutions to uphold King, not revolt and support emancipation. There were other resolutions proposed but not all delegates could agree to them.
- MS 26 / C / 42
(a-b)** Northern Star, A notice from "The Grand Lodge of Ireland as the
19 / 01 / 1793 Constitutional Authority and Guardians of the Craft", that discussions or publications on reforms or political subjects is not permitted. Because "these, of all others are known to arouse the worst Passions of Man". If they wish to do so there are opportunities within other societies.
- MS 26 / C / 43** Belfast Newsletter, A meeting of Lodge, N°414, with resolutions to support
22 / 01 / 1793 King George III, to not subvert the "present happy constitution", to oppose illegal violence.
- MS 26 / C / 44
(a-b)** Belfast Newsletter, The Resolutions of Lodges: N°135, 240, 655, 703 to:
29 / 01 / 1793 support the King; meet any Lodges, which show a similar dedication to the constitution and watch over the interests of all brethren.
- MS 26 / C / 45
(a-b)** Belfast Newsletter, The Resolutions of 14 lodges of County Fermanagh
05 / 02 / 1793 including loyalty to the King and parliamentary reform.



- MS 26 / C / 46 (a-b)** Belfast Newsletter, 06 / 02 / 1793 Lodge, N°730, accuse Thomas Wilson of having an inflammatory advertisement published and offer a reward for the apprehension and jailing of him
- MS 26 / C / 47** Northern Star, 06 / 02 / 1793 Lodges: N°507, 508 and N°732 unanimously voted on their resolutions. The resolutions have not been included on MS26 / C / 47.
- MS 26 / C / 48** Belfast Newsletter, 22 / 02 / 1793 Lodge, N°700, affirm loyalty to Sovereign and Civil Magistrates, call for reform, and thank the Irish Volunteers.
- MS 26 / C / 49** Belfast Newsletter, 28 / 06 / 1793 A description of the Church service in Armagh Cathedral, attended by upwards of one thousand members of thirty lodges from County Armagh, "all handsomely clothed".
- MS 26 / C / 50** Belfast Newsletter, 02 / 07 / 1793 Lodges: N°333, 349, 623, 671, 681, 711, 722 give thanks for a sermon delivered.
- MS 26 / C / 51** Belfast Newsletter, 12 / 11 / 1793 A notice of meeting by delegates of County Down.



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MS 26 / D / 1-74 'Freemasonry. Genealogical, Biographical & Obituary'

Summary:

A collection of handwritten notices copied from local newspaper, stapled together, titled 'Freemasonry. Genealogical, Biographical & Obituary'. They begin in 1794 and are in chronological order. They follow the same pattern as MS26 / A / 1-61 and contain accounts of Church sermons, notices of thanks to ministers, and announcements of resolutions reached by lodges at meetings - most of which confirm support and loyalty to King George III, the Constitution, and the Civil Magistrate.

MS 26 / D / 1	Belfast Newsletter, 31 / 01 / 1793	An account of a St. John's Day Church procession. Perhaps the significance is the mention of the Orange Lodge, Tandragee, N°315.
MS 26 / D / 2	Belfast Newsletter, 31 / 12 / 1793	Lodges: N°734, 410, 764 giving thanks for a sermon presented on St. John's Day.
MS 26 / D / 3	Belfast Newsletter, 03 / 01 / 1794	Lodges: N°328, 527, 603, 757 marched to a church where Rev Brother William Hutchinson gave a sermon.
MS 26 / D / 4	Belfast Newsletter, 25 / 02 / 1794	A notice that Patrick Savage of Killyleah, Lodge, N°343, has been expelled for 99 years.
MS 26 / D / 5	Northern Star, 14 / 04 / 1794	The Grand Lodge of Ireland orders a meeting of the delegates of County Down.
MS 26 / D / 6 (a-b)	Northern Star, 12 / 05 / 1794	An announcement of a decision by County Down delegates from twenty-eight lodges not to proceed with the formation of a County Committee, deemed as unnecessary.
MS 26 / D / 7	Northern Star, 23 / 06 / 1794	Lodge, N°446, thank Rev. Doctor Kennedy for his sermon.
MS 26 / D / 8	Northern Star, 26 / 06 / 1794	Lodges: N°272, 621, 651, 687, 761, 762, 763 unanimously thank Reverend James Bryson for his sermon on St. John's Day.
MS 26 / D / 9	Belfast Newsletter, 27 / 06 / 1794	Lodges: N°272, 621, 651, 687, 761, 762, 763 unanimously thank Reverend James Bryson for his sermon on St. John's Day.

- MS 26 / D / 10** Northern Star, Lodges N°253, 590, 615, 645, 725 thanking Rev. William
30 / 06 / 1794 Park.
- MS 26 / D / 11** Belfast Newsletter, Lodges: N°134 and No747 thanking Henry Gamble for his
30 / 06 / 1794 sermon, those who helped with the music and other
Lodges for their attendance.
- MS 26 / D / 12** Belfast Newsletter, Lodges: N°460, 534, 728, 729 thank Skeffington Bristow
30 / 06 / 1794 for his sermon on St. John's Day.
- MS 26 / D / 13** Belfast Newsletter, Lodges N°343, 425, 446, 624,659 thank Rev. Dr. Kennedy
30 / 06 / 1794 for his sermon on St. John's Day.
- MS 26 / D / 14** Northern Star, Lodge N°785 thank Rev. Murdoch for St. John's Day
July 3, 1794 sermon
- MS 26 / D / 15** Northern Star, Lodges N°112, 178, 329, 544, 606, 608, 652, 682, 683,
10 / 07 / 1794 716 thank Rev. Dobbing for his sermon on St. John's Day.
Second notice that Lodge Nos. 410 and 654 thank Mr.
Davidson for his sermon.
- MS 26 / D / 16** Belfast Newsletter, The bodies of Castledawson and Bellaghy thank Joseph
14 / 07 / 1794 Chambers for his sermon.
- MS 26 / D / 17** Northern Star, A warning from Lodges: N°676, 704, 775 that Andrew
10 / 11 / 1794 McCartney, joiner passed himself as being from Lodge,
N°112.
- MS 26 / D / 18** Northern Star, The death notice of John Young, who died the previous
26 / 03 / 1795 Friday near the Flower Mills.
- MS 26 / D / 19** Belfast Newsletter, A notice that Rev. Mr. Dillon of Moira is to give a sermon.
15 / 06 / 1795
- MS 26 / D / 20** Northern Star, Lodges: N°315, 328, 361, 459, 757 marched to the
25 / 06 / 1795 Meetinghouse at Markethill for St John's Day and thank
Rev. Charleton for his sermon.

- MS 26 / D / 21** Northern Star, 25 / 06 / 1795 Lodge, N°700, thank Rev John Hodges for his St John's Day sermon and were "surprised to hear so applicable a discourse delivered by a gentleman not of the Royal Craft"
- MS 26 / D / 22** Belfast Newsletter, 26 / 06 / 1795 Lodges: N°315, 328, 361, 459, 757 thank Rev. William Charleton for his St. John's Day sermon.
- MS 26 / D / 23** Northern Star, 23 / 06 / 1795 Lodges: N°529, 551, 627, 658 thank Rev. Marshall for his sermon delivered in Antrim.
- MS 26 / D / 24** Belfast Newsletter, 24 / 06 / 1795 Lodges: N°266, 603, 665 thank Rev. John Jeppson for his St. John's Day sermon.
- MS 26 / D / 25** Belfast Newsletter, 24 / 06 / 1795 Lodges: N°460, 594, 728, 783 resolutions. The resolutions thank Alexander Pattinson for his sermon, they also thank James Whiteside for putting off a task until tomorrow that allowed the meeting to take place and assert, they will aid to assist the Civil Magistrate against all riots.
- MS 26 / D / 26** Northern Star, 06 / 07 / 1795 Lodges: N°532, 573, 613, 741 thank Rev. George Dinfall for his sermon. The Brothers were pleased to hear such a well-adapted discourse from one not belonging to the craft.
- MS 26 / D / 27** Northern Star, 06 / 07 / 1795 Lodges: N°410, 654, 734, 764 thank Rev. William Fletcher for his sermon at Ballymoney on St. John's Day.
- MS 26 / D / 28** Belfast Newsletter, 20 / 07 / 1795 Death notice of Bristow McKay who died near Antrim.
- MS 26 / D / 29 (a-d)** Belfast Newsletter, 10 / 08 / 1795 An account of a meeting held near Aughnacloy at which Clandestine or Unwarranted Masons under the sanction of Lodge, N°483, swore allegiance to the King and his successors. The result of which was that they were now entitled to wear a blue ribbon.
- MS 26 / D / 30** Belfast Newsletter, 30 / 10 / 1795 At a meeting of Delegates, it was resolved that a Call of the County of Down should be held to consider the self-created Committee of Down and how they would respond. Letter signed by Robert Stephenson, Master of Lodge, N°664.



MS 26 / D / 31 Northern Star, Death Notice of John Strite of Armagh. He was in Lodge,
14 / 12 / 1795 N°104.

MS 26 / D / 32 Belfast Newsletter, Notice of sermon to be given in Moira by Rev. John
06 / 06 / 1796 Dobbins.

MS 26 / D / 33 Belfast Newsletter, Lodges: N°396, 470, 471, 479, 554, 710, 726 have
06 / 06 / 1796 unanimously agreed to suppress factions that have been
disrespecting the law of the Land.

MS 26 / D / 34 Northern Star, Donaghadee Lodge thanks for a sermon.
24 / 06 / 1796

MS 26 / D / 35 Northern Star, Lodges who assembled at Market-hill thank Rev. William
27 / 06 / 1796 Charleton for his sermon.

Lodges: N°539, 583, 597, 58, 805 thank Rev. James
Parker for his sermon.

MS 26 / D / 36 06 / 1796

County Monaghan notice that the St. John's Day
celebration was held in Ballybay Meetinghouse and Rev
William Scott is thanked for his sermon.

MS 26 / D / 37 Belfast Newsletter,
(a-b) 27 / 06 / 1796

Contains four notices. The first is Lodges: N°335, 372, 427,
477,526, 549, 608,702, 807 thanking Rev. George Dobbin.

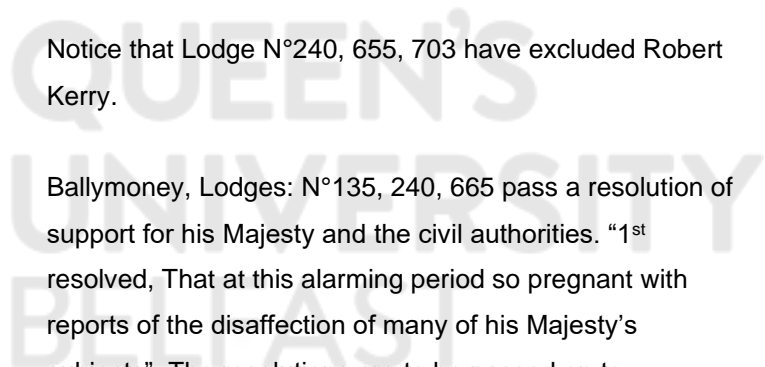
The second is resolutions of Lodges: N°460, 534,594,728,
729, 785.

The third refers to an attendance by "Part of the 26
Battalion of the Argyleshire Fencibles, now quartered
here", at a Church service in Dungannon.

The fourth is Lodges: N°336 and N°754 thanking Rev.
James Sturnock for his sermon.

MS 26 / D / 38 Belfast Newsletter, Notice that Lodges: N°253, 430, 725 have resolved that
04 / 07 / 1796 John Mitchell (Lodge N°590) should no longer be regarded
as a mason.

- MS 26 / D / 39 (a-b)** Northern Star, 04 / 07 / 1796 Notice of Lodges: N°720 and No804, thanking Rev. Johnston for a sermon. Also, *Northern Star* copy of item 38.
- MS 26 / D / 40** Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 07 / 1796 Lodges: N°396, 470, 471, 479, 554, 720, 724 resolve: to thank Rev. David Shuter for his sermon; to thank Rev John Buck for use of his Church and to meet at 1500 from now onwards.
- MS 26 / D / 41** Northern Star, 18 / 07 / 1796 Notice of Lodges: N°424, 551, 591, 592, 676, 704, 725, 775, 776, 802 thanks for a sermon. Lodge, N°802 also thanks other Lodges for attending.
- MS 26 / D / 42** Belfast Newsletter, 18 / 07 / 1796 Lodge N°365, 432, 804 thank Robert Frail for his sermon.
- MS 26 / D / 43** Northern Star, 28 / 11 / 1796 Notice that Lodge N°240, 655, 703 have excluded Robert Kerry.
- MS 26 / D / 44** Belfast Newsletter 30 / 12 / 1796 Ballymoney, Lodges: N°135, 240, 665 pass a resolution of support for his Majesty and the civil authorities. "1st resolved, That at this alarming period so pregnant with reports of the disaffection of many of his Majesty's subjects". The resolutions are to be passed on to neighbouring lodges for adoption.
- MS 26 / D / 45** Belfast Newsletter, 13 / 01 / 1797 Lodges: N°410 and N°654 thank Alexander McCready, a justice of the peace, for his sermon.
- MS 26 / D / 46** Belfast Newsletter, 23 / 01 / 1797 Lodge, N°505 declare their loyalty to King and current government.
- MS 26 / D / 47** Belfast Newsletter, 23 / 06 / 1797 At a meeting of the Orange Lodge of Belfast, the fourth resolution states, "That we will use our utmost endeavours to suppress any riot, and disorder". The resolutions were signed by James Montgomery, John Brown, and John Galt Smith.



MS 26 / D / 48	Historical Collections, p.475 19 / 06 / 1797	Orange Lodge of Belfast resolution of loyalty to the King.
MS 26 / D / 49 (a-b)	Belfast Newsletter 26 / 06 / 1797	Resolutions of Lodge N°488, 611, 604 to uphold the King.
MS 26 / D / 50	Belfast Newsletter, 26 / 06 / 1797	Lodge, N°549, resolution to support King and Civil Magistrates.
MS 26 / D / 51	Belfast Newsletter, 30 / 06 / 1797	Lodge, N°771, resolution to support King and thanks for a sermon.
MS 26 / D / 52 (a-c)	Belfast Newsletter, 30 / 06 / 1797	General Committee of County Armagh strongly resolve to support the King, argue that masons are expected to be disloyal despite never being allowed to discuss politics in their Lodge. It also thanks Colonel Buckley for his kind representation of the loyalty of the masons.
MS 26 / D / 53	Belfast Newsletter, 07 / 07 / 1797	Lodge, N°587, declare loyalty to the King.
MS 26 / D / 54 (a-b)	07 / 07 / 1797	Lodges: N°272, 491, 550, 621, 687, 761, 763 resolutions to support King, laws of country and promote peace
MS 26 / D / 55	Historical Collection, p.476 & p.495 05 / 07 / 1797	Lodges: N°272, 491, 550, 621, 687, 761, 762, 763 resolve to support King and constitution and disclaim traitorous societies. Around this time, Lodge, N°145, published resolutions in favour of the Union.
MS 26 / D / 56	07 / 07 / 1797	Lodge, N°636, resolves to support King and harmony.
MS 26 / D / 57	Belfast Newsletter, 07 / 07 / 1797	Lodge, N°836, resolutions including loyalty to the King, thanks to Brigadier General Knox for his protection and thanks to Rev. David Shuter for his St. John's Day sermon.

