

Repository

Repository Name: Waterford County Archives

Identity Statement

Reference Code: IE WCA BG WTFD

Titles: Papers of Waterford Board of Guardians

Dates: 1848-1922

Level of Description: Fonds

Extent: 182 items

Creator

Creators: Waterford Poor Law Union, Board of Guardians

Administrative History: Waterford Poor Law Union was established under the Poor Law Union Act, 1838. Under this Act the country was divided into poor law unions each of which had a Workhouse run by elected and ex-officio guardians. These guardians were supervised by the Poor Law Commissioners and after 1872, the Local Government Board. The Poor law system has gained a dark reputation due to the fact that only the most destitute were granted ‘indoor relief’ and entry into the Workhouse was contingent on it being a last resort rather than a source of hope and comfort. The Workhouses were unable to cope with the fast flood of the destitute that was a result of the famine and they became overcrowded and contributed to the death toll due to the swift spread of disease through their packed wards. Over the years the Board of Guardians acquired further duties in relation to the poor. In the 1850s they accumulated duties in the area of public health, boarding out of children in the 1860s and rural housing from 1883. The Medical Charities Act of 1851 introduced the dispensary system which provided for the appointment of a medical doctor, the provision of a dispensary and the supply of medicines and medical appliances for a number of districts in each Union. The work of the dispensary was overseen by the Dispensary Committee, which was composed of Guardians

and local rate payers elected on an annual basis. In 1878 the Public Health (Ireland) Act established the Dungarvan Board of Guardians as a Rural Sanitary Authority adding further duties in relation to sanitation and public health to their workload. The work of the Board of Guardians was funded by the Poor Rate which the Guardians were empowered to levy in the Union. Under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 this power passed to Waterford County Council. The Guardians then applied to the Council for funds until they ceased to exist in 1923.

Archival History: The Minute Books were deposited with Waterford County Library and were transferred to the County Archive on its establishment.

Acquisition: Waterford County Library

Content and Structure

Scope and Content: The archives of Waterford Poor Law Union are extensive and contain information regarding the social, economic and political situation of the time. The Minute Books contain a vast array of information, including a letter from A.C. Buchanon, Chief Agent, Government Emigrant Office, Quebec, Canada to the Clerk of the Union regarding a party of thirty female emigrants from sent by the Union (BG/WTFD/30) and a dietary for healthy and infirm inmates of the Workhouse (BG/WTFD/54). A ledger provides details of the cost of provisions for the Workhouse and evidence of the food provided for the inmates. A contract between the Union and 'Catherine Conway' provide a glimpse of the manner in which orphan children were provided for (BG/WTFD/96) and a statement showing the salaries, rations and other remuneration provides a record of the manner in which the work of the officers of the Union was

rewarded. Contains the Clerk's Account of provisions and expenses for the Workhouse, the Relieving Officers' Accounts, the Clothing, Establishment, Invoice and Outdoor Relief Invoice Accounts and also details of the emigrant expenses. States the motions brought by the guardians detailing those for and against each motion and the tenders accepted by the Board. Contains minutes of proceedings under the Medical Charities Act (BG/WTFD/28) which are later recorded more formally in a printed form style with an estimate of medicines required by Medical Officers, the rate-payers elected to be members of the Committees of Management of the Dispensary Districts and the orders and correspondence with the Poor Law Commissioners all recorded (BG/WTFD/32). Provides a return of night lodgers admitted and discharged from the Workhouse weekly (BG/WTFD/38). Minutes of the proceedings of the Board as Sanitary Authority are recorded the reports of the Sanitary Officers, the directions of the Sanitary Officers' Report Books and the expenses incurred under the Sanitary Acts. Index to resolutions and orders on occasion. Includes a series of letters from the Poor Law Commissioners showing how closely the central authority supervised the work of the Unions. The letters refer to the business of the Union, to observations made by the Commissioners on the Minute Books sent by Union for their inspection, reports of Visiting Committees and to audits of the accounts of the Union. Requests are made for the returns of persons employed by the Union and the returns of the funds of the Union. Transmits orders of the Commissioners regarding the form in which information is to be recorded. Includes copies of letters sent by the Clerk of Waterford Union to the Chief Clerk of the Poor Law Commissioners.

Letters are both printed and hand-written. From 1872 letters are sent by the Local Government Board who took over the duties of the Poor Law Commissioners (BF/WTFD/131).

