

## Schools Folklore Collection Introduction

The Schools' Scheme of 1937-38 represented one of the greatest drives ever undertaken in the field of folklore collecting. Almost 100,000 children, aged eleven to fourteen, in 5,000 primary schools were involved in seeking out and setting down for posterity material dealing with a wide range of Irish folk tradition. This investigation embraced folk tales and folk legends, riddles and proverbs, songs, customs and beliefs. Games and pastimes as well as descriptions of traditional work practices and crafts - e.g. the manufacture of home-made toys - and many other topics were covered.

The School's Scheme was devised by Séamus Ó Duilearga and Seán Ó Súilleabhain of the Irish Folklore Commission and carried out in co-operation with the Department of Education and the Irish National Teachers' Organisation. According to guidelines laid down by the Commission and under the direction of the teachers, the children collected this material, mainly from their parents and grandparents and other older members of the local community or school district.

The result of the Schools' Scheme was the Schools' Manuscripts Collection, a body of material which extends to more than 500,000 manuscript pages. A substantial part of this collection is bound and paginated in 1128 volumes; the remainder is contained in a large collection of the school copybooks in which the bulk of the raw material was originally taken down by the children. The Schools' Manuscripts Collection is now preserved in the Department of Irish Folklore at University College Dublin.

This fascinating material is not only of enormous value to scholars of folklore and related disciplines but it is also of great importance to people from every walk of life. It is of special interest, needless to say, to family and friends of the original collectors. Through the operation of the Schools' Scheme, teachers and pupils alike were brought into contact with numerous aspects of their local folk tradition, a process which put them in close touch with the local culture and in the case of the children, led to the formation of a special link between the generations which might not have otherwise been secured.

The collection covers each of the twenty six counties - it did not extend to Northern Ireland - and draws material in both Irish and English from many parts of Ireland which, for one reason or another are not otherwise particularly well represented in the national folklore collection held by the Department of Irish Folklore. The returns from each county are available under licence on microfilm in most of the respective county libraries throughout the state and following is the index to the Schools' Folklore collection held in Mayo County Library.

**Schools not included:**

Criogan Ban School, Kilgeever Parish  
Killadoon National School, Kilgeever Parish  
Carrowniskey National School, Kilgeever Parish  
Seefin, Crossboyne Parish  
Breaffy, Castlebar  
Ballintubber  
Carnacon  
Currane, Achill  
Claggernagh, Islandeady  
Drummin, Westport  
Letterbrock, Westport  
Derrymore, Westport  
Finney  
Aughagower, Westport  
Behymore, Kilmoremoy

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Reel No.	School Name	County	Place on Reel
25	Moylough G.N.D.	Galway	1
25	Cul Umha Boys, An Cregan	Galway	2
25	Baile Nua Boys, An Mhainstir	Galway	3
25	Baile Nua Boys, An Mhainstir	Galway	4
25	Cruimchlinn Boys, An Mhainstir	Galway	5
25	Cruimchlinn Girls, An Mhainstir	Galway	6
25	Drum an Tseagair, An Mhainstir	Galway	7
25	Pairc an nDriseog, Mainistir Cui Bheichin	Galway	8
25	Sean Bhaile Ard, Cluain Caoin Cheirbhill	Galway	9
25	Naomh Seosamh, Gaillimh, Rath Cumhang	Galway	10
25	Ballygar Girls, Killeroran	Roscommon	11
25	Crioch	Galway	12
25	Mainistir Phadraig Naofa, San Nioclas	Galway	13
25	Doirin, Acail	Mayo	14
25	Gob an Choire (Cloghar) Acail	Mayo	15
25	Dubach (Duagh), Achil	Mayo	16

