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Title: The Frances Condell Papers

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CONTEXT

Name of Creator: Condell, Frances (1916-1986).

Biographical History: Frances Condell was born Frances Eades in 1916 in Limerick. She married Robert Condell in 1936, and by him had one child, Alan, born in 1937. Condell worked as a teacher in Villiers School from 1955 until 1959, when she was appointed welfare officer for the Shannon Free Airport Development Company. In 1964, she was appointed public relations officer for Guinness Ireland on a part-time basis. Condell entered local politics in 1960, when she was elected as a non-political and first ever female Councillor to Limerick City Council. She was nominated and elected mayor of Limerick in 1962, the first woman ever to be officially voted into this position in Ireland. She was re-elected as mayor in 1963, during which term she was to host several visiting dignitaries, most notably President John F. Kennedy, Senator Edward Kennedy, President Kaunda of Zambia, Cardinal Browne, and 'Lady Bird' Johnson, wife of president Lyndon B. Johnson. Condell withdrew from political life in 1967 owing to health problems. Throughout her life, Condell also worked as a journalist and was a regular contributor of articles and poetry to the *Limerick Echo*, *The Church of Ireland Gazette*, *Woman's Way* and *The Irish Independent*. She died after a long illness in 1986 in Limerick.

Archival History: Unknown.

Immediate Source of Acquisition: Unknown. Donated to the University of Limerick prior to 1999.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content: The material consists of correspondence, speeches, press cuttings, photographs and taped interviews relating to Condell's political career (1960-1966); typescripts and drafts of poems, articles, short stories and stories for children (1941-1981); and genealogical material and photographs relating to the Eades family (1920-1966), audio tapes of interviews (1979-1980). Collection highlights include letters signed by President John F. Kennedy, Senator Edward Kennedy and Mrs Lyndon B. Johnson, and correspondence with the American poet Beverley Githens Dresbach.

Appraisal, Destruction and Scheduling Information: All records have been retained.

Accruals: No accruals are expected.

System of Arrangement: The material is arranged into eight series reflecting either the form of the record (e.g. correspondence) or the activities to which they relate.

CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Conditions Governing Access: Unrestricted access to all items.

Conditions Governing Reproduction: Reproduction of the material is permitted, except for items dated after 1979 containing personal information.

Language/ Scripts of Material: English, Irish.

Physical characteristics: Paper records and photographs in good condition. Items **P297-300** require a tape recorder.

Finding Aids: A hard copy of the descriptive catalogue is available at the University of Limerick Special Collections.

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related Units of Description: Four photographs relating to Condell's mayoral activities are available in the archives of Limerick City Council at <http://www.limerickcity.ie/CollectionLists/CollectionListsInPDF/PDFFile,10136,en.doc>. Minute books of Limerick City Council are available in a digital format at <http://www.limerick.ie/DigitalArchives/LimerickCityCouncilandLocalGovernmentCollections/LimerickCityCouncilMinuteBooks1841-1972/>. A transcript of Condell's interview relating to the John F. Kennedy Library Oral History Project (see **P3/67**) is available at http://www.jfklibrary.org/NR/rdonlyres/29C32C7A-E38A-4679-A254-88DB6E6FF1B6/48228/CondellFrances_oralhistory.pdf. Other records relating to Condell's working life are held at the Red Cross Society, Guinness Group Sales (Ireland), and General Electric Company. Items of more personal nature remain in private hands.

Publication Note: Mary Collery Ryan's MA thesis, *Frances Condell – A Citizen of Limerick* (University of Limerick, 1995), is based in part on Condell Papers (see **P3/285**).

DESCRIPTION CONTROL

Archivist's Note: Compiled by Seán Liston. Mary Collery Ryan's MA thesis, *Frances Condell – A Citizen of Limerick* (University of Limerick, 1995), was used in the compilation of this description. Revised by Anna-Maria Hajba.

Rules or Conventions: This description follows guidelines based on *ISAD(G)* 2nd edition, 2000.

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A. GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL (1964-1966)

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- 1 8 December 1964 Inter-office letter from A. M. Denny, Director, to R. J. Parker, Manager, Henry Denny & Sons (Ireland) Ltd., Cork, enclosing a list of employees and a photographic reproduction of Denny advertising images to be used in a local press article. The list includes the name of J[ames] Eades, his date of birth, years of service and current salary.
4 items

- 2 12 December 1964 Letter from Geo[rge] W. Eades, Carleton Place, Ontario[, Canada], to James H. Eades, 24 Ascot Terrace, Limerick, enclosing a compilation of pedigree charts and other genealogical material relating to the Eades family.
3 items

- 3 17 December 1966 Envelope addressed to Mrs James Eades, 'Avril', Portumna Road, Birr, county Offaly, containing a bound genealogy of the Eades family compiled by Geo[rge] W. Eades, Carleton Place, Ontario, Canada. Inserted between the pages of the genealogy are two loose corrections slips. Outsize.
4 items

- 4 Undated Photocopy of **P3/3**. The first page bears the stamp of Ottawa Branch Library lacking in the original.
41 pp

B. CVS AND CERTIFICATES (1958-1967)

Also see **P3/33**

- 5 [c. 1958-1967] Curricula Vitae of varying length and detail.
6 items

- 6 19 August 1963 Envelope containing a certificate of honorary citizenship to the city of New Orleans. Outsize.
2 items

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- 7 23 October 1963 ‘Homage de Paris’ certificate presented to Condell by the Conseil Municipal De Paris on her official visit as Mayor of Limerick. Also related lithograph and history of Hotel de Ville. Outsize.
5 items
- 8 Undated Certificate presented to Condell in recognition of services rendered to the citizens of the City of Limerick while serving on Limerick City Council 1960-1967. Outsize.
1 item

C. CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATED ITEMS (1960-1969)

Also see **P3/ 293-296**

I First Term as Councillor (1960-1961)

- 9 22 June 1960 Letter from M. MacSherry, Honorary Secretary of The Soroptimist Club of Limerick, Thradaree, Ballinacurra, county Limerick, extending best wishes and support in the forthcoming elections.
1 p
- 10 6 July 1960 Request from Polio Fellowship (Ireland), 7 Lower Hatch Street, Dublin, for Condell’s photograph which is to be used to publicise Condell’s election in the society’s Journal.
1 p
- 11 July 1960 Letters, cards and telegrams from Denis Fitzpatrick (former Mayor of Waterford), Dr J[ohn] F. Devane (of St John’s Hospital, Limerick), Polio Fellowship (Ireland), and friends and family, congratulating Condell on her successful election as member of Limerick City Council.
23 items
- 12 2 March 1961 Letter from R. Mackey, Circulation Manager, Thomas Crosbie & Co. Ltd., 95 Patrick Street, Cork, to M[aureen]. C. Ahern, 34 Shannon Drive, Corbally[, Limerick City], enclosing a copy of the 29 July 1960 issue of *The Cork Examiner* (now not present) containing a reference to Condell.
2 pp