- MS 26 / D / 58 (a-b)** Belfast Newsletter, 14 / 07 / 1797 Lodges: N°543, 597, 658 resolutions to support King and civil authorities, to uphold peace, and to thank Rev. Mr. Johnston for his St. John's Day sermon.
- MS 26 / D / 59** Belfast Newsletter, 17 / 07 / 1797 Whitehouse Orange Lodge, N°651, resolves to support the civil authorities.
- MS 26 / D / 60** Belfast Newsletter, 24 / 07 / 1797 Lodges: N°410, resolutions including Lodges should be apolitical but if someone is acting against the law, they will be asked to withdraw; loyalty to King; they pity anyone who questions the loyalty of masons.
- MS 26 / D / 61 (a-b)** Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 08 / 1797 Lodges: N°525, 567, 573, 613, 691 resolutions including loyalty to the King and government.
- MS 26 / D / 62** Belfast Newsletter, 18 / 08 / 1797 Lodges: N°396, 470, 471, 479, 554, 710, 724, 826 accepting resolutions of Orange Lodge, of Belfast as their own.
- MS 26 / D / 63** Belfast Newsletter, 28 / 08 / 1797 Lodge, N°654, resolutions including loyalty to King; disappointment that a few individuals have made the organisation seem disloyal and disdain seditious associations.
- MS 26 / D / 64 (a-b)** Belfast Newsletter, 20 / 10 / 1797 Lodges: N°240, 655, 703 resolutions including loyalty to King and support of G. Hutchinson who is a mason and a magistrate.
- MS 26 / D / 65** Belfast Newsletter, 15 / 01 / 1798 Lodges: N°316, 429, 606, 608, 682, 683 thank Robert Elliot for his St. John's Day sermon and others who helped with celebrations.
- MS 26 / D / 66** Belfast Newsletter, 28 / 09 / 1798 A notice that William Boyd of Coleraine is suspended from benefits of masonry for 99 years.
- MS 26 / D / 67** Belfast Newsletter, 28 / 12 / 1798 A notice of St. John's Day celebrations with Rev. Dobbs delivering service.

- MS 26 / D / 68** Belfast Newsletter, Lodge, N°272, thanks Rev. Robert Dobbs for his St. John's Day sermon.
01 / 01 / 1799
- MS 26 / D / 69** 01 / 01 / 1799 Lodge, N°491, thanks Rev. Robert Dobbs for his St. John's Day sermon.
- MS 26 / D / 70** 01 / 07 / 1799 Refers to the attendance by members of the "Hibernian Lodge, N°552, held in the 1st (or Monaghan) Regiment of Militia, quartered in Belfast" at the Parish Church. It is signed by John Wadsworth, Master, and the address given is New Barrack, Belfast.
- MS 26 / D / 71** Belfast Newsletter, Lodge, N°491, thanks Rev. William Bristow for his sermon.
24 / 06 / 1799 Lodge, N°686, also thanks William Bristow.
- MS 26 / D / 72** Belfast Newsletter, A notice that Mr. Campbell of Lodge, N°539, is expelled
10 / 09 / 1799 from the Masons for life.
- MS 26 / D / 73** Belfast Newsletter, A description of the committee for distributing charity have
(a-c) 24 / 12 / 1799 done. Notice that a new committee must be appointed.
Description of collection.
- MS 26 / D / 74** Belfast Newsletter, A description of St John's Day celebrations and Charitable
27 / 12 / 1799 committee give thanks to lodges and Rev. Mr. Smith for his sermon.

MS 26 / E / 1-14 'Freemasonry, etc Miscellaneous Notes'

Summary:

A collection of handwritten notices, copied from local newspapers, stapled together, titled 'Freemasonry, etc. Miscellaneous Notes on the cover. Together they cover the period 1759-1886 by noting a wide range of events, including death notices, marriages, lodges of persons etc. Also included is an account of the laying of the foundation stone at the Belfast Poor-House, an entry reporting on appeals from workers in the Belfast cotton industry to the Earl of Hillsborough, and an extract of a letter relating to the marriage of Lord Kilwarlin (Earl of Hillsborough) to Mary Sandys.

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| MS 26 / E / 1-4 | Belfast Newsletter,
11 / 08 / 1790 –
11 / 09 / 1790 | Belfast Library & Society for Promoting Knowledge;
founded 1788; Linen Hall Library, Donegall Square North. |
| MS 26 / E / 5 | Belfast Newsletter,
02 / 08 / 1771 | A large body of the inhabitants of the town assembled at the market house, where they then proceeded to the ground that had been allocated for the poor house and infirmary. Stewart Banks, Esq, Sovereign (Mayor) of Belfast laid the first stone. Notes the inscription upon the stone. |
| MS 26 / E / 6 | Belfast Newsletter,
11 / 07 / 1780 –
15 / 07 / 1780 | The Committee of the Belfast Charitable Society acknowledge that they have revied 10s10p from the mayor, Samuel Black for a fine for driving through the town on a Sunday. |
| MS 26 / E / 7 | Belfast Mercury
(The Freemason's
Chronicle),
07 / 11 / 1783 | Attention to the anniversary of the birthday of the "immortal William". Complaints that no one remembers despite that only a few years prior, the Volunteer Corps assembled and fired three vollies and the town was illuminated. There were similar celebrations for the Gunpowder Plot. |
| MS 26 / E / 8
(a-c) | Belfast Newsletter,
09 / 08 / 1785 –
12 / 08 / 1785 | A report of two thousand people, employed in cotton manufacturing in Belfast, no longer have work due to the changes in the commercial system. Cites the good efforts experienced by the Linen Trade, and the position of the Earl of Hillsborough, demanding to see him in person. When they arrive, the Earl had already left for Dublin, so they left "in perfect order and sobriety". |

MS 26 / E / 9 n.d. Eight-hundred weavers and spinners of cotton head with a memorial and petition to the Earl of Hillsborough, to talk on their behalf in favour of the cotton manufacturer. They discovered that the Earl had left Hillsborough that morning to head to Dublin. They then presented their petition to Doctor Thompson, the deputy Mayor of Hillsborough, who accepted the petition and assured he would send it off with express to the Earl.

MS 26 / E / 10 Belfast Newsletter, A marriage announcement of Lord Kilwarlin to Miss
07 / 07 / 1785 Sandys.

MS 26 / E / 11 Belfast Newsletter, A marriage announcement of the only daughter of Amyas
27 / 01 / ? Griffith.

MS 26 / E / 12 Northern Star,
03 / 04 / 1794

Death notice of John Holbert

MS 26 / E / 13 25 / 12 / 1886
(a-b)

A copy of number twenty-four from *Chapters in the History of Orangeism* by Richard Lilburn, who was editor of the *Belfast Newsletter* and *Belfast Weekly News* from 1867 to 1897. There is a reference to Masonic Lodge N°. 483 joining forces with a body of “clandestine or unwarranted Masons” in 1795. “The movement has much useful effect in checking the Defenders and maintaining the peace of the neighbourhood”.

MS 26 / E / 14 n.d.

A list of various notices from different periodicals.

MS 26 / F / 1-14 'Freemasonry: General'

Summary:

A collection of handwritten notices, copied mainly from local newspapers, stapled together, titled 'Freemasonry: General', on the cover. They begin in 1783 and include accounts of events and sermons on St. John's Day, notices relating to Lord Kilwarlin's election as Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons and lists of Lodges in Ireland. Advertisements for plays and entertainment evenings are also included.

MS 26 / F / 1	Belfast Mercury, 29 / 08 / 1783	A notice copied from an American newspaper about the celebration of St. John the Baptist by body N°35.
MS 26 / F / 2	Belfast Mercury, 14 / 11 / 1783	This Evening at the Theatre, Ann St, will be performed (by a Company of Tradesmen) the Tragedy of the Battle of Antrim with the Farce of the Vitner Trick'd". The prices for the pit and the gallery are given and the address where the tickets may be bought, i.e., 28 Bridge Street.
MS 26 / F / 3	Belfast Mercury, 01 / 07 / 1785	Lord Kilwarlin was the 24 th installed Grand Master in Ireland.
MS 26 / F / 4 (a-b)	Belfast Mercury, 11 / 05 / 1786	A description of a performance at the Theatre Royale in Smock Alley.
MS 26 / F / 5	Belfast Newsletter, 27 / 06 / 1786	A description of how for St John's Day celebrations the Grand Master of Ireland presided in London while the Grand Master of England presided in Dublin.
MS 26 / F / 6	Belfast Newsletter, 30 / 06 / 1786	The details of who was elected to the offices for the Grand Lodge
MS 26 / F / 7	Belfast Evening Post, 04 / 12 / 1786	An extract of a letter from Edinburgh, on December the fourth giving an account of the election of the Grand Officers on St. Andrew's Day in the New Church. There is a description of the procession to St Andrews Church, New Town.
MS 26 / F / 8	Belfast Newsletter, 09 / 03 / 1787	Several references to female Freemasons, including Mrs Allworth, Madame D'Eon and the Maid of Orleans.

- MS 26 / F / 9** Belfast Newsletter, 04 / 04 / 1788 A notice stating how the Duchess of Cumberland is opening a school for the daughters of deceased masons.
- MS 26 / F / 10 (a-c)** Belfast Newsletter, 17 / 11 / 1789 An extract of a letter from Edinburgh, describing the laying of the foundation stone of the New College by the Grand Master of Scotland, the Ry Hon. Francis Lord Napier. It is a full description covering three pages in detail. The letter also describes the contents of what is tantamount to a time-capsule deposited with the foundation stone.
- MS 26 / F / 11 (a-b)** The Sentimental and Masonic Magazine, Vol II, March 1793 This is a Mason Admonition for the Grand Lodge of Ireland as the constitutional authority, reminding the respective Lodges that is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of Freemasonry to discuss political and religious subjects, like MS26 / C / 42.
- MS 26 / F / 12** The Sentimental and Masonic Magazine, Vol II, April 1793 A list of Freemason Lodges in Dublin with their respective Dublin numbers in relation to their national numbers.
- MS 26 / F / 13** The Sentimental and Masonic Magazine, 1793 A list of thirty-four Lodges comprising the General Committee of Free and Accepted Masons of Co. Armagh, the locality, and the Lodge No.
- MS 26 / F / 14** The Sentimental and Masonic Magazine, 1794 A list of Masters and Wardens of the County of Armagh in 1794.

MS 26 / G / 1-63 'Free-masonry in Belfast, Advertisements, Paragraphs, etc, Till 1790'

Summary:

A collection of handwritten notices, copied mainly from local newspapers, stapled together, titled 'Freemasonry: General', on the cover. They begin in 1783 and include accounts of events and sermons on St. John's Day, notices relating to Lord Kilwarlin's election as Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons and lists of Lodges in Ireland. Advertisements for plays and entertainment evenings are also included.

MS 26 / G / 1	Belfast Newsletter, 01 / 03 / 1763	Information regarding a Masonic play in Belfast.
MS 26 / G / 2	Belfast Newsletter, 29 / 11 / 1771	Information regarding a Masonic play
MS 26 / G / 3	Belfast Newsletter, 21 / 11 / 1777	Information regarding a lottery.
MS 26 / G / 4	Belfast Newsletter, 19 / 01 / 1781	A publication notices.
MS 26 / G / 5	Belfast Newsletter, 04 / 05 / 1781	A programme of various plays.
MS 26 / G / 6	Belfast Newsletter, 26 / 06 / 1781	A description of the St. John's Day festival involving The Orange Lodge of Belfast and the Old True-Blue Lodge.
MS 26 / G / 7	Belfast Newsletter, 26 / 06 / 1781	Lodge, N°257, thank Rev. Bristow for his sermon.
MS 26 / G / 8	Belfast Newsletter, 18 / 12 / 1781	Lodge, N°257, notice for celebration of the festival of St. John.
MS 26 / G / 9	Belfast Newsletter, 28 / 12 / 1781	The death notice of Matt Garnet.
MS 26 / G / 10	Belfast Newsletter, 04 / 01 / 1782	A notice of a play.

- MS 26 / G / 11** Belfast Newsletter, A publication notice.
31 / 05 / 1782
- MS 26 / G / 12** Belfast Newsletter, A publication notice.
07 / 06 / 1782
- MS 26 / G / 13** Belfast Newsletter, notice for Lodge, N°257, about the celebrations for the
14 / 06 / 1782 24 / 06.
- MS 26 / G / 14** Belfast Newsletter, A description of the celebrations of Lodge, N°257, on the
25 / 06 / 1782 24 / 06.
- MS 26 / G / 15** Belfast Newsletter, Lodge, N°257, thank Rev. James Bryson for his sermon.
23 / 07 / 1782
- MS 26 / G / 16** Belfast Newsletter, A description of an event where Lodge, N°257, hosted a
25 / 10 / 1782 gathering of “most respectable and distinguished characters”.
- MS 26 / G / 17** Belfast Newsletter, An account of the laying of the foundation stone of the
25 / 04 / 1783 Belfast Linen Hall, by John Brown, Esq., Worshipful Master of the Orange Lodge of Belfast, N°257, High Sheriff of the County, and Mayor the Belfast Battalion of Volunteers.
- MS 26 / G / 18** Belfast Newsletter, A description of the death of High Priest Joseph
29 / 04 / 1783 Clotworthy of Lodge, N° 272. This happened during the laying of the foundation stone at the Linen Hall Library.
- MS 26 / G / 19 (a-c)** Belfast Newsletter, A description of the artefacts that were deposited along
20 / 05 / 1783 with the foundation stone for Belfast’s White Linen Hall, including, “the bill passed in the British Parliament the 24 April 1783, disclaiming all right of legislating for Ireland”. These artefacts had an accompanying letter of intent that if they should ever be found, “they may be an authentic information to posterity, that, by the firmness and unanimity of the Irish Volunteers, this kingdom (long oppressed) emerged from a state of slavery and was fully and completely emancipated”.

MS 26 / G / 20	Belfast Newsletter, 17 / 06 / 1783	A publication notice.
MS 26 / G / 21	Belfast Newsletter, 17 / 06 / 1783	A notice of a charity sermon by Matthew Garnett (standard spelling: Garnet).
MS 26 / G / 22	Belfast Newsletter, 20 / 06 / 1783	The same notice as in MS26 / G / 21.
MS 26 / G / 23	Belfast Newsletter, 24 / 06 / 1783	Thanks, given from Lodge, N°257, to Garnett for his sermon and Michael Thompson for his sermon.
MS 26 / G / 24	Belfast Mercury, 12 / 09 / 1783	Lodge, N°49, is unhappy that a letter in Joy's paper the previous Tuesday did not mention the Lodges in order of seniority.
MS 26 / G / 25	Belfast Newsletter, 12 / 09 / 1783	A description of funeral sermon for Allen Searson.
MS 26 / G / 26	Belfast Mercury, 16 / 09 / 1783	A description of Lodge, N°257, attending James Bryson's funeral.
MS 26 / G / 27	Belfast Newsletter, 05 / 09 / 1783	A description of funeral sermon for Allen Searson who was a member of the Belfast First Company of Volunteers.
MS 26 / G / 28 (a-c)	Belfast Mercury, 17 / 10 / 1783	Information accusing Patrick Whelan and his plan to encourage and profit from a smuggling scheme. For this reason, he is expelled from Lodge, N°272.
MS 26 / G / 29	Belfast Mercury, 14 / 11 / 1783	The death notice of Captain John Fitzpatrick.
MS 26 / G / 30	Belfast Mercury, 14 / 11 / 1783	A notice of a play.
MS 26 / G / 31	Belfast Mercury, 28 / 11 / 1783	A notice for dinner for Lodge, N°609, at James Falkner's.

MS 26 / G / 32 (a-b)	Belfast Mercury, 06 / 02 / 1784	A poem by John Barron submitted to Mr Tisdale's paper. The poem is about finding fidelity in Mason Lodges.
MS 26 / G / 33	Belfast Mercury, 13 / 02 / 1784	A notice about service for Lodge, N°587.
MS 26 / G / 34	Belfast Mercury, 04 / 05 / 1784	A play notice.
MS 26 / G / 35	Belfast Mercury, 07 / 05 / 1784	Praise for the Orange Lodge for choosing <i>Cato</i> for their play.
MS 26 / G / 36	Belfast Mercury, 07 / 05 / 1784	An advertisement for the performance of <i>Cato</i> at Lodge, N°257.
MS 26 / G / 37 (a-b)	Belfast Mercury, 11 / 05 / 1784	A review of the <i>Cato</i> performance.
MS 26 / G / 38	Belfast Mercury, 18 / 06 / 1784	A notice of the St. John's Day celebration for Lodge, N°257.
MS 26 / G / 39 (a-b)	Belfast Mercury, 18 / 06 / 1784	A longer notice of the St. John's Day celebration for Lodge, N°257, including lyrics to the anthem written by Dr. Thomson.
MS 26 / G / 40	Belfast Newsletter, 22 / 06 / 1784	A description of the St. John's Day celebration at Lodge, N°257, with sermon by Matthew Garnett (standard spelling: Garnet).
MS 26 / G / 41	Belfast Mercury, 25 / 06 / 1784	A description of the St. John's Day celebration at Lodge, N°257, with sermon by Matthew Garnett (standard spelling: Garnet).
MS 26 / G / 42	Belfast Newsletter, 25 / 06 / 1784	Lodge, N°257, give thanks to Matthew Garnett (standard spelling: Garnet) and Dr. Thomson.
MS 26 / G / 43	Belfast Newsletter, 16 / 07 / 1784	A notification that Matthew Garnett has published his sermon from St John's Day for Lodge, N°257.

