



Poor Law Unions

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Bailieborough Poor Law Union

Minute Books

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BG33/A/1	3 April 1848-26 January 1849	
BG33/A/2	2 February 1849-1 October 1849	
BG33/A/3	8 October 1849-27 May 1850	
BG33/A/4	3 June 1850-6 January 1851	
BG33/A/5	6 January 1851-26 July 1851	
BG33/A/6	4 August 1851-23 February 1852	
BG33/A/7	1 March 1852-20 September 1852	
BG33/A/8	27 September 1852-28 March 1853	
BG33/A/9	4 April 1853-12 September 1853	Damaged – no access
BG33/A/10	19 September 1853-27 February 1854	Damaged – no access
BG33/A/11	6 March 1854-29 January 1855	
BG33/A/12	5 February 1855-2 April 1855	
BG33/A/13	7 April 1856-2 November 1857	
BG33/A/13a	4 October 1858-3 October 1859	Damaged – no access
BG33/A/14	10 October 1859-1 October 1860	
BG33/A/15	8 October 1860-30 September 1861	
BG33/A/16	7 October 1861-29 September 1862	
BG33/A/17	6 October 1862-28 September 1863	Damaged – no access
BG33/A/18	19 October 1863-26 September 1864	Damaged – no access
BG33/A/19	3 October 1864-30 September 1865	
BG33/A/20	9 October 1865-1	Damaged – no access

	October 1866	
BG33/A/21	15 October 1866-28 September 1867	
BG33/A/22	7 October 1867-12 October 1868	
BG33/A/23	19 October 1868-11 October 1869	Damaged – no access
BG33/A/24	18 October 1869-17 October 1870	
BG33/A/25	24 October 1870-30 October 1871	
BG33/A/26	6 November 1871-4 November 1872	
BG33/A/27	11 November 1872-17 November 1873	
BG33/A/28	24 November 1873-12 October 1874	
BG33/A/29	19 October 1874-8 November 1875	
BG33/A/30	15 November 1875-4 December 1876	
BG33/A/31	31 December 1877-8 July 1878	
BG33/A/32	28 July 1879-9 August 1880	
BG33/A/33	16 August 1880- c. August 1881	Damaged – no access
BG33/A/34	5 September 1881-18 September 1882	
BG33/A/35	25 September 1882-29 October 1883	
BG33/A/36	9 November 1883-24 November 1884	
BG33/A/37	1 December 1884-30 November 1885	
BG33/A/38	7 December 1885-29 November 1886	
BG33/A/39	6 December 1886-26 December 1887	
BG33/A/40	2 February 1888-21 January 1889	
BG33/A/41	24 February 1890-9 March 1891	
BG33/A/42	16 March 1891-4 April 1892	
BG33/A/43	18 April 1892-24 April	

	1893	
BG33/A/44	1 May 1893-30 April 1894	
BG33/A/45	7 May 1894-27 May 1895	
BG33/A/46	3 June 1895-1 June 1896	
BG33/A/47	8 June 1896-31 May 1897	
BG33/A/48	7 June 1897-25 June 1898	
BG33/A/49	4 July 1898-29 May 1899	
BG33/A/50	5 June 1899-18 December 1899	
BG33/A/51	1 January 1900-18 June 1900	
BG33/A/52	25 June 1900-17 December 1900	
BG33/A/53	31 December 1900-15 June 1901	
BG33/A/54	24 June 1901-[c. early June] 1902	
BG33/A/55	7 June 1902-8 December 1902	
BG33/A/56	22 December 1902-5 June 1903	
BG33/A/57	8 June 1903-23 November 1903	
BG33/A/58	30 November 1903-7 November 1904	
BG33/A/59	14 November 1904-22 May 1905	
BG33/A/60	29 May 1905-20 November 1905	
BG33/A/61	28 May 1906-5 November 1906	
BG33/A/62	12 November 1906-18 November 1907	
BG33/A/63	25 November 1907-18 May 1908	
BG33/A/64	25 May 1908-16 November 1908	
BG33/A/65	23 November 1908-31 May 1909	
BG33/A/66	7 June 1909-6 December 1909	
BG33/A/67	13 December 1909-13 June 1910	