Collection Type: Health and Hospital Archives

Content keyw pers/inst: Workhouse

Content keyword: Famine (subject)

Content keyword: Health (subject)

Content keyword: Boarded Out Children (subject)

Arrangement: Little arrangement of the collection has been carried out. The Minute Books are listed first and following these are the descriptions of sundry items from the Board of Guardians and the Workhouse records arranged in date order. The descriptions of the volumes containing the letters of the Poor Law Commissioners and the description of the volumes of sealed orders from the Commissioners follow those relating to the Workhouse and the list is concluded with a description of a letter received by the Poor Law Commissioners from 'Scrutator' regarding the election of rate collectors and the influence of the Waterford Board of Guardians on the election of rate collectors.

Conditions of access and use

Access Conditions: Full Access

Language: English

Finding Aids: Descriptive List
Physical/Technical Reqs: Bound volumes cannot be copied.
Copies Information: Some documents have been digitised
Related Material: BG/LISM Lismore Board of Guardians
BG/KILTHOM Kilmacthomas Board of Guardians
BG/DVN Dungarvan Board of Guardians

Archivist's Note: Joanne Rothwell
Rules/Conventions: IGAD: *Irish Guidelines for Archival Description*,
Dublin, Society of Archivists, Ireland, 2009
ISAD (G): *General International Standard
Archival Description*, 2nd ed., Ottawa, International
Council on Archives, 2000
National Council on Archives: *Rules for the
Construction of Personal, Place and Corporate
Names*, Chippenham, National Council on
Archives, 1997

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WATERFORD POOR LAW UNION

The provision of charity and works to assist those in need was largely a matter of private charity on the part of individuals and organisations up until the nineteenth century in Ireland.

In the period 1771 – 1772 some legislation was enacted for the provision of houses of industry (Workhouses) in counties in Ireland for maintaining the poor but little was achieved until the problem was addressed in a more consistent manner and legislation was enacted to finance institutions set up to help the poor.

Following the Act of Union the Irish problem came to the fore in England as a result of the rising cost of the Irish who emigrated there and advancement in social thinking in the nineteenth century.

In 1833 the Whatley Commission was established to examine the causes and extent of the problem of poverty in Ireland. The Commission recommended a series of economic measures to reduce the causes of poverty in Ireland and also suggested that institutions be established to give “indoor relief” to certain categories of the poor such as the old, infirm, deserted and orphaned children and widows. It also recommended a system of public works to occupy the able-bodied poor.

However, these proposals were rejected and instead a system similar to the English Poor Law system was introduced for Ireland.

The Poor Law was introduced in Ireland in 1838 and operated until 1923. Each county was divided into poor law unions and each union had a Workhouse run by elected and ex officio guardians under the supervision of the Poor Law Commissioners and after 1872, the Local Government Board.

The Poor Law system, which was dominated by the Workhouses, was designed to ensure that only the most destitute of the poor would be granted “indoor relief”. As a result the Workhouses have gained a reputation in history and literature as a source of suffering rather than a source of relief.

In 1847 the Irish Poor Law Commission was established to oversee the work of the Boards of Guardians and to provide advice and guidance to the Guardians who had been overwhelmed by the famine in Ireland. The packed Workhouses during the famine years contributed in many cases to the death toll as they were so overcrowded that disease spread rapidly and mercilessly through the buildings that had been designed to house far fewer numbers.

In addition to providing directly for the poor, the poor law guardians accumulated other responsibilities in the areas of public health from the early 1850s, boarding out of children from the early 1860s and rural housing from 1883.

In 1851 the Medical Charities Act was passed. This introduced the Dispensary system, which provided for the appointment of a medical doctor, the provision of a dispensary and the supply of medicines and medical appliances.

By law the medical officer was required to attend and provide advice and medicine to the poor resident in the Dispensary Districts in each Union. The work of the Dispensary was overseen by the Dispensary Committee, which was composed of Guardians and local ratepayers chosen on an annual basis.

In 1878 the Public Health (Ireland) Act established the Guardians as Rural Sanitary Authority adding sanitary and health functions to their workload. Between 1874 – 1899 they were the rural sanitary authority.

All of the work of the Board of Guardians was funded by the Poor Rate the tax that the Guardians were given the power to levy in their Union. Under the Local Government (Ireland) Act of 1898 the power to levy rates passed to the County Council and the City Council and the Guardians were obliged to request funding from the Councils to fund their work from this point in time until they ceased to exist in 1925.

