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During the eighteen-month period from September 1937 to January 1938, upwards of 100,000 schoolchildren, aged 11-14, in 5,000 primary schools throughout the state took part in the biggest folklore collecting scheme ever mounted anywhere in the world.

The 'Schools' Scheme', as it was called, was organized by the former Irish Folklore Commission and the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Irish National Teachers' Organization.

The results - amounting to some half million manuscript pages - form the Schools' Manuscripts Collection, now housed in the Department of Irish Folklore at University College Dublin.

An exhibition outlining the history and operation of the Scheme and featuring materials drawn from the Schools' Manuscripts Collection will be mounted in University College Dublin on Wednesday and Thursday, 25th and 26th September 1991.

Admission is free and all are welcome to attend especially those who participated in the Scheme and thereby played a part in saving for posterity a most important part of the national heritage.

The Schools' Scheme of 1937-38 represented one of the greatest drives ever undertaken in the field of folklore collecting. Over a period of eighteen months, almost 100,000 children, aged eleven to fourteen, in 5,000 primary schools were involved in seeking out and setting down for posterity material dealing with a wide range of Irish folk tradition. This investigation embraced folk tales and folk legends, riddles and proverbs, songs, customs and beliefs. Games and pastimes as well as descriptions of traditional work practices and crafts - e.g. the manufacture of home-made toys - and many other topics were covered.

The Schools' Scheme was devised by Séamus Ó Duilearga and Seán Ó Súilleabháin of the Irish Folklore Commission and carried out in co-operation with the Department of Education and the Irish National Teachers' Organisation. According to guidelines laid down by the Commission and under the direction of the teachers, the children collected this material, mainly from their parents and grandparents and other older members of the local community or school district.

The result of the Schools' Scheme was the Schools' Manuscripts Collection, a body of material which extends to more than 500,000 manuscript pages. A substantial part of this collection is bound and paginated in 1128 volumes; the remainder is contained in a large collection of the school copybooks in which the bulk of the raw material was originally taken down by the children. The Schools' Manuscripts Collection is now preserved in the Department of Irish Folklore at University College Dublin. There is an interim index listing the contents of each of the 1128 bound volumes; an area index has been prepared through which these volumes can be accessed school by school, parish by parish and county by county and the approximate number of manuscript pages returned for the various provinces and counties is as follows:

Munster (123,840) - Cork (41,141), Kerry (32,400), Clare (16,200), Limerick (15,120), Tipperary (14,040), Waterford (5,040)
Connacht (104,580) - Galway (35,100), Mayo (32,760), Leitrim (14,040), Roscommon (11,880), Sligo (10,300)
Leinster (87,900) - Meath (12,000), Westmeath (11,340), Kilkenny (9,000), Wexford (8,840), Longford (8,100), Offaly (6,840), Laois (5,800), Louth (5,760), Wicklow (4,860), Dublin (4,320), Kildare (3,960), Carlow (2,880)
Ulster [3 counties] (65,340) - Donegal (30,240), Cavan (24,300), Monaghan (10,800)

This fascinating material is not only of enormous value to scholars of folklore and related disciplines but it also of great importance to people from every walk of life. It is of special interest, needless to say, to those who actually joined in collecting it in the first place. These individuals are now aged between 65 and 68, their teachers - a dwindling band - more or less a generation older. Through the operation of the Schools' Scheme, teachers and pupils alike were brought into contact with numerous aspects of their local folk tradition, a process which put them in close

touch with the local culture and, in the case of the children, led to the formation of a special link between the generations which might not have otherwise been secured.

The work in which the youthful collectors of 1937-38 were so enthusiastically engaged seems to have made a vivid and lasting impression upon them. The memory of this experience does not seem to have been dimmed by the passing of the years; many of the participants in the Schools' Scheme have visited the Irish Folklore Commission or its successor the Department of Irish Folklore in order to view what they themselves wrote as children and to show the fruits of their labour to their own children or grandchildren.

