Project Overview

Between 1897 and 1976, St. Andrew’s was a National School for boys in the Dublin South Dock area. Today, St. Andrews exists as a Resource Centre for the vibrant South Dock community.

This ongoing Public History project is utilising St. Andrew’s historic school roll and register books to create a searchable database and heritage tool. So far, the project has digitised student records between 1900 and 1922. The project fulfils St Andrew’s vision of preserving and sharing its historic material via an accessible online medium and promoting wider engagement with these sources.

The data collected from the records is also being used for academic research into early 20th Century Ireland. The records span key Irish revolutionary events such as the Dublin Lockout and the 1916 Easter Rising.

By connecting public records from Irish cultural and state institutions to hyperlocal community heritage, we are enriching information and knowledge about this period in Irish history.

Weaving Community Heritage with National History

- St. Andrews Records include details such as parental occupation, address, attendance, and reasons for student absence.
  - Interdisciplinary analysis of this information provides valuable insight into community development as well as socioeconomic changes that took place in early 20th century Ireland.

- Data from the student records continues to be enriched through the utilisation of primary sources from Irish institutions and databases such as:
  - The National Archives
  - Bureau of Military History
  - Royal Society of Antiquaries Ireland
  - 1901 Census
  - 1911 Census

- • http://andrewshistory.herokuapp.com
  - An online database that provides an easy-to-use search engine.
  - Information is searchable by student name, address, age, or register number.
  - Allows for global access to records and encourages diaspora communities to make genealogical inquiries.
  - Contextualises record data to provide a better understanding of St. Andrews community development, socioeconomic life in early 20th century Dublin, and the history of Ireland’s Revolutionary Period.

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