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This small collection contains random original and copy documents relating to several Co-operative Societies in county Cavan. They refer to Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Societies at Killeshandra and Kilnaleck, and The Poles Co-operative Creamery Limited. There is also a small amount of ephemeral material relating to North Eastern and Midland United Dairies. The collection was acquired by Cavan County Archives Service from Cavan Library Service in June 2006. The provenance of the collection is unknown, as is the source of the copy documents, however, some may be from the archives of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society.

<i>Collection code</i>	P2/
<i>Document code</i>	001
<i>Section</i>	A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
<i>Date</i>	12 September 1896
<i>Description</i>	Copy of extract from 'The Irish Homestead: The Organ of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society' which comprises article relating to the recent second annual agricultural show organised by the Drumully Farm and Garden Society and the organisation of farmers into the Drumully Agricultural Co-operative and Dairy Society. Mentions Thomas Lough, Member of Parliament, Drummully house, who became the first president of the Drumully Agricultural Co-operative and Dairy Society.
<i>Size</i>	1p
<i>Collection code</i>	P2/
<i>Document code</i>	002
<i>Section</i>	A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
<i>Date</i>	3 February 1897
<i>Description</i>	Proposal by the Drumully Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited (renamed as Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural Dairy Society Limited in 1898) to rent as their business premises from Captain William Joseph Hamilton an office and store, part of the old brewery premises, Killeshandra, county Cavan. Weekly rent of £0.1.6. Proposal signed by Richard Magee. Statement by Hamilton accepting the proposal.
<i>Size</i>	1p
<i>Collection code</i>	P2/
<i>Document code</i>	003
<i>Section</i>	A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited

<i>Date</i>	15 April 1899
<i>Description</i>	Copy of organisers' report on Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited by James Fant, organiser, Irish Agricultural Organisation Society. Report in question and answer format and gives fairly detailed background information about the Co-operative. Date of opening given as 10 May 1897; management and administrative information recorded as are details of milk supply. Notes that there are auxiliary creameries at Crossdoney, Milltown and Tomkin road, [county Cavan].
<i>Size</i>	10pp
<i>Collection code</i>	P2/
<i>Document code</i>	004
<i>Section</i>	A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
<i>Date</i>	6 February 1900
<i>Description</i>	Statement of accounts and balance sheet of Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited for the year ending 31 December 1899. Certified correct by John Reilly, public auditor, 22 Lincoln place, Dublin.
<i>Size</i>	2pp
<i>Collection code</i>	P2/
<i>Document code</i>	005
<i>Section</i>	A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
<i>Date</i>	c. early 20th century
<i>Description</i>	Document which comprises brief extracts taken from minutes of meetings of Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited during the period 16 October 1897-26 August 1899. Several of the extracts relate to the issue of auxiliary creameries.
<i>Size</i>	1p
<i>Collection code</i>	P2/
<i>Document code</i>	006
<i>Section</i>	A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
<i>Date</i>	3 March 1903
<i>Description</i>	Copy of statement of accounts and balance sheet of Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited for the year ending 31 December 1902. Certified correct by J.A. Cooper and F.W. Kenny, Cooper & Kenny, auditors and accountants, Star Life Buildings, College green, Dublin.
<i>Size</i>	5pp

Collection code P2/
Document code 007
Section A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
Date c. early 20th century
Description Document comprising list of salaries of assistant managers in various [creameries] as fixed on 16 November 1904. Surname of assistant manager and location of [creamery] given. Includes Ardrougher and Milltown, county Cavan. Salaries vary between winter and summer seasons.
Size 1p

Collection code P2/
Document code 008
Section A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
Date c. March 1911
Description Copy of printed information issued by James Gannon, general manager, Killeshandra Co-operative Society Limited, in relation to the opening of a new central creamery and a presentation to Lieutenant-General Clifford, chairman of the Society.
Size 1p

Collection code P2/
Document code 009
Section A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
Date 29 January 1917
Description Statement of accounts for the year 1916 and balance sheet as at 31 December 1916 of Killeshandra Agricultural Bank, county Cavan. Certified correct by W. O'B. Hishon, public auditor, 27 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin. Some information about the bank also present, for instance, committee members are named.
Size 2pp

Collection code P2/
Document code 010
Section A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
Date c. 13 April 1918
Description Copy of chairman's address to the twenty-first annual general meeting of Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited. Names members who were present.
Size 5pp

Collection code P2/
Document code 011
Section A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
Date 17 January 1939
Description Copy of letter from [Henry] Gannon, Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited, to C.C. Riddall, esquire, Assistant Secretary, Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, Plunkett house, Dublin, relating to the transportation of goods by Killeshandra Co-operative. Writes that they do not own a lorry and that the railways do all their haulage work except the transportation of cream from auxiliary creameries. Writes that he would prefer not to see the railways achieve a monopoly in the market as it would lead to price rises. Letter written in relation to the gathering of evidence for a commission. Noted on letter that it was copied for the road transport file.
Size 1p

Collection code P2/
Document code 012
Section A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
Date 12 March 1942
Description Copy of circular letter from [], Assistant Secretary, Irish Agricultural Organisation Society Limited, The Plunkett house, 84 Merrion square, Dublin, to each Society, in relation to report carried out by Mr P. Whelan, accountancy inspector. Seems to relate to comparison between Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society and a Society at Anngelliffe, and the distribution of their profits. Letter states, 'We now appeal to both Societies and their respective Auxiliary Societies to work together in friendly and helpful co-operation - avoiding unhealthy [sic] rivalry and conflict, which are unseemly and unprofitable, particularly in a co-operative movement in which peace and good will are cardinal principles.'
Size 1p

Collection code P2/
Document code 013
Section A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
Date 12 August 1944-9 September
Description File containing copies of two applications by Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited under the Emergency Powers (number 260) Order, 1943 (increases in salaries and wages) requesting the Minister for Industry and Commerce to make an order authorising the payment of war bonuses. Lists names, ages, employment and salary information relating to staff members.