Reel No.	School Name	County	Place on Reel
26	Dubhach (Duach), Acail	Mayo	1
26	Bunnacurry, Acail	Mayo	2
26	Skerdagh, Burrishoole	Mayo	3
26	Beal an Bhulain, Achil	Mayo	4
26	An Doirin, Acail	Mayo	5
26	Toin an tSean-Bhaile, Acail (Valley N.S.)	Mayo	6
26	Sliabh Mor, Acail	Mayo	7
26	Cnoc Luachra, Burrishoole	Mayo	8
26	An Choill Mhor, Burrishoole (Cuilmore)	Mayo	9
26	Sraith Mor, Burrishoole	Mayo	10
26	Leitir Machaise, Burrishoole	Mayo	11
26	Faithche Boys, Kilmaclasser	Mayo	12
26	Clochair na Trucaire, Burrishoole	Mayo	13
26	Baile Ui Fhiachain, Burrishoole	Mayo	14
26	Maol Raithnighe, Burrishoole	Mayo	15
26	N. Breandain, Cathair na Mart, Kilmeena	Mayo	16
26	Ceathru an Chalaith, Kilmeena	Mayo	17
26	St. Columba's, Coggale, Islandeady	Mayo	18

Reel No.	School Name	County	Place on Reel
27	Eaglais (Burren?), Eaglais P.	Mayo	1
27	Doire an Bhais, Eaglais P.	Mayo	2
27	Naomh Angela, Castlebar, Eaglais P.	Mayo	3
27	Naomh Peadair (Snugbora?), Castlebar, Eaglais P.	Mayo	4
27	Naomh Muire, Ballyheane, Ballyheane P.	Mayo	5
27	Errew Monastery, Ballyheane P	Mayo	6
27	Mount Pleasant, Ballintubber P.	Mayo	7
27	Mount Pleasant Girls, Ballintubber P	Mayo	8
27	Killawalla, Ballintubber P	Mayo	9
27	Doire, Baile an Chalaith P., (Tourmakeady Area)	Mayo	10

Reel No.	School Name	County	Place on Reel
28	Doire, Baile and Chalaide P. continued	Mayo	1
28	Keelogue Boys, Kildacommogue P	Mayo	2
28	Srah, Ballyovey P.	Mayo	3
28	Trianlair, Ballyovey P.	Mayo	4
28	Partry, Ballyovey P.	Mayo	5

28	Beltra, Isandeady P.	Mayo	6
28	Crimlin, Turlough P.	Mayo	7
28	Caurane Boys, Turlough P.	Mayo	8
28	Caurane Girls, Turlough P.	Mayo	9
28	Log na Bhfeadog, Kildacommocue P.	Mayo	10
28	An Phairc, Toulough P.	Mayo	11
28	Crianan, Turlough P.	Mayo	12
28	Belcarra Boys, Drum or Balla P.	Mayo	13
28	Belcarra Girls, Drum or Balla P.	Mayo	14

<b>Reel No.</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Place on Reel</b>
29	Clogher, Drum P.	Mayo	1
29	Balla, Drum P.	Mayo	2
29	Manulla Boys, Drum P.	Mayo	3
29	Manulla Girls, Drum P.	Mayo	4
29	Balla C., Balla P.	Mayo	5
29	Taugheen, Taugheen P.	Mayo	6
29	Taugheen Boys, Taugheen P.	Mayo	7
29	Carrowsteelaun, Crossboyne P.	Mayo	8
29	Baile and Daingin (C), Crossboyne P.	Mayo	9
29	Baile and Daingin (B), Cill Mhidhean P.	Mayo	10
29	Irishtown (B), Cill Mhidhean P.	Mayo	11
29	Irishtown (C), Cill Mhidhean P.	Mayo	12

<b>Reel No.</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Place on Reel</b>
30	Irishtown, Cill Mhidhean P. (continued)	Mayo	1
30	Kilvine, Baile and Daingin P.	Mayo	2
30	Cuillean, Cill Mhidhean P.	Mayo	3
30	Murneen, Kilcolman P.	Mayo	4
30	Claremorris (B), Kilcolman P.	Mayo	5
30	Cnocan Mhicil Naofa (Clogher), Kilcolman P.	Mayo	6
30	Baile Fearnagh, Kilcolman P.	Mayo	7
30	Koilmore, Kilcolman P.	Mayo	8
30	Molach Mor, Kilcolman P.	Mayo	9
30	Lochan na mBan, Kilcolman P.	Mayo	10
30	Baile an Stancaird, Kilcolman P.	Mayo	11
30	Mainistir Mhuigheo (B), Mayo Abbey Boys	Mayo	12
30	Mainistir Mhuigheo Girls, Mainistir Mhuigheo	Mayo	13
30	Facefield, Mayo Abbey P.	Mayo	14

