



Special Collections

Daily Rainfall Registers

Identity Statement

Reference Code: MÉ/RR/D

Title: Registers of Daily Rainfall in Ireland

Dates: 1863 - 1940

Extent: 36 boxes

Context

Creator: Volunteer observers working with the British Rainfall Organisation and at a later stage with the Irish Meteorological Service (now Met Éireann).

History: In 1859 George James Symons set up a system for gathering and publishing rainfall records from across the British Isles, which from 1900 onward became known as the 'British Rainfall Organisation'. From its beginning, the network included readings from rainfall stations in Ireland. The registers in this collection are the original handwritten rainfall observations that were taken by the volunteers who worked as part of this network in Ireland. The Irish data were published in *British Rainfall* from 1860.

Scope and Content

The registers contain daily rainfall data from various locations throughout Ireland. Readings were taken once a day and were recorded on a standard form or template issued by G.J. Symons and the British Rainfall Organisation. At the end of the month, the forms were returned to the British Rainfall Organisation for centralised collation and publication in *British Rainfall*. The collection includes readings from every county in the Republic of Ireland and intermittent observations taken at Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh and Tyrone. There are over 700 stations in total, which return data for varying time periods between 1863 and 1940.

Access and Use

Access: The materials in this collection are available by appointment only to research students and scholars.

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Language: English

Finding Aid: A complete Finding Aid is available.