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INTRODUCTION

The Royal Irish Academy's *Dictionary of Irish Biography* is the most comprehensive and authoritative biographical dictionary yet published for Ireland. It contains 9,014 signed biographical articles which describe and assess the careers of subjects in all fields of endeavour, including politics, law, religion, literature, journalism, architecture, painting, music, the stage, science, medicine, engineering, entertainment and sport.

In the past there have of course been useful biographical dictionaries for Ireland. We acknowledge in particular the late Henry Boylan's *Dictionary of Irish biography*, which was first published in 1978, the one hundredth anniversary of the first authoritative Irish biographical dictionary, Alfred Webb's pioneering *A compendium of Irish biography* (1878), and the fiftieth anniversary of John Smyth Crone's *A concise dictionary of Irish biography* (1928). Special mention must be made of the remarkable *Beathaisnéis* series on literary and cultural figures, which was edited by Diarmuid Breathnach and Máire Ní Mhurchú and published in nine volumes between 1986 and 2007, and of the growing number of specialist biographical reference works devoted to particular groups or professions.

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The subjects eligible for inclusion in the Royal Irish Academy's *Dictionary of Irish Biography* were

- born in Ireland with careers in Ireland,
- born in Ireland with careers outside Ireland,
- born outside Ireland with careers in Ireland.

People of Irish descent born outside Ireland have not been included, unless they had careers of significance in Ireland. Certain famous figures who happened to be born in Ireland have not been included, simply because their birth in Ireland was fortuitous and had little bearing on their subsequent careers; such individuals are more appropriately covered in the biographical dictionaries of the countries in which they made their mark.

Outlining the significant Irish careers of those born outside Ireland is an important element in the *Dictionary's* remit, as the history of this island has clearly been greatly influenced by the actions and policies of non-natives. Many of those who held important offices in Ireland and exerted real influence have been included. In this respect the essential criterion for selection is presence in Ireland. Thus a figure such as William Ewart Gladstone

(1809–98) has not been included, despite his preoccupation with Irish events and his profound influence on Irish affairs, since he never held any Irish office and only visited Ireland briefly.

The time-span covered by the *Dictionary* ranges from the beginning of written records to the early twenty-first century. The *Dictionary* does not include biographies of living persons and all subjects have died before the end of 2002. A cut-off date had to be chosen and the editors opted for one as close as possible to the date of publication.

SELECTING SUBJECTS

There were no absolute rules for choosing subjects for the *Dictionary*, but a number of criteria were useful in establishing the names to be included. Among these were

- the posthumously famous or notorious;
- contemporary figures acknowledged as significant in their own day but subsequently forgotten;
- those unrecognised in their day, whose achievement or significance has since been recognised (e.g. scientists or medical figures);
- the holders of high office, whom a reader might expect to find in a national biographical dictionary, such as a senior government minister or an archbishop of Armagh;
- those who achieved high professional recognition, including distinction in scholarship, science or professional life, even if little known to the general public;
- those associated with particularly well-known events;
- innovators, reformers, pioneers (e.g. the first woman to hold a particular office);
- those with intrinsically interesting careers.

As a national biographical dictionary, the *Dictionary of Irish Biography* cannot give the kind of blanket coverage of a particular field proper to specialised biographical dictionaries. We have not, for example, included all the members who were elected for the College Green, Westminster or Stormont parliaments, nor have we included all who sat in Dáil Éireann. Comprehensive inclusion of parliamentarians would have left little room for other subjects.

Narrowing the choice to just over 9,000 entries was one of the most difficult tasks facing the editors. There is a core of names on which almost any group of editors would agree, but at the margins there is considerable scope for disagreement. No set of choices can meet with universal acclaim and a different set of editors might well have chosen a different set of names. We have taken advice from specialists in a wide variety of fields and the

names chosen for inclusion have usually been based on their cumulative recommendations. In the end we endorse the words of the editor of the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* when he wrote of how 'serendipity and practicalities' influenced the final selection, 'a point which needs to be remembered by anyone embarking upon a quantitative survey of the *Dictionary's* contents'.