The archives of Waterford Poor Law Union are extensive and contain information regarding the social, economic and political situation of the time. The Minute Books contain a vast array of information, including a letter from A.C. Buchanon, Chief Agent, Government Emigrant Office, Quebec, Canada to the Clerk of the Union regarding a party of thirty female emigrants from sent by the Union (BG/WTFD/30) and a dietary for healthy and infirm inmates of the Workhouse (BG/WTFD/54). A ledger provides details of the cost of provisions for the Workhouse and evidence of the food provided for the inmates. A contract between the Union and ‘Catherine Conway’ provide a glimpse of the manner in which orphan children were provided for (BG/WTFD/96) and a statement showing the salaries, rations and other remuneration provides a record of the manner in which the work of the officers of the Union was rewarded.

A series of letters from the Poor Law Commissioners shows how closely the central authority supervised the work of the Unions.

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Further information relating to the Poor Law and its operation in Ireland can be found in the Descriptive Lists for the other Unions of Waterford County available in Waterford County Archive Service and the material relating to the Unions of other counties some of which is listed and available to the public.

2 March 1999

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Waterford County Archivist

Minute Books detailing the proceedings of the Board of Guardians meetings for Waterford Union. Contains details of the state of the Union recording the number of inmates, male & female, aged & infirm, able bodied and boys and girls, children under 2 years and the number of male and female children born each week. States the number of inmates who were admitted, discharged or who died during each week. Provides a return of sick and lunatics and a return of destitute persons relieved out of the Workhouse. States the names of the guardians present at meetings, the Chairman and the registers and accounts presented to the Board for their approval. Includes details of the rates collected and lodged in each electoral division. Contains the Clerk's Account of provisions and expenses for the Workhouse, the Relieving Officers' Accounts, the Clothing, Establishment, Invoice and Outdoor Relief Invoice Accounts and also details of the emigrant expenses. Includes reports from the Clerk, Master and other officers and the orders and letters received from and sent to the Poor Law Commissioners. States the motions brought by the guardians detailing those for and against each motion and the tenders accepted by the Board. Contains the minutes for meetings held to transact the general business of the Union and to deal with applications for relief. Signed by the Clerk of the Union. Includes details of lodgements of rates made after the alteration of the Union (BG/WTFD/4). Includes reports of the Visiting Committee and Fever Hospital Committee. Contains minutes of proceedings under the Medical Charities Act (BG/WTFD/28) which are later recorded more formally in a printed form style with an estimate of medicines required by Medical Officers, an invoice of medicines, applications for supplies, accounts of expenses, the rate-payers elected to be members of the Committees of Management of the Dispensary Districts and the orders and correspondence with the Poor Law Commissioners all recorded (BG/WTFD/32). Provides a return of night lodgers admitted and discharged from the Workhouse weekly (BG/WTFD/38). Minutes of the proceedings of the Board as Sanitary Authority are recorded detailing the reports of the Sanitary Officers, the directions of the Sanitary Officers' Report Books and the expenses incurred under the Sanitary Acts and letters from the Poor Law Commissioners (BG/WTFD/43). Change in the form of the Financial Minutes (BG/WTFD/70). Provides Statistical Minutes (BG/WTFD/80). Index to resolutions and orders on occasion.

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| 1 | 13 January 1848 – 7 September 1848 | <p><u>Includes:</u> a report of a committee appointed to inquire into complaints respecting the diet of paupers and other matters connected with the internal economy of the Workhouse (p11). 229pp</p> |
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2	14 September 1848 – 14 June 1849	216pp
[3]	21 June 1849 – 28 March 1850	
4	4 April 1850 – 23 January 1851	497pp
5	30 January 1851 – 11 September 1851	818pp
6	18 September 1851 – 4 March 1852	<u>Includes:</u> a report of the Committee appointed to inquire into the state of the school with a view to ascertain how good order and the improvement of the boys may best be promoted (p15).
		720pp
7	11 March 1852 – 19 August 1852	692pp
8	26 August 1852 – 10 February 1853	722pp
9	17 February 1853 – 2 June 1853	447pp
10	9 June 1853 – 29 September 1853	416pp
11	6 October 1853 – 26 January 1854	409pp
12	2 February 1854 – 3 August 1854	755pp
13	10 August 1854 – 8 February 1855	<u>Includes:</u> a letter from Joseph Fisher, rate-payer, Quay Lane, Waterford regarding ‘...a matter that has affected my right and privileges as a Citizen and that affects those of several other Citizens of Waterford...’ whereby although he paid his rate his name is not in the Collecting Book of December 1853 and as a result the Town Clerk did not include his name in the roll of Burgesses (pp379-381).
		767pp
14	15 February 1855 – 23 August 1855	774pp
15	30 August 1855 – 6 March 1856	767pp
16	13 March 1856 – 18 September 1856	778pp
17	25 September 1856 – 12 March 1857	710pp
18	19 March 1857 – 17 September 1857	771pp

