

Catholic Rents and Louth Confraternity Accounts, 1822 – 1825

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Title:	Catholic Rents and Louth Confraternity Accounts
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Name of Creator(s):	Catholic Association and Louth Confraternity
Admin/Biographical History:	<p>The Catholic Rent was a monthly payment to the Catholic Association, founded in 1823 and led by Daniel O’Connell (1775-1847) with the aim of securing funds for his campaign for Catholic emancipation, a process designed to remove the limitations placed on Roman Catholics by acts such as the Penal Laws. The monthly fee of one penny was used to fund the activities of the Catholic Association in pursuit of emancipation, though it also functioned as an insurance fund for members of the Association that were evicted due to their membership. The rent gave the Catholic Association a constant flow of money that aided in the organisation of its campaigns, becoming one of the first examples of mass political mobilisation in European history. The rent’s success was aided by the support of the Catholic Church, which had taken a leading role in the running of the Association. Though the organisation was ultimately banned by the British government in 1825, the campaign for emancipation continued in different forms, resulting in the passing of the Catholic Relief Bill in the Houses of Parliament in 1829.</p> <p>In comparison, details about the Louth Confraternity are relatively scarce, though it can be assumed that it was a brotherhood of individuals united in a common religious or charitable cause. The account ledger claims that the Louth Confraternity was established on the 24th of June 1822 and also gives an insight into the senior members of the organisation such as the President, Vice President, deputy Vice President and members of the organisation’s council.</p>
Archival History:	This collection was deposited in Louth County Archives Service in April 2001 by the County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society.
Scope and Content:	This collection contains two items pertaining to the collection of Catholic rents in County Louth between the years 1822 and 1825 including an account ledger for the Louth Confraternity established on the 24 th of June 1822.
Subject Index:	Catholic Emancipation; O’Connell, Daniel (1775-1847)
Appraisal and Destruction:	Retain permanently.
Accruals:	No further accruals are currently expected.
System of Arrangement:	The collection is arranged in chronological order.
Conditions of Access:	Open Access, by appointment

Conditions Governing

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- Physical Characteristics:** Paper. Poor – fair condition.
- Technical Requirements:** Careful handling required. Writing is faded in places and sometimes difficult to read.
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- Existence & Location of Original:** Louth County Archive Service
- Existence & Location of Copies:** Some digitised documents may occasionally be found on <http://www.louthcoco.ie>
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Descriptive List

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Account ledger of the Louth Confraternity established the 24th of June 1822, detailing the names of the president of the organisation, Reverend McCann, the vice president Reverend McKeivitt and the deputy vice president Nicholas Marmion, also including the names of members of the organisation's council including Patt Coogan, Peter Hoey and William Kerr. The ledger details date of entry, the names of the confraternity's members (approximately 218 names) and their numbers, their receipts of each month as well as a column for observations and a number of letters from members regarding finances, collections, and a description of the school house in [Glydefarm] and possibly other schools in Louth parish (some writing is hard to read).

24 Jun 1822 – 13 Apr 1824

6ff & 16pp

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Account book detailing the money collected for the Catholic Rent in the parish of Louth and paid into the (Catholic) Association funds Dublin by John Marmion in 1825. The account book records the names of the contributors (approximately 51 names), sometimes with their townland, the date of their contribution and the amount of money that they contributed.

Dec 1824 – Jan 1825

4pp