Some would argue that the prime function of a biographical dictionary is to gather together the lives of those who rose to prominence and distinction in their own times. For this reason biographical dictionaries are sometimes criticised as elitist works, the products of an old-fashioned view of history that concentrates on the deeds of statesmen and soldiers. By contrast the *Dictionary of Irish Biography's* editorial policy has been to give primacy to achievement over position. Holding an important office in itself has generally not been regarded as sufficient to merit inclusion; rather it is what an individual did with that office that has been judged the crucial determinant. While it has not been editorial policy to include relatively obscure persons as representative types of 'ordinary' lives, the *Dictionary* nonetheless encapsulates what might be best described as non-elite careers. In the case of military figures, for example, distinction rather than rank has been the main criterion for selection. Together with numerous commanders, the *Dictionary* includes ordinary soldiers whose conspicuous bravery on the field led to contemporary fame.

While many of the names chosen for entries have of course been included in previous biographical dictionaries, a great many more are given biographical treatment for the first time. Furthermore, the editors have not automatically included or excluded individuals simply because they had entries in other dictionaries. Hard choices have had to be made. The only way to make room for the many interesting and important figures thrown up by recent research has been to cut back on some of the administrators, ecclesiastics and soldiers who formed the bulk of the entries in previous publications, and whose careers now seem less important than they once appeared to be. Our abiding criterion has been to include those names which seem most likely to be the objects of enquiry in the twenty-first century.

The *Dictionary* has greatly benefited from that recent broadening of historical interest into new fields of study. This has introduced many names that might have been ignored in the past, especially so in the case of women. Many earlier biographical dictionaries tended to give pride of place to achievements in areas such as politics, religion and the military, spheres from which women were generally barred. The dramatic growth in research and publication in women's history has substantially changed the agenda for a work such as this. We have, therefore, not only included many pioneering women who broke into traditional male spheres like the natural sciences, but

have also tried to provide accounts of outstanding practitioners in what have often (though not always entirely accurately) been seen as traditional 'female' occupations such as arts and crafts, midwifery and philanthropy.

CONTENT OF ARTICLES

As far as possible a *Dictionary of Irish Biography* article contains comprehensive factual information: details of birth and death, family, education, the chronological sequence of a career (with starting and finishing dates of main appointments), the dates of milestones in careers and details of significant awards, distinctions or promotions. While every effort was made to find such basic biographical information, in some cases it was simply not available. In addition to providing the essential factual material, the editors have encouraged wherever possible an assessment of the significance of an individual's career, especially in the longer articles. Personal relationships and characteristics (including human failings) are commented on where they are relevant. The editors have, indeed, made every effort to ensure that *Dictionary* articles, with the exception of some of the shorter entries, are more than mere catalogues of events, but attempt to appraise the circumstances that shaped individual lives, such as ancestry, parentage, education, physical and social environment and other formative influences. And while articles have been written according to in-house guidelines, these have not been enforced with procrustean rigour. Contributors have, for example, been encouraged to include relevant anecdotes and incidents that illuminate subjects' careers.

Certain biographies presented special problems, not least biographies for those who died in the decade or so before our cut-off date of 31 December 2002. With primary sources not usually available, there was a natural sensitivity about what could be written about the recently deceased. In general, the lives of such individuals do not lend themselves to the same degree of scholarly assessment as those of earlier subjects. In a number of cases the biographies of major figures who died recently have been written by contributors who knew them, or are particularly well-informed about their lives and times. Such articles are often based on personal knowledge or information from family and friends and may in time become primary sources for future historians or biographers.

