

Indoors and Outdoors, Public and Private: Women and the Country House

**Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates,
Maynooth University History Department**
13th Annual Conference, 11-12 May 2015 (RIAI CPD approved)
Renehan Hall and Callan Hall, South Campus

Day 1: 11 May 2015

- 08.45-09.20 Registration and tea/coffee at Renehan Hall
- 09.30 Welcome
- 09.40 Opening of conference: Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht
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PANEL 1: MODERN CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES RENEHAN HALL, CHAIR: TERENCE DOOLEY

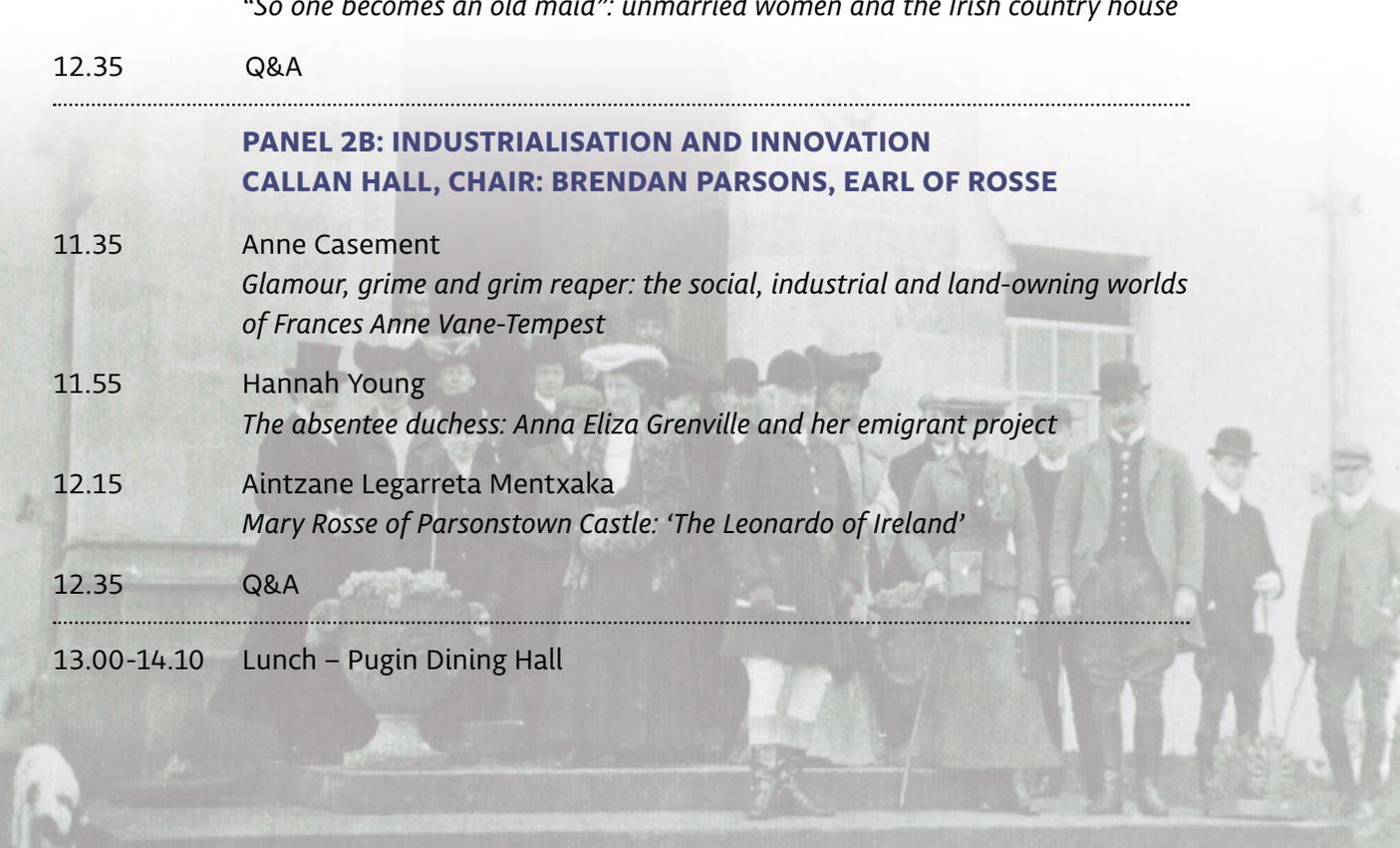
- 10.05 Jane Blunden and Caroline Blunden
Challenges for women of the country house
- 10.25 Sophie Shelswell-White
Working and raising a family in an Irish country house
- 10.45 Sammy Leslie
Women and the management of Castle Leslie
- 11.05 Q&A to finish at 11.25 allowing 10 minutes for delegates going to Panel 2b to get to Callan Hall
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PANEL 2A: DEVELOPING SOCIAL NETWORKS RENEHAN HALL, CHAIR: JENNIFER REDMOND

- 11.35 Kerry Bristol
Sabine Winn and the art of long-distance shopping at Nostell Priory, 1765-1798
- 11.55 Ruth Larsen
Sisterly guidance: elite women, sorority and the life cycle 1750-1850
- 12.15 Maeve O'Riordan
"So one becomes an old maid": unmarried women and the Irish country house
- 12.35 Q&A
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PANEL 2B: INDUSTRIALISATION AND INNOVATION CALLAN HALL, CHAIR: BRENDAN PARSONS, EARL OF ROSSE

