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(MSS 34,912-34,921, 40,225-40,240)

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Records of the Irish music festival, 1897-1972

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Introduction

Through the influence of Annie W. Patterson (1869-1934) the Feis Ceoil Association was founded on 29 June 1897. Its aims were to promote the study of Irish music, to encourage the cultivation of music in Ireland, to hold an annual music festival and to collect and publish Irish traditional music.

The Records were donated to the National Library of Ireland by the Feis Ceoil Association in September 2000 (Accession 5555).

I Membership

MS 34,912 1946-1949. With details concerning subscriptions and donations.
Cover label no.: 10.

II Annual general meetings

- MS 40,235 /1** 1949. Agenda. *1 item.*
1951. Agenda. *2 items.*
1952. Agenda. *2 items.*
1953. Agenda. *1 item.*
1954. Agenda. *2 items.*
1956. Agenda. *1 item.*
1958. Agenda. *1 item.*
1960. Agenda. *1 item.*
1961. Agenda, notice, ballot paper, report of Executive Committee. *4 items.*
1962. Agenda, ballot paper, nomination papers (3), report of Executive Committee. *6 items.*
1963. Agenda, notice, ballot paper and related, report of Executive Committee. *7 items.*
1964. Agenda, ballot paper, report of Executive Committee. *3 items.*
- MS 40,235 /2** 1965. Agenda, ballot paper, report of Executive Committee. *3 items.*
1966. Agenda, ballot paper, report of Executive Committee. *3 items.*
1967. Agenda, ballot paper, report of Executive Committee. *3 items.*
1968. Agenda, ballot paper, report of Executive Committee. *3 items.*
1969. Agenda, ballot paper, report of Executive Committee. *3 items.*

1970. Agenda, ballot paper, report of Executive Committee. *3 items.*

1971. Agenda. List of members of Executive Committee, 1971-1972. *2 items.*

1972. Agenda. *2 items.*

MS 40,235 /3

1973. Agenda, notice, ballot paper and related items, report of Executive Committee, papers re constitution of the Association. *20 items.*

III Executive Committee, Finance Committee and Music Sub-Committee

III.i Agenda books

MS 34,913 /1 1899 Sept.-1906 Oct. 18. *1 vol.*

MS 34,913 /2 1906 Oct. –1919 Sept. 25. *1 vol.*

MS 34,913 /3 1919 Oct.-1937 Nov. *1 vol.*

MS 34,913 /4 1937 Dec.-1960 Apr. *1 vol.*

MS 34,913 /5 1960 May-1977 Feb. *1 vol.*

III.ii Attendance book

MS 34,914 1955 Nov. 10-1981 Oct. 22. *1 vol.*

III.iii Minute books

MS 34,915 /1 1896 Nov.-1898 Feb. *1 vol.*

MS 34,915 /2 1898 Feb.-1900 Sept. *1 vol.*

MS 34,915 /3 1900 Oct.-1903 Dec. *1 vol.*

MS 34,915 /4 1903 Dec.-1929 Oct. *1 vol.*

MS 34,915 /5 1929 Oct.-1951 Oct. *1 vol.*

MS 34,915 /6 1951 Oct.-1974 Sept. *1 vol.*

III.iv Minute book of Programme / Musical Committee

MS 34,916 1896 Dec.-1903 Nov. *1 vol.*

III.v Attendance book of Musical Sub-committee

MS 34,917 1945 Oct.-1975 Apr. 22. *1 vol.*

IV Finance

IV.i Minute books of Finance Committee

MS 34,918 /1 1897 Apr.-1899 July. *1 vol.*

MS 34,918 /2 1899 Sept.-1910 Sept. *1 vol.*

IV.ii Rough cash book

MS 34,919 1949, 1954-1973. *1 vol.*

IV.iii Receipt books

MS 34,920 /1 1940 Oct.-1945 Feb. *1 vol.*

MS 34,920 /2 1944 Oct.-1950 May. *1 vol.*

MS 34,920 /3 1970 May-1975 Sept. *1 vol.*

IV.iv Season tickets' ledger

MS 40,238 1948-1970. *1 vol.*

IV.v Annual accounts and balance sheets

1948-1950, 1952-1973. *25 items.*

1948-1968 prepared by Kean & Company; 1969-1972 prepared by Cooper Brothers & Co.; 1973 prepared by Coopers & Lybrand.

