

**Emmet Band Dundalk Collection, 1942 – 1947**

<b>Repository code:</b>	IE LHA
<b>Reference code:</b>	PP00015/
<b>Title:</b>	Emmet Band Dundalk Collection
<b>Dates:</b>	1942 – 1947
<b>Level of description:</b>	Sub-fonds
<b>Extent:</b>	3 items
<b>Name of Creator(s):</b>	Emmet Band Dundalk
<b>Admin/Biographical History:</b>	<p>The Emmet Brass Band began in 1863 and was the only band to survive the turn of the century, as noted in Duffy's Dundalk. Mr FF Campbell, owner of the Imperial Hotel, was the main sponsor of the band in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The band was involved in many occasions including the return of 1916 prisoners to Dundalk in 1917 and a tribute to the victims of the Dundalk Jail bombing. And in August 1922, they played at the funeral of Michael Collins. In the thirties, Paddy Hughes of Dundalk Urban District Council secured an annual maintenance grant of £30 on the condition that the band gave recitals at St Helena's Park and the Market Square during the summer months. The band led the local defence forces and the Auxiliary Services during the Step Together Parades of 'the Emergency' years that took place on Sundays. During the 1940s they began to promote youth within their club and set up the Junior Emmets. However, by the late 1940s, their golden era was in decline. The use of the band for funerals was common; they also played the Death March during the commemoration of the Edentubber Martyrs in 1997. The Emmet Band is still to be found in Dundalk.</p>
<b>Archival History:</b>	<p>The collection was donated to Louth County Archives Service in 2001.</p>
<b>Scope and Content:</b>	<p>The collection includes a stamp and letter register book from 1946 – early 1947 containing the names of those to whom letters were sent with reason for sending letter; and two minute books from meetings of the Emmet Band Brass band in Dundalk from 1942 – early 1947.</p>
<b>Subject Index:</b>	Emmet Band; Campbell, FF; Brass Band; Junior Emmets
<b>Appraisal and Destruction:</b>	Retain permanently.
<b>Accruals:</b>	Further accruals may be expected.
<b>System of Arrangement:</b>	The collection is arranged by record type and then in chronological order.
<b>Conditions of Access:</b>	Open access, by appointment.

<b>Conditions Governing Reproduction:</b>	Contact County Archives staff regarding copying.
<b>Language/Script of Material:</b>	English.
<b>Physical Characteristics:</b>	Paper. Fair – good condition.
<b>Technical Requirements:</b>	Careful handling required.
<b>Finding Aids:</b>	Descriptive list can be found on on-line catalogue available at <a href="http://www.louthcoco.ie">http://www.louthcoco.ie</a>
<b>Existence and Location of Originals:</b>	Louth County Archives Service.
<b>Existence and Location of Copies:</b>	Some digitised documents may occasionally be found on <a href="http://www.louthcoco.ie">http://www.louthcoco.ie</a>
<b>Related material:</b>	N/A
<b>Repository Home page:</b>	<a href="http://www.louthcoco.ie">http://www.louthcoco.ie</a>
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#### Level Headings:

<b>Fonds:</b>	PP00015/ Emmet Band Dundalk, 1942 – 1947, 3 items
<b>Series:</b>	PP00015/A/ Minute books, 1942 – 1947, 2 items
<b>Item:</b>	PP00015/B Stamp and letter register book, 1946 – 1947, 1 item

**Descriptive List**  
**Emmet Band Dundalk, 1942 – 1947, 3 items**

**Series:**

PP00015/A/  
Minute Books  
1942 – 1947  
2 Items

PP00015/A/001

The main concern in the early part of the book is the raising of funds to help the band get a new band room. Ideas are brought forward for example jumble sales and playing in parades. There are mentions of rival bands named the O'Mahony and Grattan bands. Francis McCabe is noted as secretary.

12 Feb 1942 – 09 Jul 1945

109pp

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The minute book has various topics under discussion including the availability to march; the expulsion of certain members; and the venues for a concert. There are mentions of members of the IRA in certain meetings.

09 Jul 1945 – 27 Jan 1947

74pp

**Item:**

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Stamp and letter register detailing names of persons to whom letters were sent, with a brief description of content such as 'flag day' or 'meeting', date sent, and value of stamp. The back of the book contains a list of stamps received and postal orders.

07 Apr 1946 – 04 Feb 1947

11pp