<b>Reel No.</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Place on Reel</b>
31	Ballinrobe C.B., Ballinrobe P.	Mayo	1
31	Clochaire na Trocaire, Ballinrobe P.	Mayo	2
31	Cluain le Fan, Ballinrobe P.	Mayo	3
31	Craig Dubh, Ballinrobe P.	Mayo	4
31	Ceathru Clochar, Ballinrobe P.	Mayo	5
31	Naomh Seosamh, Shrule Boys, Shrule P.	Mayo	6
31	Shrule Girls, Shrule P.	Mayo	7
31	Glencorrib, Shrule P.	Mayo	8
31	Naomh Feichin Cross, Cong P.	Mayo	9
31	Loch Measca, Kilmocara	Mayo	10

<b>Reel No.</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Place on Reel</b>
32	Baile na Garraidhthe, (Hollymount), Kilcommon P./Kilmaine	Mayo	1
32	Sruth Nua (Newbrook, Kilcommon P./Kilmaine	Mayo	2
32	An Clochan (Cloghans Hill?), Kilcommon P.	Mayo	3

32	Leithinis, Kilcommon P.	Mayo	4
32	Gort Sceiche, Kilcommon P.	Mayo	5
32	Hollymount, Kilcommon P.	Mayo	6
32	Kilmaine Boys	Mayo	7
32	Kilmaine N. Bride	Mayo	8
32	Gortjordan	Mayo	9
32	Cuige, Knock P.	Mayo	10
32	Rusgaigh (2), Knock P.	Mayo	11
32	Knock Girls, Knock P.	Mayo	12
32	Knock Boys, Knock P.	Mayo	13
32	Sean Mhachaire (Shanvaghera), Beacon P.	Mayo	14
32	Logboy, Beacon P.	Mayo	15
32	Bekan Girls, Beacon P.	Mayo	16
32	Bekan Boys, Beacon P.	Mayo	17
32	Tulrahan	Mayo	18

<b>Reel No.</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Place on Reel</b>
33	Gortjordan (?) Kilmaine P.	Mayo	1
33	Brackloon, Annagh P.	Mayo	2
33	Doire Liath, Annagh P.	Mayo	3
33	Clochra na Trocaire, Annagh P.	Mayo	4
33	Scoil Mhuire, Ballyhaunis P.	Mayo	5
33	Cul na Fearná, Ballyhaunis P.	Mayo	6
33	Coillte Bo, Ballyhaunis P.	Mayo	7
33	Cuige (2), Knock P.	Mayo	8
33	Rusgaigh (2), Knock P.	Mayo	9
33	Knock Girls, Knock P.	Mayo	10
33	Knock Boys, Knock P.	Mayo	11
33	Sean Mhachaire, Knock P.	Mayo	12
33	Logbuidhe, Bekan P	Mayo	13
33	Bekan Girls, Bekan P.	Mayo	14
33	Bekan Boys, Bekan P.	Mayo	15
33	Tulrahan (repeat of information on reel 32 - use reel 32)	Mayo	16

<b>Reel No.</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Place on Reel</b>
34	Tulrahan, Bekan P. (continued)	Mayo	1
34	Baile an Bhile Boys, Bekan P.	Mayo	2
34	Baile an Bhile Girls, Bekan P.	Mayo	3
34	Leargan Buidhe Girls, Bekan P.	Mayo	4
34	Pairc na gCrann (Woodfield), Aghamore P	Mayo	5
34	Cloonfalla, Aghamore P.	Mayo	6
34	Tooreen (St. Brigid's Cloongunagh), Aghamore P.	Mayo	7
34	Dubhgharrdha, Doocarry, Aghamore P.	Mayo	8
34	Tooreen (St. Brigid's), Aghamore P.	Mayo	9
34	Aghamore, Aghamore P.	Mayo	10
34	Naomh Colmcille (Currowredan Coolrcha, Aghamore P.	Mayo	11