II First Term as Mayor (1962)

- 13 [August 1962?] Note of thanks from Cardinal Browne, Piazza della Citta Leonina, 9, Roma[, Italy,] to Condell and her husband. The note was probably written following the conferral of the Freedom of the City of Limerick on Cardinal Browne on 15 August 1962.
- 1 item

III Second Term as Mayor (1963-1964)

1. President John F. Kennedy's Visit to Limerick (1963)

- 14 10 July 1963 Letter from US Ambassador Matthew McCloskey, American Embassy, Dublin, expressing President Kennedy's appreciation for 'the splendid reception in Limerick' on 29 June, and stating that the President regarded Condell's speech the finest he had heard on his European trip.
- 2 items
- 15 17 July 1963 Envelope with Belfast postmark addressed to Condell as Mayor of Limerick.
- 1 item
- 16 22 July 1963 Letter from President John F. Kennedy, The White House, Washington, thanking Condell for a lace tablecloth presented to him on behalf of his Fitzgerald relatives and expressing his gratitude for 'the wonderful reception that greeted me in Ireland'.
- 2 items
- 17 10 August 1963 Letter from US Ambassador Matthew McCloskey, American Embassy, Dublin, attaching **P3/14** and **P3/16** and complimenting Condell on the great welcome accorded to the President in Limerick.
- 1 p
- 18 Undated A book of postcards commemorating the death of President John F. Kennedy.
- 12 items

2. Senator Edward Kennedy's Visit to Limerick (1964)

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| 19 | 21 May 1964 | Letter from Cruises Royal Hotel, 5-7 O'Connell Street, Limerick, supplying Justice Burke's address for Senator Kennedy's invitation list. | 1 p |
| 20 | [May 1964] | Letter from B. Shanahan enclosing a list of Senator Kennedy's immediate relatives, a list of more prominent public figures, and a general list used for VIP invitations. He notes that 'it would ease your pocket and your nerves' to have the lunch at the Dunraven Arms with just the relatives and the Embassy party and to have the rest of the proceedings in town.' | 6 items |
| 21 | 1964 | Invoice and receipt from McKerns Printing Works, Glentworth Street, Limerick, for the supply of 300 cards. | 2 items |
| 22 | 1964 | Invoice and receipt from General Supply Company, 70 Catherine Street, Limerick, for the supply of 300 printed invitations. | 3 items |
| 23 | May-June 1964 | Letters of appreciation from private individuals, congratulating Condell on Senator Kennedy's visit and praising her dignity and eloquence. Also Condell's copy replies. | 5 items |
| 24 | 1 June 1964 | Note from B. Shanahan listing persons to be thanked in relation to Saturday's function. | 1 p |
| 25 | 1 June 1964 | Invoice from N. Fine, Jeweller, 42 O'Connell Street, Limerick, for a silver tray and coffee set. | 1 p |
| 26 | June 1964 | Invoices and receipt from Cruises Royal Hotel for buffet expenses incurred on 30 May. | 3 items |

- 27 June 1964 Copy letters of appreciation to Michael Greene, Acting City Engineer; J. Griffin, Manager, Murray's Car Hire; Michael Harkin, Secretary, Cannock and Company; C. Kenneally, Manager, Cruises Royal Hotel; M. Power, Head Gardener of People's Park; K Quilligan, Housing Officer; and Chief Superintendent Reynolds, An Garda Síochána, thanking them and their staff and colleagues for their assistance during the Kennedy visit. Also replies from Kenneally and Reynolds.
- 9 items
- 28 4 June 1964 Letter from B. G. O'Malley, Dowdarragh, Castletroy, Limerick, thanking Condell for the invitation to the reception for Senator Kennedy which he had been unable to attend, and expressing his pride in reading in the English Press of the wonderful welcome given to the Senator.
- 1 p
- 29 4 June 1964 Letter from N. P. Shea, Gentian, Green Park, South Circular road, Limerick, thanking Condell for the invitation to the reception for Senator Kennedy and offering congratulations for 'this further triumph in your political career'.
- 1 p
- 30 10 July 1964 Letter from Joan Kennedy, wife of Senator Ted Kennedy, expressing how much it meant to the Senator to 'hear from you and to know that your thoughts and prayers are with us'. In a handwritten *post scriptum* Mrs Kennedy expresses the wish to visit Ireland when her husband is well.
- 2 items
- 31 5 August 1964 Letter from Senator Ted Kennedy, stating how the memories of his visit to Limerick and the wonderful reception received 'will always remain with me'.
- 2 items

3. Visits of Other Dignitaries (1963-1964)

- 33 11 October 1963 Letter from Robert J. Andrews, Mayor of Massapequa Park, Long Island, New York, expressing thanks for the hospitality received on his recent visit to Limerick and enclosing the 1961 Annual Report of the Incorporated Village of Massapequa Park, and a certificate of honorary citizenship to Massapequa Park awarded to Condell on 9 September 1963.
- 4 items

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- 33** 14 March 1964 Letter from Mrs Lyndon B. Johnson, The White House, Washington, thanking Condell for hospitality received when her plane landed at Shannon. Attached is a (later) typed version of the letter with a note stating that copies of it were sent to the [Limerick] Leader and the Limerick Weekly Echo.
- 3 items

- 34** 15 April 1964 Handwritten message from Cathy McKinney, Embassy of the United States of America, expressing her pleasure at meeting Condell and getting her autograph.
- 1 p

4. Her Visit to London (1964)

- 35** 12 June 1964 Letter from [Sir James] Harman, Lord Mayor of London, The Mansion House, London E.C.4., expressing pleasure at Condell's acceptance of his invitation to lunch on 25 June.
- 1 p

- 36** 17 June 1964 Aer Lingus Shannon to London airline ticket, excess baggage ticket and boarding card.
- 3 items