MS 26 / G / 44	Belfast Mercury, 10 / 12 / 1784	A notice for St. John's Day celebrations.
MS 26 / G / 45 (a-b)	Belfast Newsletter, 11 / 01 / 1785	A request for Joy's paper to publish a poem by J.B. about how women fall for masons.
MS 26 / G / 46	Belfast Mercury, 18 / 01 / 1785	Notice of upcoming play for Lodge, N°257.
MS 26 / G / 47	Belfast Mercury, 14 / 06 / 1785	A notice of upcoming St. John's Day celebrations.
MS 26 / G / 48	Belfast Newsletter, 14 / 06 / 1785	plan for Lodge, N°257, St. John's Day celebrations.
MS 26 / G / 49	Belfast Mercury, 28 / 06 / 1785	A description of Lodge, N°257, St. John's Day celebrations.
MS 26 / G / 50	Belfast Newsletter, 24 / 06 / 1785	Lodge, N°252, thank Rev. Matthew Garnett (standard spelling: Garnet) for his sermon and Dr. Thomson for his music for St. John's Day.
MS 26 / G / 51	Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 11 / 1785	A notice that Belfast Orange Lodge gave an entertainment to the Grand Master of Ireland.
MS 26 / G / 52 (a-b)	Belfast Mercury, 20 / 12 / 1785	A list of new Freemason's toasts 'never before printed', fifteen toasts in all. Toast number four, "may the heart of a Mason never harbour the heart of a Cowan". A cowan was an ignorant Mason who laid stones together without mortar or piled rough stone from the field into a wall without working them square and time. He was a Mason without the word, with no reputation; the apprentice who tried to masquerade as a Master.
MS 26 / G / 53	Belfast Newsletter, 30 / 05 / 1786	death notice of Robert Warren Smith of Lodge, N°272.
MS 26 / G / 54 (a-b)	Belfast Evening Post, 15 / 06 / 1786	The song <i>Brotherly Love</i> written by Brother Dodd.

MS 26 / G / 55	Belfast Newsletter, 27 / 06 / 1786	A description of the celebrations of the St. John with Lodge, N°609.
MS 26 / G / 56	Belfast Newsletter, 18 / 07 / 1786	The death notice of Mr. Crumpton, a Belfast sail maker.
MS 26 / G / 57	*Name Unclear* 1786	Source name unclear, publication list.
MS 26 / G / 58	Belfast Newsletter, 29 / 05 / 1787	notice that Lodge, N°257, are meeting on the 25 / 06
MS 26 / G / 59	Belfast Newsletter, 22 / 06 / 1787	A description of the meeting of Lodge, N°257, mentioned in MS26 / G / 58
MS 26 / G / 60	Belfast Newsletter, 26 / 06 / 1787	Lodge, N°257, thank Rev. William Bristow for his sermon.
MS 26 / G / 61	Belfast Newsletter, 29 / 05 / 1789	A notice of a meeting of Lodges: N°272, 491, 621, 687 on the 24 / 06
MS 26 / G / 62	Belfast Newsletter, 26 / 06 / 1789	Lodges of Belfast thank George Portis for his sermon on St. John's Day.
MS 26 / G / 63	Belfast Newsletter, 23 / 02 / 1790	A notice of a Mason's concert.

MS 26 / H / 1-51 Untitled Collection of Notices copied from Local Newspapers.

Summary

A collection of handwritten notices, copied mainly from local newspapers, stapled together and dating across the 18th century. Some entries from *The Hibernian Magazine* and *The Gentleman's and London Magazine* are included. Also contained are several extracts from the Dictionary of National Biography of 1890, as well as an entry from British Museum Catalogue related to Mrs. Elizabeth Griffith and Richard Griffith Esq. It notably begins with the lineage of Hugh O'Neill, Prince of Tir-Owen, in 388 AD., the McDonnell's of Antrim, continuing with the lineage of the Hill family of Hillsborough, beginning in 1400.

MS 26 / H / 1-5	n.d.	The lineage of O'Neills of Shane's Castle from 1863.
MS 26 / H / 6-7	n.d.	The lineage of the McDonnells of Antrim, Earl of and Viscount Dunluce, an extract from Burke's <i>Peerage and Baronetage</i> , 1891.
MS 26 / H / 8-9	n.d.	The lineage of the Hills of Hillsborough, Marquess of Downshire, Earl and Viscount of Hillsborough, Earl of Kilwarlin, an extract from Burke's <i>Peerage and Baronetage</i> , 1891.
MS 26 / H / 10-11	Peerage of England, Scotland, and Ireland, 1790	The lineage of the Marquis of Downshire, Earl and Viscount of Hillsborough.
MS 26 / H / 12	British Museum Catalogue, n.d.	The details of a series of letters published by Elizabeth and Richard Griffiths.
MS 26 / H / 13-14	Dictionary of National Biography, 1890	Biography of Mrs Elizabeth Griffith (1720? – 1793), playwright and novelist. One of her first publications was the love letters between her and her husband, Richard.
MS 26 / H / 15-16	Dictionary of National Biography, 1890	<i>Vol. xxiii</i> , 1890, Biography of Richard Griffith, writer. It also gives details of his son.

- MS26 / H / 17-18** Dictionary of National Biography, n.d. A biography of James Anderson, D.D. (1680?-1739). With the revival of Freemasonry in England in 1721, Anderson was given the task of producing an authoritative digest of the Constitutions of the fraternity. It was as Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge that he presented The Constitutions of the Free-Masons in 1723. Apparently, this became the standard textbook and the source of many later publications some of which are listed.
- MS26 / H / 19** Dictionary of National Biography, n.d. An entry on John Theophilus Desaguliers (1683-1744)
- MS26 / H / 20** Dictionary of National Biography, n.d. A biography of Laurence Dermott (1720-1791). "In 1756 he wrote a book entitled *Ahiman Rezon* or *A Help to a Brother*, one of the most famous books in connection with Masonic literature of the last century".
- MS26 / H / 21** Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 02 / 1754 A letter of complaint from John Gordon on behalf of the Earl of Donegall, to the inhabitants of Belfast for not sending their children to the newly repaired school, to be taught by its new schoolmaster, the Rev. Nicholas Garnett.
- MS26 / H / 22** Belfast Newsletter, 07 / 07 / 1767 A notice that Rev. Thomas Merrifield has died so the new Vicar of Carmoney is Matthew Garnet.
- MS26 / H / 23** Belfast Newsletter, 17 / 01 / 1783 A list of the new Order of St. Patrick.
- MS26 / H / 24** Belfast Newsletter, 03 / 07 / 1783 A letter from Nicholas Grimshaw thanking Matthew Garnett for his sermon in particular the part regarding the late Richard Bateson.
- MS26 / H / 25** Belfast Newsletter, 31 / 08 / 1773 An advertisement for piano lessons with Michael Thompson.

MS 26 / H / 26	Belfast Mercury, 10 / 10 / 1783	A letter to the Mayor Burgesses and Independent Freeman of the Corporation of Carrickfergus. This was written when the writer was retired in favour of Waddell Cunningham.
MS 26 / H / 27	Belfast Newsletter, 24 / 10 / 1783	A notice that on the previous Thursday 500 were registered. Rev. Hugh Montgomery of Rosemount and Michael Thompson of Hillsborough took the oaths as magistrate of the county and sovereign of Hillsborough respectively.
MS 26 / H / 28	Belfast Mercury, 23 / 03 / 1784	A notice that the degree of Doctor of Music was presented to Michael Thomson, organist of Hillsborough.
MS 26 / H / 29	Belfast Newsletter, 23 / 12 / 1785	A death notice of Mr John McClean of Lisburn.
MS 26 / H / 30	Belfast Newsletter, 24 / 01 / 1786	A list of items for sale by John McClean, watchmaker.
MS 26 / H / 31	Belfast Newsletter, 07 / 07 / 1786	An extract of a letter from Hillsborough regarding the marriage of Lord Kilwanluis to Miss Sandys.
MS 26 / H / 32	Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 09 / 1786	The marriage notice of Dr. Michael Thompson, organist of Hillsborough to Mary Douglas.
MS 26 / H / 33	Belfast Newsletter, 12 / 08 / 1758	The death notice of Matthew Garnet, rector of Carnmoney.
MS 26 / H / 34	Belfast Newsletter, 02 / 07 / 1762	A notice that the Linen-chapters entertained the Earl of Hillsborough for the first of July.
MS 26 / H / 35	Belfast Newsletter, 28 / 01 / 1780	A notice of a donation to a poor house in Belfast, made by J. Alexander Junior, G. Bristow, and A. Garnett, which were the proceeds of plays performed by attendants of Mr. Garnett's school.

MS 26 / H / 36	Belfast Newsletter, 15 / 02 / 1780	Hill Wilson, High Sheriff of County Down has appointed Mr. James Fulton of Lisburn to be his under-sheriff.
MS 26 / H / 37	Belfast Newsletter, 16 / 06 / 1780	An acrostic about Rodney, likely to be George Brydges Rodney.
MS 26 / H / 38	Belfast Newsletter, 16 / 06 / 1780	A response from Belfast Musical Society to a letter extract from Belfast, which was published on 10 th June in the <i>Dublin Evening Post</i> .
MS 26 / H / 39	Belfast Newsletter, 20 / 10 / 1780	A notice that Garnett and co. have moved their premises.
MS 26 / H / 40	Belfast Newsletter, 19 / 12 / 1788	A notice that Ann Garnet sells silk, cotton, and skeleton bonnets.
MS 26 / H / 41	Belfast Newsletter, 18 / 06 / 1798	The death notice of Viscount O'Neill, who died at Shane's Castle from wounds, "which he received in the affair at Antrim". A reference to the Battle of Antrim in 1798. Lord O'Neill was a member of the Belfast Freemasonic Lodge, N°257.
MS 26 / H / 42-43	Belfast Newsletter, 06 / 07 / 1798	A poem about the death of O'Neil.
MS 26 / H / 44	Belfast Newsletter, 10 / 04 / 1787	A notice that the Earl of Salisbury has appointed Michael Thomson, organist of Hillsborough to be one of his Majesty's band of musicians in place of Redmond Simpson, deceased.
MS 26 / H / 45	Belfast Newsletter, 24 / 06 / 1786	A description of an entertainment given by the chief Magistrate.
MS 26 / H / 46	Belfast Newsletter, 23 / 10 / 1789	A notice for students of the late Matthew Garnet.
MS 26 / H / 47	Belfast Newsletter, 24 / 11 / 1789	A notice that Morgan Jellett has been sworn in as an attorney in his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas in Dublin.

MS 26 / H / 48 Belfast Newsletter, A death notice of Randal William McDonnell.
24 / 11 / 1789

MS 26 / H / 49-51 The Hibernian Magazine, *Memoirs of Amyas Griffith Esq*, an account of the life
1773 and talents of Amyas Griffiths.



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MS 26 / I / 1-45 Review of 'Bro. Pennell's Departures

Summary:

Forty-five hand-written pages, stapled together, of an extensive review of 'Bro. Pennell's revised edition (1730) of James Anderson's *Book of Constitutions of the Free-Masons* (1723) for use in Ireland, see MS26/H/17. It details the changes to the original work of Anderson by Pennell for the Irish edition. A proposal on page seven states: 'We now propose to follow him through the Book, and indicate such changes or repetitions as seem due to the circumstances of the Irish fraternity, beginning with the frontispiece'. The author of these forty-five pages is not indicated, however, a reference on page forty-two shows that it is post-1872.

MS 26 / I / 1-45 n.d.

Forty-five hand-written pages, stapled together, of an extensive review of Bro. Pennell's departures from the original Book of Constitutions, compiled by James Anderson, see MS26/H/17. There is reference to the Irish edition, and a proposal on page seven, which states, "We now propose to follow him through the book, and indicate such changes or repetitions as seem due to the circumstances of the Irish fraternity, beginning with the frontispiece". This is duly done with a comprehensive detailing of the changes to the original work of Anderson by Pennell for the Irish edition. Commenting on page thirty-six, "we indicate in the following analysis all the points of interest. It will be seen that our Irish usages presented only trivial differences from the English". The author of these forty-five pages is not indicated, however, on page forty-two, there is a reference to a date that "the Installation Ceremony was ignored till 1872".



MS 26 / J / 1-37 'Caementaria Hibernica'

Summary:

Thirty-seven pages, stapled together, of an incomplete hand-written transcription of *Caementaria Hibernica, Irish Constitutions* (1895) by William John Chetwode Crawley.

MS 26 / J / 1-37 n.d.

Thirty-seven hand-written pages, stapled together, entitled, *Caementaria Hibernica. Being the Public Constitutions that have served to hold together the Freemasons of Ireland. Fasciculus Primus 1726-1730.*



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MS 26 / K / 1-63 'Orangeism'

Summary:

A collection of handwritten notices copied from local newspapers, mainly from the *Northern Star*, and entitled 'Orangeism'. They relate mainly to the rise of the Defenders, their clashes with the Peep-O-Day Boys, and the formation and general activities of the Orange Order.

MS 26 / K / 1	1794	List of important events including murder of Rev. Mr Butler.
MS 26 / K / 2	Northern Star, 27 / 07 / 1794	An account of alleged perjury by Joseph Corbally, a suspected defender, implicating that whilst in confinement in Kilmainham Jail, Justice Graham offered him freedom and a job if he would name Hamilton Rowan and Napper Tandy as leaders of the Defenders. Corbally was found guilty of wilful perjury and sentenced to seven years transportation.
MS 26 / K / 3	Northern Star, 03 / 03 / 1794	A description of military headed by constables parading in Navan.
MS 26 / K / 4	Northern Star, 10 / 03 / 1794	A description of armed men attacking a house.
MS 26 / K / 5	Northern Star, 23 / 04 / 1795	A concern about the effect of harsh measures on the governors especially concerning Mr Jackson's trial and the imprisonment of Dr. Reynolds.
MS 26 / K / 6	Northern Star, 30 / 04 / 1795	A notice that there are disturbances in Leitrim where large detachments of the army have marched. Accounts by the court papers have been rejected as unreliable. Anonymous letters are being sent to baronies in Down.
MS 26 / K / 7	Northern Star, 07 / 05 / 1795	An announcement that Lord Carhampton has taken over from General Christie.
MS 26 / K / 8	Northern Star, 14 / 05 / 1795	A notice that letters have come in saying that the "lower orders are in a state of great disquietude" and that large bodies of men are assembling.

MS 26 / K / 9 (a-c)	Northern Star, 14 / 05 / 1795	A letter signed by "A Native" contrasting the treatment handed out to English rioters compared to that of Irish rioters.
MS 26 / K / 10	Northern Star, 18 / 05 / 1795	A notice that camps are immediately to be set up in the four provinces of Ireland with about 5000 men each.
MS 26 / K / 11 (a-b)	Northern Star, 21 / 05 / 1795	A statement that Lord Carhampton has abstained from killing the "lower orders". He hopes to understand their complaints and bring them "back to obedience".
MS 26 / K / 12	Northern Star, 01 / 06 / 1795	"We learn with singular satisfaction that all insurrection in the southern and western counties have entirely subsided, and peace and good order are for the present restored."
MS 26 / K / 13	Belfast Newsletter, 15 / 06 / 1795	A notice that a numerous body of Defenders attacked two companies of Highland Fencibles in Armagh.
MS 26 / K / 14 (a-b)	Belfast Newsletter, 18 / 06 / 1795	A description of aggression in Portadown between Peep o' day Boys and Catholics. Mentions only one wounded.
MS 26 / K / 14 (c)	Northern Star, 22 / 06 / 1795	A notice that the disturbance in Armagh have subsided and all those jailed have been released on bail.
MS 26 / K / 15 (a-c)	Belfast Newsletter, 22 / 06 / 1795	Another account of the event referred to in MS26 / K / 13 & MS26 / K / 14. It mentions three men were wounded.
MS 26 / K / 16 (a-b)	Northern Star, 16 / 07 / 1795	An extract from a letter from the neighbourhood of Tandragee regarding an altercation between the Peep o' Day boys and the County Clare militia on the 13 July.
MS 26 / K / 17	Northern Star, 23 / 07 / 1795	A complaint that nothing is being done by the administration to deal with the Defenders.
MS 26 / K / 18 (a-c)	Northern Star, 10 / 08 / 1795	A statement that once a man is accused of being a Defender, he is treated as guilty, even though by law, he is innocent until proved guilty.

