

Collon Unionist Volunteers' Documents, 1914 – 1915

Repository Code: IE LHA

Collection Reference Code: PP00294/

Title: Collon Unionist Volunteers' Documents

Dates: Jul 1914 – Jun 1915, Aug 1919

Level of Description: Fonds

Extent: 1 folder containing 5 items

Name of Creator(s): Larry Conlon; Collon Unionist Volunteers

Admin/Biographical History: In researching the article contained in this collection, local historian Larry Conlon obtained colour copies of original documents relating to the Collon Unionist Volunteers. These show that the Collon Unionist Volunteer Corps was established in Collon on 30th July 1914. It held similar beliefs to the Ulster Volunteer Force, founded in January 1913 whose main aim was to oppose the introduction of Irish Home Rule, by force of taking up arms if necessary.

Archival History: This collection was acquired by private donation in November 2009.

Scope and Content: The collection contains colour copies of original documents relating to unionist volunteers in Collon, in 1914-15: namely the original proclamation and the rifle fund subscription list which provides names of members and accounts. The collection also includes an article entitled 'Collon Unionist Volunteers' written by Larry Conlon, ca 2008. The article gives a brief history of the events surrounding the period from the foundation of the Ulster Volunteer Force in 1912 to the formation of Collon Volunteer Force in July 1914 and includes transcripts of some of the original documents.

Subject index: Unionism; Unionist Volunteers

Appraisal & Destruction: Retain permanently

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Accruals: No further accruals are currently expected.

System of Arrangement: There is no arrangement on the collection as there are only five items.

Conditions of Access: Open Access, by appointment

Conditions Governing

Reproduction: Items may be subject to copyright. Contact Louth County Archives staff regarding copying; copying fees apply.

Language/Script of Material: English

Physical Characteristics: Paper. Good condition.

Technical Requirements: Careful handling required

Finding Aids: Descriptive list can be found on on-line catalogue available at <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

Existence & Location of Originals: Louth County Archives Service and held privately

Existence & Location of Copies: Some digitised documents may occasionally be found on <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

Related Material:

Louth County Archives Service: IE LHA P/00376 Ardee Archives: colour e-copy of roll of honour relating to unionist volunteers in Collon, ca 1914, 1p

Publications:

- Hall, Donal and Maguire, Martin, *County Louth and the Irish Revolution 1912-1923*, Irish Academic Press, 2017
- Hall, Donal, *The Unreturned Army: County Louth Dead in the Great War 1914-1918*, County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society, 2005

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Descriptive List

Collon Unionist Volunteers' Documents, 1914 – 1915, 5 items

PP00294/001

Printout of article entitled 'Collon Unionist Volunteers' by Larry Conlon. The article gives a brief history of the foundation of the Ulster Volunteer Force in 1912 and outlines subsequent events that occurred in the period leading up to the formation of the Collon Volunteer Corps in July 1914. It refers to a manuscript membership book containing the names of members and sympathisers of Collon Unionist Volunteer Corps for 1914-15; to manuscripts giving names and details of a rifle fund; and to the original proclamation of the corps which details its aims and contains signed names of its committee members. The article contains a transcript of this proclamation and some committee names; and a transcript of the rifle fund list of subscribers and its accounts showing expenditure from July 1914 - June 1915 and also August 1919 (War memorial) with a final note for 1920 stating 'cash on hands invested on War Saving Certificates'.

Ca 2008

Level: item

8pp

PP00294/002

Colour printout of scan of the original proclamation of the Collon Unionist Volunteers written on 30 July 1914.

Ca 2008

Level: item

2pp

PP00294/003

Colour printout of scan of original rifle fund subscription list dating to 1914-15 showing names and amounts paid.

Ca 2008

Level: item

1p

PP00294/004

Three copies of colour printout of scan of original rifle fund account dating to July 1914 showing names and amounts paid and details of expenditure in July 1914 - August 1914 (one copy of latter only).

Ca 2008

Level: item

3pp

PP00294/005

Colour printouts of scans of original list of Volunteers enrolled dating to [July 1914] showing thirty names (list of names only); subscription list of names with amounts paid; and accounts showing expenditure, all noted as taken from cash book.

Ca 2008

Level: item

3pp