BG33/A/668	22 June 1910-26 December 1910	
BG33/A/69	2 January 1911-26 June 1911	
BG33/A/70	3 July 1911-6 January 1912	
BG33/A/71	13 January 1912-13 June 1912	
BG33/A/72	20 June 1912-7 December 1912	
BG33/A/73	16 December 1912-2 June 1913	
BG33/A/74	8 December 1913-8 June 1914	
BG33/A/75	15 June 1914-21 June 1915	
BG33/A/76	28 June 1915-29 May 1916	
BG33/A/77	8 June 1916-23 April 1917	
BG33/A/78	7 May 1917-29 October 1917	
BG33/A/79	5 November 1917-6 May 1918	
BG33/A/80	13 May 1918-28 October 1918	
BG33/A/81	4 November 1918-28 April 1919	
BG33/A/82	27 October 1919-31 May 1920	
BG33/A/ 83	5 May 1919-20 October 1919	
BG33/A/84	12 June 1920-22 November 1920	
BG33/A/85	6 December 1920-10 October 1921	
BG33/A/86	31 October 1921-29 January 1923	

Rough Minute Books

Document code	Dates
BG33/AA/1	28 December 1839-25 March 1844
BG33/AA/2	1 April 1844-5 January 1846
BG33/AA/3	26 January 1846-5 July 1847

BG33/AA/4	4 April 1853-5 September 1853
BG33/AA/5	17 October 1853-27 February 1854
BG33/AA/6	6 March 1854-29 January 1855
BG33/AA/7	5 February 1855-2 April 1855
BG33/AA/8	9 April 1855/9 June 1855-7 November 1857/27 September 1858

Financial Minute Book

Records income and expenditure in tabular form. Main source of income is Cavan County Council.

Document code	Dates
BG33/AE/1	14 May 1917-23 May 1921

Minute Books of meetings of the Board of Guardians as a rural sanitary authority in accordance with the Labourers (Ireland) Acts

Minutes refer to the construction of cottages for labourers.

Document code	Dates
BG33/AL/1	11 January 1886-7 March 1887
BG33/AL/2	14 March 1887-14 May 1888
BG33/AL/3	21 May 1888-3 June 1889
BG33/AL/4	10 June 1889-14 July 1890
BG33/AL/5	31 October 1892-11 December 1893
BG33/AL/6	[c. 5] February 1894-28 January 1895

Letter books

Inward and outward letter books containing correspondence of both Bailieborough Poor Law Union and Bailieborough Rural District Council are listed with the archives of Bailieborough Rural District Council. A clerk was employed jointly by these two bodies.

Register of mortgages

A register which refers to mortgages transacted by Bailieborough Poor Law Union and Bailieborough Rural District Council is listed with the archives of the latter body.

Bawnboy Poor Law Union

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Numbers were placed on these volumes at some time in the past, probably not contemporaneously with use. They are given below as 'Recorded number' in the list below. The volume number 58 under this system is a Rough Minute Book and consequently, it has been separated from official Minute Books. Two of the Minute Books, number 77 and 87 are out of date sequence, and have been placed in the correct chronological order. In some cases, there are overlaps in the dates of minutes recorded in the volumes listed below. This may be accounted for by the fact that minutes are recorded in more than one volume. On the other hand, in some cases, minutes of the Board of Guardians may not be present for the dates given below. In such instances, the minute books often record that a quorum of Board members did not attend for meetings. Despite this, the date of the intended Board meetings are recorded here as some information relating to the business of the Union is usually recorded, for example, financial minutes.

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BG44/A/1	15	21 April 1879-6 October 1879
BG44/A/1a	35	9 April 1890-6 October 1890
BG44/A/2	36	13 October 1890-6 April 1891
BG44/A/3	37	13 April 1891-12 October 1891
BG44/A/4	38	19 October 1891-4 April 1892
BG44/A/5	39	c. 11 April 1892-10 October 1892
BG44/A/6	40	17 October 1892-10 April 1893
BG44/A/7	41	10 April 1893-9 October 1893
BG44/A/8	42	16 October 1893-9 April 1894
BG44/A/9	43	c. 9 April 1894-1 October 1894
BG44/A/10	44	22 October 1894-1 April 1895
BG44/A/11	45	8 April 1895-30 September 1895
BG44/A/12	46	7 October 1895-12 April 1896
BG44/A/13	47	20 April 1896-5 October