MS 26 / K / 19	Northern Star, 27 / 08 / 1795	A notice that at Armagh assizes a man was sentenced to transportation for having administered a defender's oath. It is noted that the oath contained nothing inimical to any persuasion of Irish man.
MS 26 / K / 20	Northern Star, 31 / 08 / 1795	A notice that several men were arrested in Dublin. Although information was brought to the government, there was nothing to suggest a serious conspiracy.
MS 26 / K / 21 (a-c)	Belfast Newsletter, 21 / 09 / 1795	An extract from a letter from a gentleman, in the neighbourhood of Armagh, describing various incidents between defenders, Peep o' day boys and militia.
MS 26 / K / 22	Northern Star, 21 / 09 / 1795	A description of how the animosities in Armagh are renewed, lives are now being lost and an expression of anger at the magistrates for not doing anything to stop it. It also states that this is not a religious quarrel.
MS 26 / K / 23	Northern Star, 24 / 09 / 1795	A story about a Catholic talking to Peep o' Day Boys and avoiding a fight. Also, a suggestion that by choosing one person from each side who did not have local prejudices to come and help end the feud.
MS 26 / K / 24 (a-b)	Belfast Newsletter, 25 / 09 / 1795	A letter saying the Defenders would put the country into poverty if they were given what they wanted. This letter was written in response to news that some defenders had appeared in Soldierstown.
MS 26 / K / 25	Belfast Newsletter, 28 / 09 / 1795	A description of Prime Sergeant Adair's visit to his estates in Down and his positive reception there.
MS 26 / K / 26	Belfast Newsletter, 02 / 10 / 1795	A further description of Defenders, Fencibles and Milita movements.
MS 26 / K / 27	Northern Star, 05 / 10 / 1795	A description of a letter from Patrick to the Peep O' Day Boys and Defenders and another letter from 29 th October from a farmer.



- MS 26 / K / 28** Belfast Newsletter, 19 / 10 / 1795 A description of the Camp at Blairs breaking up. Rothesay and Caithness regiments are heading to Armagh, and it is guessed the other three regiments will also be heading there.
- MS 26 / K / 29 (a-b)** Northern Star, 16 / 11 / 1795 A report that twenty-five Catholics were arrested first for 'Defenderism' and then desertion. They were released after intervention from several gentlemen on their behalf.
- MS 26 / K / 30** Northern Star, 19 / 11 / 1795 An account of fifty-six men being taken to the village of Cockhill by a party of Orangemen. They were to be taken to prison when a magistrate intervened.
- MS 26 / K / 31** Northern Star, 03 / 12 / 1795 A notice that a large meeting of the county was held to address the King and thank God for protecting him against assassination. There is a note on the bottom that this was an illegal meeting.
- MS 26 / K / 32 (a-b)** Northern Star, 21 / 12 / 1795 An extract of a letter. It states that the Break o' Day boys are killing and injuring Catholics in Portadown and stealing and burning their property. It also states that the magistrates are not helping. After the extract, there is a statement that two or three Orangemen were recently killed.
- MS 26 / K / 33** Northern Star, 24 / 12 / 1795 A letter stating that not all magistrates are guilty of improper conduct. Praises Mr. Stewart in particular.
- MS 26 / K / 34** Belfast Newsletter, 25 / 12 / 1795 An account of two men being fired at and that a house with 20 linen weavers inside was set alight. Four were killed on the spot and fourteen or sixteen wounded were conducted to the County jail.
- MS 26 / K / 35** Belfast Newsletter, 04 / 01 / 1796 Reaction to the speech of Lord Gosford, Governor of Armagh, and the resolutions of the body of Magistrates.



- MS 26 / K / 36** Belfast Newsletter, 11 / 07 / 1796 A description of a gathering of over two thousand Orangeman. An argument broke out between one of the Queens County Militia and a Mr. McMundie, leading to Mr. McMundie dying of a stab wound.
- MS 26 / K / 37** Northern Star, 11 / 07 / 1796 Another account of the event in item 36. This one is very much against the Orange boys parading as they have "hunted upwards of 700 families from their homes."
- MS 26 / K / 38** Belfast Newsletter, 15 / 08 / 1796 A notice that Mr, Verner of Church-Hill has enrolled the names of 2237 loyalists under similar resolutions as the Dungannon Association.
- MS 26 / K / 39 (a-c)** Belfast Newsletter, 29 / 05 / 1797 At a meeting of the Masters of the different Orange Societies in the Province of Ulster, held in the City of Armagh, under James Sloan, Chairmen agreed the following, "We, having seen our Association calumniated and stigmatised, our obligations belied and exaggerated, and ourselves abused and insulated by a coalition of traitors, styling themselves United Irishmen; have determined in this public manner to declare the principles upon which our glorious institution is established". There is then a list of four resolutions signed by Abraham Davison, Secretary.
- MS 26 / K / 40** Historical Collections, 12 / 07 / 1797 A notice that the Battle of the Boyne was celebrated by between 6000 and 7000 Orangemen. They obtained permission from General Lake.
- MS 26 / K / 41** Belfast Newsletter, 29 / 12 / 1797 A list of lodges who attended meeting of Orange Societies of Lisburn and its vicinity.
- MS 26 / K / 42** Belfast Newsletter, 15 / 01 / 1798 A list of lodges who attended meeting of Orange Societies of Agholee and its vicinity.
- MS 26 / K / 43** Belfast Newsletter, 19 / 01 / 1798 A notice that John Fry of Lodge, N°269, has been expelled from the order.



MS 26 / K / 44	Belfast Newsletter, 16 / 02 / 1798	A notice that George Singleton (111), William Letson (124), Sam Wiley, George Rutledge, William Pike (all of 141) and William Scott (152) are expelled for improper conduct.
MS 26 / K / 45	Belfast Newsletter, 23 / 02 / 1798	At a meeting of the Masters of the different Orange Lodges of the County of Armagh held at Richhill, with William Blacker in the Chair, a notice to Orangemen, that the books of the association are now with Wolsey Atkinson of Portadown.
MS 26 / K / 46	Belfast Newsletter, 06 / 04 / 1798	A list of the Lodges who assembled in Moira on 27 th March 1798 and agreed to the declaration in item 47.
MS 26 / K / 47	Belfast Newsletter, 15 / 06 / 1798	A declaration of the Lodges listed in item 46. Praising the four hundred Orangeman under the command of Mr. Atkinson, Grand Master for the County of Antrim for their good conduct.
MS 26 / K / 48	Belfast Newsletter, 03 / 07 / 1798	The beginning of a letter to the Orangemen of Ulster from James Verner regarding the fact that he has been invited to over one hundred bodies of Orangemen.
MS 26 / K / 49	Belfast Newsletter, 13 / 07 / 1798	A description of "Orange gentleman" who harmoniously celebrated the 12 th .
MS 26 / K / 50	Belfast Newsletter, 17 / 07 / 1798	A notice of a meeting of Lodges: N°351, 284 and 490 on 12 th July. George Woods in the Chair.
MS 26 / K / 51	Belfast Newsletter, 20 / 07 / 1798	The notice of a meeting of Lodges: N°113, 130, 144, 288, 287 and 326 on 12 th July. Mr. Reilly in the Chair.
MS 26 / K / 52 (a)	Belfast Newsletter, 20 / 07 / 1798	The Masters of Lodges: N°135, 137 and 138 thank Rev. Dubourdieu for his sermon.
MS 26 / K / 52 (b)	Belfast Newsletter, 13 / 07 / 1798	Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of Lodges: N°87, 148, 149 and 239 thank Rev. Thomas E. Higginson for his sermon on 12 th July.
MS 26 / K / 53 (a-b)	Belfast Newsletter, 09 / 11 / 1798	A list of a meeting from the Orange societies of Lecale.



- MS 26 / K / 54** Belfast Newsletter, 28 / 05 / 17 A notice that Hector McNeill of Lodge no.932 is expelled from Orange Lodges.
- MS 26 / K / 55** Belfast Newsletter, 12 / 07 / 1799 A procession of two thousand Orangemen led by Dr. Atkinson and William Fox.
- MS 26 / K / 56** Belfast Newsletter, 16 / 07 / 1799 The Lisburn district Lodges thank Rev. Dr. Cupples for his sermon.
- MS 26 / K / 57** Belfast Newsletter, 23 / 07 / 1799 Lodges: N°62, 70, 71, 76, 125, 237, 257, 258, 319, 345, 442 and 75 thank Rev. Thomas Radcliffe for his sermon on the 1 July.
- MS 26 / K / 58** Belfast Newsletter, 30 / 07 / 1799 A notice of an upcoming meeting between the Orange Lodges of Antrim. Any Lodges from the county who have not yet joined a district must also send a Master or deputy.
- MS 26 / K / 59** Belfast Newsletter, 06 / 08 / 1799 The resolutions of the Lecale district Lodges.
- MS 26 / K / 60** Belfast Newsletter, 09 / 08 / 1799 The resolution of the Orange Lodges in County Antrim to thank Rev. Dr. Cupples for his sermon on 12 July.
- MS 26 / K / 61** Belfast Newsletter, 16 / 08 / 1799 The Lodges of the Ballandery district thank Rev. John Wilson for his sermon on the 11 August.
- MS 26 / K / 62** Belfast Newsletter, 06 / 12 / 1799 Due to the violence perpetrated by people claiming to be Orangemen, it is requested the Orangemen in Antrim who do not belong to Lodges in their neighbourhood send their names and Lodge numbers to the Grand Master of Antrim and the Belfast Lodge. They also offer a reward for information on Orangemen concerned in these robberies.



MS 26 / L / 1-8 Clubs in Ireland and Commemoration in Belfast of Revolution of 1688'

Summary:

A collection of handwritten notices copied from local newspapers, stapled together, and entitled 'Clubs in Ireland and Commemoration in Belfast of Revolution of 1688'. The collection begins with reference to the Patriotic Club of Newry. Of note also is MS26 / L / 05, a full account of the 'Commemoration of the Glorious Revolution of 1688' from the *Belfast Newsletter*, 12-15 February [1788]. Also included is an 'Extract of a letter from Comber Feb 12, which describes a commemoration of the Glorious Revolution in Comber.

MS 26 / L / 1 (a-c)	Belfast Newsletter, 21 / 01 / 1755	An account of the Patriotic Club of Newry, and its institution on the 01/01/1755. Details several resolutions and lists twenty-five toasts.
MS 26 / L / 2 (a-b) (c)	Belfast Newsletter, 15 / 04 / 1755 - 23 / 12 / 1755	A notice of a meeting of the Patriotic Club of the County of Antrim including a list of toasts they made, with a total of fifty-eight members that were present. A notice that the next assembly will be on the next Monday.
MS 26 / L / 3 (a-b)	Belfast Newsletter, 17 / 03 / 1780	A description of the Belfast First Volunteer Company. It includes a list of their toasts. Also mention of French Prisoners embarked on a cartel vessel for Bordeaux but were detained in the harbour.
MS 26 / L / 4	Belfast Evening Post 24 / 07 / 1786	A description of the Orange Club and the Corporation of the town of Blessington assembled at an entertainment by Lord Hillsborough to celebrate the wedding of Lord Kilwarlin and Miss Sandys
MS 26 / L / 5 (a-d)	Belfast Newsletter, 12 / 02 / 1788	An account on the commemoration of the Glorious Revolution of 1688, held in Belfast. Great numbers in their respective societies assembled in a great number. The occasion was celebrated with the firing of cannon in a Royal Salute and in the evening, there were illuminations and bonfires. The sovereign and the principal inhabitants attended the largest bonfire, and several toasts were drunk, including a toast in favour of the abolition of slavery. Also, mention of "trial by Jury, and an effectual reform of that unconstitutional code, The Revenue Laws."

MS 26 / L / 6 (a-e)	Belfast Newsletter, 12 / 02 / 1788	A description of the Commemoration of the Glorious Revolution of 1688. There is a list of all the toasts that are given.
MS 26 / L / 7	n.d.	A biography of William III
MS 26 / L / 8	n.d.	An extract of a letter from Comber, describing celebrations of the "Glorious Revolution".



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MS 26 / M / 1-42 Untitled

Summary:

Forty-one handwritten pages stapled together (the forty-second page is blank except for a title, Chapter 1). No author named. Possibly the introduction from a book on Freemasonry and Orangeism. The pages refer to various sources to trace the history of Freemasonry, particularly in Ireland after the 'Glorious Revolution', and explores links with the formation of the Orange Society.

MS 26 / M / 1-24 n.d. Possibly the introduction from a book on Freemasonry and Orangeism. The pages refer to various sources to trace the history of Freemasonry, particularly in Ireland after the 'Glorious Revolution', and explores links with the formation of the Orange Society.

MS 26 / M / 25 n.d. A clipping from a newspaper where the writer points out two sources that state the Orange Order was established in 1795. The rest of the page disagrees with the clipping.

MS 26 / M / 32 n.d. A facsimile of an original Orange warrant.

MS 26 / M / 33 n.d. This is a newspaper cutting from the Belfast Weekly News, of an article by Richard Lilburn, Memoir of Orange Warrants and contains these statements. "The first Orange Lodge was not formed on the 21st of September 1795, in Mr Sloan's house on that occasion. It was not formed on the small portion of ground called the Diamond, nor on the green field, which is a green slope at the Diamond. The Loyalists who won the battle were too anxious about what the Defenders might do next – whether they would continue their retreat or renew the conflict – to meet on the Diamond, then covered with the wreck of Dan Winter's house and household goods, or to unite on the green slope. They had no idea what form their society would take, or by what name it would be called, till they consulted together, and employed means to consult their neighbours...At the meeting in Mr. James Sloan's, after the Battle of the Diamond, there was no Orange Lodge formed; there were no warrants issued".



MS 26 / M / 34

Newspaper cutting regarding the warrants of the Orange Order.

MS 26 / M / 35-41 n.d.

The rest of the introduction.

MS 26 / M / 42 n.d.

Only shows the words Chapter One which implies this was to be at the beginning of a book.



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MS 26 / N / 1-19 Chapters in the History of Orangeism

Summary:

Seventeen handwritten pages, two of which are written on both sides. Two extracts from Richard Lilburn's *Chapters in the History of Orangeism* – a history of the Orange Order published in the *Belfast Weekly News* – are copied. They discuss 'The Conflict of Lisnagaed' and 'The Battle of the Diamond' and Gibson's own annotations and comments are included. Also included are notes from Philip Harwood's *History of the Irish Rebellion of 1798* (1844), notices from the *Belfast Newsletter* and the *Northern Star* in 1795, and a two-page miscellaneous list of lodges, names, and references.

MS 26 / N / 1-5	n.d.	The opening pages discuss when the Orange Order began and claim William of Orange as a freemason.
MS 26 / N / 6	n.d.	Claims the first record of the rules of the Orange Order was found in Lisbellaw in 1797 and is expressed in a series of resolutions.
MS 26 / N / 7	History of the Irish Rebellion 1845	<i>History of the Irish Rebellion</i> by Philip Harwood, describes "atrocious" acts against Catholics and how the perpetrators either escaped justice or had a light punishment.
MS 26 / N / 8	History of the Irish Rebellion n.d.	A list of some of the contents and page numbers.
MS 26 / N / 9	Belfast Newsletter, 18 / 09 / 1795	A notice about the murder of John Bell. James Lenaghan, John Carlin, and James Burn have escaped, and a reward is being offered by Hugh Hamilton for help in bringing them to trial.
MS 26 / N / 10	24 / 09 / 1795	A notice that William Donaldson was murdered by Patrick Beatty and Thomas McNeight. Lord Londonderry will pay anyone who brings McNeight to a gaol a reward.
MS 26 / N / 11-16	n.d.	Chapters on the History of Orangeism, the Battle of the Diamond.
MS 26 / N / 17	21 / 09 / 19	A notice that the Lord Private has appointed James Verner as Gamekeeper of his manors and estates in Ireland.



