Cataloguing the Fermoy Gaelic Manuscripts
Interactive Processes at Maynooth University Library

In September 2014, a collection of 50 unique handwritten Gaelic manuscripts from St. Colman's College, Cork dating from the 18th & 19th centuries were originally catalogued based on aspects of DCRM(MSS) at Maynooth University Library in a social context.

Social Cataloguing

- Alerted MU conservation team to damaged material
- Enrolled in MOOC on Reading Paleography
- Engaged with students through online forum in identifying inscriptions

The Collection

- Covers aspects of Irish literary heritage
- Features tracts on cryptology, the Ogham alphabet & Irish mythology

Challenges

- Deciphering script
- Creating detailed original records

Outcome

- Collection embedded to support teaching and research aims of MU
- Consolidating collection related to social history of Ireland

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