LENGTH OF ARTICLES

Articles in the *Dictionary of Irish Biography* range in length from 200 to 15,000 words. The main consideration determining length was the importance of the particular career, but other considerations have also had to be

taken into account. Lack of sources, for example, has meant that some entries are shorter than would otherwise be warranted. A paucity of written sources can apply to a variety of groups such as early medieval subjects, craft workers, sportsmen and even modern entrepreneurs, few of whom seem to have left substantial written records. Clearly, some careers lend themselves more readily to extensive treatment in biographical dictionaries than others. The achievements of the writer, the artist or the architect tend to be tangible and often long-lasting, and may be written about from generation to generation, while those of the performer, the stage actor, singer or musician (at least in the age before film or sound recording) tend to be more ephemeral.

In many cases the length of a particular career influenced the length of the relevant article. Versatility too has had a bearing on length. Individuals who distinguished themselves in a number of different areas generally required more extensive treatment than those who distinguished themselves in one. In the case of a subject not born in Ireland and whose time in Ireland was short but significant, the Irish career takes up the greater part of the word allocation, though the career outside Ireland is summarised sufficiently to place the subject's time in Ireland in its wider context.

The *Dictionary* also includes several hundred lives which are treated as co-subjects in longer entries. These are articles within articles, usually on family members or collaborators whose careers are best understood if dealt with in this way. Co-subject entries are highlighted by bold type within an article.

EDITORIAL CRITERIA

A broad range of views, interpretations and literary styles is to be expected in a work written by 700 individuals. The editors have had three main criteria for each entry: that it be factually accurate, based on the most recently available sources and accessible to the general reader. While contributors happily agreed to follow these editorial guidelines, they were encouraged to interpret individual lives in ways that they themselves found apposite and true. Indeed the editors believe this to be one of the major strengths of an enormous co-operative enterprise which has involved contributors from both sides of the border in Ireland, and from Great Britain, continental Europe, the United States, Canada, Australia and elsewhere.

External contributors and advisors took on this work without remuneration, and the Royal Irish Academy and the editors of the *Dictionary* are warmly appreciative of their generosity and enthusiastic collaboration. We take this opportunity to offer them our deepest thanks.

The *Dictionary of Irish Biography* has attempted to give as full an account as possible of the nature and extent of the achievements and failings of Irish men and women and of those from elsewhere who have made their mark on Irish life. We hope that this work will enable present and future generations to appreciate and understand more deeply those many lives which in myriad ways have moulded and shaped the experiences of all those who have come after them and are in every sense their heirs.

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GUIDE TO ENTRIES

Each entry appears above the name of its contributor. Entries are arranged in alphabetical sequence, headed by the name of the subject. In this sequence Mc is treated as Mac. Most subjects are given under their surname in capitals, followed by their first names (e.g., YEATS, William Butler). Subjects who lived before surnames came into general use during the eleventh century are usually entered under their forenames (e.g. ADOMNÁN) and are frequently identified by a family member with whom they are most closely associated (e.g. GORMLAITH (d. 948), daughter of Flann Sinna) or by a place (e.g. FINDBARR (Finbarr) of Cork). All Gaelic Irish subjects with surnames are given under the Irish form of their name up to c.1200; thereafter surnames of political dynasties are given under the English version, with the appropriate Irish version appearing in brackets immediately following; surnames of Gaelic poets, annalists, scribes and clergy are generally given in Irish. Forenames of Gaelic subjects are usually given in middle Irish from the eleventh century to the early fourteenth century and in classical modern Irish to the early modern period (e.g. O'DONNELL (Ó Domnaill), Domnall Mór (c.1180–1241); O'DONNELL (Ó Domhnaill), Conchobhar (d. 1342)). Entries for subjects with titles appear under the family surname (e.g. BUTLER, James (1610–88), 1st duke of Ormond), with a cross-reference from the main title. An entry for a writer or performing artist is given under the subject's pseudonym or adopted name if he or she is generally recognised by that name and not by the birth name (e.g. the writer Michael Francis O'Donovan appears under O'CONNOR, Frank (1903–66), but the crime novelist Nicholas Blake appears under LEWIS, Cecil DAY (Nicholas Blake) (1904–72)). A double- or treble-barrelled surname appears under the final name. The name under which a female subject appears has been determined by the name by which she was best known or wished to be known.