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MS 26 / O / 1-20 'Newspaper Cuttings'

Summary:

Original newspaper clippings from the *Belfast Newsletter* relating to the origins and history of the White Linen Hall building. The articles discuss the Industrial Exhibition of 1895, the foundation stone laid in 1783 and the significance of the word 'Orange' attached to Lodge No. 257 of Belfast – the Orange Society was not formed until 1795 in Co. Armagh.

MS 26 / O / 1	Northern Whig, 11 / 2 / 1895	A newspaper cutting of The Industrial Exhibition in The White Linen Hall.
MS 26 / O / 2	Northern Whig, 11 / 04 / 1895	A newspaper cutting with details about an exhibition at the Linen Hall.
MS 26 / O / 3	Northern Whig, n.d.	A responder, Belfastiensis, to the articles on the exhibition claiming John Brown, master of the Orange Lodge, N°257, laid the foundation. A second responder, Lux, says Orange Lodge, N°257, was a Masonic Lodge and had nothing to do with the Orange order.
MS 26 / O / 4	Northern Whig, 22 / 04 / 1895	Another cutting agreeing with Lux that the Orange Lodge, N°257, was a masonic lodge and explaining why Benn and others believed otherwise.
MS 26 / O / 5	Northern Whig, 26 / 04 / 1895	Another cutting by Lux with further evidence that Orange Lodge, N°257, was only masonic.
MS 26 / O / 6	Belfast Newsletter, 07 / 12 / 1896	A letter from Belfastiensis, describing charity sermons and details about John Snetzler, the organ maker.
MS 26 / O / 7-9	Belfast Newsletter, 05 / 02 / 1896	Cuttings of reports about the discovery of the discovery of the foundation stone. The first cutting states that the Ulster Volunteers are claiming success in separating Ireland from British rule. It goes on to claim, this would have been a very bad thing. Another contains a transcription of the resolutions of the Ulster Volunteers.
MS 26 / O / 10	Evening Telegraph, 06 / 02 / 1896	A reduced facsimile of the inscription on the copper plate discovered in the foundation stone of the White Linen Hall.

- MS 26 / O / 11** Belfast Newsletter, 06 / 02 / 1896 A cutting with a description of the annual reunion of Clifford Temperance Lodge.
- MS 26 / O / 12** Belfast Newsletter, 07 / 02 / 1896 Another cutting with letters from Belfastiensis and Ad Absurdum about the foundation stone of the linen
- MS 26 / O / 13** Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 02 / 1896 A cutting of another letter from Andrew Gibson confirming the Orange Lodge in Belfast was a masonic one.
- MS 26 / O / 14** Northern Whig, 08 / 02 / 1896 A letter from A. G. Lecky commenting that Dr. Killen and a historian, also called Lecky, claim 1795 as the year the Orange society was formed. The editor's note says the Orange Lodge was "evidently a Masonic one".
- MS 26 / O / 15** Evening Telegraph 08 / 02 / 1896 A cutting explaining the debate around the date when Orangeism started. There is also a cutting describing the clock from the Linen Hall Library.
- MS 26 / O / 16** Northern Whig, 10 / 02 / 1896 A letter sharing a report that there were new shillings buried with the foundation stone, highlighting that these of not been discovered when the stone was uncovered.
- MS 26 / O / 17** Belfast Newsletter, 11 / 02 / 1896 Another cutting explaining Orange Lodge, N°257, was a Masonic lodge.
- MS 26 / O / 18** Belfast Newsletter, 11 / 02 / 1896 A cutting of a letter from Belfastiensis, pointing out that the original document mentioned freemasonry but had been edited. Furthermore, the Robert Neill clock should be saved.
- MS 26 / O / 19** Evening Telegraph 11 / 02 / 1896 A cutting showing a sketch of Amyas Griffith, a master of the Linen Hall.
- MS 26 / O / 20** Evening Telegraph 13 / 02 / 1896 Further letters about the debate regarding whether the Orange Lodge was Masonic.



MS 26 / P / 1-30 'White Linen Hall, 1782'

Summary:

A collection of handwritten notices copied from the *Belfast Newsletter*, stapled together, and entitled 'White Linen Hall, 1782'. The articles include letters and accounts of meetings discussing various matters relating to the linen trade in Ulster. Issues discussed include the establishment of a white linen market in Belfast and the construction of the Lagan Navigation Canal.

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| MS 26 / P / 1 | Belfast Newsletter,
23 / 07 / 1782 | An account of a public meeting held in Lisburn, Belfast and surrounding country, to protest the new Linen Act oath. "It was the unanimous opinion of the said linen drapers, that the aforesaid oath is highly oppressive, vexatious and objectionable, and appears evidently calculated to preclude the fair and conscientious dealer from continuing in a branch of business shackled with such rigorous and unprecedented restrictions". |
| MS 26 / P / 2-4 | Belfast Newsletter,
06 / 08 / 1782 | An account of a general meeting of the linen drapers of the North of Ireland, held at Armagh, resolving to not buy any more brown linen, until reliable assurances are given. |
| MS 26 / P / 5-7 | Belfast Newsletter,
06 / 08 / 1782 | An account of a linen drapers' meeting including their resolutions not to sign the new Linen Act oath or buy brown linen. |
| MS 26 / P / 8 | Belfast Newsletter,
13 / 08 / 1782 | A notice that the Linen Drapers have received support from the Linen Board |
| MS 26 / P / 9-11 | Belfast Newsletter,
16 / 08 / 1782 | To the linen drapers of the Province of Ulster, from a linen draper in Waringstown, concerning the establishment of a white linen market in either Newry or Belfast. |
| MS 26 / P / 12-13 | Belfast Newsletter,
20 / 08 / 1782 | The resolutions of the meeting of the Linen Drapers of the towns and neighbourhoods of Ballymena, Antrim, Randalstown, Portglenone and Larne. These include working with the county inspector in the execution of his office. |

MS 26 / P / 14	Belfast Newsletter, 08 / 11 / 1782	This refers to a proposal to build a linen hall in Belfast and is a request by George Black, Sovereign of Belfast, for a meeting of the principal inhabitants of the town. "To take into consideration the most effectual method of carrying the scheme in execution".
MS 26 / P / 15	Belfast Newsletter, 12 / 11 / 1782	A letter from the meeting of the Linen Drapers of Newry requesting that the delegates from each county consider the propriety of opening a White Linen Market and the best place to do so.
MS 26 / P / 16-19	Belfast Newsletter, 15 / 11 / 1792	A meeting at which the decision to establish a White Linen Hall in Belfast, by the Linen Drapers and other principal inhabitants of the town, was taken. A comprehensive list of subscribers and the amount raised, £13,850, is included.
MS 26 / P / 20-23	Belfast Newsletter, 19 / 11 / 1782	An account of a meeting held at Newry, at which the relevant parties state the case for the linen trade in Newry, particularly a linen market at Newry, as no other place has the same advantages.
MS 26 / P / 24	Belfast Newsletter, 22 / 11 / 1782	A reply to the above, by Richard Owen, stating that he hopes to have a canal from Belfast to Lough Neagh, in three or four years.
MS 26 / P / 25-27	No Source Given 23 / 11 / 1782	At a meeting of the Marine Society consisting of thirty-six masters of ships, several resolutions were passed,. The first resolution states, "the harbour of Belfast is by much the safest and best of any on the East Coast of Ireland". The reasons: because the rest are bar-harbours and Belfast is not; the lighthouse; its record of never having lost a ship with a linen cargo; and because ships of war can rendezvous in safety.
MS 26 / P / 28	Belfast Newsletter, 22 / 11 / 1782	A public notice of a meeting of the Linen Drapers of Lurgan and their resolutions. A wish to remedy the trade, regarding law reform and those in the linen trade should make any decisions about the new linen hall.

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| MS 26 / P / 29 | Belfast Newsletter,
26 / 11 / 1782 | A list of subscriptions for the building of the new Linen
Hall. |
| MS 26 / P / 30 | Belfast Newsletter,
29 / 11 / 1782 | A list of subscriptions for the building of the new Linen
Hall. |



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MS 26 / Q / 1-2 'Chapter I: Introductory, Orange and Masonic'

Summary:

The introduction of revised proofs for a privately printed and distributed pamphlet that Andrew Gibson was preparing relating to the Orange and Masonic institutions.

MS 26 / Q / 1-2 n.d.

These handwritten notices appear to be revised proofs of 'Chapter I: Introductory, Orange and Masonic' to a publication that Gibson was preparing relating to the Orange and Masonic institutions. It contains annotated newspaper clippings discussing previous work by Richard Lilburn and Andrew Gibson on the topic, and which also reference related letters in the Belfast Newsletter and Belfast Evening Telegraph.



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MS 26 / R / 1-14 'Chapter II, 1781'

Summary:

Handwritten revised proofs of 'Chapter II, 1781' to what appears to be a publication that Gibson was preparing relating to the Orange and Masonic institutions. Discusses earliest mentions of freemasonry in Belfast in local newspapers at the time and also the significance of the Festival of St. John celebrations on 24th June and 27th December. Refers to other publications including *Masonic Facts and Fictions* (1887) by Henry Sadler and *Caementaria Hibernica* (1895) by W.J. Chetwode Crawley. Contains annotated newspaper clippings relating Masonic activity in Belfast during the late eighteenth century, especially to the Freemason Orange Lodge of Belfast, N°257.

MS 26 / R / 1 n.d. First page is entitled Chapter II, 1781. These are mostly handwritten revised proofs culled from newspaper accounts of Masonic activity in Belfast, in the late eighteenth century.

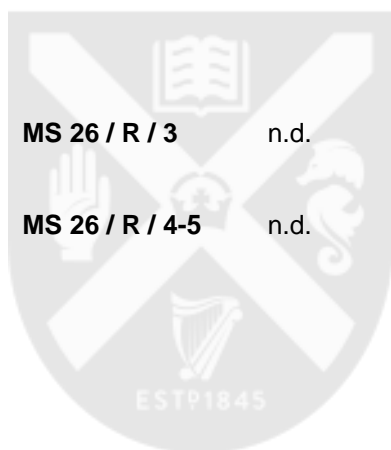
MS 26 / R / 2 n.d. "Our great end now being to unfold the details of Freemasonry in Belfast and to prove matters to the fullest extent that is possible with us"

MS 26 / R / 3 n.d. Page of the book.

MS 26 / R / 4-5 n.d. However, "the earliest date to begin with is, of course, September 1780, which marks the resuscitation of the Belfast Freemason Orange Lodge, N°257, according to the dedication in *Ahiman Rezon*". There is then a list of sources principally newspapers, and a short history of these newspapers.

MS 26 / R / 6-11 n.d. Extracts from various sources around the beginning of masonry in Ireland. "The first newspaper record of Freemasonry in Belfast that we meet with after 1780, it is in the *Belfast Newsletter* of 4th – 8th May 1781. It is in the form of an advertisement.

MS 26 / R / 12-14 n.d. The significance of St John's day, as there are three saints of that name, St. John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist, and St. John the Almoner. The holy days of St. John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist are on the 24th of June and the 27th December respectively.



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MS 26 / S / 1-23 'Chapter III, 1782'

Summary:

Handwritten revised proofs of 'Chapter III, to be a publication that Gibson was preparing relating to the Orange and Masonic institutions. Contains annotated newspaper clippings of Masonic activity in Belfast during the late eighteenth century, as well as references to other sources – for example, George Benn's *History of the Town of Belfast* (1877), Joy's 'Historical Notices' and Henry Sadler's *Masonic Facts and Fictions* (1887).

MS 26 / S / 1	n.d.	First page is entitled "Chapter III, 1782", planned to be a publication that Gibson was preparing relating to the Orange and Masonic institutions.
MS 26 / S / 2	n.d.	Discussing when Orange Lodge no. 257 was entered into the <i>Ahiman Rezon</i> .
MS 26 / S / 3-7	n.d.	Tracing the name of Garnet.
MS 26 / S / 8-9	n.d.	Discussion around the performance of <i>The Battle of Aughrim</i> in 1782.
MS 26 / S / 10-13	n.d.	Publication notice and discussion of the Ahiman Rezon which will include a list of the members of the Orange Lodge and a list of the Lodges in Belfast.
MS 26 / S / 14-15	n.d.	List of toasts given in the Orange Lodge n°257.
MS 26 / S / 16	n.d.	"Regarding Laurence Dermott, the Dublin-born house painter, faithful Freemason, and famous author, in <i>A Lexicon of Freemasonry</i> , "He was at first the Grand Secretary and afterwards the Deputy Grand Master of that body of Masons who, in 1739, seceded from the Grand Lodge of England, called themselves 'Ancient York Masons, stigmatizing the regular Masons as moderns'".
MS 26 / S / 17	n.d.	National Dictionary of Biography of Laurence Dermott (1720 – 1791), author of <i>Ahiman Rezon</i> , a title from the Hebrew, meaning literally, "the law of chosen brothers".

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| MS 26 / S / 18 | n.d. | Notice of a meeting of the Orange Lodge of Belfast, N°257. |
| MS 26 / S / 19 | n.d. | Cutting from a book by Joy about a meeting of the Orange Lodge in July 1782 and a copy of a notice in the Belfast Newsletter thanking Reverend James Bryan. |
| MS 26 / S / 20 | n.d. | Cutting from a book with a Mason song that was supposedly sung in the meeting in December 1781. |
| MS 26 / S / 21-23 | n.d. | Only two years after the revival of the Orange Lodge of Belfast, it hosted a dinner which illustrated "the commanding position of Freemasonry in Belfast. The guest-list is the best clue, it included the Earl of Antrim, the Earl of Hillsborough and the soon to be Baron O'Neill. |



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MS 26 / T / 1-21 'Chapter IV, 1783'

Summary:

Handwritten revised proofs of 'Chapter IV, 1783' to what appears to be a privately printed and distributed pamphlet that Gibson was preparing relating to the Orange and Masonic institutions. Annotated newspaper clippings of Masonic activity in Belfast during the late eighteenth century are included. Particularly from the *Belfast NewsLetter* as 'no other newspaper was published in Belfast at the time in question'. Also included, is an account of the laying of the Foundation Stone of the Belfast White Linen Hall, quotes from Benn's 'History of the Town of Belfast', and a biographical sketch of John Brown, Sovereign of Belfast.

MS 26 / T / 1	n.d.	First page is entitled "Chapter IV, 1783", planned to be a publication that Gibson was preparing relating to the Orange and Masonic institutions.
MS 26 / T / 2-7	n.d.	Cuttings and discussion relating to the placement of the foundation stone for the White Linen Hall.
MS 26 / T / 8-9	n.d.	A description of Benn's remarks on John Brown, taken from his <i>History of the Town of Belfast</i> , Chapter VIII.
MS 26 / T / 10	n.d.	Commentary on Benn's remarks on Brown: "It would 'puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer' to make out the meaning of Benn's remarks with regard to the "Romance of the Aristocracy" and the "Romance of the Poor-house".
MS 26 / T / 11	Belfast Newsletter, n.d.	An account of the death of Joseph Clotworthy, high Priest of Lodge, N°272.
MS 26 / T / 12-13	n.d.	Cutting and discussion of the organist, Michael Thompson.
MS 26 / T / 14	Belfast Newsletter, 02 / 09 / 1783	A description of the funeral of Allen Searson of Orange Lodge of Belfast, N°257.
MS 26 / T / 15-16	n.d.	A response that was published in the Freemasons Chronicle complaining Lodges had not been named in order or seniority and commentary by the author.

