

**Luke Wadding Library, Waterford Institute of Technology Special and Unique Collections**  
**Revised edition of the Finding aid Template: 13 November 2021**

**Collection number:** Bonaparte-Wyse 0001 to Bonaparte-Wyse 1862

**Title:** Bonaparte-Wyse Collection

**Dates:** The materials date from the early 19th up to the mid-20th century

**Language of materials:** Collection materials are in English and French

**Collection summary:** The collection comprises over 1,800 individual items, dating from the early 19th up to the mid-20th century. The content varies widely and includes letters, diaries and newspaper articles.

**Collection description:** This collection was acquired at auction by WIT in 2008. It comprises over 1,800 individual items, dating from the early 19th up to the mid-20th century. The content varies widely and includes letters, diaries and newspaper articles, both in English and French, pertaining to various members of the famous Wyse family of Waterford. The best-known member of the family was Sir Thomas Wyse (1791-1862), who married Napoleon Bonaparte's niece, Letitia, and was a leading nineteenth-century Irish and Westminster politician, an educationalist and a leading figure in Catholic Emancipation in Ireland. As a member of the British Whig (Liberal) government, Thomas Wyse was central to educational reform and the setting up of the national school system. Thomas and Letitia had two children, Napoleon Alfred Bonaparte-Wyse (1822-1895) and William Charles Bonaparte-Wyse (1826-1892). This revealing collection captures the correspondence of several generations of the Bonaparte-Wyse family. There are also some letters between Thomas Wyse and several well-known figures such as Daniel O'Connell.

**Status:** The collection has been catalogued and is available on Waterford Institute of Technology Library Management System KOHA, the standard used is the MARC record format (**MA** chine-Readable Cataloguing record)

**Digitized copies:** Digital copies of collection material are not available online. For information about obtaining digital copies, please contact Special Collections, Luke Wadding Library, Waterford Institute of Technology.

**Access restrictions:** Materials in the collection may be subject to privacy restrictions. Requests to use the material must be made in advance of a research visit, please contact Special Collections, Luke Wadding Library, Waterford Institute of Technology.

**Related materials:** The National Library of Ireland also holds a Bonaparte-Wyse Papers collection, the catalogue may be view on the Library website.

**Acquisition note:** Collection purchased from Adam's Auction House, Dublin on the 15 April 2008.

**Physical Location of the collection:** Luke Wadding Library, Special Collections room LB.30 Cupboards D, E and F.

**Link to resources on KOHA Library Management System:** [https://witcat.wit.ie/cgi-bin/koha/opac-search.pl?idx=se%2Cwrdl&q=Bonaparte+wyse&sort\\_by=call\\_number\\_asc](https://witcat.wit.ie/cgi-bin/koha/opac-search.pl?idx=se%2Cwrdl&q=Bonaparte+wyse&sort_by=call_number_asc)

**Link to the Bonaparte-Wyse LibGuide:** <https://wit-ie.libguides.com/c.php?g=676375>