- MS 40,230 /1** • 1948-1950, 1952-1960
- MS 40,230 /2** • 1961-1968
- MS 40,230 /3** • 1969-1973

IV.vi Abstract of accounts

MS 40,236 1914-1954. *2 sheets.*

V Correspondence and related items

- MS 40,240 /1** 1908-1909. *1 folder.*
Re foundation of Denis O'Sullivan Medal. Includes contract.
- MS 40,240 /2** 1913. *1 folder.*
Mostly concerned with dispute concerning the use of a song 'Camella Fair' as a test piece for mixed choirs. Also suitability of Grattan Flood as an adjudicator for union pipe competition.
- MS 40,240 /3** 1916-1917, 1924. *1 folder.*
From Irish Folk Song Society, London. Mostly concerning medal to commemorate Mrs Milligan Fox to be presented to the Feis by the Society.
- MS 40,240 /4** 1919. *1 folder.*
Re affiliation of Sligo Feis Ceoil.
- MS 40,240 /5** 1921. *1 folder.*
Re foundation of Elsmer Memorial Cup.
- MS 40,240 /6** 1952. *5 items.*
Foundation of John Benson Cup for playing Bach's piano music.
- MS 40,240 /7** 1958-1963.
With the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dublin, re presentation of cup.
- MS 40,240 /8** 1961-1964. From Rev. C. H. O'Callaghan, of St. Patrick's College Maynooth. *1 folder.*
- MS 40,240 /9** 1962-1969.
From Rev. Ambrose Benson and re his bequest to the Feis.

- MS 40,240 /10** 1963-1966. *1 folder.*
Re Sarah Cooper Cup for organ.
- MS 40,240 /11** (1) 1962. *3 items.*
Re article in *The Leader* of 1962 Feb. 24 on Henry Bewerunge by Nuala Moran.
- (2) 1963. *3 items.*
Re Nordell Crane Cup for piano sonata.
- (3) 1963. *2 items.*
With Gráinne Yeats re her presentation of a cup for Irish harp playing.
- (4) 1964. *5 items.*
Re foundation of the Patricia Read Memorial Cup for piano playing.
- (5) 1964. *2 items.*
Re foundation of cup for Córacha bunscoile and meánscoile.
- (6) 1965. *7 items.*
Foundation of Isabel Bryan Spratt Memorial Cup for junior piano solo.
- (7) 1966, 1971. *6 items.*
Re Bohemian Prize for male voice.
- MS 40,240 /12** (1) 1967. *6 items.*
Foundation of Spain Memorial Prize for classical guitar.
- (2) 1968. *9 items.*
Foundation of the A.I.M.S. (Association of Irish Musical Societies) Cup for light opera or musical comedy.
- (3) 1968. *3 items.*
Arrangements with Switzer and Co. for primary school choirs' cup.
- (4) 1968-1969. *7 items.*
Foundation of M.T. Heneghan Memorial Cup for senior piano
- (5) 1970. *16 items.*
Morris Grant Prize.
- (6) 1972. *1 item.*
Foundation of Dorothy Mayer Cup for schools' orchestra B competition.
- (7) 1973. *4 items.*
Foundation of Una Kenny-Howlin Cup for senior violin.
- MS 40,240 /13** Correspondence with persons selected to act as competition adjudicators. 1968-1971. *1 folder.*
- MS 40,240 /14** Correspondence etc. re advertising. 1968-1972. *1 folder.*

VI Miscellaneous records

- MS 40,239 /1 Minute book of Sub-committee for the revision of the commercial choir competition, and of Commercial trades Choir Committee. 1902-[1904]. *1 vol.*
- MS 40,239 /2 'Dr. Annie Patterson and the Feis Ceoil'. [ca 1935]. *4 sheets.*
- MS 40,239 /3 Draft constitution of Feis Ceoil Association dated 9 June 1953 prepared by Brennan and Brennan, solicitors, with covering letter of 11 June. *2 items.*
- MS 40,239 /4 Official programme and time table for 1973 Feis. *Duplicated typescript (2 copies).*
- MS 40,239 /5 'Bye-laws: Musical Sub-committee'. Undated. *Typescript; 3 sheets.* Also, 'The Functions of the Musical Sub committee', being a draft of the Bye-laws. Undated. *9 sheets; handwritten on verso of handbill entitled The Feis Ceoil.*
- MS 40,239 /6 'For the Adjudicator of the "Townshend Cup"'. Undated. *2 versions; 3 sheets.*
- MS 40,239 /7 (1) 'Centenary Church: Plan of Organ'; 'Plan of Organ: Unitarian Church'; 'Specifications of Organ: Unitarian Church, 112 Stephens Green'. *3 items.*
- (2) 'Design of Feis Ceoil Medal': fragment of card, possibly used as a base for the design with text 'C.W. Wilson | Feis Ceoil | 37 Molesworth St | Dublin | Medal design | R.A. Macilister'.
- MS 40,239 /8 /1-2 Loose news clippings, etc. *2 folders.*
- MS 40,239 /9 Photographs. *1 folder.*

VII Printed records

For printed material not included in this collection, the catalogues of printed books should be consulted.

