

About the Collection

D. J. O'Sullivan: 15 letters (6 typed; 9 holographs) to T.F. O'Rahilly 3/12/1926 - 3/12/1928 pressing O'R to act as witness in a libel action taken by the Clandillons against O'S for accusations made by O'S in a review in the Irish Statesman about the Clandillons' editing.

Duplicated enclosure: typescript of errata in the book. Ms 16p. + enclosure

Abbreviations used:

ALS: autograph letter signed

p. /pp. page/pages

TLS: typewritten letter signed

MS1/237/1 03/12/1926 Seanad Eireann, Tigh Laighean (Leinster House), Baile Átha Cliath (Dublin).

TLS 1p (Letter on Leinster House official note paper, thanking Professor T.F. O'Rahilly for his points about which he is currently writing)

MS1/237/2 09/12/1927 Leinster House, official note paper with a home address. Cairn Hill, Foxrock, Co. Dublin.

TLS 1p (Letter requesting D.J. O'Sullivan to give evidence in a pending court case. Professor O'Rahilly explains that he had reviewed a book and in doing so had made reference to the fact that only 11 of the 75 songs had not been previously published. As a result he had been served with a writ for libel.)

MS1/237/3 12/12/1927 Leinster House, official paper with a home address. Cairn Hill, Foxrock, Co. Dublin.

TLS 1p (Letter thanking Professor O' Rahilly, for his offer of help. The plan is to approach experts on Irish and Irish Music and that the book is passed to them for consideration.)

MS1/237/4 13/01/1928 Cairn Hill, Foxrock, Co. Dublin with "Oireachtas Eireann" stamp.

TLS 1p (Letter inviting both Professor and Mrs O'Rahilly to tea. He indicates that he has heard nothing re the Clandillon affair and having studied the book for defence purposes has found it very bad and open to exposure if it ever goes to court.)

- MS1/237/5 08/02/1928 **Leinster House official note paper, with a home address inserted, Cairn Hill, Foxrock.**
 ALS 2pp (Letter asking Professor O' Rahilly to read the enclosed manuscript of Bunting part ii and to annotate it with corrections etc. Permission is sought to reprint a quatrain from Dánfhocail. It is requested that the corrected manuscript is not returned by post but that when complete, notification is sent and D.J. O'Sullivan will collect it in person.)
- MS1/237/6 15/03/1928 **Cairn Hill, Foxrock, Co. Dublin.**
 TLS 2pp (Letter of congratulations on honorary degree. Request made for the return of the Bunting manuscript. Advice is also sought on some academic work.)
- MS1/237/7 26/03/1928 **Cairn Hill, Foxrock, Co. Dublin.**
 TLS 1p (Letter of thanks, for the corrected manuscript. Invitation issued to visit after Easter when the professor is feeling better. Mention is made of the diary transcription which the professor had advised on)
- MS1/237/8 04/06/1928 **Cairn Hill, Foxrock, Co. Dublin.**
 ALS 3pp (Letter stating that the Clandillons intend to pursue the matter through the courts. D.J. O'Sullivan suggests that the two of them meet to see the book together.)
- MS1/237/9 02/09/1928 **Cairn Hill, Foxrock, Co. Dublin**
 ALS 1p (Letter stating that the Clandillon case is to be heard next month and he is looking for possible witnesses. He asks the professor about meeting up to look at the book.)
- MS1/237/10 24/09/1928 **Cairn Hill, Foxrock, Co. Dublin with "Oireachtas Eireann" stamp**
 ALS 1p (Letter asking the professor to clarify his position re his willingness to give evidence in the Clandillon libel case.)
- MS1/237/11 01/10/1928, 24/09/1928 **Cairn Hill, Foxrock, Co. Dublin with "Oireachtas Eireann" stamp**
 ALS 2pp (Letter of some urgency. A copy of the book with the more serious mistakes highlighted has been left for the professor to study prior to the court case. He feels that the professor's help is vital for a good outcome.)
- MS1/237/12 05/10/1928 **Cairn Hill, Foxrock, Co. Dublin with "Oireachtas Eireann" stamp**
 ALS 2pp (Letter following a brief chance talk with Professor O'Rahilly informing him that the solicitor and counsel think it best if Professor O'Rahilly acts as a witness in the case.)

- MS1/237/13 23/10/1928 Cairn Hill, Foxrock, Co. Dublin with “Oireachtas Eireann” stamp
ALS 1p (Letter stating that a date has been fixed for the case and requesting a meeting with Professor O’Rahilly)
- MS1/237/14 25/10/1928 Cairn Hill, Foxrock, Co. Dublin with “Oireachtas Eireann” stamp
ALS 2pp (Letter of understanding re: Professor O’Rahilly’s reluctance to appear as a witness but that the defence team believe that the professor’s appearance is vital to the case due to his knowledge of the Irish language)
- MS1/237/15 03/12/1928 Cairn Hill, Foxrock, Co. Dublin with “Oireachtas Eireann” stamp
ALS 1p (Letter thanking Professor O’Rahilly for his kindness in acting as a witness as he believes his being there helped to impress the judge and bring forth a positive outcome to the case)



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