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**Assisted Housing Schemes
(1928-1961)**

Limerick City Council

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Introduction

This collection relates to assistance given by Local Authorities to public utilities and private individuals to build private dwellings houses during the period 1928 to 1961. A public utility society is a society registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, the interest on whose share or loan capital does not exceed a prescribed rate.

The first act introduced to assist persons of limited means to acquire ownership of small houses was the Small Dwellings Acquisition (SDA) Act 1899 which enabled local authorities to advance loans to individuals for the purchase of existing houses. The provisions of the Act were expanded to include advances to persons building new houses for themselves (up to a limit of £2000). Under the 1919 Housing Act, a scheme was introduced, which gave grants to individuals who constructed houses in accordance with prescribed conditions. Under the Housing Act 1924, grants were again made available to people constructing their own dwelling. This Act also empowered local authorities to supplement the state grants by further grants or loans, and also cheap or free sites for development work. Similar grant schemes for the construction of private dwellings were introduced under the terms of the Housing Acts of 1925, 1926 and 1929.

This collection includes applicant files for grants under the Housing Acts 1925, 1926 and 1929. These files are historically significant as they generally include plans, drawings, and descriptions of the intended dwellings and construction methods. The files relate to areas such as Clare street, John street, Kileely road Nicholas street, North Circular road, Rosbrien road, Roxboro road, Shelbourne road, South Circular road, Thomondgate and other places. The Limerick Commercial Public Utility Socieity formed c. 1924 received both a loan of £1,800 and a grant of £900 from the Corporation to build 18 houses at Farranshone and 20 houses at Eden Terrace. See L/HG/AH/1/10, 17 and 20 for various grant applications made by the Limerick Commercial Public Utility.

L/HG/AH/2/1 consists of certificates issued to persons and public utilities under the Housing Act 1932. The certificates recorded a brief description of the dwelling built, but did not include any plans or drawings.

The Housing Acts of 1931-1932 resulted in greater emphasis being placed on SDA's. Between 1922 and 1931 only 1,090 loans to the value of nearly £478,000 were advanced in the whole Free State but by 1937 the respective figures had risen to 5,309 and £2.3 million. The collection includes a number of financial and administrative records relating to SDA's during the period 1933-1967 such as register of borrowers, and loans repayment ledger.

The Housing (Loans and Grants) Act, 1962, makes provision for the replacement of the Small Dwellings Acquisitions Acts by a scheme of house purchases or construction embodied in regulations. This act consolidates the law relating to grants and lands for private housing.

1. Grants to Persons and Public Utilities (1919-1929)

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| 1 | 1928-1929 | File relating to application number 7314, granted to Anna Maria Doherty for grant to build two houses at Nicholas street, Limerick. Includes map of site, block plan, ground and first floor plan, elevation and sections drawn granted to E.F Ryan (architect), Limerick 1928. | c. 5 items |
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| 2 | 1928-1929 | File relating to certificate number 7317 granted to Joseph Hickey to build one house at North Circular Road, Limerick. Includes plan showing ground plan, roof plan, south elevation, west elevation and sections, drawn by Joseph O' Malley (architect), April 1928. | 4 items. |
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| 3 | 1928-1929 | File relating to certificate number 7318 granted to Thomas McNamara to build one House at Thomond Row, Thomond Gate, Limerick. Includes map of site, floor plans and section views. | 5 items. |
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| 4 | 1928-1929 | File relating to certificate number 7319 granted to Michael O'Dwyer to build two houses at Clare street, Limerick. Includes drawing showing block plan, ground floor, bedroom floor, front elevation and section view. | 6 items. |
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| 5 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 7320 granted to Joseph Daly to build one house at Clanmaurice Field, Ennis road, Limerick. | 5 pp. |

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| 6 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 7321 by Michael Doyle to build two houses at O' Connell Avenue, Limerick. | 5 pp. |
| 1/7 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 7322 by John Cooney to build one house at Shelbourne Road, Limerick. Includes drawing of ground plan, west and south elevation, and transverse section AA. Drawing by Edward. F. Ryan (architect). | 2 items |
| 1/8 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 7323 by Michael McDonnell to build two houses at Convent street, Limerick. Includes drawing showing site plan, block plan ground and first floor plan, front elevation and section view. Scale 4 feet to one inch. | 4 items |
| 1/9 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 7324 by Daniel Kennelly to build one house at Killeely Road, Limerick. Includes map of site and block plan, and plan of house showing roof plan, ground floor plan, front elevation and transverse section AA. Drawing by Edward F. Ryan (architect), January 1929. | 5 items. |
| 1/10 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 7325 by Limerick Commercial Public Utility Society to build sixteen houses at Farranshone, (Shelbourne road) Limerick. Includes site map. | 6 items. |
| 1/11 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 7326 by Thomas Powderly to build one house at North Circular Road, Limerick. Includes drawing of proposed new house showing elevation, ground floor plan, first floor plan, and section | 5 items |