Every entry begins with a brief descriptor indicating the occupation or career which has led to that subject's being included in the *Dictionary*; it may not necessarily be the subject's profession, though that will be mentioned in the main body of the article. Thereafter the entry gives the main facts of the subject's life; in the case of longer entries an assessment of achievement or reputation is usually offered. The length of an entry generally denotes the editorial view of the importance of a particular career, but a short entry may also indicate the paucity of verifiable information on a particular subject. While every effort has been made to provide details of a subject's date of birth, marriage and death, it has not always been possible to do so; this is

especially true of dates of marriage. In cases where neither birth nor death date has been ascertained, *floruit* (flourished) dates are given in the header (WINTER, Catherine (*fl.* 1849–62), publicist and campaigner). In other instances *c.* (around), *a.* (before) and *p.* (after) have been used for birth or death dates where a reasonable degree of certainty prevails. Where the name of another *Dictionary* subject or co-subject is mentioned in an entry, a cross-reference is indicated by the insertion of '(qv)' immediately following that subject's name.

Sources of information for the entry are listed in a separate note at the end: primary sources used, whether in manuscript or print, are listed first, followed by all other sources in chronological sequence, the most recent work appearing last. Sources sections differ in length: where a subject has attracted one or more substantial biographies, the sources section may be shorter than in the entry for a more obscure figure whose life had to be pieced together from a variety of primary and secondary sources. Abbreviations used in the main body of an entry and in the sources section are listed separately (see 'List of abbreviations').

For entries which refer to the period between the introduction in Europe of the Gregorian calendar in 1582 and its coming into use in Ireland in 1752, dating has been according to the old or Julian calendar (OS). Where it has been necessary to cite the Gregorian calendar, this is indicated (NS). In all cases (OS and NS) the year is treated as beginning on 1 January. The en rule (–), solidus (/), and saltire (×) are used in dates, as in the following examples: 678–80 (denotes a process extending from the first to the second date); 678/80 (denotes alternative dates for a specific event); 678×680 (denotes the period within which a specific event, which cannot be more precisely dated, occurred). The solidus is also used to distinguish the 'institutional year' from a period including part or all of two calendar years; thus a financial year is shown as 1996/7, not 1996–7.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

I. GENERAL ABBREVIATIONS

<i>a.</i>	before (<i>ante</i>)
AAA	Amateur Athletic Association
AAI	Association of Artists in Ireland; Association of Advertisers in Ireland; Architectural Association of Ireland
ADC	aide-de-camp
Adm.	admiral
AFC	Air Force Cross; Association Football Club
AIA	American Institute of Architects
AIB	Allied Irish Banks
AICE	associate, Institution of Civil Engineers
AMINA	associate member, Institute of Naval Architects
ANU	Australian National University
AOC	air officer commanding
AOH	Ancient Order of Hibernians
ARCA	associate of the Royal College of Art
ARHA	associate member of the Royal Hibernian Academy
ARIAI	associate of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland
ARIBA	associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects
ARP	Air Raid Precautions
b.	born
BA	Bachelor of Arts
B.Agr.Sc.	Bachelor of Agricultural Science
BAI	Bachelor in Engineering
BAO	Bachelor of Arts in Obstetrics
BBC	British Broadcasting Corporation
B.Ch. or B.Chir.	Bachelor of Surgery
BCL	Bachelor of Civil Law
BCnL	Bachelor of Canon Law
B.Comm.	Bachelor of Commerce
BD	Bachelor of Divinity
Bde	Brigade
B.Dent.Sc.	Bachelor of Dental Science
BE	Bachelor of Engineering
BEF	British Expeditionary Force
BEM	British Empire Medal