		1896
BG44/A/14	48	12 October 1896-29 March 1897
BG44/A/15	49	5 April 1897-4 October 1897
BG44/A/16	50	11 October 1897-18 April 1898
BG44/A/17	51	25 April 1898-10 October 1898
BG44/A/18	52	17 October 1898-1 April 1899
BG44/A/19	53	15 April 1899-15 May 1899
BG44/A/20	54	5 June 1899-9 October 1899
BG44/A/21	55	16 October 1899-23 April 1900
BG44/A/22	56	30 April 1900-15 October 1900
BG44/A/23	57	22 October 1900-8 April 1901
BG44/A/24	59	15 April 1901-14 October 1901
BG44/A/25	60	21 October 1901-28 April 1902
BG44/A/26	61	5 May 1902-6 October 1902
BG44/A/27	62	13 October 1902-6 April 1903
BG44/A/28	63	13 April 1903-19 October 1903
BG44/A/29	64	26 October 1903-18 April 1904
BG44/A/30	65	25 April 1904-10 October 1904
BG44/A/31	66	17 October 1904-3 April 1905
BG44/A/32	67	10 April 1905-9 October 1905
BG44/A/33	68	16 October 1905-2 April 1906
BG44/A/34	69	9 April 1906-1 October 1906
BG44/A/35	70	8 October 1906-1 April 1907
BG44/A/36	71	8 April 1907-30

		September 1907
BG44/A/37	72	7 October 1907-30 March 1908
BG44/A/38	73	5 April 1908-28 September 1908
BG44/A/39	74	5 October 1908-29 March 1909
BG44/A/40	75	5 April 1909-27 September 1909
BG44/A/41	76	4 October 1909-21 March 1910
BG44/A/42	78	4 April 1910-26 September 1910
BG44/A/43	79	3 October 1910-27 March 1911
BG44/A/44	80	3 April 1911-2 October 1911
BG44/A/45	81	9 October 1911-25 March 1912
BG44/A/46	82	1 April 1912-23 September 1912
BG44/A/47	83	30 September 1912-31 March 1913
BG44/A/48	84	7 April 1913-29 September 1913
BG44/A/49	85	6 October 1913-6 April 1914
BG44/A/50	86	6 April 1914-28 September 1914
BG44/A/51	88	5 October 1914-29 March 1915
BG44/A/52	89	5 April 1915-27 September 1915
BG44/A/53	90	4 October 1915-3 April 1916
BG44/A/54	91	3 April 1916-25 September 1916
BG44/A/55	92	2 October 1916-2 April 1917
BG44/A/56	93	2 April 1917-1 October 1917
BG44/A/57	94	8 October 1917-29 April 1918
BG44/A/58	87	6 May 1918-3 February 1919
BG44/A/59	95	10 February 1919-13

		October 1919
BG44/A/60	96	20 October 1919-21 June 1920
BG44/A/61	77	5 July 1920-29 November 1920

Rough Minute Book

Document code	Recorded number	Dates
BG44/AA/1	58	14 January 1901-4 January 1909

Dispensary Minute Book

Minute book of the Committee of Management of Ballyconnell Dispensary District. Minutes name members of the Committee and generally refer to the level of relief dispensed. Minutes tend to be brief.

Document code	Dates
BG44/AJ/1	16 April 1852-3 December 1898

Advertisements

Document code	Date	Description
BG44/BI/1	28 April 1890	Notice issued by James McGovern, clerk of Union, inviting tenders for the supply of '200 boxes of good turf.'
BG44/BI/2	4 September 1899	Two copies of notice issued by James McGovern, clerk of Union, inviting tenders for the supply of 800 boxes of turf.
BG44/BI/3	c. April []	Notice issued by James McGovern, clerk of Union, inviting tenders for the supply of 30 double blankets