- 11.35 Anne Casement
Glamour, grime and grim reaper: the social, industrial and land-owning worlds of Frances Anne Vane-Tempest
- 11.55 Hannah Young
The absentee duchess: Anna Eliza Grenville and her emigrant project
- 12.15 Aintzane Legarreta Mentxaka
Mary Rosse of Parsonstown Castle: 'The Leonardo of Ireland'
- 12.35 Q&A
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- 13.00-14.10 Lunch – Pugin Dining Hall



PANEL 3A: ESTATE MANAGEMENT
RENEHAN HALL, CHAIR: ANNIE TINDLEY

- 14.15 Judith Hill
Lady Gregory and the survival of Coole Park
- 14.35 Damien Duffy
Caroline Maria Aylmer of Donadea Castle, Co. Kildare
- 14.55 Fiona White
Louisa Moore of Moore Hall: a life in letters
- 15.15 Q&A
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PANEL 3B: ARCHITECTURE AND SPACE
CALLAN HALL, CHAIR: RUTH LARSEN

- 14.15 Ruth Thorpe
A life in relief: recovering the Neoclassical schemes of Elizabeth Upton, Lady Templetown
- 14.35 Amy Boyington
Widows of the eighteenth-century: power over architecture
- 14.55 Patricia McCarthy
A room of their own: private space for women in the country house
- 15.15 Q&A
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- 15.40 Tea/coffee Pugin Dining Hall
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PANEL 4A: ECONOMICS OF MARRIAGE
RENEHAN HALL, CHAIR: EMMELINE HENDERSON

- 16.05 Eugenie Carr
The banker's daughters: marriage alliances and connections of a Huguenot family in eighteenth-century Dublin
- 16.25 Olivia Martin
'Where there's a will...'
- 16.45 Q&A
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PANEL 4B: EMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY HOUSE
CALLAN HALL, CHAIR: MARY HEFFERNAN

- 16.05 William Fraher
An English governess in Ireland during World War One, 1914-18
- 16.25 Ida Milne
Working in the Big House: Patty Bolger as eye witness
- 16.45 Q&A
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- 17.15-18.30 Launch of exhibition: *'Lives less ordinary: the women of Airfield'*
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(Sponsored by CSHIHE and Maynooth University Library and Airfield Trust –
co-ordinated by Dr Maeve O’Riordan)
- 19.30 Conference dinner: Carton House

Day 2: 12 May 2015

- 9.30 Tea/coffee, Pugin Dining Hall
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PANEL 5A: PHILANTHROPY
RENEHAN HALL, CHAIR: LOWRI ANN REES

- 10.00 Eilis O’Sullivan
*'By heavens, I'm sick of dissipation and want some serious occupation':
ascendancy women and elementary education*
- 10.20 Lisa Butterly
'An aristocrat who did something with her life': Lady Valerie Goulding (1918-2003)
- 10.40 Andrew Newby
*'That good lady of truly practical philanthropy' Mary Power Lalor: landlordism,
philanthropy and self-help in late-Victorian Ireland*
- 11.00 Q&A
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PANEL 5B: MARRIAGE AND POWER
CALLAN HALL, CHAIR: ALISON FITZGERALD

- 10.00 Caroline Dakers
*Madeline Wyndham of Clouds and Mabel Morrison of Fonthill, two Victorian
ladies of Wiltshire. Powerful or powerless?*
- 10.20 John Coleman
Portrait of an 18th century marriage: The Earl and Countess of Bellamont
- 10.40 Emma F. Purcell
*A gentleman's house but a woman's domain? The role of elite women in
country house management, c.1750-1827*
- 11.00 Q&A
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PANEL 6A: THE ART OF FOOD
RENEHAN HALL, CHAIR: OLIVER COX

- 11.30 Dorothy Cashman
*'The dough must be neither dauked nor opened on the sides with a knife as is
the custom in Ireland'*
- 11.50 Louise Stewart
*'The accomplisht Lady's Delight': women and sugar-work in the early modern
country house*

12.10 Regina Sexton
Elite women and their recipe books in eighteenth and early nineteenth-century Ireland

12.30 Q&A

PANEL 6B: POLITICS AND PROTEST
CALLAN HALL, CHAIR: MARIAN LYONS

11.30 Lowri Ann Rees
Miss Jane, Rebecca and her daughters: rural protest and the defiance of a female landowner in south-west Wales

11.50 Ciarán Reilly
Women, the country house and the Great Famine

12.10 Jonathan Cherry and Arlene Crampsie
The women of Ulster's country houses and Ulster Day, September 1912

12.30 Q&A

12.55-14.10 Lunch

PANEL 7A: THE ARTS AND LITERATURE
RENEHAN HALL, CHAIR: ANNA PILZ

14.20 Dawn Webster
Corsets and chisels: the arts and crafts furniture of the de Grey sisters

14.40 Nia Powell
Strictly male? Women and strict metre poetry in medieval and early modern Welsh houses

15.00 Amy Prendergast
Irish bluestockings and the country house: literary sociability, intellectual pursuits, and cultural transfers, 1760-1820

15.20 Q&A

PANEL 7B: FAMILY AND RESPONSIBILITY
CALLAN HALL, CHAIR: CHRISTOPHER RIDGWAY

14.20 Philip Bull
Three women and the fortunes of Monksgrange

14.40 Edmund Joyce
Lady Harriet Kavanagh

15.00 Brendan Twomey
Agency and activities of aristocratic women, 1760-1800

15.20 Q&A

16.00 Wine reception and closing remarks in Renehan Hall

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Conference Registration Fee €100 per person

Number of attendees

Conference Dinner €50 per person

Number of attendees

Total amount enclosed €

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Booking Information

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