VII.i Annual programmes

1897-1910. *29 items (duplicates for 1897 (2), 1898-1910).*

- MS 40,226 /1
- 1897-1901

MS 40,226 /2 • 1902-1905

MS 40,226 /3 • 1906-1910

1957-1972. *31 items (duplicates for 1957-1965, 1967-1972).*

MS 40,227 /1 • 1957-1961

MS 40,227 /2 • 1962-1966

MS 40,227 /3 • 1967-1972

VII.ii Time tables of competitions

MS 40,237 1915, 1949-1957. *10 items.*

VII.iii Programmes for individual days etc.

MS 40,225 /1 1898. *1 item.*

1899. *4 items.*

1901. *1 item.*

1911. *8 items.*

1912. *8 items.*

1913. *87 items.*

MS 40,225 /2 1914. *4 items (1 duplicate).*

1916. *6 items.*

1918. *5 items.*

1919. *2 items.*

1920. *6 items.*

1921. *2 items.*

MS 40,225 /3 1922. *2 items.*

1923. *5 items.*

1924. *5 items.*

1927. *5 items.*

1928. *5 items.*

MS 40,225 /4 1929. *5 items.*

1930. *5 items.*

1931. *8 items (2 duplicates).*

1932. *7 items (1 duplicate)*

1933. *14 items (10 duplicates)*

MS 40,225 /5 1934. *5 items.*

1935. *5 items.*

1936. *5 items.*

1937. *5 items.*

1938. *5 items.*

MS 40,225 /6 1939. *5 items.*

1940. *4 items.*

1941. *5 items.*

1942. *5 items.*

1943. *5 items.*

1944. *5 items.*

MS 40,225 /7 1945. *5 items.*

1946. *5 items.*

1947. *1 items.*

1948. *5 items.*

MS 40,225 /8 1949. *5 items.*

1950. *4 items.*

1951. *5 items.*

MS 40,225 /9 1953. *5 items.*

 1954. *5 items.*

 1955. *4 items.*

 1956. *6 items (1 duplicate).*

 Specimen Feis Ceoil envelope that originally contained some of the above, dated 1916.

VII.iv Programmes for prize winners' concerts

MS 40,231 /1 1899, 1908-1914, 1918-1924, 1927 (3 copies), 1928-1938, 1942 *30 items.*

MS 40,231 /2 Junior: 1939-1941, 1943-1944, 1946, 1949, 1950 (2 copies), 1951, 1953, 1955-1956. *13 items.*

MS 40,231 /3 Senior: 1939-1940, 1944 (2 copies), 1947, 1949-1950, 1951, 1953, 1955-1956. *11 items.*

VII.v Syllabus of prize competitions

1897-1972. *80 items (5 duplicates).*

- MS 40,228 /1** • 1897-1906
- MS 40,228 /2** • 1907-1916
- MS 40,228 /3** • 1917-1926
- MS 40,228 /4** • 1927-1936
- MS 40,228 /5** • 1937-1943
- MS 40,228 /6** • 1944-1952
- MS 40,228 /7** • 1953-1962
- MS 40,228 /8** • 1963-1972

VII.vi Other printed items

- MS 40,232** Feis Ceoil, 1897. Words of songs, glees and choruses.
- Feis Ceoil 1899. Catalogue of the musical loan exhibition held in connection with the above festival in the National Library and the National Museum, Kildare-street ... during the week May 15th-20th, 1899 ... / compiled ... by D.J. O'Donoghue. Dublin : at the office of the Feis Ceoil, 1899.
- Pilib arís : cnuas fonn Gaedhealach i dtrí codacha i gcóir gutha céadna / ceapuirthe ag E. Maguidhir. Baile Átha Cliath : Brún agus Ó Nualláin, [ca. 1925].
- Words for airs in the Feis Ceoil collection of Irish airs. Part 1. / By P.J. McCall. [Dublin : Feis Ceoil, n.d.].

VIII Scrapbooks

Mostly newsclippings

- MS 34,921 /1** 1895-1898. Includes circulars and programmes. *1 vol.*
- MS 40,229 /1**
 - Separate material from 1895-1898. *4 items.*
- MS 40,233** 1896. *1 vol.*
- MS 34,921 /2** 1898-1900. Includes circulars and programmes. *1 vol.*
- MS 40,229/2**
 - Separate material from 1898-1900. *ca 45 items.*
- MS 34,921 /3** 1900-1904. *1 vol.*
- MS 34,921 /4** 1905. *1 vol.*
- MS 34,921 /5** 1906-1907. *1 vol.*
- MS 34,921 /6** 1909-1910. *1 vol.*
- MS 34,921 /7** 1911, 1908. *1 vol.*
- MS 34,921 /8** 1912. *1 vol.*
- MS 34,921 /9** 1913. *1 vol.*
- MS 34,921 /10** 1951-1973. *1 vol.*

MS 40,234

Newspaper advertisements. 1928-1951. *1 vol.*