MS 26 / T / 17-19	12 / 10 / 1783	Affidavit from Orange Lodge, N°272, describing the circumstances which have led to the expulsion of Patrick Whelan.
MS 26 / T / 20	n.d.	Death Notice of Captain John Fitzpatrick.
MS 26 / T / 21	27 / 11 / 1783	Notice that Lodge, N°609, will be dining at James Faulkner's.



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MS 26 / U / 1-23 'Chapter V, 1784'

Summary:

First page is entitled Chapter V, 1784. These are mostly handwritten revised proofs culled from newspaper accounts of Masonic activity in Belfast, in the late eighteenth century. Perhaps noteworthy for the range of activities partaken, and the names of those mentioned.

MS 26 / U / 1	n.d.	First page is entitled "Chapter V, 1784", planned to be a publication that Gibson was preparing relating to the Orange and Masonic institutions.
MS 26 / U / 2-3	06 / 02 / 1784	Submission of poem by John Barron, to Mr Tisdall for his paper.
MS 26 / U / 4	13 / 02 / 1784	Notice of a meeting of St. Patrick's Lodge, N°587. James Bryson will be giving the sermon.
MS 26 / U / 5	Joy's Historical Collection, p.282 30 / 03 / 1784	A tale of two Turks, father, and son, who had been taken prisoner by the Spaniards, whilst trying to relieve Gibraltar, who then escaped to Scotland, and were now in Belfast. They visited the Orange Lodge and were given money to enable them to return to Constantinople.
MS 26 / U / 6	07 / 05 / 1784	Playbill for performance of the tragedy of Cato for the members of the Orange Lodge, N°257.
MS 26 / U / 7	07 / 05 / 1784	Praise for the Orange Lodge for putting on The Tragedy of Cato, which inspires patriotism.
MS 26 / U / 8-9	11 / 05 / 1784	Praise for the performance of the tragedy of Cato for the members of the Orange Lodge, N°257.
MS 26 / U / 10	18 / 06 / 1784	Plan for a meeting of the Orange Lodge, N°257, on the 24 th of June.
MS 26 / U / 11-12	18 / 06 / 1784	Description of St John's Day for Orange Lodge, N°257, including the hymn and anthem which will be performed by Doctor Thomson.

MS 26 / U / 13	22 / 06 / 1784	Description of a notice which describes the celebration of the 24 th of June 1784 and who attended.
MS 26 / U / 14-15	23 / 06 / 1784	Description of a meeting of the Orange Lodge, N°257. This included a sermon from Rev. Matthew Garnet, Dr Thomson on the organ, and money raised for the poor- house.
MS 26 / U / 16	Belfast Newsletter, 11 / 02 / ??	A letter from S. L. Lewis regarding the lodges which took part in the laying of the foundation stone of the White Linen Hall.
MS 26 / U / 17	Belfast Mercury, 03 / 09 / 1784	The death notice of James Lewis of Orange Lodge, N°257.
MS 26 / U / 18	Belfast Newsletter, 31 / 08 / 1784	Same death notice as MS26 / U / 17.
MS 26 / U / 19	Belfast Newsletter, 03 / 09 / 1784	A notice that St. Patrick's Lodge, N°587, attended James Lewis' funeral. Lodge, N°621, also attended.
MS 26 / U / 20	Benn's History of the Town of Belfast, p.728, n.d.	A biography of James Lewis.

MS 26 / V / 1-26 'Freemasonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783?'

Summary:

First page is entitled 'Freemasonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783?' Pages have been printed, probably for private circulation only, by the author Andrew Gibson, at the office of the *Belfast NewsLetter* in 1896. However, this material is now to be used as the basis for an enlarged book or pamphlet, using additional information.

MS 26 / V / 1	n.d.	Freemasonry of Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783. On the reverse is a print of the Belfast White Linen Hall.
MS 26 / V / 2	n.d.	Handwritten title page: An Answer to the Question whether it was Freemasonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783. Three letters with Additional Information and an appendix by Andrew Gibson.
MS 26 / V / 3	n.d.	Cancelled is handwritten across a printed version of the title page, handwritten in the top left corner is Proof. Lavens M. Ewart Esq.
MS 26 / V / 4	n.d.	Scan of preface to the book with corrections.
MS 26 / V / 5	n.d.	Contents page, listing the dates of Andrew Gibson's three letters, the eighth and eleventh of February to the <i>Belfast Newsletter</i> and the thirteenth of February to the <i>Belfast Evening Telegraph</i> in 1896.
MS 26 / V / 6-8	08 / 02 / 1896	Typed copy of the first letter from the <i>Belfast Newsletter</i> , dated 8 th February 1896 with pencil corrections.
MS 26 / V / 9-11	11 / 02 / 1896	Typed copy of the second letter from the <i>Belfast Newsletter</i> , dated 11 th February 1896 with pencil corrections.
MS 26 / V / 12	13 / 02 / 1896	Typed copy of the third letter from the <i>Belfast Evening Telegraph</i> , dated 13 th February 1896 with pencil corrections.

MS 26 / V / 13	n.d.	A typed list of the members of Lodge, N°257, extracted from the books of the Grand Lodge with corrections.
MS 26 / V / 14	n.d.	Explanatory note advising that since people wanted the three letters reprinted, he has done so with a chapter of additional information.
MS 26 / V / 15	n.d.	Picture of Amyas Griffith Esq, past master, and Captain General of Orange Lodge of Freemasons.
MS 26 / V / 16–26	n.d.	The chapter of additional information. This includes newspaper cuttings, annotations, and commentary.



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MS 26 / W / 1-12 'Freemasonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783?'

Summary:

First page is entitled 'Freemasonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783?' this is essentially what has already appeared, although they are corrected pages, not proofs, and refers only to the information gathered apart from the three letters.

MS 26 / W / 1-12 n.d.

First page is entitled, "Freemasonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783". This is essentially what appeared in MS26 / V / 1-26, although these are corrected printed pages, not proofs, and refers only to the three letters.



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MS 26 / X / 1-10 'Freemasonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783?'

Summary:

First page is entitled 'Freemasonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783?' this is essentially what has already appeared, although they are corrected pages, not proofs, and refers only to the information gathered apart from the three letters. If MS26 / W / 1-12 and MS26 / X / 1-10 were collated together, one would probably have the corrected printed version of MS26 / V / 1-26. Page one has handwritten upon it, 'incomplete'.

MS 26 / X / 1-10 n.d.

First page is entitled, "Freemasonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783?" This is essentially, what has already appeared although they are corrected pages, not proofs, and refers only to the information gathered apart from the three letters. If MS26/W/1-12 and MS26/X/1-10 were collated together, one would probably have the revised printed version of MS23/V/1-26. Page, one has handwritten upon it, "incomplete".



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MS 26 / Y / 1-5 'Freemasonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783?'

Summary:

A few pages, some handwritten, some printed, all relating to Belfast Freemasonry in the late eighteenth century, probably proofs for the pamphlet, 'Free-masonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783?'

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| MS 26 / Y / 1 | n.d. | A covering page stating, 'Anthems et cetera as performed in Hillsborough Church. The music composed by Michael Thompson and others. The included pages are probably proofs for the pamphlet, "Free-masonry or Orangeism in Belfast in the year 1783?" |
| MS 26 / Y / 2 | n.d. | An Anthem composed for the Benefit of the Poor and performed by Michael Thompson. |
| MS 26 / Y / 3 | n.d. | Manuscript of pages deposited in the foundation stone of the Linen Hall. |
| MS 26 / Y / 4 | n.d. | The typed version of the manuscript pages deposited in the foundation stone of the Linen Hall. The two halves are in the wrong order. |
| MS 26 / Y / 5 | 28 / 04 / 1783 | A pencil version of the manuscript of pages deposited in the foundation stone of the Linen Hall. |



MS 26 / Z / 1-10 Miscellaneous

Summary:

A collection of ten miscellaneous handwritten pages, with reference to Freemasonry.

MS 26 / Z / 1	n.d.	A list of sources relating to Freemasonry?
MS 26 / Z / 2	n.d.	A list of sources for the constitutions and regulations of Freemasons?
MS 26 / Z / 3	n.d.	A list of sources for the constitutions and regulations of Freemasons?
MS 26 / Z / 4	n.d.	A list of sources for the constitutions and regulations of Freemasons?
MS 26 / Z / 5	n.d.	A list of books on Freemasonry located in the British Museum?
MS 26 / Z / 6	n.d.	A list of books on Freemasonry located in the British Museum?
MS 26 / Z / 7	n.d.	A comparison between the <i>Ahiman Rezon</i> (<i>Constitution of the Ancients</i>), published by Dermott in 1756, and <i>Irish Constitutions</i> published by Spratt in 1751
MS 26 / Z / 8	n.d.	A description of the importance of June 24 and December 27 in the Masonic Calander.
MS 26 / Z / 9	n.d.	A description of the <i>Ahiman Rezon</i>
MS 26 / Z / 10	n.d.	A description of the <i>Ahiman Rezon</i>



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MS 26 / AA / 1-54 'Collectors'

Summary:

A folder entitled 'Collectors' and containing fifty-four pages with music collector's addresses. These relate mainly to 'The Ballad Company', in Arthur Lane, Belfast, and to W.K. Gibson, Solicitor, the son of Andrew Gibson.

MS 26 / AA / 1-3	n.d.	Music collectors' addresses (London)
MS 26 / AA / 4	n.d.	Music collectors' addresses (Glasgow and Edinburgh)
MS 26 / AA / 5	n.d.	Music collectors' addresses (Liverpool)
MS 26 / AA / 6	n.d.	Music collectors' addresses (Birmingham)
MS 26 / AA / 7	n.d.	Music collectors' addresses (Leeds)
MS 26 / AA / 8	n.d.	Music collectors' addresses (Wolverhampton)
MS 26 / AA / 9	n.d.	Music collectors' addresses (Bradford)
MS 26 / AA / 10	n.d.	Music collectors' addresses (London)
MS 26 / AA / 11-36	May 1928	Letters to music collectors, which would have been sent along with six publications.
MS 26 / AA / 37-38	16 / 05 / 1928	A letter from the Music Trades Review, and a detailed list of collecting houses for London and the provinces and Scotland.
MS 26 / AA / 39-45	May 1928	Letters to music collectors, which would have been sent along with six publications.
MS 26 / AA / 46-49	n.d.	Lists of music collectors.
MS 26 / AA / 50	16 / 05 / 1928	Letter to music collectors, which would have been sent along with six publications.

MS 26 / AA / 51	15 / 05 / 1928	Letter from Music Trades Review saying that The Ballad Company's list of music trade collecting houses is almost complete for London and they will send another letter with a list of collecting houses in Scotland.
MS 26 / AA / 52	10 / 05 / 1928	Letter from The Ballad Company asking for list of music collectors in England and Scotland.
MS 26 / AA / 53	n.d.	List of addresses relating to music collectors.
MS 26 / AA / 54	16 / 05 / 1928	Letter asking for list of collecting houses in Scotland.



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MS 26 / AB / 1-42 'Mail Check'

Summary:

A folder entitled 'Mail Check' and containing forty-two letters relating to the business of The Ballad Company. In essence, reminders to clients.

MS 26 / AB / 1	11 / 05 / 1928	Letter from Charles Tate to say they received four ballads from The Ballad Company.
MS 26 / AB / 2	12 / 05 / 1928	Letter from A. E. Hider to the Ballad Company asking if the works sent were samples or if the company requires payment.
MS 26 / AB / 3	10 / 05 / 1928	Letter from The Ballad Company to T. Harper (Pianos) Ltd . asking whether they received the free copies of their publications.
MS 26 / AB / 4	17 / 05 / 1928	Reply saying songs were received from The Ballad Company.
MS 26 / AB / 5	17 / 05 / 1928	Reply saying songs were received from The Ballad Company by Bishops.
MS 26 / AB / 6	14 / 05 / 1928	Reply saying songs were received from The Ballad Company by Pianos but there is little interest.
MS 26 / AB / 7	14 / 05 / 1928	Reply saying songs were received from The Ballad Company by Orpheus, but they will not be making an order.
MS 26 / AB / 8	11 / 05 / 1928	Reply saying songs were received from The Ballad Company by John Trapp but, they will not be making an order.
MS 26 / AB / 9	14 / 05 / 1928	Reply saying songs were received from The Ballad Company by Hubert S James.
MS 26 / AB / 10	15 / 05 / 1928	Letter from The Ballad Company to A. E Hilder asking the songs to be given a chance to succeed or fail on their own merit.

Letters to various companies asking if music was received with pencil annotations recording their replies.



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MS 26 / AC / 1-24 'Attention'

Summary:

A folder entitled 'Attention' and containing twenty-four letters, relating to the business of The Ballad Company. In essence, reminders to clients, perhaps of a more urgent nature.

MS 26 / AC / 1	22 / 05 / 1928	Letter to Scottish Music Merchants Association chasing a list of music houses in Scotland.
MS 26 / AC / 2	22 / 05 / 1928	Letter from Flo. Wright asking who implied they would want the music.
MS 26 / AC / 3	23 / 05 / 1928	Letter to Mr. Gibson.
MS 26 / AC / 4	22 / 05 / 1928	Letter saying, they do not require further music as they have virtually retired from the profession.
MS 26 / AC / 5	21 / 05 / 1928	Letter from J. D. Markey with thanks for the orchestrations of <i>Twin Soul</i> and <i>Our Royal Gentleman</i> .
MS 26 / AC / 6	21 / 05 / 1928	Letter to Miss Harris asking her to confirm all songs she has received.
MS 26 / AC / 7	21 / 05 / 1928	Letter to Martin Lynas with complimentary copies and a plan to have a single person sell the music at the racecourse by giving him further complimentary copies.
MS 26 / AC / 8	21 / 05 / 1928	Letter from Society of Authors referring to a membership form.
MS 26 / AC / 9	21 / 05 / 1928	Letter saying Miss Harris has introduced a song to her friends and will introduce more if they are sent to her.
MS 26 / AC / 10	09 / 05 / 1928	Letter to Henry, Taylor, and Sons regarding orders.
MS 26 / AC / 11	21 / 05 / 1928	Letter from Percy Hollyman saying that although the four songs sent are in stock, there has been no demand for them.
MS 26 / AC / 12	15 / 05 / 1928	Letter to Miss Barbara Watts enquiring about Mr. Platt.

MS 26 / AC / 13	16 / 05 / 1928	Letter asking for a response regarding <i>Afterglow</i> and <i>Home</i> and requesting alteration slip of <i>Royal Gentleman</i> .
MS 26 / AC / 14	16 / 05 / 1928	Letter applying to join The Authors Society, originally sent with six songs published under the penname, William Kaye.
MS 26 / AC / 15	09 / 05 / 1928	Letter to Mr. Charles Platt seeking response.
MS 26 / AC / 16	19 / 05 / 1928	Receipt for Mr. Gibson from Musical Opinion.
MS 26 / AC / 17	n.d.	Notes about deposits.
MS 26 / AC / 18	22 / 05 / 1928	Letter asking for particulars of <i>The Federation of British Music Industries</i> .
MS 26 / AC / 19	22 / 05 / 1928	Further letter to Charles Platt, stating there has been no reply or explanation from Mr. Platt or Miss Watts.
MS 26 / AC / 20	22 / 05 / 1928	Reply to letter of Flo Wright (Item 2) saying her name was found in the <i>Stage</i> or <i>Era</i> .
MS 26 / AC / 21	23 / 05 / 1928	Letter to D. T. Davies regarding a conversation with Godfreys and hoping his Gramophone Proposition is going well.
MS 26 / AC / 22	22 / 05 / 1928	Further letter to Miss Watts asking why neither she nor Charles Platt has responded.
MS 26 / AC / 23	23 / 05 / 1928	An unsent letter to Charles Platt, which refers to his ill health and queries whether there is a boycott in the trade. Mr. Gibson threatens to use other channels if such a boycott exists.
MS 26 / AC / 24	18 / 05 / 1928	Letter from Honeywells saying they have not received anything.

