

RECORDS OF PATRICK MOORE & SONS,  
VICTUALLERS, EDENDERRY AND  
RATHANGAN

REF: OCL P1

CATALOGUE

## **THE MOORE ARCHIVE**

### **EDENDERRY**

The Moore papers were purchased by Offaly County Library in May 1995. They are comprised of the records of Patrick Moore & Sons, Victuallers of Edenderry and Rathangan. They include general ledgers, ledgers, stock books, cash books and customer account books. The Moore family traded in the area over a period c 1890 – 1960. These records cover the period 1905 – 1936. Records such as these can offer valuable insights into aspects of local economy and society. They are important primarily because they reflect the nature of a family-run-business. They show both the families involvement with local traders and services, its role in the local community as an established supplier of quality meats.

Amongst those who purchased meat from Moore were Lady Mayo who lived at Sallins, Co. Kildare (see ledger No. 3, p.835), Constable Costello of Phillipstown (see ledger No. 3, p.1102). The Convent of Mercy, Rathangan and the Industrial School, Edenderry, (ledger No. 8, p.1310).

To some degree these records can also give insight into a hidden aspects of everyday life. We know for example that Lizzie McNally a cook, employed by Moore was paid £20 per annum in 1915 (see Ledger No. 8, p.954). Alice Quin also employed as a cook fared less well at £18 per year and seems occasionally to have received sausage partially in lieu of wages.

The **diets** of the less well to do are shown in entries in the Van and Customer Account Books [see e.g., P/1/120 and P/1/65]. Orders often included pigs, sheep and cows head, items which perhaps would not figure very prominently in shopping lists today. Dripping for frying was supplied with some cuts of meat. We note also the cheaper cuts e.g., shin beef and mutton which were supplied by the workhouse at Edenderry.

Unfortunately the papers offer relatively little information about the overall financial health of the business. However, calculations at the rear of Vol. 17, Moore's income as a butcher-cattle dealer amounted to £350. His children, Patrick, Lily and Agnes held shares valued at £27.10.0. In 1915 the family owned five houses in Edenderry town and was in the process of buying out bonds valued at £360.00 from the Land Commission.

#### **USERS**

***Users are reminded that some of those records are in fragile condition and should be handled with care.***

## **1. GENERAL LEDGERS (1910 – 1936)**

These are perhaps the most informative records in the collection. Being “consolidated accounts,” information was transferred to the ledgers from day and cash books. Entries here are usually formal and disciplined and the size of the volumes themselves indicate the scale of the business carried out at Moores. They include the names of customers not only in the local area but also in Dublin and London. Other customers included, Civic Guards, Edenderry, Stephens Green Club, Dublin Williams Drapery; Edenderry and E. J. B. Nesbitt of Rutland Gate London. They are indexed by name and place.

### **GENERAL LEDGERS (1912 – 1936)**

P/1/1	October 1910	-	May 1912
P/1/2	April 1914	-	March 1918
P/1/3	January 1917	-	January 1922
P/1/4	January 1918	-	October 1923
P/1/5	December 1921	-	May 1927
P/1/6	January 1924	-	September 1930
P/1/7	October 1927	-	February 1931
P/1/8	May 1931	-	May 1935
P/1/9	September 1932	-	January 1936

## **2. LEDGERS (1914 – 1936)**

Debit and credit transactions were entered here prior to being transferred to general ledger.

P/1/10	January 1914	-	January 1915
P/1/11	January 1915	-	January 1920
P/1/12	August 1915	-	July 1919
P/1/13	November 1919	-	December 1927
P/1/14	January 1930	-	December 1936

### **3. CASH BOOKS (1914 – 1936)**

These are a record of daily cash receipt.

P/1/15	January 1911 - January 1918	
P/1/16	January 1914 - February 1921	(See calculations of income tax returns 1914-17 at rear vol.)
P/1/17	February 1923 - July 1926	(See notes on first page relating to local events c 1923 eg., "Judge Wakely Ballyburly – house burned by irregulars 27 Feb.,1923).