Size 2 items

Collection code P2/
Document code 014
Section A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
Date 15 November 1952
Description Copy of unsigned letter from 'Secretary' to J. O'Neill, manager, Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited in relation to the manufacture of milk powder from skim. Advises that it would be a retrograde step from the point of view of small farmers to change to the manufacture of milk powder. Further, from the point of view of the creamery, advises that manufacture of milk powder to date has not been very profitable.

Size 1p

Collection code P2/
Document code 015
Section A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
Date 2 January 1953
Description Copy of unsigned letter from 'Secretary' to J.J. O'Neil, manager, Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited. States that in recent issue of the 'New Zealand Dairy Reporter' there was a warning to the New Zealand Dairy Industry against the, 'serious danger of over-expansion in the provision of facilities for making skim milk powder.' Writer further states that it appears that there has been quite a frantic increase in the capacity for spray drying and consequently that it may be difficult to find an outlet for production at a reasonable price. Writer thought he would tell this to O'Neill in case he was considering the matter further.

Size 1p

<i>Collection code</i>	P2/
<i>Document code</i>	016
<i>Section</i>	A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
<i>Date</i>	24 March 1955
<i>Description</i>	Report on the annual general meeting of Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited held on 22 March 1955. Report written by Patrick McGee, Irish Agricultural Organisation Society.
<i>Size</i>	1p
<i>Collection code</i>	P2/
<i>Document code</i>	017
<i>Section</i>	A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
<i>Date</i>	c. 1956
<i>Description</i>	Copy of document which lists creameries affiliated to Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited and details for each one [the amount of milk in gallons processed during the year 1956], the total expenses in the separating station and the cost per gallon.
<i>Size</i>	1p
<i>Collection code</i>	P2/
<i>Document code</i>	018
<i>Section</i>	A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
<i>Date</i>	[c. late 1950s]
<i>Description</i>	Copy of printed paper which details the history of Drumully Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society which had its first meeting on 23 September 1896. It was renamed Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society in 1898. The paper names staff and officers; lists auxiliary creameries; and details schemes and services provided by the Society.
<i>Size</i>	4pp

Collection code P2/
Document code 019
Section A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
Date c. early 1964
Description Copy of report to Chairman and Committee of Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited for the year ending 31 December 1963. Details amount of milk supply for each creamery; prices for milk and butter; accounts for different sections; profits made from broilers; farm visits; and details of schemes run by the Society. Notes that the only independent auxiliary connected with the Society is Belturbet. Also, negotiations were carried out between the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, Messrs Unigate and the Society for the establishment of a whole milk powder factory at Killeshandra.
Size 4pp

Collection code P2/
Document code 020
Section A - Killeshandra Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
Date no date
Description Notice issued by Killeshandra Co-operative Society Limited. States that they will take in turkeys and geese for sale this year. Issued in relation to sale of poultry for the Christmas season.
Size 1p

Collection code P2/
Document code 021
Section B - Cavan Creameries Limited
Date c. early 20th century
Description File containing copies of printed information relating to Cavan Creameries Limited. Unclear how many discrete documents are in file. States that the objective of the association is to establish for county Cavan, 'Central Dairy Factories, surrounded by Auxiliary Creameries at suitable distances, to receive milk and farm produce, to manufacture butter and such other commodities as may be found profitable, and to sell the same to the best advantage.' Also gives details relating to shares in the company; lists names and addresses of directors and the association's secretary, William McClintock, Ballyhaise, county Cavan; mentions that registered offices are to be located in Ballyhaise on the lands of the Humphreys estate; details relating to Ballyhaise mills.
Size 8pp

Collection code P2/
Document code 022
Section C - Kilnaleck Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
Date 29 October 1903-c. early 1911
Description File containing statements of accounts and balance sheets for Kilnaleck Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited for the years 1903-1910. Several sets of accounts and balance sheets are accompanied by introductory letter from John Reilly, public auditor, 17 Nassau street, Dublin, or Lincoln Chambers, Lincoln place, Dublin, to the committee and shareholders of the Co-operative.
Size 10 items

Collection code P2/
Document code 023
Section C - Kilnaleck Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited
Date c. 1920s
Description Sheet of unused headed notepaper of the Kilnaleck Co-operative Agricultural and Dairy Society Limited. States that company was established in 1902.
Size 1 item

Collection code P2/
Document code 024
Section D - Poles Co-operative Creamery Limited
Date 21 March 1928
Description Copy of letter from D. McCabe, The Poles Co-operative Creamery Limited, Cavan, to 'Mr Riddall,' that he is told that cream from Redhills, county Cavan, has been sent to Clones, county Monaghan, since last Monday. Writes that it has been suggested to him that if Riddall were to explain the situation to the 'Clones people' they would refuse to take the cream.
Size 1p

Collection code P2/
Document code 025
Section E - General
Date c. mid-20th century
Description List of creameries established countrywide in Ireland during the period 1926-38

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<i>Document code</i>	026
<i>Section</i>	F - North Eastern and Midland United Dairies
<i>Date</i>	c. 20th century
<i>Description</i>	File containing paper hat and rosette badge issued by North Eastern and Midland United Dairies which have marked on them the slogan, 'Vote for a better deal.'
<i>Size</i>	2 items