

## Society of Antiquaries of Scotland Records



The following is a list of the records of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland currently held in the Library of the National Museums Scotland

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## 1. Communications

These include papers read at meetings, the equivalent of a modern lecture programme. Some were subsequently published by the Society in *Archaeologia Scotica* (also known as *Transactions*) but many remain unpublished.

1	1780-1784	Communications to the Society of Antiquaries
2.	1785-1799	ditto
3.	1800-1822	ditto
4.	1823-1827	ditto
5.	1828-1829	ditto
6.	1829-1832	ditto
7.	1833-1842	No material
8.	1842-1852	ditto

## 2. Correspondence

### Incoming Correspondence

These contain letters sent to the society from 1780 – 1855 and are in 9 bound volumes. Below is a very brief overview of the dates and contents of each volume. However, a full listing for each volume can be found here:

<https://webstoragenms.blob.core.windows.net/nmsdigitalmedia/Library/SAS.Correspondence.htm>

1.	1780-1781 "Letters relative to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland". Bound Includes letters received and some copies of letters sent out by the Society. Paper has been conserved, and letters microfilmed (NLS).
2	1781-1782 ditto  Also envelope containing photographs of original bindings of correspondence books 1 and 2 (now detached and on loan to the National Library, Nov 1982).
3	1785-1825 ditto
4	1826-1828 ditto
5	1829-1831 ditto
6	1831-1834 ditto
7	1835-1843 ditto
8*	1844-1852 ditto
9*	1853–1855 Incoming letters

Further unbound correspondence can be found here:

[https://webstoragenms.blob.core.windows.net/nmsdigitalmedia/Library/SAS%20Internal%20MSS%201-91%20\(2022%20version%20for%20OPAC%20\).htm](https://webstoragenms.blob.core.windows.net/nmsdigitalmedia/Library/SAS%20Internal%20MSS%201-91%20(2022%20version%20for%20OPAC%20).htm)

### 3. Minutes

<b>Society Minutes</b>	
1	1780-1784
2	1784-1805
3	1805-1827
4	1827-1840
5	1840-1853
6	1853-1868
7	1868-1880
8	1880-1887
9	1888-1896
10	1896-1901
11	1901-1913
12	1913-1918 (with separate index)
13	1918-1925 (with separate index)
14	1926-1934 (with separate index)
15	1934-1946 (with separate index)
16	1946-1955 (with separate index)
17	1974 (July) - 1979 (December) (with index)
18	1980 (January) - 1985 (December) (with index)
19	1986 (January) - 1991 (November) (with index)
20	1991 (December) - 1996 (November) (with index)
21	1996 (November) - 1999 (November) (with index)
22	1999 (November) - 2004 (November) (with index)
23	2004 (July) - 2007(December) (with index)

\*More recent records than listed above are currently held by the Society

<b>Council Minutes</b>	
1	1956-1965 (with index)
2	1965-1974(with index)

<b>Sub-Committees Minutes</b>	
2007-2008	Publications Committee Minutes and Agendas
2008-2014	Publications Committee Minutes and Notes
2009 - 2014	Executive Management Group Minutes; Agendas and notes
2013	Non - Committee Publications Meetings

<b>Other Records</b>	
1822-1827	Notes for the preparation of Minutes
1827-1837	Scroll minutes
1848 - 1870	Programmes for Meetings of the Society 1848 – 1870

## 4. Agendas and Circulars

<b>Agendas for Council and Committees</b>	
1	1881-1883
2	1883-1887
3	1887-1890
4	1890-1893
5	1893-1898
6	1899-1903
7	1903-1908
8	1909-1919
9	1920-1931
10	1931-1951

<b>Circulars and Billets of Meetings</b>	
1823-1826	Including one from 1781
1824-1831	Including Rhind lectures
1848-1856	Including Rhind lectures
1856-1871	Including Rhind lectures
1871-1884	Including Rhind lectures
1867-1892	Billets of Meetings of Society.
1892-1911	Billets of Meetings and accounts
1912-1923	Billets of Meetings and accounts and Rhind Lecture Syllabi
1923-1933	Billets of Meetings and accounts and Rhind Lecture Syllabi
1933-1943	Billets of Meetings and accounts and Rhind Lecture Syllabi
1926-1975	Syllabuses [sic] Rhind Lectures 1926 to Date (1970-1 to 1973-4 missing)

## 5. Financial Records

Accounts	
1780-1785	
1827-1844	
1859-1892	
1880-1888	also called Treasurer's Book
1888-1895	also called Treasurer's Book
1895-1901	also called Treasurer's Book
1898 – 1919	Accounts No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8' 1898 -1919
1901-1907	also called Treasurer's Book
1907-1914	also called Treasurer's Book
1914-1920	also called Treasurer's Book
1944/5 - 1968/69	Abstracts of accounts
1969/70- date (1990)	Statements of accounts
1874-1959	Account book of Rhind Fund
1919-1959	Accounts (several different funds, no's. 2,3,4,5,7,8)
1946-1954	Treasury grant accounts (box file) 5