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19	24 September 1857 – 25 March 1858	775pp
20	1 April 1858 – 23 September 1858	721pp
21	30 September 1858 – 24 March 1859	780pp
22	31 March 1859 – 28 September 1859	761pp
23	5 October 1859 – 4 April 1860	780pp
24	11 April 1860 – 17 October 1860	768pp
25	24 October 1860 – 24 April 1861	774pp
26	1 May 1861 – 6 November 1861	777pp
27	13 November 1861 – 14 May 1862	773pp
28	21 May 1862 – 26 November 1862	c. 780pp
29	3 December 1862 – 3 June 1863	450pp
30	10 June 1863 – 9 December 1863	<p><u>Includes:</u> a letter from A.C. Buchanon, Chief Agent, Government Emigrant Office, Quebec, Canada to J.C. Hennessy, esquire, Clerk of Waterford Union, regarding £15 sent by the Union to be distributed among a party of 30 females, 26 of whom went to Kingston, 3 were engaged in Quebec and a 'Kate McNally' went to friends in the state of Maine. The agent at Kinston reports that the parties are all in good situations and that he could have '...disposed of double the number if he had them.' (p105). 442pp</p>
31	16 December 1863 – 22 June 1864	283pp
32	29 June 1864 – 28 June 1865	1019pp
33	5 July 1865 – 4 July 1866	942pp
34	11 July 1866 – 10 July 1867	1070pp
35	17 July 1867 – 24 June 1868	1014pp
36	1 July 1868 – 23 June 1869	1045pp

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37	30 June 1869 – 22 June 1870	1040pp
38	29 June 1870 – 28 June 1871	1080pp
39	5 July 1871 – 26 June 1872	3037pp
40	3 July 1872 – 2 July 1873	1275pp
41	9 July 1873 – 1 July 1874	1048pp
42	15 July 1874 – 28 October 1874	320pp
43	4 November 1874 – 5 May 1875	756pp
44	12 May 1875 – 3 May 1876	1416pp
45	10 May 1876 – 2 May 1877	1456pp
46	9 May 1877 – 1 May 1878	1452pp
[47]	8 May 1878 – 7 May 1879	
48	14 May 1879 – 19 November 1879	782pp
49	26 November 1879 – 26 May 1880	781pp
50	2 June 1880 – 4 May 1881	1458pp
51	11 May 1881 – 3 May 1882	1458pp
52	10 May 1882 – 2 May 1883	1436pp
53	9 May 1883 – 30 April 1884	1456pp
54	7 May 1884 – 29 April 1885	<u>Includes:</u> a dietary for healthy and infirm inmates in Waterford Union Workhouse. Details the breakfast, dinner and supper that should be provided for men, women, children of 9-15, 5-9, 2-5, infants under 2 and infirm men and women. Signed by John Hennessy, Clerk of the Union, 'M. Connolly', 'MB' & PJ Whitty, doctor (p905). 1455pp
55	6 May 1885 – 28 April 1886	1555pp

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56	5 May 1886 – 27 April 1887	<p><u>Includes:</u> a letter to be sent to the Local Government in relation to a letter forwarded by that Board from ‘Ellen Donnelly’ complaining that the Board of Guardians refused to give up her two children who were inmates of the Workhouse. The reply of the Guardians states her request was denied because the children had been abandoned by their mother for the past 4 years when she had ‘...the same ostensible means of supporting them as at present..’. States that two other children were committed to the Industrial School in Waterford and they have reason to believe that Ellen Donnelly entered the Workhouse as a Catholic and having lately become a convert ‘...is a tool in the hands of some local proselytisers for the purpose of having the Catholic children of a Catholic Father transferred to a ‘Birds Nest’ or some other Protestant Institution.’ (p1645)</p>	1661pp
57	4 May 1887 – 25 April 1888		1658pp
58	2 May 1888 – 24 April 1889		1664pp
59	1 May 1889 – 30 April 1890		1664pp
60	7 May 1890 – 29 April 1891		1664pp
61	6 May 1891 – 27 April 1892	<p><u>Includes:</u> a notice from Waterford Union stating that the Board of Guardians as the Burial Board of the District will prosecute any persons found interring a body in the (Old) Burial Ground Ballygunner Temple in grave of a depth less than 5 feet from the surface of the ground and offering a reward of one pound for information leading to the conviction of any person so offending. By order of John Mackey, Clerk for the Burial Board in April 1891 (p.122).</p>	1664pp
62	4 May 1892 – 26 April 1893		1664pp
63	3 May 1893 – 9 May 1894		1726pp
64	16 May 1894 – 22 May 1895		1694pp
65	29 May 1895 – 3 June 1896		1700pp
66	10 June 1896 – 2 June 1897		1664pp
67	9 June 1897 – 1 June 1898		1664pp