The collection covers each of the twenty-six counties - it did not extend to Northern Ireland - and draws material in both Irish and English from many parts of Ireland which, for one reason or another are not otherwise particularly well represented in the national folklore collection held by the Department of Irish Folklore. The returns from each county are available under licence on microfilm in most of the respective county libraries throughout the state while the entire 1128 bound volumes of the Schools' Manuscripts Collection are available under licence on microfilm in University College Cork and at St. Patrick's College Drumcondra.

Over the years, a number of important books and articles drawing on the Schools' Manuscripts Collection has appeared and increasing use of this material is being made by local historians and others throughout the country in the writing of parish and county histories and in articles in local journals, magazines and commemorative booklets.

An exhibition outlining the history and operation of the Schools' Scheme and featuring materials drawn from the Schools' Manuscripts Collection will be mounted in University College Dublin (Rooms LG1 and 2, Arts Block, Belfield) on Wednesday and Thursday, 25th and 26th September 1991. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend. Those who took part in the Schools' Scheme and thereby joined in the national effort to save Irish folklore for posterity will be especially welcome. It is intended that the exhibition will subsequently travel throughout the state to be shown at county libraries and other local centres over the next couple of years.

- MOYLOUGH G.N.D. CO. GALWAY
- ✓ CUL UMHA BOYS, AN CREGAN, CO. GALWAY
- BAILE NUA BOYS, AN MHAINSTIR, CO. GALWAY
- ✓ BAILE NUA GIRLS, AN MHAINSTIR, "
- ✓ CRUIMCHLINN BOYS, " "
- ✓ CRUIMCHLINN GIRLS, " "
- ✓ DRUM AN TSEAGAIR, " "
- ✓ PAIRC AN NDRISEOG, MAINISTIR CIU FHEICHIN, "
- ✓ SEAN BHAILE ARD, CLUAIN CAOIN CHEIRBHILL, "
- ✓ NAOMH SEOSAMH, GAILLIMH, RATH CUMHANG, "
- ✓ BALLYGAR GIRLS, KILLERORAN, CO. ROSCOMMON
- ✓ CRIOCH, CO. GALWAY
- ✓ MAINISTIR PHADRAIG NAOFA, SAN NIOCLAS, CO. GALWAY

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DOIRIN, ACAIL,
Sáile, acail
GOB AN CHOIRE (CLOGHAR), ACAIL,

CO. MAYO
Co. Mayo
CO. MAYO

DUBACH (DUAGH), ACHIL,

CO. MAYO

DUBHACH (DUACH), ACAIL,		CO. MAYO
BUNNACURRY, ACAIL		"
SKERDAGH, BURRISHOOLE,		"
BEAL AN BHULAIN, ACHIL	<i>BULLSMOUTH</i>	"
AN DOIRIN, ACAIL,		"
TOIN AN TSEAN-BHAILE, ACAIL,	<i>Valley N.S.</i>	"
SLIABH MOR, ACAIL,		"
CNOC LUACHRA, BURRISHOOLE,	<i>Knocklouchara</i>	"
AN CHOILL MHOR	<i>Cuilmore, Newport</i>	"
SRAITH MOR	<i>SRAITHMÓE</i>	"
LEITIR MACHAISE,	<i>LETTERBROCK</i>	"
<i>LAHY</i> FAITHCHE BOYS, KILMACLASSER,		"
CLOCHAIR NA TRUCAIRE, BURRISHOOLE,		"
<i>Newport</i> BAILE UI FHIACHAIN, BURRISHOOLE,		"

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MAOL RAITHNIGHE, BURRISHOOLE,

"

N. BREANDAIN, CATHAIR NA MART, KILMEENA,

"

CEATHRU AN CHALAI DH, KILMEENA,

"

ST. COLUMBA'S, COGGALE, ISLANDEADY,

"

EAGLAIS (BURREN?), EAGLIS P.