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| 12 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 7327 by James Brady to build one house at North Circular road, Limerick. Includes map of site and block plan, and plan showing ground and first floor plan, south east elevation, and sectional elevation. Plans drawn by Edwardn.F Ryan, architect. | 6 items |
| 13 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 7328 granted to James O'Connell to build one house at Clanmaurice Field, Ennis road, Limerick. Includes drawings by D.W.De Courcey showing block plan, ground and first floor, back and side elevation, cross section and front elevation. | 7 items. |
| 14 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 7329 by Thomas Heagney to build one house at Thomond Row, Limerick. Includes map of site and block plan, and plan showing ground floor plan, roof plan, front elevation and section view. | 5 items |
| 15 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 8691 by Thomas McNamara to build two semi-detached houses at Thomondgate off Thomond Row, Limerick. Includes map of site and block plan, and plan showing ground floor and roof plans, front or south view and section AA. | 6 items |
| 16 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 8692 by John O' Doherty to build one house at Matthew Bridge, Limerick. Includes map of site and block plan, and plan showing ground floor plan, roof plan, front elevation and section view. | 5 items. |
| 17 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 8693 by Limerick | |

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| | | Commercial Public |
| | Utility Society to build twenty houses at North Circular Road, Limerick. | 5 items. |
| 18 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 8694 by John Hurley to build two houses at Clare street, Limerick. Includes plans and drawings of site and proposed houses. |
| | | 8 items. |
| 19 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 8695 by Christopher Powderly to build two houses at Barrington street, Limerick. Includes plan showing site plan, basement plan, ground floor plan, 1 st floor plan, and elevation plans. |
| | | 3 items. |
| 20 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 8696 by Limerick Commercial Public |
| | Utility Society to build two houses on the North Circular Road. | 5 items. |
| 21 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 10721 by Olive Smyth to build one house at North Circular road, Limerick. |
| | | 3 items. |
| 22 | 1929 | File relating to certificate by Charles O' Neill to build one house at Roxboro road. Includes site map, block plan, and drawings showing front elevation, first floor plan, ground plan and section view. |
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| 23 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 10723 by Patrick Sweeny to build one house at Roxboro road. Includes site plan and plan with floor plan, elevation and section view of proposed housing drawn by J'O' Malley. | 2 items. |
| 24 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 10724 by Mary Bowles, to build one house at Roxboro road, Limerick. Includes site map, elevation, ground and first floor plan, and sectional view. | 4 items |
| 25 | 1931 | File relating to certificate number 10725 by Richard Gleeson to build two houses at Court Brack avenue, Limerick. | 2 items |
| 26 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 10726 by Denis Sheehan to build one House at Roxboro road (52 Edward street). Includes site map and plan showing ground and first floor plan, side and front elevation, and section view. | 3 items |
| 27 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 10727 by Michael Doyle to build four houses at Fitzgerald Place, Rossbrien road, Limerick. Includes map of site and block plan, and plan showing front elevation, transverse section, ground floor and first floor plan. Plans drawn by Edward F. Ryan, architect, Limerick. | 6 items |
| 28 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 10728 by Thomas O' Loughlin to build one house at Cornmarket row, with boundary wall to Robert street, Limerick. Includes drawing showing ground plan and elevation on to street. | 4 items. |

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| 29 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 10729 by John Fitzgerald to build one house at 4 John street, Limerick. Includes site map and plan of proposed new shop at John street showing ground plan, first floor plan, section and elevation. | 5 items |
| 30 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 10730 by Patrick Gallagher to build three houses at Nicholas street, with boundary wall to St. Francis place, Limerick. Includes plan showing ground and first floor plan. | 6 items. |
| 31 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 11011 by Michael Joseph Clancy to build four houses at Clanmaurice field, Ennis road, Limerick. Includes site maps and plans showing ground plan, front elevation and section A.A, drawn by Edward F. Ryan (architect)(1929) | 4 items. |
| 32 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 11012 by Michael Doyle to build three houses at O'Connell avenue, Limerick. Includes plan for semi-detached houses showing front elevation, transverse section, ground and first floor plan, drawn by Edward F. Ryan (architect). | 4 items. |
| 33 | 1932 | File relating to certificate number 11013 granted to Michael Ryan to build two house at Shelbourne avenue, Farranshone, Limerick under the Housing Acts 1929-1930. Includes drawing titled 'plan of two houses at Clanmaurice, Limerick for Mr. Michael Ryan'. Title is annotated with 'Thomond row' replacing Clanmaurice, and 'Thomas' replacing 'Michael'. | 4 items. |
| 34 | 1929 | File relating to certificate number 11014 granted to | |

Patrick Raleigh to build two houses at Clanmaurice Field, Ennis road, Limerick. Includes map of site drawn by Edward F. Ryan and specification outlines.