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68	8 June 1898 – 7 June 1899	1689pp
69	14 June 1899 – 4 October 1899	<u>Includes:</u> details of a censure given by the Board to Teresa Moloney, night nurse, for failing to arrange the body of a woman who died at the Workhouse and her dissatisfaction at the manner in which the censure was given, as reported in a newspaper article (p.14)
		536pp
70	11 October 1899 – 10 October 1900	852pp
71	17 October 1900 – 23 October 1901	852pp
72	[November 1901 – October 1902]	
73	12 November 1902 – 4 November 1903	1038pp
74	11 November 1903 – 26 October 1904	1040pp
75	9 November 1904 – 1 November 1905	1038pp
76	8 November 1905 – 31 October 1906	1040pp
77	7 November 1906 – 30 October 1907	1040pp
78	6 November 1907 – 4 November 1908	1040pp
79	11 November 1908 – 10 November 1909	<u>Includes:</u> a letter from ‘George Bishop’ to the Board regarding his visit to the Workhouse. He states that ‘When reviewing the operating chamber I was pleased to hear that one of your Medical Officers had subscribed a very substantial amount for the erection of this sadly required room for I understand that the practice heretofore was to perform the operations in the wards in the presence of other patients.’ (pp 422-428)
		1144pp
80	17 November – 16 November 1910	1144pp
81	23 November 1910 – 15 November 1911	1153pp
82	22 November 1911 – 20 November 1912	1144pp
83	27 November 1912 – 10 December 1913	1141pp

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84	17 December 1913 – 16 December 1914	<u>Includes:</u> Pages missing from a meeting on 17 December 1913 1141p
85	23 December 1914 – 29 December 1915	1144pp
86	5 January 1916 – 27 December 1916	1144pp
87	3 January 1917 – 10 April 1918	1166pp
88	24 April 1918 – 5 May 1920	<u>Includes:</u> a letter from Cathal Brugha, esquire, MP, Mansion House, Dublin in reply to a letter regarding a scheme proposed by the Board for ‘Mothers’ Pensions’ which was also sent to the Prime Minister, 10 Downing St., Whitehall, the Chief Secretary for Ireland & Capt. W.A. Redmond, MP. The letter from Cathal Brugha adds that ‘If the “State” here referred to is the one responsible for the Poor Law System I doubt very much if your body could be relied upon to obey an order of Dail Eireann that would necessitate the ignoring of said “State”. However I may be mistaken. I hope so.’ This letter was placed in the wastepaper basket. (p 605) 1166pp
89	12 October 1878 – 11 April 1899	Minute Book recording the proceedings of the Executive Committee of the Local Authority under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, 1878 of Waterford Union. Details the names of those appointed to the Committee and the appointment of J. Johnson, Veterinary Surgeon, as Inspector and Valuer under the Act for three months at a salary of £5 per month. States that a salary of £25 is to be paid to John Mackey, Clerk to the Committee. Contains details of the actions taken to prevent the spread of infectious diseases through the slaughter of infected animals and reports regarding the inspection of animals. 241pp

