

**Donal O'Callaghan**

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**Fonds Level Description**

## **Identity Statement**

<b>Reference Code:</b>	IE CCCA/PR/37
<b>Title:</b>	Donal O'Callaghan
<b>Dates:</b>	1921 - 1936
<b>Level of Description:</b>	Fonds / Item
<b>Extent:</b>	7 items

## **Context**

### ***Creator***

Donal O'Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork 1920-1923

### ***Archival History***

Donated in 2010 by Brian Hurley, whose mother's sister was married to Donal O'Callaghan.

### ***Biographical / Administrative History***

O'Callaghan (in Irish he was known as Donal Óg Ó Ceallacháin), succeeded the late Terence MacSwiney (d.25 Oct 1920) as Lord Mayor of Cork city. Elected Lord Mayor by Cork Corporation/City Council on 4 November 1920. He was the third republican mayor elected in Cork. Later, he was opposed to the Anglo-Irish Treaty.

## **Content and Structure**

## ***Scope and Content***

1. (12 Dec 1921)

Copy of TS. letter from [?Florence O'Donoghue], IRA Officer Commanding , Cork No.1 Brigade HQ, 'To ALL T.D's in Cork 1 Area'. Notifies that '1. On December 10th the staff 1st Southern Division and all brigade commandants met and sent forward to G.H.Q. unanimously a demand for the rejection of the Treaty Proposals.... You are reminded that it is your duty to support this demand...To act otherwise would be treason to the republic to which we have all sworn allegiance.'

2. (c.13 Dec 1921)

Copy of reply to item 1 above; copy of MS. letter from Dómhnall Ó Ceallacháin (Donal O'Callaghan), Gresham Hotel, Dublin, to [Florence O'Donoghue], IRA Officer Commanding, Cork No.1 Brigade area. He will perform his duty (regarding the Treaty proposals) to the best of his ability. He declines 'to be governed by orders or threats - open or implied.' His conscience will be the sole arbiter of his action, when he is in possession of all the facts and circumstances. If in acting in the best interests of the country he is judged guilty of treason he will suffer the consequences, but this will not influence his decision. (2pp)

3. (12 Sep 1936)

Copy of letter from Donal O'Callaghan, Athlone, to The Editor 'Cork Examiner', renouncing an inaccurate report in the paper that he was present at the Free State luncheon at the Victoria Hotel, Cork on 8 September. States that 'the civic functions of that date were, to me, merely an outrage on Cork's Republican past. I strongly resent it. Be good enough to contradict it.' (1p)

4. (1920-1923)

Copy of full length portrait photograph of Donal O'Callaghan wearing Lord Mayor's chain and robe (20 x 29cm)

5. (19 April 1921)

Copy of seated portrait photograph of Donal O'Callaghan '...taken at the office of his lawyer, Michael Francis Doyle, Philadelphia' (20 x 29cm)

6. (?1910-1930)

Copy of studio portrait photograph of Donal O'Callaghan and his wife (9 x 14 cm)

7. (?1910 -1930)

Copy of studio portrait photograph of Donal O'Callaghan and his wife (14 x 9cm)

## **Allied Materials**

CCCA:

PR/4 Terence MacSwiney Lord Mayor Files

CP/CO/M Cork City Council Minute Books

## **Conditions of Access and Use**

*Access:* Open by appointment to those holding a current reader's ticket.

*Language:* English

*Finding Aids:* Fonds/Item Level Description.

## **Archivist's Note**

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