

**Schools' Collection material from Co. Tipperary now available on [www.duchas.ie](http://www.duchas.ie)**

Folklore and local history from Co. Tipperary is now available on [www.duchas.ie](http://www.duchas.ie).

The Schools' Collection, an important component of the National Folklore Collection, UCD, contains the folklore material recorded by pupils between 1937 and 1939. It consists of over half a million pages recorded by around 50,000 primary school pupils in the 26 counties.

Material from the Schools' Collection has been published on an ongoing basis on [duchas.ie](http://duchas.ie) since the end of 2013 and all volumes from the Collection, covering all 26 counties, will be available by the end of 2016. Folklore material from Dublin, Mayo, Donegal, Waterford, Galway, Leitrim, Kildare, Kerry, Sligo, Limerick, Monaghan, Laois, Kilkenny and Louth has already been made available on the site since the end of 2013. [duchas.ie](http://duchas.ie) is the result of a partnership, beginning in 2012, between the National Folklore Collection (UCD), Fiontar (DCU) and the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

The site will be of interest to a great many Irish people and to the Irish diaspora. For specialist researchers in the fields of folkloristics, local history, archaeology, genealogy, linguistics, and a range of other disciplines, [duchas.ie](http://duchas.ie) offers considerable research potential. The site can currently be searched by place or by person, and a search facility according to topic will be made available this year.

Over 200 schools in Co. Tipperary took part in the scheme and 55 volumes of material were compiled.

The Minister of State for Gaeltacht Affairs, Joe McHugh, TD, said, 'This is yet another important step in this innovative project as material relating to traditional life in Ireland in years past will be made available to the general public. This new material will enable researchers and many others to contrast life as it is today and life as it was over 80 years ago.'

The [duchas.ie](http://duchas.ie) project is developed by Fiontar, the Irish-medium teaching and research unit in DCU, and the National Folklore Collection in UCD, one of the largest folklore collections in the world. The project is jointly financed by UCD and the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht with support from the National Lottery.

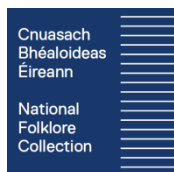
The Digital Repository of Ireland acts in an advisory role in the work of [duchas.ie](http://duchas.ie) relating to standards and interoperability in digital archiving.

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Notes for the editor:**Stories from County Tipperary**

Tipperary is renowned for hurling and this [story](#) mentions the founding of the Gaelic Athletic Association in Thurles and the origins of the nicknames *Tipperary Stonethrowers* and *Kilkenny Cats*.

There are also plenty of lovely stories about the county's place names. Did you know that Slievenamon has a romantic origin?! Read the story [here](#). There is also a [song](#) about Slievenamon and it is sung at sporting events in the county. The names of the Galty Mountains are listed [here](#). Read a story about Knockshigowna [here](#). There is a [story](#) about the iconic historical site, the Rock of Cashel [here](#) and a story about the Devilsbit Mountain [here](#), note the link between the origins of the two place names according to these stories.

It's clear that, like Irish people in general, Tipperary people had a great interest in the weather as there are plenty of [stories](#) about the weather in the collection. [Diseases](#), [cures](#) and [herbs](#) are mentioned in some of the stories.

Long ago, many people believed in fairies and there are many stories about them in the collection such as this story entitled '[Taken by the Fairies](#)'.

There is a comical misunderstanding between Irish and English to be found at the end of this [story](#) about a tailor - the Irish word *troid* and the English word *thread*. In certain stories, there are interesting lists of Irish words which were used in English, for example:

*Bogán – an egg with a soft shell*

*Dúidín – a pipe with a short stem*

*Taoibhín – patch on a boot*

More [here](#).

Part of the Golden Vale is situated in Co. Tipperary and it is no wonder that there are many stories about farming, for example this [story](#) about the tools that were used on the farm.

There are plenty of stories about customs, marriage customs in particular, amongst the stories written down by Co. Tipperary pupils, [for example](#):

*Married in blue your lover will be true,  
Married in green ashamed to be seen,  
Married in grey will live far away,  
Married in yellow ashamed of the fellow,  
Married in black will wish yourself back,  
Married in red you wish you were dead,  
Married in brown will live out of town,  
Married in pink will turn to drink.*

This is only a small sample of the stories to be read, all of the material is available at [www.duchas.ie](http://www.duchas.ie).