- 37** Undated
Event held
24 June 1964 Blank invitation issued by the Irish Export Board to meet the Right Worshipful Councillor Mrs Frances Condell, Mayor of Limerick, at the Irish Exports Centre, Regent House, London. Also a press release relating to the reception with a list of guests attending the event.
- 2 items

- 38** June 1964 Programmes of reception at Guildhall, London, by the Corporation of London to welcome delegates attending the Golden Jubilee Conference of the Town Planning Institute on 25 June. Two limericks are scribbled on the covers of one notice.
- 2 items

- 39** June 1964 Copies of the agenda of the meeting of the Court of Common Council at Guildhall on 25 June.
- 2 items

IV Last Term as Councillor (1966)

1. Her Visit to the United States (1966)

- 40 16 February 1966 Letter from Thomas J. Cranitch, Press Officer, Aer Lingus Publicity Department, 58 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1, seeking Condell's photograph and biography for press use by their New York office. Also a copy of same.
2 items
- 41 18 February 1966 Letter from A. D. C. Byrne, Guinness Group Sales (Ireland) Ltd., St. James's Gate, Dublin 8, stating that the President of the Guinness-Harp Corporation in New York would be pleased to meet Condell during her visit and assist with TV and radio appearances. Also Condell's copy reply dated 21 February.
2 items
- 42 24 February 1966 Letter from Margaret Carey, secretary to Ronald H. Sparks, Córas Trachtála (The Irish Export Board), Ireland House, 150-151 New Bond Street, London, supplying the address of Sparks' brother in the United States.
1 p
- 43 27 February 1966 Letter from Maura Bowyer, 18 Otteran Place, South Parade, Waterford City, expressing her pleasure at hearing 'of our First Lady visiting America's First Lady'. Bowyer attaches a black and white photograph of her son, singer Brendan Bowyer, and inquires about the possibility of having him introduced to Mrs Lyndon B. Johnson.
3 items
- 44 27 February 1966 Letter from Joan O'Sullivan, 1456 Taylor's Avenue, 10460 New York, making arrangements to meet Condell during her visit. Also Condell's copy reply [of 28 February], outlining her itinerary and expressing the wish to spend as much time as possible with Joan.
2 items

- 45 February-March 1966 Correspondence with Conor P. McGrath, Sales Development Manger, Irish International Airlines, 572 Fifth Avenue, 10036 New York, relating to Condell's travel arrangements and itinerary. Also related copy letters to Frank Aiken, Minister for External Affairs; and William P. Fay, Irish Ambassador to the United States.
6 items
- 46 February-March 1966 Correspondence with Bronwyn Conroy, Chief Beauty Consultant, and K. C. Jamieson, General Manager, Revlon Ireland, 104 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2, relating to the provision of a range of cosmetic products to Condell for her visit. Attached to one letter is a cutting from *The Sunday Press* of 20 February featuring an advertisement by Revlon of an upcoming visit of Conroy to Switzers store in Dublin.
4 items
- 47 February-April 1966 Correspondence with dress designer Clodagh O'Kennedy, 21 South Anne Street, Dublin 2, relating to an offer by Clodagh to supply Condell with garments for her trip, which Condell has accepted. The letters deal in the main with arrangements for the delivery of the clothes; the success of Condell's trip; and clothes samples required for an unspecified fashion show and trade fair. Attached to the correspondence are a to do-list, a list of garments required, and an itinerary of Condell's trip.
67 items
- 48 March-Sept 1966 Correspondence with A. M. Fergus, St John Bosco Industries, Carraroe, county Galway, relating to an offer to supply Condell with garments for her trip. Also later correspondence relating to samples of clothing, and to an order made for crochet evening blouses for Condell's trip to the World Health Congress in Germany in 1866.
6 items
- 49 March-May 1966 Correspondence, mainly with Con Dooley, Waterford Glass Limited, 29 Johnstown, Waterford City, relating to presentation pieces of Waterford Crystal to be given as presents to Jackie Kennedy and Mrs Lyndon B. Johnson, the appreciation shown by their recipients, and the great success of Condell's trip.
7 items

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- 50** 1 March 1966 Letter from 'Maeve', Shannon Free Airport Ireland, Graybar Building, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, relating to Condell's itinerary, particularly in relation to a TV appearance and a radio interview. Also Condell's copy reply dated 5 March.
- 3 items
- 51** 5 March 1966 Copy letter to Charlie [O'Neill, Connecticut], outlining her itinerary and expressing her desire to meet with him.
- 2 pp
- 52** 4 March 1966 Copy letter arranging an appointment with Mark McGinley, Peter Mark Hairdressing Salon, 87 Grafton Street, Dublin 2.
- 1 p
- 53** 10 March 1966 Telegrams from friends and family, wishing Condell bon voyage and success with her trip.
- 3 items
- 54** 10 March 1966 Welcome notes from Ralph Hitz Jr., General Manager, Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel; and Patrick J. Heneghan, The Exotic Garden Inc., Hollywood.
- 3 items
- 55** [10-25 March 1966] Business cards, messages, invitations and 'while you were out' notes left for Condell at the Sheraton-Atlantic Hotel during her stay. In two folders.
- 38 items
- 56** 31 March 1966 Copy letter to Michael Harkin, Managing Director, Cannock & Co., O'Connell Street, Limerick, thanking him and his company for the silver water jug received by Condell on her return.
- 1 p
- 57** 31 March 1966 Copy letter to 'Nell', in which Condell outlines highlights of her visit to the United States and regrets her lack of time which prevented her from staying longer with Nell.
- 2 pp

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- 58** 5 April 1966 Copy letter of appreciation to Patrick J. Carolan, District Sales Manager, Irish International Airlines, 1028 Connecticut Avenue, N. W. Washington D.C., thanking him for his kindness during Condell's visit. Also Carolan's reply dated 12 April. 2 items
- 59** 5 April 1966 Copy letter of appreciation to Mrs Lyndon B. Johnson, the White House, Washington, thanking her for her kindness during Condell's visit and 'for the unexpected and exciting privilege of meeting the President during your delightful luncheon party'. 1 p
- 60** 5 April 1966 Copy letter of appreciation to James O. Leet, Vice-President, Irish International Airlines, 572, Fifth Avenue, New York, thanking him for his kindness during Condell's visit and for making the trip possible in the first instance. Also Leet's reply dated 11 April. 2 items
- 61** 5 April 1966 Copy letter of appreciation to Ambassador William P. Fay, Embassy of Ireland, 2234 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W. Washington D.C., thanking him and his wife for 'the delightful welcome and hospitality extended to me upon my recent visit to your home in Washington.' 2 pp
- 62** [April 1966] Copy letter of appreciation to Andy Thomas, District Manager, Irish International Airlines, Atlanta, Georgia, thanking him for his kindness during Condell's visit. 'I have met so many distinguished people ... I have to pinch myself to realise that all this happened to me!' 2 pp
- 63** 28 April 1966 Letter from John Campbell, Department of External Affairs, Dublin 2, enclosing the 'Kennedy medallion and PT 109 pin which has been sent to this Department through the Embassy in Washington by Mr. Dave Powers, with a request that it be transmitted to you'. 1 p

