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### Biographical Note

Joseph Cyrillus Walsh was born in Oakville, Ontario, Canada in 1870 and he died at his home in Yonkers, New York in August of 1955. He seems to have started his career in newspaper work rising to the managing editorship of The Montreal Herald. He arrived in New York about the time of the beginning of the First World War and at the urging of Irish patriots such as John Edward Redmond, and with the aid of affluent Americans of Irish descent, he began the publication of the weekly Ireland. This paper, which ran from January 1916 until April 1917 supported the Irish Parliamentary Party and the cause of Home Rule. In the spring of 1914 he travelled to London to report on the Irish Home Rule situation for the Toronto Star. In 1919 he returned to Europe to attend the Paris Peace Conference as a member of the press corps. In 1921 he served as director of organization of the American Association of the Recognition of the Irish Republic. For most of his life Walsh seems to have been actively concerned with Irish affairs, and he seems to have known many if not most of the Irish political figures of his times. In his later years he was apparently associated with the law offices of Martin Conboy who was U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

He married Frances Kormonn was was also born in Ontario. They had two sons, Maurice and Arthur, and three daughters, Mary, Madeleine, and Patricia (Mrs. Alfred H. Dehle). His wife died on April 3, 1947.

Walsh wrote two books: The Invincible Ireland; and The Lament for John MacWalter Walsh with notes on the history of the family Walsh from 1170 to 1690...(N.Y., Kelmascott Press, 1925).

### Scope and Content

The Joseph C. Walsh Papers are arranged in two series, Letters and Miscellaneous Papers. The Letters series consists mainly of letters received by Walsh in the period 1913-47 from persons of Irish heritage relating to Irish-American and Irish-Canadian affairs, and on miscellaneous subjects. These letters are arranged alphabetically. The inventory lists the number of letters present for each file and its date range. Included are letters from such notables as Robert Brennan, Padriac Colum, Eamon De Valera, Lady Gregory, Shane Leslie, Sean Thomas O'Kelly, and John Edward Redmond. Letters in the early period (1916-17) are addressed to Walsh as editor of the weekly Ireland. A few letters to Shane Leslie who was associate editor are filed in the Leslie file. A few of the letters are addressed to Walsh as an official of American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic.

The largest files are Robert Brennan, 60 items; Shane Leslie, 49 items; Charles Murphy, 38 items; and Michael O'Flannagan, 88 items. Most of the other files contain only a few items of correspondence. Walsh's correspondence with Father O'Flannagan, a Catholic priest, is genealogical, and relates to the latter's searches in Ireland for a legal heir to the estate of Mrs. Ida E. Wood of New York. The Brennan file contains letters on Irish affairs while Brennan was chief of the Irish Legation in Washington, D.C. The Shane Leslie file contains letters to Walsh reflecting their editorial collaboration on Ireland, and Leslie's views on political events in Ireland such as the Easter Rebellion, conscription and the Home Rule controversy. The letters by Charles Murphy a Member of the Canadian Parliament, relate to Irish-Canadian affairs. The four letters by John Edward Redmond contain his views

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on the establishment of the weekly Ireland. Present in the Millie Figgis file is a letter to Walsh co-signed by the Irish patriot Maud Gonne MacBride as honorary treasurer of the Dublin Relief Committee.

The Miscellaneous Papers series include Walsh's reminiscences of the Irish revolutionary movement from 1914 when he went to London to report on Irish Home Rule. This manuscript is written in ink in a fine legible hand in a 1931 desk diary. Recorded are Walsh's impressions of the principal figures of the Irish revolutionary movement in the late 'teens and 1920's including Daniel Boyle, Eamon De Valera, Sean Nunan, and James O'Mara, and also his editorial collaborator, Shane Leslie. The Paris Peace Conference is covered with considerable detail as well as the Chicago Convention of the Republican Party in 1920 and the Irish Republican Bond campaigns in Illinois and in Wisconsin.

Provenance

The Joseph C. Walsh Papers came to the Library as a gift in 1948 and 1949 from Mr. Walsh.