<b>Reel No.</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Place on Reel</b>
35	Kilkelly Girls, Kilmovee P	Mayo	1
35	Kilkelly Boys, Kilmovee P.	Mayo	2
35	Teamhran Boys, Tavrane, Kilmovee P.	Mayo	3
35	Teamhran Girls, Tavrane, Kilmovee P.	Mayo	4
35	Urlar, Kilmovee P.	Mayo	5
35	Seamar (Shammer) Kilmovee P.	Mayo	6
35	Cluain Iarainn, Kilmovee P.	Mayo	7
35	Kilmovee Girls, Kilmovee P.	Mayo	8

35	Kilmovee Boys, Kilmovee P.	Mayo	9
35	Tonruadh, Carracastle P.	Mayo	10
35	Roskey, Carracastle P.	Mayo	11
35	Cluain Feinne, Carracastle P.	Mayo	12
35	Leath Cheathru, Carracastle P.	Mayo	13
35	St. James, Barnacogue, Kilbeagh P.	Mayo	14
35	Tamhraighe an Fheadha, Kilbeagh P.	Mayo	15
35	Tauneena, Kilbeagh P.	Mayo	16
35	Corrdun, Kilbeagh P.	Mayo	17
35	Cloonlyon, Kilbeagh P.	Mayo	18

Reel No.	School Name	County	Place on Reel
36	Straide (continued)?	Mayo	1
36	Cluain Laighean Boys, Kilbeach	Mayo	2
36	Cluainte	Mayo	3
36	Cloontia, Kilcoleman P.	Mayo	4
36	Pairc Iseal Boys (Lowpark, Charlestown), Kilbeach P.	Mayo	5
36	Pairc Iseal Girls (Lowpark, Charlestown), Kilbeach P.	Mayo	6
36	Dumha Chaisil, Kilturra P.	Mayo	7
36	Baile Glas, Killedan P.	Mayo	8
36	Creagach, Killedan P.	Mayo	9
36	Trian na gCleireach, Killedan P.	Mayo	10
36	Treenagleragh	Mayo	11
36	Kiltimagh, Killedan P.	Mayo	12
36	Cloghar Lughaidh, Killedan P.	Mayo	13
36	Ceann Breac Boys, Killedan P.	Mayo	14
36	Ceann Breac Girls, Killedan P.	Mayo	15
36	Lios Dubh Girls, Killedan P.	Mayo	16
36	Lios Dubh Boys, Killedan P.	Mayo	17

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37	Loughkeeran, Kildacommoge P.	Mayo	1
37	Turlough, Kildacommoge P.	Mayo	2
37	Liosmeadhraín, Bohola P.	Mayo	3
37	Tuar Uamin, Bohola P.	Mayo	4
37	Keelagues, Kildacommoge P.	Mayo	5
37	Ceathru Gabhann Girls (Carrowgowan), Bohola P.	Mayo	6
37	Ceathru Gabhann Boys, Bohola P.	Mayo	7
37	Breac Cluain Boys, Kilconduff P.	Mayo	8
37	Ceann Daimh (Kinaffe?), Kilconduff P.	Mayo	9
37	Caiseal, Kilconduff P.	Mayo	10
37	Swinford Boys, Kilconduff P.	Mayo	11
37	Swinford Girls, Kilconduff P.	Mayo	12
37	Coili Mor, Kilconduff P.	Mayo	13
37	Tomgheis, Kilconduff P.	Mayo	14
37	Culleens, Meelick P.	Mayo	15
37	Sraid, Templemore P.	Mayo	16
37	Cnoic Sacsan, Templemore P.	Mayo	17

Reel No.	School Name	County	Place on Reel
38	Knocksaxon, Templemore P. (continued)	Mayo	1
38	Straide Girls, Templemore P.	Mayo	2
38	Ait Tighe Mhic Aodha, Toomore P.	Mayo	3
38	Pairc na Cille (Churchpark), Toomore P.	Mayo	4
38	Foxford Boys, Toomore P. (see also reel No. 49)	Mayo	5
38	Foxford Girls, Toomore P. (see also reel No. 49)	Mayo	6

