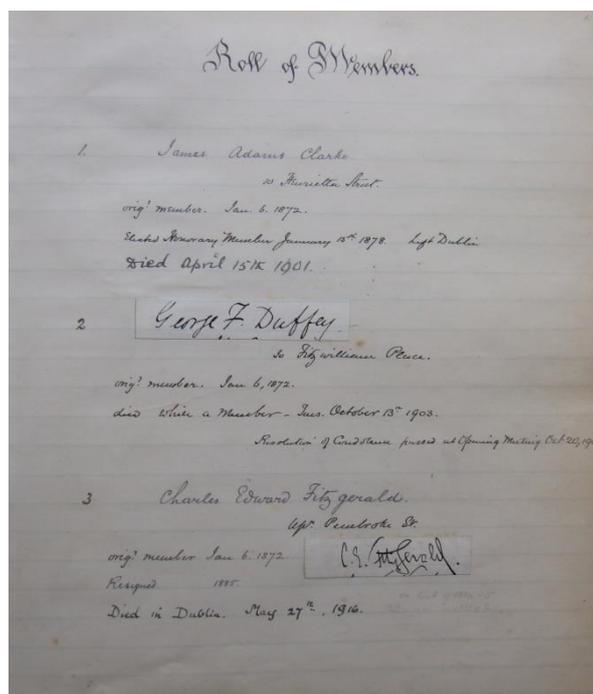


# Dublin Biological Club

ACC/1998/1



Papers of the Dublin Biological Club founded in 1872, including minute books, attendance books, members roll and a collection of glass lantern slides of early club members.

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**DBC**  
**Dublin Biological Club**

**Collection**  
**1872-**

*Extent:*

4 boxes

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*

Papers of the Dublin Biological Club including a full set of minutes books from 1872 to 1974, with a run of attendance books covering the period 1878 to 1954. Collection also contains a small number of other records including members roll, club rules and a short history of the club written by its members.

*Arrangement:*

Papers have been divided into nine sections by record type; Minute Books; Minutes of Council; Attendance Books; Members Roll; Session Cards; Incidental Expenses; Club Rules; An Account of the Biological Club and Glass Lantern Slides

*Administrative History:*

The Dublin Biological Club was founded in January 1872 at a meeting called to '*consider the expediency of forming a scientific club*'. Membership of the club was by election, a subscription was to be paid by all members, who could present papers, specimens and cases on '*the morbid and health conditions of animal and vegetable life*'. Members were also allowed to bring visitors to the meeting, who could also on occasion present papers. The club originally met in rooms in Trinity College Dublin, before hiring a room on Great Brunswick Street (1874-1881) and finally moving to the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. Membership of the club was initially by unanimous election, although this was changed to a ballot at which one negative in five (later seven) could prevent election. The club met weekly for the presentations of papers between October and June (later May), there were also annual general meetings and club dinners. Over the years the frequency of meetings was reduced, although members were required to attend a quota of meetings each session or they would forfeit their membership. From the beginning the press were excluded from the meetings, which meant that doctors were able to talk about unsuccessful treatments, as well as those cases which had succeeded.

*Acquisition:*

The minute books of the Dublin Biological Club were deposited in the archive of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland where the club had held its meetings since 1881. In 1998 an additional accession of material was added to the collection.

*Access Conditions:*

Access subject to the conditions laid out in the Heritage Centre Access Guidelines

*Reproductions:*

Copying of archive material is subject to the conditions laid out in the Heritage Centre Copying Guidelines

*References:*

Geoffrey Bewley, *An Account of the Biological Club* (1960)

**DBC/1  
Minute Books**

**Series  
1872-**

*Extent:*  
22 volumes

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute books of the annual general meetings and normal meetings of the Dublin Biological Club. Minutes give details of members and visitors present, descriptions of papers given and club business carried out. Some books also include loose sheets of accounts, printed agendas and notices, letters, notes and other documents.

*Arrangement:*  
Volumes are arranged chronologically

**DBC/1/1 Minute Book I**

**6 January  
1872 - 22 July  
1873**

*Extent:*  
164 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
First minute book of the Dublin Biological Club, containing the signed minutes of the meeting held to '*consider the expediency of forming a scientific club*', and the meetings of the Dublin Biological Club which was founded as a result.