4 items.

35 1929 File relating to certificate number 11015 granted to Martin Cowhey to build one house at Roxboro road, Limerick. Includes site map and drawing showing ground plan, front elevation, and section A.A, drawn by J. O' Malley, architect.

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36 1930 File relating to certificate number 11016 granted to Patrick Mulcahy to build five houses at South Circular road. Includes site map and drawing of front elevation and cross section and drawing of floor plans.

5 items.

37 1930 File relating to certificate number 11017 granted to Thomas Joseph Guine to build three houses at Clanmaurice Field, Ennis road, Limerick. Includes map of site and plan showing front elevations, end elevation, ground floor and upper floor plans, end and transverse section.

4 items.

38 1930 File relating to certificate number 11018 granted to Patrick Gallagher to build one house at Nicholas street, Limerick. Includes site plan, and plan showing ground floor and first floor plan, and front elevation.

4 items.

39 1930 File relating to certificate number 11019 granted to Michael Doyle to build two houses at O'Connell avenue, Limerick. Includes site plan.

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| 40 | 1930 | File relating to certificate number 11020 granted to Thomas Joseph Guina to build two houses at Clanmaurice Field. Includes site plan and plan showing elevation, ground plan, first floor plan, and section. | 4 items. |
| 41 | 1930 | File relating to certificate number 12171 granted to Thomas Joseph Guina to build one house at Clanmaurice Field, Lansdowne, Limerick, Includes site plan and plan showing front elevation, section view, ground and first floor plan. | 3 items. |
| 42 | 1930 | File relating to certificate number 12172 granted to Mortimer McInerney to build one house at Farranshone, Limerick. Includes plan showing floor plan, roof plan, front elevation, section AA, and site map, drawn by T. F. O'Sullivan. | 3 items. |
| 43 | 1930 | File relating to certificate number 12173 granted to Daniel Chaplin to build one house at Thomond Row (Farranshone), Limerick. Includes site plan and plan showing ground plan, roof plan, front elevation and section A.A, drawn by Edward F. Ryan. | 3 items. |
| 44 | 1930 | File relating to certificate number 12174 granted to Michael Hurley to build seven houses at St. Lelia street, Limerick. Includes plan showing site plan, front elevation, cross section and floor plans. Plan was prepared by J. W. O' Hamney. | 3 items. |
| 45 | 1930 | File relating to certificate number 12175 granted to Patrick Lynch to build | |

one house at Sayer's Lane, Roxborough road, Limerick. Includes drawing showing site plan, floor plan, elevation and section A.A

3 items.

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File relating to certificate number 12176 granted to Joseph Conolly to build

one house at Roxboro road, Limerick. Includes site plan, and plan showing ground floor, elevation and section view.

4 items

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1930

File relating to certificate number 12177 granted to Fredrick Lamie to build

one house at Shelbourne field. Includes site plan, and plan of elevation, floor plans, and section views drawn by W.L. Ryan (architect).

4 items.

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1929-1930

File relating to certificate number 12178 and number 7330 granted to

Hannah Lynch to build one house at Carey's road, Limerick. Includes plan showing front and sectional elevation, side elevation, ground and roof plan, and map of site and block plan, drawn by Edward F. Ryan, architect.

c. 5 items

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File relating to certificate number 12179 granted to James O'Dwyer to build

one house at Sayer's Lane, Roxboro road, Limerick. Includes map of site and plan showing front elevation, ground plan, roof plan, and section A.A.

4 items.

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File relating to certificate number 12180 granted to Molly Clancy to build one

house at North Circular road, Limerick. Includes map of site and plan showing front elevation, ground plan, first floor plan, and section plan.