- 64 April-June 1966 Letters of appreciation from individuals in the United States, expressing pleasure at having met Condell and thanking her for her gifts. 8 items

2. Other Activities (1966)

- 65 16 November 1966 Letter from P. A. Brennan, Honorary Secretary. The President Kennedy Memorial Committee, Houghton Place, New Ross, county Wexford, expressing his pleasure that Condell will be helping with the fund raising efforts to inaugurate the Kennedy Recreation Centre in New Ross and the Kennedy Library at Harvard University, Boston. Also a 10 page booklet relating to the proposed John F. Kennedy Library at Harvard University, Boston. 2 items
- 66 1965:1966 Invitations from The Ambassador of the United States to a cocktail reception on Wednesday 11 August [1965], and to a fourth of July celebratory luncheon on 27 June 1966. 3 items
- 67 8-14 June 1966 Correspondence with Joseph E. O'Connor, National Archives and Records Service, Washington D.C., and with Robert P. Chalker, Counselor of the US Embassy in Dublin, relating to the John F. Kennedy Library Oral History Project. Condell is asked to contribute to the project, the purpose which is to record interviews with colleagues and contemporaries of the late President. The letters deal in the main with arranging a suitable date for the interview. A related brochure is attached to one of the letters. 5 items

V Correspondence of Personal Nature (1965-1969)

- 68 31 December 1965 Copy note from Charles and Connie O'Neill, Greens Farm, Clearwater, Connecticut, with New Year's greetings. 1 p

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- 69 2 March 1966 Correspondence with the American poet Beverley Githens Dresbach, 'Bon Repos', Eureka Springs, Arkansas. The letters deal in the main with Dresbach's 100-line memorial poem to President Kennedy. In a copy reply, Condell discusses her decision not to seek re-election to the Mayoralty. 5 items
- 70 26 March 1966 Telegram from 'Sam' to Robert Condell bearing news of Sam's imminent arrival at Shannon. 1 p
- 71 May-August 1966 Correspondence with R. R. ('Roz') Zuger, 160 East 89th Street, New York 28, mainly relating to a Texan friend of Zuger's seeking a cultured travelling companion for his forthcoming visit to Ireland. The letters also convey social and professional news. 3 items
- 72 2 April 1966 Brown A5 envelope addressed to Condell and postmarked in Hollywood, Florida. 1 item
- 73 15 January 1969 Letter from A. Redmond, 14 Clontarf Road, Dublin 3, seeking advice on sourcing Irish material for a retail outlet which her daughter is about to open in a London Hotel. Also Condell's copy reply, providing a list of three potential sources from which Irish made clothing may be obtained. 2 items

D. SPEECHES (1962-1966)

- 74 [June 1962] Typed speech given by Condell on the occasion of her election as Mayor of Limerick City. 6 pp
- 75 [15 August 1962] Part of an address of welcome to His Eminence Cardinal Browne on the day of his conferral to the Freedom of the City of Limerick. Attached to the address is a note with lines from poems by Padraig Pearse. Also attached are two typed pages containing part of a story entitled *The Irish Heart* (see **P3/272**). On the reverse of the address and the typed story is a handwritten draft of the children's story *Constance the Camel*. 3 items

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- 76 [30 May 1964] Envelope containing typescript copies of an address of welcome to Senator Edward Kennedy.
6 items
- 77 [12 March 1966] Address given to the Annual Irish Fair, Hollywood, Florida, during Condell's visit to the United States in March 1966.
8 pp
- 78 [16 March 1966] Address given to the Overseas Press Club in New York on the eve of St Patrick's day during Condell's visit to the United States in March 1966. Attached to the speech is a card bearing the logo of the Overseas Press Club of America with handwritten names of the guests and committee members and some key phrases from the speech.
2 items
- 79 17 March 1966 Address given to the New York Rotary Club on St Patrick's Day during Condell's visit to the United States in March 1966.
2 items
- 80 Undated Address on behalf of Guinness Group Sales Ltd. to a visiting group of members of the Licensed Vintners Association to the Guinness Brewery.
4 pp

E. PRESS CUTTINGS (1960-1979)

I Family and Personal Interest (1961-1967)

- 81 12 October 1967 Centennial Edition of the newspaper *The Equity* published in Shawville, Quebec, including a photograph of Thomas Eades taken in 1909.
24 pp
- 82 [1961-1967] Scrap book of mainly press cuttings relating to the photographer Maurice Fridberg, including a letter from J. W. Ford Smith, Keeper of Art Ulster Museum, to Fridberg dated 23 June 1967; copy of vol. 1 no. 3 of *Maccabi Life*; an invitation to an exhibition of Fridberg's works in Dublin; a printed poem, *Prayer of a Tree*, by Condell, and a black and white photograph by Fridberg, entitled *Fly*. Outsize.
180 pp

II Public Interest (1960-1967)

1. First Term as Councillor (1960)

- 83 [July 1960] Press cuttings relating to Condell's election as member of Limerick City Council. Also a press cutting concerning the low poll in the elections.
3 items

2. First Term as Mayor (1962)

- 84 [1962] Press cuttings relating to Condell's election as the first female Mayor of Limerick. Included are two copies of the *Limerick Chronicle* of Saturday 30 June 1962, on which her election is the main headline.
6 items

3. Second Term as Mayor (1963-1964)

- 85 [March-Oct. 1963] Press cuttings relating to Condell's re-election as Mayor for a second term in July 1963 and her duties as Mayor of Limerick.
9 items
- 86 [June-Sept. 1963] Press cuttings relating to President Kennedy's visit to Ireland in June 1963. Among the featured events is the conferring of the Freedom of Limerick on Kennedy by Condell. Included is a copy of the special supplement, 'A Pictorial Record – President Kennedy in Ireland', published with *The Irish Times* on 26 June, and a copy of the *Limerick Ardfert Aghadoe Diocesan Magazine*, featuring a photograph of Condell and Kennedy on the front cover.
11 items
- 87 14 March 1964 Press cuttings relating to Mrs Lyndon B. Johnson's visit to Ireland.
2 items

88 1964:1979 Press cuttings relating to Condell's visit to London as a guest of the Lord Mayor for the opening of the Court of Common Council in June 1964, and for a reception at the Irish Export Centre where she inaugurated the Irish Fashion Award competition. Also two copies of an article by James A. Whelan (London editor of the *Cork Examiner*) in which he reminisces Condell's visit to London.

