MS 23 Allen Collection

About the collection

A small collection of material relating to the history of the Presbyterian congregation in Ireland consisting mainly of notebooks and some correspondence and notebooks containing cuttings.

Robert Allen (1904-1968) was a minister of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and a noted historian of the denomination. The collection contains some of his working papers, especially related to his 'The Presbyterian College Belfast 1853-1953', and some of his correspondence. A significant proportion of the material is from the Revd William Thomas Latimer (1842-1919) another Presbyterian minister and historian of the church. The Latimer material includes volumes of newspaper cuttings, extracts from original church records, and an idiosyncratic continuation of his 'A history of the Irish Presbyterians' (1893; 1902). The archive also contains material from the Revd Aston Robinson, Latimer's son-in-law and another historian of Presbyterianism in Ireland.
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A number of manuscript letters between various correspondents including John Smyth Crone, William Kernohan, Dr. Allen and Aston Robinson. Drafts of the *History of the Presbyterian Congregation in Ireland* are included as are notes and notebooks generally concerning the Presbyterian Church.

**MS23/1/1**

History of the Presbyterian Congregation in Ireland


**MS 23/1/2**

History of Irish Presbyterian Congregation

Draft

**MS 23/1/3**

History of the Presbyterian Church Ireland 1867

Book by Reid, James Seaton, *History of the Presbyterian Church Ireland 1867* with inscription, “Some of Dr Reid’s statements are incorrect and he copied documents very inaccurately. Sometimes he was unable to decipher original manuscripts, but he was a model of accuracy as compared to Dr. Killen. W. J. Latimer, in a letter to the Rev. John Mc Cammon, Kilroughts See K. in P.H.S.”

**MS 23/1/4**

Brown expanding A-Z file of correspondence c. 1953-4

**MS 23/1/5**


**MS 23/1/6**

History of Presbyteries

Notes, typed, annotated History of Presbyteries

**MS 23/1/7**

n.d.

MS letter ‘The Ulster Pledge’

3 pp., signed A Presbyterian Clergyman

**MS 23/1/8**

11/05/1914

MS letter to Joseph William Kernohan from Philip Crossle. 1 p.

**MS 23/1/9**

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MS letter to Joseph William Kernohan from John Smyth Crone. 2 pp.

**MS 23/1/10**

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MS letter to Joseph William Kernohan from John Smyth Crone. 2 pp.

**MS 23/1/11**

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MS letter to Joseph William Kernohan from John Smyth Crone. 2 pp.

**MS 23/1/12**

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MS letter to Joseph William Kernohan from John Smyth Crone. 1 p.

**MS 12/1/13**

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MS letter to the Members of Sessions and Committees of the congregations forming the Northern Presbytery of Antrim from James Kennedy (Moderator), W.S.
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Scruples against Subscribing the West Minister Confession of Faith with the Reasons of Them, signed Richard Uprichard, “these scruples were given to the Presbytery of Armagh”. 3 pp. MS.

Address to the Rev. W. D. Killen President of the Assembly’s College Belfast. Signed by William Mc Kean (Moderator) a. J. Wilson (Clerk). 2 pp. MS.
Box 2: Notebooks, Cuttings and Manuscript Material

A variety of notebooks, including both manuscript material and cuttings. W. T. Latimer is listed as the author on a number of occasions, his family history is also included.

**MS 23/2/1**  
The Eastern Question  
Cuttings. R. Allen inside cover in biro. Large red hardback scrap album.

**MS 23/2/2**  
Crumlin August 2nd 1825  
List of congregations “Robert Allen”. Typed sheets, first page in pen.

**MS 23/2/3**  

**MS 23/2/4**  
Brown patterned notebook.” Omagh” in pen on cover. Cuttings, “Great Liberal Unionist Meeting at Carlisle”

**MS 23/2/5**  
History of Carland Congregation as written by Samuel Stewart of Belfast.  
Black boards notebook. “R. Allen”, in pen title page. MS.