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Inventory

- Box 1.     Letters  
 f. 1     ABERDEEN and Temair, Marchioness of [Ishbel Maria (Marjoribanks) Gordon]  
           1916 (9)  
           ADELARD [?]  
           1913 (1)  
           ALLGOOD, Sara  
           1937, 1940 (3)  
           ATKINSON, Joseph E  
           1914 (1)  
           AYLWARD, Richard  
           1925-27 (4)  
           BALDWIN, J L  
           1916 (1)  
           BEGLEY, John  
           1926-27 (4)  
           BEGLEY, Joseph (2) + enclosures
- f. 2     BEST, R T  
           1930 (1)  
           BLOOM, J H  
           n.d. (1)  
           BOLAND, Harry  
           1921 (1) [ltr to Boland from Walsh]  
           BOURASSA, Henri  
           1916-38 (10)  
           BOYLE, Daniel  
           1916-19 (7)  
           BRENNAN, Robert  
           1938-41 (60)  
           BROOKS, Van Wyck  
           1942 (1) [postcard]  
           BROWNE, Michael, Bishop of Galway  
           1936-47 (7)
- f. 3     CAHILL, Santiago P.  
           1916 (1)  
           CALLAN, Joseph P.  
           1919 (1)  
           CARLIN, Francis  
           1916 (1)  
           CASEY, D. A.  
           1916 (1)  
           CASEY, Maurice  
           1917 (1)  
           CASTELLINI, J. J.  
           1921 (3)  
           CLARKE, Joseph I. C.  
           1922 (1)  
           COCKRAM, William Bourke  
           1916 (1)

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- Box 1.     Letters  
 f. 3     COLUM, Padriac  
           1915,1936 (4)  
           CONBOY, Martin  
           1916,1918 (2)  
           CONDON, Eva  
           1916 & n.d. (2)  
           CONNOLLY, P. I.  
           1919-20 (2)  
           COUGHLIN, Edmund F  
           n.d. (1)  
           CUDAHY, Jehn  
           1936-42 (16)
- f. 4     CURTIS, E  
           1937 (1)  
           DELARGY, J. H.  
           1939-46 (3) + photographic portrait of Delargy  
           DILLON, Myles     DEVALERA, RAMON  
           1938 (3)            1938-47 (3)  
           DOHERTY, Charles J  
           1916-18 (3) + memo on League of Nations  
           DROSSAERTS, Arthur  
           1928 (1)  
           DUFFY, George Gavan  
           1920, 1937 (4)  
           DUNN, Jehn J.  
           1926-31 (17)  
           DUPONT, A. F.  
           1921 (1)  
           DWYER, Michael - SEE: SHANE, Leslie
- f. 5     EARLS, Michael  
           1916-17 (3)  
           EGAN, William J.  
           1916 (1)  
           FALLON, M. F.  
           1917 (3)  
           FARNUM, J. L.  
           1927 (1)  
           FENLON, Jehn F.  
           1918-41 (14)  
           FINLEY, Jehn  
           1934-40 (6)  
           FIGGIS, Millie (?) 1922 (2)  
           FITZGERALD, Benedict  
           1938 (2)  
           FITZGIBBON, M.  
           1917 (1)  
           FITZPATRICK, T. B.  
           1915,1917 (3)  
           FLETCHER-VANE, Francis  
           1917 (1)

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Box 1.    Letters  
f. 5    FLYNN, John M.  
          1916 (1)  
          FOLEY, James A  
          1943 (1)  
          FORD, Matthew O'Connor  
          1921 (4)  
          FOX, Hugh L.  
          1916 (2)  
          FOY, Charles J  
          1917 (1)

f. 6    GANNON, T. A.  
          1921 (2)  
          GAREZYNSKI, E. R.  
          1916 (1)  
          GERIG, John L.  
          1931-43 (4)  
          GIFFORD, Ada  
          1916 (1)  
          GINNELL, Laurance  
          1921-22 (6)  
          GRAHAM, George P  
          1936-37 (2)  
          GREEN, Alice S.  
          1919 (5)  
          GREGORY, Isabella Augusta Persee, Lady  
          1913 (3)  
          GRIFFITH, Arthur  
          1919 (1)  
          GUERIN, Edmund  
          1916-17 (2)  
          GUERIN, James J  
          1913 (1)  
          GWYNN, Stephen  
          n.d. (1)  
          HACKETT, Felix  
          1936-39 (7)  
          HANEY, M. J.  
          1917 (1)  
          HARKIN, Michael  
          1920-21 (2)  
          HAZELTON, Richard  
          1918 (3)  
          HEARN, John J  
          1921 (5)  
          HEPBURN, Harry H  
          1943 (1)  
          HICKEY, W.  
          1916 (2)  
          HIRST, Anthony A  
          1918 (1)  
          HOLMES, Herbert E  
          1921 (1)  
          BORGAN, John J  
          1920 (1)