12 items

89 1963-1964 Profiles and interviews of Condell in her role as Mayor of Limerick.

5 items

4. Last Term as Councillor (1964)

90 14 March 1964 Press cuttings relating to Condell's visit to the United States.

2 items

5. Other Events (1964-1967)

91 June 1964 Press cuttings relating to the election of Condell's successor, Councillor Jack Danagher, as Mayor of Limerick.

7 items

92 1963-1964 Press cuttings relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the subsequent Warren Commission report. Also a press cutting relating to the establishment of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Memorial Rehabilitation Centre in Limerick, and reminiscences of the President's visit to the city.

6 items

93 c. 1964-1967 Press cuttings featuring Condell at Clonakilty Festival (which she opened), and in the company of the Irish Ambassador to Italy after receiving an honorary MA degree at Trinity College. Also four press cuttings with no obvious link to Condell: the opening of the Cork ICA Drama Festival in 1967; a charity shop in Dun Laoghaire operating in aid of the Downs Syndrome Association; a column from the *Irish Times* by Myles na gCopaleen about his education in UCD; and an article on Pierre Salinger's Senate campaign.

6 items

F. PHOTOGRAPHS (1880-1973)

I Family Interest (1920-1973)

- 94 c. 1922-1931 Album containing 47 black and white photographs of Eades family interest and a press cutting announcing the engagement of Florence Mary Eades to Michael Coventry. Three of the photographs are loose. The album shows signs of re-use, the images it originally contained having been removed.
40 pp
- 95 [c.1937-1950] Album with leather covers embossed 'Greetings from Napier N.Z. – Photographs', containing 108 black and white photographs and postcards of Condell's wedding in 1937, her honeymoon, and childhood images of her son Alan. Also two press cuttings relating to Alan Condell. Nine of the items are loose. The last page bears the printed inscription 'Photos by P. C. Sorrell Napier'. The album shows signs of re-use, the images it originally contained having been removed.
44 pp
- 96 [1920s-1973] Loose, mainly black and white photographs of personal interest, portraying in the main Condell, her husband and her son. Also a group photo of a school class taken in the 1920s-1930s. Outsize.
29 items

II Public Interest (1962-1966)

- 97 [c. 1962-1966] Photographs, letters and invitations originally contained in a photograph album and portraying Condell's public life. Included are photographs of Cardinal Browne signing an entry as Freeman of Limerick; Condell with Ambassador William Fay; four images of Senator Ted Kennedy's visit to Limerick; and four images of Condell at the Irish Fair, Hollywood, Florida. Also portraits of Condell, and some photographs of personal nature. Other items of note include a letter of thanks from President Kennedy on his bereavement of having lost a child; invitation to the White House; invitation to luncheon at the Irish Embassy in USA from Ambassador Fay; and a letter of thanks from Mrs Lyndon B. Johnson. Outsize.
29 items

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- 98** [1963] Photograph of Condell with President Kennedy at Greenpark Racecourse; and three portraits of President Kennedy (one lacking top half). Outsize.
4 items
- 99** [1964] Photographs of Condell with Mrs Lyndon B. Johnson during her visit to Limerick. Outsize.
4 items
- 100** [June 1964] Photographs of Condell at the Córas Trachtála/
Irish Export Board reception in London in June
1964 to publicise the Irish Fashion awards.
Outsize.
11 items
- 101** [c. 1962-1964] Photographs of Condell at various public events as
Mayor of Limerick. Items of note include images
of Condell accompanied by Kenneth Kaunda
(later President of Zambia), An Taoiseach Sean Lemass and his wife
Maureen, Cardinal Michael Browne, actor Micheál Mac Liammóir,
Parliamentary Secretary Donough O'Malley T.D., Bishop of Limerick Dr
Henry Murphy, military officers, and Rose of Tralee contestants. Outsize.
27 items
- 102** Undated Colour photograph of members of Limerick City
Council. Outsize.
14 items

III Other Images (1880-1960s)

- 103** [c. 1880s] Reproduction of a full-length photograph of Lady
Emly of Tervoe (Frances de la Poer). Outsize.
1 item
- 104** [c. 1950s] Black and white group portrait of members of
staff outside the L & N Tea Co., O'Connell Street,
Limerick. Outsize.
1 item
- 105** [1960s] Black and white group portrait of members of
staff viewing a collection of Limerick hams at of
Denny's bacon factory, Limerick. Outsize.
1 item

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- 106** [1960s] Black and white image of a young woman admiring an embroidered christening gown. Outsize. 1 item
- 107** [1960s] Black and white image of preparation work at Greenpark Racecourse for a large event (possibly President Kennedy's visit). Outsize. 1 item

G. WRITINGS (1941-1995)

I Poems (1941-1974)

1. Notebooks (1941-1959)

- 108** [c. 1941-1959] Hardback scrapbook with an embroidered front cover, containing handwritten copies of poems by Padraic Pearse, Cahir Healy and others; childhood letters from Alan Condell to his parents; press cuttings of poems by Condell under a variety of pen names; letters and postcards from family and friends; theatre and other programmes; and assorted pictures. Also a press cutting relating to Condell's wedding. Poem titles by Condell include *The 90 Hours*, *At Home and Overseas*, *The Letter*, *Dreams*, *May-Time*, *Wandering*, *Until*, *Remembering*, *Laus Deo*, *To My Black Cat*, *The City Child*, *Some Day...*, *The Tinker and Her Child*, *Nocturne on the Heath*, *The Sea at Banna Cove*, *Night in the Children's Ward*, *Requiescat*, *Portrait of an Old Woman*, *Forgotten Things...*, *Prayer of a Tree*, and *Exile*, *Come Home*. Several loose items. 94 pp
- 109** Undated Envelope marked 'Personal Poems' containing a loose-page notebook of handwritten poems by Frances Condell. Poem titles include *Contrition*, *Love and Hate*, *Remembering*, *To My Friend*, *Springtime*, *Strangers*, *A Sailor Comes Home*, *A Prayer* (with alterations), *The Clouds* (with alterations), *Alone*, *My Tree*, *The Enigma*, *Thank You, God...* (with alterations), *The Home in the Heart*, *The Miracle*, *The Birth of a Babe*, *Penitence*, *Evening Shadows*, *Sweet Sacrifice*, *Belovéd*, *Remembrance*, *The Dream*, *The Storm*, *The Birth of Summer*, *Love*, *A Thanksgiving*, *Alone*, *At Home and Overseas*, *Absent*, *Money*, *Bereavement*, *The Dawn*, *Meditation* (with alterations), *The Wanderlust*, *Intentions*, *Those 90 Hours*, and *A Home-Coming Hymn*. 2 items