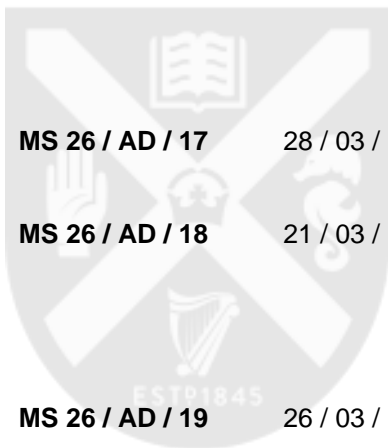
MS 26 / AD / 1-27 'General'

Summary:

A folder entitled 'General' and containing twenty-seven letters, relating to the business of The Ballad Company. Mostly clients canvassing The Ballad Company's view upon their songs.

MS 26 / AD / 1-2	16 / 04 / 1928	Letter to Lawrence Martin, thanking him for criticism of his music.
MS 26 / AD / 3	19 / 04 / 1928	Letter to Walton Abbott, thanking him for praise of his music.
MS 26 / AD / 4	23 / 03 / 1928	Bill for transposing <i>Sweet Ophelia</i> and <i>Lover Lad</i> and a letter requesting the 1927 and 1928 musical directory.
MS 26 / AD / 5	20 / 03 / 1928	Letter to C.W. and F.N Black thanking them and expressing a wish to add orchestration to the lyrics.
MS 26 / AD / 6	13 / 03 / 1928	Letter to Hubert Brown trying to arrange a meeting and saying they can be of practical advantage to one another.
MS 26 / AD / 7	23 / 03 / 1928	Further letter to Hubert Brown, sent after receiving no reply from his letter of 13 / 03 / 1928 (Item 6).
MS 26 / AD / 8	23 / 03 / 1928	Further letter to C.W. and F.N. Black, sent after receiving no reply to previous letter.
MS 26 / AD / 9	15 / 03 / 1928	A letter from Barbara Watts saying she has contacted Mr. Thorpe Bates as suggested by Mr. Platt but has had no response.
MS 26 / AD / 10	26 / 03 / 1928	A letter to Hubert Brown in response to his letter of the 24 March speaking of praise received for his lyrics.
MS 26 / AD / 11	28 / 03 / 1928	A letter to C.W. Black and F.N. Black thanking them for their assistance.

MS 26 / AD / 12	26 / 03 / 1928	A letter to Dr. Orlando Mansfield, sending two additional songs.
MS 26 / AD / 13	27 / 03 / 1928	Letter to D. T. Davies thanking him for his comments, offering him further samples and discussing <i>Afterglow</i> .
MS 26 / AD / 14	27 / 03 / 1928	Letter to Brabazon Lowther thanking him for his letter and saying that he may view other songs for publication.
MS 26 / AD / 15	27 / 03 / 1928	Letter from G.W Black and F.N Black stating they are awaiting an expert's opinion on the orchestration of the six songs.
MS 26 / AD / 16	28 / 03 / 1928	Letter to Barbara Watts, saying that she should not contact Mr. Thorpe Bates again and there has been much praise of the music.
MS 26 / AD / 17	28 / 03 / 1928	Letter from Orlando A. Mansfield regarding the pieces.
MS 26 / AD / 18	21 / 03 / 1928	Letter from Thorpe Bates to Barbara Watts, advising he will look at published copies of the songs and advise if they are suitable.
MS 26 / AD / 19	26 / 03 / 1928	Letter from Barbara Watts asking how she should respond to the letter from Thorpe Bates (item 18).
MS 26 / AD / 20	29 / 03 / 1928	Letter to Orlando A. Mansfield paying for further critiques and asking the fee for music to a song.
MS 26 / AD / 21	29 / 03 / 1928	Letter to Barbara Watts, advising Thorpe Bates will have received copies also thanking her fir the setting to <i>A Night in June</i> .
MS 26 / AD / 22	02 / 04 / 1928	Letter to D. T. Davies thanking him for his criticism.
MS 26 / AD / 23	02 / 04 / 1928	Letter to Orlando A Mansfield, saying, "Personally, I do not know one note of music from another" and asking the cost for Dr. Mansfield to revise the setting.



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MS 26 / AD / 24	08 / 04 / 1928	Letter from Barbara Watts, saying she has forwarded music to Thorpe Bates and attached her setting of <i>A Night in June</i> .
MS 26 / AD / 25	13 / 04 / 1928	Letter to Barbara Watts thanking her for letter (item 24).
MS 26 / AD / 26-27	24 / 04 / 1928	Letter to D.T. Davies looking for agencies.



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MS 26 / AE / 1-31 'Amalgamated'

Summary:

A folder entitled 'Amalgamated Publicity' and containing thirty-one letters, including cheques and telegrams, relating to the business of The Ballad Company. This is mainly correspondence relating to the sale of copies of songs.

MS 26 / AE / 1	23 / 02 / 1928	Letter from Amalgamated Personal Services, concerning the alteration of <i>Royal Gentleman</i> .
MS 26 / AE / 2	28 / 02 / 1928	Bill from Amalgamated Personal Services, concerning the alteration of <i>Royal Gentleman</i> .
MS 26 / AE / 3	08 / 03 / 1928	Letter to Amalgamated Personal Services, sending cheque for Hawker & Sons.
MS 26 / AE / 4-5	10 / 03 / 1928	Reply from Amalgamated Personal Services.
MS 26 / AE / 6	18 / 03 / 1928	Further letter to Amalgamated Personal Services.
MS 26 / AE / 7	14 / 03 / 1928	Note from Gibson asking for confirmation that Hawker have returned plates, etc.
MS 26 / AE / 8-9	14 / 03 / 1928	Letter to Amalgamated Personal Services asking them to send out copies. It also mentions plan to send copies out to towns rather than districts.
MS 26 / AE / 10	14 / 03 / 1928	Telegram from Malpubser, saying that plates are now in their possession.
MS 26 / AE / 11	15 / 03 / 1928	Telegram from Malpubser.
MS 26 / AE / 12	15 / 03 / 1928	Gibson confirms letter to go "With A-F only not to basses and baritones".
MS 26 / AE / 13	15 / 03 / 1928	Letter to Amalgamated Personal Services, regarding sending out songs before weekend.
MS 26 / AE / 14	15 / 03 / 1928	Telegram with same message as item 13.

MS 26 / AE / 15	19 / 03 / 1928	Letter to Malpubser asking if items were sent to the collecting houses?
MS 26 / AE / 16	19 / 03 / 1928	Telegram from Malpubser, saying items were sent as instructed.
MS 26 / AE / 17-18	19 / 03 / 1928	Letter from Amalgamated Publicity Services advising they now have the plates from Hawkes and confirming telegrams between themselves and Gibson and asking how many new copies are needed.
MS 26 / AE / 19	25 / 02 / 1928	Receipt of plates from Hawkes.
MS 26 / AE / 20	n.d.	Receipt for Gibson's cheque.
MS 26 / AE / 21	16 / 03 / 1928	Letter from Amalgamated Publicity Services, advising they are following Gibson's instructions and do not know how the envelopes are becoming damaged.
MS 26 / AE / 22	20 / 03 / 1928	Message from Gibson to Malpubser asking for stock detail and quotations.
MS 26 / AE / 23	20 / 03 / 1928	Message from Amalgamated Publicity Services with stock quantities, advice that they will provide quotations, but need to know quantities.
MS 26 / AE / 24	23 / 03 / 1928	Letter to Amalgamated Publicity Services advising that more printings will be made of <i>Afterglow</i> and <i>Sweetheart of Mine</i> .
MS 26 / AE / 25	28 / 03 / 1928	Letter to Amalgamated Publicity Services advising there will soon be more prints of <i>Our Royal Gentlemen</i> , <i>My Lover Lad</i> , <i>Sweet Ophelia</i> , and <i>Sweetheart of Mine</i> . These have been printed by Henderson and Spalding and Mr. Platt will be checking them.
MS 26 / AE / 26	30 / 03 / 1928	Telegram from Malpubser advising, "Platt cannot pass waiting instructions".

MS 26 / AE / 27	n.d.	Compliments slip from Amalgamated Publicity Services.
MS 26 / AE / 28	29 / 03 / 1928	Letter from Amalgamated Publicity Services, advising that they will need to restock letter headings and envelopes and therefore need to know quantities.
MS 26 / AE / 29	30 / 03 / 1928	Message to Malpubser, advising them to wait for further instruction from Gibson.
MS 26 / AE / 30	02 / 04 / 1928	Message to Malpubser, advising paper too light but send out copies anyway.
MS 26 / AE / 31	18 / 04 / 1928	Message to The Amalgamated Publicity Services asking for details of stock and numbers.



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MS 26 / AF / 1-18 'J.D. Markey'

Summary:

A folder entitled 'J.D. Markey' and containing eighteen letters, relating to the business of The Ballad Company. This is mainly correspondence relating to the sale of orchestration of songs.

MS 26 / AF / 1-2	19 / 05 / 1928	Letter from J.D Markey regarding orchestration and hiring of musicians.
MS 26 / AF / 3	17 / 05 / 1928	Confirmation that J. D. Markey will orchestrate <i>Twin Soul</i> and <i>Our Royal Gentleman</i> .
MS 26 / AF / 4-5	11 / 05 / 1928	Letter which accompanied Markey's orchestration of <i>My Lover Lad</i> . Also notes if orchestrated <i>Our Royal Gentleman</i> , it would have, "with a swing and a dash".
MS 26 / AF / 6	23 / 04 / 1928	Confirmation Markey will orchestrate <i>Sweetheart Mine</i> and <i>Sweet Ophelia</i> and a suggested change to the opening of <i>Sweet Ophelia</i> .
MS 26 / AF / 7	23 / 04 / 1928	Letter to Markey asking for more suggestions for Gibson's other songs.
MS 26 / AF / 8	24 / 04 / 1928	Letter from Markey asking for opinions on <i>Sweet Ophelia</i> .
MS 26 / AF / 9	26 / 04 / 1928	Reply from Gibson, telling Markey not to alter <i>Sweet Ophelia</i> .
MS 26 / AF / 10	26 / 04 / 1928	Detailed criticism of <i>Our Royal Gentleman</i> by Markey.
MS 26 / AF / 11	30 / 04 / 1928	Letter that accompanied Markey's orchestrations of <i>Sweetheart of Mine</i> and <i>Sweet Ophelia</i> .
MS 26 / AF / 12	30 / 04 / 1928	Letter from Gibson saying Markey's suggested alteration to <i>Royal Gentleman</i> is an improvement.
MS 26 / AF / 13	08 / 05 / 1928	Letter to Markey, asking him to start orchestrating <i>My Lover Lad</i> and requesting a quote for a reprint of <i>Our Royal Gentleman</i> in Liverpool or Glasgow.

- MS 26 / AF / 14** 09 / 05 / 1928 Letter from Markey regarding *Our Royal Gentleman* and *Twin Soul*.
- MS 26 / AF / 15** 10 / 05 / 1928 Letter to Markey regarding, *Royal Gentleman*, *Twin Souls* and asking for the cheapest manner to print *Royal Gentleman* and a list of the collecting houses in England and Scotland.
- MS 26 / AF / 16** 10 / 05 / 1928 Letter from Markey, confirming there no music publisher or collectors in Liverpool. Letter was accompanied by a list of other places in England and Scotland.
- MS 26 / AF / 17** 16 / 05 / 1928 Letter to Markey asking him to orchestrate *Royal Gentleman* and *Twin Souls*.
- MS 26 / AF / 18** 18 / 05 / 1928 Letter to Markey asking him, to have the Blacks play the music and then give Gibson his honest opinion.



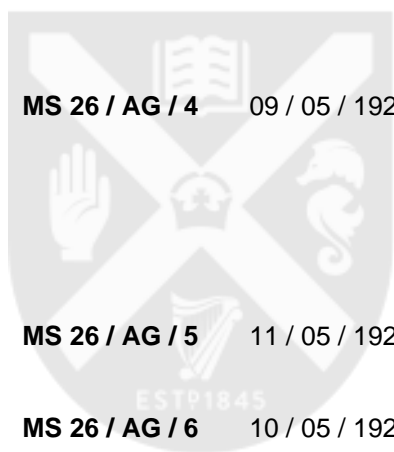
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MS 26 / AG / 1-7 'Correspondence with Leading People'

Summary:

A folder entitled 'Correspondence with leading people' and containing seven letters, relating to the business of The Ballad Company. Mainly promoting the business of The Ballad Company.

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| MS 26 / AG / 1 | 09 / 05 / 1928 | A letter to Debroy Summers, sent with copies of the six publications of <i>The Ballad Company</i> . |
| MS 26 / AG / 2 | 09 / 05 / 1928 | A letter sent to Hayden Coffin, who wrote an article in <i>The Daily Express</i> , asking for his opinions on the six songs. |
| MS 26 / AG / 3 | 07 / 05 / 1928 | A letter sent to Sir Harry Lauder, one of the most famous stage entertainers of the period, promoting <i>Our Royal Gentlemen</i> and <i>Sweetheart of Mine</i> . Also enclosed was a copy of <i>New Light on Allen Ramsay</i> by Gibson's father. |
| MS 26 / AG / 4 | 09 / 05 / 1928 | A letter to C.B Cochrane enclosing the six song publications. Gibson assumes that the <i>Royal Gentleman</i> will be most suitable for inclusion in Cochrane's collection. |
| MS 26 / AG / 5 | 11 / 05 / 1928 | A thank you slip from Sir John Martin-Harvey. |
| MS 26 / AG / 6 | 10 / 05 / 1928 | A reply from Charles B. Cochrane saying he has no opportunity to use the six songs so has returned them. |
| MS 26 / AG / 7 | 10 / 05 / 1928 | A reply from Hayden Coffin's secretary saying that Coffin is busy but will try over the songs at the first opportunity. |



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MS 26 / AH / 1-128 Index to a Collection of Irish Melodies

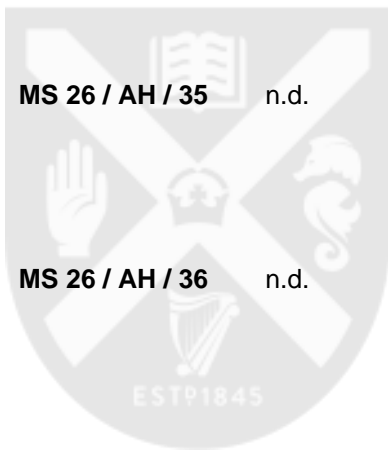
Summary:

This appears to be an index to a collection of Irish Melodies, although there are references to the 'Airs and Melodies familiar to the Highlands of Scotland'. The first card is entitled, 'Irish Melodies, Eighth Number, London'. These are cuttings of paper; the sources are not identified.

MS 26 / AH / 1	n.d.	<i>The Gentleman's Catch Book</i> , circa 1770.
MS 26 / AH / 2	n.d.	Collection of Old Irish Tunes composed by Carolan, circa 1780.
MS 26 / AH / 3	n.d.	<i>Joly Collection</i> , circa 1780.
MS 26 / AH / 4	n.d.	Scottish and Irish Airs set by Mr. Burk Thumoth, circa 1720.
MS 26 / AH / 5	n.d.	Scottish and Irish Airs set by Mr. Burk Thumoth. Second volume, circa 1720.
MS 26 / AH / 6	n.d.	Collection of MS County Dances compiled by John Templeton, 1773.
MS 26 / AH / 7	n.d.	Jackson's celebrated Irish tunes, circa 1775.
MS 26 / AH / 8	n.d.	Historical Memoirs of the Irish Bards by Joseph C. Walker, circa 1786.
MS 26 / AH / 9	n.d.	New edition of Then Gentleman's Catch Book, published by Anne Lee.
MS 26 / AH / 10	n.d.	<i>The Hibernian Muse</i> by Carolan, circa 1786.
MS 26 / AH / 11	n.d.	Translations by Erionnach (Dr Sigerson), 1860.
MS 26 / AH / 12	n.d.	Davidson's Irish Melodies, circa 1860.
MS 26 / AH / 13	n.d.	<i>Rare Irish Airs, Jiggs, Reels, and Country Dances</i> , collected by John O'Daly, 1866.