		and 30 rugs
BG44/BI/4	20 May 1918	Notice issued by Michael Bannon, clerk of Union, inviting tenders for the supply of milk.
BG44/BI/5	6 December 1893	Notice inviting tenders for the construction of a partition wall, ceiling portion of girls' dormitory and lowering of the window in the porter's lodge.
BG44/BI/6	7 July 1902	Notice inviting tenders for the painting of external wood and ironwork at the workhouse buildings.
BG44/BI/7	20 October 1890	Notice inviting applications for the position of nurse for the fever wards attached to the workhouse infirmary. Appointee will act as night nurse in the workhouse infirmary when there are no patients in the fever wards.
BG44/BI/8	7 April 1879	Notice inviting tenders for the supply of shoes for men, women, boys, girls and children.
BG44/BI/9	20 July 1896	Notice inviting tenders for the supply of coal and turf.
BG44/BI/10	28 May 1878	Notice inviting tenders for the supply of coal and turf.
BG44/BI/11	7 September 1891	Notice inviting tenders for the supply of various provisions and necessaries to the workhouse, for example, foodstuffs,

		snuff, paraffin oil etc.
BG44/BI/12	7 March 1887	Notice inviting tenders for the supply of various articles to the workhouse. Includes foodstuffs and other supplies including light equipment; materials for clothing.
BG44/BI/13	6 September 1915	Notice inviting tenders for the supply of various provisions to the workhouse.
BG44/BI/14	25 February 1901	Notice inviting applications for the position of caretaker and attendant at Newtowngore Dispensary. Applicants to be female between 30-45 years.
BG44/BI/15	26 May 1890	Notice inviting tenders for the supply of pure new milk and buttermilk.

Tender

Document code	Date	Description
BG44/BJ/1	7 March 1908	Form of tender submitted by Ben Clarke & Son, Belfast, for the supply of surgical appliances and requisites to Bawnboy Poor Law Union. Marked 'Accepted.'

Abstracts of Accounts and Clerk's Statements

Document dated [c. 1917] is incomplete except for section detailing names and other information pertaining to officers.

Document code	Dates
BG44/CJ/1	[c. 1917]

BG44/CJ/2	Half-year ending 30 September 1918
BG44/CJ/3	Half-year ending 30 September 1914

Paying Order

Document detailed below relates to the payment of Thomas Kellegher, Kildoagh, for making clothes.

Document code	Dates
BG44/CR/1	10 November [1900s]

Miscellaneous Workhouse

Document code	Date	Description
BG44/GJ/1	25 November 1916	Copy of letter from [], clerk, Bawnboy Poor Law Union, to the Secretary, War Office, London, on behalf of Susan Boles, an inmate of the workhouse. She is the mother of Private Patrick Boles, killed in action in France. Requests to know if Private Boles made a will.

Sick Diet Book

Names 'inmates' of the workhouse who were in receipt of special diet because of illness. Dates supplied below refer to end of weeks.

Document code	Dates
BG44/HC/1	1 April 1876-15 March 1879

Valuation/rates notices

Document code	Date	Description
BG44/ND/1	21 May 1879-30 April 1897	Two notices stating that recent rate books are available for inspection at boardroom of workhouse by

		ratepayers.
BG44/ND/2	8 October 1879	Notice inviting applications for the position of poor rate collector for the Swanlinbar District.
BG44/ND/3	c. June 1885	Incomplete notice relating to the collection of poor rate from persons wishing to have their names inserted or retained on the parliamentary voters lists for county Cavan.

Miscellaneous

Document code	Date	Description
BG44/O/1	31 July 1896	General list of jurors for the barony of Lower Loughtee, county Cavan, prepared by James McGovern, clerk of Bawnboy Union. Comprises information about named jurors, for instance, place of residence, nature of qualification as juror; amount of freehold or leasehold property held and its location.
BG44/O/2	No date	Two copies of notice issued by Michael Bannon, clerk of Union, advertising cheap rates for passage tickets for the 'leading Steamship Companies to all parts of the world.'
BG44/O/3	c. 1919	Register of electors for the West Cavan parliamentary division / polling district of

		Ballyconnell (B), Registration Unit of Templeport. Provided are names of those entitled to vote as parliamentary electors and as local government electors; townland occupied; nature of qualification as elector.
BG44/O/4	No date	List of members of the Boards of Guardians and District Councils of Bawnboy and Ballinamore. Addresses also given.
BG44/O/5	c. April 1924-September 1925	File containing two notices issued by White Star Line comprising details of their sailings from ports in Ireland and Britain to Canada and the United States.