2. Loose Poems (1951-1974)

(a) Written as 'Frances Condell' (1964-1974)

1964:1967:1974:
undated

Mainly undated typescript poems on loose sheets written under then name Frances Condell.

110	<i>Absent</i> Also see P3/109	1 item
111	<i>After the Ball</i>	1 item
112	<i>Autumnal Query</i>	1 item
113	<i>Betrothal</i>	2 items
114	<i>Between the Lines</i>	6 items
115	<i>The Calm</i>	1 item
116	<i>A Choice of Gifts</i>	5 items
117	<i>The City Child</i> Also see P3/108	1 item
118	<i>Confirmation Day</i>	1 item
119	<i>Contrition</i> Also see P3/109	1 item
120	<i>Convoy</i>	1 item
121	<i>Crematorium</i>	1 item
122	<i>Dreams</i> Also see P3/108	1 item
123	<i>Exile Come Home</i> Also see P3/108	2 items
124	<i>Exile in a Bar/ Exile Sitting in a Bar</i> Also see <i>Thoughts in a Pub</i> P3/208	7 items
125	<i>An Exile's Holiday</i>	1 item
126	<i>An Exile's Wish</i>	1 item
127	<i>Expectancy</i>	1 item
128	<i>The Fire</i>	1 item
129	<i>Forbearance</i>	3 items
130	<i>Forgotten Things</i> Also see P3/108	2 items

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131	<i>The Home in the Heart</i> Also see P3/109	1 item
132	<i>The Home Pin-Up</i>	1 item
133	<i>If...</i>	1 item
134	<i>Interchange</i>	1 item
135	<i>The Interloper</i>	1 item
136	<i>Laus Deo</i> Also see <i>Thank You, God...</i> P3/108	2 items
137	<i>The Letter</i> Also see P3/108	1 item
138	<i>Love and Hate</i> Also see P3/109	1 item
139	<i>The Magdalene</i>	3 items
140	<i>The Mask</i>	2 items
141	<i>Miss Efficiency</i>	1 item
142	<i>Mistaken Nonentity</i>	2 items
143	<i>Neighbourliness</i>	3 items
144	<i>Ode to an Unobtainable Fig</i>	1 item
145	<i>Ode to – My Shortie Pyjamas!</i>	1 item
146	<i>On the Edge of Nowhere</i>	1 item
147	<i>The Paragon</i>	1 item
148	<i>The Peace of the Blankets</i>	1 item
149	<i>The People Next Door</i>	2 items
150	<i>Photograph</i>	1 item
151	<i>A Pilgrim's Progress</i>	3 items
152	<i>Portrait of an Old Woman</i> Also see P3/108	2 items
153	<i>Prayer of a Tree</i> Also see P3/108	2 items
154	<i>Prelude</i>	1 item
155	<i>Query (1)</i>	1 item
156	<i>Query (2)</i>	1 item

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157	<i>Reckoning</i> (2 copies by 'Pat Francis')	4 items
158	<i>Request</i> (1)	2 items
159	<i>Request</i> (2)	3 items
160	<i>Requiescat</i> Also see P3/108	3 items
161	<i>Return</i>	1 item
162	<i>Revelation</i>	3 items
163	<i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>	3 items
164	<i>The Sea</i>	1 item
165	<i>The Seekers</i>	3 items
166	<i>The Shop Around the Corner</i>	1 item
167	<i>Silent Whispers</i>	3 items
168	<i>Soliloquy</i>	1 item
169	<i>So Many Children</i>	1 item
170	<i>Sonnet – A Tribute</i>	2 items
171	<i>Stranger Come Back</i>	4 items
172	<i>Summer Love</i>	1 item
173	<i>Symphony</i>	1 item
174	<i>Tempus Fugit</i>	2 items
175	<i>Things to Come</i>	2 items
176	<i>This Thing Called Time</i>	2 items
177	<i>This too Will Pass Away</i>	5 items
178	<i>Thoughts at an Auction: Lot – Miscellaneous</i>	1 item
179	<i>Thoughts in a Food-Market</i>	1 item
180	<i>Thoughts on a Hill-Top</i>	1 item
181	<i>The Tinker and Her Child</i> Also see P3/108	1 item
182	<i>A Tribute in Memory of Rev. Joseph Erraught S. J.</i>	2 items

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183	<i>A Tribute in Memory of the Very Rev. J. M. Canon Hayes, P.P. Bansha, Founder of Muintir na Tire</i>	1 item
184	<i>The Uninvited</i>	1 item
185	<i>Until.../Until Tomorrow</i> Also see P3/108	3 items
186	<i>The Vigil</i> Also see P3/285	2 items
187	<i>Waiting...</i>	2 items
188	<i>The Wet Day</i>	1 item
189	<i>Wishful Thinking</i>	5 items

(b) Written as 'Pat Francis' (1959-1960)

1959-1960:
undated

Mainly undated typescript poems on loose sheets written under the name Pat Francis.

190	<i>Black and White</i> (1 copy by 'Frances Condell')	5 items
191	<i>Ego</i>	2 items
192	<i>The Flower</i>	2 items
193	<i>Food for Thought</i>	1 item
194	<i>Good Friday/ Thoughts for Good Friday</i> (5 copies by 'Frances Condell')	8 items
195	<i>His First Letter</i>	2 items
196	<i>I Told You So!</i>	3 items
197	<i>I Too Must Seek</i>	1 item
198	<i>Lunar Hey Diddle Diddle</i>	1 item
199	<i>Me!</i>	1 item
200	<i>Misplaced Sympathy</i>	1 item
201	<i>The Missing Link</i>	1 item
202	<i>Mother's Day</i>	1 item
203	<i>Old Father Time</i>	5 items
204	<i>Out Fishing</i>	1 item

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205	<i>So Many Children</i>	1 item
206	<i>The Strange One</i>	1 item
207	<i>Success</i>	1 item
208	<i>Thoughts in a Pub</i> Also see <i>Exile in a Bar</i> P3/124	2 items
209	<i>Why?/ Why O Why?</i>	2 items

(c) Written as 'Dell Allen' (c. 1960s)

Undated Press cuttings of poems written under the name Dell Allen.

