

**Name of memorial:** 1798 Memorial

**Inventory No. 491**

**Place:** In front of Dundalk Courthouse

**Address and map reference:** Dundalk Courthouse, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk, Co. Louth.  
Map reference: J 048 073

**Position:** Stands in open space in front of the Courthouse.

**Description and dimensions:** Statue of a woman (Hibernia?) holding a Celtic cross and supporting a wreathed banner with "1798" and a harp. Height: appx 1500cms, width and depth: appx. 120cms. The statue stands on a square plinth which has a relief head (Wolfe Tone?) on the west side, facing the street, and inscriptions on the other three sides. At the corners are shields with the arms of the four provinces.

**Recorded by:** Michael Pegum, 11 June, 2008.

**Text:**

(North side)

ERECTED A. D. 1898  
BY  
THE DUNDALK HOEY AND MARMION  
'98 CENTENARY COMMITTEE  
TO COMMEMORATE  
THE HEROIC SACRIFICES OF THOSE  
MARTYRS  
*IN THE SACRED CAUSE OF LIBERTY*  
WHO FOUGHT AND DIED  
IN THE STRUGGLE  
AGAINST ENGLISH TYRANNY  
AND  
FOREIGN RULE  
IN IRELAND  
A D 1798

(East side)

THEY ROSE IN DARK AND EVIL DAYS  
TO RIGHT THEIR NATIVE LAND  
THEY KINDLED HERE A LIVING BLAZE  
THAT NOTHING WILL WITHSTAND  
  
THROUGH GOOD AND ILL BE IRELAND STILL  
THO SAD AS THEIRS YOUR FATE  
AND TRUE MEN BE YOU MEN  
LIKE THOSE OF NINETY EIGHT

(South side)

cum glóir dé agus ónóra ná éirinn  
A. D. 1898  
do tois  
buidéan cuimne  
uí eóada agus marmion  
agus slanceir, 1798  
i sráid-baile duin-dealgan  
an leacht so.  
I mbuan cuimnearna fearaid,  
do treis go curate a sonas saozalta  
do rinne iobairt díob féin  
i gcúis na omca na saoirse  
éus comrac calma  
agus fuair bás  
as troid i n-aghaid foirneir sasan  
agus cumacra gall i  
n-eirinn  
san bliadain.  
A. D. 1798.