**DBC/1/2 Minute Book II**

**29 July 1873 -  
12 October  
1875**

*Extent:*  
262 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*

Signed minute book

- |                |   |   |
|----------------|---|---|
| <b>DBC/1/3</b> | <b>Minute Book III</b>                    | <b>19 October<br/>1875 - 18<br/>November<br/>1880</b> |
|                | <i>Extent:</i><br>320 pages               |   |
|                | <i>Creator:</i><br>Dublin Biological Club |   |
|                | <i>Description:</i><br>Signed minute book |   |
| <b>DBC/1/4</b> | <b>Minute Book IV</b>                     | <b>23 November<br/>1880 - 5 April<br/>1887</b>        |
|                | <i>Extent:</i><br>336 pages               |   |
|                | <i>Creator:</i><br>Dublin Biological Club |   |
|                | <i>Description:</i><br>Signed minute book |   |
| <b>DBC/1/5</b> | <b>Minute Book V</b>                      | <b>26 April 1887<br/>- 12 May<br/>1891</b>            |
|                | <i>Extent:</i><br>162 pages               |   |
|                | <i>Creator:</i><br>Dublin Biological Club |   |
|                | <i>Description:</i><br>Signed minute book |   |
| <b>DBC/1/6</b> | <b>Minute Book VI</b>                     | <b>19 May 1891<br/>- 22 May<br/>1894</b>              |
|                | <i>Extent:</i><br>274 pages               |   |
|                | <i>Creator:</i><br>Dublin Biological Club |   |

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/7 Minute Book VII**

**9 October  
1894 - 9  
November  
1897**

*Extent:*  
280 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/8 Minute Book VIII**

**16 November  
1897 - 27  
May 1902**

*Extent:*  
370 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/9 Minute Book IX**

**14 October  
1902 - 6  
February  
1906**

*Extent:*  
260 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/10 Minute Book X**

**13 February  
1906 - 31  
May 1910**

*Extent:*  
366 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/11 Minute Book XI**

**25 October  
1910 - 23  
May 1916**

*Extent:*  
360 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/12 Minute Book XII**

**17 October  
1916 - 22  
February  
1921**

*Extent:*  
364 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/13 Minute Book XIII**

**1 March  
1921 - 9  
January 1923**

*Extent:*  
284 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/14 Minute Book XIV**

**16 January  
1923 - 6  
October 1925**

*Extent:*  
272 pages

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/15 Minute Book XV**

**13 October  
1925 - 7  
October 1930**

*Extent:*  
470 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/16 Minute Book XVI**

**14 October  
1930 - 8  
February  
1937**

*Extent:*  
370 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/17 Minute Book XVII**

**16 February  
1937 - 25  
April 1944**

*Extent:*  
458 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/18 Minute Book XVIII**

**3 October  
1944 - 1  
January 1949**

*Extent:*  
286 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/19 Minute Book XIX**

**25 January  
1949 - 10  
February  
1953**

*Extent:*  
270 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/20 Minute Book XX**

**17 February  
1953 - 26  
November  
1957**

*Extent:*  
268 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/21 Minute Book XXI**

**3 December  
1957 - 1  
March 1966**

*Extent:*  
458 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Signed minute book

**DBC/1/22 Minute Book XXII**

**8 March 1966  
- 4 November  
1975**

*Extent:*  
366 pages

Dublin Biological Club

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*

Signed minute book

**DBC/2 Minutes of Council**

**10 October  
1901 - 3  
December  
1974**

*Extent:* c.90 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Minutes of the council meetings of the Dublin Biological Club. The council meet a couple of times a year and dealt with the administrative side of the club including membership, arrangements for meetings and events, correspondence and accounts.

**DBC/3**  
**Attendance Books**

**Series**  
**1878-1954**

*Extent:*  
15 volumes

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Series of attendance books for the Dublin Biological Club meetings, books contain signatures of each person attending the meetings.

*Arrangement:*  
Items are arranged chronologically

**DBC/3/1 Attendance Book I 1878-1883**

*Extent:*  
c.200 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/3/2 Attendance Book II 1883-1885**

*Extent:*  
c.200 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/3/3 Attendance Book III 1888-1892**

*Extent:*  
c.200 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/3/4 Attendance Book IV 1892-1895**

*Extent:*  
c.200 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/3/5 Attendance Book V 1895-1900**

*Extent:*  
c.250 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/3/6 Attendance Book VI 1900-1904**

*Extent:*  
c.250 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/3/7 Attendance Book VII 1904-1908**

*Extent:*  
c.250 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/3/8 Attendance Book VIII 1911-1917**

*Extent:*  
c.300 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/3/9 Attendance Book IX 1917-1922**

*Extent:*  
c.300 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/3/10 Attendance Book X 1923-1925**

*Extent:*  
200 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/3/11 Attendance Book XI 1925-1932**

*Extent:*  
c.250 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/3/12 Attendance Book XII 1932-1939**

*Extent:*  
c.250 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/3/13 Attendance Book XIII 1939-1943**

*Extent:*  
c.200 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/3/14 Attendance Book XIV**

**1943-1946**

*Extent:*  
c.200 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/3/15 Attendance Book XV**

**1946-1954**

*Extent:*  
c.300 pages

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

**DBC/4 Members Roll**

**1872-1967**

*Extent:*

c.350 pages

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*

Leather bound membership roll of the Dublin Biological Club, signatures of members with details of when elected to the club and date of death or resignation of membership.

