

Property Management Limerick City Council

(1774-1956)

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Introduction

The collection relates to property rent received by Limerick Corporation from tenants, dating from 1774-1956.

The Corporation possessed extensive property, both inside and outside the city walls, which were rented out to various tenants (including city councillors and officials).

In 1823, just before the Limerick Regulation Act, (which stipulated that leases of municipal property had to be let by order of Common Council and then approved by the revived Court D'Oyer Hundred), large amounts of the Corporation properties were granted on perpetual leases, to Lord Gort and two of his associates. In effect, these lands were lost forever to the local authority. By 1840, virtually all of the Corporation's properties had been let to members of the Common Council and their associates, for very long periods (some leases were for 999 years), at tiny rents. Even so, the rents were frequently not paid, and the properties usually passed into the permanent ownership of the well-connected lessees. In 1844, the city law agent, Robert Potter, estimated that the municipal income from lands and houses alone should have been £10,000 a year, instead of the paltry annual income of £700 derived from this source.

The Corporation also earned income from wayleaves. This was annual rent paid by organisations and individuals whom encroached on corporation property, for example by having a kiosk on the foot path, by building a fence around their private property which bordered Corporation land, or by erecting signs or electrical poles. The collection includes twentieth century correspondence, arranged chronologically, regarding applications for permission to encroach on corporation property (prior to the Planning Act 1963). Applications generally included plans and drawings.

A number of the account books and ledgers in this collection also include accounts of tolls and customs and other income received by Limerick Corporation. (see L/FR/PM/1/1/1 and L/FR/1/2/3) See also L/FM Financial Management Pre-1934.

1. Accounts of Tenants renting Limerick Corporation Land and Property

(i) Tenant Account Ledgers (1774-1907)

1/1 29 September 1744-29 September 1758 Rent Roll and Accounts of the Estate of the city of Limerick. Details recorded annually under columns titled 'denominations', 'tenants name', 'arrears due', 'one years rent', 'amount of the two former columns', 'received by John Vincent' and 'remains in arrears'. 'Denominations' relates to the location and type of property with entries such as 'a house by West Water Gate', 'a plot in John street' and a passage under the court house'. The volume includes the rent roll for year ending 29 September 1745, and the period 29 September 1754-29 September 1758. Includes also an account of the Limerick Corporation Gates and Tolls income for the period October 1744 and October 1754-October 1757. Includes also account of payments made by the Chamberlain by order and for account of the Corporation for year ended 29 September 1745, and the period 29 September 1753-29 September 1758.

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1/2 25 March 1824-25 March 1842 Ledger of the Tenants Accounts of the Corporation of Limerick. Details recorded include name of tenant, address of property, and amount of annual rent. Entries for each tenant record the date on which half-years rent was due, the amount of rent and date sum received. Includes occasional annotations relating to the property such as 'rent ceased from 1 November 1838, purchase money received from the Bridge Commissioners 27 December 1838'. Also included at the rear of the volume is list of rents payable by Limerick Corporation each year, which lists the lessor, property rented, and amount of annual rent. Accounts were kept by D. T. G Mahony, chamberlain. Includes index to accounts.

95 ff.

1/3 1861-1907 Ledger of tenant accounts of Corporation of Limerick. Each tenant account consists of name of tenant, name of property, date of lease, and amount of annual rent recorded at beginning of each account. Entries are arranged under various headings which include 'no', 'name', 'denomination', 'gale days', 'poor rate allowed', 'income tax allowed', 'arrears remaining due to' and date and sum of rent received. Includes annotations which record changes in rental agreement between Corporation and tenant such as 'key of premises given up by Patrick Hickey and surrender accepted by "No. 2" Finance Committee'. Also recorded occasionally is folio number of 'personal account book' to which account is transferred to. Includes index to accounts.

c. 125 ff.