Cash Books	
1813-1825	Cash book (separate account for 1829 on loose sheet inside)
1927-1932	
1922-1927	
1932-1936	
1936-1941	
1941-1947	
1947-1957	
1957-1964	
1853-1854	Cash book, for conversaciones and excursions

Treasurer's Records	
1845-1867	Treasurer's book
1868-1880	Treasurer's book
1920-1959	Treasurer's book
1828-1839	Treasurer's letter book

<b>Subscriptions</b>	
1814-1820	
1825-1826	
1825-1834	
1834-1836	
1850-1859	(called 'Index to Society of Scottish Antiquaries')
1860-1870	(called Treasurer's index)
1881-1903	Coin Cabinet Fund (includes loose documents: "Precept of 1887-88" and "Articles purchase by the Society as per vouchers nos. 498-521 Paid 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 1888)
1947-1968	Various funds
1945-1978	Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland subscriptions from libraries

<b>6. Founding of Society</b>	
1780	Discourse delivered by Rt. Hon. Earl of Buchan at meeting to promote a society of antiquarian interests in Scotland.
1780 - 1828	Statutes of Society and list of members
1778-1787	"Papers relating to the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland". Bound volume circulars and correspondence relating to the founding of the society. includes the Discourse delivered by the Earl of Buchan, the statutes of Society etc.

<b>7. Fellows</b>	
<b>Recommendations of Fellows</b>	
1815-1828	Ms. and printed forms of recommendation. Printed forms include ms. name of "A Gentleman well skilled in many branches of polite learning" and desire their admission as Ordinary, Fellow or Corresponding members of the Society. Signed by 3 or 4 members of the society, dated and later inscribed with the date of admission
1828-1850	Ditto, printed forms

<b>8. Newspaper cuttings</b>	
1932-1933	General [cover title 'Newspaper Cartoons']
1932-1953	ditto [with index]
1953-1968	ditto [with index]
1968-1981	ditto
1970-1975	Supplementary
1968-1973	Index to archaeology scrapbook
1908-1943	Concerning meetings and Fellows deceased

## 9. Book and Slide Catalogues

<b>Books</b>	
No date	Nd. "Scroll catalogue of mss." ['Catalogue of Manuscripts']
1863	1863 Catalogue of the Rhind Library
1849-1869	1849-1869 Library books borrowed noted under name of Fellow

<b>Slides</b>	
<p>The society slide collections are now held at <b>Historic Environment Scotland</b>  <a href="https://www.historicenvironment.scot/archives-and-research/archives-and-collections/">https://www.historicenvironment.scot/archives-and-research/archives-and-collections/</a></p>	
No date	"Guide to slide collection"
No date	"List of lantern slides belonging to the Soc.Ant.Scot."
No date	"List of lantern slides used in the Rhind Lectures 1918 on the Prehistoric Monuments of Scotland, by Alexander C. Curle, F.S.A. Scot, F.S.A." (two copies)
No date	"List of lantern slides used in communications to the Soc. Ant Scot."

## 10. Other Societies

<b>Iona Club</b>	
1833	Notice of founding
1833	Ledger: notes of payments by individuals
1835-1840	Journal (Financial)

<b>Minor Society of Scottish Antiquaries</b>	
1783-1785	Ms. copy (20th C) of the minute book of the Minor Society of Scottish Antiquaries. In Bodleian Gough MS Scotland 2
No date	Tweedside Physical and Antiquarian Society. Catalogue No. 3 (Books, Writings, Greek, Roman and Egyptian antiquities, Weapons).
1845	List of donations to the Museum of the Natural History and Antiquarian Society of Orkney 1845'; records from 1845 to 1848

## 11. Miscellaneous

Visitors Books
1828-1834
1834-1838
1838-1841
1842-1843
1843-1846
1846-1849
1849-1851
1851-1853
1854-1856
1856-1859

Other records	
1782-1890	"Fragmenta". Various printed and ms. items. Contents list in front of volume, bound in. Mainly circulars of various kinds but also includes three versions of catalogue of Antiquities in the Museum of the Society.
1782-1784	Memorandum book 3
1827-1829	Ms. Copy of list of donations to the Society during the recesses.
1827-1829	Diary of the Secretaries of the Society (indexed at back)
No date	Copies of Memoranda for Society of Antiquaries of Scotland proposed move to present museum premises
1828-1829	The New Scots Magazine,, issues no. 1-3
No date	Book of tabs, printed A-N each page, with ms numbers
1827 -9	Book of Literary Fare 1827-1829 .Record of correspondence. Listing at back of items donated during the recess of 1829
No date	Archaeological collections of Ayrshire and Galloway – Index to Blocks
1937	Inventory of Writs etc. transmitted by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland H.M. General Register House 1935

Registers	
c. 1785	Inventory of Antiquities c. 1785
1827-1829	Copy List of Donations to the Society of Antiquaries 1827 - 1829
1850-1858	Donations to the Society of Antiquaries 1850 - 1858
1860	Register of Donations, National Museum of Antiquities 1860-1896
<b>From 1860 onwards the society collections went on to become a National Collection. Registers for these items are available within the National Museums Scotland archives</b>	

For more information, or to arrange access to our archive collections please contact us :

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