### **4. STOCK BOOKS (1918 - 1920)**

These are a record of purchases of livestock for slaughter. They show costings for the butchered meat set against the price of the stock.

P/1/18	4 February 1918 - April 1919
P/1/19	10 February 1920 - 3 July, 1920

### **5. DAILY ORDER BOOKS (1919 – 1934)**

These books were held at the Edenderry shop and were used chiefly as a daily record of orders received. They show orders to be filled for each working day. Customer names were scored through as the orders were filled and generally the volumes are heavily marked with calculations.

P/1/20	January - December 1919
P/1/21	January - December 1920
P/1/22	January - December 1921
P/1/23	January - December 1922
P/1/24	January - December 1923
P/1/25	January - December 1924
P/1/26	January - December 1925
P/1/27	January - December 1926
P/1/28	January - December 1927
P/1/29	January - December 1928
P/1/30	January - December 1929
P/1/31	January - December 1930

P/1/32	January - December 1931
P/1/33	January - December 1932
P/1/34	January - December 1933
P/1/35	January - December 1934

## **6. VAN SALES / DAY BOOKS (1947 – 35)**

Part of Moores trade involved the sale of meat from a shop van. The van travelled weekly to Allenwood and Enfield (Co. Kildare). Kinnegad, Co. Laois and Clonbologue and Rhode in Co. Offaly.

In many instances customers forwarded their orders to the shop in advance of the visit and these orders and balances of account were entered in the Van Books. Daily transactions were entered in the Day books. They were intended only as rough note books and are heavily annotated throughout.

### **VAN SALES BOOKS: ALLENWOOD (1926 – 1936)**

P/1/36	10 June 1926 - 31 March 1927
P/1/37	14 December 1930 - 30 December 1931
P/1/38	9 July 1931 - 9 January 1932
P/1/39	16 April 1932 - 18 June 1933
P/1/40	11 November 1933 - 14 July 1934
P/1/41	5 April 1934 - 14 February 1935
P/1/42	14 March 1936 - 10 October 1935
P/1/43	17 October 1935 - 30 January 1936
P/1/44	4 June 1934 - 7 March 1935

### **VAN SALES BOOK: CLONBOLOGUE (1930 – 1935)**

P/1/45	2 March 1929 - 31 May 1930
P/1/46	11 July 1931 - 5 November 1932
P/1/47	21 January 1934 - 12 January 1935
P/1/48	19 January 1935 - 13 July 1935

**VAN SALES BOOKS: ENFIELD (1931 – 1936)**

- P/1/49      1 November 1929 - 15 November 1931  
P/1/50      11 August 1933 - 8 May 1934  
P/1/51      27 July 1934 - 8 March 1935  
P/1/52      15 March 1935 - 27 September 1935  
P/1/53      4 October 1935 - 3 April 1936

**VAN SALES BOOKS: KINNEGAD (1931 – 1935)**

- P/1/54      23 December 1930 - 24 April 1931  
P/1/55      22 July 1932 - 5 May 1933  
P/1/56      6 October 1933 - 6 July 1934  
P/1/57      6 December 1935 - 26 March 1936  
P/1/58      18 January 1935 - 24 May 1935  
P/1/59      31 May 1935 - 29 November 1935

**VAN SALES BOOK: RHODE (1930 – 1936)**

- P/1/60      1 November 1930 - 20 December 1930  
P/1/61      2 September 1933 - 19 November 1934  
P/1/62      1 December 1934 - 15 June 1934  
P/1/63      21 June 1935 - 11 January 1936  
P/1/64      18 January 1936 - 11 April 1936

**7. DAY BOOKS: ALLENWOOD**

- P/1/65      15 June 1925 - 4 March 1926  
P/1/66      23 June 1927 - 3 May 1928  
P/1/67      1 March 1929 - 12 June 1930  
P/1/68      23 February 1929 - 23 October 1930  
P/1/69      6 September 1935 - 26 March 1936

