

## MS 50 Kennedy Collection

### About the collection:

A small collection of facsimile items and photographs relating to President John F. Kennedy's Presidential visit to Ireland in June 1963, five months before his assassination on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1963.

The collection includes a poem transcribed on the reverse of an itinerary for a state visit to Italy in July 1963, a speech given before the Irish Parliament on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1963 and photographs of John F. Kennedy with well-wishers in County Wexford, Cork and Galway.

The facsimiles and photographs were deposited with Queen's University, Belfast in 2009 by the [John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston](#) to be exhibited in support of a memorial lecture given by Dan Fenn, former Staff Assistant to President Kennedy, in the Great Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009.



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## MS 50/1

## Miscellaneous

MS 50/1(i)

29/06/1963

Tis it is the Shannon's brightly glancing stream

Poem transcribed by hand by President Kennedy on the back of an itinerary for his state visit to Italy.

President Kennedy read the poem during his farewell remarks at Shannon Airport before leaving Ireland on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1963. He told his audience that the poem had been shared with him by Mrs de Valera, the Irish President's wife.

Audio file available courtesy of John F. Kennedy Presidential Library:

[Remarks at Shannon Airport Upon Leaving Ireland, 29 June 1963](#)

Eamon de Valera later spoke of the occasion during an interview with Joseph O'Connor for the John F. Kennedy Library on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1966.

MS 50/1(ii)

02/07/1963

Typescript itinerary

Itinerary for President Kennedy's state visit to Italy on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1963.

The itinerary details travel and meal arrangements, meetings with the Italian President, Antonio Segni, and Pope Paul VI, as well as a contingency plan 'in case there is no Pope'.

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Speech

28/06/1963

Speech given before the Irish Parliament in Dublin with handwritten notes, 28<sup>th</sup> June 1963.

Audio file available courtesy of John F. Kennedy Presidential Library:

[Address Before the Irish Parliament in Dublin, 28 June 1963](#)

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Photographs

MS 50/3/1

27/06/1963

President Kennedy in New Ross, Ireland

Credit: Photograph by Robert Knudsen, White House photographer; John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston.

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27/06/1963

President Kennedy in Dunganstown, Ireland

Credit: Photograph by Cecil Stoughton, White House photographer; John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston.

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27/06/1963

President Kennedy in Wexford, Ireland

Credit: Photograph by Robert Knudsen, White House photographer; John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston.

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28/06/1963

President Kennedy greets well-wishers in Cork, Ireland

Credit: Photograph by Cecil Stoughton, White House photographer; John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston.

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28/06/1963

President Kennedy greeted in Cork, Ireland

Credit: Photograph by Robert Knudsen, White House photographer; John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston.

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29/06/1963

President Kennedy in Galway, Ireland

Credit: Photograph by Robert Knudsen, White House photographer; John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston.



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**Shannon Airport**

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President Kennedy departed Shannon Airport

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**Wexford**

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Photograph: President Kennedy in Wexford, Ireland

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