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BG60/A/4	18 January 1848-5 October 1848
BG60/A/5	12 October 1848-10 July 1849
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BG60/A/18	31 March 1857-22 September 1857
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BG60/A/63	21 December 1880-14 June 1881
BG60/A/64	20 June 1881-13 December 1881
BG60/A/65	20 December 1881-20 June 1882
BG60/A/66	27 June 1882-26 December 1882
BG60/A/67	2 January 1883-3 July 1883
BG60/A/68	10 July 1883-8 January 1884
BG60/A/69	15 January 1884-15 July 1884
BG60/A/70	22 July 1884-21 January 1885
BG60/A/71	27 January 1885-28 July 1885
BG60/A/72	4 August 1885-2 February 1886
BG60/A/73	16 February 1886-10 August 1886
BG60/A/74	17 August 1886-15 February 1887
BG60/A/75	28 February 1887-23 August 1887
BG60/A/76	30 August 1887-28 February 1888
BG60/A/77	6 March 1888-21 August 1888
BG60/A/78	28 August 1888-19 February 1889
BG60/A/79	26 February 1889-27 August 1889
BG60/A/80	3 September 1889-4 March 1890
BG60/A/81	11 March 1890-9 September 1890

BG60/A/82	16 September 1890-17 March 1891
BG60/A/83	24 March 1891-22 September 1891
BG60/A/84	29 September 1891-29 March 1892
BG60/A/85	5 April 1892-11 October 1892
BG60/A/86	18 October 1892-11 April 1893
BG60/A/87	18 April 1893-10 October 1893
BG60/A/88	17 October 1893-10 April 1894
BG60/A/89	17 April 1894-9 October 1894
BG60/A/90	16 October 1894-16 April 1895
BG60/A/91	c. 23 April 1895-22 October 1895
BG60/A/92	29 October 1895-21 April 1896
BG60/A/93	28 April 1896-20 October 1896
BG60/A/94	27 October 1896-20 April 1897
BG60/A/95	27 April 1897-19 October 1897
BG60/A/96	26 October 1897-19 April 1898
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BG60/A/98	25 October 1898-11 April 1899
BG60/A/99	5 September 1899-27 February 1900
BG60/A/100	6 March 1900-28 August 1900
BG60/A/101	4 September 1900-26 February 1901
BG60/A/102	5 March 1901-13 August 1901
BG60/A/103	20 August 1901-25 February 1902
BG60/A/104	4 March 1902-26 August 1902
BG60/A/105	2 September 1902-10 March 1903
BG60/A/106	17 March 1903-8 September 1903
BG60/A/107	15 September 1903-8 March 1904
BG60/A/108	15 March 1904-30 August 1904
BG60/A/109	6 September 1904-28 February 1905
BG60/A/110	7 March 1905-29 August 1905
BG60/A/111	5 September 1905-27 February 1906
BG60/A/112	6 March 1906-28 August 1906
BG60/A/113	4 September 1906-26 February 1907
BG60/A/114	5 March 1907-10 September 1907
BG60/A/115	17 September 1907-24 March 1908
BG60/A/116	31 March 1908-22 September 1908
BG60/A/117	29 September 1908-6 April 1909
BG60/A/118	13 April 1909-14 September 1909
BG60/A/119	21 September 1909-15 March 1910
BG60/A/120	22 March 1910-27 September 1910
BG60/A/121	4 October 1910-28 March 1911
BG60/A/122	4 April 1911-10 October 1911
BG60/A/123	17 October 1911-8 October 1912
BG60/A/124	15 October 1912-29 April 1913
BG60/A/125	26 August 1913-27 October 1914
BG60/A/126	3 November 1914-29 February 1916

BG60/A/127	7 March 1916-27 March 1917
BG60/A/128	3 April 1917-23 April 1918
BG60/A/129	30 April 1918-6 May 1919
BG60/A/130	13 May 1919-31 August 1920

