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Description:

This extensive inventory lists, and in many cases describes, the surprisingly large number of scientific instruments which have been preserved in the various public and private institutions, as well as privately, both within and outside of Ireland¹, but does not include instruments held in this Collection. It covers some archaeological items, but primarily instruments used for professional, teaching, scientific and some domestic purposes, mostly from the 19th and 20th centuries. It provides indexes both of instruments and instrument makers, plus a bibliography.

The inventory was first published by the Royal Dublin Society (RDS), EOLAS (the Irish Science and Technology Agency) and the National Heritage Council in 1989, then updated and republished in 1990 and 1995. This item is the electronic version of the last and much the best version of the inventory published by Samton, Blackrock For a printed version of this inventory, see elsewhere in this catalog.

The electronic version of this inventory is available at: https://www.scss.tcd.ie/SCSSTreasuresCatalog/literature/TCD-SCSS-V.20201214.001/CharlesMollan-IrishNationalInventoryOfHistoricScientificInstruments-Final-20201214-1842.pdf

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¹ Instruments out of Ireland are confined to those with an Irish signature - designated 'Ex' (for Instruments located out of Ireland), and covered in two separate listings (pp. 375-389 for those by Grubb; and 391-424 for the rest).

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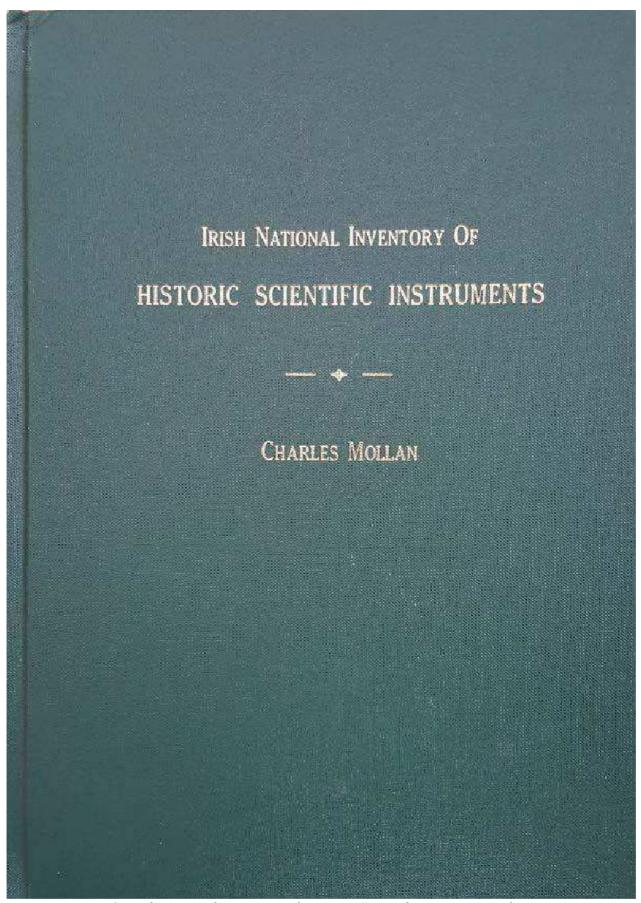


Figure 1. Irish National Inventory of Historic Scientific Instruments, front cover.

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