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| 51 | 13 April 1929 | Plan of proposed bungalow at Ennis road for Olive Smith. Includes plan, elevation, section and site map. |
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| 52 | 23 March 1925-25 January 1926 | File consisting of map of sites for houses at corner of South Circular Road and Long Avenue. |
| | | 2 items. |
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| 53 | 11 June 1929-19 September 1930 | Document listing the name, address, locality, grant number, and date certificate issued to persons and public utilities under the housing acts 1929. Includes details of certificate number 10721 to 12180. |
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(ii) Housing Acts 1932

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| 1 | 20 April 1933-4 November 1936 | File consisting of housing certificates issued to persons and public utilities applying to Limerick Corporation for grants under the Housing Act, 1932. The certificates include declaration that the work has been completed in compliance with the Housing Act, 1932 and are in all respects fit for human habitation. Additional details recorded on the certificate include name of applicant, address, number of houses, locality and description of each house, particulars of accommodation in each house, date of completion of each house, floor area of each house and the amount of grant for which each house is eligible. Certificates are signed by the appointed officer whom inspected the premises. Also included is list of all certificates issued, number, date of application, to whom issued, number of houses, locality of houses, and date of completion. |
| | | c. 120 items |

3. **Small Dwellings Acquisition Loans (1933-1967)**

(a) **Registers of SDA Borrowers (1933-1967)**

1/1 30 September 1933-30 September 1950 Register of borrowers who received housing loans from Limerick Corporation under the terms of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act. Details recorded for each borrower include name, address, date of advance, amount of loan, rate of interest, the date the first instalment fell due, and amount of monthly instalment. Also cross referenced are other folios on which details regarding borrower recorded. Details regarding half yearly loan repayments made by the borrower are recorded under columns titled 'date', 'half-yearly instalment', 'principal', 'interest', and 'balance outstanding'. Register occasionally annotated with remarks such as 'final instalment paid' or enclosing letters regarding repayments.

222 pp.

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1/4 24 December 1963- 10 March 1967 Register of borrowers who received housing loans from Limerick Corporation under the terms of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Details recorded for each loan borrowers include name of borrower, address, situation of dwelling of which advance is made, description of dwelling, gross value, proportion advanced by Local Authority, date of legal instrument, terms of loan (rate of interest, period, how payable, dates when instalments fall due, instalments amount). Register includes columns for recording date and amount of repayments received, which have not been completed.

c. 45 pp

(b) **Loan Advances under the SDA's (1937-1942)**

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2/2 31 March 1937-31 March 1942 Volume recording loan advances made under the Small Dwellings Acquisitions Act for each year. Details are recorded under columns which include: name of borrower; address of house on which loan is advanced; loans advanced previous to current year; loans advanced during current year; total of loans advanced to end of current year; rate of interest charged on loan; repayment period during the year; amount of monthly charge on loan; total of monthly instalments accrued for current year; amount of monthly instalments if any in arrears at beginning of year;

amount of monthly instalments paid during the year; special payments of principal (if any) during the year; observations.

c. 80 ff

(c) SDA's Loan Repayments Ledgers (1938-1961)

[3/1-2]

3/3	31 March 1938-31 March 1951	Ledger recording annual loan repayments by borrowers under the terms of the SDA Acts. Volume is arranged chronologically by year. Details recorded include reference number, name of borrower, address of house on which loan was advanced, date of original advance, rate of interest charged, repayment period years, original amount of loan, principal repaid to close of last financial year, principal outstanding at close of last financial year, instalments in arrears at end of last financial year, amounts accrued during current year, amount paid during current financial year, and instalments in arrears at end of financial year.
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26 ff.

3/4	31 March 1944-31 March 1949	Ledger recording instalments paid and arrears due, which is arrange chronologically by year and from 30 September 1944 by half year . Details recorded include name, address of borrower, and amount of monthly instalment, arrears, instalment accrued, total, date and amount instalment received each month during the six month period, total paid for half year and arrears carried forward.
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c. 60 pp

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3/7	30 April 1958-31 March 1961	Ledger recording loan repayments received from borrowers under the terms of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. Ledger is arranged chronologically by each half year. Details for recorded for each borrower include the loan reference number, name of borrower, address, and the amount of arrears, installment, debit, and amount paid for each month.
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(d) Leasing of Sites at Mayerstone Housing Estate (1955-1956)

4/1	1955-1956	Register which records details of sites leased at Mayerstone Housing Estate for the purpose of enabling persons to purchase houses under the terms of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act. Register records number of site, name of person to whom leased amount of ground rent, date of commencement, date lease signed. Includes index to names.
		c. 10 pp

4/2	c. 1955	Draft register of sites leased at Mayerstone Housing Estate. Details recorded included 'site number', 'for whom reserved', 'to whom let', 'date lease referred to city solicitor' and remarks.
		7 pp