



Recovered from the Flames 1: Spotlight on Ulster's Records - a research showcase

Thursday September 24, 2020 2:00 pm to 3:15 pm.

June 30th, 2022, marks the centenary of the terrible explosion and fire at the Four Courts, Dublin, which destroyed the Public Record Office of Ireland (PROI) and, with it, seven centuries of Ireland's collective memories. Beyond 2022 aims to virtually recreate these lost collections. The project is supported by the Irish Government from the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, under Project Ireland 2040, to create an all island and international legacy for the Decade of Centenaries. Working together, we are building a Virtual Record Treasury for Irish history — an open-access, virtual reconstruction of the Record Treasury destroyed in 1922. Beyond 2022 and the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland are proud to present "Recovered from the Flames". In three fascinating sessions this virtual research showcase will highlight how Northern Ireland's archives are being linked to collections across the globe to recover what was once lost to the flames.

Recovered from the Flames Part 1: Archival Discovery

Join PRONI and the Beyond 2022 team as we discuss our latest archival discoveries and how we are working to bring them to the public.

- What can be saved from the fire: PRONI and the preservation of Northern Ireland's history.

Tim Murtagh, Beyond 2022 research fellow, and Stephen Scarth, head of Public Services at PRONI, discuss some of the most significant collections in PRONI and how they are being used to replace what was lost in 1922.

- The National Archives of Ireland Salved Record collection: Northern Irish Aspects

Zoë Reid, Senior Conservator, National Archives of Ireland, will discuss the preservation of the 'salved' records, the documents that survived the destruction of 1922. Zoë explains the conservation challenges in these unique survivors from the fire, and uncovers some of their fascinating content.

- Linking the Records: the example of an Ulster town.

David Brown is the archival discovery lead for Beyond 2022, and will demonstrate how the reconstructed archive is helping shed new light on centuries of history. Taking the example of a single Ulster town, Augher, David will show how various records can be linked and analysed using the power of the virtual record treasury.

Register <https://tinyurl.com/y3rznlso>

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This is the first of three sessions planned for the 24th September. Registration gives access to all sessions.

Recovered from the Flames 2: Creating a Virtual Record Treasury

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Join us for a series of practical demonstrations, as we show how archival discovery is being used alongside cutting-edge data analysis and user-interface to create Beyond 2022's Virtual Record Treasury.

- Some jewels from the archive: inside PRONI's reading room

A panel of scholars will present a selection of PRONI's holdings, straight from the reading room in Belfast's Titanic Quarter. Join Jayne Hutchinson, Tim Murtagh and David Brown, as they highlight some of the rare treasures of the archive, and explain how they are being used to replace the lost collections of the Public Record Office of Ireland.

- Inside the Virtual Search Room

Join Beyond 2022's Anton Gerdelan as he demonstrates the newly created virtual search room, a Virtual Reality reconstruction of the building that was consumed by fire in 1922, allowing users to digitally visit the destroyed archive. Experts from the project will join Anton to explain the research that went into the virtual reconstruction, as well as demonstrating how it can be used to provide access to documents once thought lost forever.

This panel will be followed by a Q&A moderated via Zoom.

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Recovered from the Flames 3: Losing Archives, Creating States: The Legacy of the 1922 Fire

Thursday September 24, 2020 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm



UCD Archives Fitzgerald Collection

The event on the 24th September will conclude with the broadcast of a *History Ireland* Hedge School at 7pm that evening, discussing some of the legacies of the destruction of the Irish Public Records. Host Tommy Graham will moderate a stimulating discussion between historians and archivists responding to Winston's Churchill's controversial quote, as the Public Record Office of Ireland was ablaze on 30 June 1922, that '**a state without archives is better than archives without a state**'.

Panellists include Dr Neil Johnston of the National Archives of the United Kingdom, Prof Raymond Gillespie of Maynooth University, Dr Marie Coleman of Queen's University Belfast, and Catriona Crowe former head of Special Projects at the National Archives of Ireland.

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This podcast will also be available to listeners via iTunes and the History Ireland website, www.historyireland.com/hedge-schools

This Hedge School is a pre-recorded event.