38	Cluain na Gaoithe, (Cloonagee), Toomore P.	Mayo	7
38	Caladh Girls, Killasser P.	Mayo	8
38	Ceathru Mhor, Killasser P.	Mayo	9
38	Corrahar, Attymass P.	Mayo	10
38	Killasser N.S. P.100	Mayo	11

Reel No.	School Name	County	Place on Reel
39	Attymass Girls, Attymass P.	Mayo	1
39	Attymass Boys, Attymass P.	Mayo	2
39	Gort na mBo, Kilgarvan P.	Mayo	3
39	Muine Chonallain Girls, Kilgarvan P.	Mayo	4
39	Muine Chonallain Boys, Kilgarvan P.	Mayo	5
39	Carra, Kilgarvan P.	Mayo	6
39	Ceathru na gCloch, Gleann Fraoigh, Kilgarvan P.	Mayo	7
39	Corchloch (Corclogh), Kilmore P.	Mayo	8
39	Staith na mBannrach, Ballycroy P.	Mayo	9
39	Droimslaod, Ballycroy	Mayo	10
39	Ros Dubh, Kilcommon P	Mayo	11
39	Glencastle, Belmullet P.	Mayo	12

Reel No.	School Name	County	Place on Reel
40	Glencastle, Belmullet P. (continued)	Mayo	1
40	Porturlin, Kilcommon P.	Mayo	2
40	Glenamoy, Kilcommon P.	Mayo	3
40	Rath Morcain, Kilcommon P.	Mayo	4
40	Poll an tSomais, Kilcommon P.	Mayo	5
40	Inver, Kilcommon P.	Mayo	6
40	Ceathru Thaidhg, Kilcommon P.	Mayo	7

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41	Ceathru Thaidhg, Kilcommon P. (continued)	Mayo	1
41	An tSraith, Belmullet	Mayo	2
41	Dubhthnama, Cill tSeadhna P.	Mayo	3
41	Gleann Cuileann, Cill tSeadhna P.	Mayo	4
41	Gaoth Saile, Cill tSeadhna P.	Mayo	5
41	Port an Iascaigh, Cill Muire	Mayo	6
41	Cnoc a Logha, Cill tSeadhna	Mayo	7
41	Beannchor Iorrais, Cill tSeadhna	Mayo	8
41	Dubhloch, Cill tSeadhna	Mayo	9

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42	Dubhloch, Cill tSeadhna P.	Mayo	1
42	Baile Ui Mhuighille, Cill tSeadhna P.	Mayo	2
42	Cill Mhor Iorrais, Cill Mhor P.	Mayo	3
42	Belmullet Girls, Cill Mhor P.	Mayo	4
42	Sean Achaid (?), Cill Mhor P.	Mayo	5
42	Aughleam, Cill Mhor P.	Mayo	6
42	Accony, Cill Gaobhair	Mayo	7

Reel No.	School Name	County	Place on Reel
43	Louisburgh, Kilgeever P.	Mayo	1
43	An Tallamh Ban, Kilgeever P.	Mayo	2
43	Knockrooskey, Aghagower P.	Mayo	3
43	Westport Quay, Oughaval P	Mayo	4
43	Westport Convent Girls, Oughaval P.	Mayo	5
43	Lecanvey, Oughaval P	Mayo	6

43	Westport Boys, Oughaval P.	Mayo	7
43	Bouris, Oughaval P.	Mayo	8
43	Kilsallagh, Oughaval P.	Mayo	9
43	Taobh na Cruaiche, (Teevnacroy), Oughaval P.	Mayo	10
43	Breac Cluain, (Brackloon), Oughaval P	Mayo	11
43	Murrisk, Oughaval P.	Mayo	12
43	Gleann Cabraighe, Doonfeeny P.	Mayo	13
43	Beal Dearg, Doonfeeny P.	Mayo	14
43	Ballycastle Boys, Doonfeeny P.	Mayo	15