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- 90 1893 – 1899 Ledger for Waterford Union detailing the accounts of the Union. The information is recorded under columns headed; date, no. of cheque, folios in ledger, folio in Minute Book and Amount. Each page is divided in half with one half amounts debited to the Union and the other amounts credited to the Union. Payments are made to people such as ‘J. O’Neill’ for oatmeal (p156), E. A. Stephenson, MD, Medical Officer of Tramore District (p108) and ‘Walsh and Fielding’ for clothing (p44). 324pp
- 91 3 December 1863 – 30 December 1863 Copy Inquisition at the Workhouse in the parish of St. Johns, barony of Decies Without Drum and county of Waterford before George Ignatius Goold and Charles Newport, esquires, Justices of the Peace for Waterford county on the body of ‘Mary Henneberry’ to ascertain ‘...when and by what means the said Mary Henneberry came to her death...’(p1). By the oaths of people such as ‘William McLoughlin’ and ‘Thomas Cooney’ she is said to have died of natural causes but that ‘Williams’ the Dispensary doctor ‘...neglected his duty in not looking properly into the state of her body when he was called upon to visit her on the evening previous to her death...’. Includes statements sworn by John Elliot, Medical Doctor, who attended her at the Workhouse, her sister ‘Margaret Walsh’ and her brother-in-law ‘James Walsh’ before the Justices. Certified by W.J. [Dennelay], Clerk of the Crown of the County of Waterford on 28 December 1863. 4pp
- 92 30 July 1889 Letter from ‘Arthur Doolyn’ to John Mackey, esquire, Clerk of Waterford Union, replying to a letter of 24 July and stating that his terms are £25 ‘per annual’. Attached is a newspaper cutting from the London Daily News dated 16 July 1889 regarding the muzzling of dogs in London by order in council and the slaughter of dogs with suspected rabies. 2pp
- 93 4 December [1894] Invoice delivered to Waterford Union Fever Hospital by ‘Graves & Co. Ltd’. 1p

- 94 11 September 1902 – 28 May 1912 Notices issued by John Mackey, Clerk of Waterford Union, regarding the intention of the Board of Guardians to receive and consider tenders to supply the Union with about 200 tons of Cardiff Coals and requesting applications from those wishing to enter St. Patrick's Hospital for Training as nurses and stating that three 'probationer' nurses are wanted. 2pp
- 95 March 1903 Notice from the Board of Guardians of Waterford Union and the Waterford Rural District Councils directing the attention of contractors to Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland Act, 1898 which states that every debt, claim or demand payable out of the Poor Rate that becomes due after the passing of the Act shall be paid within a half a year of its being incurred or within three months of the expiration of this half year. The Local Government Board, therefore, wish it to be noted that they will not make orders granting extensions of the time for debts due out of the Poor Rate without it being proven to their satisfaction that there was a reasonable cause for not making an application for payment within the prescribed time. 1p
- 96 14 March 1903 Letter from 'Henry Linc' to John Mackey, Clerk of Waterford Union thanking him for his prompt attention to a request he made and asking for a receipt for the amount paid. Includes a pencil written calculation on the reverse. 1p
- 97 18 August 1915 Contract between the Waterford Union Board of Guardians of the first part and Catherine Conway, foster parent, Garrandaragh, county Waterford regarding the boarding out of William Doyle, a pauper child of 3 ¼ years of age. The sum of eleven shillings and two pence per month is to be paid to Catherine Conway as the foster parent of the child who will raise the child and '...train him (or her) in habits of truthfulness, obedience, personal cleanliness, and industry as well as in suitable domestic and other outdoor work.' States that the Guardians will pay the sum of 11 shillings and 2 pence on the 18th day of each month until the child reaches the age of fifteen years and will provide sufficient clothing for the child from time to time as well as paying any school fees incurred. Affixed with the seal of the Board of Guardians and the mark of Catherine Conway is witnessed by 'Nicholas Doherty'. 2pp

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- 98 31 July 1919 Printed statement showing the salaries, value of rations and other remuneration paid to each officer in Waterford Union in March 1914, July 1919 and the bonuses proposed to be paid annually to these officers as issued by Patrick Kennedy, Clerk of Waterford Union. Contains lists of intern officers & employees supplied with rations or a cash equivalent. The lists record the office, salary, value of rations, cash in lieu of rations, other remuneration, war bonus, bonus proposed by circular letter of the Local Government Board, 13 June 1919 and observations. Includes calculations recorded in pen and pencil and a copy of a statement showing the amount of bonuses recommended by the Salaries Committee to be paid to the officers of the Guardians for the year ending 31 March 1920 sent by Patrick Kennedy to each Guardian of Waterford Union.
12pp
- 99 14 July [1919] Letter from N. Harvey & Co., Printers & Stationers, Waterford to Waterford Union stating that the remainder of envelopes ordered will shortly arrive. 1p
- 100 10 March 1921 Admission Card issued for '[Margaret] Dunphy' 25 years of age from the townland of Tramore. 1p
- 101 11 March 1921 Postcard from Boileau & Boyd Limited, 91, 92 & 93 Bride Street, Dublin to the Clerk of Waterford Union requesting tender forms in duplicate for medicines and appliances. 1p
- 102 27 January 1922 Postcard from J.J. Myley, Secretary, Irish Clerical and Allied Workers Union to H. Houghton, Waterford Workhouse, John's Hill, Waterford City stating that a Special meeting will be held on 29 January at 1pm and requesting that he attend. 1p