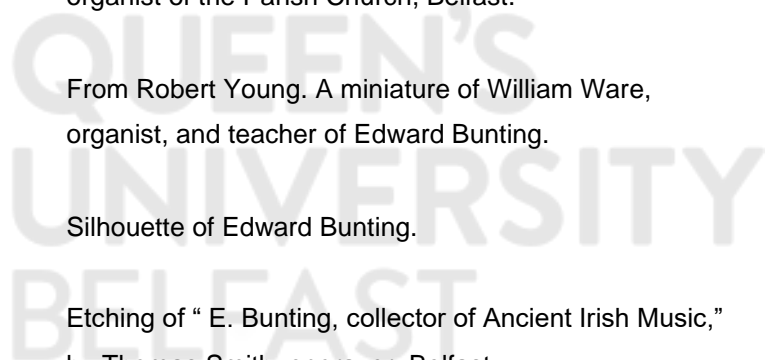
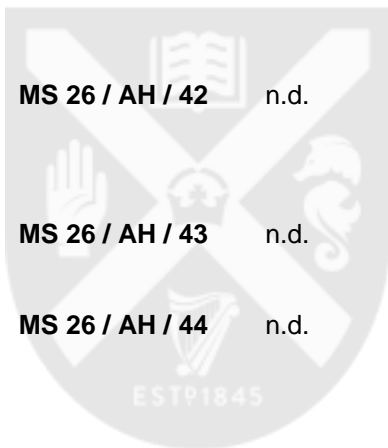
MS 26 / AH / 14	n.d.	<i>Ancient Irish Music</i> , collected and edited by P. W. Joyce and Professor Glover, 1873.
MS 26 / AH / 15	n.d.	The Songs of Ireland arranged and edited by J. T. Surenne, 1854.
MS 26 / AH / 16	n.d.	<i>The Petrie Collection of the Ancient Music of Ireland</i> , v.1, arranged and edited by George Petrie, 1855.
MS 26 / AH / 17	n.d.	<i>The Rare Supplementary Part</i> , 1882.
MS 26 / AH / 18	n.d.	MS Music Book, which belonged to Jemmy Hill.
MS 26 / AH / 19	n.d.	<i>Spirit of the Nation</i> , 1858.
MS 26 / AH / 20	n.d.	<i>The Early History, Theory and Practice of Vocal Music, Sight and Part-Singing made Interesting, According to Wilhelm's Popular, Scientific and Sympathetic System</i> by James J. Gaskin, 1860.
MS 26 / AH / 21	n.d.	<i>A Treatise on the Theory and Practice of Music</i> by John Smith, 1853.
MS 26 / AH / 22	n.d.	<i>Ancient Music of Ireland from the Petrie Collection</i> , arranged by F Hoffman, 1877.
MS 26 / AH / 23	n.d.	<i>Irish Music and Song</i> , edited by P.W. Joyce, 1888.
MS 26 / AH / 24	n.d.	National airs by Francis Panoromo, circa 1790.
MS 26 / AH / 25	n.d.	<i>The First Companion to the Royal Patent Chiroplast or Hand-Director</i> by the Inventor, J. B. Logier.
MS 26 / AH / 26	n.d.	<i>The Dance Music of Ireland</i> , R. M. Levey.
MS 26 / AH / 27	n.d.	<i>The Beggar's Wedding</i> by Charles Coffey, 1731.
MS 26 / AH / 28	n.d.	<i>The Poor Soldier</i> by William Shield, 1783.

MS 26 / AH / 29	n.d.	<i>The Castle of Andalusia</i> by Dr. Arnold.
MS 26 / AH / 30	n.d.	<i>Hughes' Gems of the Emerald Isle.</i>
MS 26 / AH / 31	n.d.	Works of J. Bernard Logier.
MS 26 / AH / 32	n.d.	<i>A Selection of Irish Melodies</i> , with symphonies and accompaniments by Sir John Stevenson and words by George O' Callaghan.
MS 26 / AH / 33	n.d.	Holden's Collection of the most esteemed Old Irish Melodies.
MS 26 / AH / 34	n.d.	<i>Melodies of Various Nations</i> , symphonies and accompaniments by Sir John Stevenson, the words by Thomas Bayly.
MS 26 / AH / 35	n.d.	Specimens of Various Styles of Music referred to in a course of lectures read at Oxford and London and adapted to keyed instruments by Wm. Crotch,
MS 26 / AH / 36	n.d.	<i>Hime's Pocket Book for the German Flute or Violin</i> , containing the greatest and newest airs, duets, marches, and songs, carefully selected from celebrated Operas and composers.
MS 26 / AH / 37	n.d.	<i>Rutherford's Complete Collection</i> of two hundred celebrated Country Dances, performed at Court and public assemblies, with the newest and best figures and directions for violin, German flute, or Hautboy.
MS 26 / AH / 38	n.d.	A selection of Irish and Scots tunes, consisting of airs, marches, and Strathspeys county dances, adapted for the pianoforte, violin, and German flute, by John Macpherson Mullholland.



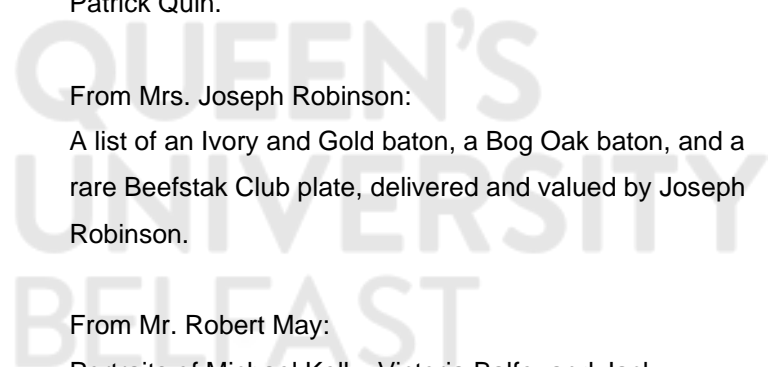
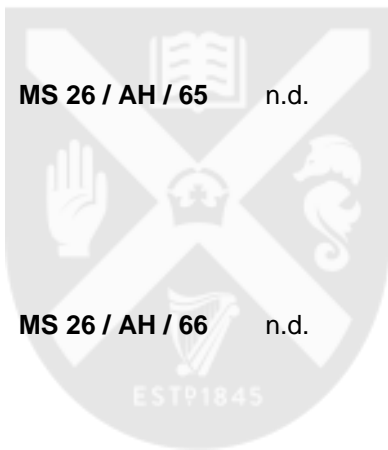
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MS 26 / AH / 39	n.d.	From the Belfast Natural History and Philosophical Society: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Harp of O'Neill, one of the last of the old race of Irish Harpers, well known in Ulster at the end of the last century. 2) Harp is stated to be that of Hempson, another Irish harper of the same period. 3) Irish Bagpipes, silver mounted. (From Robert Reid)
MS 26 / AH / 40	n.d.	Tambourine which was used in the Belfast Philharmonic Society by an old member.
MS 26 / AH / 41	n.d.	From Mr Isaac W. Ward. Tuning hammer of William Ware, organist of the Parish Church, Belfast.
MS 26 / AH / 42	n.d.	From Robert Young. A miniature of William Ware, organist, and teacher of Edward Bunting.
MS 26 / AH / 43	n.d.	Silhouette of Edward Bunting.
MS 26 / AH / 44	n.d.	Etching of " E. Bunting, collector of Ancient Irish Music," by Thomas Smith, engraver, Belfast.
MS 26 / AH / 45	n.d.	Engraving of "Edward Bunting, Esq, Author of the General Collection of the Ancient Music of Ireland."
MS 26 / AH / 46	n.d.	A printed list of the names of noblemen and gentlemen associated for the purpose of the reviving and encouraging the Irish Harp, and of the sums subscribed by them to be paid annually.
MS 26 / AH / 47	n.d.	Minute book of the Harp Society, Belfast, between 17 / 03 / 1808 – 20 / 11 / 1810
MS 26 / AH / 48	n.d.	Seal of the Belfast Harp Society.



MS 26 / AH / 49	n.d.	Rules of the Irish Harp Society. Annual Subscription Balls. Six subscription Balls, one to be held every month during the winter of 1810.
MS 26 / AH / 50	n.d.	An account of the Meeting for the purpose of constituting a society for the management of a Fund formed in India 'to revive the Harp and Ancient Music of Ireland'.
MS 26 / AH / 51	n.d.	Admission ticket to the Irish Harp Society Ball, Belfast, printed in red, with vignette of an Irish Harp and motto, "Togbad brin claircac na Heirionn."
MS 26 / AH / 52	n.d.	Water colour drawing of Patrick Murray, a blind harper, and his harp, drawn by a lady at Glenarm Castle, 1830.
MS 26 / AH / 53	n.d.	Picture of the Old Exchange, Belfast, where in the upper floor Assembly Room, the Competition of the Irish Harpers in 1792 took place.
MS 26 / AH / 54	n.d.	Picture of the Assembly Room referred to in MS26 / AH / 53
MS 26 / AH / 55	n.d.	Manuscript signed by nine Belfast gentleman, in which they "promise to attend the school for learning the Irish language".
MS 26 / AH / 56	n.d.	Printed circular from Secretary to the Irish Harp Society, dated 10/ 10 /1837," calling a meeting of friends, for the purpose of "regenerating the Society, by giving the management to a new and younger class of our citizens."
MS 26 / AH / 57	n.d.	Detailed Advertisement, cut from the Belfast Newsletter, regarding the "Belfast Musical Festival for the Benefit of the Poor-House and Infirmary." Conductor – "Mr. Bunting"
MS 26 / AH / 58	n.d.	Engraving of "Carolan, the Celebrated Irish Bard." From the painting in the possession of Mr Hardiman, author of the History of Galway.
MS 26 / AH / 59	n.d.	A list of portraits, sculptures, and autograph.

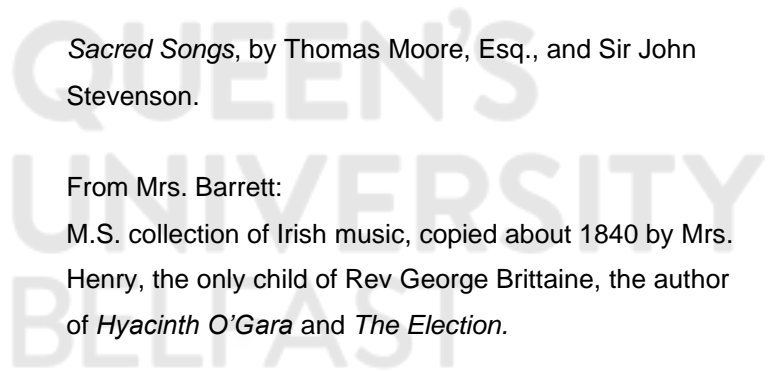
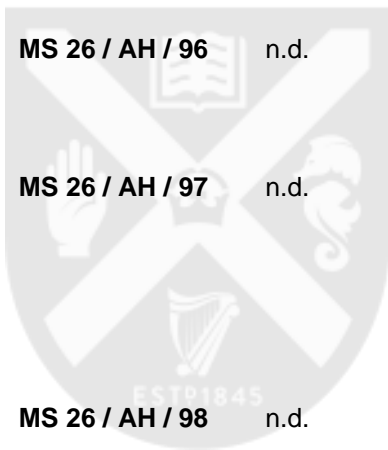
MS 26 / AH / 60	n.d.	From the Executive Committee of the Feis Ceoil: A list of portraits.
MS 26 / AH / 61	n.d.	From Dr. J. E. Kenny: A list of portraits, including an original self-drawing of Samuel Lover as a young man.
MS 26 / AH / 62	n.d.	From Mr. Leopold Dix: A portrait of John Field, the eminent Irish Composer.
MS 26 / AH / 63	n.d.	From the Trustees of National Gallery: A list of portraits, including portraits of Thomas Moore, Edward Buntings, and the Earl of Mornington.
MS 26 / AH / 64	n.d.	From Mr F. J. Biggar: The portraits of famous harpers, Dennis Hempson and Patrick Quin.
MS 26 / AH / 65	n.d.	From Mrs. Joseph Robinson: A list of an Ivory and Gold baton, a Bog Oak baton, and a rare Beefstak Club plate, delivered and valued by Joseph Robinson.
MS 26 / AH / 66	n.d.	From Mr. Robert May: Portraits of Michael Kelly, Victoria Balfe, and Jack Johnstone, and a collection of the early Programmes of the Belfast Philharmonic Society Concerts, and of the Belfast Classical Harmonists Society.
MS 26 / AH / 67	n.d.	From Mr. W. H. Vipond Barry: A Bog Oak baton mounted in chased silver and gold, presented to Dr. W. Vipond Barry, by the Belfast Classical Harmonists Society.
MS 26 / AH / 68	n.d.	An old Irish Dulcimer.
MS 26 / AH / 69	n.d.	From Lady Stewart: The score of Sir Robert Stewarts, " <i>Tercentenary Ode.</i> "
MS 26 / AH / 70	n.d.	Holograph letters, written by Patrick Lynch to Miss Mary McCracken.



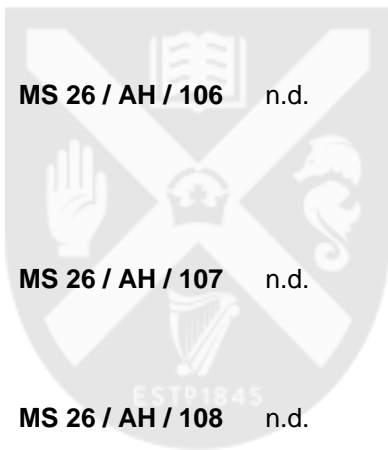
MS 26 / AH / 71	n.d.	Holograph letters from Edward Bunting to Miss Mary McCracken, relative to the collecting of unpublished Irish airs for his second volume.
MS 26 / AH / 72	n.d.	Holograph letters from Miss Mary Balfour to Miss Mary McCracken, with translations of ancient Irish songs for Bunting's second collection.
MS 26 / AH / 73	n.d.	A general collection of the Ancient Music of Ireland, arranged for the Piano Forte. Most admired melodies adapted for voice by Thomas Campbell, Esq. A prefix of Historical and Critical Dissertation on the Egyptian, British, and Irish harp, by Edward Bunting.
MS 26 / AH / 74	n.d.	The Ancient Music of Ireland, arranged for the Piano Forte. A prefixed dissertation on the Irish harp and harpers, including an account of the Old Melodies of Ireland, by Edward Bunting.
MS 26 / AH / 75	n.d.	From Mr Andrew Gibson: <i>Lord Charlemont's March</i> , composed for the Volunteers' concert, inscribed by Elfort.
MS 26 / AH / 76	n.d.	From Henry Dixon: <i>A Pious Garland</i> , composed by Rev Luke Wadding.
MS 26 / AH / 77	n.d.	Devotional melodies, selected from the works of the best composers, arranged for three voices, and adapted to be used in public worship.
MS 26 / AH / 78	n.d.	A choir manual, in three parts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A grammar of Georgian and Modern music 2) Psalms, Hymns and Antiphons, for all occasions 3) Masses, Lamentations, Te Deum, Litany in Georgian music.
MS 26 / AH / 79	n.d.	Vespers, Anthems and Hymns, compiled specially for the Catholic Choirs in Belfast.

MS 26 / AH / 80	n.d.	Collection of Hymns by William Ware.
MS 26 / AH / 81	n.d.	A selection of sacred music for congregational and family worship, comprising a variety of popular tunes in four parts, used in Presbyterian churches.
MS 26 / AH / 82	n.d.	Psalms selected from the authorised version of Tate and Brady, arranged to music, and adapted to the services of the United Church of England and Ireland.
MS 26 / AH / 83	n.d.	The Pocket Psalmist: A selection of seventy psalms, adapted to the service of the United Church of England and Ireland. Also several chants, the music by the best composers.
MS 26 / AH / 84	n.d.	The Second Edition: A selection of sacred music, designed for the use in Presbyterian Churches, in connection with the Synod of Ulster.
MS 26 / AH / 85	n.d.	The Irish Presbyterian Psalmody: A selection of tunes for the use of congregations in connection with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Issued by the Authority of the Committee on Psalmody.
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- 1) Consider and approve the Annual Report and Financial Statement
- 2) Election of the President, Vice President, Committee, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary.
- 3) Mr J. A. Ferry be elected an Honorary Member
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