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## **Baltinglass Mill Collection**

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## **Descriptive List**

### **Identity Statement**

**Reference Code:** IE WWCA/B2  
**Title:** Baltinglass Mill Collection  
**Date:** 1880-1890  
**Level of**  
**Description:** Fonds/ Item  
**Extent:** 1 box

### **Context**

#### **Creator**

Baltinglass Mill, Co Wicklow.

#### **Archival History/ Source of Acquisition**

The collection is a business ledger of Baltinglass Mill and was donated to Wicklow County Council Archive in July 2015 by mill owner Peter Morrin.

#### **Biographical History**

Baltinglass Mill is a historic mill located in the town of Baltinglass, County Wicklow, Ireland. The mill is an important part of the local heritage, as it was central to the agricultural and industrial history of the area. Baltinglass is situated near the border with County Carlow in a fertile region between the Wicklow Mountains and the River Slaney. The town has a long history, and like many Irish towns, it developed around essential industries such as milling, farming, and trade.

The Baltinglass Mill itself, also known as Baltinglass Flour Mill, was established in the early nineteenth century, and was in the ownership of the Morrin family since circa 1888. Taking advantage of the natural resources available in the area, such as the power of the River Slaney, mills like this were critical to the local economy. The mill was originally powered by water, which was a common source of energy for Irish mills in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. This type of water-powered mill allowed the production of flour on a larger scale, which supported the agricultural economy in the surrounding areas. Baltinglass Mill was one

of the major mills in County Wicklow. The mill played a crucial role in the local economy by providing jobs to the residents of Baltinglass and the surrounding countryside. It also helped to support the farming community by processing grain grown in the area, which contributed to the overall agricultural output of the region.

Mills like Baltinglass were vital not only for flour production but also for the grinding of other grains such as oats, which were used for animal feed and other products. Baltinglass Mill eventually saw a decline in the twentieth century as industrialisation and modern technologies began to take over the milling industry. Despite this decline, parts of the mill building have been preserved and remain a historical landmark in the town. The mill is a significant feature of Baltinglass's industrial heritage, reflecting the transition from traditional, manual forms of production to more modern industrial processes. Though no longer an active flour mill, Baltinglass Mill remains a part of the town's cultural and historical identity.

### **Content and Structure**

The collection houses the accounts ledger for Baltinglass Mill, dating from 1880 to 1890, would be an incredibly valuable resource for understanding the business operations, economic conditions, and local community interactions during that time period. The ledger details financial transactions such as payments, sales, and purchases made by the mill. It sheds light on the operations of a key industrial site in Baltinglass during the late 19th century. It reflects not only the economic conditions of the time but also the specific business practices of the mill.

### **System of Arrangement**

Documents are arranged from fonds to item level description.

Collection description adheres to ISAD(G).

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## **1 Account Ledger**

1/1 1880 to 1890

Large Ledger of the Baltinglass Mill Company from 1880 to 1890. Ledger details the names of the customers and items purchased, amounts and cost over the ten-year period. Items included meal, bran, pollard and 'follora'. Some of the names of those included are; Megaw Brothers, Crampton Quay, Brennan of Baltinglass, P. Neill of Hacketstown, Hergarty of Donard, W. Cooke of Castledermot, Kehoe of Baltinglass, Lennon of Baltinglass, A. Nolan of Baltinglass, Mahon of Tinahely, Cosgrave of Graigue, Creighton of Kiltegan, O'Toole of Rathdangan, R. Kelly, Hacketstown, Allen of Donard, A. Smith of Clomore, J.Kelly, Tullow and Moran, Crookstown. Ledger is very large and fragile.

1 volume