B.Eng.	Bachelor of Engineering
BL	Barrister at Law; British Library
B.Litt.	Bachelor of Letters
BM	Bachelor of Medicine
BMA	British Medical Association
BMH	Bureau of Military History, Dublin
B.Mus.	Bachelor of Music
Bn	Battalion
Bodl.	Bodleian Library, Oxford University
B.Sc.	Bachelor of Science
B.Th.	Bachelor of Theology
<i>c.</i>	about (<i>circa</i>)
CB	companion of the Order of the Bath
CBC	Christian Brothers' College
CBE	companion of the Order of the British Empire
CBS	Christian Brothers' School
CC	catholic curate; cricket club
CCÉ	Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann
CCL	Central Catholic Library
Cdre	Commodore
CE	Civil Engineer
CEMA	Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts, later the British Arts Council
CH	Companion of Honour
Ch.B.	Bachelor of Surgery
CIE	companion of the Order of the Indian Empire
CIÉ	Coras Iompair Éireann (<i>Irish transport authority</i>)
CIGS	chief of the Imperial General Staff
C-in-C	commander in chief
CM	Congregatio Missionum (Vincentians)
CMG	companion of the Order of St Michael and St George
CO	commanding officer
Coy	Company (military)
CSI	Companion, Order of the Star of India
CSO	Central Statistics Office
CSSp.	Congregatio de Sancto Spiritu (Holy Ghost priests)
CSSR	Congregatio Sanctissimi Redemptoris (Redemptorists)
CVO	commander of the Royal Victorian Order
CYMS	Catholic Young Men's Society
<i>d.</i>	died
DBE	dame commander of the Order of the British Empire
DCGHL	Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane

DCL	Doctor of Civil Law
DD	Doctor of Divinity
D.Econ.Sc.	Doctor of Economic Science
DFC	Distinguished Flying Cross
DGM	deputy grand master
DIAS	Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies
DIB	<i>Dictionary of Irish Biography</i> project
Dip.Arch.	Diploma in Architecture
Dip.Ed.	Diploma in Education
DL	deputy lieutenant
D.Litt.	Doctor of Literature, Doctor of Letters
D.Litt.Celt.	Doctor of Celtic Literature
DM	Doctor of Medicine
DMO	District Medical Officer
DMP	Dublin Metropolitan Police
DMRE	Diploma in Medical Radiology and Electrolgy
D.Mus.	Doctor of Music
DPA	Diploma in Public Administration
DPH	Diploma in Public Health
D.Phil.	Doctor of Philosophy
D.Sc.	Doctor of Science
DSC	Distinguished Service Cross
D.Sc.Soc.	Doctor of Social Science
DSM	Distinguished Service Medal
DSO	(companion of the) Distinguished Service Order
DUP	Democratic Unionist Party
EC	European Community
ed.	edited by, edition, editor(s)
EEC	European Economic Community
ESB	Electricity Supply Board
EU	European Union
FAI	Football Association of Ireland
FBA	fellow of the British Academy
FC	Football Club
FCA	An Forsa Cosanta Áitiúil
FDSRCS	fellow in Dental Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons of England
FFDRCSI	fellow, Faculty of Dentistry, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
FGS	fellow of the Geological Society (London)
<i>fl.</i>	<i>floruit</i>
FOIF	Friends of Irish Freedom
FRAMI	fellow of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland

