



Special Collections

Monthly Rainfall Registers

Identity Statement

Reference Code: MÉ/RR/D

Title: Registers of Monthly Rainfall in Ireland

Dates: 1863 - 1940

Extent: 8 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 the 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.

Scope and Content

The registers are a monthly record of rainfall at various locations throughout Ireland. The data were recorded on a standard-issue form or template issued by G.J. Symons and the British Rainfall Organisation. The data in the monthly registers were most likely collated from the Daily Rainfall Registers, which were taken by the voluntary observers. Each Monthly Rainfall Register records the total rainfall for each month and calculates the total rainfall for the year at a particular station. The collection includes readings from every county in the Republic of Ireland together with some intermittent observations taken at Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh and Tyrone.

Access and Use

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

Reproduction: Photocopying of this material is not permitted. No reproduction of the registers is allowed without consent.

Language: English

Finding Aid: A complete Finding Aid is available.