

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

**Collection number:** Christ Church 0001 to Christ Church 3357

**Creator:** Christ Church Cathedral, Waterford

**Title:** Christ Church Cathedral Collection

**Dates:** The material dates from the 16th to the 19th century

**Language of materials:** Collection materials are in English, Latin, Irish, Greek and French

**Collection summary:** 3,300 ecclesiastical and legal books

**Collection description:** This collection has been on long term loan to WIT since 2006. It was originally housed in the Church of Ireland Cathedral in Waterford and is made up of several separate bequests to the Cathedral library. The prestigious collection comprises over 3,300 books and is mainly ecclesiastical (around two thirds) and legal (around one third). The material dates from the 16th up to the 19th century. Some 240 books from the collection are on loan from WIT Library to Waterford Museum of Treasures and are on display in the Bishop's Palace, Waterford. As of July, 2013 the collection has been fully catalogued and is available for consultation at the Special Collections room in the Luke Wadding Library, Cork Road Waterford.

**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.

**Rights note:** The books in the collection are not subject to copyright.

**Custodial history:** Originally housed in the Church of Ireland Christ Church Cathedral in Waterford

**Acquisition note:** In 2006 the Christ Church Cathedral Collection went on long-term loan to Waterford Institute of Technology Libraries, who became custodians of the collection. This agreement was facilitated by the Reverend Peter Barrett, Bishop of Cashel and Ossory.

**Donations added to the collection:** The Christ Church Cathedral collection owes its origin to the generosity of Bishop Charles Este (1696- 1745). The Rev Charles Este served as the Church of Ireland Bishop of Waterford and Lismore from 1740 until his death in 1745, and bequeathed his library to the Mayor and Corporation of Waterford.

Significant bequests and donations from the citizens of Waterford were added to the collection over the years. The Dobbyn Family Collection 1807 built up over at least three generations which includes the prestigious Robert Dobbyn law collection. Henry Alcock (1716-1780) was a major addition to the collection in 1779, consisted of theological and legal manuscripts. The collection also includes donations from Bishop Robert Daly, Rev. Patrick Leo, Francis Jacob and in 1867 the Rev. Robert Bell presented 50 books to the collection before leaving Waterford.

**Physical Location of the collection:** Luke Wadding Library, Special Collections room LB.30 and LB.13

**Link to resources on KOHA Library Management System:** [https://witcat.wit.ie/cgi-bin/koha/opac-search.pl?q=ccl%3Dse%2Cphr%3A%22Christ+Church+Cathedral+Collection%22&sort\\_by=call\\_number\\_asc](https://witcat.wit.ie/cgi-bin/koha/opac-search.pl?q=ccl%3Dse%2Cphr%3A%22Christ+Church+Cathedral+Collection%22&sort_by=call_number_asc)