**Eamon de Valera Casement Papers at UCD P150**

**NOTES AND EMAILS**

Three items - 2 photographs and a set of correspondence obtained:

UCD P150/3608 Five sides or items – three De Valera letters with Kevin MacDonnell, a note and a press cutting:–

‘Correspondence between President de Valera and Kevin McDonnell [actually MacDonnell], London on McDonnell’s discovery that the ‘Tricolour flag that flew over the GPO during Easter Week is in the vaults of the Imperial War Museum’ and his suggestion that an official request be made for its return; and disclosures about the fabrication of the Casement diaries–‘I was informed by an ex-British Naval Intelligence source, whose name I cannot reveal, that the Casement Diaries were fabricated by his chief, Admiral Hall. He has had the matter on his conscience ever since and though he has great respect for Hall in all other ways he feels this was an evil piece of work’ (7–22 January 1966, 4 items, 1p each).20 items 3609 [5 July 1952]’

Three letters: 7 January 1966 from Kevin MacDonnell to President de Valera, 18 January reply from Taoiseach’s secretary, 22 January 1966 reply to de Valera from MacDonnell. Paul Hyde ‘At the top of the letter from MacDonnell the words ‘Commander Clipperton’ are handwritten in what might be a woman’s hand’. [On the 7 January letter ‘Basil Thompson’ is also inscribed.]

4th item a typed note “Re Casement’s Diaries. Commander Clipperton – special friend of journalist Kevin McDonald – can give information. He worked under Hall.”

5th item The press cutting is of a letter to the Irish Catholic on 19 April 1973 from Frank Mackey brother of late Herbert Mackey on Black Diaries forgery and the McCulloughs [‘Joe McCullagh’ is mentioned:]

Cash Ledger Tuesday 9 May 1911 ‘…Home at three…for Millar Trams 3d. Saw fair hair grown and all July 1906 and do. 1907. Last time, at Carlisle Circus Met him at corner of Donegall St. waiting for Crumlin Road tram. He saw me and got on it and up. I longed. Long limbs as of old. Joe McCullagh! Splendid. [in margin:] Touched. Millar came to tea but altho’ standing clean and strong nothing – did not go room.’

New endnote (at 9 May 1911 Ledger) ‘Herbert Mackey (1966, p. 58-9) suggests this is a slanderous reference to Denis McCullough’s brother Joseph, later a Jesuit who died in Hong Kong. See also Frank Mackey letter in Irish Catholic of 19 April 1973.’

Similar McGonigal/McGonegal reference in 26 May 1910 Diary entry:

‘Thursday ‘See it coming’! In Dublin. To Belfast, John McGonegal X 4/6. Huge & curved. Up by Cregagh Road met by chance near clock tower & off on tram – it was huge & curved & he awfully keen. [The actual location for the sex itself seems to have been the woods in the glen at the top of the Cregagh Road, just beyond the tram terminus. John, who was either very camp or whose trousers did not disguise his rampancy, features again in May 1911. He is credited with five shilling in the tots in this diary’s flyleaf.]’

New endnote (at 26 May 1910 Diary) ‘Herbert Mackey (1966, p. 58-9) suggests this is a slanderous reference to John McGonigal KC, later, he wrote, Professor of Law in UCD, and a Northern Ireland county court judge.’

Also 27 May 1911 Cash Ledger entry: ‘Lovely one at Post Office and then John McG [McGonegal] in Ormeau Park. X’

P 150 3602/1 Portrait photograph of Agnes Casement Newman ‘Roger Casement’s only sister’ mounted and inscribed to de Valera ([6] March 1927, 10cm x 15cm excluding mount, 17cm x 25cm including mount).

Nina Newman née Agnes Casement studio photograph inscribed “To Eamon de Valera with every good wish for success from Agnes Casement Newman Roger Casement’s only sister March 6th 1927” G. Dobkin studio. (In 1921, Gregory Dobkin was a photographer for the Flett Studio on the boardwalk of Atlantic City. He took over that studio the following year, and continued with boardwalk studios into the 1950s.)

Nina b. 25 May 1856 in Dublin, m. London 26 October 1887 George Henry Newman b. 1852, soon separated, widowed 1911, went to USA 1915, d. Atlantic City 2 April 1927. Strong looking woman, over-dressed with flowers on shoulder as if for some event, heavy eyebrows, looks in her 60s and healthy. Died aged 70 less than a month later than the date on the inscribed message.

P 150 3602/2 Black and white photograph of Mrs. [Katye, Kate, Katje 2nd wife of Tom) Casement taken in [October 1953] (12cm x 8cm) (15 September 1965–17 November 1966).

Kate, Katje, Katye Casement (Mrs Tom Casement) photograph posed indoors taken October 1953 when aged 75, elegantly dressed with hat and big necklace - Tom Casement’s 2nd wife Katje Ackermann m. 1912 South Africa, artist b. 1878 d. 1970 aged 92.

**UCD emails**

That description was helpful, thank you. The reference number is P150/3602 (same file as the other photo).

Many thanks

Selina.

Will return forms when I have reference for the Mrs Casement photograph. Sorry I added [Katye] which will have made searching difficult. She was variously Kate, Katye and Katje.

I am not sure of your archival numbering system but she is mentioned here - 'correspondence between President de Valera’s Personal Secretary Marie O’Kelly, J.G. Molloy, Irish Ambassador to Britain and Kate Casement mainly relating to Ambassador Molloy’s visit to Mrs. Casement in Park Prewett Hospital, Basingstoke, Hampshire in September 1965 and further contact between Mrs. Casement and de Valera. Includes black and white photograph of Mrs. Casement taken in [October 1953] (12cm x 8cm) (15 September 1965–17 November 1966, 23 items). 41 items 36031929;'

Best

Jeff Dudgeon

From: UCD Archives [archives@ucd.ie](mailto:archives@ucd.ie)

Sent: 30 November 2020 11:39

To: Jeffrey Dudgeon <jeffreydudgeon@hotmail.com>

Subject: Re: de Valera papers

Dear Jeffrey

We can send you copies of these items from the Papers of Eamon de Valera. I have attached two forms that need to be completed and returned 'Copy Request' and 'GDPR-DP statement' (photos of the completed forms will suffice), there is no charge.

I looked through the descriptive catalogue but I couldn't find the photograph of Mrs. Katye Casement, please can you let me know the reference number for this item.

The reference number for the McDonnell letters is P150/3608, and the reference number for the photo of Agnes Casement is P150/3602.

Kind regards

Selina

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On Sun, 29 Nov 2020 at 13:06, Jeffrey Dudgeon <jeffreydudgeon@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Archivist,

Is it possible to obtain copies of these two photographs and four McDonnell letters from the de Valera papers held at UCD? [5 pages]

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