DOIRE AN BHAIS, EAGLAIS P.

NAOMH ANGELA, CASTLEBAR, EAGLAIS P.

NAOMH PEADAIR (SNUGBORA?), CASTLEBAR, EAGLAIS P.

NAOMH MUIRE, BALLYHEANE, BALLYHEANE P.

ERREW MONASTERY, BALLYHEANE P.

MOUNT PLEASANT, BALLINTUBBER P.

MOUNT PLEASANT GIRLS, BALLINTUBBER P.

KILLAWALLA, \ "

DOIRE, BAILE AN CHALAIH P., (TOURMAKEADY AREA)

✓ DOIRE, BAILE AN CHALAIDE P. CONTINUED

✓ KEEOLOGUES BOYS, KILDACOMMOGUE P.

✓ SRAH, BALLYOVEY P.

✓ TRIANLAIR, BALLYOVEY P.

— PARTRY, "

✓ BELTRA, ISLANDEADY P.

✓ CRIMLIN, TURLOUGH P.

✓ CAURANE BOYS, TURLOUGH P.

✓ CAURANE GIRLS, "

✓ LOG NA BHFEADOG, KILDACOMMOCUE P.

✓ AN PHAIRC, TURLOUGH P.

✓ GRIANAN, TURLOUGH P.

✓ BELCARRA BOYS, DRUM OR BALLA P.

✓ " GIRLS, "

CLOGHER, DRUM P.

BALLA, "

MANULLA BOYS, DRUM P.

" GIRLS, "

BALLA C, BALLA P.

TAUGHEEN, TAUGHEEN P.

TAUGHEEN BOYS, TAUGHEEN P.

CARROWSTEELAUN, CROSSBOYNE P.

BAILE AN DAINGIN(C), CROSSBOYNE P.

BAILE AN DAINGIN(B), CILL MHIDHEAN P.

IRISHTOWN(B), CILL MHIDHEAN P.

" (C), "

IRISHTOWN, CILL MHIDHEAN P. (CONTINUED)

KILVINE, BAILE AN DAINGIN P.

CUILLEAN, CILL MHIDHEAN P.

MURNEEN, KILCOLMAN P.

CLAREMORRIS(B), KILCOLMAN P.

CNOCAN MHICIL NAOFA(CLOGHER), KILCOLMAN P.

BAILE FEARNACH, KILCOLMAN P.

KOILMORE, KILCOLMAN P.

MOLACH MOR, KILCOLMAN P.

LOCHAN NA MBAN, KILCOLMAN P.

BAILE AN STANCAIRD, KILCOLMAN P.

MAINISTIR MHUIGEO(B), MAYO ABBEY BOYS, MAINISTIR MHUICHER

" GIRLS, " "

FACEFIELD, MAYO ABBEY P.

BALLINROBE C.B., BALLINROBE P.

CLOCHAIRE NA TROCAIRE, BALLINROBE P.

CLUAIN LE FAN, "

CRAIG DUBH, "

CEATHRU CLOCHAR, *ROXBOROUGH*"

NAOMH SEOSAMH, SHRULE BOYS, SHRULE P.

SHRULE GIRLS, "

GLENCORRIB, "

NAOMH FEICIN CROSS, CONG P.

NEALE,
LOCH MEASCA, KILMOCARA

✓ BAILE NA GARRAIDH THE, (HOLLYMOUNT), KILCOMMON P./KILMAINE

Boysgangs

✓ SRUTH NUA (NEWBROOK) "

✓ AN CLOCHAN (CLOGHANS HILL?), KILCOMMON P.

✓ LEITHINIS, "

✓ GORT SCEICHE, "

100 Hollymount

✓ CUIGE, KNOCK P. "

✓ RUSGAIGH (2), KNOCK P.