FRCP	fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (London)
FRCPI	fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
FRCS	fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (London)
FRCSI	fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
FRGS	fellow of the Royal Geographical Society
FRHS	fellow of the Royal Historical Society
FRIAI	fellow of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland
FRIAM	fellow of the Royal Irish Academy of Music
FRIBA	fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects
FRPS	fellow of the Royal Photographic Society
FRS	fellow of the Royal Society
FRSA	fellow, Royal Society of Arts
FRSAI	fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland
FRSE	fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh
FSA	fellow of the Society of Antiquaries
FTCD	fellow of Trinity College, Dublin
FUE	Federated Union of Employers
GAA	Gaelic Athletic Association
GB	Great Britain
GBE	knight or dame grand cross, Order of the British Empire
GCB	knight grand cross of the Order of the Bath
GCH	knight grand cross, Hanoverian Order
GCIE	knight grand commander, Order of the Indian Empire
GCMG	knight or dame grand cross of the Order of St Michael and St George
Gen.	General
GHQ	General Headquarters
GMC	General Medical Council
GOC	general officer commanding
GPO	General Post Office
GRO	General Register Office (Dublin)
GSI	Geological Survey of Ireland
GSO	general staff officer
h.c.	<i>honoris causa</i>
H.Dip.Ed.	Higher Diploma in Education
HMC	Historical Manuscripts Commission
HMS	his/her majesty's ship
hon.	honorary
h.p.	horse power
HQ	Headquarters
HRH	his/her royal highness
HRHA	honorary member, Royal Hibernian Academy

IAA	Irish Architectural Archive
IAAA	Irish Amateur Athletic Association
ICA	Irish Citizen Army; Irish Countrywomen's Association
ICE	Institution of Civil Engineers
ICEI	Institution of Civil Engineers of Ireland
ICS	Indian Civil Service
ICTU	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
IFA	Irish Football Association; Irish Farmers' Association
IFS	Irish Free State
ILGU	Irish Ladies' Golf Union
ILP	Independent Labour Party (UK)
IMA	Irish Medical Association
IMC	Irish Manuscripts Commission
IMMA	Irish Museum of Modern Art
IMS	Indian Medical Service
INA	Institute of Naval Architects
INL	Irish National League
INLA	Irish National Liberation Army
INTO	Irish National Teachers' Organisation
IPP	Irish Parliamentary Party
IRA	Irish Republican Army
IRB	Irish Republican Brotherhood
IRFU	Irish Rugby Football Union
IRSP	Irish Republican Socialist Party
ITGWU	Irish Transport and General Workers' Union
ITUC	Irish Trade Union Congress
JP	justice of the peace
KB	knight of the Bath; knight bachelor; knight banneret
KBE	knight commander of the Order of the British Empire
KC	king's counsel
KCB	knight commander, Order of the Bath
KCH	knight commander of the Royal Guelphic Order; knight commander, Hanoverian Order
KCIE	knight commander of the Order of the Indian Empire
KCMG	knight commander of the Order of St Michael and St George
KCSI	knight commander of the Order of the Star of India
KCVO	knight commander of the Royal Victorian Order
KG	knight of the Order of the Garter
KH	knight, Hanoverian Order
KP	knight of the Order of St Patrick
L	licentiate (e.g. LRCSI)

L.Ch.	Licentiate in Surgery
LDF	Local Defence Force
LÉ	Long Éireannach (ship of Irish Naval Service)
LGB	Local Government Board
Litt.D.	Doctor of Literature; Doctor in/of Letters
LLB	Bachelor of Laws
LLD	Doctor of Laws
LLM	Master of Laws
LM	Licentiate in Midwifery or Medicine
LOL	Loyal Orange Lodge
LPH	Licentiate in Philosophy
LRCP	Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians
LRCPI	Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
LRCS	Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons
LRC SI	Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
LRFPS	Licentiate of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons (Glasgow)
LSA	Licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries
LVF	Loyalist Volunteer Force
MA	Master of Arts
M.Agr.Sc.	Master of Agricultural Science
MAI	Master of Engineering
MAO	Master of Obstetric Art
MB	Bachelor of Medicine
MBE	member of the Order of the British Empire
MC	Military Cross
M.Ch. or	Master in Surgery
M.Chir.	
M.Comm.	Master of Commerce
MD	Doctor of Medicine
ME	Master of Engineering
M.Econ.Sc.	Master of Economic Science
MEP	member of the European parliament
Mgr	monsignor
MICE	member, Institution of Civil Engineers
MIME	member, Institute of Mining Engineers
M.Litt.	Master of Letters
MP	member of parliament
MRCP	member of the Royal College of Physicians (England)
MRCPI	member of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
MRCS	member of the Royal College of Surgeons
MRC SI	member of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