**DAY BOOKS: CLONBOLOGUE**

- P/1/70      14 May 1936 - 22 July 1937  
P/1/71      21 July 1931 - 29 November 1934  
P/1/72      3 March 1934 - 12 January 1935  
P/1/73      19 January 1935 - 20 July 1935  
P/1/74      27 July 1935 - 29 February 1936  
P/1/75      26 July 1930 - 29 October 1931

**DAY BOOKS: ENFIELD**

- P/1/76      20 March 1925 - 4 October 1928  
P/1/77      20 April 1928 - 7 February 1930  
P/1/78      1 August 1930 - 18 March 1932  
P/1/79      31 October 1930 - 1 May 1931  
P/1/80      25 March, 1932 - 11 August 1933  
P/1/81      18 August 1933 - 14 September 1934  
P/1/82      2 September 1934 - 26 April 1935  
P/1/83      3 May 1935 - 15 November 1935  
P/1/84      22 November 1935 - 3 April 1936

**DAY BOOK: KINNEGAD**

- P/1/85      1 December 1922 - 29 June 1923  
P/1/86      20 July 1923 - 6 February 1925  
P/1/87      5 December 1924 - 21 January 1926  
P/1/88      13 March 1925 - 13 March 1926  
P/1/89      11 February 1928 - 23 February 1928  
P/1/90      19 April 1929 - 13 June 1930  
P/1/91      20 June 1930 - 25 July 1930  
P/1/92      1 August 1930 - 18 September 1931  
P/1/93      22 February 1935 - 30 August 1935

P/1/94            6 September 1935 - 2 April 1936

### **DAY BOOKS: RHODE**

P/1/95            23 December 1926 - 6 February 1929

P/1/96            21 March 1931 - 24 September 1932

P/1/97            12 November 1932 - 28 October 1933

P/1/98            19 November 1935 - 28 October 1933

P/1/99            10 March 1934 - 13 April 1935

P/1/100           20 April 1935 - 16 November 1935

### **8. BANK ACCOUNT BOOKS (1907 – 1928)**

#### ***Ulster Bank Edenderry***

P/1/101           April 1907 - July 1909

P/1/102           February 1909 - October 1912

P/1/103           December 1910 - February 1914

P/1/104           August 1912 - February 1914

P/1/105           February 1914 - October 1915

P/1/106           December 1915 – November 1917

P/1/107           December 1917 - November 1919

#### ***Hibernian Bank Ltd., Edenderry.***

P/1/108           September 1920 - October 1921

#### ***Royal Bank of Ireland, Edenderry.***

P/1/109           May 1921 - July 1921

P/1/110           August 1921 - December 1923

P/1/111           January 1924 - April 1926

P/1/112           April 1926 - April 1928

## **9. CUSTOMER ACCOUNT BOOKS (1912 – 1933)**

**In Account with P. Moore.**

***Coopers & Bailey, Central Market, London.***

P/1/113      October 1912 - October 1920

***H.M. Hawkns, Seifond, Dorchester.***

P/1/114      September 1914 - May 1915

***Doctor Hamilton, Edenderry.***

P/1/115      July 1919 - October 1922

***E.J.B. Nesbitt, Rutland Gate, London.***

P/1/116      November 1923 - October 1931

***E.J.B. Nestbitt, Penton Lodge, Andover.***

P/1/117      November 1927 - June 1932

***D. Alesbury.***

P/1/118      July 1923 - July 1931

***Civic Guards, Edenderry.***

P/1/119      February 1930 - December 1931

***J. Joly, Clonbologue.***

P/1/120      May 1932 - January 1933

### **P. MOORE IN ACCOUNT WITH ...**

**Williams Bros, Edenderry. (Grocery Account)**

P/1/121      April 1917 - December 1918

**M. J. O'Brien, Edenderry.**

P/1/122      9 December 1921 - 27 October 1928

**Williams Bros. (Petrol Account)**

P/1/123      August 1925 - August 1929

P/1/124      Bills of account of P. Moore with orders for goods and sample receipts for goods purchased. Contains also customer correspondence relating to settlement of account. c.1920-35 [11 items]