*{ KILMAINE BOYS ✓
KILMAINE, N. BRIDE ✓
GORT JORDAN ✓*

✓ KNOCK GIRLS, "

✓ KNOCK BOYS, "

✓ SEAN MHACHAIRE (SHANVAGHERA), ^{Knock} BEACON P.

✓ LOGBOY, "

✓ BEKAN GIRLS, "

✓ BEKAN BOYS, "

✓ TULRAHAN

GORTJORDAN?, KILMAINE P.

BRACKLOON, ANNAGH P.

DOIRE LIATH, ANNAGH P.

CLOCHAR NA TROCAIRE, ANNAGH P.

SCOIL MHUIRE, ^{ACHAMORE} BALLYHAUNIS P.

CUL NA FEARNA, "

COILLTE BO, "

CUIGE(2)KNOCK P.

RUSGAIGH(2), KNOCK P.

KNOCK GIRLS, "

KNOCK BOYS, "

SEAN MHACHAIRE, "

LOGBUIDHE, BEKAN P.

BEKAN GIRLS, BEKAN P.

BEKAN BOYS, "

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PAIRC NA GCRANN, AGHAMORE P. (WOODFIELD)

CLOONFALLA, "

TOOREEN (ST. BRIGIDS CLOONGUNAGH), AGHAMORE P.

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AGHAMORE, AGHAMORE P.

NAOMH COLMCILLE (CURROWREDAN COOLRCHA), AGHAMORE P.

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KILKELLY BOYS, "

TEAMHRAN BOYS, TAVRANE, KILMOVEE P.

TEAMHRAN GIRLS, TAVRANE, KILMOVEE P.

URLAR, "

SEAMAR (SHAMMER), "

CLUAIN IARAINN, "

KILMOVEE GIRLS, "

KILMOVEE BOYS, "

TONRUADH, CARRACASTLE P.

ROOSKEY, "

CLUAIN FEINNE, CARRACASTLE P.

LEATH CHEATHRU, CARRACASTLE P.

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CORRDUN, "

CLOONLYON, "

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CLUAINTE

CLOONTIA, KILCOLEMAN P.

PAIRC ISEAL BOYS, KILBEACH P.

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*Ladpark Schools
Charleston*

DUMHA CHAISIL, KILTURRA P.

BAILE GLAS, KILLEDAN P.

CREAGACH, "

TRIAN NA GCLEIREACH, KILLEDAN P.

TREENAGLERAGH

KILTIMAGH, KILLEDAN P.

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CEANN BREAC GIRLS, "

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LIOS DUBH BOYS, "

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TUAR UAMIN, "

KEELOGUES, KILDACOMMOGE P.

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" BOYS "

BREAC CLUAIN BOYS, KILCONDUFF P.

CEANN DAIMH (KINAFFE?), KILCONDUFF P.

CAISEAL, KILCONDUFF P.

SWINFORD BOYS, KILCONDUFF P.

" GIRLS, "

COILI MOR, "

TOMGHEIS, "

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ATTYMASS GIRLS, ATTYMASS P.

ATTYMASS BOYS, "

GORT NA MBO, KILGARVAN P.

MUINE CHONALLAIN GIRLS, KILGARVAN P.

" BOYS, "

CARRA, "

CEATHRU NA GCLOCH, GLEANN FRAOIGH, KILGARVAN P.

CORCHLOCH(CORCLOGH), KILMORE P.

SRAITH NA MBANNRACH, BALLYCROY P.

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RATH MORCAIN, "

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CEATHRU THAIDHG, KILCOMMON P. (CONTINUED)

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DUBHTHAMA, CILL TSEADHNA P.

GLEANN CUILEANN, CILL TSEADHNA P.

GAOTH SAILE, "

PORT AN IASCAIGH, CILL MUIRE

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WESTPORT QUAY, OUGHAVAL P.

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WESTPORT BOYS, "

BOURIS, "

KILSALLAGH, "

TAOBH NA CRUAICHE (TEEVNACROY), OUGHAVAL P.

