

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 Large notebook, marbled boards, tete- beche format. 253 Congregations notes listed A-Z. Scrap book. Inscription reads "This book belonged to Samuel Houston Toronto. W. T. Latimer."
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, <i>History of the Presbyterian Church Ireland 1867</i> 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, Kilrourths See K. in P.H.S." MS
MS 23/1/4		Brown expanding A-Z file of correspondence c. 1953-4
MS 23/1/5		MS "William Orr" by W. T. Latimer, Hon. Sec. Tyrone. Notes, 7 pp.
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	15/12/1904	MS letter to Joseph William Kernohan from John Smyth Crone. 2 pp.
MS 23/1/10	n.d.	MS letter to Joseph William Kernohan from John Smyth Crone. 2 pp.
MS 23/1/11	20/09/1913	MS letter to Joseph William Kernohan from John Smyth Crone. 2 pp.
MS 23/1/12	n.d.	MS letter to Joseph William Kernohan from John Smyth Crone. 1 p.
MS 12/1/13	n.d.	MS letter to the Members of Sessions and Committees of the congregations

forming the Northern Presbytery of Antrim from James Kennedy (Moderator), W.S. Smith (Clerk). 4 pp.

- MS 23/1/14** 01/10/1948 MS letter to Dr. Allen from Aston Robinson; ii 1p MS Letter, 9/10/48 to Dr. Allen from Aston Robinson. 3 pp.
- MS 23/1/15** 08/11/1948 MS letter to Dr. Allen from Aston Robinson. 2 pp.
- MS 23/1/16** 15/11/1948 MS letter to Dr. Allen from Aston Robinson. 30 pp.
- MS 23/1/17** 29/11/1915 MS letter to Mr Latimer from William F. Mc Kinney. 3 pp.
- MS 23/1/18** Notes," William Carleton". 15 pp. MS
- MS 23/1/19** Brown paper cover, inscribed "Public Buildings in Limerick city 1786 Sixmilecross Pres. Con." Also in biro, "Taylon letter to lord Montgomery condemns Presbyterian 1660"; "Drogheda, case abandoned 1710";" R.D. list of 1712 & 1713";" Boulton letter 1729"; "R.D. items 1703- 1713"
- MS 23/1/20** Brown exercise book. "Allen ", in biro on cover. List of books of 1688 & King William's period in Linen Hall Library
- MS 23/1/21** 17/05/1909 MS letter to W. Latimer from David Morton. 2 pp.
- MS 23/1/22** 06/10/1906 MS letter to W. Latimer from Charles S. King. 7 pp.
- MS 23/1/23** 05/11/1906 MS letter to W. Latimer from Charles S. King. 4 pp.
- MS 23/1/24** 06/02/1912 MS letter to W. Latimer from Charles S. King 4 pp.
- MS 23/1/25** 01/11/1906 MS letter to W. Latimer from Charles S. King. 3 pp.
- MS 23/1/26** Brown envelope, in pencil," Papers relating to the Rev. L. R. Vernon author of the Last Load Home and other works"
- MS 23/1/27** 07/01/1766 Scruples against subscribing the Westminster Confession of Faith, by Mr John Thomson, afterwards minister of Carnmoney. 3 pp. MS.
- MS 23/1/28** Among the Churches First Antrim. Cuttings.

- MS 23/1/29** Notes, typewritten, 1st Dromore; Presbytery of Dromore; Presbytery of Down; Anti-Burghers Synod as in 1800 & 01 & 02; Antrim Presbytery as constituted in 1725; pages of annotated notes many marked, "duplicate" in pencil
- MS 23/1/30** 11/10/1738 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.
- MS 23/1/31** 11/11/1899 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.



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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** Brown marbled notebook." Robert Allen in pen on title page. Cuttings, "Our ancient Presbyteries "by Rev. David Stewart.
- 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 "Pettigo" by Mr Robert Read. on title page. MS
Cuttings taken from the Impartial Reporter 1897
- MS 23/2/7** 2/08/1949 Brown notebook, stamped university exercise book, Monreagh 2 Aug 49 MS.
- MS 23/2/8** Black notebook, "Twenty Fourth annual report upon the House of Refuge Magdalen and Orphan Asylums Ontario 1893" stamped in gold on cover. "R. Allen" in pen, inside cover, "Memoranda of the history of the Seeders in Ireland 1 from Mc Kernoue's Hist. of the Accession 2 Vols." MS
- MS 23/2/9** Brown hardback notebook," Ballibay May 13th 1817" MS
- MS 23/2/10** W. T. Latimer's Family History
Black, scholar's exercise book. "Family History "in pen on cover. W. T. 3 pp. MS.
- MS 23/2/11** Green notebook. "R. Allen", in biro, W. T. Latimer 31.8.1914 in pen. "The Acts and Minutes of the Associate Synod of Ireland (Burghers) abridged, copied by F. R. Latimer 1914" MS, typewritten sheets and correspondence inserts.
- 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** Brown Scholar's exercise book, W.T. Latimer 1889-95 in pen on cover." A journey to London" Cuttings.
- MS 23/2/16** Black Scholar's exercise book, Cuttings 1900-1910. The Adair Manuscript, W.T. Latimer. 3 pp. MS.
- 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** Black notebook, Irish Presbyterian Biographical sketches. The Seven Bruces. "Irish Presbyterian Biographical sketches "by C. Porter. W.T. Latimer in pen title page. Cuttings.
- 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** 1910-1916 Red notebook. ", W. T. Latimer, 1910-1916. Contents list", in pen on cover." History of Presbyterian Congregations" in pen, on title page, MS.