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- Box 1.     Letters  
     f. 6     HUGHES, Katherine  
             1916 (1)
- f. 7     KAVANAGH, Henry J  
             1913-20 (12)  
             KEATING, John  
             1939-40 (4) + photographic portrait of Keating  
             KEHOE, J J  
             1917 (1)  
             KELLY, Dennis  
             1915 (1)  
             KELLY, John Hall  
             1940 (1)  
             KENNEDY, Joseph P - SEE: SCOTT, Joseph  
             KENNEDY, P H  
             1921 (1)  
             KING, William Lyon MacKenzie - SEE: MURPHY, Charles  
             LANDRETH, Helen  
             1938-39 (4) + typescript "The Influence of the Catholic Faith  
             in Ireland" (35 p.)  
             LATCHFORD, F R  
             1913 (1)  
             LEE, Joseph  
             1926, 1933 (2)  
             LEE, Susan M  
             1944 (1)
- f. 8     LESLIE, Shane  
             1916-18 & n.d. (49)  
             Letters to Leslie, 1916-17 (6); misc. writings by Leslie  
             LEWIS, John  
             1916 (1)  
             LYNCH, Thomas  
             1921 (1)
- Box 2.     Letters  
     f. 1     McARDLE, Dorothy  
             1939 & n.d. (2)  
             MacBRIDE, Maud Gonne - SEE: FIGGIS, Millie (?)  
             McCAFFREY, Hugh  
             1916 (1)  
             McCOWELL, Joseph S  
             1937 (1)  
             McFARLAND, Stephen  
             1917 & n.d. (2)  
             McGUIRE, James K  
             1916 (1)  
             MacLAVERTY, Madge  
             1922 (1)  
             MacNEILL, Eoin  
             1929-39 (8)  
             MacWHITE, Michael  
             1929-38 (8)  
             McWHORTER, Mary F  
             1921 (1)



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- Box 2.    Letters
- f. 1    MALONEY, William J.M.A.  
           1915-21 (10)  
           MANNIX, Thomas  
           1921 (1)  
           MATTHEWS, John A.  
           1940 (2)
- f. 2    MEEHAN, Thomas F.  
           1934-40 (4)  
           MELLONE, D. - SEE: LESLIE, Shane  
           MILHOLLAND, John E.  
           1921 (2)  
           MONTEATH (?)  
           1921 (1)  
           MONTPETIT, Edouard  
           1913 (1)  
           MULDOON, Peter J.  
           1918-26 (13)  
           MULVEY, Thomas  
           1916 (1)  
           MURPHY, Charles  
           1912-34 (38)  
           MURPHY, Edward F.  
           1937 (1)  
           MURPHY, Frank  
           1937-40 (7)  
           MURPHY, James Hennessy  
           1916 (1)  
           MURPHY, John  
           1938-40 (5)  
           MURPHY, Maurice F.  
           1921 (1)  
           MURRAY, James E.  
           1921 (1)
- f. 3    NELLEGAR, J. B.  
           1921 (2)  
           NORMOYLE, T. J.  
           1921 (1)  
           NUNAN, Sean  
           1936 (1)  
           O'BRIEN, Art - SEE: BEGLEY, Joseph  
           O'BRIEN, Mergan J.  
           1916 (2) + miscellaneous papers, 1937  
           O'BRIEN, R. Barry  
           1916 (2)  
           O'CONNELL, D. J.  
           1916 (1)  
           O'CONNOR, William  
           1916 (1)  
           O'DOHERTY, M. S.  
           1917 (1)  
           O'FAOLAIN, Sean  
           1938, 1946 (4)