Rough Minute Books

Document code	Dates
BG60/AA/1	3 October 1843-15 July 1845
BG60/AA/2	3 July 1849-14 May 1850
BG60/AA/3	21 May 1850-3 June 1851
BG60/AA/4	10 June 1851-8 June 1852
BG60/AA/5	15 June 1852-21 December 1852
BG60/AA/6	28 December 1852-5 July 1853
BG60/AA/7	12 July 1853-24 January 1854
BG60/AA/8	3 January 1854-1 August 1854
BG60/AA/9	8 August 1854-20 February 1855
BG60/AA/10	27 February 1855-21 August 1855
BG60/AA/11	28 August 1855-11 March 1856
BG60/AA/12	18 March 1856-16 September 1856
BG60/AA/13	23 September 1856-24 March 1857
BG60/AA/14	31 March 1857-22 September 1857
BG60/AA/15	29 March 1859-4 October 1859
BG60/AA/16	11 October 1859-3 April 1860
BG60/AA/17	16 October 1860-9 April 1861
BG60/AA/18	23 April 1861-22 October 1861
BG60/AA/19	29 April 1862-21 October 1862
BG60/AA/20	23 April 1867-15 October 1867
BG60/AA/21	6 March 1888-21 August 1888
BG60/AA/22	28 August 1888-26 February 1889
BG60/AA/23	5 March 1889-3 September 1889
BG60/AA/24	10 September 1889-25 February 1890
BG60/AA/25	11 March 1890-9 September 1890
BG60/AA/26	16 September 1890-17 March 1891
BG60/AA/27	18 October 1892-11 April 1893
BG60/AA/28	18 April 1893-17 October 1893
BG60/AA/29	17 October 1893-10 April 1894
BG60/AA/30	17 April 1894-9 October 1894
BG60/AA/31	16 October 1894-9 April 1895
BG60/AA/32	23 April 1895-29 October 1895
BG60/AA/33	26 November 1895-28 April 1896
BG60/AA/34	5 May 1896-20 October 1896
BG60/AA/35	27 October 1896-20 April 1897
BG60/AA/36	27 April 1897-26 October 1897

BG60/AA/37	26 October 1897-19 April 1898
BG60/AA/38	26 April 1898-18 October 1898
BG60/AA/39	25 October 1898-11 April 1899
BG60/AA/40	5 September 1899-27 February 1900
BG60/AA/41	5 March 1901-20 August 1901
BG60/AA/42	27 August 1901-25 February 1902
BG60/AA/43	4 March 1902-26 August 1902
BG60/AA/44	2 September 1902-24 February 1903
BG60/AA/45	17 March 1903-8 September 1903

Minute Book of Waterworks Committee

Minutes refer to improvements of the waterworks and the sewerage system of Cavan Town.

Document code	Dates
BG60/AG/1	12 November 1886-31 October 1898

Outward letter books

Contain letters relevant to both Cavan Poor Law Union and Cavan Rural District Council.

Document code	Dates
BG60/B/1	31 October 1854-2 October 1906
BG60/B/2	17 February 1887-1 April 1903
BG60/B/3	5 August 1895-24 September 1903
BG60/B/4	c. early October 1903-21 August 1904
BG60/B/5	21 July 1911-1 October 1912

[Personal Ledger]

Contains details of payment of salaries to named staff; and payments to other suppliers, for example, for foodstuffs and other general supplies.

Document code	Dates
BG60/CB/1	28 March 1865-8 November 1887

Master's Requisition Book

Contains lists of non-food articles, for instance, clothing and kitchen utensils, required for the workhouse. Master compiled list of such articles on a weekly basis, based on requests by staff and officers of the workhouse (some of these requests are present. Originally, these requests in the form of notes were pinned into the Requisition Book but they have been removed due to damage to the volume's binding). Estimate of cost of articles and section of the workhouse

which required them are given. Clerk of union put the list of articles before the Boards of Guardians for approval at their meetings. Masters of the workhouse for this period named as M.J. Smith and John Gaffney, and clerk of the union is named as Patrick Reilly. List sometimes submitted to the clerk of the union by M. Dunnery, matron.

Document code	Dates
BG60/CF/1	29 October 1912-28 July 1919

Miscellaneous Accounts Book

Contains lists of names of staff and amount of salary paid to them (13 July 1909); lists of names of suppliers of goods and sometimes, the goods supplied and prices payable, for example, foodstuffs. Receipts acknowledging payment etc from suppliers also present; lists of names of hired-out children and name of guardian and amounts of money. Ages of children given.

Document code	Dates
BG60/CQ/1	c. 13 July 1909-18 May 1916

Labourers Act Ledger

Contains information relating to the construction, maintenance and letting of cottages to labourers. For instance, refers to the name of the owner of the land on which labourers' cottages were erected and compensation for same; information relating to the contractor who built the cottages; details the particulars of the letting of the cottages, including name of tenant. Refers to both Cavan Poor Law Union and later Cavan Rural District Council.