(ii) Property Account Books (1897-1885)

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2/3 1892-1934 (-1937)

Personal Accounts Ledger
of Limerick Corporation
recording revenue

received by Corporation. Includes tenant accounts and miscellaneous revenue accounts of the Corporation. Includes accounts for rent of room in town hall, rent of kiosk at Pery Square, rent of part of care-takers home, rent of St. John's National School, rent of site to St. John's boat club, rent of property to Mechanics Institute (1907-1924), rent of property to Geary and Sons (1908-1937) and account of rent paid by Waterworks (1897-1934) and others. Includes revenue accounts relating to Fire Department such as 'expenses at fires recouped' (1899-1911), 'rent of house at fire station'. Includes account of receipts from public baths recording sums received each week from April to November (1901-1915); includes account of explosive licenses fees received (1901-1919); includes accounts of licence fees paid under Motor Car Act 1903 (1904-1911), account of annual charges paid by F. Spaight and Sons for way-leave for pipe from Docks to new mills (1903-1937);), account of Electric Supply Board (1929-1937) and other accounts. Includes Auditors Report of Limerick County Borough Electrical Lighting Undertaking for period ended 31 May 1928. Includes index to accounts. (see also **L/EL Electrical Lighting Undertaking**)

205 pp.

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2/5 31 March 1940-31 March 1943

Corporation Property
Account Book consisting
of accounts of rents

received by Limerick Corporation for head rents, rent of Corporation property, way leave charges, and rent of houses acquired by Corporation on default of borrowers under Small Dwellings Acquisitions Act in payment of instalments of principal and interest. Entries are arranged by category of charge and by financial year. Details recorded for each sum received includes name and address of payee, description of charge, date payable, amount of charge, arrears at end of last financial year, amount due for current financial year, total to be accounted for, income tax allowed, payments made during financial year, date of payment, and arrears at end of current financial year. Way leave charges include entries such as 'kiosk on public highway', 'pipe from docks to New Mill', and 'structure east side of Matthew Bridge'. Rent of houses acquired under SDA also records name of individual that the house was acquired from, weekly rents due, and weekly sums received.

c. 50 ff.

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1 September 1944-1 March 1956

Corporation Property
Leger consisting of
accounts of rents received

by the Corporation, mainly from head –rents. Entries are arranged by tenant's name. Details recorded at beginning of each account include particulars of charge, name and address of payee, annual amount payable, and gale days. Details of charges paid are then recorded chronologically under the following headings 'date due', 'arrears bought forward', 'accrued', 'total for collection', 'income tax allowed', 'net amount payable', 'date of payment', 'amount paid', 'arrears forward' and 'remarks'.

Accounts occasionally cross-referenced with earlier account ledgers. Includes yearly summary of head-rents received for years ended 31 March 1947, 31 March 1949, and 31 March 1955 at rear of volume. Includes index to accounts.

c. 250 pp.

2. Limerick Corporation Rental Ledgers

(i) Tenant Estate Ledger (1877-1885)

1/1 1877-1885 Limerick Corporation
Rental Estate Ledger,
arranged by year and by estate. It
consists of record of rent collection from sub-tenants of Corporation tenants. Each
account is headed by year to which it refers and name of tenant estate. Entries then
record details of payment of rent by sub-tenants of the Estate at half yearly intervals.
Details recorded include address of property, tenant's name, valuation, gale day,
arrears, ½ years rent due, total sum of rent and arrears due, amount received, date of
payment, poor rate, date when poor rate struck, income tax and grand jury cess. At
half yearly intervals, total sums for each estate are calculated for above-mentioned
entries. Includes list of poor rates and when struck at the beginning of volume.
Includes index.

287 ff.

(ii) Ground Rent Ledger (1947-1949)

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2/5 29 July 1947-26 April 1949 Account of ground rents
received by Limerick
Corporation. Details
recorded include date sum received, name, address of property, and sum received.
Also included are initials of collector, and total of lodgement made to Corporation
Bank Account made on specific dates.