**MS 23/2/6**  
Black, scholar’s exercise book. W.T. Latimer 1892 “Petlugo” by Mr Robert Read. on title page. MS Cuttings taken from the Impartial Reporter 1897

**MS 23/2/7**  

**MS 23/2/8**  

**MS 23/2/9**  
Brown hardback notebook,” Ballibay May 13th 1817” MS

**MS 23/2/10**  
W. T. Latimer’s Family History  

**MS 23/2/11**  

**MS 23/2/12**  
Presbyterian Missions to Roman Catholics  
Green notebook, spine broken, MS.

**MS 23/2/13**  
Black notebook, “Dr. Campbell’s Hist. I. Presbyterians pages 1-174 revised” MS.
**MS 23/2/14**  
Green Marlborough manuscript book, W. T. Latimer 31/8/1907 on cover in pen. Cuttings, biographies. 1907…

**MS 23/2/15**  

**MS 23/2/16**  

**MS 23/2/17**  
1804-1819 Presbytery of Dromore. Extracts from the Original Presbytery Minutes 1804-1819. Tan hardback notebook, 16 pp. MS.

**MS 23/2/18**  

**MS 23/2/19**  
21/10/1914 Dark green cloth covered notebook, W. T. Latimer 21/10/1914 in pen on title page. “Acts and Proceedings of the Associate Synod of Ireland (Anti burghers) extracts by F. R. Latimer” MS.

**MS 23/2/20**  
### Box 3: Notebooks, Mainly Press Cuttings

A series of notebooks with cuttings, W. T. Latimer is usually named as the creator. The cuttings include press cuttings, Ulster biographies, obituaries and ordinations. Some essays/articles also included in notebooks.

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1885-1891 with inserted cuttings. MS.


**MS 23/3/19** 1911-1913  Black notebook. “A history of Irish Presbyterianism” Notes, extracts & cuttings (some loose).
Box 4: Notebooks, Mainly Manuscript

Manuscript notebooks including essays concerning the history of the Presbyterian Church in Ulster. Robert Allen is named as the author frequently.


MS 23/4/3 Robert Allen, Index to his James Seaton Reid biography (h BX9225.R3 ALLE). Red HB Notebook.

MS 23/4/4 Buff card. Robert Allen, List of books, pamphlets, etc. to be consulted in P.H.S., Church House & Linen Hall Library.


MS 23/4/6 Memorials of the dead (from various churchyards in North Antrim). Notebook, black oilcloth cover.

MS 23/4/7 Memorials of the dead (from various churchyards in North Antrim). Notebook, green paper cover.


MS 23/4/10 1815-1840 Seceders list of licentiates, ordinations & deaths from 1815-1840. Black card cover. Copied from minutes by W.T. Latimer.


**MS 23/4/15**
Extracts and notes on history of Ulster Presbyterianism.

**MS 23/4/16**
“The first Non-Subscription controversy”: extracts from a report. MS notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered III.

**MS 23/4/17**
“Extracts from Narrative of Seven Synods”, “Ferguson’s vindication”, etc.
Handwritten notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered IV.

**MS 23/4/18**
“Northern Presbytery of Antrim”, MS notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered V.

**MS 23/4/19**
“Northern Presbytery of Antrim, Book II”, MS notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered VI.

**MS 23/4/20**
“Subscription in Synod of Ulster 1726-1835. Containing summary of Haliday’s “Reasons” & extracts from it”, MS notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered VII.

**MS 23/4/21**
“Presbyterian history: General”, MS notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered VIII.

**MS 23/4/22**
“Remonstrant Synod and Unitarianism”, MS notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered IX.

**MS 23/4/23**
“Associate (Burgher) Synod”, MS notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered XIII.

**MS 23/4/24**
“Antiburgher Synod”, MS notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered XIV.

**MS 23/4/25**
“Eastern Reformed Presbyterian Synod”, MS notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered XV.

**MS 23/4/26**
“Secession Synod”, MS notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered XVII.

**MS 23/4/27**
“The Covenanting Church”, some loose leaves. MS notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered XVIII.
Notes by Robert Allen, History of the Presbyterian College


**MS 23/5/1**  

**MS 23/5/2**  
Robert Allen. “Scottish ecclesiastical influence upon the Irish Presbyterian Church from the Non-Subscription controversy to the union of the Synods”. MS. Grey HB book.

**MS 23/4/3**  

**MS 23/4/4**  

**MS 23/4/5**  

**MS 23/5/6**  

**MS 23/5/7**  
Document, in the hand of Rev. William Porter, Clerk of the Synod of Ulster 1816-1830. Note in Robert Allen’s hand gives this information and documents how the pages were found in Mr Porter’s copy of the Draft Code of the Irish Presbyterian Church [1822] MS.