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- Box 2.      Letters
- f. 3      O'FLANNAGAN, Michael  
           1928-39 (88) in re search for Irish heirs of the estate  
           of Mrs. Ida E. Wood of New York  
           O'GORMAN, John H.  
           n.d. (1)
- f. 4      O'KELLY, Sean Thomas  
           1919-47 (9)  
           O'LEARY, Jeremiah  
           n.d. (1) [cable]  
           O'LOUGHLIN, P. L.  
           1916 (1)  
           O'MALLEY, Austin  
           n.d. (4) + typescript "The Irish Sagas", 12 p.  
           O'MALLEY, Frank Ward  
           1932 (1)  
           O'MARA, James  
           1921-28 (4) + miscellany  
           O'MARA, Sean  
           n.d. (1)  
           O'REILLY, Vincent F.  
           n.d. (1)  
           ORMSTON, Frank D.  
           1930 (1) + miscellany  
           O'SULLIVAN, Breen -SEE: LESLIE, Shane  
           O'SULLIVAN, James A.  
           1944 (2)  
           O'SULLIVAN, Vincent  
           n.d. (1)
- f. 5      REDMOND, John E  
           1915-16 (4)  
           REILLY, Thomas  
           1916 (5)  
           RILEY, Thomas P.  
           1916 (1)  
           RIORDAN, E. J.  
           1922 (1)  
           ROBINSON, Ford N.  
           1935-43 (9)  
           ROSS, Sharman C  
           1935 (1)  
           ROSTOVTZEFF, M.  
           1942 (1)  
           ROTHWELL, Bernard J.  
           1916 (1)  
           RYAN, Edwin  
           1938 (1)  
           RYAN, Michael J.  
           1916, 1942 (2)  
           RYLANDS, Joseph  
           1921 (2)

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f. 6

Letters

SANDS, William Franklin  
1935 & n.d. (3)  
SCOLLARD, Clinton  
1916 (1) + typed poems, 4 p.  
SCOTT, Joseph  
1940-41 (6)  
SHAUGHNESSY  
1916 (2)  
SIMINGTON, Robert C.  
1937-39 (7)  
SKEFFINGTON, Francis Sheehy  
1919 (?) (1)  
SLATTERY, E.  
1916 (1)  
SLOANE, Charles W  
1928 (1)  
SMITH, Alfred E  
1930, 1932 (2)  
STEELE, J. H. - SEE: LESLIE, Shane  
STOREY, G. A.  
1914 (1)  
TALBOT, Francis  
1928 (1)  
TIERNEY, R. H.  
1918-21 (3)  
TIMMINS, Edward F.  
1916 (1)  
TRACY, D. J.  
1916 (1)  
TRIHAY, H. J.  
1922 (1)  
TUMULTY, Joseph  
1916 (1)  
~~VALERA, Eamon de~~  
~~1938-47 (3)~~

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WAGNER, James R. H.  
1943 (2)  
WALSH, Columbanus J.  
1912, 1916 (2)  
WALSH, Corra M.  
1926-30 (7)  
WALSH, Frank Patrick  
1916, 1938 (3)  
WALSH, Henry  
1916 (1)  
WALSH, J. P.  
1939 (1)  
WALSH, James A.  
1942 (1)  
WALSH, James J.  
1929-40 (18)  
WALSH, Joseph Cyrillus

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- Box 2.      Letters  
     f. 7      WALSH, Louis J.  
                     1916 (2)  
                     WALSH, Michael F.  
                     1940, 1942 (2)  
                     WALSH, Paul  
                     1938-39 (2)  
                     WALSH, Robert P.  
                     1942 (1)  
                     WALSH, Roisin  
                     1939 (1)  
                     WALSH, Thomas  
                     1926 (1)  
                     WARREN, Warren  
                     1919 (1)  
                     WELCH, George Patrick  
                     1940 (2)  
                     WETHERBEE, Winthrop  
                     1940-41 (7)  
                     WHELAN, William J.  
                     1921 (1)  
                     WHITE, Geoffrey H.  
                     1924, 1930 (2)  
                     WILLIAMS, A. J.  
                     1921 (2)  
                     WOODLOCK, Thomas F  
                     1936 (1)  
                     YOUNG, T. M.  
                     1934 (1)  
                     YOUNGE, Katharine E  
                     1915-20 (8) + MSS.: "The Major's Wings"; "Maurice Denechue"  
                     UNIDENTIFIED

- Box 3.      Miscellaneous Papers  
     f. 1      Articles on Canada. Typescripts on ltrhd. of Ireland.  
     f. 2      O'Dunne genealogical papers  
                     Walsh genealogical papers. Correspondence, 1926-43;  
                     articles and photographs  
     f. 3      Miscellany  
     f. 4      Personal miscellany. Canadian passport (1918) issued to Walsh;  
                     ration coupons, passes and other memorabilia of the Paris Peace  
                     Conference, 1919.  
     f. 5      Printed matter

Slipcase      Reminiscences of the Irish revolutionary movement from 1914 onward,  
                     by Walsh. MS. in 1931 desk diary.