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The Scottish Life Archive

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Introduction

The Scottish Life Archive was established in 1959 to record and preserve documentary and illustrative evidence as context to the collections of the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland's Country Life Section.

In recent years documentary and illustrative evidence on the maritime, urban and industrial history of Scotland have also been collected in line with the wider collecting policy of the Department of Social and Technological History in the National Museums of Scotland.

The Archive provides a research tool for both the public and museum staff.

Material Collected

The collections consist of the following classes of material: photographs, slides, other illustrative material (eg drawings and prints), manuscripts, letters, diaries, files or loose papers, books, booklets, leaflets, posters, films, oral recordings or transcripts, maps, plans, trade catalogues, extracts from newspapers and journals, printed ephemera, bibliographical references, cross-references to the museum's artefact collections and references to material held elsewhere.

Period Covered

The Archive aims to collect material from about 1700 to the present day; although in practise the bulk of the collection dates from the 1880s onwards.

Organization and Layout

The Archive is arranged by subject. Information from all kinds of sources is gathered together under each heading. Within each subject, the entries are arranged by geographical areas, using the former counties as a basis, and then subdivided into parish order.

All the non-illustrative material is catalogued by subject in loose-leaf cumulative binders, whilst the majority of the photographs and slides are copied into the binders for easy reference. Items should be referred to by their negative/slide numbers, or accession numbers (eg: C.1111 or 11/1/1 are negative numbers; S.1111 is a slide number; W.MS.1998.1 is an accession number for a document).

Photographic collection

The photographic collections consist of approximately 250,000 negatives, prints and slides. This is the most extensively used part of the collections and covers all aspects of social history in Scotland from the 1880s to the present day.

Document collection

The document collections consist of approximately 10,000 items. They include drawings, prints, manuscripts, letters, diaries, files or loose papers, books, booklets, leaflets, posters, maps, plans, trade catalogues and printed ephemera.

The bulk of the collection consists of original documents, but there are a small number of photocopies of items held in private collections.

Postcard collection

Approximately 6000 postcards, mainly of topographical views or street scenes.

The 'Scotch Myths' Collection postcards, which concentrate on cards with a distinctively Scottish theme (eg: Burns cards, whisky cards, sentimental 'Scotch Home' cards etc), are of particular interest.

Audio-visual collection

A small collection of about 500 audio tapes and films.

The tapes are largely the result of interviews conducted by NMS curators during fieldwork, with a few copies of tapes made by private lenders or other institutions.

Although the Scottish Life Archive does not aim to collect film stock, we have on occasion accepted material which the Scottish Film Archive does not wish to collect. The bulk of the collection therefore consists of films made by the East of Scotland College of Agriculture during the 1940s and 1950s.

All films have been copied onto both U-matic and VHS video tapes. There are also a small number of videos; mainly copies of programmes made using Scottish Life Archive material.

'Scrapbook' collection

This is probably the best way of describing much of the material which researchers using the Archive find helpful: extracts from newspapers and journals, bibliographical references, cross-references to the museum's artefact collections and references to material held in other collections.

Opening hours

Since July 2017 the Archive's finding facility has been moved to the NMS Research Library in Chambers Street and it can be consulted there.

The Research Library is normally open Monday to Friday, from 10.00 – 17.00.

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80B	Metals & Minerals - Nailmaking: Shovelmaking: Pewter: Precious Metals: Engineering: Edge-tool making: Tinsmiths: Wire
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The abbreviations are listed in the order in which they occur in the files. They refer mainly to the pre1974 counties. Island locations are placed under the county. Many of the extracted sources refer to material common to Wigtown, Kirkcudbright and parts of Dumfries. These will be found under GAL. A similar arrangement applies to HIG and HEB. Some material, eg extracts from the National Dictionary, has no specific application and will be found under GEN.

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ABD	Aberdeenshire
ANG	Angus
ARG	Argyll
AYR	Ayrshire
BNF	Banffshire
BOR	Borders
BTE	Bute
BWK	Berwickshire
CAI	Caithness
CLA	Clackmannan- shire
CLYDE	River Clyde
DNB	Dunbarton
DMF	Dumfriesshire
DUND	Dundee
EDIN	Edinburgh
ELO	East Lothian
FIF	Fife
FORTH	River Forth
GAL	Galloway
GLAS	Glasgow
HEB	Hebrides
HIG	Highlands
INV	Inverness-shire
KCB	Kirkcudbright- shire
KCD	Kincardine-shire
KNR	KNR Kinross-shire
LAN	Lanarkshire
LOT	Lothians
MLO	Midlothian
MOR	Moray
NAI	Nairn
ORK	Orkney
PEB	Peeblesshire
PER	Perthshire
RNF	Renfrewshire
ROS	Ross & Cromarty
ROX	Roxburghshire
SHE	Shetland
SLK	Selkirkshire
STL	Stirlingshire
SUT	Sutherland
TAY	River Tay
WIG	Wigtownshire
WLO	West Lothian
GEN	General

Comparative material:

Other European countries usually abbreviated to first three letters eg:

CZE Czechoslovakia, DEN Denmark, ENG England ,IRE Ireland ,NOR Norway

Other continents:

AFR Africa AME America ASIA Asia AUST Australia