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3. Tenant Correspondence Files (1926-1956)

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| 1/1 | Dec 1925-6 June 1928 | File relating to New Boat Club Building Application submitted by Athlunkard Boat Club, Limerick. Includes site plan. | 5 pp |
| 1/2 | 11 Dec 1925 | File relating to application by C.S Bavvy, butcher, to build new bay window at premises 2 Thomas street, Limerick. Includes drawing of proposed new shop front. | 2 pp. |
| 1/3 | 21 January 1926-29 July 1943 | File relating to two applications from National Bakery Company to erect an additional building next to their existing premises on Broad Street, which were both rejected by Limerick Corporation | 14 pp |
| 1/4 | June 1928 | File relating to application from fisherman to erect a ladder at Long Dock Merchants Quay. | 2 pp. |
| 1/5 | 2 May 1927-7 June 1928 | File relating to application by Nora O'Rourke to erect a kiosk at corner of North Strand and Ennis road. Includes sketch. | 7 pp. |
| 1/6 | May 1928 | File relating to application by Dartry Dye Works to hang an electric sign on the brickwork over the doorway of company premises, 4 Georges street, Limerick. Includes rough sketch. | 6 pp. |

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| 1/7 | 23 May 1928-4 June 1928 | File relating to application from Limerick Branch of the Irish British Legion, Irish Free State to erect a memorial at Perry street in memory of the 3000 men from Limerick city and county. Includes site plan. | 7 pp. |
| 1/8 | 23 May 1928 | Letter from Christian Brothers, St Michaels Limerick requesting permission to erect a safe-boundary at St. Josephs orphanage. | 1 p. |
| 1/9 | September 1928 | File relating to application from Thomas Callaghan to erect a hut for recreation purposes on waste grounds inside the town wall district, near Grattan Street. Includes site plan. | 5 pp |
| 1/10 | 1926-1951 | File relating to applications from various businesses to erect signs and wireless aerals outside their shops or business office. Includes sketches | c. 25 pp. |
| 1/11 | October 1928 | File relating to application from Suttons Limited to alter shop front of their premises at Sarsfield Street. Includes plan of proposed alterations. | 3 pp. |
| 1/12 | 29 December 1926-10 October 1929 | Letter from John O'Doherty and Sons, Quarry owners and Stone Contractors requesting a piece of ground near Matthew Quay. Sketch map of ground included. | 10 items. |

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| 1/13 | 12 June 1929-1 July 1929 | File relating to the erection of advertisement hoarding at Clare Street, Cecil Street and Henry Street. Includes letter of protest from various individuals with comment that 'In the first place it will undoubtedly considerably reduce the valuation of adjacent property, as well as being a hindrance to any prospective building operations. In the course of time we expect the present hoarding would be extended to the end of Cecil street and become decorated with the unsightly and certainly suggestive, cinema advertisements which abound the City at present-not a present outlook for our wives and daughters....' (12 June 1929) |
| | | 2 items. |
| 1/14 | 21 May 1929 | Letter from Electricity Supply Board applying for lease of Transformer Station Site, Honan's Quay, Limerick. |
| | | 1 p. |
| 1/15 | 7 August 1930 | Letter from Michael Ryan applying to lease Corporation ground for the purpose of a Petrol and Oil station |
| | | 1 p. |
| 1/16 | 25 September 1930-16 October 1930 | File relating to application from J. Twomey, post master, General Post Office, Limerick regarding the erection of a post office pillar box at Quinlan street. |
| | | 2 items. |
| 1/17 | 4 November 1930-6 November 1930 | File relating to application to erect a temporary religious stall at the Dominical church. |
| | | 2 pp. |
| 1/18 | 6 March 1931-21 April 1931 | File relating to wayleave agreement with Messrs J. |

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| | | Bannatyne and Sons |
| | Limited to span the Dock road by two overhead bridges. 6 pp. | |
| 1/19 | 30 December 1931-2 February 1932 | File relating to application by Radio Central Exchange Limited |
| | London for permission to erect telephone wires across certain streets to enable the Company to operate radio central exchange in Limerick. | 8 items. |
| 1/20 | 13 April 1932-22 April 1932 | File relating to application by Francis Caraher to erect electric poles on |
| | Kileely road. | 2 pp. |
| 1/21 | 17 May 1932- [] July 1932 | File relating to application by M. Malone to build enclosure around his |
| | house at Rossa Avenue to prevent trespassing. Includes sketch of plot. | 5 pp. |
| 1/22 | 6 July 1932 | Letter from Secretary of Garryowen S. A. Club applying for ground from |
| | the Corporation to build a clubhouse. | 1 p. |
| 1/23 | [] September 1932-17 November 1932 | File relating to applications from C.McKernan and from |
| | George Gabbett for sites at Rossa Villas for the erection of kiosks. Includes sketches. | 4 items |
| 1/24 | 24 August 1932-6 September 1932 | File relating to application by Kathleen Carey to |