**DBC/5      Session Cards**

**1876-1978**

*Extent:*

61 items

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*

Session cards of the Dublin Biological Club, cards give names of council, offices and members for each session. Those up to 1921 also give the rules of the club. Note this is not a complete set of cards.

**DBC/6 Incidental Expenses**

**1881-1893**

*Extent:*

84 pages

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*

Small note book containing details of the secretary's incidental expenses, including stationary, stamps, tobacco, drinks and the annual dinner bills.

**DBC/7 Club Rules**

*Extent:*  
4 items

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Printed rules of the Dublin Biological Club, one mounted on card [to hang in meeting room] the others are small printed pamphlets, one with annotations is marked as the secretary's copy.

**[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]**

**DBC/8      An Account of the Biological Club      [1960]**

*Extent:*

15 pages

*Creator:*

Bewley, Geoffrey, 1894-1981

*Description:*

Bewley's account of the history of the Biological Club reprinted from the Irish Journal of Medical Science, January 1960, as a small pamphlet

**DBC/9**  
**Glass Lantern Slides**

**Series**  
**[late nineteenth - early twentieth century]**

*Extent:*

48 slides in a wooden box

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*

Wooden box containing a collection of glass lantern slides showing forty of the early members of the Dublin Biological Club. Box also contains a typed listed of the first 84 members of the club, with some of the named marked, this list seems to have been used in compiling the collection of slides.

*Arrangement:*

Slides have been arranged alphabetically by subject's surname

**DBC/9/1 A W W Baker**

**[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]**

*Extent:*

1 glass slide

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club  
Thomas H. Mason, Dame Street, Dublin

*Description:*

Glass slide showing three quarter length portrait of Baker in [army uniform]

**DBC/9/2 Sir Charles Ball**

**[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]**

*Extent:*

2 glass slides

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*

Two glass slides one shows Sir Charles Ball with a freshly caught Jewfish on Catalina Island, California, the second show Sir Charles with a [leopard cub].

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| <p><b>DBC/9/3 Wallace Beatty</b></p> <p><i>Extent:</i><br/>1 glass slide</p> <p><i>Creator:</i><br/>Dublin Biological Club<br/>Thomas H. Mason, Dame Street, Dublin</p> <p><i>Description:</i><br/>Half length portrait of Wallace Beatty</p>   | <p><b>[late<br/>nineteenth -<br/>early<br/>twentieth<br/>century]</b></p> |
| <p><b>DBC/9/4 Edward Hallaran Bennett</b></p> <p><i>Extent:</i><br/>2 glass slides</p> <p><i>Creator:</i><br/>Dublin Biological Club</p> <p><i>Description:</i><br/>Two glass slides one a half length portrait of Bennett,<br/>the second shows a commemorative medal of Bennett</p> | <p><b>[late<br/>nineteenth -<br/>early<br/>twentieth<br/>century]</b></p> |
| <p><b>DBC/9/5 Arthur H Benson</b></p> <p><i>Extent:</i><br/>1 glass slide</p> <p><i>Creator:</i><br/>Dublin Biological Club</p> <p><i>Description:</i><br/>Half length portrait of Benson</p>   | <p><b>[late<br/>nineteenth -<br/>early<br/>twentieth<br/>century]</b></p> |
| <p><b>DBC/9/6 Henry Theodore Bewley</b></p> <p><i>Extent:</i><br/>1 glass slide</p>   | <p><b>[late<br/>nineteenth -<br/>early</b></p>                            |

- Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club
- Description:*  
Half length portrait of Bewley
- twentieth century]**
- DBC/9/7 William Boxwell**
- Extent:*  
1 glass slide
- Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club
- Description:*  
Full length seated portrait in robes of the President of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland
- [late nineteenth - early twentieth century]**
- DBC/9/8 James Criag**
- Extent:*  
1 glass slide
- Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club
- Description:*  
Half length portrait of James Craig
- [late nineteenth - early twentieth century]**
- DBC/9/9 Francis Richard Cruise**
- Extent:*  
1 glass slide
- Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club
- Description:*  
Full length portrait of Cruise playing the cello
- [late nineteenth - early twentieth century]**

**DBC/9/10 Daniel John Cunningham**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club  
Thomas H. Mason, Dame Street, Dublin

*Description:*  
Half length portrait of Cunningham

**[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]**

**DBC/9/11 Andrew Francis Dixon**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Three quarter length portrait of Dixon, seated in a  
laboratory

**[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]**

**DBC/9/12 Henry Cook Drury**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Three quarter length portrait of Drury seated as at  
desk

*Physical Condition:*  
Slide is cracked

**[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]**

**DBC/9/13 Charles Edward Fitzgerald**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

**[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]**

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club  
Thomas H. Mason, Dame Street, Dublin

*Description:*  
Half length portrait of Fitzgerald

**DBC/9/14 Henry Fitzgibbon 1896**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Full length portrait of Fitzgibbon with rifle and hunting dogs.