BREAC CLUAIN (BRACKLOON), OUGHAVAL

MURRISK, OUGHAVAL

GLEANN CABRAIGHE, DOONFEENY P.

BEAL DEARG, "

BALLYCASTLE BOYS "

✓ BALLYCASTLE BOYS, DOONFEENY P. (CONTINUED)

✓ BALLYCASTLE GIRLS, "

✓ CILLIN, KILBRIDE P.

CILL BHRIDE, KILBRIDE P.

✓ AN CHEATHRU MHOR, LEACAIN P.

✓ BEANN CHOR, "

✓ CRAOBHACH (CREEVAGH), "

✓ GORT AN TUAIR (HEATHFIELD?), LEACAIN P.

✓ EANACH MOR, CILL PHIAN P.

✓ RATH SHEISCINN (RATHESKIN), CILL PHIAN P.

CILL PHIAN, CILL PHIAN P.

✓ ST. PATRICK'S, KILLALLA P.

CARN, MOYGAMHNAGH P.

BAILE NUA AN FHAOITIGH(NEWTOWNWHITE?), BALLYSOKEERY P.

COONEAL, BALLYSOKEERY P.

BALLYMACHOLA, BALLYSOKEERY P.

COILLINI(CULLEENS), CARROWKELLY, KILMOREMOY P.

BALLINA, FRANCIS ST., KILMOREMOY P.

BALLINA CONVENT, "

BALLINA BOYS, "

BREAFFY, "

TEAMPOLL MHUIRE, KILLALA P.

CNOC NA CAILLIGHE, MOYGAWNAGH P.

GLEANN MOR, MOYGAWNAGH P.

UNKNOWN

PONTOON

AN CHEATHRU GHARBH, BACKS P.

CLOGHANS, KILBEFAD P.

GARRACLOON, "

ARD-ACHADH, ARD ACHADH P.

RATH NA MBEACH(RATHNAMAGH), ARD ACHADH P.

CNOC AN EALOIDH, ARD ACHADH P.

RATH BHAN, ADDERGOOLE P.

RATH COILLE, "

SRUTHAN AN AIFRINN, ADDERGOOLE P.

SRUTHAN AN AIFRINN(MASSBROOK), ADDERGOOLE P.

LAHARDANE, ADDERGOOLE P.

SRAITHIN(SRAHEEN), ~~ADDERGOOLE~~ P. *BALLYNAHAGLISH*

CORRA-BHEAGAIN(CURRABAGGAN), BAILE NA EAGLAISE P.

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AONACH BEAG(ENAGHBEG), CROSSMOLINA P.

LEITIR BRIC(LETTERBRICK), "

RICHMOND, "

CILL AN GHARRAIN, CROSSMOLINA P.

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GLAN SAL(PARTRY)

TOOMORE, TOOMORE P.

CHRIST CHURCH, CASTLEBAR P.

BEANN GULBAN, AHAMUSIT, CO. SLIGO

GRANGE, AHAMLISH, CO. SLIGO

DOIRE LEATHAN, AHAMLISH, CO. SLIGO

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Schools missing from Mayo Library Microfilm Collection

- Criogan Bán School, Kilgeever Parish.
- Killadoon National School, Kilgeever Parish.
- Carronniskey National School, Kilgeever Parish.
- Breaffy Castlebar.
- Ballintubber
- Carnacon.
- Currane, Achill.
- Claggernagh, Islandeady.
- Drummin, Westport.
- Letterbrock, Westport.
- Derrymore, Westport.
- Finney – See Doire (Reel 27)
- Aughagower, Westport.
- Behymore, Kilmoremoy.
- Achillbeg Island
- Inishbiggle Island.
- Belfarsad (Béal Feirste)
- Tonragee
- Dooega
- Tarsaghaun beg
- Ballyburke