Volumes of letters from the Chief Clerk of the Poor Law Commissioners to the Clerk of the Board of Guardians, Waterford Union. The letters refer to the business of the Union, to observations made by the Commissioners on the Minute Books sent by Union for their inspection, reports of Visiting Committees and to audits of the accounts of the Union. Requests are made for the returns of persons employed by the Union and the returns of the funds of the Union. Transmits orders of the Commissioners regarding the form in which information is to be recorded. Includes copies of letters sent by the Clerk of Waterford Union to the Chief Clerk of the Poor Law Commissioners. Letters are both printed and hand-written. From 1872 letters are sent by the Local Government Board who took over the duties of the Poor Law Commissioners (BF/WTFD/131).

103	3 January 1843 – 20 December 1843	<u>Includes:</u> an example of the form in which the minutes of of the Board of Guardians are to
	be recorded (11 January 1843).	c. 200pp
[104]	[1844]	
[105]	[1845]	
[106]	[1846]	
107	6 January 1847 – 29 December 1847	276pp
108	3 January 1848 – 31 December 1849	c. 270pp
109	3 January 1849 – 31 December 1849	216pp
110	1 January 1850 – 31 December 1850	c. 200pp
111	3 January 1851 – 31 December 1851	c. 200pp
112	2 January 1852 – 29 December 1852	c. 200pp
113	31 December 1852 – 31 December 1853	c. 250pp

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114	4 January 1854 – 29 December 1854	<u>Includes:</u> a copy of a lease of the premises described as 'Hennessy's Road Auxiliary' leased by the Poor Law Commissioners and previously occupied by the Presentation Sisters. Contains a map and survey of the Presentation Convent and Garden on a scale of one plantation perch to one inch (21 December 1854).	c. 250pp
115	3 January 1855 – 20 December 1855		c. 250pp
116	2 January 1856 – 30 December 1856		c. 250pp
117	7 January 1857 – 31 December 1857		c. 250pp
118	2 January 1858 – 29 December 1858		c. 250pp
119	3 January 1859 – 20 December 1859		c. 250pp
120	2 January 1860 – 31 December 1860		c. 250pp
121	2 January 1861 – 31 December 1860		c. 250pp
122	2 January 1862 – 30 December 1862		c. 250pp
123	2 January 1863 – 30 December 1863		c. 250pp
124	9 January 1864 – 23 December 1864		c. 200pp
125	3 January 1865 – 28 December 1865		c. 200pp
126	2 January 1866 – 28 December 1866		c. 250pp
127	2 January 1867 – 31 December 1867		c. 250pp
128	2 January 1868 – 30 December 1868		c. 250pp
129	4 January 1869 – 30 December 1869		c. 250pp
130	4 January 1870 – 30 December 1870		c. 250pp
131	3 January 1871 – 30 December 1870		c. 250pp
132	2 January 1872 – 31 December 1872		c. 250pp

