

## ***Preface***

The books listed in the following pages include the Casey Collection of books on Ireland, and other works on Ireland in the Samford University Library which are not part of the Casey Collection. This bibliography does not include the many titles on Ireland available in the library on microforms, nor does it include maps and manuscripts in the Casey Collection. Due to economy of space, some topics, such as literature, were omitted from the final compilation. Hopefully, these will appear in a later edition.

An attempt has been made to describe these books in a way which would be helpful to the genealogist, historian or the general reader interested in Ireland. I have pointed out obvious partiality on the part of authors, but I have not injected a great deal of historical criticism. Since many of the Casey books pre-date 1900, it would be repetitious to state in each case that a book is outdated regarding factual matter or scholarly approach. Therefore, I have left it up to the reader to determine the value of these volumes in terms of his own needs.

I would like to thank those who have been of assistance to me in compiling this bibliography: Dr. David M. Mess of the Samford History Department, the staff of the Samford University Library, and especially Mrs. Annie Ford Wheeler, the editor and DeLois Sterling, the typist.

Georgia V. Fleming-Haigh

### ***Editor's Note***

The collection of Irish materials in the Samford University Library is a continually growing one; therefore, no complete bibliography is possible. Its purpose is to support historical and genealogical research on Ireland. Dr. Albert E. Casey's gift of his extensive collection on Irish history and genealogy, with particular strength in counties Cork and Kerry, formed the nucleus around which the collection is growing. The Casey gift contained many rare volumes and many titles which now would be difficult, if not impossible to acquire. Although there are modest holdings of Irish literary works in the Casey collection and elsewhere in the Library, it is not our plan to develop an extensive collection in the literature of Ireland and of Irish authors; and, as pointed out by Mrs. Fleming-Haigh, such material has been omitted from this bibliography.

Because of the need to issue the bibliography in time for its use in the 1976 Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, there was not time to compile an adequate subject and place-name index. Such an index will be issued soon. The bibliography is arranged under broad subject topics and an alphabetical author (or entry) index appears in the back. An updating of this work will be necessary and will include additional acquisitions as well as materials presently available in the library on microforms, and the valuable maps and extensive manuscripts which were a part of the Casey gift.

We are indebted to Mrs. DeLois Gaitor Sterling for the typing of the manuscript. Faced with an extremely short deadline for such a project as this, her dedication and perseverance were unflinching. I am grateful for the encouragement and interest of the library staff, many of whom were called on for occasional assistance and advice, and who tolerated with good humor our incursion into their work areas. Very special thanks go to Tom Skinner for his valuable assistance.

Annie Ford Wheeler