210	<i>Poor Kate</i>	1 item
211	<i>Shopping Days</i>	1 item

(d) Unattributed Poems (1951-1964)

1951:1961:
undated Handwritten poems on loose sheets of paper, unattributed but in Condell's hand.

212	<i>Début</i>	1 item
213	<i>The Enigma</i> Also see P3/109	4 items
214	<i>For Alan</i>	1 item
215	<i>A Man is a Dream</i>	1 item
216	<i>Resolution</i>	1 item
217	<i>When the Wind Was Green</i>	1 item

1964:undated Typed poems on loose sheets of paper, unattributed but probably by Condell.

218	<i>Aphelion</i>	1 item
219	<i>The Bright Days to Come</i>	2 items
220	<i>End of a Past</i>	1 item
221	<i>Excogitation</i>	1 item

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222	<i>Extract from the Recollections of a Mayor</i>	1 item
223	<i>Forgotten Thoughts...</i>	2 items
224	<i>Query</i>	1 item
225	<i>The Quest</i>	2 items
226	<i>Some Day</i> Also see P3/108	1 item
227	<i>Thoughts at Eastertide</i>	2 items
228	<i>While My Beloved Sleeps</i>	1 item
229	<i>You Had Gone</i>	3 items
230	Untitled (<i>Could We But Rest...</i>)	1 item
231	Untitled (<i>For You A Mbichíl...</i>)	1 item
232	Untitled (<i>Madame, How Can You Suggest...</i>)	1 item

II Children's Stories (c. 1960s)

Also see **P3/75**

1. Completed Stories (c. 1960s)

Undated Typescript copies of children's stories written by Condell. Some of the stories are written under the pen names 'Pat Francis' and 'Jack and Jill'. Some of the copies contain pencilled amendments and alterations.

233	<i>Alan the Alligator</i>	1 item
234	<i>Alan and the Elves/ Alan and the Leprechauns</i>	3 items
235	<i>Billy the Barnacle</i>	5 items
236	<i>Bob the Brass Bell</i>	5 items
237	<i>Brendan the Bear</i>	4 items
238	<i>Charley the Chimney</i>	5 items
239	<i>Donald the Drainpipe</i>	6 items
240	<i>Dora the Drain</i>	5 items

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241	<i>Fanny the Phone</i>	7 items
242	<i>Flora the Flower-Bed</i>	5 items
243	<i>Freddy the Flea</i>	3 items
244	<i>Kathleen the Kerb</i> Also see P3/267	5 items
245	<i>Liam the Litter-Bin</i>	8 items
246	<i>The Little Cave Men</i>	1 item
247	<i>Olive the Octopus</i>	3 items
248	<i>Pat the Peacock/ Pat the Petted Peacock</i>	4 items
249	<i>Peter the Pencil</i>	5 items
250	<i>Robert the Rhinoceros</i>	5 items
251	<i>Ronald the Rattlesnake</i>	5 items
252	<i>Sammy the Signpost/ Sidney the Signpost</i>	5 items
253	<i>Sammy the Snail</i>	4 items
254	<i>Tom the Trout</i>	1 item
255	<i>Wally the Wall</i>	6 items
256	<i>Wee Willie White</i>	4 items
257	<i>Willie the Window</i>	6 items
258	<i>The Wishing Forest</i>	1 item

2. Drafts (c. 1960s)

	Undated	Handwritten drafts of children's stories, mostly unattributed but presumably by Condell.
259	<i>Andrew the Hairpin</i>	1 p
260	<i>Bertie the Bench</i>	5 pp
261	<i>Berty the Bus Shelter</i>	5 pp
262	<i>Dora the Door</i>	1 p

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263	<i>Frances the Flag</i>	4 pp
264	<i>Frances the Fence</i>	7 pp
265	<i>[Freddie the Fire Grate]</i>	8 pp
266	<i>Gertie the Greenhouse</i>	1 p
267	<i>Kathleen the Kerb</i> Also see P3/244	5 pp
268	<i>Mike the Match</i>	2 pp
269	<i>Sheila and the Fairies</i>	8 pp
270	Undated	Introduction and first two pages of Chapter 1 of an untitled story involving 'a naughty boy called Sean & a very good little boy called Mike'. 2 items

III Short Stories (c. 1960s)

271	Undated	Typescript of a short story entitled <i>Bide a While</i> , written under the pen-name 'Pat Francis'. 33 pp
272	Undated	Two different typescript versions of a short story entitled <i>The Irish Heart</i> , one bearing the name of Frances Condell, the other that of Pat Francis. Also see P3/75; P3/108 and P3/152 (<i>Portrait of an Irish Woman</i>); P3/273 (<i>An Croí Gaelach</i>); and P3/277 (<i>Far From the Madding Crowd</i>). 2 items
273	Undated	Typescript of a short story entitled <i>An Croí Gaelach</i> , an Irish language version of P3/272 (<i>The Irish Heart</i>). Also see P3/108 and P3/152 (<i>Portrait of an Irish Woman</i>), and P3/277 (<i>Far From the Madding Crowd</i>). 3 pp
274	Undated	Typescript of a short story entitled <i>The Ladder</i> , written under the pen-name 'Pat Francis'. 13 pp

IV Essays and Articles (1965-1981)