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.

MS 23/3/1	1904	Black notebook. W.T. Latimer, "Tyrone cuttings". Press cuttings, many loose.
MS 23/3/2	1914	Brown notebook. W.T. Latimer, "Tyrone cuttings".
MS 23/3/3	1915	Green notebook. W.T. Latimer, "Tyrone cuttings".
MS 23/3/4		Black notebook. Rev. W.T. Latimer "Ulster biographies" Press cuttings with annotations. Some loose letters inserted.
MS 23/3/5		Brown notebook. Rev. W. T. Latimer "Ulster biographies" Press cuttings, with annotations.
MS 23/3/6		Green notebook. W.T. Latimer, "Philip Skelton: A Tyrone Rector of the eighteenth century". MS.
MS 23/3/7	1902-07	Black notebook. W.T. Latimer. Cuttings. Obituaries, with annotations.
MS 23/3/8	1907-12	Black notebook. W.T. Latimer, Press cuttings, obituaries, with annotations.
MS 23/3/9	1905-06	Black notebook. W.T. Latimer, Press cuttings, Ordinations.
MS 23/3/10	1903-1910	Brown notebook. W.T. Latimer press cuttings. Also includes "Irish Presbyterian Seminaries "by David Stewart.
MS 23/3/11	1912-1917	Red notebook. Press cuttings.
MS 23/3/12		Black HB notebook. W.T. Latimer cuttings: "Presbyterianism in Dungannon."
MS 23/3/13	1910-1918	Brown notebook. W.T. Latimer cuttings.
MS 23/3/14		Brown notebook. W.T. Latimer's "The meeting house of the Volunteers, Dungannon". 2 drafts.
MS 23/3/15	1908-1918	Pink notebook. W.T. Latimer "Personal scraps" 1908-18. Includes some loose cuttings.
MS 23/3/16	1885-1891	Black oilcloth notebook. "A history of Irish Presbyterianism in modern times." Vol I

1885-1891 with inserted cuttings. MS.

- MS 23/3/17** 1913-1919 Green HB notebook. "A history of Irish Presbyterianism" Cuttings, notes and scrapbook.
- MS 23/3/18** Brown notebook. "A history of Irish Presbyterianism" pp. 190-238 mounted and annotated for a new edition.
- MS 23/3/19** 1911-1913 Black notebook. "A history of Irish Presbyterianism" Notes, extracts & cuttings (some loose).



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

MS 23/4/1	1869-1932	Buff card. Non-subscribing Presbyterian Church, Holywood. Extract from minutes, made by Robert Allen, Oct 1942.
MS 23/4/2	1860-79	Trustees of Secession Widows' Fund. Minute book, black leather.
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 23/4/5		Robert Allen, miscellaneous notes & extracts on non-subscribing Presbyterians. Plum card exercise book.
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 23/4/8		Derrykeighan graveyard inscriptions. Notebook, black silk cover.
MS 23/4/9		Robert Allen? Index to periodical & newspaper references on Presbyterian ministers and congregations. Thumb-indexed, brown HB 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 23/4/11	1777-1800	Robert Allen. Monaghan Secession Presbytery minutes. Green boards.
MS 23/4/12	1920-1923	Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church minutes of 72 nd -75 th ordinary meetings, 1920-1923. Black cloth boards. Cyclostyle and typescript.
MS 23/4/13		Account of the regal visitation of Ulster in 1622. Transcript 9 pp. in a memoranda or minute book [Hand of Aston Robinson?]. Red board.
MS 23/4/14		Extracts and notes on history of Ulster Presbyterianism. Blue exercise book,

numbered I. Antrim Presbytery book 1.

MS 23/4/15

Extracts and notes on history of Ulster Presbyterianism.
Blue exercise book, numbered II. Antrim Presbytery book 2.

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 ESTP1845

“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

- MS 23/4/28** "Union of Churches and proposed unions", MS notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered XIX
- MS 23/4/29** "MSS and Books", MS notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered XX
- MS 23/4/30** "Minutes of the Remonstrant Synod. Abernathy's Sermon "Personal persuasion"", MS notes. Blue exercise book, numbered XXI
- MS 23/4/31** "Causes of schism of 1726", MS notes.
Buff exercise book, numbered XXII
- MS 23/4/32** "First Non-Subscription controversy. Book II". MS notes.
Red exercise book, numbered XXIII
- MS 23/4/33** "The Northern Presbytery of Antrim", MS notes.
Blue exercise book, numbered XXIV
- MS 23/4/34** "Creeds and their revision", MS notes.
Buff exercise book, numbered XXVI

Notebooks that mainly concern Robert Allen's work *History of the Presbyterian College*. One document in the hand of Rev. William Porter.

- MS 23/5/1** Robert Allen. Notes and drafts for his "History of the Presbyterian College". MS. Black HB book.
- 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** Robert Allen. "History of the Presbyterian College". Extracts from the Faculty Minute Book 1847-1951, Extracts from records of the General Synod of Ulster General Assembly. MS. Blue HB book.
- MS 23/4/4** Robert Allen. "History of the Presbyterian College", extracts from Minute Book 1921-1947. Notes on individuals associated with the college. MS. Sketch book.
- MS 23/4/5** Robert Allen. "History of the Presbyterian College", notes on the Presbyterian College, Belfast, being mainly extracts from the Witness, and the Banner of Ulster. Book I. MS. Buff spiral bound notebook.
- MS 23/5/6** Robert Allen. "History of the Presbyterian College", notes on the Presbyterian College, Belfast, being mainly extracts from the Witness. Book II. MS. Sketch book.
- 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.