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133	3 January 1873 – 31 December 1873	c. 250pp
134	5 January 1874 – 30 December 1874	c. 200pp
135	4 January 1875 – 31 December 1875	c. 200pp
136	6 January 1876 – 30 December 1876	c. 200pp
137	2 January 1877 – 31 December 1877	c. 250pp
138	2 January 1878 – 31 December 1878	<u>Includes:</u> a copy of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878 (17 September 1878). c. 250pp
139	3 January 1879 – 31 December 1879	c. 300pp
140	2 January 1880 – 31 December 1880	c. 300pp
141	3 January 1881 – 31 December 1881	c. 300pp
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145	2 January 1885 – 31 December 1885	c. 300pp
146	2 January 1886 – 31 December 1886	c. 300pp
147	3 January 1887 – 30 December 1887 1 st , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 7 th , 8 th and 9 th of march 1887 under the Labourers (Ireland) Act (20 May 1887).	<u>Includes:</u> a return of houses proven to be unfit for human habitation at an inquiry held on c. 300pp
148	2 January 1888 – 31 December 1888	c. 300pp
149	2 January 1889 – 31 December 1889	c. 250pp
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- 152 2 January 1892 – 30 December 1892 Includes: a plan for a cholera hospital issued by the Local Government Board which it is recommended be provided for Tramore town as it has a population of 2, 306 and no hospital for infectious diseases. (29 November 1892) c. 250pp
- [153] [January 1893 – December 1893]
- [154] [January 1894 – December 1894]
- 155 2 January 1895 – 31 December 1895 c. 250pp
- 156 2 January 1896 – 31 December 1896 Includes: a letter from Arthur Gordon, Secretary to the Governor General, Government House, Ottawa to John Mackey, esquire, Secretary to the Waterford Union Board of Guardians replying to his petition to His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen in favour of the commutation of death passed on ‘Valentine Shortis’ and stating that the sentence has been commuted to life interest in a criminal lunatic asylum (2 January 1895). c. 250pp
- 157 2 January 1897 – 21 December 1897 c. 250pp
- [158] [January 1898 – December 1898]
- 159 4 January 1899 – 30 December 1899 c. 400pp
- 160 2 January 1900 – 31 December 1900 c. 400pp
- 161 8 January 1901 – 24 December 1901 Includes: a return of Houses proven to be unfit for human habitation at an inquiry held on 4 July 1901 under the Labourers (Ireland) Act, 1885 (10 December 1901) and an official copy of the abstract of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901 detailing instructions with regard to sanitation, accidents and holdings. States that a copy is to be affixed in the Workshop so as to be easily read. c. 400pp
- [162] [January 1902 – December 1902]
- 163 2 January 1903 – 31 December 1903 Includes: particulars of cases both recommended and not recommended for assistance by inspectors under the Labourers (Ireland) Act (17 June 1903). c. 400pp

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164	4 January 1904 – 31 December 1904	c. 350pp
165	3 January 1905 – 29 December 1905	c. 350pp
166	2 January 1906 – 31 December 1906	<u>Includes:</u> a report on an International Congress on Tuberculosis held in Paris in October 1905 by Professor E.J. McWeeney, MA, MD, DPH, FRCPI (28 June 1905). c. 350pp
167	1 January 1907 – 31 December 1907	c. 350pp
168	1 January 1908 – 23 December 1908	c. 400pp
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171	2 January 1911 – 23 December 1911	c. 250pp
172	2 January 1912 – 23 December 1912	c. 250pp
173	12 January 1913 – 23 December 1913	c. 250pp
174	1 January 1914 – 24 December 1914	<u>Includes:</u> a notice to all ex-warrant and non ex-non-commissioned officers of any branch of ‘His majesty’s Forces’ inviting them to enlist in the Regular Army for the duration of the War ‘...their assistance in training the New Army being urgently needed.’ (24 December 1914) c. 250pp
175	1 January 1915 – 28 December 1915	c. 250pp
176	3 January 1916 – 11 December 1916	c. 250pp
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179 1 January 1919 – 31 December 1919 Includes: a notice from the Shirt Making Trade Board (Ireland) regarding the minimum rates of wages for female workers from 1 January 1919 (5 February 1919). Details a scheme for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease (3 December 1919).
C. 250pp

Volumes of sealed orders from the Poor Law Commissioners in relation to Waterford Union.

Contains details of the manner in which the Workhouse is to be run, the people to be admitted and the procedures to be followed in providing relief to the people in the Union. Includes orders in regard to the form in which information is to be sent to the Commissioners to inform them of the work and accounts of the Workhouse and the Union. Includes the order establishing Waterford Union under 'An Act for the more effectual Relief of the Destitute Poor in Ireland' and stating that a Board of Guardians of the Poor should be constituted and that thirty four Guardians should be elected for the Union (20 April 1839). The Orders are signed by the Poor Law Commissioners and sealed with the seal of the Poor Law Commission.

180 20 April 1839 – 27 October 1849 c. 200pp

181 28 June 1850 – 21 December 1859 c. 200pp

182 30 October 1852 Letter from 'Scrutator' addressed to 'The Deluded Rate-Payers' regarding the election of collectors of the poor rates. States the position was rewarded to '...a well trained spaniel-on-two legs – who acts the hypocrite, the spy, or the traitor', 'John Carr' and that his election was due to the influence of the Board of Guardians and in particular to the influence of 'Lord Huntingtun'. Stamped as received by the Poor Law Commissioners.
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