Document code	Dates
BG60/CQ/2	16 October 1888-25 May 1908

Coal Book

Comprises information relating to amount of coal supplied to various sections within the workhouse.

Document code	Date
BG60/FI/1	1 May 1915-8 February 1919

Indoor admission and discharge book

Contains information related to persons admitted in and discharged from the workhouse. Information recorded includes: name; age; marital status, if adult; 'if Child, whether Orphan, Deserted, or Bastard'; employment or calling; religious denomination; description of any disability; name of spouse; number of children; observations on 'condition of pauper when admitted'; electoral division and

townland in which resident; date of admission into or date of birth in the workhouse; date when died or left workhouse. Dates given below refer to date of entry of persons into workhouse.

Document code	Date
BG60/GA/1	23 November 1881-9 May 1884

Cootehill Poor Law Union

Minute Books

The Poor Law system operated in Ireland during the period 1838-1923. Ireland was divided into a number of poor law unions each of which had a workhouse and was overseen by a Board of Guardians. The Board of Guardians met on a weekly basis and it is the minutes of these meetings that are preserved here. Those persons attending meetings are named. Each week, the number of 'inmates' in the workhouse is given and they are categorised according to gender, age, whether able-bodied, aged and infirm, sick and lunatics. Numbers are also given for night lodgers and casuals, and for persons who were discharged or died each week. Boards of Guardians also tendered outdoor relief (that is, outside the workhouse) to several categories of persons. They are described as destitute persons, orphans and deserted children at nurse and deaf and dumb persons in asylums. Relieving Officers were responsible for tendering outdoor relief. Until the passing of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, the functions of Boards of Guardians were funded by the Poor Rate, a tax Guardians were empowered to levy on property owners in their Unions. Minutes often contain abstracts of the rates collected. Because the Poor Rate was an important source of income, the Guardians were protective of it and minutes often contain references to conflicts with rate collectors who did not succeed in collecting all the due rates. Minutes refer to resolutions decided on by the Board of Guardians. Minutes refer to orders for foodstuffs and therefore convey a good impression of diet in the workhouse. Some summaries of reports tendered by the Master of the workhouse to the Board of Guardians are present and might comment on various matters such as the quality of supplies, incidents involving 'inmates' and staff relations. Occasionally, minutes contain summaries of reports by a Visiting Committee which visited the workhouse to report on such matters as the welfare of 'inmates.' At the central level, workhouses were under the control of the Poor Law Commissioners until 1872, the Commissioners thereafter being replaced by the Local Government Board. Both of these bodies were in frequent correspondence with the Board of Guardians and minutes contain transcriptions or summaries of correspondence. The format of minutes may change over time, later incorporating financial minutes and statistical minutes in tabular form. In addition to providing directly for the poor, the Board of 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. Between 1874 and 1899 they were the rural sanitary authority. In terms of usefulness for genealogical research, these minute books do contain some interesting information. However, they are not indexed and much trawling will be required. 'Inmates' are sometimes named but it tends to be the exception and in connection with incidents that are out of the ordinary. It should be noted that no registers of workhouse 'inmates' or those to whom outdoor relief was tendered are extant. Staff and officers of the workhouses are often named and the names of Guardians who attended the weekly meetings are supplied.

Minutes will also name business persons who supplied goods and services to the Union.