- 275 1966-1967 Large notebook, originally a diary for 1963 but used by Condell for writing down drafts of assorted articles for *Woman's Way*, *Limerick Weekly Echo*, *Church of Ireland Gazette*, and *The Irish Independent*. Article topics include current affairs, social welfare and health issues, consumerism, fashion, and specific events such as festivals, conferences and local elections. Inserted between the pages are 35 loose items, mainly place holders with single keywords but also assorted press cuttings and three article drafts (*Do You Ever Feel a Flop*; *Lest We Forget*; and part of an untitled article discussing TV and radio).
- 390 pp
- 276 1968-1981 Large notebook, originally a diary for 1960 but used by Condell for writing down drafts of assorted articles published in *Woman's Way*, *Church of Ireland Gazette*, *Limerick Weekly Echo* and *The Irish Independent*. Article topics include crafts and hobbies, home décor, holidays, cooking, household tips, social interaction, articles of spiritual or ethical nature, and the draft of a short story entitled *The Two-Timer*. Inserted between the pages are 11 loose items, mainly place holders with single key words, but also the first page of a typescript entitled *Personal Call*, and a press cutting about Butlin's holiday centre at Mosney, county Meath. The first pages of the diary incorporate a list of addresses in Limerick and Dublin, mainly of social and community organisations.
- 342 pp
- 277 1965 Photocopy of a booklet entitled *Your Local Council. Activity Guide for Pupils*, written by Condell, illustrated by Thomas Ryan, and published by Encyclopaedia Britannica Ltd., London, 1965. Outsize.
- 13 pp
- 278 Undated Typescript of an essay entitled *Far from the Madding Crowd* in two parts, prepared for the Mid-Morning Programme on RTE. The tone of the essay, which describes a visit to Dunquin in the Dingle Peninsula, is very similar to the short story *An Irish Heart*, for which see **P3/272**.
- 2 items
- 279 Undated A short handwritten essay about the Irish national anthem.
- 4 pp

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- 280 Undated A typescript set of questions and answers entitled *An Bhratach Náisiúnta*, concerning the history of and respect due to the national flag. 12 pp
- 281 Undated A typescript list entitled *Mayoral Chain*, providing background information on past Mayors of Limerick and on local and national events from 1822 to 1955 but not in chronological order. 5 pp
- 282 Undated A short handwritten essay on teaching young children. Also a single page typescript entitled *The Most Interesting Part of My Job* on the same subject. 2 items
- 283 Undated Household management tips written on the back of a copy of the minutes of the eighth AGM of the Institute of Public Administration. 2 pp

V Writings by Others on Condell (1986-1995)

- 284 [c. 1986] Photocopy of a typescript account by Mrs Grimes entitled *Tomorrow*, in which the author recalls events from her life and her friendship with Condell. Also see **P3/186**. 3 pp
- 285 October 1995 M.A. thesis, *Frances Condell – A Citizen of Limerick* (1995) by Mary Collery Ryan for the University of Limerick, with a loose one-page abstract. 2 items

VI Writings by Others on Other Subjects (1947-1977)

- 286 [1947] Handwritten extracts from the poem *Midnight Lamentation* by Harold Monro. Written on the reverse is a handwritten draft of a poem entitled *Boundless Solitude*, presumably by Condell. 2 pp

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- 287 [c. 1950s] Typescript paper entitled *A Short History of Bunratty Castle, Co. Clare* by John Hunt.
15 pp
- 288 [1963] Article from an unidentified magazine entitled *Let Them Sort It Out, a Thought for Next Year* by Sean O'Sullivan. The article considers the need for change to what is seen as a 'Catholic Constitution for a Catholic People' before talking of national unity.
2 pp
- 289 January 1968 Article from the *Lourdes Messenger* entitled *Why Does Time Gallop so Fast?* by Jean Fielding.
2 pp
- 290 [c. 1970] Booklet on Adare parish church by the Right Rev R. Wyse Jackson, Bishop of Limerick (1961-1970).
3 pp
- 291 26 March 1977 Photocopy of a press cutting of the poem *The Shamrock Is Forgotten* by Paul Darcy published in the *Limerick Leader*.
1 p
- 292 Undated Two sets of typed extracts from John Wesley's *Journal* and from the Rev James Dowd's *From Round About the County of Limerick* relating to the history of Palatine families in Limerick.
2 items

VII Correspondence re: Publication (1965-1982)

- 293 2 January 1965 Copy letter to R. Lyon, Managing Director, Talbot Press, Talbot Street, Dublin, seeking advice on having children's stories published.
2 pp
- 294 25 July 1975 Copy letter to Maxwell Sweeney, Radio Centre, RTE, Donnybrook, Dublin 4, on the possibility of reading her children's stories on radio.
1 p

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- 295** 20 November 1982 Copy letter to Tom Tobin, Features' Editor, *The Irish Observer*, 16a Craven Park Road, Harlsden, London, forwarding nine poems (now not present) for the paper's 'Poetry Corner'.
1 p
- 296** Undated Observations by 'Maurice' on a contract with Fallon for the publication of *Adventures of Peter the Pencil*.
2 pp

H. AUDIO TAPES (1979-1980)

- 297** Undated 60-minute audio tape marked 'For Mrs F. Condell from Fr. Cletus, O.F.M. – Pax et Bonum'. Side A contains a 20-minute homily on the theme of 'Preparing to Meet the Lord' interspersed with spoken prayers, psalms and a sung version of *Abide with Me*. Side B includes the hymns and songs *The Lord is My Shepherd*; *River of Dreams* to the air of *The Blue Danube*; a violin solo; *Panis Angelicus* and the *Barcarolle* from 'The Tales of Hoffmann'; *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* sung by John McCormack; and *Lord Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace* sung by a soprano with a children's choir.
1 item
- 298** 1979-1980 Audio tape containing two interviews with Tom Tobin. Side A contains an interview broadcast on a Radio Luimní 'Community Roundabout' programme the week after the visit of Pope John Paul to Limerick in late October, 1979. Condell gives her view on the visit and what it meant for her. The interview also refers to highlights of Condell's mayoralty, in particular the visits of President Kennedy, Mayor Dick Daley of Chicago, Cardinal Browne, Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, and Senator Ted Kennedy. Side B contains an interview apparently taped at Condell's home. Condell recalls events from her childhood, her love of literature and the Irish language, her marriage, the war years, her involvement in the Red Cross as a volunteer and later as a paid organiser, and her involvement with the National Blood Transfusion Service. The interview terminates abruptly as the tape ends.
1 item
- 299** 1979-1980 Copy of **P3/298**.
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[December 1980] Audio tape marked 'M. Collins'. Side A contains sundry casual recordings of popular music and radio advertisements. Side B contains a recording of the RTE Radio programme 'Seascapes' from December 1980, in which Tom McSweeney interviews Captain Richard Farrell, the last surviving Irish holder of a Master's certificate for a large sailing vessel. Captain Farrell recalls rounding Cape Horn under sail on two occasions, the landing of Munster Fusiliers and other soldiers at Suvla Bay near Gallipoli during the First World War, the danger posed by submarines, and his career as Harbour Master in Waterford.

1 item