



DUTTON CITIZENS BAND — 1903

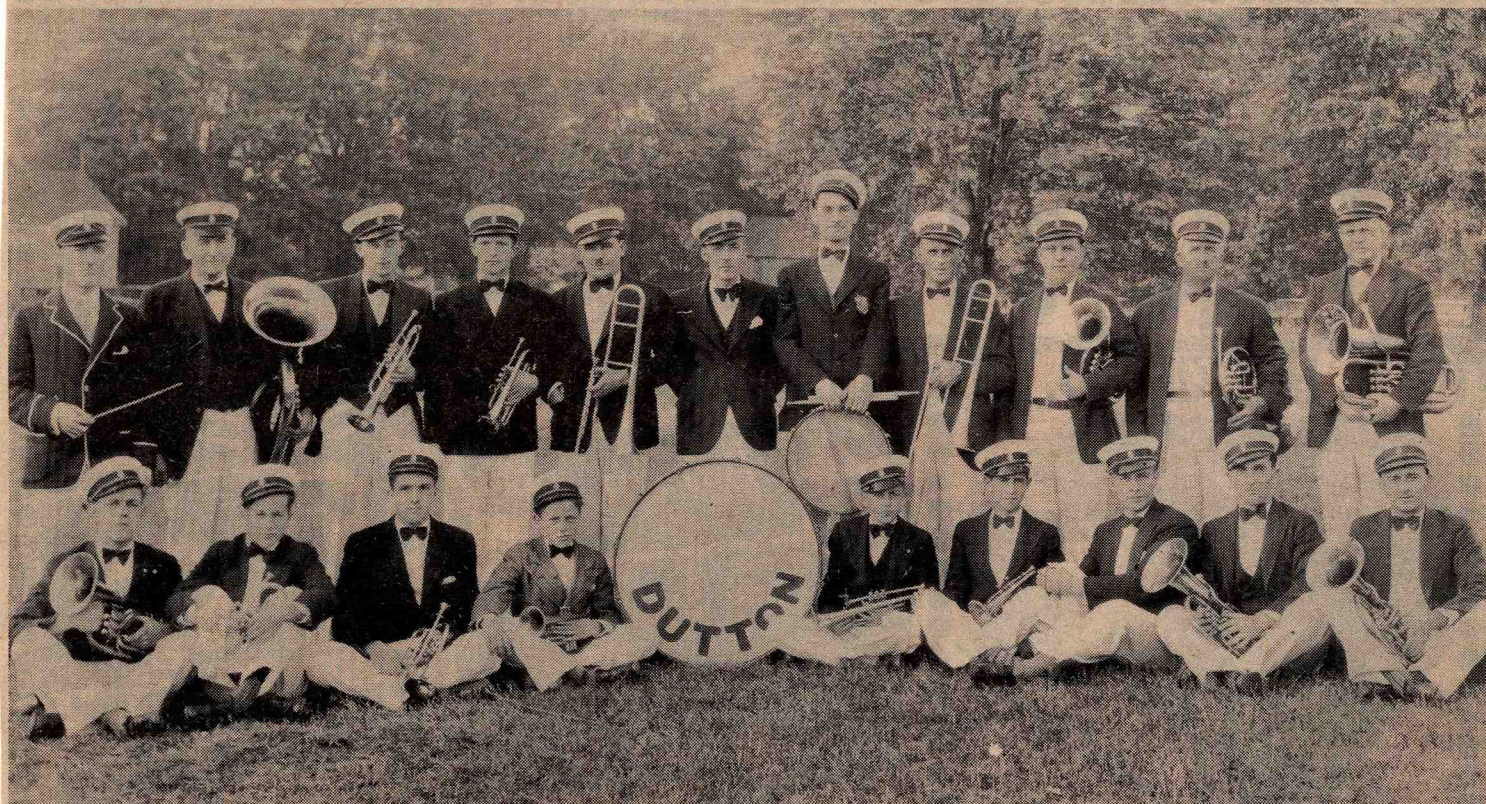
BACK ROW: Al Dahl, Jas. Robb, Andy Sutton, Jas. Morrison, J. Duncan-
son, J. D. Cameron, Stew Robb, Geo. Robb and A. Jennings. FRONT

ROW: Wm. Gilmore, Al. Malone, Lloyd Morrison, Wm. Miller, Chas.
Hicks and D. Campbell.



CADET BAND—Back around 1920, the local high school not only had a cadet corps but also a cadet band. The members were: Front, Charles Allen, Fraser Stewart and Jack Saunders. Back

row: D. D. Rigg, Stewart Clapp, Clinton Snell, Murray Stewart and D. F. Kirkland.



BAND PLAYS AT 1933 FAIR—This photo of Dutton Citizens' Band was taken in September, 1933, when it appeared at Walacetown Fair. Front, from left, are Arnold Orchard, Allan Burslem, Harold Smith, Leo Gibson, Louis Burns, D. Perelman, Arnold Crawford, Herb Campbell and Clarence Reid. Back row,

Arthur Molyneux of Sarnia, leader; William Saunders, Jack Dow, John Ruston, Sid Smith, Jack Saunders, Charlie Panter, D. F. Kirkland, Jack Knight, George Pinner and Eugene Saunders, assistant leader. The band operated in the mid-1930's and played at many functions in this area.

DUTTON AND WALLACETOWN HAD GOOD BRASS BANDS

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There have been some good brass bands in the history of Dutton and Wallacetown. These were organized, flourished for awhile and then gradually or suddenly disintegrated as interest waned or important members moved away. It is now good news for those who enjoy this type of music that a new band is being organized in Dutton, (April 28th 1949).

It is impossible to give the names of all who comprised the various bands down through the years. But the name of DANIEL CAMPBELL was prominently connected with most of those musical organizations. He was a member of a band organized at Wallacetown in 1869, and when he later moved to Dutton, was a leader there for years.

An interesting article on early bands was given at a meeting of the Dutton Women's Institute by Miss Minnie Gow. It was as follows:

In 1869 the band enthusiasts of Wallacetown suddenly decided that a brass band would be of great assistance to their town, as well as presenting fine entertainment for their citizens. Consequently a subscription list was circulated and in a very short time the necessary money subscribed to warrant the purchase of a set of band instruments from Peter Grossman, band instrument dealer of Hamilton.

The next requirement was for boys to manipulate these instruments. A public meeting of the citizens was held when the following were chosen to form the charter members of the Wallacetown Brass Band;: Oliver Crouse, bass; J.E. Crane, baritone; Daniel McBrayne, alto; Daniel Campbell, coronet; John A.C. Blackwood, and Robert Stevenson, corontes; William H. Morrish, bass drum; James Bradt, snare drom. Professor Walker, who was already instructing bands at Iona and Fingal, was chosen as teacher, and on July, 3rd. the instruments were distributed. A more pleased audience never listened to the best professional bands than listened to this small band on its first appearance on the street about three months after its organization. Brass band concerts were by no means as common as today, and it was no surprise that the citizens went into ecstasies when they heard their

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In 1870, ~~Daniel~~ Campbell, who had identified himself with Wallacetoen Band, joined the Dutton Band. In October 1891, he was appointed band leader and held that position for many years,

Two drums and some sheet music is still stored in a cupboard in the Dutton Memorial Hall.