Document code	Dates
BG68/A/1	18 September 1839-29 September 1843
BG68/A/2	6 October 1843-31 May 1844
BG68/A/3	7 June 1844-8 August 1845
BG68/A/4	15 August 1845-4 December 1846
BG68/A/5	11 December 1846-4 January 1848
BG68/A/6	25 February 1848-8 December 1848
BG68/A/7	15 December 1848-31 October 1849
BG68/A/8	9 November 1849-8 November 1850
BG68/A/9	15 November 1850-4 April 1851
BG68/A/10	4 April 1851-28 January 1853
BG68/A/11	4 February 1853-27 January 1854
BG68/A/12	19 January 1855-4 January 1856
BG68/A/13	2 July 1858-31 December 1858
BG68/A/14	8 July 1859-24 December 1859
BG68/A/15	6 January 1860-28 December 1860
BG68/A/16	4 January 1861-27 December 1861
BG68/A/17	3 January 1862-26 December 1862
BG68/A/18	2 January 1863-c. 25 December 1863
BG68/A/19	1 January 1864-30 December 1864
BG68/A/20	7 July 1865-2 February 1866
BG68/A/21	9 February 1866-15 February 1867
BG68/A/22	22 February 1867-27 March 1868
BG68/A/23	27 March 1868-16 April 1869
BG68/A/24	30 April 1869-6 May 1870
BG68/A/25	26 May 1871-2 August 1872
BG68/A/26	9 August 1872-5 September 1873
BG68/A/27	12 September 1873-4 September 1874
BG68/A/28	11 September 1874-8 October 1875
BG68/A/29	22 October 1875-17 November 1876
BG68/A/30	24 November 1876-21 December 1877
BG68/A/31	28 December 1877-3 January 1879
BG68/A/32	10 January 1879-16 January 1880
BG68/A/33	23 January 1880-19 February 1881
BG68/A/34	4 March 1881-31 March 1882
BG68/A/35	7 April 1882-30 March 1883
BG68/A/36	6 April 1883-21 March 1884
BG68/A/37	28 March 1884-27 March 1885
BG68/A/38	3 April 1885-2 April 1886
BG68/A/39	9 April 1886-15 April 1887
BG68/A/40	15 April 1887-13 April 1888
BG68/A/41	20 April 1888-19 April 1889

BG68/A/42	26 April 1889-18 April 1890
BG68/A/43	25 April 1890-17 October 1890
BG68/A/44	24 October 1890-6 November 1891
BG68/A/45	13 November 1891-11 November 1892
BG68/A/46	18 November 1892-17 November 1893
BG68/A/47	24 November 1893-30 November 1894
BG68/A/48	7 December 1894-27 December 1895
BG68/A/49	3 January 1896-[19] February 1897
BG68/A/50	26 February 1897-17 September 1897
BG68/A/51	24 September 1897-25 March 1898
BG68/A/52	1 April 1898-7 October 1898
BG68/A/53	14 October 1898-15 April 1899
BG68/A/54	15 April 1899-6 October 1899
BG68/A/55	13 October 1899-27 April 1900
BG68/A/56	4 May 1900-9 November 1900
BG68/A/57	16 November 1900-6 June 1901
BG68/A/58	14 June 1901-13 December 1901
BG68/A/59	20 December 1901-1 August 1902
BG68/A/60	22 August 1902-13 March 1903
BG68/A/61	20 March 1903-2 October 1903
BG68/A/62	9 October 1903-27 May 1904
BG68/A/63	3 June 1904-27 January 1905
BG68/A/64	3 February 1905-29 September 1905
BG68/A/65	6 October 1905-13 June 1906
BG68/A/66	22 June 1906-1 March 1907
BG68/A/67	8 March 1907-6 December 1907
BG68/A/68	13 December 1907-11 September 1908
BG68/A/69	25 September 1908-25 June 1909
BG68/A/70	2 July 1909-8 April 1910
BG68/A/71	6 May 1910-30 December 1910
BG68/A/72	13 January 1911-13 October 1911
BG68/A/73	27 October 1911-26 July 1912
BG68/A/74	2 August 1912-25 April 1913
BG68/A/75	2 May 1913-6 February 1914
BG68/A/76	13 February 1914-4 December 1914
BG68/A/77	11 December 1914-1 October 1915
BG68/A/78	8 October 1915-28 July 1916
BG68/A/79	4 August 1916-30 March 1917

Rough Minute Books

BG68/AA/1	18 September 1839-29 July 1842
BG68/AA/2	28 January 1848-8 December 1848
BG68/AA/3	15 December 1848-31 October 1849

BG68/AA/4	28 January 1853-24 November 1854
BG68/AA/5	3 February 1854-12 January 1855
BG68/AA/6	1 January 1858-25 June 1858
BG68/AA/7	7 January 1859-1 July 1859
BG68/AA/8	6 January 1860-28 December 1860
BG68/AA/9	4 January 1861-27 December 1861
BG68/AA/10	13 May 1870-19 May 1871
BG68/AA/11	28 May 1880-18 July 1899

Treasurer's Receipt and Payment Book

BG68/CF/1	11 October 1839-24 May 1849
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Day Book

Comprises a record of invoices received for the supply of goods and services to the Union.

BG68/CH/1	21 December 1915-31 March 1917
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