MRCVS	member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
MRIA	member of the Royal Irish Academy
MRIAI	member of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland
MRSAI	member of the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland
M.Sc.	Master of Science
Mus.B.	Bachelor of Music
Mus.D.	Doctor of Music
M.Vet.Sci.	Master of Veterinary Science
MVO	member of the Royal Victorian Order
NAI	National Archives of Ireland
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NBA	National Boxing Association (of America; forerunner of WBA)
NCA(D)	National College of Art (& Design)
NCO	non-commissioned officer
NFA	National Farmers' Association
NGI	National Gallery of Ireland
NI	Northern Ireland
NICRA	Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association
NIHE	National Institute of Higher Education
NILP	Northern Ireland Labour Party
NLI	National Library of Ireland
NMI	National Museum of Ireland
NORAID	Northern Ireland Aid Committee
NPG	National Portrait Gallery (London)
NUI	National University of Ireland
NUIG	National University of Ireland, Galway
NUIM	National University of Ireland, Maynooth
NUU	New University of Ulster
OBE	officer of the Order of the British Empire
OC	officer commanding
O.Carm.	Order of Carmelites (friars)
O.Carth.	Order of Carthusians (monks)
O.Cist.	Order of Cîteaux (Cistercian monks)
O.Cruc.	Ordo Cruciferorum (Crutched friars)
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OEEC	Organisation for European Economic Cooperation
OFM	Order of Friars Minor (Franciscan friars)
OM	Order of Merit
OP	Order of Preachers (Dominican friars)

O.Praem.	Order of Premonstratensians (Norbertine canons)
OPW	Office of Public Works
OSA	Order of St Augustine (friars)
OSB	Order of St Benedict (monks)
OTC	Officers' Training Corps
OUDS	Oxford University Dramatic Society
<i>p.</i>	after (<i>post</i>)
PC	privy counsellor
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy
PM	prime minister
PMO	Principal Medical Officer
PP	parish priest
PRA	president, Royal Academy
PRCPI	president of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
PRCSI	president of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
PRHA	president of the Royal Hibernian Academy
PRIA	president, Royal Irish Academy
PRO	Public Record Office
PRONI	Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (Belfast)
PSNI	Police Service of Northern Ireland
QC	queen's counsel
QCB	Queen's College, Belfast
QCC	Queen's College, Cork
QCG	Queen's College, Galway
QUB	Queen's University of Belfast
QUI	Queen's University of Ireland
RA	Royal Academy (or member of); Royal Artillery
RAF	Royal Air Force
RAM	Royal Academy of Music
RAMC	Royal Army Medical Corps
RAMI	Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland
RAS	Royal Astronomical Society
RASC	Royal Army Service Corps
RBAI	Royal Belfast Academical Institution
RCAF	Royal Canadian Air Force
RCM	Royal College of Music
RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
RCP	Royal College of Physicians (London)
RCPI	Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
RCS	Royal College of Surgeons (London)
RCSI	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
RCVS	Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