P/1/125 Notice of Tender for supply of meat and groceries to Offaly County Board of Health and Public Assistance. 1935. [1 item]

## **10. LOCAL TRADERS (1928-1934)**

P/1/126 Bills of account of Edenderry trader including; The Medical Hall, J. Bermingham (Harness makers) and J.M. Crowe (Veterinary surgeon). 1928. [10 items]

P/1/127 Bills of account of Edenderry traders including; Valentine Tyrrell (Farmer), and Michael Nolan (Grocer). 1928. [8 items]

P/1/128 Bills of account of Edenderry traders including; James Moran (Garage), Thomas Donoghue (Hardware) and W. Ladley (Grocer). 1929-1932. [9 items]

P/1/129 Bills of account of Thomas Holt (Hardware Merchant) and T. F. O'Toole & Sons (Shipping merchants, Edenderry) [3 items]

P/1/130 Bills of account of Andrew Dunne (Poultry merchant) and Patrick Dunne. (Wool, hide and skin merchant), Kinnegad. 1927-1935. [5 items]

## **11. DUBLIN TRADERS (1921-1935)**

P/1/131 Bills of account of Brooks Thomas & Co. and Hopkins & Hopkins (Jewellers), Dublin.c.1921 [3 items]

P/1/132 Bills of account of business's in Dublin including; The Dublin Salt Company, and Thomas McKenzie & Sons (seeds and implements). 1927 [7 items]

P/1/133 Bills of account for goods purchased from Dublin traders including; Saint Josephs asylum and school for the male blind, Drumcondra (wicker hampers) and M. & P. Hanlon (fish merchants) Moore St. [9 items]

P/1/134 Bills of account of Dublin traders including W.J. Kelly (Draper) and North City Milling Co. 1929-1931. [3 items]

P/1/135 Bills of account of Dublin traders including; The Power Loom, Sacking Co., 14 Hawkins Street, Midland Expenses Co, and Dailards Printing House. 1932  
[11 items]

P/1/136 Bills of account including The General Steam Shipping Co., Gillespie & Co., suppliers of wrapping paper.

## **12. MANCHESTER**

P/1/137 Bills of Account of Manchester Traders, includes bill for spices from T.B. Finney & Co., Manchester. [7 items]

## **13. LEGAL MATTERS**

P/1/138 Miscellaneous legal costs to P. Moore as charged by Stephen Maher, Solicitor, Edenderry, Thomas O.K. White & Sons and F.B. O'Toole, Edenderry. 1912-1931. [3 items]

P/1/139 Receipts of beneficiaries of the estate of Joseph Moore. 1916. [5 items]

## **14. THE FAMILY**

P/1/140 Wedding photographs of Patrick and Elizabeth Moore.  
[Mounted on board] 300mm x 200mm.

P/1/141 Portrait photograph of Edward Moore.

[Mounted on board. Lafayette Studios]

255mm x 180mm

c.1928

P/1/142 Framed wedding photograph of John Moore and [?]  
[Sidney Riley Studios]

280mm x 200 mm

- P/1/143      Framed photograph of [P. Moore].  
60 x 50cm
- P/1/144      Framed photograph of [Elizabeth Moore wife of P. Moore].  
115 x 55cm
- P/1/145      Large iron cauldron ("the famine pot") said to have been used by Moore family  
to dispense soup during the Famine (at Edenderry Library).

## **15. OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS 1916 – 1937**

- P/1/146      Check book stubs and counterfoils drawn on the accounts of P. Moore at the  
Royal Bank of Ireland, Edenderry and Ulster Bank Ltd., Edenderry. Also copy  
correspondence of P. Moore, chiefly with revenue commissioners. 1916.