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Current research students' profile

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Personal Profile

With a background in languages and linguistics (BA & MPhil - TCD Dept. of Germanic Studies), textual output has always been an interest of mine. After my MPhil I did a second Masters, this time in Information & Library Studies (MILS - Aberystwyth, UK) with a view to qualifying as a librarian and work even more closely with texts. For my dissertation, I looked into the collecting habits of Benjamin Guinness (1937-92) at the family home Farmleigh, using his library's accessions catalogue.

Building on that project, I am now investigating what happened to Irish Big House libraries in the decades following Independence, how they were globally dispersed and sold, and how some texts made their way back to Ireland, thanks to the repatriation efforts of individuals like Benjamin Guinness.

'Sold Into Exile & Bought Home: Migrations of Irish Big House libraries after Independence (1922)' is the working title of this latest project. Through it, I will explore evolving perceptions of Irish identity, and document the role textual heritage played in Irish nation-building.

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