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| | | build a Kiosk at Ballinacurra road. | 4 pp. |
| 1/25 | 19 November 1932 | Letter relating to refusal of application of Mr. G. Gabbett to erect a coal shed at Rossa Avenue. | 1 p |
| 1/26 | 20 October 1932-13 December 1951 | File relating to application by A. White and Company, automobile engineers to erect and maintain petrol pumps and an air tower outside premises at Shannon street. | 5 pp. |
| 1/27 | 3 May 1933-8 June 1933 | File relating to application by Limerick City Handball Club to erect a signboard. | 2 items. |
| 1/28 | (1931-) 10 July 1933-28 June 1941 | File relating to rental of shed at Prospect Ballinacurra road which was leased by Christopher Irwan. Includes notice to quit served on Irwin with comment that ‘ I regret the necessity of doing so, but as the site is required in connection with the development works now in progress at Prospect, the Corporation have no option but to seek possession from you. | 5 items |
| 1/29 | 5 August 1933-18 August 1933 | File relating to application for extension to the Limerick Boot, Shoe and Slipper Factory, Mulgrave street Limerick. | 4 pp. |

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| 1/30 | 26 January 1934-14 February 1934 | File relating to application by the Limerick (1933) Utility Society Limited to alter course of water supply pipe line running through the lands at Westfield, North Circular road. | 4 pp. |
| 1/31 | 4 July 1934-17 July 1934 | File relating to application to erect a garage at the roadway at Fitzgerald's Place. | 3 pp. |
| 1/32 | 26 September 1934-15 March 1935 | File relating to s by Irish Telephone Company Limited to erect a wire across the roadway in Patrick Street and to erect a clock at the premises of Kingswear Clothing Works Limited. | c. 12 pp. |
| 1/33 | 4 January 1935-15 January 1935 | File relating to application by Limerick Motor Works to build an air-tower outside premises at William street. | 7 pp. |
| 1/34 | 20 December 1934-5 January 1935 | File relating to way leave agreement between Rank's Limited and Limerick Corporation. | 3 pp. |
| 1/35 | 21 June 1935-24 June 1935 | File relating to encroachment on footpath at Mount Kennett by Messrs Tedcastle McCormick Limited. | 2 items |

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| 1/36 | 20 November 1935-26 November 1935 | File relating to the closure of a public thoroughfare known as Post Office Lane by the erection of a new cinema hall at Nicholas street. | 5 pp. |
| 1/37 | 13 January 1932-22 May 1937 | File relating to application by Bedford Motor Company for permission to erect a free air-tower on footpath outside their premises in Henry street. | 11 pp. |
| 1/38 | 30 April 1936-2 June 1937 | File relating to application for railway siding from Messrs. Morgan McMahon's' premise at Mulgrave street to the Railway Terminus. | 10 pp. |
| 1/39 | 23 November 1937-4 December 1937 | File relating to application by P. Griffin, nurseryman and florist to erect at removable stand on street in front of his shop at 10 Sarsfield street. | 5 pp. |
| 1/40 | 5 February 1938 | Letter from City Engineer rejecting proposal by Patrick Kelly to erect a clubroom at Punches Lane. | 1 p. |
| 1/41 | 12 February 1938 | Letter regarding application by St Finbar's G.A.A club to erect a building. | 1 p. |