RDS	Royal Dublin Society
RE	Royal Engineers
RÉ	Radio Éireann
RFC	Royal Flying Corps; Rugby Football Club
RGN	Registered General Nurse
RGS	Royal Geographical Society
RGSI	Royal Geological Society of Ireland
RHA	(member of the) Royal Hibernian Academy
RIA	Royal Irish Academy
RIAI	Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland
RIAM	Royal Irish Academy of Music; Royal Irish Academy of Medicine
RIBA	Royal Institute of British Architects
RIC	Royal Irish Constabulary
(R)K&QCPI	(Royal) King and Queen's College of Physicians (Ireland; <i>forerunner of RCPI</i>)
RM	resident magistrate; Royal Marines
RMS	Royal Society of Miniature Painters; Royal Mail Steamer
RN	Royal Navy
RNLI	Royal National Lifeboat Institution
RNR	Royal Naval Reserve
RNVR	Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve
RSAI	Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland
RSPCA	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
RTÉ	Radio Telefís Éireann
RUC	Royal Ulster Constabulary
RUI	Royal University of Ireland
RWS	Royal Watercolour Society
s.	shilling
SC	senior counsel
Sc.D.	Doctor of Science
SDLP	Social Democratic and Labour Party
SIPTU	Services Industrial Professional Technical Union
SJ	Society of Jesus (Jesuits)
STL	Licentiate of Sacred Theology
TCD	Trinity College, Dublin
TD	Teachta Dála (dáil deputy)
TNA	The National Archives of the United Kingdom
TUC	Trades Union Congress
UCC	University College, Cork
UCD	University College, Dublin

UCG	University College, Galway
UDA	Ulster Defence Association
UDC	Urban District Council
UDR	Ulster Defence Regiment
UFF	Ulster Freedom Fighters
UIL	United Irish League
UN(O)	United Nations (<i>sometimes shown as UN Organisation</i>)
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation
USN	United States Navy
USSR	Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
UU	University of Ulster
UUC	Ulster Unionist Council
UUP	Ulster Unionist Party
UVF	Ulster Volunteer Force
VC	Victoria Cross
VEC	Vocational Education Committee
WAAF	Women's Auxiliary Air Force
WEU	Western European Union
WHO	World Health Organization
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WNHA	Women's National Health Association
WUI	Workers' Union of Ireland
YMCA	Young Men's Christian Association

2. BIBLIOGRAPHIC ABBREVIATIONS AND CONVENTIONS

The following list consists of abbreviations specially devised for use in the *Dictionary of Irish Biography*, as well as items from the list in *Irish Historical Studies*, supplement I (Jan. 1968), and the abbreviation lists in *A new history of Ireland* (9 vols., 1976–2005).

<i>Acta SS</i>	<i>Acta sanctorum quotquot toto urbe coluntur vel a catholicis scriptoribus celebrantur quae ex Latinis & Graecis aliarumque gentium antiquis monumentis collegit . . . Johannes Bollandus Societatis Jesu theologus . . . [etc.]</i> (Antwerp [etc.], 1643–)
<i>ADB</i>	<i>Australian dictionary of biography</i> (Melbourne, 1966–)
<i>AFM</i>	<i>Annala rioghachta Eireann; Annals of the kingdom of Ireland by the Four Masters . . .</i> ,

- ed. John O'Donovan (7 vols, Dublin, 1851; repr., New York, 1966)
- ALC* *The annals of Loch Cé* . . . , ed. W. M. Hennessy (2 vols, London, 1871; reflex facsimile, Dublin, 1939)
- Allibone S. A. Allibone, *Critical dictionary of English literature and British and American authors living and deceased* (3+2 vols, Philadelphia and London, 1859)
- Alumni Dubl.* G. D. Burtchaell and T. U. Sadleir, *Alumni Dublinenses: a register of the students, graduates, professors and provosts of Trinity College in the University of Dublin* (2nd ed., Dublin, 1935)
- Anal. Hib.* *Analecta Hibernica, including the reports of the Irish Manuscripts Commission* (Dublin, 1930–)
- ANB* *American National Biography*, ed. J. A. Garraty and M. C. Carnes (New York and Oxford, 1999)
- Anderson, *Sources Scot. hist.* A. O. Anderson, *Early sources of Scottish history* (2 vols, Edinburgh, 1922; new ed., London, 1990)
- Andersons, *Adomnan* *Adomnan's life of Columba*, ed. A. O. Anderson and M. O. Anderson (Edinburgh and London, 1961; revised ed., Oxford, 1991)
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