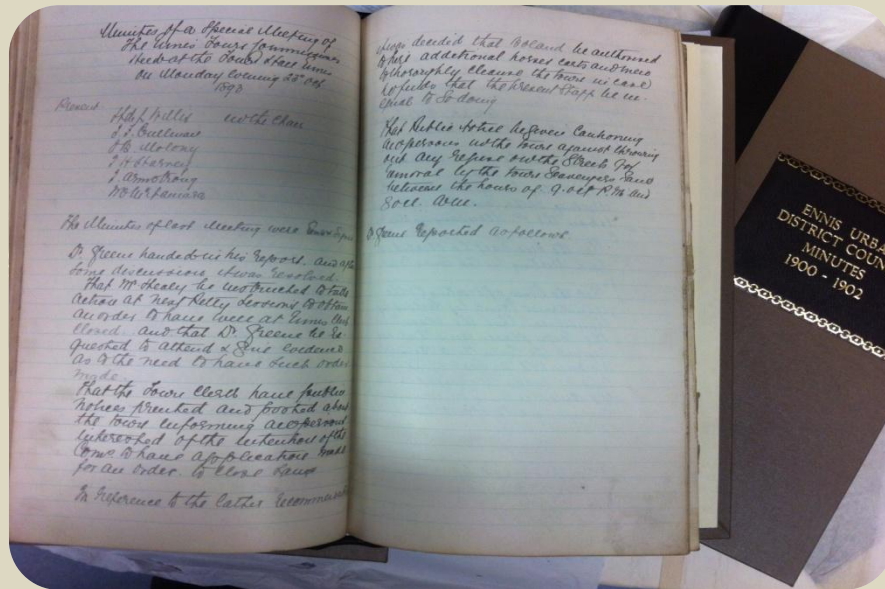


Clare County Archives'
Conservation Work
2014



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Introduction

The archival material contained within Clare County Council's Archival repository reflects both Local Government activities dating back to the 18th century while also containing records of private and local provenance such as estate papers, business archives from local businesses and personal papers.

http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/archives/archives_index.htm

The conservation of archival material is vital in ensuring the survival of records for future generations. The outcome of this conservation project through joint funding from the Heritage Council and Ennis Town Council has enabled material which previously had been too vulnerable to be accessed by researchers, be consulted in their physical format.

The archivist each year must make a selection of vulnerable archival material from within our collections which is danger of further deterioration and may be of high value in terms of research and needed to be made accessible. Due to budget constraints a small selection of items may only be conserved every year thus making the grants from the Heritage Council so vital.

Conservation Project

The material was surveyed by the conservator, Paul Curtis of Mucros Conservation Bookbindery, Killarney <http://www.muckross-house.ie/book-conservation.html>

A report as to the condition and costs of the conservation was completed in conjunction with the archivist. Once a decision was made as to the cost of conservation the selected material was deposited with the conservator to begin work.

The following items were selected for conservation:

Ennis Board of Guardian Minute Books 1886

Ennistymon Board of Guardian Minutes, 1874-1875

Corofin Board of Guardian Minutes, 1867-1868

Lease dated 1859

SDA Housing Ledger Ennis Town Council 1934-1972

Ennis Urban District Council Rough Minutes 1947-1953

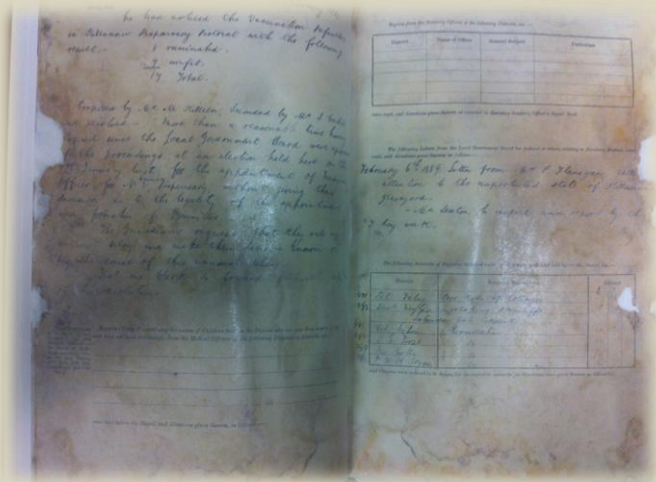
Ennis Urban District Council Minutes 1900-1902

Ennis Urban District Council Minutes 1899-1906

Ennis Town Commissioners Minutes 1890-1897

Following conservation:

Ennis Board of Guardian Minute Book, 1886

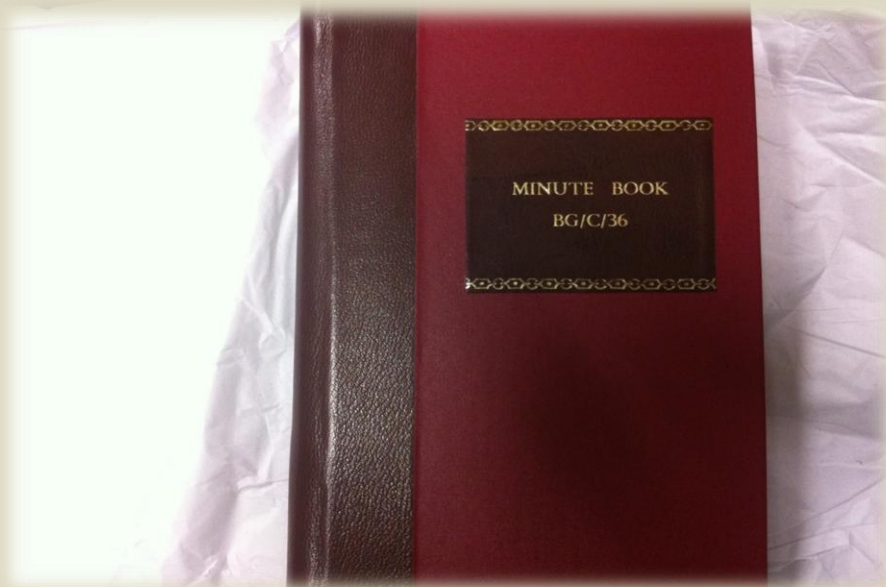


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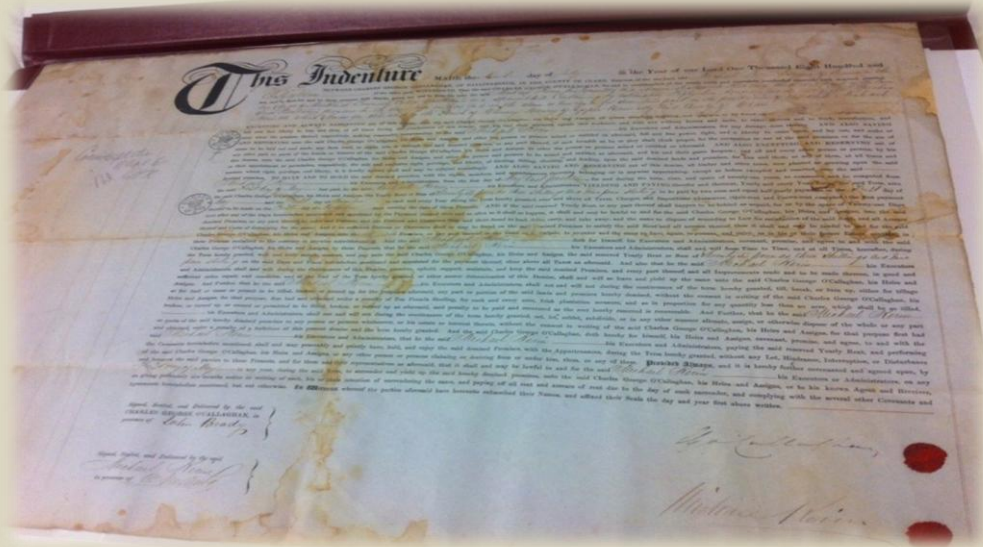


A volume undergoing conservation.

Conservation involved the removal of the spine lining and its' being replaced by aero linen lining, The spring boards were restored, worn corners were reshaped with starch paste and a new buckram spine piece attached. The original cloth cover material was reattached and endpaper pastes were pasted back.



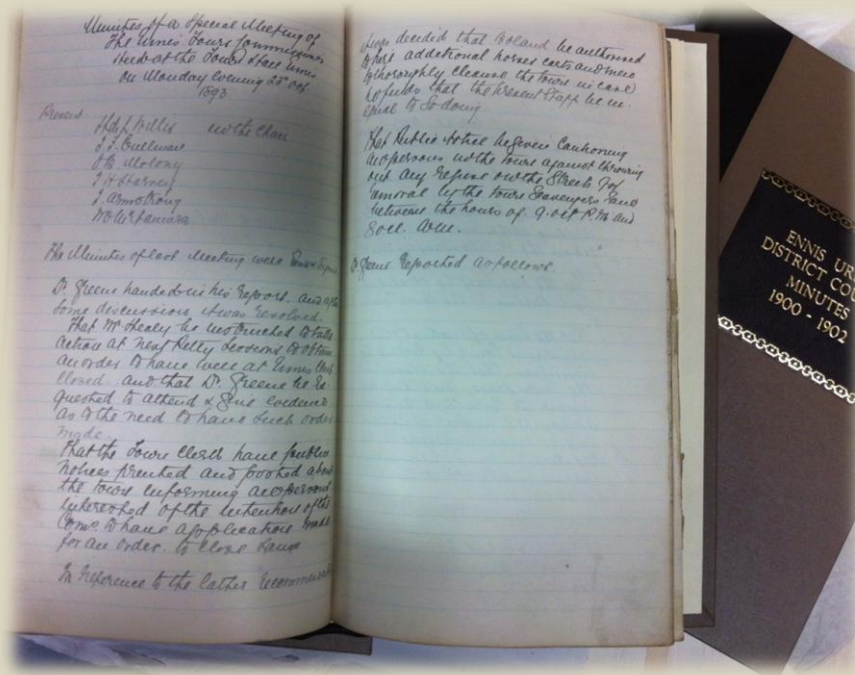
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Conclusion

The conservation of material is of permanent value to our heritage. Without the option of conservation much material would eventually deteriorate beyond salvage thus another aspect of our history and heritage would be lost.

Each year the archive strives to have material such as Board of Guardian Workhouse Minute Books conserved, due mainly to the huge numbers within each collection of each union. We would like to thank the Heritage Council for its support over the year to make this possible.