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44	Ballycastle Boys, Doonfeeny P. (continued)	Mayo	1
44	Ballycastle Girls, Doonfeeny P.	Mayo	2
44	Cillin, Kilbride P.	Mayo	3
44	Cill Bhríde, Kilbride P.	Mayo	4
44	An Cheathru Mhor, Leacain P.	Mayo	5
44	Beann Chor, Leacain P.	Mayo	6
44	Craobhach (Creevagh), Leacain P.	Mayo	7
44	Gort an Tuair (Heathfield?), Leacain P.	Mayo	8
44	Eanach Mor, Cill Phian P.	Mayo	9
44	Rath Sheiscinn (Ratheskin), Cill Phian P.	Mayo	10
44	Cill Phian, Cill Phian P.	Mayo	11
44	St. Patrick's, Killalla P.	Mayo	12

Reel No.	School Name	County	Place on Reel
45	Carn, Moygawnagh P.	Mayo	1
45	Baile Nua an Fhaoitigh (Newtownwhite) Ballysokeery P.	Mayo	2
45	Cooneal, Ballysokeery P.	Mayo	3
45	Ballymachola, Ballysokeery P.	Mayo	4
45	Coillini (Culleens), Carrowkelly, Kilmoremoy P.	Mayo	5
45	Ballina, Francis St., Kilmoremoy P.	Mayo	6
45	Ballina Convent, Kilmoremoy P	Mayo	7
45	Ballina Boys, Kilmoremoy P.	Mayo	8
45	Breaffy, Kilmoremoy P.	Mayo	9

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46	Teampoll Mhuire, Killalla P.	Mayo	1
46	Cnoc na Caillighe, Moygawnagh P.	Mayo	2
46	Gleann Mor, Moygawnagh P.	Mayo	3

Reel No.	School Name	County	Place on Reel
47	Unknown		1
47	Pontoon	Mayo	2
47	An Ceathru Gharbh, Backs P.	Mayo	3
47	Cloghans, Kilbepad P	Mayo	4
47	Garracloon, Kilbepad P.	Mayo	5
47	Ard-Achadh, Ard Achadh P.	Mayo	6
47	Rath na mBeach (Rathnamagh), Ard Achade P	Mayo	7
47	Cnoc an Ealoidh, Ard Achadh P.	Mayo	8
47	Rath Bhan, Addergoole P.	Mayo	9
47	Rath Coille, Addergoole P.	Mayo	10
47	Sruthan an Aifrinn, Addergoole P.	Mayo	11

Reel No.	School Name	County	Place on Reel
48	Sruthan an Aifrinn (Masbrook), Addergoole P.	Mayo	1
48	Lahardane, Addergoole P.	Mayo	2



48	Sraithin (Sraheen), Addergoole P.	Mayo	3
48	Corra-Bheagain (Currabaggan), Baile na Eaglaise P.	Mayo	4
48	Rehins, Baile na Eaglaise P.	Mayo	5
48	Lisinaska, Baile na Eaglaise P.	Mayo	6
48	Caonach (Keenagh), Crossmolina P.	Mayo	7
48	Droichead na Daoile (Deelbridge), Crossmolina P.	Mayo	8
48	Aonach Beag (Enaghbeg), Crossmolina P.	Mayo	9
48	Leitir Bric (Letterbrick), Crossmolina P.	Mayo	10
48	Richmond, Crossmolina P.	Mayo	11

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49	Cill an Gharrain, Crossmolina P.	Mayo	1
49	Crossmolina B., Crossmolina P.	Mayo	2
49	An Clochar, Crossmolina P.	Mayo	3
49	Eisceach (Eskeragh), Crossmolina P.	Mayo	4
49	Coill an tSidheain (Partry)	Mayo	5
49	Glan Sal (Partry)	Mayo	6
49	Toomore, Toomore P.	Mayo	7
49	Christ Church, Castlebar P.	Mayo	8
49	Beann Gulban, Ahamusit, Co. Sligo	Sligo	9
49	Grange, Ahamlish, Co. Sligo	Sligo	10
49	Doire Leathan, Ahamlish, Co. Sligo	Sligo	11