**DBC/9/15 Kendal Franks 1896**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club  
Thomas H. Mason, Dame Street, Dublin

*Description:*  
Signed shoulder length portrait of Franks

**DBC/9/16 Samuel Gordon [late nineteenth century]**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Half length portrait of Gordon

**DBC/9/17 Thomas Eagleson Gordon**

*Extent:*  
2 glass slides

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club  
Thomas H. Mason, Dame Street, Dublin

*Description:*  
Two slides on showing a shoulder length portrait of Gordon as a young man, the other a full length seated portrait of an older Gordon

[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]

**DBC/9/18 Christopher Gunn**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Shoulder length portrait of Gunn

[late  
nineteenth  
century]

**DBC/9/19 Rubern Joshua Harvey**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club  
Thomas H. Mason, Dame Street, Dublin

*Description:*  
Shoulder length portrait of Harvey

[late  
nineteenth  
century]

**DBC/9/20 Francis Thomas Heuston**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]

Thomas H. Mason, Dame Street, Dublin

*Description:*

Shoulder length portrait of Heuston

**DBC/9/21 James Little**

[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]

*Extent:*

1 glass slide

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*

Shoulder length portrait of Little

**DBC/9/22 Thomas Evelyn Little**

**1888**

*Extent:*

1 glass slide

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*

Three quarter length portrait of Little

**DBC/9/23 Robert McDonnell**

[late  
nineteenth  
century]

*Extent:*

1 glass slide

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*

Shoulder length portrait of McDonnell

**DBC/9/24 Benjamin Francis McDowell**

[late  
nineteenth  
century]

*Extent:*

1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Three quarter length portrait of McDowell

**DBC/9/25 Arthur Vernon Macan**

*Extent:*  
3 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Three glass slides of Macan, one a three quarter length portrait of Macan seated beneath an oriental parasol, one a full length portrait of Macan outside and the third shows Macan fishing

[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]

**DBC/9/26 Connolly Norman**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club  
Thomas H. Mason, Dame Street, Dublin

*Description:*  
Shoulder length profile portrait of Norman

[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]

**DBC/9/27 Alexander O'Sullivan**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club  
Thomas H. Mason, Dame Street, Dublin

*Description:*  
Full length seated portrait of O'Sullivan

[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]

**DBC/9/28 Alfred Robert Parsons**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Full length seated portrait

[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]

**DBC/9/29 George Peacocke**

*Extent:*  
2 glass slides

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club  
T Mason, Dame Street, Dublin

*Description:*  
Two shoulder length portraits of Peacocke

[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]

**DBC/9/30 Francis Carmichael Purser**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Shoulder length portrait of Purser

[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]

**DBC/9/31 John Mallet Purser**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*

[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]

Full length seated portrait of Purser

**DBC/9/32 John Alfred Scott**

**1908**

*Extent:*  
3 glass slides

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Society

*Description:*  
Series of three glass slides showing Scott with a monkey

**DBC/9/33 Walter George Smith**

**[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Half length portrait of Smith

**DBC/9/34 William J Smyly**

**[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]**

*Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*  
Seated half length portrait of Smyly at a desk

- DBC/9/35 Adrian Stokes** [late nineteenth - early twentieth century]
- Extent:*  
1 glass slide
- Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club  
Thomas H. Mason, Dame Street, Dublin
- Description:*  
Full length portrait of Stokes holding a fish
- DBC/9/36 Henry Stokes** [early twentieth century]
- Extent:*  
1 glass slide
- Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club
- Description:*  
Full length portrait of Stokes standing with a large set of antlers [of the Irish Elk]
- DBC/9/37 Sir William Stokes** [late nineteenth century]
- Extent:*  
1 glass slide
- Creator:*  
Dublin Biological Club  
Thomas H. Mason, Dame Street, Dublin
- Description:*  
Shoulder length portrait of Stokes in uniform, presumably from his service as a surgeon during the Boer War
- DBC/9/38 John B Story** [late nineteenth - early twentieth century]
- Extent:*  
1 glass slide

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club  
Thomas H. Mason, Dame Street, Dublin

*Description:*

Shoulder length portrait

**DBC/9/39 Edward Henry Taylor**

**[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]**

*Extent:*

1 glass slide

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*

Full length portrait of Taylor

**DBC/9/40 Edward John M Watson**

**[late  
nineteenth -  
early  
twentieth  
century]**

*Extent:*

1 glass slide

*Creator:*

Dublin Biological Club

*Description:*

Shoulder length portrait of Watson