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| 1/42 | 3 May 1938-6 May 1938 | File relating to application by Helena Casey to erect a kiosk at 14 High Street. 2 pp. |
| 1/43 | 9 June 1939-6 June 1940 | File relating to the removal of kiosk at Baals Bridge, which was erected by Dominic Byrnes and rental of various kiosks in Limerick city 8 pp. |
| 1/44 | [] June 1939-21 May 1940 | File relating to building of garages at plot of ground at Prospect by Messrs Hoard and Mullane. 6 pp. |
| 1/45 | (1863-) 9 January 1940 | File relating to historical origins and background of the traintrack crossing Mulgrave street and Cathedral Place from the premises of the Great Southern Railway and wayleave rents payable. Includes copy of agreements between Limerick Market Trustees and the Limerick Railway Company, dated 8 July 1863 and 5 March 1872. Agreements include sketches of railway line. 3 items |
| 1/46 | 16 May 1940 | Letter from Frank O'Brien applying to erect a kiosk on wheels at the corner of lane in Mallow street. 2 pp. |
| 1/47 | 26 September 1940-6 March 1942 | File relating to application by the Condensed Milk Company to use the Quarry at Killeely as dumping ground at a rent of £3 per annum. 14 pp. |

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| 1/48 | 21 January 1941 | Letter from John Dundon, city solicitor to city manager |
| discussing the terms of tenancy of Gabbetts Grove Plot. | | 2 pp. |
| 1/49 | 26 May 1944-20 June 1944 | File relating to application by proprietors of Hanratty's Hotel, |
| Glentworth street to bridge over public highway at side of existing hotel as part of reconstruction work to the hotel. | | 5 pp. |
| 1/50 | 17 October 1944- 12 January 1945 | File relating to application by Electricity Supply Board to erect a |
| sub-station at Brown's quay and to acquire a plot of Corporation land at Thomondgate. Includes sketch of Thomondgate plot | | c. 15 pp. |
| 1/51 | 19 December 1944-22 January 1945 | File relating to application by Rosanna O'Kelly applying to |
| install a moveable snack or coffee wagon on main streets to cater for late night trade. | | 8 pp. |
| 1/52 | 20 November 1944-26 January 1945 | File relating to application by P. J. Duggan, 48 William |
| Street regarding the re-opening of two trap doors in the footpath opposite his shop. | | 9 pp. |
| 1/53 | 11 July 1945-18 July 1945 | File relating to application by Mrs. C. Russell to erect a kiosk at |
| Congress Avenue. | | 3 pp. |

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| 1/54 | 15 February 1946-20 February 1946 | File relating to application from the Electricity Supply Board to lay an underground cable at Thomond Row, Limerick. | 4 pp. |
| 1/55 | 16-December 1946-24 December 1946 | File relating to application by K.B Gloag, to rent land to build a temporary garage at the back of the Athlunkard Boat Club. Includes sketch. | 4 pp. |
| 1/56 | 5 June 1946-13 December 1946 | File relating to way leave rental agreement between Limerick Corporation and Messrs William Todd and Company for new passage at Todd's Bow, William street. | 12 pp. |
| 1/57 | 27 August 1949-7 September 1949 | File relating to application by Messrs. D. O'Donovan and Sons, Standard Garage, 9 Thomas street, to erect an air-tower outside their premises | c. 5 pp. |
| 1/58 | 28 May 1948-3 June 1948 | File relating to applications to install Avery personal weighing machines outside shop premises. | 6 pp. |
| 1/59 | 4 September 1948-3 February 1950 | File relating to way leave rental agreements between the Irish American Oil Company Limited and Limerick Corporation for pipeline easement | 18 pp. |

1/59 7 October 1949-8 November 1951 File relating to
application by Janesboro
Social and Athletic Club
to erect a club house on Corporation lands at Janesboro. Includes correspondence, site
maps, and sketches of proposed clubhouse.

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1/61 (1950)-16 May 1958-7 June 1960 File of correspondence
relating to rental of shop
property, which is
situated in the enclosure of Limerick Corporation's Swimming Baths at Corbally,
Limerick. Includes copy of memorandum of agreement between Limerick
Corporation (landlords) and Bridget Duffy, 1 O'Callaghan, avenue, Kileely (tenant)
(26 May 1950); includes correspondence relating to letting of shop to Victor De Vito
at a weekly rent of £1, 10s, 0d. and his difficulties in meeting payments (1958);
correspondence relating to letting of shop to Patrick J. Hayes at a weekly rent of £2
(1959); correspondence relating to letting of shop to C. Kirby at a weekly rent of £2
(1960).

30 pp.